

From Father Totton's Desk

Several weeks ago, I received a phone call from the Navy Reserve Center asking if I would serve as chaplain for a graveside committal service. In the past year, I have served in that capacity for a few veterans' funerals, most of them at Leavenworth National Cemetery. This call was different however, since the deceased was an active duty sailor who died in the December 7, 1941 surprise attack on Pearl Harbor! Seaman Second Class Harold Lloyd Head was a young man from Laclede, Missouri who joined the Navy in 1940. He was among the 429 souls who perished when the USS Oklahoma capsized after taking multiple torpedo hits. Like many of his shipmates, the remains of SN2 Head were unidentified for over 70 years and were buried as an unknown in the military cemetery at Pearl Harbor. In 2015, the Department of Defense began using DNA testing to attempt to identify remains of these unknowns. Earlier this year, the Navy identified the mortal remains of SN2 Head and made arrangements for him to be flown home to receive a proper burial in his hometown of Laclede, MO. He was laid to rest with full military honors on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 - his 97th birthday! I consider it a great honor to have been asked to conduct the committal service, and I know that his family (nieces and nephews who had never known him in this life) is comforted that he has been returned to his native soil. As always, we are grateful to Mr. Head and to all who have given their lives in the service of our country for the cause of freedom and democracy.

This leads me to reflect upon our Christian understanding about the Resurrection of the Body and the traditional funeral rites, including burial, which help us to understand and better appreciate this central tenet of our Faith. The Church has always gone to great lengths to see that the bodies of her deceased members are properly interned in the ground of a cemetery, a proper mausoleum, or buried - whole and entire - at sea. In recent decades, the Church has allowed Catholics to be cremated, *with the specific points that it not be done as a rejection of the Resurrection of the Body and that the cremated remains be properly buried.* This insistence on proper burial indicates a great respect for the dignity of the person, and for the dignity of the body which will rise again and be re-united with the immortal soul. Recent worldly trends of scattering cremated remains (or keeping them on the mantle piece of one's living room) do not comport with a proper Christian understanding of the Body, the Resurrection and the meaning that the human being is a composite of body and soul.

With the month of November – when we commemorate the Holy Souls – approaching, I would like to encourage you to think about your own funeral plans. Have you already made arrangements? Do you own a cemetery plot or have you thought about where you will be buried? Have you made arrangements with a funeral home or have you set aside funds for that inevitability? Have you discussed these arrangements with your spouse? Your children? Those who will be responsible for carrying them out? Have you made it clear that you desire Catholic Funeral rites – a Mass of Christian Burial followed by a graveside committal? Have you considered what Scripture readings and what hymns you would choose for your funeral Mass? People don't like to think about death. 20-year-old sailors don't like to think about it, neither do 42-year-old priests. For that matter, those who have lived longer, fuller lives are often even hesitant to consider making such arrangements. I would encourage everyone to make a plan!

If you would like to meet with me, even if you are in perfect health, to discuss what plans you would like to make for your funeral Mass, please give me a call. Set up an appointment and we can talk about it. I can make suggestions, or I can help you to document and clarify choices that may already be resting in your mind alone! Jesus says, "Nobody knows the day nor the hour..." It couldn't hurt to make plans now!

--Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator

Mass Time
Sunday: 8 am
Confessions: Sunday at 7:30am
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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



**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams
Jim Ingle
Rosalie Ingle
Tony Kauzlarich
Marge Kinney
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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
Oct 14, 2018



Ministry Schedule

Oct 14- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Richard La Follette
Lectors: Scott Antle & Bonnie Gregory
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Doug Ottinger, Jan Pottier
Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

Oct 21- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Doug Ottinger & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Jim Ingle, Paul Pottier, Wayne Weipert
Counters: Richard & Mary Ann La Follette

Mass Intentions



Sunday, Oct 14 + Joseph & Evelyn Roth

By: Roth Family

Sunday, Oct 21 + Mary Pottier

By: Pottier Family



BIRTHDAY

Rebecca Mink	Oct 14th
Jim Adams	Oct 17th
Larry Grier	Oct 19th
David Houser	Oct 19th
Brint Connett	Oct 20th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!



Please join us for Saint Mary's
 127th Annual Fall Festival,
 Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 5 to 8pm.
 (Mass for that Saturday will be changed from
 5:30pm to 4:00pm.)

There will be a chili, soup, or hot dog dinner, cash raffle, quilt raffle, and ham/turkey raffle.

There will be games for the kids, cake walk, live auction, silent auction,

Altar Society craft booth, face painting, and more.

Dinner includes choice of chili, soup, or hot dogs, dessert, and beverage.

Adults meal is \$7.00, Kid's meal is \$3.50 or Family meal (2 adults & all children under age 10) is \$20.00.

Please join us for a fun-filled evening!"



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.



Catholic Charities

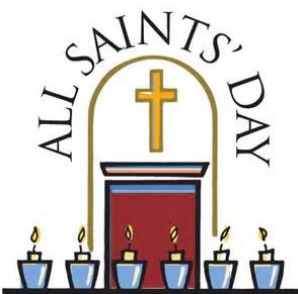
Donate to Hurricane Relief Efforts

Support individuals and families impacted by Hurricane Florence.

Catholic Charities USA forwards 100 percent of funds raised to Catholic Charities agencies that serve affected communities.

To donate, text CCUSADISASTER to 71777.

You may also donate by phone by calling 1-800-919-9338 or log on to: www.catholiccharitiesusa.org



Holy Day of Obligation

November 1st All Saints' Day
 Wednesday October 31- St. Ann, Plattsburg
 Vigil Mass at 6pm

Thursday November 1 - St. Joseph, Easton
 Holy Day Evening Mass 6pm

These are the only two Masses to be offered for this Holy Day

Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica

will hold their annual Night of Dreams on Nov. 11th.

This dinner and auction is to benefit Keeler Women's Center, Sophia Spirituality Center and Dooley Center for the care of our elderly sisters.

For information contact: 913-360-6215 or patterson@mountosb.org

Weekend Collection - Oct 7, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,885 Plate: \$243 Mass Stipends: \$110

Total Parish: \$2,238

2nd Collection: Month of Oct our Fundraiser

Budget is from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Sept To Date: \$9,550.00

Sept Budget: \$7,550.00

Year-To-Date: \$24,632.75

Year Budget: \$90,600.00

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



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: Nov 8th - 6 pm Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: Sept/Oct: Bonnie Gregory

Donut Sunday: Nov 4: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

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

Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm

Jay Pflugradt, Grand Knight

Fr. Joseph Totton, Chaplain

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

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

October 13th and 14th is commitment weekend for the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please consider a onetime gift/or making a pledge to this upcoming year's campaign. You can either drop them in the mail or bring them with you to Mass as we join to support our ministry's work for the Diocese Kansas City-St. Joseph. Our chosen theme this year is, **"The community of believers was of one heart and mind"** Acts 4:32, reminds us that the Holy Spirit moves us to work together with one heart and mind to accomplish the works God has prepared for us.

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports over 30 ministries and the people they serve to provide spiritual, educational and social needs in our Diocese. The goal for St. Joseph's parish is \$5,775 Thank you for all your help and support of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.



"GIVE FROM THE HEART" 7th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Our annual fundraiser is so popular with all our parishioners - it is easy for everyone!

We will be using the same format as we have done for the last 6 years.

Starting Oct 7th and every weekend in October ending the weekend of Nov 5, our second collection will be for our parish.

Parishioners can contribute in one sum or scatter donations over the five week time span

Monies will be deposited in our money market account and will be used for operating expenses as needed.



Prayer Corner

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

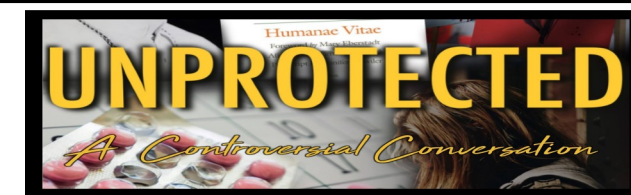
"...a time to heal..."

Mildred Ottinger, Lori Redmond, Nancy Totton, Bubba Miller, Amy Spriesterbach

"a time to die...."

Joanne Ray

(Mary Ann La Follette's mother)



Coming in October to the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph! Join us for a viewing of this powerful documentary, followed by a Q & A panel discussion at the following locations:
 Mon, Oct 15, 7pm @ St. Michael the Archangel High School, Lee's Summit

Tue, Oct 16, 7pm @ Tivoli Theater, Westport
 Wed, Oct 17, 7:30pm @ Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville

UNPROTECTED: -A Controversial Conversation

Come and participate in the conversation surrounding one of the most controversial topics of our generation. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Humanae Vitae by bringing family and friends to a viewing of this powerful documentary and then share your thoughts and ask questions during the panel discussion.

There is no cost to attend, but free-will donations will be accepted to cover licensing fees and venue costs.

To ensure you have a space for the showings at St. Michael's HS and Tivoli Theater, please reserve your free tickets please contact Marriage Family Life Office at (816) 714-2373 family@diocesekcsj.org

"GIVE FROM THE HEART" 7th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

1st Week Total \$511

Thank you for the first week of contributions.

