

## From Fr. Totton's Desk

During this month of November, we are reminded to pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed. This is also an important time to consider making plans for the final disposition of our own mortal remains, Jesus said: "You know neither the day nor the hour."

You may have noticed lately that more and more funerals involve cremation. Many of us remember a time when cremation was strictly forbidden by the Catholic Church and are now confused. For several decades now, the Church has allowed cremation under limited circumstances provided that: 1) Cremation is not carried out as a protest in defiance of our belief in the Resurrection of the Body; and 2) *Cremated remains be properly buried intact* in consecrated ground (a cemetery) or according to proper burial at sea. Such cremated remains should **never** be separated, "scattered", or compressed into jewelry to be worn by one's surviving family members or even conserved in a single urn to be kept in the home of a family member or friend.

In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims our Catholic belief that God has created each person for eternal life. In the celebration of the *Rite of Christian Burial*, the Church affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one Communion of Saints.

The Rite of Christian Burial concludes with the *committal*, celebrated at the grave, which is the final act of one's family and the faith community in caring for the body of its deceased member and gives concrete expression to our belief "in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." as expressed at Mass each Sunday in the Apostles' Creed. We proclaim that the grave, once a sign of futility, is transformed into a sign of Hope.

Our Parish cemetery provides a fitting and appropriate resting place for our Faithful departed loved ones. Additionally, Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City - St. Joseph maintains 4 major cemeteries in the cities of Kansas City and St. Joseph. All of our cemeteries provide consecrated ground for our families for the sacred rites of burial and interment.

Burial in hallowed ground offers a sacred trust, perpetuating our Catholic Tradition expressing our belief in Christ's saving Redemption and in the life of the world to come. Masses and prayer services are celebrated throughout the year in our Catholic cemeteries for our deceased loved ones, and these holy grounds will not be re-sold to other corporations since the ground and buildings have been set up with perpetual care and maintenance.

In order to help you make these important decisions or simply to learn more about St. Joseph's Cemetery you may contact Eddie Fischer at (816) 473-3681. If you are interested in one of the larger city cemeteries operated by the diocese, you may contact: Mt. Olivet, St. Joseph at 816-279-5005; Resurrection at 816-734-2356; Mt. Olivet, Kansas City at 816-353-1900; or Mount St. Mary at 816-241-7633. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in this matter.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**Fr. Joseph Totton**  
**Administrator**

**Mass Times**  
**Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am**  
**Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass**  
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**Easton, MO 64443**  
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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*



**Thirty-Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

### Parish & Finance Councils

*Jim Adams*  
*Stacy Brown*  
*Jim Ingbe*  
*Rosalie Ingbe*  
*Tony Kauzlarich*  
*Marge Kinney*  
*Julie Moran*  
*Dennis Ottinger*  
*Jordan Roth*  
*Mike Roth*  
*Wayne Weipert*

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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)  
November 19, 2017



## Ministry Schedule

### November 19 - 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Hubert Gregory

**Lectors:** Bonnie Gregory & Jim Barber

**Ministers:** Hubert Gregory, Wayne Weipert  
Jim & Diane Barber

**Counters:** Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

### November 26 - 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert

**Lectors:** Scott Antle & Jay Pflugradt

**Ministers:** Jackie Pottier, Marylou Euler  
Paul & Jan Pottier

**Counters:** Paul & Jan Pottier

### Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, Nov 18 + Juanita Brown

By: Marge Kinney

#### Sunday, Nov 19 + John McLarney

By: Everett & Roth Families

#### Saturday, Nov 25 + Juanita Brown

By: Vickie DeWar

#### Sunday, Nov 26 + Chad Klein

By: Klein Family



### BIRTHDAY

Josephine Jackson	Nov 20th
Jody Runyan	Nov 21st
Paula Neely	Nov 23rd
Scott Chambers	Nov 26th

### ANNIVERSARY

Miles & Joan Mitchell	Nov 24th
Joe & Charlene Huber	Nov 26th

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**



### Mark your Calendars!

**Parish & Finance Council:** Jan 3 - 6 pm - Rectory  
**Altar Society:** Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

**Hand Linens:** Nov/Dec: Jan Pottier

**Donut Sunday:** Dec 3 - Christmas Brunch - Altar Society

**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.

### Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair

Come visit us at St. Ann's Parish - Plattsburg  
December 2nd from 10 am to 3 pm  
Come and get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the  
Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair!



Over 20 booths will be there for you to purchase gifts for someone special (or for yourself).

St. Ann's Altar Society will be selling hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, cookies, brownies and drink.

## Weekend Collection Nov 11 & 12, 2017

Envelopes: \$977 Plate: \$207.74

**Total Parish: \$1,184.74**

**2nd Collection: Dec 10 - Religious Retirement COLLECTIONS:**

**Nov To Date: \$ 8,446.74**

**Nov Budget: \$ 7,491.66**

**Year-To-Date: \$ 45,870.30**

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

### Thanksgiving Day Mass

Father Totton will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 23rd at 9 am  
St. Joseph Church - Easton.  
Please plan on attending  
we have much to be thankful for!



### 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me"

As the Holidays approach, we give thanks to God for all His blessings to us and our families. We especially thank the 14 families who have shared their financial resources toward our parish's goal of \$5,775 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

So far we have received \$1,800 in pledges and contributions.

We are grateful for your listening to our call to give and we know that you feel a sense of accomplishment in sharing your blessings, with others in the family of the Church in Northwest Missouri.



### "GIVE FROM THE HEART" 6th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

**\$14,293!!**

You are an awesome parish community!

Our fundraiser goal was \$10,000 and we have surpassed it!

And the best part is we did with NO WORK!

This couldn't have been achieved without your help.

**THANK YOU -- THANK YOU**

Fr. Joe and the Parish and Finance Councils



### 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, Mildred Ottinger**

*"...a time of war and a time of peace..."*

We pray for the safety of all our service men and women who serve our country.

### Opportunities for Ministers

Ministry is the way in which the Church continues what Christ began and still intends, namely, the salvation of humanity and the transformation of the world. All baptized and confirmed Christians receive a call and gifts enabling them to participate in this mission. When lay people carry out Christ's work as priest, prophet, and king in their own proper way through public activity authorized by the Church, we call this lay ministry. Here are some of the ways you might be able to answer that call:

### Lectors

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you have a calling for any of the above ministries please see Fr. Joe Totton and he will arrange for training.  
We need your help - thank you for your cooperation.



Catholic Charities

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ST. JOSEPH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

One of the Catholic Charities' mission is to provide basic needs to families who can't afford the essentials.

CC's cupboards are in need of the following items: laundry soap, dish soap, bleach, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, diapers, baby wipes and other items for personal hygiene needs.

Just drop them in the box in the back of the church