

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



"Good to the last drop!"

...she snickered as she watched the priest take a long draught from the chalice after having purified it of the final remnants of the Precious Blood. My aunt Vida, a non-Catholic, can be forgiven for her dismissive comment (which she made quietly enough that perhaps I was the only one to hear it), she may have figured Father didn't want to let any of "the wine" go to waste. Of course, her observation is true, Holy Communion is "good to the last drop!" As Catholics, however, we know that the elements are no longer bread and wine, but the *Very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Food for Everlasting Life!* I still recall that moment so many years ago when we attended my cousin's wedding in the Parish Church of St. Clement which had loomed over the working class neighborhood in which my non-Catholic grandparents had brought up their ten children (several of whom—including my Mom—later married Catholics!).

I have always marveled at the practical safeguards of the Church which express *and enforce* our Faith in Jesus' Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Some have described these details as "scrupulous" or "excessive" but I see them as small acts of Love for Our Lord which help to remind us what, or rather *whom* we receive when we present ourselves for Holy Communion. This is why the priest unfolds a small linen square, called a *corporal* on the altar upon which the gifts are placed. If any particle of the Sacred Host should fall, it will land on the corporal and can be picked up and consumed. This is why altar servers hold a metal *paten* under the chin or the hands of each communicant as a safeguard lest the Sacred Host fall to the ground in the event that the priest or the communicant should drop the Host. This is why the priest takes great care at the altar to *purify* each vessel which has been used to convey the Body and Blood of our Lord in Holy Communion. This is why we keep a lamp burning near the *Tabernacle* whenever Jesus is present there in the Blessed Sacrament. These are little acts of Love and Faith.

-Fr. Joseph Totton

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am

Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass

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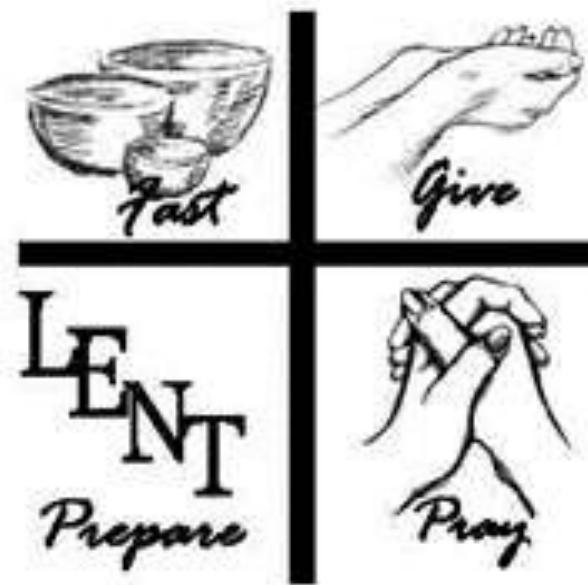
Mission Statement
We the members of Saint Joseph Catholic parish, will strive to be the reflection of Jesus in this particular time and place.

Cemetery Board

Ed Fisher

Mike Roth

Steve White



2nd Sunday of Lent

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To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816-812-2500
Victims' Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816-392-0011
chastain@diocesekcsj.org

March 12, 2017



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, 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 for more info.



Ministry Schedule

March 12- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Randy Moran

Lectors: Julie Moran & Jim Barber

Ministers: Randy & Julie Moran

Jim & Diane Barber

Counters: Randy & Julie Moran

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 11 + Lloyd Leslie

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, March 12 + John Corcoran

By: Roth Family

Saturday, March 18 + Helen Fisher

By: Ed, Janet White & Family

Sunday, March 19 + Mary Ellen Burton

By: Ann Burton



BIRTHDAY

Katie Houser March 16th

Wayne Weipert March 17th

Jack Klein March 19th

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Ministry Schedule

March 19- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory

Lectors: Jim Ingle & Bonnie Gregory

Ministers: Hubert & Marylou Euler

Jan & Paul Pottier

Counters: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: March 23 - 6 pm - Rectory

Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: March/April - Nannette Wolford

Donut Sunday: April 2 - Hubert & Bonnie Gregory

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

Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm

Larry Tatro, Grand Knight

Recitation of Rosary: 2nd weekend of the month

20 minutes before Mass

Weekend Collection

There will be no accounting of the collections until I return.

But rest assure the collections will be deposited in the bank.

I will put together a flyer reporting all monies for the last two weeks of February and the two weeks of March.

Also, the bulletins were put together the last week I was here.

If there is any parish or diocesan news Father Totton will make an announcement at all Masses.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and your well wishes on my vacation!

2nd Collection - March 25th & 26th - Catholic Relief Services

Is God calling you? Come and See!

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Monastic Experience at their monastery in Clyde, MO, **March 18-22, 2017**. It's a chance to experience contemplative monastic life and to learn about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend, and details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org.

To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221 ex. 127
or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.



2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

The diocese has received from our parish \$5,390 from 34 families.

Thank you for generous donations.

Prayer Corner

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

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

Jon Clark, Barb Miller

For our Shut - Ins

Rosemary Ingle, Carolyn O'Brien,
Josephine Jackson, Delores White, Eileen Grier,
Brent LaFollette

PROTECT THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

LENTEN PARISH CHALLENGE

If you haven't picked up your baby bottle or if you need another one they are in a container in the back of church.

We would like to have 100% participation!

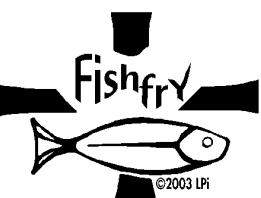
Every time you add money to this little bottle, ask God how He would have you be a part of our outreach to bring hope and help to women and babies.

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

In 2016 more than 165 babies were born to women who received their services.

Fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back to church the weekend after Easter, April 22nd and 23rd.

If you need another bottle or didn't pick one up they are in the back of the church.



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; Baked Fish; Fried Catfish.

Their fabulous Cheesy potatoes, Cole Slaw and rolls.

Tea and water will be provided with the meal.

Adult meal will be \$10.00 and children under 12 years old \$5.00.

For your convenience we are still offering drive thru pick up!!!!

If you have any questions or need directions
please call [816-232-0321](tel:816-232-0321)

Season of Lent

During this Lenten season St. Ann's - Plattsburg will be having Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7 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