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New Beginning

Something happened at the baptism of Jesus. John had been using baptism as a way of ushering people into a new way of life. They turned down a new path on life’s journey, and placed themselves completely at the service of God. When Jesus accepted baptism by John, his public ministry began. He worked wonders. He preached about the reign of God. He acquired disciples. He foretold his death and resurrection. He prayed. He lived for God alone. When the evangelists searched out how this ministry began, they all turned back to the same moment: the baptism by John.

In Acts of the Apostles, Peter went to the house of Cornelius the Gentile, because Cornelius wanted to know more about Jesus. Peter began teaching by summarizing the life of Jesus. He did it the same way the evangelists did: God proclaimed peace, “beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,” where “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.”

Many of us can point to a moment when something happened in our lives, too. Perhaps there was one day when we started looking at the world a lot differently. We saw more clearly who we were and what God wanted us to be. We pledged to be faithful to the God who loves us, and ever since, we have striven to live out our commitment. No one did it as perfectly as Jesus, but we are all called by God for some purpose.

The Diary of Saint Faustina calls us to a new form of devotion in various ways. The first way is through meditation on the sacred image of The Divine Mercy. Saint Faustina was asked by Jesus to have an image of His merciful love painted for all to see. It’s an image of Jesus with two rays shining forth from His Heart. The first ray is blue indicating the font of Mercy coming forth through Baptism and the second ray is red indicating the font of Mercy poured forth through the Blood of the Holy Eucharist.

During this year discover this image, place it in your home and ponder its meaning. Ponder, especially, the fact that no image will even come close to expressing the full depth of love pouring forth from the Heart of our Saviour. Grow in a desire for that Mercy as you ponder this sacred image.

Lord, You have poured out upon the world Your infinite Mercy coming forth from Your divine Heart. May I bask in that Mercy now and always. Jesus, I trust in You.

This reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/01/05/reflection-6-image-of-divine-mercy-2/
Thank You

Thank you for all the Christmas cards I received. It is such a blessing to be a part of a wonderful church. Thank you for all your prayers and support. I am looking forward to returning to St. Bridget when I am released. You are remembered in my prayers. Sincerely, Tyler Toomay

Visit with Tyler Toomay

One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to visit the imprisoned. That is what Tim Long, Hilde Shewmaker and Maurice Devolder did, with love, on December 27th. They were able to visit and share in a meal with Tyler Toomay at the Cameron Correctional Facility on December 27th. Please continue to pray for Tyler.

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Online Giving is available at St. Bridget Parish. You can easily access the web page by going to the parish website or by scanning the QR code. Electronic giving allows you the freedom to set up a regular, monthly donation transaction, change your current transactions, or give a one-time gift to St. Bridget. We have 42 families who currently utilize electronic giving every month via a checking or savings account, or by using their credit card. Electronic giving is an easy and consistent method of donating to St. Bridget. Now, you can have more control of your donating activity.

All transactions are administered by a secure provider, Vanco Systems which then integrates with our church census software to account for donations. Your transactions are secure, and your data protection is very important. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

A Note from Father Vogel

Celebrating the Baptism of our Lord this weekend, we simultaneously wrap up the Christmas season and begin Ordinary Time.

In thinking on the Baptism of the Lord, it is a good time to reflect, what does my baptism mean for me? The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the baptized person is configured to Christ, is incorporated into the Catholic Church, receives an indelible mark that can never be taken away, and is forgiven of Original Sin.

Part of the graces from the sacrament of Baptism is living out the life of sanctifying grace. If we commit a mortal sin, then we have cut ourselves off from the divine life of God, cut ourselves off from the life of sanctifying grace. This means that we have an earthly life, but no divine life within us. If we lose this sanctifying grace, we desperately need to go to the sacrament of Confession because it is only thanks to this divine life living within us that allows us to have the hope of entering into heaven when we die. One cuts themselves off from God in committing a mortal sin. It takes an act of God, the sacrament of Confession, to bring that union back together.

A scary truth that has settled into so many souls in our world is not having a horror to sin. St. Maria Goretti, a famous young girl who died because she refused the sexual advances of a 21 year old man, was stabbed 14 times by her attacker. During this horrific ordeal with St. Maria Goretti and her attacker, she was more concerned over her attacker committing a mortal sin than over her life.

We almost never see this kind of horror to sin. We see the opposite now. That sins of the flesh are something to be sought after and even praised. Or sins of violence are now ok if it is done out of revenge.

Our baptism calls to mind for us that we are to pursue and love the life of God dwelling within us, and to be horrified by even the smallest of sins, and particularly by mortal sins. Why? Because the life of God, the life of sanctifying grace, is the life that Jesus Christ died for on the Cross for us. He does not want us to throw it aside because it means we are throwing away His sacrifice on the cross into the gutter. He wants us to foster this life of God within us, and one of those ways is having an abhorrence to sin. Let us examine ourselves today in how we are living our lives as baptized Catholics, see what sins we have become way too comfortable with, seek the sacrament of Confession, and foster the divine life of sanctifying grace within us as God’s children.

Fr. Vogel

2020 Second Collections

Jan. 19: Catholic Home Missions Appeal & Black and Indian Missions Appeal
Feb. 2: DREAM Fund
Feb. 16: Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday
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
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God. Behold the One of whom John said:

COMMUNION
pleased. This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well

The voice of the Father thundered: and the Spirit descended upon him like a

opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a
dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Mk 3:16

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were
opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a

dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:

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INTENTIONS, READINGS, ANTIPHONS
Saturday, January 11
The Baptism of the Lord Vigil
5:00 p.m.  Patty Ruth (Bible Study)
Sunday, January 12
The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 a.m. St. Bridget Parishioners

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Mt 3:16-17

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Jn 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Monday, January 13
No Mass
1 Sm 1:1-8 | Ps 116:12-13,14-17,18-19 | Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 14
9:00 a.m.  Ben Rowles (Tim and Laura Long)
1 Sm 1:9-20 | 1 Sm 2:1-4,5-6,7-8abcd | Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 15
6:00 p.m.  Elliot Bonnese (Tim & Laura Long)
1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 | Ps 40:28,57-7,8a,8b | Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 16
9:00 a.m.  Special Intention
1 Sm 4:1-11 | Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 | Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 17
No Mass
1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a | Ps 89:16-17,18-19 | Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 18
5:00 p.m.  Bob McCleary (Greg & Linda Ochs)
Sunday, January 19
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. St. Bridget Parishioners
Is 49:3,5-6 | Ps. 40:2,4,7,8,9,10 | 1 Cor 1:1-3 | John 1:29-34

ENTRY ANTIPHON
Ps 66 (65):4
All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Cf. Ps 23 (22):5
You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst. Or: 1 Jn 4. 16

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

+ In Memory of Confessions prior to weekday and Sunday Masses
Mk 1:21-28

Rosary prayed 30 min. prior to weekend Masses

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

prayed prior to Tuesday morning Mass

REPORTING ABUSE
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

(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@ombudsmankcj.org, if the abuse in- volves 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 Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcj.org for more information.

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
Circle of Grace is coming to St. Bridget on Sunday, January 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Chris Homan, a retired high school counselor, will facilitate the program.

This program teaches youth about their physical, emotional, and behavioral boundaries and how to respond if someone tries to violate them. Many protection programs fo- cus on “stranger danger,” however, 90% of the time the perpetrator of abuse is known to the child, such as a relative or family friend. Circle of Grace goes beyond just protection by helping youth un- derstand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults.

All high school youth are strongly encouraged to attend.

This is vastly different from anything they have learned in school. The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, fol- lowing the guidelines set by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, mandates that this is offered yearly in an effort to protect our youth. Please give serious con- sideration to going.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST
All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2020 Knights of Co- lumbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 11th from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at Pleasant Hill High School Gym. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competi- tions. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to partici- pate and will compete in their re- spective age divisions. A state wide competition is held to crown the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champs-