Dear Friends in Christ,

The year of 2020 has been one filled with so much uncertainty and bewilderment. With the tragic death of George Floyd, we have all heard and for some maybe even seen, the reaction that people across the nation have given. Instead of the virus, the main topic in the news has been the riots that have swept across the many cities across the USA.

My friends, if you have not already, read the statement from the bishops of Missouri regarding the death of George Floyd (see below). Additionally, keep it strongly in your prayers that these violent riots may cease and good, constructive responses and actions may occur that benefit the police force, all of our ethnic communities, and peace may reign in people's souls instead of passions that are not tempered.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
Many, many people are asking a question along these lines, "How have we gotten to this point?" A simple answer is that people have left God more and more out of their lives. Generations worth of people have only visited God for funerals, when I am in such a desperate corner that I need divine help, Christmas, and Easter. Possibly the moments for Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation as well. Outside of a few more possibilities, we have generations worth of people who do not have God as a central part to their lives and the lives of their families.

Having God central to one’s life helps us to keep in check our passions. It causes us to seek virtue instead of doing "what feels right" in the moment. My friends, joining the bishops across our nation, keep it daily in your prayers for peace, God's Kingdom, to reign in the souls of so many of our fellow Americans. We all recite the Pledge of Allegiance saying, "One Nation, Under God." Having one nation under God begins at the grassroots level. It begins with you and me, and our dependence upon God's Strength and not our own.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity this weekend, it is a perfect time for us to pray for the Mystical Body of Christ, which composes of every baptized person and is united under our Head, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us, as faithful Catholics, bring forth the Light of our Lord Jesus Christ with the Fire of God's Love that is the Holy Spirit from us as we lean more upon the single Godhead. We do all of this to give greater Glory to our Heavenly Father.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel
Parochial Administrator

Visit our website
Diocesan Coronavirus Updates

Liturgical Ministers June 6/7 and June 13/14

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
Server: Zander Peck
Ushers: Tim/Matt Davis, Sean Binkley
Rosary Leader: TBA
Music: Kaitlin Long, David Bremer

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
Server: Wyatt Newman
Ushers: Mark Bock
Rosary Leader: TBA
Music: Renee Edenburn, Daniel Yung

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
Server: Leland Edenburn
Ushers: Guy Emhoff, Adam Sabaliauskas
Rosary Leader: TBA
Music: Renee Edenburn, David Bremer

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
Server: Ryan and Curtiss Schaller
Ushers: Bill and Thonya Kennedy
Rosary Leader: Barry Schaller
Music: Kaitlin Long, Judy Wolf

Mass Intentions
10th Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday, June 9 St. Ephrem
For all those suffering in our country
Wednesday, June 10 + Daniel Ochs by Greg and Linda Ochs
Thursday, June 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle +Pam Stobart by Peter and Katherine Sheehan
Saturday, June 13 + Pam Stobart by the Altar and Rosary Society
Sunday, June 14 - Feast of Corpus Christi For parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

Gifts to God and Church
Church, Mail-in and drop-off donations
May 26 - June 4, 2020
St. Bridget Envelopes..............$5,641.55
Dream Fund.............................1,567.50
Youth Group.............................35.00
Votive Candles..........................8.00
Spec. Col.-Ascension..................50.00
Spec. Col.-Catholic Communication...25.00
Special Col.-Peter's Pence............213.00

Dream Fund MTD $1,567.50

Daily Mass Readings
Sign up for Electronic Giving
Mass Announcements

Attendance
Weekend Mass attendance for the past couple of weeks has averaged to be about 25 people on Saturday nights and 50 people on Sunday mornings. There was a good crowd on Sunday morning again this week, almost a full church (by social distancing standards) but room for more.

Communion and Seating
If you are going to receive communion in the hand, please sit in the front half of church. If you are going to receive it on the tongue, please sit in the back half. The diocese requires communicants who receive on the tongue to receive after everyone else. Thank you for your cooperation.

Knights of Columbus Meeting
The Knights of Columbus will have their regular meeting on Thursday, June 11th at 7:30 p.m. in Ledwidge Hall. The rosary will be prayed in church at 7:00 p.m. prior to the meeting. Masks must be worn and social distancing rules must be followed.

New Fourth Degree Knights
The knights would like to congratulate the following men who received their fourth degree on Tuesday:
Mr. Bill Heintzelman
Mr. Chris Koehler
Fr. Curt Vogel

Baby Bottle Campaign Thank You
St. Bridget Parish responded overwhelmingly to the pre-COVID Baby Bottle Campaign by contributing $2,821.93. The Sons of Mercy Council 13113 would like to thank everyone for their help and their donations. The funds went towards the Missouri Meet Life Project, which has placed and is supporting sonogram machines in approximately 48 Pregnancy Resource Centers across the state. The Knights would like to remind anyone that still has a baby bottle sitting around, please bring it in sometime and set it on the Oak Table. Again, thank you St. Bridget for your generosity and support of our works.

Tuesday Rosary
The rosary will be prayed before every Tuesday Mass again. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in. It will begin at 8:25 a.m.

Catholic Charities Pandemic Thank You
Thank you for all your generosity, prayers, and support in helping us to be there for our neighbors in need during the last several months. COVID-19 created an even greater need for assistance in our communities. Many are without jobs, food, housing, and a support system due to the virus. Recently we conducted a drive through food distribution in which we were able to serve nearly 150 families. It’s an amazing gift to be able to see your generosity in action. If you would like to donate and support your neighbors who are struggling because of the COVID pandemic, you may do so by going to our website at www.catholiccharities-kscj.org/covid-19-response or by contacting Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator, at lhopkins@ccharities.com or (816) 659-8205.

Our Mutually Shared Vision, the diocesan pastoral plan, continually challenges the diocese to keep evaluating the best means and practices in reaching today’s world for sharing the Gospel and serving the Church’s mission. Due to many factors identified over the past several years and deliberations initiated prior to the pandemic, as well as these recent
months, a crossroads was reached. Like a few dioceses and regional newspress, The Catholic Key will cease operations. All diocesan digital communication will continue and in face increase, and new print media will be explored in the future to communicate the local Church’s mission and message. The entire Communications Department is being re-envisioned to more fully meet the needs of parishioners and the community.

Reflection: The Content of Your Speech

The content of your daily speech is a clear reflection of the content of your soul. So what does your speech reflect? Very often you may find that your conversations throughout the day have been about superficial and worldly matters. Though some casual conversations of this sort are normal and healthy, you should also be able to point to regular conversations that speak of the glory of God and your life of faith. You should be able to see daily words of charity and holiness. And you should see words that build others up (See Diary #804).

Reflect upon your conversations of the past week. What have they been about? Have you fallen into the trap of being cunning or harsh? Have you criticized or put others down? If so, these conversations reveal your soul. At times, your conversations may not fall into the category of sin, but may be dominated by worldly and unimportant things such as a fascination with wealth, or entertainment, or jokes or the like. Though none of these may be evil in and of themselves, if they are the dominant content of your speech then there is little room for the Lord. Seek to make your words and daily conversations a reflection of your deep love of Christ. Let your speech become an outpouring of the Mercy of God alive in your life. This is one key way through which God reveals the sanctity of your soul and uses you to bring holiness to others.

Lord, I surrender to You my speech. I give to You every thought I have and every word that comes forth from my mouth. Please use my words to reveal Your glory and the Mercy that permeates Your Heart. May this Mercy also permeate my heart and flow forth from my lips as an invitation to holiness for all. Jesus, I trust in You. (This free reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/06/05/reflection-158-the-content-of-your-speech-2/)

Reflections by Father Paul Turner

The Most Holy Trinity
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Harmonious Community

God is one, and God is love. To share in God’s life is to share in God’s love.

St. Paul knew this when he wrote to the Corinthians, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.”

We often hear this verse of Scripture quoted at the beginning of Mass when the priest greets the people. He says words that date back to the first century. Our communities today have the same spiritual needs as the Corinthians did of old.

Paul’s greeting names all three members of the Trinity and assigns each of them a quality. Jesus comes to us with grace, the goodness that stirs up thanksgiving in the heart. God comes to us in love, the virtue that sparked creation and that led to our redemption. The Spirit brings fellowship, a sharing of God’s joy in our communion with one another.

Paul urged the Corinthians to rejoice and to live in peace. A harmonious community experiences the presence of God, because the Trinity dwells in perfect harmony.

Church communities are not perfect. We do not always love as we should. We cause division. We neglect the needs of others. But God gives us an example and all the encouragement we need. We aim for divine harmony and we wish it for ourselves every time we begin Mass with Paul’s greeting. May grace, love, and fellowship be ours.
Statement of the Missouri Catholic Bishops on the Death of George Floyd and its Aftermath

We, the Catholic bishops of Missouri, wish to express our anger and sadness at the senseless death of George Floyd. This tragedy tears open a wound that hasn’t completely healed in Missouri following the death of Michael Brown. It also once again opens up our state and nation to unnecessary violence and destruction. We wish to clearly state that we denounce police brutality in any form, especially in any form motivated by racism, or by a disregard for persons based upon the color of their skin. We also denounce violence and property destruction as a means of countering violence.

We must find a way to live peacefully together, respecting the racial and ethnic differences among us. Racial and ethnic injustice continues to exist in our state and in our country, and we cannot turn a blind eye to it. We must ask ourselves what systemic changes are needed to address it. We must also honestly examine our hearts and ask God to eradicate any vestige of it that might lie there. We cannot do this on our own. No human power can eradicate racism; we need the assistance of a higher power. We call upon Catholics and people of good will to pray for an end to racism, bias, and prejudice within ourselves and within our communities. Recalling the gift of Pentecost celebrated this past weekend, through which God sends the Holy Spirit to unite a scattered and divided human family, may the Holy Spirit guide us into all truth concerning the dignity of every human person, and may Jesus Christ gather us together into fellowship with the Father.
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 7: DREAM Fund
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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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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.