

From Fr. Totton's Desk

If you are reading this, that means the world didn't end yesterday! That is important for two reasons: 1) Last week some rumors were circulating that somebody (I know not whom) discovered a "certain" Biblical prophecy predicting the end of the world on Saturday, September 23!; 2) Jesus himself warns us about trying to "figure out" the end of the world, when he says, "But of that day and hour no one knows... Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." (Matthew 24) From time immemorial, man has been fascinated with this question, and most who have pondered this question have already come to their end, even if the world has gone on. Last week, I learned of the passing of the parents of three different friends. This serves to remind me of my own mortality. At some date in the future, and I don't know the date, I will stand before the Lord and be asked to give an account of my stewardship of the gifts the Lord entrusted to me. This is true for each one of us. Therefore, we must heed Jesus advice: "Watch therefore!"

The Gospel passage today speaks about God's "unfair" generosity. Why should we be jealous if he is even more generous to another? We can be assured that He has given us not what we deserve, but has been both merciful and generous to us! When I was a little boy, I had a great aunt who was a fairly wealthy woman. She had no children of her own, never married, but by the time I came around, she had become the *matriarch* of our family. At Christmas, my aunt would bring an envelope for each person. When I was younger, my envelope would contain a \$50 bill - an extremely generous gift and a large sum for a small child in the 1980s! One year, I opened my envelope to discover a \$100 bill! I was surprised beyond belief! Nor did I forget the amount the following year, when I opened my envelope to discover a \$50 bill! I confess that I was disappointed, but I shouldn't have been, for this gift, regardless of the amount, was just that - a *gift!* I did nothing to earn it. I don't know whether my aunt mis-labeled my envelope that year, or if she had actually intended to give me \$100, but receiving that gift once, set me to have higher expectations the next time, when I should have simply been grateful for *any* gift - or even none at all! Everything we have received from God - Life, Freedom, Intellect, Abilities, Salvation - all of these are *gifts*. Let us not be jealous or disappointed if he should choose to give different gifts to different people! Let us rather be grateful for the gifts he has given us!

On Tuesday morning, I will be a guest on Catholic Radio for their semi-annual Radio-thon, by which they will be raising money to fund operating expenses. Please tune in if you are able around 9am. KEXS is broadcast at 1090AM as well as 106.7FM in St. Joseph, MO and 92.9FM in Kansas City, MO. Your support of Catholic Radio helps them share the faith with millions of potential listeners throughout northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton

"GIVE FROM THE HEART" 6th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



It's kickoff time again!

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 5 years.

Starting Oct 7th & 8th and every weekend in October ending the weekend of Nov 4 & 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.

As we did last year Marge will be giving an updated total in the bulletin.

(Oh yes the thermometer will be back!)

Last year we raised **\$16,733!!**

Let's work towards or surpass last years' total!

We can do it!

Parish and Finance Councils



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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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams

Stacy Brown

Jim Ingle

Rosalie Ingle

Tony Kauzlarich

Marge Kinney

Julie Moran

Dennis Ottinger

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Mike Roth

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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

September 24, 2017



Ministry Schedule

September 24- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Scott Antle & Bonnie Gregory
Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Marylou Euler
 Jackie Pottier & Jim Ingle
Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

October 1- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Jim Barber & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Jim & Diane Barber
 Paul & Jan Pottier
Counters: Tony Kauzlarich & Rudy Wolford

Mass Intentions



Saturday, Sept 23 + Tom Robertson

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, Sept 24 + Jeaneen Cover

By: Roth Family

Saturday, Sept 30 + Ruth Ann West

By: Sharon & Dick White

Sunday, Oct 1 + Leonard & Nell McLarney

By: Everett & Roth Families



BIRTHDAY

Rebekah McClurg Sept 24th
 Ann Burton Sept 25th
 Eileen Grier Oct 1st
 Margo McPhee Oct 1st

ANNIVERSARY

Doug & Mary Bembrick Sept 24th
 Bob & Jane Everett Sept. 28th
Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Relief for Disasters - Sept 30th and Oct 1st

Our country has been encountering many natural disasters.

The diocese here and around the country are requesting we have a second collection to help in the relief for many. (Please make checks out to St. Joseph Church and so I can send one check to the Diocese. Thank you for your cooperation)



Mark your Calendars!

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

Hand Linens: Sept/Oct: Bonnie Gregory

Donut Sunday: Oct 1 - Nannette Wolford

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.



Congratulations Bob & Jane Everett!

Bob & Jane Everett will be celebrating their **60th** Wedding Anniversary on Sept 28th. They were married on that date in 1957 at St. Joseph Church.

Anniversary wishes may be sent to:

10113 NW Hwy V V

Stewartsville, MO 64454

And many more years to come!!

Weekend Collection Sept 16 & 17, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,591 Plate: \$169 Hall Rental: \$100

2nd Collection: Latin America Apostolate - \$202

Total Parish: \$2,062

2nd Collection: Sept. 30 & Oct 1 - Relief for Disasters

COLLECTIONS:

Sept To Date: \$ 4,537.35

Sept Budget: \$ 7,491.66

Year-To-Date: \$ 18,379.17

Year Budget: \$101,800.00

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



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

Help is Needed for Meals on Wheels in Gower

Meals on Wheels that support the elderly of Gower are in need of drivers.

It would just take 2 hours a week to deliver meals.

All you have to do is pick up coolers at Gower Christian and drive over to Plattsburg Senior Center pick up meals and deliver.

Your face might be the only contact some of the seniors have and are very grateful to see you.

Joan Mitchell of our parish will gladly go with you to show you the "ropes".

You can contact Joan at (816) 424 - 3247



Come and Celebrate Life Day

October 1, 2017

THREE PRO-LIFE EVENTS COMBINED

WALK, LIFE CHAIN AND RALLY — SUNDAY OCTOBER 1st

Choose the starting point that best suits your walking ability and join together as the walk comes to you.

- A. Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church — 1:50pm — 3.7 miles
- B. B. MWSU Spring Sports Complex — 2:15pm — 2.5 miles
- C. C. East Hills Library — 2:40pm — 1 mile

LIFE CHAIN will begin at 2 pm at Bishop LeBlond H.S. for Pro-Life non-walkers or the disabled to participate in this event by displaying signs and praying.

3. RALLY - one hour family friendly program @ Bishop LeBlond High School Stadium 3:30 pm balloons, music, inspirational speakers A wonderful day for families to participate in these 3 events or just one of the events.

Shuttle buses will be provided after the rally to return Walkers to their starting point.

Partnering for Future Priests 2017 Dinner & Auction

It's time to start planning for the 9th Annual Partnering for Future Priests Dinner & Auction. Join us in celebrating our Catholic faith while enjoying beautifully prepared food, great company, and the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind items in both the silent and live auctions.

This year's event will take place on **October 6** at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in St. Joseph, MO. The ticket price is \$50 per person with eight people to a table. This annual event is now entering its 9th year and we couldn't have made it this far without you. We would like to thank you for your generous support these past eight years and hope you will be able to help us again this year.

Whether you purchase tickets to attend the dinner and auction, place an ad in our event program or donate items to our live and/or silent auction or baked good store we could use your help. If you are great at baking, sewing, enjoy quilting and crafting, have a knack for creating beautiful one-of-a-kind items or you just have an item or gift card you would like to donate please contact your area **PFP Pre-event Promoter(s), Hubert & Bonnie Gregory at 816-473-2016.**

You can also register and pay securely online at <https://www.conception.edu/pfp>.

ADDITIONAL NEW DOOR PRIZE

A new Door Prize Drawing has been added to this year's PFP event. For every \$50 ticket (seat) purchased or donated to this year's PFP event, you will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win \$200. You need not be present to win.

Raffle Tickets are also being sold for this event giving you a chance to win 1 of 12 prizes.

The tickets are sold in packs of 6 tickets for \$5 and you do not have to be present to win. Tickets may be purchased from your Parish Coordinator or online at www.conception.edu/pfp.