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September 20, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**“Thus, the last will be first,
and the first will be last.”**

Matthew 20:1-16a

Fr. Curt Vogel, Pastor
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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

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00 pm
Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

**Office Closes for Lunch
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26	Emmett T Bennett S	Chris Thornsberry	Liana Kilgore	Mary Adams	Shirley Baldwin	Kaitlin Long / TBA				Rick & Charlie Kitchell September 25
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27	Richard B	Mark Bock	Scott Bennett	Don Ring	Chris Porter	David Orson / Judy Wolf	DJ Breitbach		Stephanie's Team September 28	

OCTOBER'S CALENDAR WILL BE
INSERTED NEXT WEEKEND!



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, September 22	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday, September 23	6:00 p.m.	† Patricia Wagner by Anne Rasco & Family
Thursday, September 24	9:00 a.m.	† Rev. Richard Sallee by Gary & Katy Crabtree
Saturday, September 26	5:00 p.m.	† John Storms by Rick & Sara Kitchell
Sunday, September 27	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Bridget

Special Collections

**2026
September 20 Latin America**

October 4	Dream Fund Youth Group
October 18	Mission Sunday
November 1	Dream Fund Youth Group All Saints

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**.

GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

OFFER RIGHT SACRIFICES & PUT YOUR TRUST IN THE LORD. PS 4:1

Week ending 09/13/2026	Collection	EFT	Total
St. Bridget Parish	\$4666.00	\$110.50	\$4776.50
Dream Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dream Fund MTD	\$607.75	\$0.00	\$607.75
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Votive Candle	\$122.00	\$0.00	\$122.00
SC - Latin America	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ext. Colleciton - SOR	\$0.00	\$82.20	\$85.20
Special Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Please remember the Dream Fund. **Month to date: \$607.75**

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Rev. Mr. Corey Morgan, Deacon
cdean.morgan@gmail.com

Tim Long, Business and Operations Manager
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Sara Kitchell, Parish Secretary
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Karen Jones / Natalie Sadler, Director of Religious Education
DRE@StBridgetPH.org

Kaitlin Long, Director of Music Liturgy

Position OPEN, High School Youth Director

Henry Saubers, Parish Custodian

Parish Leadership

ST. BRIDGET FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL

Mark Bock
Michelle Carrasco
Gary Crabtree
Bob Dostal
Rick Kitchell
Robert Radmacher

Office of Child & Youth Protection

Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Phone: 816-714-2357
Email: victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

Independent Ombudsman:
Phone: 816-213-6024
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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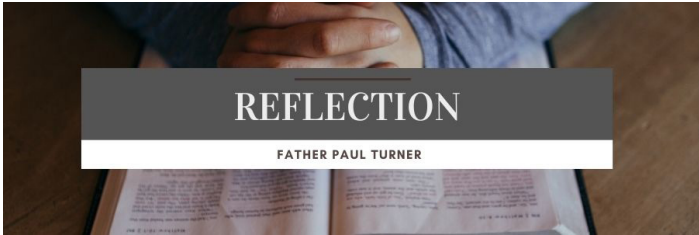
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REFLECTION

FATHER PAUL TURNER

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matter of Life and Death

When death threatens to overtake us, we fight for life. We love the life we have received from God. We treasure it. We make every effort to preserve it. As Christians, we do not fear death. We believe it leads to peace. But we do not advance death either.

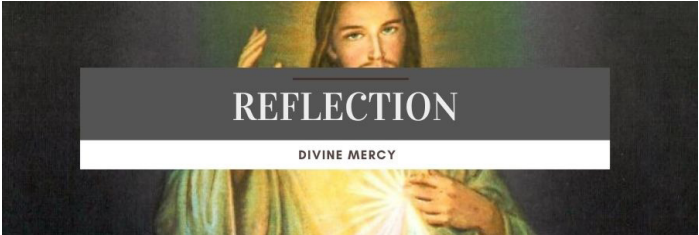
People who have no fear of death are awesome figures. At their best, they risk their lives for their family, their faith, or their country. But simpler heroes choose not to fight the approach of death, whether it comes by stealth of disease or by the onslaught of an enemy's hand.

It is riveting to hear the opening of St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians: "For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. ... I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit."

Death or life—Paul could take either one. His life helped people who needed his example and preaching. But his death would bring him to Christ. Given the choice, Paul preferred living in Christ. After all, his work had brought more than its share of torment and torture. Glorious peace awaited him. But he had work to do, and he accepted it.

We fight to preserve our lives, but in faith we accept what awaits us in death. Life is Christ. Death is gain.

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REFLECTION

DIVINE MERCY

The Beauty of the Humble Soul

What is it that makes someone beautiful? More than anything else it is the virtue of humility. Humility is exceptionally attractive. Though some may not be that impressed with the humble soul at first, over time, humility will draw even the most arrogant and self-centered person to itself. It's hard to ignore the deep attractiveness of a humble soul because God is intimately present in that person. In fact, it could almost be said that God would do anything that a humble soul asks. It's as if humility imposes an obligation upon God to bestow extraordinary graces through their lowly heart. Humility is a complete self-emptying of oneself before God and others. The result is that the person "disappears" and all that is left is God. God shines through the humble more radiantly than the person filled with the greatest talents. Humble yourself before God. The lower you go, the more God shines through and the more His Mercy is bestowed (See Diary #1306).

Do you seek to be humble? Or do you tend to exert yourself and make yourself the center of attention? The irony is that, as the Scripture says, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk. 14:11). So many of the great saints are perfect examples of this in that their focus was love of God and love of others, but in the end these great saints were often lifted high for others to see. Seek to be one of those great saints by humbling yourself this day. Ponder humility and convince yourself of its value. Through it the beauty and Mercy of God will shine forth.

Lord, I know I am full of pride at times and that pride keeps me from admitting this fact. Please humble me and help me to lower myself before Your infinite majesty. Give me the grace to seek you above all things and to give You all the glory and honor. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at: <https://divinemercy.life/2026/09/15/reflection-259-the-beauty-of-the-humble-soul-2/>)



FR. VOGEL'S COLUMN

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We now officially kick off this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, known as the ACA. This is the annual diocese wide appeal to help support the various offices at the diocese because in turn these same various offices at the diocese help us at our parishes.

I cannot emphasize enough the great importance the diocese has been to our parishes. They provide the extra layer of much needed guidance that is vastly needed that our parishes cannot handle on their own. They have helped me as the priest, Tim Long as our business manager, Sara Kitchell as our parish secretary, and Bill Kennedy as our Administrative Assistant in so many ways with so many different tasks that are all part of parish life. In other words, as much as your money is going to the diocese, your money to the diocese in the Annual Catholic Appeal helps us immensely at the parishes throughout the entire calendar year.

Last year, both parishes did an outstanding job in the Annual Catholic Appeal. I pray we may have a repeat of that same experience for the sake of aiding our parishes thanks to your funds helping the diocese who in turn helps us at our parishes. Whatever you may give, thank you. It truly helps us a lot at the parishes, and God bless you for your generosity.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 21

Tuesday, September 22

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 23

5:25 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. SOR: (starting w/ Mass)
6:15 p.m. Women of Faith
6:40 p.m. Men's Group
6:40 p.m. OCIA

Thursday, September 24

8:25 a.m. Confesions
9:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration Begins
6:50 p.m. Benediction (*w/ Deacon Morgan*)

Friday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, September 26

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass
5:00 p.m.  **Fish Fry & Mouse Races**

Sunday, September 27

7:30 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Bishop's Volunteer Recognition Mass & Reception
(at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception)
Congratulations! Gary Crabtree & Don Ring



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Contact us after Mass by visiting stbridgetknights.org or speak with any Knight wearing a name badge. We'd love to visit with you!

STARTING THIS WEEK GET YOUR ADVANCED DINNER TICKETS AND BEEF RAFFLE TICKETS AFTER MASS.

For ever adult ticket purchased before October 25th, receive a free beef raffle ticket for a chance to win the side of beef!

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SUNDAY - OCTOBER 25, 2026

Dinner: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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October 23-25, 2026
 June 11-13, 2027
 August 27-29, 2027
 November 19-21, 2027

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“ 021 Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. the parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul - a destiny which can be different for some and for others. ”

Mary, Mother of Life
Pray for us!

October is Respect Life Month in the US for the Catholic Church.

Sunday October 4th the National Life Chain is taking place in our area in Blue Springs - at the corner of 40 Hwy and 7 Hwy from 1-2pm.

Parishioners from St. Robert, St. John La Lalande, St. Patrick and St. Bridget have participated in the past as well as other congregations from different faiths to stand for Life.

Pro-Life signs will be available to hold.

We pray and stand silently together for that one hour period.
Parking available at Kennedy Jewelry parking lot.

Please contact Thonya Kennedy for details or questions 816-308-2695.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St Bridget and St Patrick parishes will pray for the end to Abortion and for change of hearts on the sidewalk outside the Women's Health Abortion facility in Overland Park participating in the 40 Days for Life Campaign.

- **Where:** Center for Women's Health abortion facility; 4840 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66211
- **Vigil hour:** Saturday | 10 am to 11 am | October 10, 2026
- **Car pooling is available. Bring a friend.**

For questions and details, please contact Thonya Kennedy at thonyakennedy@yahoo.com or (816)308-2695

ST BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

SILENT AUCTION

NEED YOUR HELP!

St. Bridget Autumn Fest Committee is asking for already made up baskets or item donations for baskets for this year's silent auction. Please drop off any donations (with description, your name, and approximate value of donation), during mass time in the vestibule by the elevator or bring them to the parish office during weekly office hours (9-4 M-TH or 9-3 F).

ACA

2026 - 2027

Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH

Last weekend, we invited you to reflect and pray about the blessings God has entrusted to you. This weekend, as we embrace the call to **Take. Bless. Break. Share.**, we invite you to prayerfully make your commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal. As you consider your gift, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your response and how you are called to share God's blessings with others throughout our diocesan Church.

Scan here to donate to the 2026-2027 Annual Catholic Appeal

For questions or assistance, please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at 816-756-1850 or email stewardship@diocesekcsj.org.

ST. BRIDGET PARISH

2026-27 DOLLAR GOAL \$15,897.84

2026-27 PARTICIPATION GOAL 64 FAMILIES





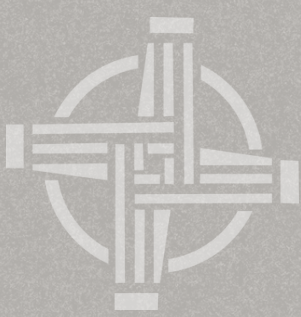
COME

JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU!

**Starting October 1st the 3:00 p.m. Adoration
time is currently unoccupied.**

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE prayerful consider
spending an hour with the Lord in the Blessed
Sacrament each Thursday from 3 pm to 4 pm.**

**Contact the parish office at 816.540.4563 or
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if you are available for this time slot.**



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Fall Fish Fry & Mouse Races

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Date:

Saturday, September 26, 2026
St. Bridget Catholic Church

lower level in parish hall

Time:

Meal | 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Races approximately 7 pm

Cost:

\$15 - Adult | \$5 - Kids (6-12)

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Menu:

Fish - Fried, Grilled, Baked
Baked Potato, Mac N Cheese
Green Beans, & Cole Slaw
Dessert
Tea, Lemonade, & Water