



# ST. BRIDGET

Catholic Church

Parish Bulletin

July 12, 2020  
The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold."*

Matthew 13:23



Dear Friends in Christ,

In these times with virus, I have found our lives to be so similar to a roller coaster. Just as we adjust to a new part in our lives, another big headline hits the news as we continue our march into the second half of 2020. Many theologians and speakers have made comments, but whatever they may say, what is true is our Lord is testing us all to see how strong is our faith in Him

We hear of the parable of the sower and the seed in this weekend's Gospel. The traditional interpretation of this text relates to the firmness or lack thereof of our faith in the Most Holy Trinity.

Everything that we have gone through this year is a test of our personal faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. As a Catholic Church, currently and in the upcoming months, will be telling to witness where each of our faith resides.

Whenever our Church doors are more freely opened with less restrictions in place because it has been determined that it is safer to attend Mass again with masks and hand sanitizer no longer required, what will our Catholic Church look like? Will we see everyone return to Mass? Will people have grown too comfortable in remaining at home to assist at Holy Mass? Will our Church grow in its members, or will our Church shrink in its numbers?

Having our faith rooted in rich soil and being sowed by our Lord Jesus Christ is the only way that our beloved Catholic Faith will come out of this virus with strength and firmness. If you haven't already, do a self-reflection:

Have I drawn closer to our Lord since the lock down four months ago? Have I become complacent in my faith? Am I yearning for Holy Mass? Am I going to change my way of life if I realize that I am not in rich soil and thus our Lord Jesus Christ cannot sow me well? Do I even accept that this is important for myself?

Go to Mother Mary, and she will guide you down the better path during these unique days that will lead you closer to her Son. God bless you all and may Mother Mary keep you safe. Godspeed.

*In Christo et Maria,*

Father Vogel  
Pastor

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[Diocesan Coronavirus Updates](#)

## Liturgical Ministers

### **THIS WEEKEND**

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Server: [Leland Edenburn](#)

Ushers: [D. J. Breitbach](#), [Guy Emhoff](#)

Rosary Leader: TBA

Music: Renee Edenburn, David Bremer

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Server: [Curtiss and Ryan Schaller](#)

Ushers: [Tim Long](#), [Bill Ruth](#)

Rosary Leader: Barry Schaller

Music: Kaitlin Long, Daniel Yung

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Server: [Wil Peck](#)

Ushers: [Sean Binkley](#), [Guy Emhoff](#)

Rosary Leader: TBA

Music: Kaitlin Long, David Bremer

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Server: [Curtiss and Ryan Schaller](#)

Ushers: [Bill Kennedy](#), [Bill Ruth](#)

Rosary Leader: Barry Schaller

Music: Renee Edenburn, Daniel Yung

### **Mass Intentions**

*14th Week in Ordinary Time*

### **Gifts to God and Church**

*Through July 10, 2020*

Tuesday, July 14 *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

**+Ramona Sherman** by Ann Seibolt

Wednesday, July 15 *St. Bonaventure* **+The**

**Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Thursday, July 16 **+Gene and Dorothy**

**Thompson**

Saturday, July 18 **+Betty Jo Hoff** by Mary

O'Connell

Sunday, July 19 - 16th Sun. in Ord. Time

**For parishioners of St. Bridget Parish**

Daily Mass Readings

St. Bridget Envelopes.....\$6807.72

Dream Fund.....1122.50

Youth Group.....60.00

Votive Candles.....3.00

Special Collection .....0.00

*Dream Fund MTD \$1382.50*

Sign up for Electronic Giving

### St. Bridget Ministry Schedule - July 2020

Date	Servers	Ushers	Cantors/ Instrumentalists	The Bernadettes Rosary Leaders	The Marthas Church Cleaners
Sat. July 4	TBA	D. J. Breitbach Adam Sabaliauskas	Kaitlin Long/ Judy Wolf	TBA	n/a
Sun. July 5	Aidan Fleischmann	Henry Saubers Tim Long	Renee Edenburn/ Daniel Yung	TBA	
Sat. July 11	Leland Edenburn	D. J. Breitbach Guy Emhoff	Renee Edenburn/ David Bremer	TBA	Cathy's Team
Sun. July 12	Curtiss and Ryan Schaller	Tim Long Bill Ruth	Kaitlin Long/ Judy Wolf	Barry Schaller	
Sat. July 18	Wil Peck	Guy Emhoff Sean Binkley	Kaitlin Long/ David Bremer	TBA	n/a
Sun. July 19	Curtiss and Ryan Schaller	Bill Kennedy Bill Ruth	Renee Edenburn/ Daniel Yung	Barry Schaller	
Sat. July 25	Tavin Glass	Tim Long April Riley	Kaitlin Long/ David Bremer	TBA	Hilde's Team
Sun. July 26	Wyatt Newman	Mark Bock Henry Saubers	Kaitlin Long/ Daniel Yung	TBA	



### Double your money! Last chance next weekend Knights of Columbus Love Fund Collection

The Knights of Columbus will match donations up to \$500 for the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy **Love Fund**. For every \$1 you give, they will donate \$1. Your donation will help the needy of Pleasant Hill, and at this difficult time there are more needing

assistance than usual. 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. Thank you for your generosity.

### Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers

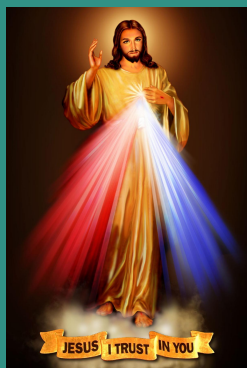
The installation of Knights of Columbus officers and events surrounding it will be on Thursday, July 16th at St. Bridget Church and Ledwidge Hall.  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Taco Bar  
7:00 p.m. Rosary  
7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers  
Short meeting afterwards if needed



### New CEO Introduction

After months of searching, we joyfully announce Karen Noel as the new Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Our tagline, "To Serve & To Lift," encapsulates the passion and history of Catholic Charities Kansas

City - St. Joseph, and is the same passion that has ultimately brought our agency to Karen's leadership. Karen is actively engaged in and promotes continuing education as a bridge out of poverty. Between Karen's credentials, passion, and personal love for our work, we are excited to begin this next chapter together with the friends, family and clients of Catholic Charities. For more information on the services we provide, please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager, at (816) 659-8266 or [nbutters@ccharities.com](mailto:nbutters@ccharities.com).



### Reflection: Loving God in Good Times and Bad

It's easy to "love" God when all is well. But *when all is well*, our love is not tested. The testing that comes from human suffering clarifies our love of God. This can be very fruitful for our spiritual lives. It's easy to believe that difficulties in life are nothing other than sad and unfortunate burdens and should be avoided at all costs. Though we would be foolish to create difficulties intentionally, we will each have our share of them in this life. Therefore, every difficulty and suffering in life must be

embraced as an opportunity for you to increase your trust in God and, in so doing, to increase your love of Him. How blessed is the soul who suffers greatly in this life while choosing to love God throughout, making that suffering the source of its increase in holiness (See *Diary* #1014).

What do you complain about each day? What is it that burdens you? Too often we run from these burdens or get angry. Try to look at your struggles in a new light. Try to see them as opportunities to deepen your trust and your love. Every suffering and every burden in life has the potential of being infused with the spiritual power of the Cross. By embracing them in love, we embrace the Cross. And by embracing the Cross, we love God all the more. Do not think that hardships deal you a poor quality of life. Recognize them for what they are as a result of grace. They are opportunities for holiness and for an increase in the reception of the Mercy of God.

*Lord, when I get down, angry or despairing in life, on account of the difficulties I endure, help me to use that struggle as an opportunity for greater trust. Lord, I desire to run to the Cross*



and to receive the love that poured forth from Your Cross so that I may become more like You in all things. Increase my love, dear Lord, especially through every suffering in life that I surrender to You. Jesus, I trust in You. (This free reflection can be found at: <https://divinemeracy.life/2020/07/09/reflection-192-loving-god-in-good-times-and-bad-2/>)

## Reflections by Father Paul Turner

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Romans 8:18-23*

### Suffering Nothing

The older we get, the more we groan. Muscles ache. Memory fades. Taste buds fail. Hearing diminishes. Eyesight darkens. Stature bends. Our physical health decays, and suffering intensifies. Growing old, as they say, is not for wimps.

For many people, aging might be cause for despair. But for Christians, it is just another aspect of the imperfections of life. We have grown accustomed to the disappointments of this life. They are nothing compared with the promise of salvation. We put up with the inconveniences we experience because we believe in the joy that lies ahead.

St. Paul writes to the Romans, “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.”

Paul believed in God’s promise, that there was more ahead for him after he died. He believed that promise extended to all the faithful, and indeed to all creation. Creation itself has been groaning, awaiting a more perfect life. Perfection comes to all the world through Christ.

We may be growing older, but we are always children—God’s children. We may be heading towards death, but we are really heading towards birth—birth to a new kind of life. The sufferings of today are as nothing. We are groaning in expectation of a joy that is to come.

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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

[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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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

##### **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 (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

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