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Matthew 16:13-20

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Regular Mass Times for

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
First Fridays	6:00 pm
Holy Days	See Bulletin

Regular Confession Times

Tuesday	8:25-8:50 am
Wednesday	5:25-5:50 pm
Thursday	8:25-8:50 am 6:15-6:45 pm

**4th Thursday of each Month -
No CONFESSIONS at 6:15 pm.**

First Friday	5:25-5:50 pm
Sunday	7:20-7:50 am
2nd Saturday	After Mass

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SATURDAY AUGUST 29	Emmett T Bennett S	Chris Thornsberry	Guy Emhoff	Pat & Maurice Devolder	Fred Hershberger	David Orson / Corbin Trimble				Ed Medlock August 28
SUNDAY AUGUST 30	Patrick O	Henry Saubers	Don Ring	Tim Long	Cathy Vogel	Kaitlin Long / Judy Wolf	Dong Ring		Chris' Team August 31	

SEPTEMBER’S CALENDAR WILL BE
INSERTED NEXT WEEKEND!



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person			
Tuesday, August 25	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS	
Wednesday, August 26	6:00 p.m.	† Sophie Delmer Roseman by Gayle Cross	
Thursday, August 27	9:00 a.m.	† Kathleen Murphy-Marx by Gary & Katy Crabtree	
Saturday, August 29	5:00 p.m.	† Kathleen Murphy-Marx by Gary & Katy Crabtree	
Sunday, August 30	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Bridget	

Special Collections

2026
September 6 Dream Fund Youth Group

September 20 Latin America

October 4 Dream Fund Youth Group

October 18 Mission Sunday

Charity Opportunity

Do you desire to help our Lord Jesus Christ by seeing Him in the poor and needy in our area? Consider donating towards The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Council, our local food pantry and charity organization. This is a 501C3 organization, thus your donation is tax deductible. There is no electronic giving yet, but you can write checks to “Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy,” mail your donation to 100 Veterans Parkway, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080. If you desire to assist (i.e. Meals on Wheels – making and delivering low cost meals, then call 816-987-3952, working at the food pantry, working at the thrift store, etc.) OR have other questions, please contact the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy at: (816) 987-3600.



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St. Bridget Parish	\$3154.00	\$1175.14	\$4329.14
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$1021.88	\$0.00	\$1021.88
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Votive Candle	\$149.00	\$0.00	\$149.00
SC - Life Justice	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$255.00
SC - Assumption	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Special Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$1021.88			

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Reporting Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18).
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the **Diocesan Ombudsman**, at ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org or **816-213-6024**

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**, at **816-714-2357** or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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Sacraments

Baptism Parent preparation session is required. Please contact the Administrative Assistant at Admin@st.bridgetph.org or call the parish office prior to the birth.

First Communion A sacramental preparation program is required through SOR or an approved other curriculum.

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.

Anointing of the Sick As requested after Mass and by appointment.

Devotions and Info

New Parishioners
Welcome! Please register by downloading a registration form from our web site, stbridgetph.weconnect.com or contact the parish office. We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you! ***

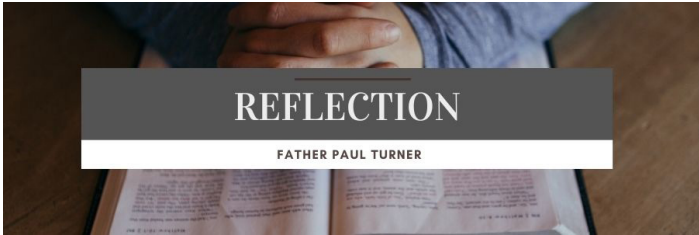
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Thursday After Mass —7:00 p.m.
Fifth Fridays 24 hrs. 5:00pm — Sat. 4:45pm

First Friday Mass and Devotions
6:00 p.m.; devotions, adoration, and benediction follow

Rosary
Before Mass Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday; Second Thursday at 6:30pm w/ Altar & Rosary Society, and Knights of Columbus

Prayer Chain Requests If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980.

Blessing Have you experienced a miscarriage?
Contact Father Vogel or Deacon Morgan to receive a blessing.



REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 11:33-36

Rich in Wisdom

We cannot completely figure God out. God dwells in ultimate mystery. We believe strongly in God's presence, and we experience this divine majesty in spiritual ways. But we do not understand it or fully grasp it.

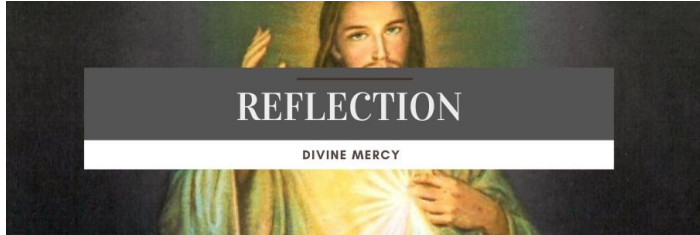
God created with unending variety. Consider the many plants and flowers in bloom, the various animals that roam the earth, the fish that swim, and the birds that fly. Consider the differences in human beings alive today and in generations past. Consider the stars of the sky and the planets unseen. God's creativity knows no end.

In the course of our lives we sometimes question God's judgments, but we also stand in awe at our blessings. God has given us the gift of life in the midst of a wondrous creation. God has given us freedom to choose our actions, to develop good friends, and to pray in faith.

Life brings its challenges, but in the end, all of life is in God's hands. St. Paul tells the Romans, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!"

We cannot completely figure God out. We do not always know why God creates the good and tolerates the evil we see. But it is not ours to know. It is not ours to understand. It is ours to be in awe. It is ours to give glory. It is God's to be rich in wisdom.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

Binding the Hands of Punishment

If you were a criminal, incarcerated for some crime, you would most likely see life from a perspective that is very different from others. You would daily long to have your punishment removed and your status of freedom restored. However, an act of mercy of this sort is rarely offered by secular society. Instead, harshness and judgment is the norm. But God is much different. God is perfectly aware of everything you have ever done in violation of His law. He sees even the minutest sin. And in the end, He will administer His strict justice upon all those who have not been bathed in the justice of His Mercy. So bathe in Mercy now and help others to do the same. God offers this Mercy in varied ways. One specific way God offers the Mercy which appeases His judgment is through your heart. By daily offering your heart to our Lord and by daily offering it for others, God's judgment is transformed. He sees your holy heart, enters it, and then allows you to offer it for the sanctification of others. In this way you are able to win many souls for God on account of His perfect justice of Mercy (See Diary #1193).

When you look at others, what do you see? Do you see a sinner who deserves punishment for their sins? If so, be careful because this is how God will in turn see you. Strive to see the sins of others as opportunities to pray for them and as opportunities to become an instrument of the Mercy of God. God invites your participation in this act of atonement and withholds nothing when you commit yourself to this act of love.

Lord, please transform the way I see others, especially the sinner. Help me to withhold my own judgment and, in turn, to offer my heart filled with love as an act of Your Divine Mercy. Cleanse every soul, dear Lord, and forgive every sin on account of my love for You. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at: <https://divinemercy.life/2026/08/18/reflection-231-binding-the-hands-of-punishment-2/>)

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR PERMANENT DIACONATE



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is beginning its inquiry phase for those men who are interested in a possible vocation to the diaconate. The application process is open, and the Office of the Permanent Diaconate will be accepting applications now through September 30, 2026.

Interviews for qualified applicants will occur in Fall 2026 with the intention of beginning the next deacon formation class in January 2027.

The formation period is a time of discernment. If you would like to find out more information about serving the church as a deacon, please go to the diocesan website where you can view the requirements and fill out an online inquiry form. Application packets will be sent to qualified applicants or can be picked up at the diocese office. Questions? Please contact Deacon Jim Hall at diaconateoffice@diocesekcsj.org or call 816.714.2302.

Scan the QR Code to the diocesan website or go to:
<https://kcsj catholic.org/office/office-of-the-diaconate/>



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

NO MASS

Wednesday, August 26

5:25 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass

6:40 p.m. Men's Group

6:40 p.m. OCIA - Resumes

Thursday, August 27

8:25 a.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins

6:50 p.m. Benediction

(with Deacon Morgan)

Friday, August 28

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, August 29

4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 30

7:30 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass



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Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 881 The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the “rock” of his Church. He gave him the keys of his Church and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock. “The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head.” This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church’s very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope. ”

Parish presentations on pro-life Amendment 3

As we approach the November state elections, join us for a parish presentation on Faithful Citizenship and Amendment 3. The passing of Amendment 3 would reinstate health care protections for women and children, ensuring safety standards and abortion limitations.

Do you have questions about Amendment 3 and what it means? Do you want to have meaningful conversations with others about the Amendment? Are you opposed to the Amendment and want to understand Church teaching about abortion? Presentations about Amendment 3 are taking place at multiple parishes. All are welcome.

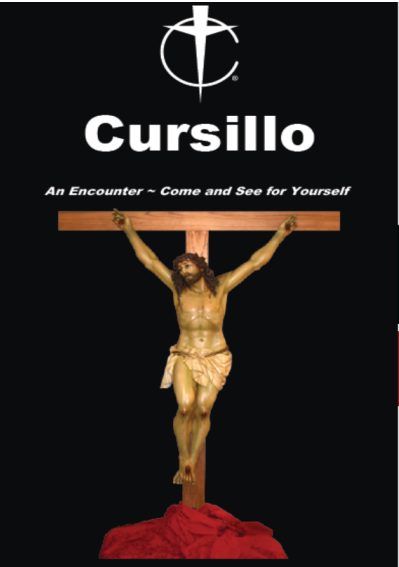
Faithful Citizenship
& Amendment 3

Parish Presentations (updated 8/16/2026)



- Wednesday, August 19th, 6pm: St. Peter, KCMO
- Thursday, August 20th, 6:30pm: Our Lady of the Presentation
- Monday, August 24th, 5:30pm: Good Shepherd-this presentation is in tandem with The Leadership Institute and requires registration by August 20th at <https://leadershipinstitute.org/smithville>
- Thursday, August 27th, 7pm: Our Lady of Good Counsel
- Wednesday, September 2nd, 6pm: St. Therese North
- Thursday, September 3rd, 6:30pm: St. John LaLande
- Saturday, September 5th, 6pm or Sunday, September 6th, 11:30am: Sacred Heart, Warrensburg
- Tuesday, September 8th, 7:30pm, Zoom-This presentation is in Spanish, Zoom link: <http://bit.ly/4gWGNxn>
- Wednesday, September 16th, 6:30pm: Coronation of Our Lady
- Monday, September 21st, 6:30pm: St. Andrew the Apostle
- Tuesday, September 29th, 7pm: University of Central Missouri Newman Center
- Wednesday, October 7th, 7:30pm: Northwest Missouri State University Newman Center

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