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MASS TIMES
Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Monday and Friday no Mass
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS
Please see bulletin.

SACRAMENTS
RECONCILIATION
As requested after Mass and by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Parent preparation session is required. Please call the parish office prior to the birth.

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 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Chain Request
If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at 540-0980.
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ROSY PROCESSION AND MASS
As part of the Diocesan Holy Year of Renewal, the diocese is sharing this opportunity:

Mary Queen and Mother of Mercy
Date: Saturday, October October 26
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mass
Location: St. Patrick’s Parish, 1357 NE 42nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64116
10:00 a.m. Welcome and International Rosary in the church
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Marian Procession to Divine Mercy Park
11:45 a.m. Balloon rosary, send off
12:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Johnston at St. Patrick’s Church, Kansas City
Light luncheon hosted by the Columbiettes, following Mass

Eternal Father, who created and redeemed your holy people, we turn to you in this time of renewal, seeking healing and restoration in Christ. Holy Spirit, inspire us as we discern ways to make the priorities of our life in the world, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. United by faith and desire to live our baptismal call, to be salt and light in the world, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life, we pray for your blessing on this parish and its mission.


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GOOD NEWS FOR FATHER JOE
Statement of the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph
On Resolution of employment Lawsuit
A Jackson County Jury rejected all claims of wrongdoing against the diocese regarding an employment claim by a former teacher at St. Therese School near Parkville.

The evidence in this case never supported any of these claims. The diocese thanks the jury for their time and dedication in hearing and deliberating this case.

In the process, we are saddened by the fact that the good names and reputations of the parish pastor, Fr. Joe Cisetti, and retired school principal, Carol Lenz, were dragged through the mud.

The plaintiff in this case attempted to claim that she was not rehired at the end of her contract because she did not have an abortion. In fact, the school and parish kept her in employment through the end of her contract despite ongoing, unrelated performance issues.

As Fr. Cisetti testified, her pregnancy was a reason to continue her employment.

"I was trying to encourage Michelle and her fiancé because they did not take the easy way out by having an abortion," Fr. Cisetti said. "I met with them and unfortunately, sometimes words can be taken out of context.

At the end of the meeting, we prayed together."

In her own testimony, plaintiff admitted that she was never pressured to have an abortion.

Fr. Cisetti is "well known throughout the diocese for his kindness, integrity and personal sensitivity," Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr., said. At age 14, for example, Cisetti wrote a letter to President Ford arguing for a Human Life Amendment in the wake of the Roe v. Wade decision. "Commitment to the dignity of every human life is a motivating factor in Fr. Cisetti's entire ministry," Johnston said.

We are gratified justice has been done in this case.

Jack Smith
Director of Communications
Editor - The Catholic Key

HOLIDAY MASS CALENDAR
As the holidays and Holy Days begin to creep up on us, our calendars begin to fill. So you can get the important dates of worship on your calendar at this point, below is the schedule of Masses at St. Bridget and St. Patrick's. These dates will be published again at a later date.

All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation (Nov. 1, 2019)
St. Patrick’s: Adoration - 11:00am; Mass - Noon; St. Bridget: 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Day Mass (November 28, 2019):
St. Bridget - 8:00am
St. Patrick’s - 10:15am (No Friday Adoration or Noon Mass at St. Patrick’s on November 29, 2019)

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th) is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2019.

Christmas Eve
St. Bridget: 8:00pm and Midnight
St. Patrick’s: 6:30pm

Christmas Day
St. Bridget: 8:00am
St. Patrick’s: 10:15am
(Offices closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
New Year’s Eve: December 31, 2019:
St. Patrick’s: 7:00pm
New Year’s Day - January 1, 2020:
St. Bridget: 9:00am

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Johnston
at St. Bridget:
Wednesday February 12, 2020 Rehearsal at 6:30pm
Confirmation Mass: Thursday February 13, 2020 at 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020)
St. Bridget: 6:00am and 7:00pm
St. Patrick’s: 7:00pm

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 a.m. + Vera Fuemmeler
10:15 a.m. + Veronika Frankowiak
12:15 p.m. + John Kourounis
5:00 p.m. + Mary Hurlin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:00 a.m. + Mary Hurlin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
5:00 p.m. + Vera Fuemmeler
by Mary Ann Batliner and Stephanie Lewis

REFLECTION
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Timothy 2:8-11
Glimping into a Hole
At the end of a hard day’s work, at the beginning of a tough month, in the middle of a difficult season—some people feel like quitting. But they cannot. They have to keep on working, even in the face of failure. Like rowers slipping downstream when they strive to paddle up, they see no progress. But if they stop, it only gets worse. Often it is debt that saps our energy. We get deeper into trouble, and there seems no way out.

Rule number one for getting out of a hole is simple: Quit digging.

Even in the Christian life we all go through times of despair. Our prayer does not seem what it used to be. We are not as faithful at attending church as we would like. The feasts and seasons drift by without acknowledgment. Kindness to a neighbor seems unappealing.

Some people let their faith glide into a hole that seems unfathomable. They do not know what to do.

The Second Letter of Timothy knows what to do: "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David." Jesus was the Son of God, but he was also human, a descendant of David. He was human like us. And he was raised from the dead.

Remember that: "If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him." He remains faithful to us if we open our hearts to him and remember:


MP32019 Second Collections Schedule
Oct. 20 Mission Sunday
Nov. 3 DREAM Fund
Nov. 10 Archdiocese for Military Services
Dec. 1 DREAM Fund
Dec. 8 Religious Retirement

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.
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) 392-3788 (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 Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcj.org for more information.

PARISH LISTENING SESSION and Dinner
Saturday, October 26, 2019
Following 6:00 p.m. Mass
Ledwidge Hall

All parishioners are invited and strongly encouraged to attend a very important parish listening session and dinner on Saturday, October 26th after Mass. The purpose is to gather your thoughts regarding the current and future parish activity and growth. The Parish Council has decided upon questions to be addressed at the listening session. It is of utmost importance that we hear your voice. You are St. Bridget. You are Church. Please plan to share in a meal and community as we look to the future of St. Bridget Parish.

FORMED FORMED has been updated and is more user-friendly. There is no longer a password needed to sign in. Go to their website, formed.org, search for our parish, and enter the world of study programs, movies and books. This is a great resource that the parish provides for everyone.

FAITH FORMATION

High School Youth Group is a great way to grow in faith and friendship with other Catholic high school students. They meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30–7:30 p.m. It’s great fun and a wonderful way to be supported in your faith.

Middle School EDGE Program is for youth in grades 6 through 8. The EDGE Program by LifeTeen is an additional hands-on experience and compliments SOR. This is an evening of fun, faith and friends. Food sometimes can be involved! Bring a friend and experience God’s love through one another and faith.

School of Religion for pre-K through 8th meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning with Mass with classes immediately following in the Education building. Families are encouraged to attend Mass together.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION comes in many forms at St. Bridget. We grown in our faith by sharing in small communities where trust is built, we learn and we apply the faith to our own lives. All of our faith-sharing communities welcome new participants at any time.

The Friday Morning Bible Study has been in existence for many years. Utilizing “The Bible and the Virgin” from the FORMED web site, they meet in the Adult Ed room of the Education Building on Fridays at 9 a.m.

That Man is You men’s group currently views a short video followed by small group discussion. They meet in Ledwidge Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Women of Faith women’s group is using the FORMED “Wild Goose” study about the Holy Spirit. They also meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed room of the Education Building.

Parents of children attending SOR: Please take advantage of the men’s and women’s groups that meet concurrently with SOR. This can be your time to grow in faith as well as your children’s.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar and Rosary Society is having a fellowship lunch on Friday, October 18th at Noon at Chris Porter’s house. All women of the parish are invited. Please bring a salad or dessert. The main menu is chili and soup. Please call (816) 616-0574 to RSVP and to get directions to her house.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

- St. Teresa of Avila
Feast Day: October 15th