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Matthew 14:22-33

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

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SATURDAY AUGUST 15	Curtiss S Wiley S	Guy Emhoff	Janice Motta	Barry Schaller	Shirley Baldwin	Kaitlin Long / Corbin Trimble				Gary Crabtree August 14
SUNDAY AUGUST 16	Patrick O Bennett S	Ryan O'Hanlon	Scott Bennett	Cathy Vogel	Olivia Carrasco	Kaitlin Long / Melissa Neff	Scott Bennett		Chris' Team August 17	
SATURDAY AUGUST 22	Alex H Joseph H Thomas H	Tim Long	Josh Luttrall	Jenny Luttrall / Maddie L	Marilyn Andeson	Kaitlin Long / Derek Olson		Donna's Team August 21		Tim Davis / David Orson August 21
SUNDAY AUGUST 23	Bodon R	Mark Bock	Chris Porter	Don Ring	Chris Porter	David Orson / Judy Wolf	Cathy Vogel		Stephanie's Team August 24	



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, August 11 9:00 a.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory by Kathy Meyer
Wednesday, August 12 6:00 p.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory by Kathy Meyer
Thursday, August 13 9:00 a.m. † Patty Ruth by Bill Ruth & Marijo O’Malley
Saturday, August 15 5:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Bridget
Sunday, August 16 8:00 a.m. † Jean Taylor by Kathy Meyer

Special Collections

2026	
August 15	Assumption
August 16	Dioc. Life & Justice Campaign
September 6	Dream Fund Youth Group
September 20	Latin America

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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Week ending 08/02/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$2823.10	\$5362.43	\$8185.53
Dream Fund	\$155.00	\$247.75	\$402.75
Dream Fund MTD	\$155.00	\$247.75	\$402.75
Youth Group	\$60.00	\$20.00	\$80.00
Votive Candle	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Special Collections	\$0.00	\$482.41	\$482.41
Special Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Please remember the Dream Fund. Month to date: \$402.75

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Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be emailed one week prior to the weekend of distribution to secretary@stbridgetph.org.

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.

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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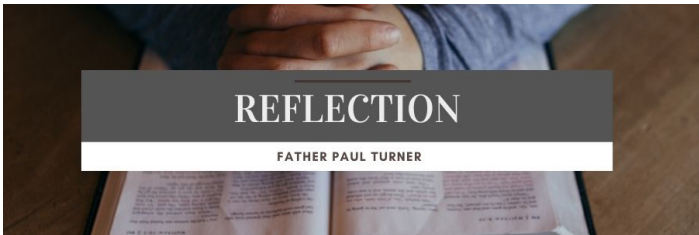
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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 9:1-5

Relative Faith

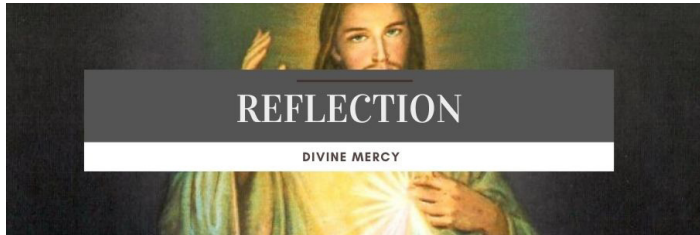
When someone you love is in trouble, you desire their freedom so strongly that you might say, “I would gladly trade places.” For example, parents looking at a sick child in a hospital bed would accept the sickness themselves if they could—if only it would free the child they love. Your love for the afflicted is stronger than the force that renders them helpless.

St. Paul felt this way about those not believing in Christ. He says to the Romans, “I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.”

Paul’s own kindred had not all joined him in faith. Ironically, Jesus had the same kindred. To the Israelites belonged the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the law, the worship, and the promises. Christ was theirs, also, according to the flesh. Paul regretted that his relatives did not all embrace Christ according to the Spirit. He loved these people so much that he was willing to trade places. He loved them more strongly than the forces of unbelief.

In our society many people have still not accepted Christ. They do not hear his voice in the Scriptures. They do not experience his love in the community. They do not lift their voices in prayer. They do not join him at table for the Eucharist. The pain we feel renews our conviction to proclaim Christ.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

The Lazy and Idle Soul

We please the evil one when we allow our souls to become lazy and idle in the things of God. An idle soul is one that does not seek to engage the life of God. An idle soul is one who is passive in spiritual things rather than active. Being “passive,” means that the person is somewhat indifferent to matters of faith and morality. There is little interest in these areas and, as a result, very little effort is given to them. Do not delight the evil one by being idle in your spiritual life. Become zealous, passionate, hard working, diligent and committed to the path of holiness. Seek to meet our Lord, personally, through a life of generous self-surrender to Him. And never tire of doing so with all the powers of your soul (See Diary #1127).

What are you passionate about? For example, do you have some hobby or pastime? Do you have some activity that you love doing and spend much time with? Though a hobby can be healthy, your greatest “pastime” should be that of seeking God and serving His holy Will. Nothing in life should take up more time and focus than your love of God. Reflect upon how determined you are in your life of faith. How committed are you to building a relationship with your merciful Lord? Are you idle or lazy in this area? Renew your zeal for God and allow that zeal to guide you into an ever deepening relationship with your Lord. Give Him more than an hour a week and you will reap the blessings of your commitment.

Lord, I want to be holy. However, I realize that I do not desire holiness enough, preferring instead to be idle and lazy at times. Please increase my zeal and my desire to come to know You more. And as I grow in a deeper love for You, magnify that love and help it to continue growing in an exponential way. May I never tire of seeking You and loving You, dear Lord. I give you my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at: <https://divinemercy.life/2026/08/04/reflection-217-the-lazy-and-idle-soul-2/>)



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Dear Friends in Christ,

“Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

The striking scene of our Lord Jesus Christ saving the sinking St. Peter while the both of them were walking

out on the sea is memorable. What makes this event remarkable is how applicable, by analogy, this moment is to each and everyone of us.

We all have something that we need saving from. Stressors at work, with family, or friends. Health issues whether our own or of loved ones.

The takeaway from this moment is the following line, “Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter.” Our Lord is constantly stretching out His hand to us in order to save us. What’s the issue? We are not grasping onto His extended hand OR we let go.

How strongly are you clasping onto our Lord? How strongly are you putting your trust in Him? How much energy are you expending to meet Him where He can touch you most easily in this life, in His Sacraments?

What are you clasping onto if it’s not the Lord? What is it going to take for you to clasp His hand and not let go?

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 10

6:00 p.m. Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

8:25 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:25 a.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 12

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 13

8:25 a.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins

6:15 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus - Rosary

6:50 p.m. Benediction

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus - Meeting

Friday, August 14

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Assumption Mass @ STB

4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 16

7:30 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mass



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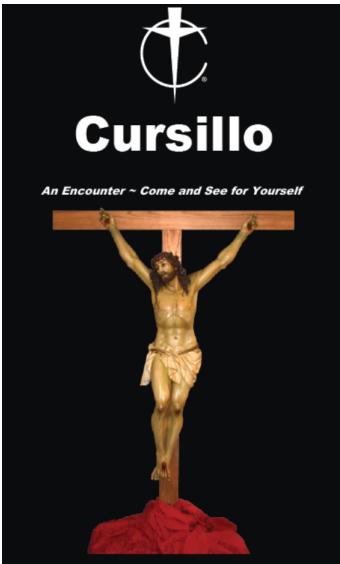


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Oct. 23-25, 2026 - Kansas City, KS



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**PROTECTING GOD'S
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A Diocesan representative is coming to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish parish hall on **Saturday, August 15th, 9 a.m.** to lead us in the **Protecting God's Children workshop**. This is an important and necessary step to being involved with ministry along side minors at the school and parish setting. It's offered at no charge to you and remains current for 5 years.

Please contact Theresa Smith 816-730-0008 if you need help signing up at virtusonline.org

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 449 By attributing to Jesus the divine title “Lord”, the first confessions of the Church’s faith affirm from the beginning that the power, honour and glory due to God the Father are due also to Jesus, because “he was in the form of God”, and the Father manifested the sovereignty of Jesus by raising him from the dead and exalting him into his glory. ”



Register for SOR NOW!

Registration for the 2026-2027 School of Religion School year is open! Register your child/children in the school of religion program and/or sacrament preparation with the online registration form **by August 14, 2026.**

First day of class is Sept. 9, 2026.

If you are interested in being a part of the formation team (at any level of involvement), please reach out at DRE@stbridgetph.org by Monday, August 17, 2026.



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*The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on
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50th Wedding Anniversary falls between
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*The celebration will begin with Mass at the Cathedral of the
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followed by a reception in the new event space – Donnelly Hall.*

Please contact the parish office by August 21st so that we can send your names to the Bishop's office. The event is for couples and their immediate family. Kindly inform us whether you would like to attend the Mass and celebration and how many will be in your party. *If you are unable to attend the Mass, the Bishop would like to acknowledge you through the mail. Parishes are requested to send names, addresses, and wedding date to the Bishop's office.* Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

You are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday Revival Talk
6-7:30pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2026

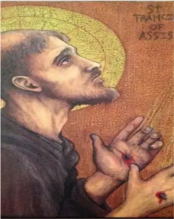


◆ Sister Connie Boulch
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Jubilee Year of
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Proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV,
on this 800th Anniversary of the
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Year of Saint Francis: 'Indulgence is an encounter with God,
not a spiritual shortcut' - Vatican News

◆ Sr. Connie lives out this spousal
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**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23**



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Greetings St. Bridget and St. Patrick Families,

My name is Karen Jones. I am pleased to be the incoming Director of Religious Education at the parishes of St. Patrick and St. Bridget. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Theological Studies. This year, I enter my 30th year of teaching. Ten years were taught in an elementary classroom for the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools, and the rest in the Jones family homeschool. Over my many years of homeschooling, I have participated in cooperative settings as both a teacher and co-director.

My husband, Jason, and I have four daughters, two of whom graduated from Benedictine College: Madeline in 2021 and Emma in 2023. Sarah will be entering her junior year there in August. Our youngest, Abigail, will be a high school senior. September brings an exciting change for us as Emma will marry, and we welcome her fiancé, Jacob, into our family.

One of my favorite quotes comes from St. John Chrysostom, who said, "For indeed, a house is a little church." Indeed, that is true. The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way: "The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity." (CCC 1666) Though I bear the title Director of Religious Education, the hard truth of the matter is that it is you, the parents, who are the actual directors of religious education in your children's lives. It is my privilege to help you with this as you instill the love of Jesus in your children's hearts through your instruction and by living out the practice of faith in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.



In Christ through Mary,
Karen Jones
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Faithful Citizenship and Amendment 3



Presentation by the Office of Life and Justice
Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

Thursday, August 20
6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Presentation Parish
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