Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Father's Day to all of our dads this weekend. A deep thank you to all of the dads who have sacrificed so much out of love for their children, particularly in going against the tide of the world in raising good, Catholic children, a task that is not easy but so worth living out.

Our Lord in the Gospel for this weekend emphasizes what we should fear, "And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna" (Mt. 10:28) while also giving us the words to guide us onto hope along with a warning, "So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father" (Mt. 10: 31-33).

Did you know that according to science we humans are born only with two fears? The fear of loud noises and the fear of falling. All of our other fears are from nurture and the culture. Facing trials and our crosses depending on our fears can be incredibly difficult, but as our Lord tells us in this weekend's Gospel, "do not be afraid" (Mt. 10:31). Having and growing in our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ helps a soul to grow more out of fears that are misplaced because we recognize that in Him we do have more strength than if we pursued life on our own.

As a father on this Father's Day weekend, how many of you overcame certain fears as a dad and husband over the years? Certain crosses that seemed like mountains are now only minor
hills. Some butterflies may come, but you know you can carry through with your task out of a sacrificial love that pushes you beyond your fear.

Fear can bind us. Our Lord Jesus Christ liberates us, including from our fears. Keep your prayer life strong and consistent, trusting in our Lord more than in yourself, and you will see so many of your fears loosening their grip on you, allowing you to live ever more as a child of God. Our Lord is saying with gentle sincerity to you, "Do not be afraid" (Mt. 10:31).

Keeping you all in my prayers. God bless you and Mother Mary keep you safe.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel
Parochial Administrator

Visit our website  Diocesan Coronavirus Updates

Liturgical Ministers

THIS WEEKEND
SATURDAY, JUNE 20
Server: Zander Peck
Ushers: D. J. Breitbach, Henry Saubers
Rosary Leader: TBD
Music: Kaitlin Long, David Bremer

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
Server: Aidan Fleischmann
Ushers: Bill and Thonya Kennedy
Rosary Leader: TBD
Music: Renee Edenburn, Daniel Yung

NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY, JUNE 27
Server: Tavin Glass
Ushers: Guy Emhoff, Tim Long
Rosary Leader: TBA
Music: Kaitlin Long, David Bremer

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
Server: Leland Edenburn
Ushers: Mark Bock, Tim Davis
Rosary Leader: TBA
Music: Renee Edenburn, Daniel Yung

Mass Intentions
12th Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, June 23  +Teresa Mullin by John and Mary Ellen Mullin
Wednesday, June 24  The Nativity of John the Baptist  +Peter Altamura by Peter and Katherine Sheehan
Thursday, June 25  +Kathryn Kennedy by the Kennedy Family
Saturday, June 27  +Emil Mazur by Gary and Katy Crabtree
Sunday, June 28  - 13th Sun. in Ord. Time
For parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

Gifts to God and Church
June 14, 2020 - June 19, 2020
St. Bridget Envelopes..................$6358.85
Dream Fund......................................888.00
Youth Group........................................28.00
Votive Candles....................................18.00
Special Collection................................30.00

Dream Fund MTD $3340.50

Sign up for Electronic Giving

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS
The food pantry is in need of staples. Please drop them in the wagon in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.
Canned fruit
Canned beans
Canned pasta
Soup
Canned vegetables
Canned corn
Canned green beans
Peanut butter
Tuna
Crackers
Pasta sides
Ramen noodles
Hamburger helper
Boxed potatoes
Macaroni and cheese
Pasta sauce
Spaghetti or noodles
Juice
Boxed cereal

Rachel's Vineyard - Kansas City Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The second retreat of 2020 to be held in the Kansas City area will be on July 24-26. For more information or to register, please call Teresa O'Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org.

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph Job Openings
Could your career stand a fresh beginning? If your career is not as rewarding as you had hoped, perhaps you should consider a refreshing change of course. At Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, we’re searching for employees seeking to rejoice and to blossom in God’s work. This is the work we undertake every day. Benefits include a compressed work week, Monday through Thursday. Positions currently available are: Major Gifts Manager, Donor Stewardship Specialist and multiple internship positions. To view job descriptions or apply, go to our website at www.catholiccharities-kcsj.org. For more information contact Lynn Lichte, Human Resources Manager at lichte@ccharities.com or (816) 659-8243.

Corpus Christi Procession
The weather was beautiful for the Corpus Christi procession at the end of Saturday night Mass last weekend. The procession on the feast of Corpus Christi has a long history in our church’s tradition, giving witness to the world of the Eucharistic Christ present in a very real way.

You're Killin' It!
A while back, Father Vogel put out a plea for hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes for the parish. As always, parishioners have come through to save the day! A variety of germ-killing sanitizers
have come our way out of the generosity of the hearts of our good people. Thank you very much to those who have shared. A big shout out to Henry Saubers and the ushers, who have helped keep the pews sanitized between Masses, as well as those who go to adoration. Thank you all. Together we will keep our church a safe and clean place to worship.

Reflection: Light Dispels the Darkness

Light dispels the darkness. Scientifically speaking, we know that light and dark are not opposing forces; rather, dark is the absence of light. And when light enters in, the darkness is no more. So it is with the Mercy of God. Without Mercy, our souls are dark. We fall into doubt, confusion, fear and despair when Mercy is absent. In this case, we are left in utter darkness where the filth of sin can reign. But God desires to bring the light of His Mercy. When this happens, and when we open our souls to this gift, the darkness of doubt, confusion, fear and despair vanish. They cannot remain where the Light of Mercy resides (See Diary #831).

When you look at your soul, what do you see? Is there darkness? Do you see its foul effects? Do you see doubt, confusion, fear or despair? Do you see sin? If so, the Lord desires to dispel the darkness that breeds these burdens and bring forth His merciful Light. Reflect upon the part of your soul that appears to be in most need of His Mercy. Know that He wants to enter that area of your life and waits on you for the permission to do so. He will wait for you to let Him in.

Lord, please come into the darkness of my soul. Bring forth the bright rays of Your Light and dispel all that is not of You. Come refresh me and renew me, Lord. Help me to see and to know Your great love. I desire to live in the Light of Your Mercy, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/06/09/reflection-162-light-dispels-the-darkness-2/)

Reflections by Father Paul Turner

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 5:12-15

The Power of Grace

"The gift is not like the transgression," St. Paul told the Romans. Grace is not like sin. Not at all. Grace is much more powerful than sin.

And sin can be pretty bad. Paul reminds the Romans that sin entered the world through one man, Adam. And through sin came death. Adam’s sin affects every human being. But let us be honest. Everybody’s sin affects everybody else. Anytime any one of us sins, we hurt the entire human race.

Sin is powerfully bad, but grace is even more powerfully good. Paul contrasts the sin of Adam with the grace of Christ. There is no comparison. Yes, sin affects every human being. Yes, sin makes us look bad. But grace also affects every human being, and grace overpowers sin, making us look better than good. Through the grace of Christ, God prepares us for eternal salvation. It is a good far beyond imagining.

The remorse we feel for the sin we commit is a healthy emotion. It deters us from sinning again. It reminds us of the hurt we cause others when we misbehave.

But the joy we feel in the presence of Christ is even healthier, because it affirms the goodness by which we were made and even more the goodness by which we are redeemed.

In the spiritual life, we admit that we have sinned. But we rejoice that we are saved. The gift is not like the transgression.

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
St. Bridget Facebook Page

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.
And by appointment
Ledwidge Hall

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS
If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980

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.

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2020 SECOND COLLECTIONS
June 21: Communications
July 5: DREAM Fund
Aug. 2: DREAM Fund
Aug. 15: THE ASSUMPTION
Aug. 16: Diocesan Life & Justice
Sept. 6: DREAM Fund
Sept. 20: Church in Latin America
Oct. 4: DREAM Fund
Oct. 18: Mission Sunday
Nov. 1: ALL SAINTS DAY
Nov. 1: DREAM Fund
Dec 6: DREAM Fund
Dec. 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Dec.13: Religious Retirement
Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
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...
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 for more information.

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