School of Religion Registration Open

Registration forms for SOR are now available for download from the parish web site (https://stbridgetph.weconnect.com) > Connect > School of Religion). Please fill out the registration form and return to the parish office no later than Monday, Sept. 14th with your registration fee ($30 per family).

At that time, you will pick up a packet. A late fee will be charged after Sept. 15th, which is when materials will be ordered. We are looking forward to having another good year of School of Religion! If you have any questions, e-mail Mel Thornsberry at irish_girl799@yahoo.com.

High School Youth Group Resumes

On Sunday, September 20th, the high school youth group will meet for the first time this year from 6:00 pm—7:30 pm in the youth room. Students must bring a wristband signed by their parents. Some of you received this by e-mail. It can also be downloaded from our web site (under the “Forms” tab). The diocesan guidelines that have been established for small group gatherings and adapted for our parish are also on our web site under “High School Youth Group.”

Confirmation Sign-ups

All high school students who have not yet been confirmed are strongly encouraged to sign up for this year’s Confirmation class. Please contact our High School Youth Directors Matt and Penni Warner at Matspenny92@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

Weekly Prayer Intentions on Facebook

As you will see in Fr. Vogel’s column this week, praying with people is important. Often we cannot be physically present to do so. Therefore we intercede remotely. With this in mind, we are beginning a new social media initiative in the parish. Every Wednesday on Facebook, a post will go up asking for your prayer intentions. If you have a need, you can write it in the comments below. Remember that this is a public forum so discretion should be used, and the names of other people should not be.

“The Facebook Intentions” will be remembered at the Wednesday evening Mass and in the Tuesday morning rosary that is prayed prior to Mass.

We thank the Altar Society for continuing to lovingly maintain the confidential parish prayer chain.

We are family. This is one way we can care for each other.
**Liturgical Ministers - Next Week Sept. 12/13**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**

**SERVER**
TBA

**USHERS**
Tim Long, April Riley

**ROSARY LEADER**
TBA

**MUSIC**
Kaitlin Long and David Bremer

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

**SERVER**
Aidan Fleischmann

**USHERS**
Henry Saubers, Mark Bock

**ROSARY LEADER**
Don and Cathy Vogel

**MUSIC**
Renee Edenburn and Judy Wolf

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**Good Friday Collection (2020)**
**to be taken up on September 13, 2020**

Because there were no liturgies on Good Friday worldwide this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, at the request of Pope Francis, the 2020 Pontifical Good Friday (Holy Land) Collection is to be taken up September 13, 2020. For those of you who have already sent in your donation, thank you for your generosity.

**Gifts to God and Parish**

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- Dream Fund: $0
- Youth Group: $0
- Votive Candle: $0
- Special Collection: $0

Please remember our Dream Campaign.
Dream Fund MTD: $55.00

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**Reflection: Upon Receiving Holy Communion**

What do you do after receiving Holy Communion? Do you go back to your pew in a distracted way, with your mind wandering, paying attention to others around you, and failing to encounter our Lord on an authentic spiritual level? Or do you allow that moment to be a moment of true prayer and communion with God? If the truth is the former, just be honest with yourself and with God and use this realization for an opportunity to reexamine your approach to this most sacred Gift! The moment after Holy Communion is a treasured moment in which each soul is invited to be consumed by Him who was just consumed. In other words, the act of receiving Holy Communion is not just the physical act we do, it must also become something God does to us. We must choose to not only consume our Lord, we must also allow Him to consume us with His Mercy. There is no better time to do this than the moments after receiving this priceless Gift. This is accomplished by making your life an offering to God. An “oblation” is an offering, and the reception of Holy Communion must become a moment in which we completely offer ourselves to our Divine Lord (See Diary #1264). Reflect upon the last time you received Holy Communion. What was that experience like? Did you have a complete focus on what you were doing? Did you offer yourself to our Lord as an oblation of love? Did you place yourself into the hands of our Lord in a sacrificial way? Did you allow our Lord to consume you with His merciful love? Ponder these questions and commit yourself to this depth of offering. If you do, Holy Communion will become the greatest act of Mercy in your life.

My Lord and my God, I give myself to You with total abandon and surrender. My life is Yours, dear Lord. I give myself to You without reserve as an oblation of love. Jesus, I trust in You. (This free reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/09/01/reflection-246-upon-receiving-holy-communion-2/)

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Reflection: Laying Down the Law

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 13:8-10

As institutions age, their laws multiply. As countries grow older, the laws of nation, state, and city grow ever more complex. It is hard to know them all. We hire lawyers to study laws for us.

The laws of the church are also complex. They are collected in the code of canon law, which is also hard to absorb. We need church lawyers to help us out. New laws are written all the time. Old ones are adjusted. The code grows slowly outdated as new legislation forms. Everyone wants to be a good citizen and a good Catholic, but it is hard sometimes to know what the law is.

In Jesus’ day, the law was also complex. At times it appeared that laws conflicted, as when he healed on a Sabbath. Laws of charity conflicted with laws governing sacred time.

When they asked Jesus for the greatest law, he simplified the complex structure of laws and reduced them to two: Love God. Love your neighbor.

St. Paul told the Romans, “The one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” He made it very simple.

God is the ultimate judge over how we observe the laws of church and state. God made the rules as simple as possible. When the laws of our institutions seem complex, we can always please God by following the most basic law of all: love.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 8
+ Anna Mazur by Gary and Katy Crabtree
+ Betty Schuster by Dave and Judy Pettit
+ Richard Feldman by the Feldman Family
+ Steve Scuka For the Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

Wednesday, September 9
St. Peter Claver

Entrance Antiphon: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy. Cf. Ps 132 (131):9
Readings: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12,14-17; Luke 6:23ab, Luke 6:20-26
Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the priest whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property. Cf. Mt 24:46-47
OR
This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time. Lk 12:42

Thursday, September 10

Entrance Antiphon: (See Monday’s)
Readings: 1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13; Ps 139:1b-3,13-14ab,23-24; Luke 6:27-38
Communion Antiphon: (See Monday’s)

Friday, September 11

Entrance Antiphon: (See Monday’s)
Readings: 1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27; Ps 84:3,4,5-6,12; Lk 6:39-42
Communion Antiphon: (See Monday’s)

Mass Readings and Antiphons

Monday, Sept. 7

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love. Ps 119 (118):137, 124
Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Cf. Lk 4:18; Lk 4:16-30
Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God. Cf. Ps 42 (41):2-3 OR
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Jn 8:12

Tuesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon: Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.
Readings: Micah 5:1-4a (or Romans 8:28-30); Psalm 13; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (or Matthew 1:18-23)
Communion Antiphon: Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, who will save his people from their sins. Is 7:14; Mt 1:21

Wednesday, September 9

Calendar

Tuesday, September 8
8:25-8:55 am Confessions
9:00 am Mass

Wednesday, September 9
5:25-5:55 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass
6:30 pm Men’s Group Ledwide Hall
6:30 pm Women of Faith Adult Ed Room

Thursday, September 10
8:25-8:55 am Confessions
9:00 am Mass
9:45am - 8:00pm Adoration
6:45-7:45pm Confessions

Friday, September 11
9:00 am Bible Study Ledwide Hall

Saturday, September 12
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 13
7:30 - 7:50am Confessions
8:00 am Mass

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Eucharistic Congress This Weekend!

The “In His Presence” Eucharistic Congress is this Friday and Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in St. Joseph. Friday, Sept. 11th it begins at 6:45 pm; Saturday, Sept. 12th at 8:00 am. Please contact Lorie Sage: sage@diocesekc.org to see if space is still available and to register.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day

The Feast of St. Mother Teresa (Sept. 5) is a perfect opportunity for us to recognize her remarkable life. As the Patron Saint of Catholic Charities KCSJ we strive to honor her legacy by maintaining the dignity of our clients as we meet their most basic needs. For more information about the services we offer, please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager, at nbutters@charities.com or 816-659-8266

Bishop Johnston’s Five Commitments | 2020 Update

In 2016, Bishop Johnston established five primary commitments to advance healing for victims of abuse. As summer 2020 comes to a close, there are important updates in each of the five areas. Task Force, Priest and Deacon Training, Spiritual Guide Program; Annual Day of Prayer, Remembrance Committee. Please go to kcsjdiocese.org/2020/08/Scommitments-2020update/ to read about these important updates.

St. Peter Claver Feast Day

On Sept. 9, the Catholic Church celebrates St. Peter Claver, a Jesuit missionary who spent his life in the service of African slaves brought against their will to South America during the 17th century. The USCCB has declared his feast day to be a day of prayer for peace in our communities.