

From Fr. Totton's Desk

Retreat from the 'Tyranny of the Immediate'

Several years ago, I suggested, in a Lenten homily, that the faithful might consider giving up television for Lent. Afterwards, one parishioner - a very bubbly and joyful woman - approached me to explain that she could "NEVER give up television!" I could tell by her demeanor that she meant it. I calmly doubled down and suggested that her insistence was a good indicator that, perhaps giving up television for Lent would be the very best thing for her soul. She dismissed my suggestion with a shrug and a nervous chuckle! She didn't take me up on my suggestion.

I was reminded of that exchange recently when reading a short article written by **Bishop James Conley** of Lincoln Nebraska. You can find the entire article at www.catholicnewsagency.com/column/the-age-of-noise-3704/ I would suggest you read it as soon as you finish reading this column. In the article, Bishop Conley laments what he refers to as: "the tyranny of the immediate' where reactions to the latest news unfold at a breakneck pace, often before much thought, reflection or consideration. We are living at a moment where argument precedes analysis, and outrage, or feigned outrage, has become an ordinary kind of virtue signaling — a way of conveying the "right" responses to social issues in order to boost our social standing." His Excellency goes on to describe the manner in which this unfolded during the recent presidential election, but the principle can be applied to much of our modern discourse and the reaction which we will have to news going forward, unless we take some time to step back, unplug, and once again savor the fruit of silent reflection and time spent in prayer.

As an undergraduate at the University of Kansas, Bishop Conley was part of a small group of young men and women who discovered the benefits of silence, reflection (and prayer) through the study of the sources of classic western civilization in the *Pearson Humanities Program* in the late 1970s. Many of these students - including Bishop Conley - as a result of their learning, were converted to the Catholic Faith and went on to become priests, nuns, monks and professors who were instrumental in founding small colleges which continued this tradition of classical learning. A large group of them joined an ancient French abbey, eventually returning to the United States in 1999 to found a new monastery in eastern Oklahoma. Raised to the status of an Abbey in 2010, they are probably the fastest growing Benedictine monastery in the United States today. If you would like to learn more about these monks, I suggest you check out their website at clearcreekmonks.org. This week, I have the opportunity to spend a few days at the abbey, joining them for their communal prayer - they chant the Psalms in Latin Gregorian Chant - and otherwise spending time in quiet reflection and prayer. In that spirit, I would encourage each of you to carve out some time away from media - television, internet, radio, even newspapers - this week, and spend a bit of time with the Word of God. Open your Bible, review the readings for Mass next Sunday, ask the Lord to help you to approach the "news" of the world with His Eternal Perspective, ask the Lord to help you retreat from the "tyranny of the immediate"! Please know that you will each be in my prayers this week. Please pray for me as well.

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Fr. Joseph W. Totton

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



A Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, honoring all couples in the diocese celebrating 50 years of marriage in the year 2017 will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop James Johnston will preside at the mass honoring the Golden Wedding couples.

A special card and cross will be presented to each couple.

The liturgy will be followed with a dessert reception at the Catholic Center in the Cardinal Baum Room.

This celebration will include all couples who have celebrated or will be celebrating their

Golden Wedding Anniversary between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

If you were married in 1967, please let Marge know before May 25th, so that you can be acknowledged.

(You will be acknowledged even if you cannot attend the event and you will also receive a congratulatory letter, and gift in the mail.)

. The next edition of the Catholic Key will have all the 50th Anniversary couples listed.

50th
Anniversary



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

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Jim Adams

Stacy Brown

Jim Ingle

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To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816-812-2500

Victims' Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816-392-0011

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May 21, 2017



Ministry Schedule

May 21- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Randy Moran
Lectors: Julie Moran & Jim Ingle
Ministers: Doug Ottinger, Wayne Weipert
 Randy & Julie Moran
Counters: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

May 28- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Scott Antle & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Paul & Jan Pottier
 Jackie Pottier & Jim Ingle
Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 20 + Bob Burton

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, May 21 + Ed & Betty McPhee

By: McPhee Family

Saturday, May 27 + Art Spratt

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, May 28 + Donna Ruoff

By: Jan Pottier



BIRTHDAY

Pat Clark May 24th
 Connie Webb May 25th

ANNIVERSARY

Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette May 28th
 Jim & Amy Adams May 29th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

ANCHORS AWAY BISCUITS AND GRAVY BREAKFAST

Next Donut Sunday, June 4th, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a biscuit and gravy breakfast.

There will be a **free will offering** for breakfast.

All proceeds will be forwarded to Father Totton

to help defray the costs of buying his Naval uniforms.

Note: as an officer in the Navy they are required to pay for their dress uniforms and other necessary clothing.



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: July - 6 pm - Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: May/June: Jan Pottier

Donut Sunday: June 4 - Knights of Columbus

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



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.

ST. JOSEPH PRC - BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Thank you so much for your very generous support thru baby bottles! We are so blessed to be able to serve women in crisis because of people like you! God Bless, St. Joseph PRC

Total raised **\$1,007.98**

Note from Jan Pottier: I received a call from a very excited Jennifer Moore. She told me that we had raised \$1,007.98 and it is the most they have received from any parish.

Congratulations to everyone for your generous participation in the Lenten baby bottle campaign.

You should all be very proud!

(If you have any baby bottles, empty or not please return to church.)

Weekend Collection May 13 & 14, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,566 Plate: \$152 Raffle: \$95

Total Parish: \$1,813

2nd Collection: May 27 & 28 - St Joseph Cemetery COLLECTIONS:

May To Date: \$ 3,319.00

May Budget: \$ 7,191.52

Year-To-Date: \$98,960.74

Year Budget: \$96,298.36

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

DIACONATE OFFICE

This May the Diaconate office will begin the process of Inquiry and Application for the next group of men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A number of Information and Discernment Sessions will be scheduled in June.

If you know of a man who may be interested in serving the church and would like to learn more about becoming a Deacon have him contact Deacon Paul Muller at muller@diocesekcsj.org or call 816-714-2302 at the Catholic Center.

All inquiries should be directed to the Diaconate office .

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES KCSJ CATHOLIC CEMETERIES



Mass will be celebrated at each Diocesan cemetery on **Memorial Day, Monday May 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

► **Mount St. Mary's Cemetery**, 2201 Cleveland Avenue, Kansas City, 64127
 Celebrant: Reverend Thomas Ludwig

► **Mount Olivet Cemetery**, 7601 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, 64138
 Celebrant: Reverend Sean McCaffery

► **Resurrection Cemetery**, 5001 NE Cookingham Drive, Kansas City, 64156
 Celebrant: Reverend Michael Roach

► **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**, 26th and Lovers Lane, St. Joseph, 64506
 Celebrant: Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.



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, Felicia Bober, Mildred Ottinger, and Jane Everett

For our Shut - Ins

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



On the weekend of May 20th and 21st, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our Parish. The Sisters operate a home for the elderly poor in Kansas City, which is one of 195 Homes operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor in 30 countries throughout the world.

They have ministered to thousands of our own Greater Kansas City elderly for the past 130 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for their Residents in a spirit of joy and dignity. Any assistance you are able to give is sincerely appreciated. God bless you!

www.littlesistersofthepoorkansascity.org

Please note - there will be baskets at the entrances of the church for you to deposit your donation for the Sisters appeal.

Please make checks payable to: Little Sisters of the Poor

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY BOARD

Second Collection - May 27th and 28th

As we get ready to celebrate Memorial Day let us not forget to honor our loved ones buried in our cemetery.

We should also direct our attention to our outstanding property.

It is through the tireless work of the board members that it is maintained so beautifully.

To be assured of improving and maintaining the cemetery we will be having a second collection on Memorial Day weekend.

Also, keep in mind that donations can be given at any time of year.

Let us be generous in supporting St. Joseph's Cemetery,