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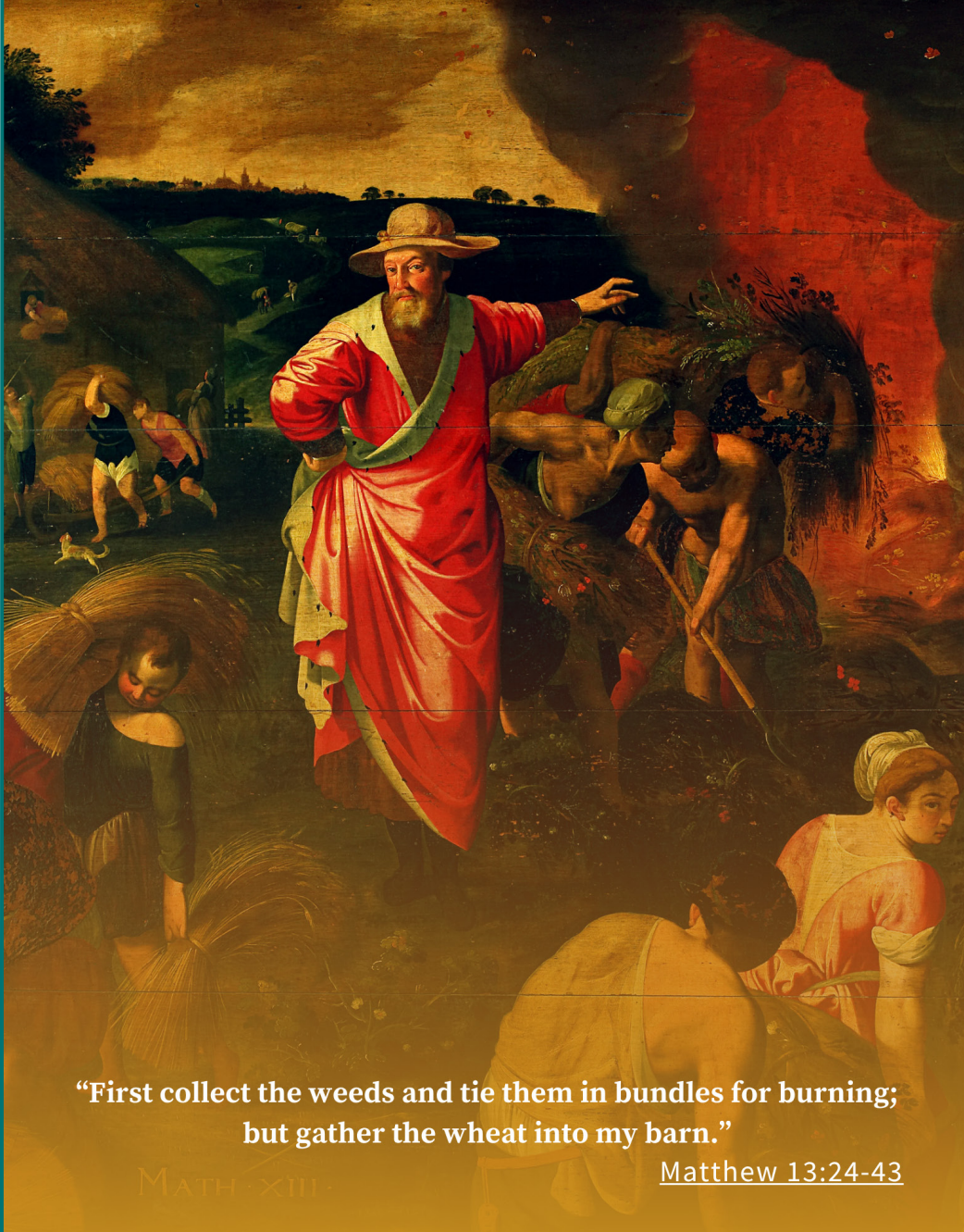
July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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but gather the wheat into my barn."
Matthew 13:24-43

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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 JULY 25	Curtiss S Wiley S	Guy Emhoff	April Riley	Barry Schaller	Fred Hershberger	Kaitlin Long / Derek Olson		CJ's Team July 24		Rick / Charlie Kitchell July 24
SUNDAY JULY 26	Alex H Joseph H Thomas H	TBD	Tim Haake	Tim Long	Olivia Carrasco	David Orson / Judy Wolf	Marijo O'Malley		Stephanie's Team July 27	

AUGUST'S CALENDAR WILL BE
INSERTED NEXT WEEKEND!



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, July 21	9:00 a.m.	† Patricia Wagner by Anne Rasco & Family
Wednesday, July 22	6:00 p.m.	† Paul, Andrew, & Teresa Brownsberger
Thursday, July 23	10:30 a.m.	† Rev. Donald Paa by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Saturday, July 25	5:00 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Bridget
Sunday, July 26	8:00 a.m.	† Bob Dustman by Tim & Laura Long

Special Collections

2026

August 2 Dream Fund Youth Group

August 15 Assumption

August 16 Dioc. Life & Justice Campaign

September 6 Dream Fund Youth Group

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 07/12/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$6348.00	\$1968.13	\$8316.13
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$502.75	\$200.00	\$702.75
Youth Group	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Votive Candle	\$103.00	\$0.00	\$103.00
SC - Catholic Comm.	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Special Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Please remember the Dream Fund. **Month to date: \$702.75**

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Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

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Email: ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org

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.



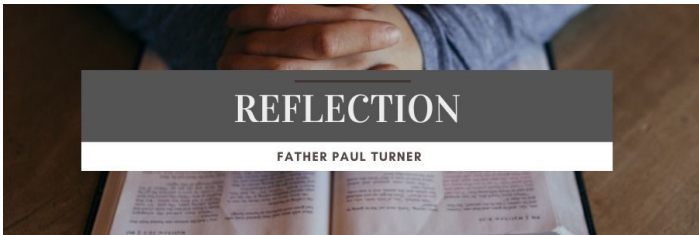
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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 8:26-27

Praying Hard

There are many ways to pray. When alone, we might pray in silence, or meditate on verses from the Bible, or say the rosary, or read from a prayer book. When with others, we may pray before a meal, bow our heads during an invocation, or join in the Mass.

On some days prayer seems less satisfying. It is hard to concentrate. We are distracted by our surroundings or by the affairs of the day. The words do not make much sense. Or we are just too tired.

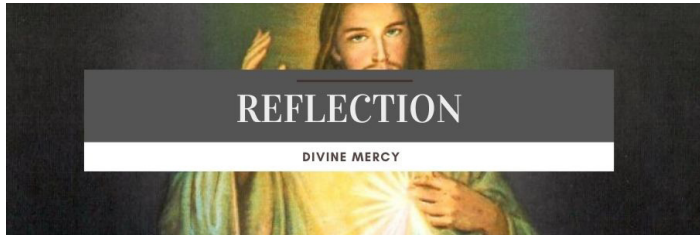
Those troublesome days come, but there are other days when prayer works. We feel drawn into the presence of God. The songs truly give praise. Our needs prompt us to call upon God more directly. The faith of others inspires us. We may feel discouraged by a lesser prayer once we have experienced all that prayer could be.

Even when we cannot pray the way we wish, our prayer still pleases God. When you do something for someone you love, you may not always have the right words, and you may not always select the perfect gift, but the beloved knows what is in your heart.

St. Paul tells the Romans, “The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.” The Spirit intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings.

If we do not feel like prayer, all we have to do is try. The Spirit will take it from there.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

Loving Jesus in Others

We are quite familiar with the Gospel passage, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me” (Matthew 25:40). But do you believe this? If you do, then you will discover that loving Jesus is easy and that you have an opportunity to do so all day long, every time you encounter another. It may be through a kind smile or word. It may be through an act of generosity, forgiveness or service. But whatever you do to another in love, you do to Jesus. This is true. And it’s also true that when we treat another with harshness or a lack of Mercy we wound the Heart of our Lord. This basic truth is easily understood as a concept in our minds, but not so easily understood through our actions. It can be hard to actually see Jesus in another and to believe that we are loving our Lord by our service of them. But just because it’s hard to believe doesn’t mean we should not believe it and live it (See Diary #1029).

Think of the people that you encounter daily. When you look at them, do you see their presence as an invitation to love our Lord? Is it hard to do this? We must believe that Jesus is there, hidden within them, waiting to be loved. Reflect upon your hidden Lord waiting for you in the persons you encounter this day. Do not hesitate to love our Lord through them. For in them, the font of Divine Mercy waits to be opened.

Lord, You desire that I show an abundance of Mercy to those I encounter every day. Give me the grace to see You in them and to love You in each and every person I encounter. May I have the eyes to see You, dear Lord, and as I discover You in others, help me to open my heart to them, loving them with the Mercy You give to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at: <https://divinemercy.life/2026/07/14/reflection-196-loving-jesus-in-others-2/>)



FR. VOGEL'S COLUMN

PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

There are many parables if one were to read the Long Form of the Gospel reading for this Sunday’s Mass. All center on the theme of the Kingdom of God, encompassing both the personal approach from our part in living a good, holy, and virtuous life, and also on the other personal part of spreading the Kingdom of God to those around us.

This last part is something that has been lacking in our Catholic culture in the past 60 years or so. We have had a tendency to think, “I’ll go to Mass, I’ll say my prayers during the week, give to charity every now and then as I’m able, and that should be good enough.” Something along those lines has been the normal Catholic mindset. Notice, it does not include spreading the Kingdom of God/spreading and sharing the Catholic Faith.

It has become so common of a practice that faith is a private issue. No, it’s not. That’s an American idea, not a Catholic idea. It’s counter-cultural in this regard. And there’s no age limit to its practice, except for death. “I’m too old to do that. I’m too young. My job doesn’t let me.” etc. You won’t find in the Bible an age limit nor in any teaching of the Catholic Church. Talking about and spreading the Kingdom of God/the Catholic Faith is for everyone. Some do not like to hear this because it means you have something to do, yet it is the truth. We share the Catholic Faith with joy, whether by something we wear, how we talk, what we see or not see, how we vote, etc.

So, are you spreading the Kingdom of God/sharing the Catholic Faith? It’s time to start, and I advise to start small and build from there.

In Christo et Maria,
Father Vogel



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, July 20

4-8 p.m. Begin set-up of Garage Sale

Tuesday, July 21

8:25 a.m. Confessions
8:25 a.m. Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:00 a.m. Mass

4-8 p.m. Begin set-up of Garage Sale

Wednesday, July 22

4-8 p.m. Begin set-up of Garage Sale

5:25 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass
6:40 p.m. Men’s Group
6:40 p.m. OCIA - Resumes

Thursday, July 23

7am-6pm Parish Garage Sale

8:25 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins
6:50 p.m. Benediction

Friday, July 24

8am-5pm Parish Garage Sale

Saturday, July 25

9am-Noon Parish Garage Sale

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, July 26

7:30 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass



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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2026



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 13 for couples whose 50th Wedding Anniversary falls between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.

The celebration will begin with Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City at 11:00 AM 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.

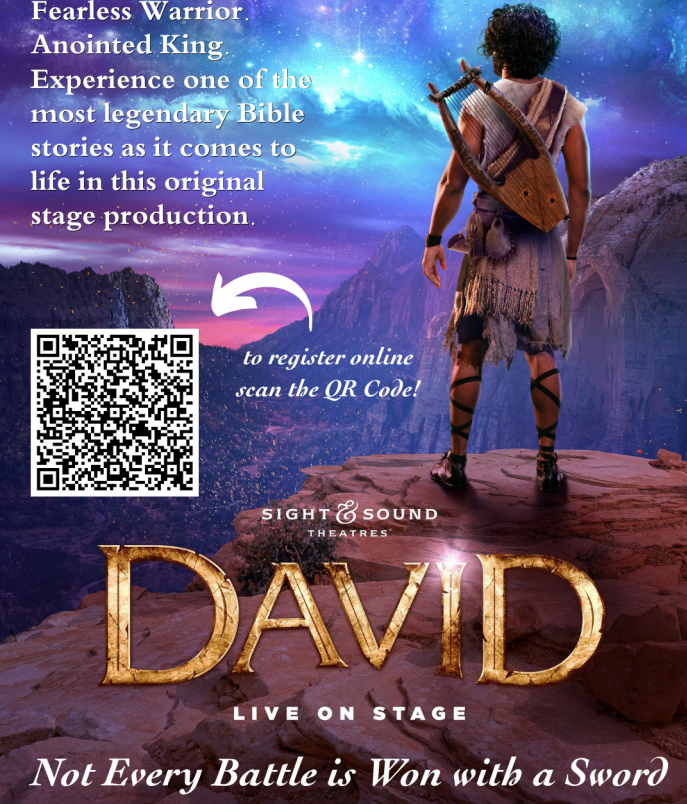
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ANNUAL Garage SALE

July 23-25

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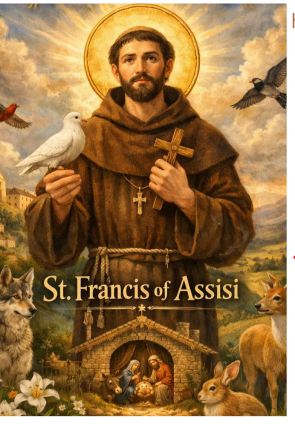
needs your help!

Please consider signing up to help work on Thursday and Saturday during the sale. Sign up sheets are on the oak table.

PLEASE JOIN THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY AS THEY SET UP THE GARAGE SALE, JULY 20TH, 21ST, AND 22ND FROM 4 PM TO 8 PM.

You are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Wednesday Revival Talk

6-7:30pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2026



St. Francis of Assisi

◆ Sister Connie Boulch <https://www.osfholyeucharist.org/> will lead us in reflecting on the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi Proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, on this 800th Anniversary of the Saint's passing.

◆ Year of Saint Francis: 'Indulgence is an encounter with God, not a spiritual shortcut' - Vatican News

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Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 2736 Are we convinced that “we do not know how to pray as we ought”? Are we asking God for “what is good for us”? Our Father knows what we need before we ask him, but he awaits our petition because the dignity of his children lies in their freedom. We must pray, then, with his Spirit of freedom, to be able truly to know what he wants. ”



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