

## FROM FATHER TOTTON'S DESK

Center at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. This phase of training necessitates my absence from the parish for nearly two months from mid-March – early May. Though this is typically a very busy and important time in the life of the Church, I have made arrangements to see that you are not left without a shepherd during the final weeks of Lent, Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter!

**Fr. Paul Richardson** will be staying in the rectory at St. Ann's from March 9 through April 8 (The Sunday after Easter). During that time, he will cover weekend *and* daily Masses as well as confessions and will be generally available for other parish-based priestly ministry. Fr. Richardson is a retired priest of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. His family has a long history of Naval service, so he was pleased to be able to come to provide coverage during my absence due to Navy Reserve commitments.

During the second month, local priests will provide weekend coverage for Mass and confessions, but there will be **no weekday Masses from April 9 – May 11**. I will also make arrangements with local priests to cover other priestly needs (anointing of the sick, funerals, etc.) during this time.

**Saturday Mass change** – Effective March 10, 2018, we will no longer offer the 6pm Saturday Mass at St. Joseph Parish in Easton, MO. Declining attendance at the Saturday Mass is the primary reason for this decision. Canon law allows a priest to celebrate multiple Masses on a weekend when there is a demonstrated need – for example: a greater number of faithful wishing to attend Mass than can be accommodated by the church building at one time. That need does not currently exist in Easton. I would encourage those parishioners who have faithfully attended the Saturday evening Mass for many years to join us at 8am on Sundays. I recognize that some people make use of Saturday evening Mass because they are otherwise simply unable to attend Mass on Sunday morning and I would invite them to join us at St. Ann's in Plattsburg where I will continue to offer the 4pm Mass each Saturday. If neither of these options works for you, you might consider attending Mass at one of the parishes in St. Joseph, MO, all of which offer at least one Saturday evening Mass. **The final 6pm Saturday evening Mass at St. Joseph Parish will be offered on Saturday, March 3, 2018.**

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**Fr. Joseph Totton**

**Administrator**

**P.O. Box 197**

**107 North Shortridge**

**Easton, MO 64443**

**816-294-9841 - Fr. Joe's cell**

### Mass Times

**Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am**

**Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass**

**Office 816-473-2011**

### Mission Statement

**We the members of Saint Joseph Catholic parish, will strive to be the reflection of Jesus in this particular time and place.**

### Cemetery Board

*Ed Fisher*

*Mike Roth*

*Steve White*

### Parish & Finance Councils

*Jim Adams*

*Stacy Brown*

*Jim Ingle*

*Rosalie Ingle*

*Tony Kauzlarich*

*Marge Kinney*

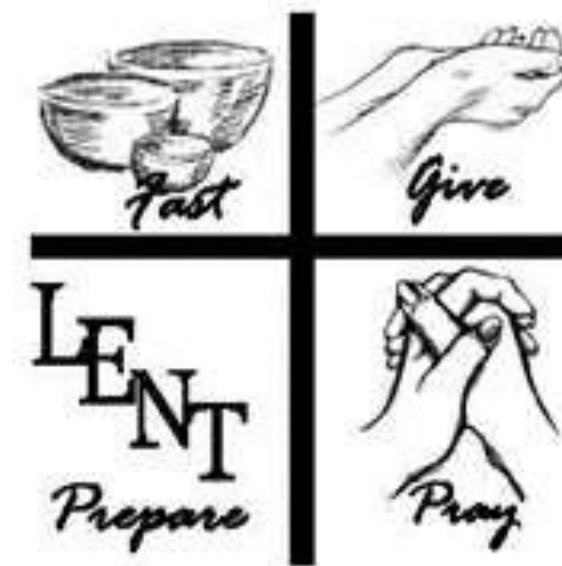
*Julie Moran*

*Dennis Ottinger*

*Jordan Roth*

*Mike Roth*

*Wayne Weipert*



## 1st Sunday of Lent



### Guidelines for Lenten Fasting and Abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **Fasting**. This applies to *all Catholics aged 18-59, inclusive.*

One full meal is permitted each day and two other meals may be taken which, combined, are less than a full meal. Catholics are *encouraged to fast on other days.*

All Fridays, as well as Ash Wednesday, are days of **Abstinence.**

This applies to all Catholics aged 14 and older. One may not eat meat (beef, pork, fowl, etc.) on these days, though fish (and seafood) is permitted.

### Season of Lent

**During this Lenten season St. Ann's - Plattsburg will be having Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6 pm.**



**Holy Thursday - St. Ann's Plattsburg - 7 pm**

**Good Friday - St Joseph's Easton - 7 pm**

**Easter Vigil - St. Ann's - 8 pm**

**Easter - St. Joseph's - 8 am**

**St. Ann's - 10 am**

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Website: [stjosepheaston.org](http://stjosepheaston.org)

Fr. Joe's email: [fathertotton@gmail.com](mailto:fathertotton@gmail.com)

Office Manager: Marge Kinney

Hall Rental: Marge Kinney

### To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816-812-2500

Victims' Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816-392-0011

[chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)

February 18, 2018



## Ministry Schedule

### February 18- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Hubert Gregory

**Lectors:** Scott Antle & Jan Pottier

**Ministers:** Wayne Weipert

**Counters:** Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

### February 25- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Jim Ingle

**Lectors:** Bonnie Gregory & Jim Ingle

**Ministers:** Paul Pottier

**Counters:** Paul & Jan Pottier

### Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, Feb 17 + Harrington Family

By: Ann Burton

#### Sunday, Feb 18 + Marilyn Harwood

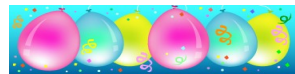
By: Jan Pottier

#### Saturday, Feb 24 + Margaret Seifert

By: Steve & Pat Culver

#### Sunday, Feb 25 + Ermajean & Ronnie LaFollette

By: LaFollette Family



### BIRTHDAY

Lauren Kempf	Feb 18th
Miles Mitchell	Feb 20th
Keith Cantrell	Feb 21st
Killan Klein	Feb 25th
Matt Dixon	Feb 25th

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**

### DEFIBULATOR

Our parish has been gifted with a heart defibulator from Fr. George Ssebadduka priest of our diocese. Fr. has a foundation set up that he needed to gift a parish with a defibulator and he chose us.

A thank you letter acknowledging his gift has been sent. All our teachers have been instructed in its use and when I return we will have instructions from Doug Ottinger.



### Mark your Calendars!

**Parish & Finance Council:** March 8th- 6 pm Rectory

**Altar Society:** Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

**Hand Linens:** Jan/Feb: Jan Pottier

**Donut Sunday:** March 4 - Nannette Wolford

**Knights of Columbus:** 5067-1st & 3rd Thursday 7 pm

**Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm**

**Dan Morey, Grand Knight**

**Recitation of Rosary - 2nd weekend of the month  
20 minutes before Mass**



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more info.

### THANK YOU

Many Thanks, Blessings and Love to the St. Joseph Parish for the annual Baby Valentine Shower.

The gifts, prayers and kind words help our families greatly.

My deepest appreciation!

MarianneBrachman

Catholic Charities of KC/St. Joseph

### 2018 Donut Sunday Sign Up Sheet

On the back bulletin board is the sign up sheet for Donut Sunday for 2018. Please sign up!

## Weekend Collection Feb 3 & 4, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,101 Plate: \$134

**Total Parish: \$ 1,235**

**2nd Collection: Feb 17 & 18 - Catholic Charities  
Emergency Assistance Appeal (CCEAA)**

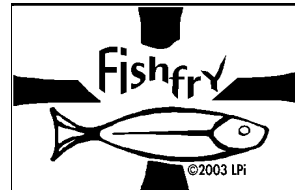
**Feb To Date: \$ 1,235.00**

**FebBudget: \$ 7,491.66**

**Year-To-Date: \$ 66,460.77**

**Year Budget: \$101,800.00**

**Thank You for your continued support of  
St. Joseph Parish.**



### LENTEN FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus Council 5067  
in St Joseph

will be having their Annual Fish Fry.

The fish fry will be held on all Fridays during Lent except Good Friday.

The Knights will start serving at 5 PM to 7:30 PM at their Council Hall, 1205 North 49th Terrace.

They will be serving a choice of:

Seafood Fettuccine Alfredo; Fried Catfish Filets.

Their fabulous Cheesy potatoes, Cole Slaw and rolls.

Tea and water will be provide with the meal.

Adult meal will be \$10 and children under 12 years old \$5.

For your convenience we are still offering drive thru pick up!!!! Proceeds support St. Joseph Catholic Schools, Bishop LeBlond High School, Special Olympics, United Cerebral Palsy, Catholic Committee on Scouting, Wounded Warrior Project, and Allied Arts Council.



### CONCEPTION ABBEY ONLINE LENTEN JOURNEY

Join us for an online journey through daily readings this Lent. Conception Abbey's Online Lenten Journey features:

daily reflections written by monks,  
a special prayer for each day of Lent, and  
a weekly video homily on Sundays.

Sign up at [lent.conceptionabbey.org](http://lent.conceptionabbey.org)  
to receive it daily in your email inbox.



### Prayer Corner

*"To everything there is a season and a time...for every purpose under Heaven." Ecc. 3-11*

*"...a time to heal..."*

**Mildred Ottinger, Lori Redmond**

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

February 17 & 18

People living in poverty are the people next door. They are minimum wage earners, adults on fixed incomes, men and women suddenly out of work or single parents. 16 % of Missouri's population falls below the federal poverty line.

Join us in 2018 and take an important step in the fight against poverty in your neighborhood and in your community.

The second collection next weekend will fund Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance efforts and provide help to so many in need.

Please be generous - your contribution is needed.



### PROTECT THE MIRACLE OF LIFE LENTEN PARISH CHALLENGE

Now is the time to value the personhood and sanctity of every human life in our community.

You are invited to protect the miracle of life by supporting St. Joseph PRC.

Lent is here and we are challenging you to fill a bottle with more than your spare change.

We are called during Lent to fast and give alms.

As a child we "gave up" something for Lent.

We are asking you to pray over what you will "give up" (fast) and put that money (almsgiving) in the baby bottle.

Some say they will give up "Starbucks" coffee or children might give up candy for Lent - so the monies you would have spent should be put in your baby bottle.

Every time you add money to this little bottle, ask God how He would have you be a part of our outreach to bring hope and help to women and babies.

Thank you for helping St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) protect the miracle of life.

Just pick up a bottle after Mass this weekend..

Fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back to church the weekend after Easter, April 7 & 8.