

# Pastoral Bulletin



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## July Pastoral Bulletin: JULY and AUGUST Events

*One Family:*

*RESTORED IN CHRIST - EQUIPPED FOR MISSION*

### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

#### 1) MASS OBLIGATION

Please encourage participation in our “Come Home to Communion,” welcoming parishioners and others back to Sunday Masses. The **general dispensation for everyone from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation was removed on June 1.**

For additional criteria and resources, visit <https://kcsjatholic.org/comehome/>

#### 2) CHRISTMAS/HOLY FAMILY, DAYS OF PRECEPT

**For Pastors/Liturgists to begin planning accordingly:**

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) obligation may be filled from Friday evening of December 24 through any time Saturday, December 25:

- Vigil Mass of the Nativity
- Mass during the Night (celebrated at any time)
- Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 25

**AND** – a separate obligation, no two-fers by a single Saturday afternoon Mass:  
Holy Family

- Afternoon/evening Masses on December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity)
- Morning/afternoon/evening Masses on December 26

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **“COME HOME TO COMMUNION”**

The Office of Communications has officially launched the “Come Home to Communion” campaign and an online tool kit is available to all diocesan parishes. The tool kit is intended for parish use, while all public facing information can be found on the main campaign website at [www.kcsjcatholic.org/comehome](http://www.kcsjcatholic.org/comehome). To access the parish tool kit, please visit [www.kcsjcatholic.org/parishtoolkit](http://www.kcsjcatholic.org/parishtoolkit). Parishes may also wish to review the May 24 Zoom call and demo for more details. Please contact the Office of Communications to request the link or a private demo of the tool kit site. We look forward to working with you to spread the message that it is time to “Come Home to Communion.”

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF DIOCESAN ARCHIVES**

The Office of Diocesan Archives proudly announces the release of *Catholic Kansas City* written by diocesan archivist, Dr. Zach Daughtrey, with Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr., penning the book’s forward. Published through Arcadia Publishing as part of their popular *Images of America* series, *Catholic Kansas City* is a pictorial history tracing the earliest foundations of Catholicism in Kansas City during the 1830s up through the second renovation of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in 2003. Chapters exploring parishes, diocesan bishops, Catholic education, and more are included in the manuscript. *Catholic Kansas City* released on April 5 are available for \$21.99. To purchase a copy, contact either Zach Daughtrey, 816.714.2365, [daughtrey@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:daughtrey@diocesekcsj.org) or Deacon Ralph Wehner, 816.714.2334, [wehner@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:wehner@diocesekcsj.org).

## **UPDATED 2022 SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Please find the **updated** 2022 Second Collections schedule on the last page of this Pastoral Bulletin.

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL – CHANCELLOR**

### **1) WORLD DAY for GRANDPARENTS and the ELDERLY**

First annual day is scheduled for July 25, “I Am With You Always” (Mt 28:20), <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/pastoral-resources-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly21.html> (see ‘Pastoral Kit’ links particularly on Pastoral Guidelines, Liturgy Notes and Prayer) expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic days.

## **2) YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

More information and updating of a special page on our diocesan website to celebrate, engage and honor this Patron of the Universal Church and our diocesan city, too, check out <https://kcsjatholic.org/year-of-st-joseph/>.

Bishop Johnston continues to highly encourage and recommend household units pray the Litany of St. Joseph.

## **3) PRIEST AND DEACON ASSIGNMENT CHANGES/VIRTUS UPDATE**

Priests and Deacons – If you received an assignment change, please log into your VIRTUS® accounts and update your information (location, role, email).

## **4) DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021-2022 EDITION**

Time has come again to submit your changes for the Diocesan Directory. When submitting changes please be very specific and include the following: Any personnel additions/deletions, and changes to titles, emails, phone numbers and extensions, if applicable.

Submissions may be sent via the following channels:

▶ Email: [blando@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:blando@diocesekcsj.org) (preferred method) (can be either scanned copies of your current page with changes or your changes outlined in text of an email)

▶ Mail a copy of your current page with any indicated changes to: Barbara Blando, Catholic Chancery, PO Box 419037, Kansas City, MO 64141-6037.

**Deadline for changes is: August 6**

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP –**

<https://kcsjatholic.org/sacredworship/>

### **1) PROPER SOLEMNITIES: PARISH CHURCH TITLES**

St. Benedict, Burlington Junction (July 11, replacing the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT this year); St. James, Liberty (July 25, replacing the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT this year); St. Ann, Excelsior Springs (July 26); St. Ann, Independence (July 26); and St. Ann, Plattsburg (July 26).

### **2) PROPER SOLEMNITIES: PARISH CHURCH DEDICATION ANNIVERSARIES**

St. Francis Xavier, Kansas City (July 4, replacing the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT this year); Sacred Heart, Kansas City (July 12); St. Sabina, Belton (July 12); and St. Bartholomew, Windsor (July 19).

### **3) NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK, JULY 25-31**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops promotes a week on awareness of Natural Family Planning. The prayer resources include homily notes and petitions for the prayer of the faithful

<https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/prayer-and-liturgy>.

### **4) SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS, JULY 29**

Pope Francis has renamed the Memorial on July 29 to include Saints Mary and Lazarus together with Saint Martha

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2021/02/02/210202c.html>. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced a printable sheet of antiphons and prayers <https://www.usccb.org/resources/sts-martha-mary-lazarus-interim-texts-english.pdf>.

### **5) DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF FARM ANIMALS, AUGUST 3**

The diocesan annual day of prayer for blessing farm animals is August 3. Father Paul Turner, Director of the Office of Divine Worship, will preside for one diocesan celebration at Immaculate Conception Church in Montrose at 7:00 p.m. Jerusalem Farm will host an additional celebration also at 7:00 p.m. at 520 Garfield, Kansas City, 64124, featuring their chickens and bees. Owners of any animals are invited to bring them for an outdoor blessing at either location. Other parishes and all households are encouraged to remember the animal farming community on this day. Although the blessing of these animals does not take place during Mass, a ritual may be found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 25. Resources for homes and parishes are available on the website of the Office of Divine Worship under Events and Workshops.

### **6) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION, SEPTEMBER 1**

In conjunction with Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Roman Catholic Church observes September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Parishes are encouraged to include prayers and songs for creation in the liturgy and use the presidential prayers from the missal's Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor from the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions (no. 26; see especially the second Collect of formulary A), as well as readings from Volume IV of the lectionary from the mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911. The Office of Divine Worship especially recommends Genesis 2:4b-9, 15 and Psalm 90:2, 3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 16 (see nos. 907-2 and 909-1, respectively).

## **7) GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES, SEPTEMBER 26**

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. There will be no reception this year. You may submit the list of your parish jubilarian couples to [sage@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:sage@diocesekcsj.org) through September 15.

## **8) REGISTRATION OPEN FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

The third annual "In His Presence" Eucharistic Congress will be held September 10 and 11 at St. Thomas More Parish in Kansas City. Registration is now open here: <https://kcsjatholic.org/Eucharistic-Congress/>.

## **9) LITURGY AND MUSIC JOB POSTINGS**

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions offers job postings related to liturgy and music positions <https://www.fdlc.org/content/job-posting>. These are free to member dioceses such as ours. If you are hiring, you may send a succinct Word document to [rita@fdlc.org](mailto:rita@fdlc.org). The posting will remain on the FDLC website for sixty days or until the position is filled.

## **MINISTRY TRAINING SESSIONS**

### **1) EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, JULY 15**

Father Paul Turner will lead the training of communion ministers at St. Therese Parish, North, on Thursday, July 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. New and experienced ministers are welcome to attend.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/15Therese>.

### **2) EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, SEPTEMBER 8**

Father Paul Turner will lead the training of communion ministers at St. Mark Parish in Independence on Wednesday, September 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. New and experienced ministers are welcome to attend.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8StMark>

### **3) READERS, SEPTEMBER 29**

Mary Pat Storms will lead the training of readers at St. Mark Parish in Independence on Wednesday, September 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. New and experienced ministers are welcome to attend.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/29StMark>

## **FROM THE DIACONATE OFFICE**

Men, have you ever considered a new way to serve God and the Church? Has the Holy Spirit touched your heart to consider a vocation as a deacon? Wives, do you see the gifts of ordained ministry in your husband and in your marriage?

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 Office of the Diaconate will be providing information and discernment sessions throughout the diocese in Summer/Fall 2021, with the intention of beginning the next deacon formation class in January/February 2022.

The formation period is a time of discernment. If you would like to find out more information about serving the Church as a deacon, visit [www.kcsjatholic.org/office-of-the-diaconate/](http://www.kcsjatholic.org/office-of-the-diaconate/) to view requirements, even an on-line inquiry form. Once completed, one of the Deacon Directors will reach out and answer questions. Or you may call the Diaconate Office at 816.714.2302.

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION**

### **1) JOURNEY TO BETHANY DIRECTOR NAMED**

Please welcome Jennifer Prusa to the newly formed Journey to Bethany Director position as a part of the Office of Child and Youth Protection. Jennifer has served in the association management and planning fields where she worked to develop programs and events.

### **2) PRIEST AND DEACON ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

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### **3) TRAINING UPDATES**

a. **VIRTUS 4.0 IS BEING RELEASED:** On **July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Chancery**, VIRTUS® Facilitators are coming together to receive updated training materials and refresher training from Crispin Montelione, Associate Director with VIRTUS® programs, and Don Stubbings, diocesan Safe Environment Program Coordinator. *Protecting God's Children for Adults - 4.0* contains updated curriculum, videos as well as new content.

b. **VIRTUS® *Protecting God's Children for Adults* – 'LIVE' training resumes** Once our facilitators have received updated training content and materials, 'live' training workshops will resume throughout the diocese. If you have any questions, contact Don Stubbings at [stubbings@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:stubbings@diocesekcsj.org).

### **4) PASTORAL RECOGNITION**

Congratulations to Father Paul Turner being honored by the 2021 CMA Book Awards for "*Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and for the Healing for All*".

<https://catholicpress.secure-platform.com/a/gallery/rounds/30/details/29569>

## **FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE**

### **1) LEGION OF MARY CENTENNIAL MASSES**

The worldwide organization of the Legion of Mary will be celebrating their centennial on September 7. In celebration of this milestone Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Legion of Mary curia of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph invites all priests in the diocese to offer a Mass in honor of the Legion of Mary on a date of their choice. If you would be willing to offer a Mass for this intention, please inform Sherry Kutz by call or text at 217.260.7338 or email [relivfan@yahoo.com](mailto:relivfan@yahoo.com) of the date and location of your Mass.

### **2) UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST SERIES**

#### **August 10-14**

The next Freedom in Christ series will be offered at St. Mary Parish, 600 N Liberty Street, Independence, 64050. The dates are Tuesday-Friday, August 10-13, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 14, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for materials. Based on the book *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* by Neal Lozano, Unbound Ministry is a way of prayer that empowers a person to open their hearts and respond more fully to Jesus' invitation of abundant life. More information about Unbound, visit [www.heartofthefather.com](http://www.heartofthefather.com). To register or ask questions, [unbound.kc@gmail.com](mailto:unbound.kc@gmail.com).

### **3) THRIVE ONLINE!**

#### **Remaining 2021 sessions: June 25-August 22 & September 10-November 7**

Pastors and marriage preparation directors: all Thrive marriage preparation sessions are currently being offered as a self-paced online course, available over an eight-week period, fulfilling steps 3, 4, and 5 of the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Instructors will provide customized feedback during the course. Please note that couples may register for a course any time prior to the deadline date posted as long as they are able to complete the course by the deadline. The course contains approximately 30 hours of classwork. Couples may register for the session of their choice at: [www.kcsjfamily.org/thrive](http://www.kcsjfamily.org/thrive).

For more information, the Family Life Office at [marquis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:marquis@diocesekcsj.org).

### **4) GOD'S PLAN FOR A THRIVING MARRIAGE**

Pastors and marriage preparation directors: this is an online, self-paced course that fulfills STEP 3 of the diocesan marriage preparation requirements in lieu of our previous program, God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage.

Couples should register online at [www.kcsifamily.org/Godsplan](http://www.kcsifamily.org/Godsplan). The cost for the program is \$50. For information, Family Life Office at [marquis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:marquis@diocesekcsj.org).

### **5) RETROUVAILLE**

For marriages in crisis, *Retrouvaille* has a proven track record of 80% success rate among couples who attend the weekend program and all 12 post sessions. Couples will find help and hope for their marriages during the weekend, and the follow-up post sessions.

For more information about upcoming weekends in Kansas City, [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org), call 816.505.0510 or email [2017@retrouvaille.org](mailto:2017@retrouvaille.org).

### **6) MY HOUSE WORKSHOP FOR MEN**

#### **Next Workshop: August 19-21**

A 3-day confidential, intensive for men striving to overcome and heal from unwanted sexual behaviors. It is geared to maximize your investment of time and money, as well as enhance any work you might have started or jump start your journey towards healing.

The next weekend will be held at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109. For more information and to register, <https://centerforhealingkc.com/my-house/my-house-workshop>.

### **FROM THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE – [www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org)**

#### **1) “NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION!”**

[Sign the petition](#) to tell members of the U.S. Congress who are trying to force Americans to pay for abortion. Proudly display a [Flyer](#) (*Español*) and distribute a [Fact Sheet](#) (*Español*) or [Action Plan](#) (*Español*) in your parish as well to help spread the word.

#### **2) RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT ~ July 23-25**

Since 2011 in our area, women and men experiencing the pain of a past abortion decision have found physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through the safe and confidential weekend retreats offered through Rachel’s Vineyard. For addition information, please visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). To learn more about upcoming local retreats, please call 816.679.4973 or email [rvkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:rvkcmo@gmail.com).

#### **3) PROJECT JOSEPH HEALING FOR MEN ~ A Project Rachel team member who has walked the path of healing and hope will soon be leading Bible studies for men suffering regret after abortion. To learn more, or to sign up, call 816-591-3804 or visit [www.projectrachelkc.com/help-for-men/](http://www.projectrachelkc.com/help-for-men/).**

#### **4) GABRIEL PROJECT ~ WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED**

Women facing an unplanned pregnancy often feel judged and alone, but it does not have to be that way. Our Church is reaching out to offer support to women, babies, and families through the Gabriel Project ministry. Visit [gabrielprojectkc.com](http://gabrielprojectkc.com) to see how your parish might get involved. For more information, Teresa at [thoepner@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:thoepner@diocesekcsj.org) or 816.714.2375.

#### **FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE – [www.humanrightskcsj.org](http://www.humanrightskcsj.org)**

##### **1) VIA IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

The Human Rights Office regularly hosts training and informational sessions for volunteers and donors interested in helping individuals and families within the local immigrant community who are in need of assistance. For more information, Raiza at [guevara@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:guevara@diocesekcsj.org) or 816.756.1850, x521.

##### **2) MAX PRISON & JAIL MINISTRY PEN PALS**

Pen Pals change lives. If you are over 18 and can commit to writing one letter each month for a year to someone who is incarcerated, please join us. Our program is safe, and all directions are provided. To learn more, Bill Francis at 816.714.2367 or [francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:francis@diocesekcsj.org).

##### **3) PARISH LIFE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES**

Would you like to start a parish ministry of prayer and worship, education, pastoral care, or public policy advocacy dedicated to one or more contemporary social concerns? Is your parish or Catholic organization in need of informational brochures with clear concise guidance on Church teaching? Not sure where to start? If so, please email [francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:francis@diocesekcsj.org) or call 816.714.2367.

#### **FROM PRECIOUS BLOOD RENEWAL CENTER**

##### **SAVE THE DATE: RCIA INQUIRERS and SPONSORS RETREAT**

November 6, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., will be a retreat to introduce inquirers and sponsors with others in area parishes on the same journey to appreciate relationships at various levels including a personal relationship with God, with fellow parishioners as members of the Body of Christ and what Church membership vis-à-vis other membership means through various tools and discernment processes.

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop,

*Reverend Kenneth A. Riley*

Very Reverend Kenneth A. Riley, JCL  
Vicar General – Chancellor

**2022 SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph**

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<b><u>Account Number</u></b>		<b><u>2022</u></b>
2315	Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) <i>and</i> Black and Indian Missions Appeal	January 16
2335	Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal (CCEAA)	February 20
2310	Catholic Relief Service ( <i>a.k.a. American Bishops' Overseas Aid</i> )	March 27
2345	Holy Land (Good Friday)	April 15
2378	Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund	May 15
2370	Peter's Pence	June 5
2325	Communications	June 19
2332	Diocesan Life and Justice	August 21
2350	Church in Latin America	September 18
2355	Mission Sunday	October 23
2385	Archdiocese for Military Services	November 13
2375	Religious Retirement	December 11

**THE FORMULA FOR THIS SCHEDULE  
WAS APPROVED BY BISHOP JAMES V. JOHNSTON, Jr.  
FEBRUARY 1, 2021.**