Liturgical Roles and Services
March 7 and 8

LECTORS
5:00 p.m.  Lori Merrigan, Guy Emmhoff
8:00 a.m. Chris Porter, Rick Bouchard

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Pat Devolder
8:00 a.m. Sharon O’Hanlon
Homebound D. J. Breitbach

SERVERS
5:00 p.m.  Tavin Glass, TBA
8:00 a.m. John Glaesemann, Aidan Fleischmann

ROSARY LEADERS
5:00 p.m.  Bill Kennedy
8:00 a.m. Chris Porter

SACRISTANS
5:00 p.m.  Maurice and Pat Devolder
8:00 a.m. Rick and Nancy Bouchard

USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Chris Thornsberry, Henry Sauters

MONEY COUNTERS
March 9  Elise's Team

CHURCH CLEANERS
March 21  Hilde's Team

CANTORS AND ACCOMPANIATORS
5:00 p.m. Kaitlin Long with David Bremer
8:00 a.m. Renee Edubenm with Judy Wolf

Liturgical Roles and Services
March 14 and 15

LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Shirley Baldwin
8:00 a.m. Greg Dustman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
5:00 p.m. Dan Zaner
8:00 a.m. Marijo O’Malley
Homebound Marijo O’Malley

SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Leland Edubenm, TBA
8:00 a.m. Blauefe, Wyatt Newman

ROSARY LEADERS
5:00 p.m. Bob and Shirley Baldwin
8:00 a.m. Rick Bouchard

SACRISTANS
5:00 p.m. Mike and Arlene Casey
8:00 a.m. Don and Cathy Vogel

USHERS
5:00 p.m. TBA
8:00 a.m. Don and Cathy Vogel

MONEY COUNTERS
March 16 Rita’s Team

CHURCH CLEANERS
March 21 Louise’s Team

CANTORS AND ACCOMPANIATORS
5:00 p.m. Renee Edubenm with David Bremer
8:00 a.m. Kaitlin Long with Daniel Yung

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GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH
March 1, 2020

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$533.00 $297.50 $830.50
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Special Collection
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Extra Collection
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Please remember our Dream Campaign.
Dream Fund MTD: $830.50

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Making an Effort

Sometimes other people see our gifts better than we do. Others recognize the abilities we have to make peace, to see hope, to lead a project, or to follow through on what we say we will do.

God has created us for a special purpose, to help announce the reign of God and bring it to fulfillment. God knows how each of us is made, what gifts we have and how they can be used for good.

Knowing what to do does not always come easy. Even though we have gifts, it may require considerable effort to put them into play. Sometimes we suffer greatly at the hands of others because we try to live according to what we believe and to what we can do.

The Second Letter to Timothy says, “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” God called us to a holy life “according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ.”

God wanted us to know that divine support will be with us always. For that reason, God’s support was made manifest “through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus.”

Today we hear the story of the transfiguration. It signifies the shining wisdom and power of God, for whom all things are possible, and who made us share in this glory by the use of our gifts in spite of hardship.


Reflection: Purification of Sin

Sin is a topic that many avoid. We don’t like to think about our sins. We don’t like to admit them, and we often rationalize them as if we do not have any. We can easily come up with excuses for this “sin” or that. But here is another perspective on sin. We should see our sin, no matter how grave or how small, as a little twig. And then we should see a huge and blazing fire. If you were to throw that twig into the fire it would immediately be consumed. The twig is our sin and God’s Mercy is so powerful that it can easily and quickly consume it. We only need to be willing to admit our sins and throw them into that burning fire of Divine Mercy (See Diary #178).

Can you admit your sin? Do you see your sin? No excuses, just honesty. And are you willing to confess your sins, all of them, in the sacramental fire of reconciliation? If you are aware of the power of God’s Divine Mercy and His willingness to eliminate your sin, you will have no fear in honestly admitting it and letting Him consume it. Try to examine your conscience today and face that which you need to let God burn away.

Lord, Your Divine Mercy is infinite and most powerful. It is a flame of burning love. Help me to trust in You enough to face my sin honestly and to throw it into the fire of the sacrament of reconciliation. May I trust in this glorious Sacrament and, in so doing, may I trust in You. Jesus, I do trust in You.

(This reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/02/02/reflection-purification-of-sin-2/)

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

There are three scholarships available to St. Bridget students. The Nelson Gipson Scholarship is $500 given by the Altar Society. The Knights of Columbus Scholarship is $1,000. The Eugene F. and Lucille B. Tierney Scholarship is also $1,000. All scholarship applications are available on the home page of the parish web site, in the vestibule and in the parish office. The Tierney and K. of C. applications are also available at the Pleasant Hill High School Counseling Center. The Nelson Gipson Scholarship application is due to the Altar Society at the parish office on April 10, 2020. The Tierney Scholarship application must be mailed in and postmarked by April 1, 2020. The Knights of Columbus Scholarship application must be completed and placed in a sealed envelope (do not write on the envelope) and placed in the drop-box located in St. Bridget’s church vestibule by April 10, 2020 at 3:00pm.

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - Adoration & Confession**

8:15 am: March 20: 8:15 am: March 21: Mr. House of Prayer (6492 MO-6, St. Joseph, Mo.): 8:45 am: March 20 to 8:15 am: March 21: St. Thomas More in Kansas City, Mo. (11822 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, Mo.) In response to the 24 Hours for the Lord initiative, the Office of Divine Worship is co-sponsoring 24 hours of adoration and confessions with Mr. House of Prayer in St. Joseph, Mo. and St. Thomas More Parish in Kansas City, Mo. This year’s theme is from taken from Luke 7:48: ‘Your sins are forgiven’. Pope Francis invited the entire Church to “celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration”. If you are interested in covering an adoration hour, please contact Lori Sage at sage@diocesekcj.org.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** will be hosting open house events – “Stations of Catholic Charities” which will feature our pillar programs and a chance to take part in a service project that will support our emergency assistance program. Kansas City open houses (4001 Blue Parkway Suite 250) will occur on Tuesday, March 31 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 4 from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. The Saturday event will be family friendly with a service project that will engage children. Join us for a hands-on look at the services offered at Catholic Charities. To RSVP please contact Lynn Lichte at (816) 659-8243.

**CHILLI COOK-OFFWINNERS**

1st Place Ed Medlock
2nd Place Sara Kitchell
3rd Place Clare Fleischmann

Thanks to all participants and everyone who made Mardi Gras a great success!

**ST. BRIDGET KINGS OF CYLUMS SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for the St. Bridget Knights of Columbus Scholarship must be made by April 1, 2020. The Tierney Scholarship application must be mailed in and postmarked by April 1, 2020. The Knights of Columbus Scholarship application must be completed and placed in a sealed envelope (do not write on the envelope) and placed in the drop-box located in St. Bridget’s church vestibule by April 10, 2020 at 3:00pm.

**2020 SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- **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
MASSES THIS WEEK

**Saturday, March 7**
5:00 p.m.  † Nancy Burger

**Sunday, March 8**
2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. St. Bridget Parishioners
Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 | Ps 19:8-11 | Jn 2:13-25
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 25 (24): 15-16
My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
Or: Cf. Ez 36: 23-26
When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 4: 13-14
For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.
† Deceased

**Monday, March 9**
St. Frances of Rome
No Mass
Daniel 9:4b-10 | Psalms 79:8, 9, 11, 13 | Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday, March 10**
9:00 a.m.  † Mac McLagan by Gary and Katy Crabtree
Jer 17:5-10 | Psalms 1:1-6 | Luke 16:19-31

**Wednesday, March 11**
6:00 p.m.  † The Poor Souls in Purgatory
Jeremiah 18:18-20 | Psalms 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 | Matthew 20:17-28

**Thursday, March 12**
9:00 a.m.  † Phillip Witte
Jeremiah 17:5-10 | Psalms 1:1-6 | Luke 16:19-31

**Friday, March 13**
No Mass
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a | Psalms 105:16-21 | Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday, March 14**
5:00 p.m.  † Ray Bryant by Chris Porter

**Sunday, March 15**
3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. St. Bridget Parishioners
Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 | Ps 19:8-11 | Jn 2:13-25
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**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@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 Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or chastain@dioceseokcsj.org for more information.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, March 9**
No Mass

**Tuesday, March 10**
8:25 a.m. Confessions
8:25 a.m. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Finance Council meeting
7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting

**Wednesday, March 11**
5:25 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass and SOR
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith/That Man is You
7:00 p.m. Penance Service

**Thursday, March 12**
8:25 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass
After Mass - 8:00 p.m. Adoration
7:30 p.m. K. of C. meeting; rosary preceding

**Friday, March 13**
9:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Fish Fry and quilt raffle
5:00 p.m. Sharing O’ the Green @ Fish Fry
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 14**
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, March 15**
7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. St. Patrick’s Day, Irish Night
6:00 p.m. EDGE Middle School Youth Group

Coming Up
March 18, 19, 20 @ 6:30 pm Parish Mission in Church

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**
Rom 8:31b
**ANTIPHONS**
Psalms 1:1
Psalm 1’s, 4, 12
Ps 43, 45
Psalms 28
Psalms 31:5
Ps 116:10,15
Mt 17: 5
Ps 105:16
Ps 19:8-25
Ex 20:1
Jn 2:13
Ps 116:10,15