

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

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## 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**

[Daily Mass Readings](#)

### **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*

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### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

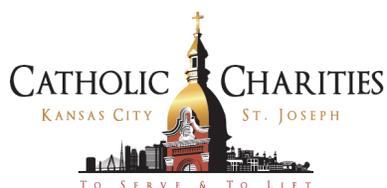
The food pantry is in need of staples. Please drop them in the wagon in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

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](mailto:rvkcmo@gmail.com) (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit [www.rachelsvineyardkc.org](http://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](http://www.catholiccharities-kcsj.org). For more information contact Lynn Lichte, Human Resources Manager at [llichte@ccharities.com](mailto:llichte@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.

#### 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

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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

(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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