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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

  
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Dear Friends in Christ,

In our current world culture, there is a fascination with the occult and even Satanism. Asking for a medium to call up deceased relatives or friends is almost considered normal by now if not already. Yet when people encounter a real ghost or soul from the other realm, and particularly a demon, they get scared out of their wits.

Our Gospel for this weekend shows us how the Apostles themselves were scared due to the storm already that their boat was going to tip over or fill up with water. Then they see our Lord, through the mist of the sea, and proclaim, "It is a ghost!" crying out in fear.

The response is what any soul would want to hear from our Lord Jesus Christ, "Take courage,

it is I; do not be afraid.” This is not a ghost; this is God. The leader of the apostles, St. Peter, then asks a question of faith, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water,” and our Lord said, “Come.” Filled with strong faith in Jesus as the Word made flesh and not a ghost, St. Peter stepped out of the boat and came to be one of the few people in existence to say that they have walked on water. His whole gaze and heart, in the midst of that storm in the sea, was fixed on God alone. The moment he started to let the world affect him in the wind, he questioned God's power, his faith having weakened, and he started to sink.

Anything great, sacred and majestic can be done when one keeps their faith, their eyes fixed on the correct prize, which is to give greater glory to God. St. Peter is an example for us that we can do incredible feats, if we keep our faith on God alone. When we let the world affect us, we start to realize how weak we truly are, and without God's strength, we can't finish the task at hand.

Yet we can still finish our task if we allow God to put us back on course. St. Peter cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught St. Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” Why do we ever doubt our Lord Jesus Christ? He who calms the storms and gives us strength, His strength, which is more than we could ever need.

Keep your gaze fixed on our Lord Jesus Christ, no matter what life may hit you with. No matter the storm, one will always pull through, particularly when you encounter Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

*In Christo et Maria,*

Father Vogel  
Pastor

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## Liturgical Ministers

### **THIS WEEKEND**

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Server: Zander Peck  
Ushers: Guy Emhoff, Tim Davis  
Rosary Leader: TBD  
Music: Kaitlin Long and David Bremer  
Church Cleaners: Louise's Team

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Server: Wyatt Newman  
Ushers: Bill Kennedy  
Rosary Leader: Don and Cathy Vogel  
Music: Renee Edenburn and Daniel Yung

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Server: Tavin Glass  
Ushers: Adam Sabaliauskas, Sean Binkley  
Rosary Leader: TBD  
Music: Kaitlin Long and David Bremer

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Server: Aidan Fleischmann  
Ushers: Bill Ruth, Mark Bock  
Rosary Leader: Don and Cathy Vogel  
Music: Renee Edenburn and Daniel Yung

Mass Intentions

Gifts to God and Church

19th Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, August 11 *St. Clare* + **Fr. Robert Stewart**

Wednesday, August 12 + **For the Poor Souls in Purgatory**

Thursday, August 13 + **Stephen Scuka**

Saturday, August 15 *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* + **Shirley Koenig**

Sunday, August 16 *20th Sun. in Ord. Time*

**For parishioners of St. Bridget Parish**

**\*\*No report this week;  
business manager on vacation\*\***

St. Bridget Envelopes.....  
 Dream Fund.....  
 Youth Group.....  
 Candles.....  
 Special Collection.....  
*Dream Fund MTD \$2625.50*

Daily Mass Readings

Sign up for Electronic Giving

**St. Bridget Ministry Schedule - August 2020**

	Servers	Ushers	Cantors/ Musicians	The Bernadettes <i>Rosary Leaders</i>	The Marthas <i>Church Cleaners</i>
Saturday, August 1	Leland Edenburn	Guy Emhoff Henry Saubers	Penni Warner/ Judy Wolf	TBD	n/a
Sunday, August 2	Curtiss and Ryan Schaller	Don and Cathy Vogel	Penni Warner/ Daniel Yung	Barry Schaller	
Saturday, August 8	Zander Peck	D. J. Breitbach Tim Davis	Kaitlin Long/ David Bremer	TBD	Louise's Team
Sunday, August 9	Wyatt Newman	Bill and Thonya Kennedy	Renee Edenburn/ Daniel Young	Don and Cathy Vogel	
Saturday, August 15	Tavin Glass	Adam Sabaliauskas Sean Binkley	Renee Edenburn/ David Bremer	TBD	n/a
Sunday, August 16	Aidan Fleischmann	Bill Ruth Mark Bock	Kaitlin Long/ Daniel Yung	Don and Cathy Vogel	
Saturday, August 22	Zander Peck	Tim Long April Riley	Kaitlin Long/ David Bremer	TBD	Joyce A's Team
Sunday, August 23	Curtiss and Ryan Schaller	Bill and Thonya Kennedy	Renee Edenburn/ Judy Wolf	Don and Cathy Vogel	
Saturday, August 29	Leland Edenburn	Guy Emhoff Henry Saubers	Renee Edenburn/ David Bremer	TBD	n/a
Sunday, August 30	Aidan Fleischmann	Tim Long Mark Bock	Kaitlin Long/ Daniel Yung	Don and Cathy Vogel	

Reflections on Weekend Mass Readings

For a short video reflection on this week's Mass readings, click on "Opening the Word" on the right. It is an offering of formed.org, a web site to which the parish subscribes for your spiritual enrichment.



Breakfast Fundraiser for Food Pantry

The Knights of Columbus will host a \$5 carry out only breakfast on August 16th after Mass. All proceeds from your donations will go to the Pleasant Hill Food



Pantry. Please see the sign up sheet in the back of church to reserve your meal. This will help the Knights prepare a proper amount of food. No one will be turned a way as long we have a food. As with the Mother's Day Breakfast, this will be curb-side delivery in the back parking lot. Food will be delivered to your vehicle.

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### Parish Life at St. Bridget in the Midst of Pandemic

A challenge that parishes throughout the country, actually throughout the world, is how to safely and effectively maintain a vibrant parish life.

Archbishop Jose' Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote an excellent article titled "Missionary Disciples in a Pandemic Church".

In part, it reads: *"Think of the possibilities if we could help every Catholic ...to share one message of hope every day on their personal social media platforms. Imagine ... messages of love and mercy daily on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook! We could change the tone of these channels, which is so often mean and self-centered, and we could help people to think about all the good and beautiful things that people are doing in the world. And what if every parish organized a daily rosary, not from inside church walls, but with the prayer coming from parishioners' homes and being shared on their own personal social channels. Again, imagine ... families each day ... flooding these channels with prayers to Our Lady and reflections on the mysteries of Christ!"*



The article is full of hope and creative thoughts. Archbishop Gomez speaks specifically of social media use, but where there is creativity (within you!) there are more ideas. Some parishioners at St. Bridget are not on social media. I encourage you to read the article and give me your feedback on how you think we can possibly implement at St. Bridget some of Archbishop Gomez's ideas, and creative ones you have as well, to become better missionary disciples in the Kingdom of God. Please e-mail me your thoughts and ideas at [frvogel2015@gmail.com](mailto:frvogel2015@gmail.com) using "Missionary Discipleship" as the subject line. I look forward to hearing from you. - Father Vogel

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### Pleasant Hill Food Pantry

**"And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40**

Please consider helping food pantry and those in need. It is in need of the following items: **crackers, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, mixed vegetables, Ramen noodles** You may bring these items to church and place them in the wagon at the top of the steps in the vestibule. Thank you.



### Bishop Johnston: Remaining Devoted to Your Faith During Pandemic



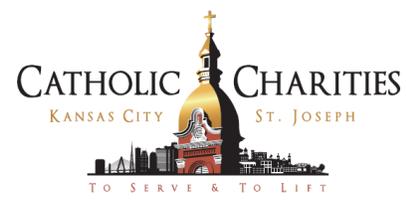
### This Week on Formed.org

The Feast of the Assumption is typically a Holy Day of Obligation, but because it falls on a Saturday this year, it is not. The Mass is still a solemnity. A solemnity is the highest liturgical rank in the church year.

It begins with the Liturgy of the Hours the previous evening and includes the Gloria and the Creed. To help bring devotion to this holy day, click on the following link: [The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

### Planned Giving

Have you wondered how your faith can create a legacy? Your retirement plan assets can create a financial support legacy that enables Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph to continue our work of supporting the poor and vulnerable throughout our 27-county diocese. By designating Catholic Charities KCSJ on a “beneficiary designation form” with the amount, you can create your own legacy gift. You can find beneficiary forms on the website of your IRA, 401 k, 403 b Administrator. For more information contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at (816) 659-8266 or [nbutters@ccharities.com](mailto:nbutters@ccharities.com).





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Saturday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

A job application form should be filled out when the resume is dropped off at the Thrift Store.



## Divine Mercy Reflection: The Lazy and Idle Soul

We please the evil one when we allow our souls to become lazy and idle in the things of God. An idle soul is one that does not seek to engage the life of God. An idle soul is one who is passive in spiritual things rather than active. Being “passive,” means that the person is somewhat indifferent to matters of faith and morality. There is little interest in these areas and, as a result, very little effort is given to them. Do not delight the evil one by being idle in your spiritual life. Become zealous, passionate, hard working, diligent and committed to the path of holiness. Seek to meet our Lord, personally, through a life of generous self-surrender to Him. And never tire of doing so with all the powers of your soul (See Diary #1127).

What are you passionate about? For example, do you have some hobby or pastime? Do you have some activity that you love doing and spend much time with? Though a hobby can be healthy, your greatest “pastime” should be that of seeking God and serving His holy Will. Nothing in life should take up more time and focus than your love of God. Reflect upon how determined you are in your life of faith. How committed are you to building a relationship with your merciful Lord? Are you idle or lazy in this area? Renew your zeal for God and allow that zeal to guide you into an ever deepening relationship with your Lord. Give Him more than an hour a week and you will reap the blessings of your commitment.

*Lord, I want to be holy. However, I realize that I do not desire holiness enough, preferring instead to be idle and lazy at times. Please increase my zeal and my desire to come to know You more. And as I grow in a deeper love for You, magnify that love and help it to continue growing in an exponential way. May I never tire of seeking You and loving You, dear Lord. I give you my life. Jesus, I trust in You.* (This free reflection can be found at: <https://divinemercy.life/2020/08/03/reflection-217-the-lazy-and-idle-soul-2/>)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Romans 9:1-5*

### Relative Faith

When someone you love is in trouble, you desire their freedom so strongly that you might say, "I would gladly trade places." For example, parents looking at a sick child in a hospital bed would accept the sickness themselves if they could—if only it would free the child they love. Your love for the afflicted is stronger than the force that renders them helpless.

St. Paul felt this way about those not believing in Christ. He says to the Romans, "I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh."

Paul's own kindred had not all joined him in faith. Ironically, Jesus had the same kindred. To the Israelites belonged the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the law, the worship, and the promises. Christ was theirs, also, according to the flesh. Paul regretted that his relatives did not all embrace Christ according to the Spirit. He loved these people so much that he was willing to trade places. He loved them more strongly than the forces of unbelief.

In our society many people have still not accepted Christ. They do not hear his voice in the Scriptures. They do not experience his love in the community. They do not lift their voices in prayer. They do not join him at table for the Eucharist. The pain we feel renews our conviction to proclaim Christ.

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

St. Bridget Church and

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### CONFESSION

Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.

Tuesday 8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

Wednesday 5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.

Thursday 8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

Thursday 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

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### ADORATION

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fifth Friday 5:00 p.m. -

Saturday 4:45 p.m.

### ROSARY

20 min. prior to weekend Masses  
and 8:25 a.m. on Tuesday

**OFFICE HOURS** Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Bulletin

announcements are due via e-mail by Monday of week of distribution.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please register after Mass using the registration form in the vestibule, download form from our web site, or contact the parish office.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM Parent preparation session is required.

Please call the parish office prior to the birth

ANOINTING OF SICK As requested after Mass and by appointment

CONFIRMATION Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines

MARRIAGE Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.

2020 SECOND COLLECTIONS

Aug. 16: Diocesan Life & Justice

Sept. 6: DREAM Fund

Sept. 13: Holy Land (Good Friday)

Sept.20: Church in Latin America

Oct. 4: DREAM Fund

Oct. 4: Peter's Pence

Oct. 18: Mission Sunday (USCCB)

Nov. 1: ALL SAINTS DAY

Nov. 1: DREAM Fund

Dec 6.: DREAM Fund

Dec. 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Dec.13: Religious Retirement

Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS

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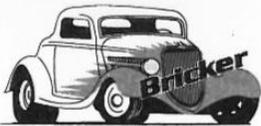


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2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and

3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at (816) 812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Services Coordinator, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



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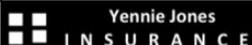
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