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Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 – 9:55 a.m.  
Wednesday and First Fridays 5:25 – 5:55 p.m. and by appointment

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

Eucharistic ADORATION Every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Fifth Fridays 5:00 p.m. - Sat. 4:00 p.m.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST 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.
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REFLECTION: UNJUST TREATMENT OFFERED AS ATONEMENT
There are many times in life when we are treated unjustly. As a result, our first instinct is to fight back, defend ourselves and see to it that justice is done. But is that what Jesus did? No, He remained silent and accepted all injustice as a sacrifice for the atonement for our sins. He was the Just One who took up on himself all injustice. In doing so, He did two things. First, He appeased the justice of the Father as He offered this injustice for the atonement of sin. This is the central and deepest mystery of our faith. Second, He invites us to follow His example. In doing so, we are invited to accept unjust treatment and meet it with Mercy and forgiveness. This requires great inner strength and love. But if we are able to unite our own unjust suffering to that of Christ’s, we will win more souls for God than if we fought back winning a temporary satisfaction of earthly justice (See Diary #81). How have you been treated with cruelty and injustice? Reflect upon that which has been most painful to you and know that this suffering is an opportunity for you to atone for the sins of the world. You are enabled, by uniting your hurt to the suffering of Christ, to win many souls for God. This is the mystery of our redemption. It’s a mystery we are invited to enter into, live and offer to God as a sacrifice of love. Take a step in this direction, today, and watch the hurt you have dissolve into Mercy. Lord, I offer You, this day, my hurt, pain and all suffering. I especially offer You the injustices I have faced in life. May You remove all bitterness from my heart and replace it with Your Divine Mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/02/10/reflection-42-unjust-treatment-offered-as-atonement-2/)

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What will you do for Lent?

Catholic Charities Mavericks Faith and Family Day
Save the date for our Faith and Family Day!Mac n’ Cheese drive with the KC Mavericks on March 8 at 4:05 PM at the Silverstein Eye Centers Arena. Make sure to stick around after the game and join the Mavericks team and mascots, Mac and Cheese, for a family post-game skate! With each ticket sold, 10 boxes of Mac and Cheese will be donated to families in need at Catholic Charities of Kansas City - St. Joseph. Tickets can be purchased for $20 at kmavversicks.com/catholic. Contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager for more information or to purchase tickets at (816) 659-8266 or nbutters@cccharities.com.

FERTILITYCARE™ System
Do something amazing for your Valentine! Attend a FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session! Sessions are offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. This fulfills your marriage policy requirement. It is helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy, it has medical applications and it is better than IVF for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of Kansas City at (816) 858-0198.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. The next weekend in our area is February 28—March 1st. For more information contact Tony and Barb Zimmerman at (816) 741-4068 or wme4youandme.org.

Lent is approaching with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. It is already a good time to ask our Lord Jesus Christ what it is that you should observe for this season of Lent. Based on the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, the Church in Her tradition has always put forward prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as areas for our primary focus during Lent.

On prayer, do we attend Adoration? It is offered at both of our parishes. It is our Crucified and Risen Lord in the Sacred Host in the monstrance on the Altar. Do we make any effort to be with our Lord in the Eucharist outside of Sunday Mass? Do you pray as a family? Do you pray together with your spouse? Do you pray your rosary? Do you read Sacred Scripture?

On fasting, do you refrain from taking the extra portion to which you always look forward? Do you do more than fast from sweets? Have you ever tried fasting from one meal for a day and offered it up for someone who desperately needs prayers? Have you tried to stop using your phone after a certain time of the day so as to detach yourself from technology and open yourself up to your family and friends and even to God in prayer? Have you tried to eat only bread and water for an entire day?

Almsgiving. There is always a need to help others around us, and that does sometimes include parishioners. Do we fail to recognize people who could use some tools, products, or money that we have but they do not? Do we fast from going to the movie theater all Lent and the money saved from the tickets and concessions that we normally would have spent be donated to the Church or to a charity of your liking? Do we ever consider write a check to the Church, for the specific purpose that it be used to help those in need? I can tell you from having been assigned to multiple parishes, at times this is needed for me as your priest to help those who are not taking advantage of the Church, but are needing help as they get past a rough time in their life.

Prayer, fasting, almsgiving. Each of these help us to die to our own wills and to grow in charity towards others, and thus opens us up even more in our souls for God's grace to work within us. It helps us all to grow in becoming saints which helps us on our path to heaven. Out of love for our Lord Jesus Christ, let us challenge ourselves this Lent and observe something from each of these areas of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Father Vogel

2020 SECOND COLLECTIONS

Feb. 16: Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
March 1: DREAM Fund
March 22: Catholic Relief Service
April 5: DREAM Fund
April 10: (Good Friday): Holy Land
May 3: DREAM Fund
May 17: Tomorrow’s Priests: Vocation Fund
May 31: Peter’s Pence
June 7: DREAM Fund
June 21: Communications
July 5: DREAM Fund
Aug. 2: DREAM Fund
Aug. 15: THE ASSUMPTION (not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020)
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

FROM FATHER VOGEL

This past Thursday, Bishop Johnston was at St. Bridget bestowing the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our kids. It was a beautiful Mass. Thanks to so many of our parishioners from St. Bridget and St. Patrick who volunteered: the musicians, the altar boys, to the ladies who hosted the reception, the greeters, sacristans, lectors, ushers, and everyone. It was a grand evening as the sacred Sacrament of Confirmation was bestowed. Thank you all for your assistance, sacrifice, and aid.

Lent is coming! What will you do for Lent?
MASSES THIS WEEK

INTENTIONS, READINGS, ANTIPHONS

Saturday, February 15
5:00 p.m. † Virginia Walker by Gary and Katy Crabtree

Sunday, February 16
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. St. Bridget Parishioners
Sir 15:15-20 | Ps. 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 | 1 Cor 2:6-10 | Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37

Monday, February 17
No Mass
Jas 1:1-11 | Ps 119:67,68,71,72,75,76 | Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 18
9:00 a.m. † Sonia Hallman
Jas 1:12-18 | Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19 | Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 19
6:00 p.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory
Jas 1:19-27 | Ps 15:2-3a,3bc-4ab,5 | Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20
9:00 a.m. † Virginia Walker
Jas 2:1-9 | Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7 | Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 21
No Mass
Jas 2:14-24,26 | Ps 112:1-2,3-4,5-6 | Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 22
5:00 p.m. † Philip Pilcher by Altar and Rosary Society

Sunday, February 23
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. St. Bridget Parishioners
Lv 19:1-2,17-18 | Ps. 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13; | 1 Cor 3:16-23 | Mt 5:38-48
† Deceased
Confessions prior to weekday and Sunday Masses
Rosary prayed 30 minutes prior to weekend Masses
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed prior to Tuesday morning Mass

For the reflection on this weekend’s scriptures on
formed.org, go to watch.formed.org/carousel/videos/sixth-

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e-mail inbox, sign up at watch.formed.org/formed-daily-
reflections.

REPORTING ABUSE
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to
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tim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual
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2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call
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3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement
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   Crayon, at (816) 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcj.org. If the abuse involves
   a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Dio-
   cese 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
   Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or
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St. Bridget Mardi Gras
~ Volunteers to bring items for
~ Chili Cook
~ Cake Wheel
~ King Cakes
~ Those planning to attend the event
~ Fish Fry

GREAT FAMILY FUN!
Chili Cook-off
Cake Wheel
Horse Races
King Cakes
Sign up sheets in the vestibule for:
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- Chili Cook-off contest
- Volunteers to bring items for the Cake Wheel

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This Week at St. Bridget

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Saturday, February 15
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, February 16
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
Monday, February 17
President’s Day
No Mass
Tuesday, February 18
8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. Confessions
8:25 a.m. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, February 19
5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. SOR beginning with Mass
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith
6:30 p.m. That Man Is You
Thursday, February 20
8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass
After Mass - 8:00 p.m. Adoration
Friday, February 21
No Mass
9:00 a.m. — Friday Morning Bible Study
Saturday, February 22
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
After Mass — Mardi Gras
Mardi Gras — Fish Fry
Sunday, February 23
7:30 - 7:50 a.m. Confession
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. EDGE Middle School Youth Group
Coming up:
Wednesday, February 26
Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins
9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass
Friday, February 28
5:00 p.m. Fish Fry