St. Bridget Parish
October 19 and 20, 2019
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS TIMES
Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Monday and Friday no Mass
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
HOLY DAYS Please see bulletin.

SACRAMENTS
RECONCILIATION
Sunday 7:30 – 7:45 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 8:05 – 8:55 a.m.; Wed. 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.
And by appointment.

BAPTISM
Parent preparation session is required. Please call the parish office prior to the birth.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
As requested after Mass and by appointment.

CONFIRMATION
Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines. Begins in the fall.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST
If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at 540-6980.

NEW PARISHIONERS
Welcome! Please register after Mass or stop by the parish office for more information.

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” – Lk 18:7-8

**LITURGICAL ROLES AND SERVICES**  
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- Rain and Nancy Bouchard  
- Bob and Shirley Baldwin

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**GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

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**DIVINE MERCY REFLECTION**

Humility, Purity & the Love of God

What is it that is most dear to the heart of our Blessed Mother? If she were to appear to you and offer you her greatest desire for you, what would it be? Perhaps there would be some specific need that she has been made aware of by God for your life, but in addition to this she would most certainly call you to the virtues of humility, purity and love of God. We especially see these holy virtues alive in her life. Our Blessed Mother was humble in many ways. She was The Immaculate Conception, freed from all sin and the most glorious creation of God, yet while on Earth she was hidden and even thought to be a sinner on account of Jesus being conceived before she was married. However, she lived perfect purity in her life which was the source of her most perfect love for Jesus, Joseph and everyone else she encountered. Her purity enabled her to love others with the utmost dignity and respect. Her love of God was also perfect in every way and was made manifest by her total submission to His holy Will. She said, “Let it be done to me according to Your Will.” She meant that and lived it. Allow this witness of our Blessed Mother to call you to embrace these holy virtues so as to imitate and share in her glory and holiness (See Diary #1415).

Reflect upon these three virtues in your life. How well do you manifest them? Think about how they would have been lived in the life of our Blessed Mother and seek her powerful intercession so that you may imitate these holy virtues which she lived to perfection.

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**COMMERCIAL – RESIDENTIAL**

- ROOFING
- DECKS
- SIDING
- KITCHEN & DECKS
- WINDOWS
- BASEMENT FINISHING
- WOOD ROT
- FIRE & SMOKE DAMAGE

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) 812-3920 or crayon@ombudsmankc.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 Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or chastain@diocesekc.org
DAILY READINGS
Saturday - Sunday October 19/20
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 17 (16): 6, 8
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
Ex 17:8-15/Ps. 91:1-2, 12, 13-14, 16-17
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 33 (32): 18-19
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
Or: Mt 10: 45
The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

Monday, October 21
Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4ab, 5bc, 6/ Mt 5:3/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday, October 22
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-18, 20b-21/ Ps 40/Luke 12:5-38
Wednesday, October 23
Eph 5:2-12/Ls 12:25,bcd,5/ Mt 21:42,44/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday, October 24
Eph 5:14-21/Ps 53:1,2,4,5,11,12,18,19/Phil 3:8-9/Lk 12:49-53
Friday, October 25
Eph 6:1-6/Ps 29:1-2,3,9ab,10bc/ 2Cor 5:15/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday, October 26
Eph 6:7-16/Ps 121:1-2,5b,c/ Csd 5/Lk 12:60-69
Sunday, October 27
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 100 (101): 3-4
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
Sir 35:12,14-16/Ph 3:11-17/Lk 12:60-69
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 20 (19): 6
We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exalt in the name of our God.
Or: Eph 3: 2
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

MASS AIDS
The Entrance and Communion Antiphons used at the weekend Masses can be found in the “Daily Readings” section of the bulletin.
You can follow the rhythm of the Liturgical Year by reading the daily readings from your bible in your private prayer time at home if you are unable to make it to daily Mass. In addition, there are resources on FORMED.org that can assist you in your spiritual journey.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Kansas City
St. Joseph
TO SERVE & TO LIFT
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
If you’re jobless today, there’s a good chance you need to learn new skills, seek educational opportunities or pursue industry certifications. Our Employment Services program offers a wide range of services including, one-on-one coaching, basic job skills, resume building, assisted job search, financial literacy, emergency assistance for job related activities and interviewing techniques.
Our data shows that a person walking through our door seeking services, has an average income of about $700/month. After participation in our employment service activities, that average increases to $1849/month – a growth of 162 percent! For more information on our job services, contact Kathy Ficcadenti, Director of Employment Services at (816) 220-8429 or kficcadenti@ccharities.com.

Our church can help you if you reach out to us.

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Saturday, October 19
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5:00 p.m. + Vera Fuenmeier by Mary Ann Batliner and Stephanie Lewis
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8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Bridget
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No Mass
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9:00 a.m. + Mac McLagan by Tom and Pat Heier
Wednesday, October 23
6:30 p.m. + Lucy de Garavito by Bill and Haydee Vogel
Thursday, October 24
9:00 a.m. + Patty Ruth by Peter and Katherine Sheehan
Friday, October 25
No Mass
Saturday, October 26
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00 p.m. + Linda Danjou by Gary and Katy Crabtree
Sunday, October 27
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Bridget
+ In Memory of
Reconciliation prior to weekday and Sunday Masses
Rosary prayed 30 min. prior to weekend Masses
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed prior to Tuesday morning Mass

2019 Second Collections Schedule

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REFLECTION
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Timothy 3:1-4

Catholic Bibles
It is used to be that Catholics did not know the Bible very well at all. Every Catholic home had a Bible, but it was used only as a record book. Into it were inscribed the vital statistics of family members. When Grandpa died. When Aunt Tillie got married. When Cousin Susie was born. It was all in there, penned very carefully for the sake of accuracy, beauty, and the testimony of faith.
Now it is different. We may still use our Bibles for records, but we also use them for prayer, both as individuals and as a family. Even at church, Catholics hear readings from the Bible at every service. We have opened our hearts to the word of God in church and at home.
It is a big book. We will never explore it fully. But we are getting more comfortable with it as its source of inspiration and direction. It is a good thing.
The Second Letter to Timothy says, “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”
We who belong to God use the Bible as our guide. It equips us for every good work. Whenever we have questions, problems, curiosity, or a desire to give praise, the Bible is there for us.


We are Baptized and Sent! Next week is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY in a special Extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can… PRAY for the Church’s worldwide missionary work OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Please be generous.
We have been in this new relationship between both parishes for over a year by this time. We have all had to make many adjustments, including myself as the priest, to how parish life is going to be in this new relationship in sharing a priest between St. Bridget and St. Patrick. By now, it is easy for me to tell that I am more at ease in this new relationship. I believe a number of parishioners are as well from both parishes.

In establishing this new relationship, a number of changes had to happen. In addition to that, we have had the ugly sin of the Scandal in the Church rise its ugly head in the past year. As I said in my homily on Holy Thursday, the past year had easily been the worst year of my life. So many stresses coming up all over the place, fellow priests that I went to seminary with are now no longer priests, family health issues arose (but thankfully are healed), and the list can go on and on.

Not dwelling on the past except to learn from it, I can lovingly say that even though all of these things happened, I am thankful to God that I am at both of these parishes over the past year. I have made mistakes as a priest, but thanks be to God, my mistakes were not anywhere near the level of scandal.

What is even more important is our trusting faith in our Lord, in Jesus Christ. Our Lord gives us crosses so that after the cross is completed, we may come out as saints, or at least more on the path of sainthood.

Holiness depends less on ourselves and everything on our leaning, dependence, faith, trust, and unconditional love to our God. The sooner we accept and realize how little we sincerely are, how broken we are as a human being due to our Fallen Nature, the sooner we can grasp what the saints themselves nurtured; that God is real, and I must completely abandon myself to Him. It sounds easy, but now try it. Try to completely abandon yourself to God. As a priest of Jesus Christ, having seven years of virtue-oriented training, education, growth in the spiritual life, and the apostolate, I am still learning to abandon myself completely to God. If we as a Catholic parish can learn more and more what it means to completely abandon ourselves to God, we would see a completely different parish due to our deeper and even more sincere love for the Most Holy Trinity and His Church.

Fostering this love for God is not a secret, and here’s one example that is beautiful to make a normal part of your life. In the Catholic Church before Vatican II, it was the long held tradition to not eat meat on every single Friday throughout the year; not just during Lent, but throughout the entire year. Vatican II changed this, but not entirely. Currently, Catholics still have an obligation to observe some form of penance on Fridays outside of Lent. One can still abstain from meat. Other examples include fasting all day on Fridays. Saying extra prayers on Friday one does not normally pray, i.e. Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, the Chaplet of St. Michael the Archangel, the Chaplet of Reparation, etc. Making a Holy Hour on Fridays. Whichever of these is chosen, one can offer it up for loved one or friends who need prayers; most especially for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

There was once a time when people could easily point out the Catholics in the community. It wasn’t because of how they dressed. It was because of their amazing discipline of prayer, fasting, and their frequent reception of the Sacraments. Every time we take advantage of a Sacrament, we are enriching our relationship with the Most Holy Trinity.

When we pray, it’s us conversing with our God, and we hear Him as He speaks to us when we read the Sacred Scriptures. We fast to better control our human will so that it’s easier for us to reject temptations when they arise. All of these foster that deeper relationship with God, and since they foster that deeper relationship with God, something happens to that individual. They look human and act human, but people notice that this particular soul has something extra that is emanating from them. It’s not a visible radiating light or an aura, but there’s something that is still distinct about such an individual.

The supernatural emanation that was once so common amongst the majority of Catholics, that is the presence of God residing more in a soul that is constantly working in growing in sainthood.

Our very own Faith, the Catholic Church that was founded by the God-Man in our Lord Jesus Christ, our Faith tells us from Vatican II that we are all called to holiness. “All the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father Himself is perfect” (Lumen Gentium #11)

Do we as individuals who already claim to be Catholic, do we desire to foster this holiness in our own lives? Do we desire this as a Catholic parish? If yes, then let’s do what we are already supposed to do, such as the observance on Fridays and a consistent prayer life, because our Catholic Faith has lovingly reminded us of this truth from our Lord.

Father Vogel