Congratulations, all!

May God bless you and keep you as you enter a new and exciting phase in your life. Your parish family loves you and prays for you. Jesus goes with you and remains close to you especially in prayer, in the Sacraments and in the Word.

St. Bridget, Pray for us!

Congratualtions, St. Bridget Class of 2020!

Logan Bailey
Hayden Cox
Catherine Davis
Jade Feeler
Clare Fleischmann
Michael Giesbrecht
Hunter Greufe
Ashlynn Keiholz
Kolton Kincaid
Cheyanne Kennedy

Clare Murphy
Abigale Rice
Shirley Salcedo
Samantha Schmidt
Lily Spear
Miguel Venegas

College: Elisabeth Fleischmann
Kirsten Myers

"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11
Dear Friends in Christ,

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me (Mathew 10: 37).

These are hard words to swallow that our loving Lord Jesus Christ tells us in the opening lines from the Gospel for this weekend's Mass, especially if one has a very tight knit family with strong bonds. Our merciful God is telling us the radical way of life we are all supposed to live so that we live life to the fullest and help ourselves walk down that narrow path that leads to heaven. The path of a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ is one where we love God more than any other soul in the world; more than mom, more than dad, more than even our own children.

For many of us, the virus has brought about different kinds of reflection. As a priest, I have realized more so the nature of God's love being unconditional. Less of truth that is simply memorized in my head, it's a truth that I can see more abundantly in Sacred Scripture, and witnessing glimpses of that in other people. The time I always encounter this unconditional love from God is when I frequent the Sacrament of Confession.

I reflect on the sins that I have committed, and then gaze upon the Crucifix. The wonderment of our Lord in dying for us sinners, for us personally, is a simple reflection, but it's the most groundbreaking truth of God's unconditional love for us. His mercy for us all is God's unconditional love. For this priest and numerous souls throughout the world, this unconditional love is given to me every time I encounter our Lord in the priest when I receive absolution in the Sacrament of Confession.

I compare this unconditional love that God has for me with how I have loved others and how I receive love, and also how other people receive love and how they give love to others. Certain similarities are present and others are so different. A certain observation that has been popping to mind is God's unconditional love for us (and to me personally) compared to how some people, even unknowingly and unintentionally meaning to, place conditions on how they give love and receive love from others. Another way of putting it, if certain conditions are not in place, then I cannot love this individual. This is all from evil origin because we were created by God out of love for love and to reflect and share God's love (which is unconditional) to all souls.

This unconditional love that our Lord had for God the Father and all humanity is what pushed Him, the driving force behind Him to endure His agonizing Passion and die on the Cross. Our Lord never set any conditions with any human soul for Him to carry out His mission on earth. He did it because of His unconditional love for you.

So when our Lord says, “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me (Mathew 10: 37), it's a call to be His faithful disciple out of an unconditional love that we have for Him as He has shown for us with His Passion and Death on the Cross. What's miraculous is that if we grow more in having the same unconditional love that God has, then we will grow in our love for our
father, mother, brothers, and sisters. As we grow in God's unconditional love, we will also grow in loving those people whom we do not like and may even despise, including with circumstances that are painful. Growth in God's unconditional merciful love is the key to understanding what I, the sinner that I am, can accomplish as a soul growing in sainthood.

_In Christo et Maria,_

Father Vogel
Parochial Administrator

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**Liturgical Ministers**

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**Mass Intentions**

*13th Week in Ordinary Time*

- **Tuesday, June 30**: +Anita Byrd
- **Wednesday, July 1**: +Chris Robles
- **Thursday, July 2**: +Jeanne Fleck
- **Saturday, July 4**: All Military, Living and Deceased
- **Sunday, July 5 - 14th Sun. in Ord. Time**: For parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

**Gifts to God and Church**

*June 21, 2020*

- St. Bridget Envelopes.........................$1914.43
- Dream Fund........................................195.00
- Youth Group...........................................21.00
- Votive Candles.......................................7.00
- Special Collection.(Catholic Com.....140.00

*Dream Fund MTD $3535.50*

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**From Parochial Administrator to Pastor**

"Bishop Johnston is pleased to make the following clergy assignment(s), effective July 1... Rev. Curt Vogel is appointed Pastor of St. Bridget Parish, Pleasant Hill, and St. Patrick Parish, Holden."
Congratulations, Fr. Vogel, on becoming a pastor!

Scholarships Awarded
Cheyanne Kennedy, daughter of Bill and Thonya Kennedy, was selected as winner of both the Knights of Columbus Scholarship and the Nelson Gipson Scholarship, which is awarded by the Altar and Rosary Society. Cheyanne is a graduate of Lee's Summit High School and plans to attend Penn Valley Community College in the fall. Congratulations, Cheyanne! May God bless you in your future endeavors.

The Altar Society Garage Sale has been canceled this year due to the COVID guidelines of social distancing and keeping everything sanitized.

There will be no Altar Society meeting in July.

The Parish Office will be closed on July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

First Friday Mass and Devotions
The First Friday Mass will be offered on Friday, July 3rd at 6:00 p.m. followed by adoration and First Friday prayers. Confessions will be from 5:20 p.m. - 5:50 p.m. All are invited. Mass will also be live-streamed on Facebook.

Food Pantry Needs
The food pantry, a ministry of the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Council, 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
Crackers
Pasta sides
Ramen noodles
Hamburger helper
Boxed potatoes
Macaroni and cheese
Pasta sauce
Knights of Columbus Love Fund Collection
The Knights of Columbus are taking up a collection for the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Love Fund beginning this weekend and running through the weekend of July 18th and 19th. Your donation will help the needy of Pleasant Hill, and at this difficult time there are more needing assistance than usual. The Knights will match up to $500 of your donations. Please drop a check made out to "Knights of Columbus" (or cash) in the collection basket at church, at the parish office or mail it in. This will be a real blessing to the Love Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Amazon Wish Lists
The needs of our clients continue to grow. Because many of you have a particular cause that is dear to your hearts, we have created Amazon Wish Lists that reflect the individual needs of each of our pillars; Welcome Center (Emergency Assistance), Children and Family, Workforce Development, and SSVF. When you log on to Amazon, search for Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Inc. in the list of charities. If something is unavailable on those lists or you would like to purchase a similar item elsewhere, we would certainly appreciate any donations. For questions regarding the Amazon Wish Lists, please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager, at (816) 659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.

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.

Reflection: Holy Obedience
One of the greatest safeguards against doing our own will rather than God’s is holy obedience. Those in religious life are blessed to live this in a literal and external way, allowing the external practice to be interiorized so as to become certain that they are living the Will of God. But obedience must be lived in every life, not only religious. Obedience is achieved in many ways. It’s achieved in family life when we submit our will to the preferences of others, subjecting ourselves in a form of obedience so as to foster love and unity. It’s achieved in a profound way when we submit our will to the voice and teaching of our
Church. We will never go wrong by living holy obedience to that which the Lord speaks through His Church. When we live this obedience, the Will of God will not be imposed upon us from outside; rather, we will hear Him speak first in our heart and then it will be confirmed exteriorly (See Diary #932-933).

Do you hear God calling you, gently and subtly, to submit to the preference of another? You ought not submit to those things that are contrary to the Will of God, but there are numerous opportunities each day to die to yourself and “ obediently” embrace the will of another. If you can do this always in regard to the Will of God spoken through His Church, you will see the gates of Mercy opened and your humble submission will bring you great holiness.

Lord, it is so very hard at times to let go of my own will and to embrace the will of another. Help me to see these small acts as acts of true love and holy submission to You. May I allow You to mold my will into Yours as I act in holy obedience, especially when this requires great sacrifice. I also choose Your Will as it is revealed through Your Church and always submit to that revelation over my own ideas. Jesus, I trust in You (This free reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/06/24/reflection-177-holy-obedience-2/).

Reflections by Father Paul Turner
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

The Walking Dead

They speak of someone on death row as a dead man walking. The person sentenced to die is as good as dead. He or she may be walking around, but their life has virtually ended.

All Christians can be called dead people walking, though in a different way. In baptism, we die to sin, but we continue to walk in the new life of Christ. Christians may be dead, but our life has virtually begun.

Some Christians are baptized as infants. Some are baptized as adults. When adults are baptized, they are asked to renounce their former way of life, to turn away from anything that keeps them from allegiance to Christ. When infants are baptized, parents and godparents renew their commitment to Christ, and they pledge to share it with the child. Baptism makes all the difference in the world. It totally redirects our lives toward Christ, whether we are changing courses as adults, or commit ourselves to Christ from the start as infants.

St. Paul says to the Romans, “You too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.” Christians are dead, yet walking.

Throughout our lives we recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises. We do it weekly at church when we recite the Creed. We do it anytime we attend a baptism. We also do it each year at the Easter Vigil. We turn away from sin and turn toward Christ, who shows us how to walk in the newness of life.

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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Linda Ochs, Parish Secretary
Mel Thornsberry, Director of Youth Religious Education and Middle School EDGE Program
Matt and Penni Warner, High School Youth Directors
Kaitlin Long, Music Director
Henry Saubers, Custodian
Kathleen Chastain, Victims Services Coordinator (816) 392-0011
Joseph Crayon, Ombudsman (816) 812-2500

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
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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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 (816) 812-2500 or 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 for more information.