



August 21, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

The recent news events about Archbishop McCarrick as well as a report from Pennsylvania this past week detailing evils and crimes of bishops and priests perpetrated and hidden within our Church have been sobering and disheartening. Among the many articles and commentaries over the past weeks, there was one which mentioned allegations against a former bishop of our diocese, Raymond Boland, from the time he would have been a priest in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Our diocese has no record of any allegations against Bishop Boland during the time he served as our bishop. After inquiries with the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Birmingham, where he served as a priest and bishop prior to coming here, neither of these dioceses had any record or information substantiating allegations.

Although there was no record of substantiating allegations, there was information for pause and further consideration. I feel it is my responsibility as your bishop to do the best I can to uncover the truth. In fairness to anyone who may have been harmed and the reputation of the late Bishop Boland, these inquiries must continue. If you have any information in this search for truth, please contact the Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti (816-812-2500 or [jenifervalenti@att.net](mailto:jenifervalenti@att.net)).

Lamentably, in our own diocese there are victims who still bear the scars of abuse. In response, our local Church has taken actions to renew our efforts to reach out to those who have been harmed by sexual abuse for healing, and to protect our children and all in the Church. I am grateful for these actions, especially the work of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, the Ombudsman and the Independent Review Board. I am encouraged by the recently proposed goals of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that we will take up at our November meeting: a deeper investigation of the McCarrick scandal; establishment of channels for communicating complaints about bishops; more effective resolution of future complaints. I think the reforms made since 2002 have led to healing for many survivors, sanctions for offenders, and better protection for the vulnerable. Even so, we must undertake added reforms that will better protect the vulnerable and hold church leadership more fully accountable.

These steps have made an important impact for the good, but more is needed in this moment: a spiritual response.

As a priest and bishop, I acknowledge that the primary cause of this scandal rests with us in leadership and that the anger of many of the faithful is altogether justified. I also realize that some may be tempted to despair, especially victims and their families. So, my brother bishops and I must take the lead in doing penance for the sins and crimes of our colleagues. I invite my brother priests and all God's faithful people to join me in this endeavor, because I need your help. Together, we can recover and renew the hope of the Gospel which casts out the demon of despair.

This is the time to turn more intently to Jesus and beg for His help, much as the apostles did during the storm on the sea: "Lord, save us! We are lost!" (Mt 8:25). It is a time for us to remember with faith that He is stronger than all evil and sin, and that He is the Head of that body which is the Church. It is also a moment when we must realize the Lord desires that we unite ourselves to Him in acts of reparation and prayer in the face of these evils: for a deep healing for those who have been abused, for those who have left the Church due to these scandals, and to beg for mercy for all the sins committed.

To this end, I ask all our parishes to offer a special Mass, *For the Forgiveness of Sins*. This Mass can be offered at a special time or in place of a regularly scheduled parish Mass. I grant my permission to pastors who wish to offer this Mass on a Sunday of Ordinary Time between now and September 14. Likewise, I urge all to some form of penance, such as fasting, and to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary, or another prayer of your choosing daily until September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This is ultimately also a spiritual crisis which must be met with a spiritual response, one in which every member of the Body of Christ is needed.

I am sorry for this betrayal and the shame this brings on the Family of God. It is a time of grief. Nonetheless, I trust that our Savior shall deliver us from this peril by bringing healing and mercy, renewal and peace to our Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.  
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

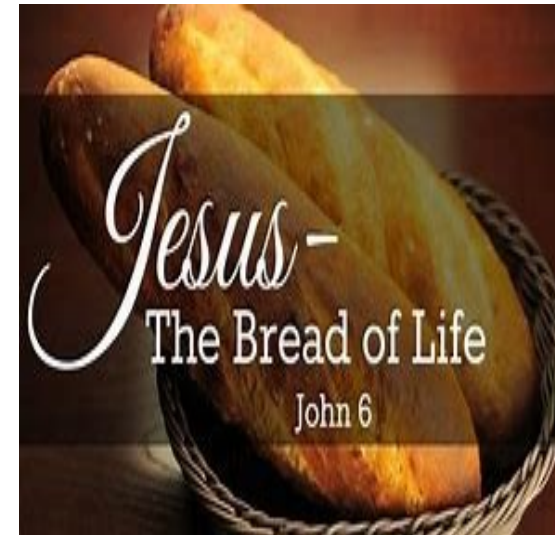
**Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator**

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107 North Shortridge  
Easton, MO 64443  
816-294-9841 - Fr. Joe's cell**

**Mass Time  
Sunday: 8 am  
Confessions: Sunday at 7:30am  
Office 816-473-2011**

### 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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Parish & Finance Councils

*Jim Adams  
Jim Ingle  
Rosalie Ingle  
Tony Kauzlarich  
Marge Kinney  
Julie Moran  
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)  
August 26, 2018



## Ministry Schedule

### Aug 26 - 8 am Mass

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

### Sept 2 - 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Hubert Gregory  
**Lectors:** Scott Antle & Jan Pottier  
**Ministers:** Doug Ottinger, Jim Ingle, Paul Pottier  
**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

### Mass Intentions



**Sunday, August 26** + **Louis Pottier**  
 By: Pottier Family

**Sunday, Sept 2** + **Susan Merrigan**  
 By: Everett & Roth Families



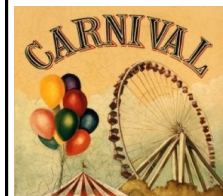
### BIRTHDAY

DiAnne Crouse August 31st  
 Bonnie McPhee September 1st  
 Eva Pflugradt September 1st

### ANNIVERSARY

Steve & Pat Culver August 26th  
 Jim & Rosalie Ingle August 29th  
 Jordan & Amanda Roth September 1st

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**



LeBlond Carnival  
 September 21st-23rd.  
 21st: 6-midnight.  
 22nd: Noon- Midnight.  
 23rd: Noon-5pm.

Tickets are now on sale. They can be purchased from any LeBlond Family or in the LB office 3529 Frederick. Tickets are \$2 for 1 ticket or \$40 for a book of tickets. Proceeds go towards LeBlond's general operating fund. For more information contact Chelsea Teater, Advancement Director, at cteater@bishopleblondhs.com or 816-279-1629. It's a GREAT day to be an Eagle!



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.

### SEVEN DOLORS CATHOLIC CHURCH AUTUMN FOOD AND FUN

Saturday, September 15th, beginning at 4:00pm  
 We have chosen this date for our new gathering and fundraiser, as it is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows for which our church was named.  
 Come join us for some good food and family fun!  
 Picnic Style Dinner for \$10  
 (includes 4 tickets to play any games).

Grilled Hamburger or Two Grilled Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs,  
 Baked Beans, variety of Chips, Homemade Desserts,  
 Ice Tea or Ice Water.

Bingo—Dessert Walk—Pop Toss—Jingle Board  
 For Sale on Grounds: Soda—Bottled Water—Ice Cream  
 Silent Auction —Country Store —Grindstone Winery —  
 Wine/Beer

12750 Hurlingen Road, Easton, MO 64443 (10 miles east of St. Joseph, Frederick Avenue/Highway 6 to Route P Highway)

<https://facebook.com/Hurlingen Picnic>

### Partnering for Future Priests 2018 Dinner & Auction

It's time to start planning for the 10th 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 5** 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 10th year and we couldn't have made it this far without you. We would like to thank you for your generous support these past nine 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. Any donations please call

**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>.**

Have you ever thought about becoming a Benedictine Oblate? Over the years lay people, married or single, men or women, Catholic or non-Catholic, have found spiritual nourishment and mutual support for their prayer life by living the Gospel values as found in St. Benedict's Holy Rule. We all need proven structures in this confusing world. Benedictine Oblates associated with Conception Abbey welcome you to get more information.

In the St. Joseph area call Toni Hamera 261-2262



### Mark your Calendars!

**Parish & Finance Council: Sept 13 - 6 pm Rectory  
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday**

**Hand Linens: July/August: Nannette Wolford**

**Donut Sunday: Sept 2: Nannette Wolford**

**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**

Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life

August 3—September 28, 2018

From Friday, August 3, 2018 to Friday, September 28, 2018, the weekly Call to Prayer will be adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life.

In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intention of the novena. Participants will also be provided with weekly opportunities to learn more about Roe v. Wade, and share that information with their representatives. For more information please visit: [www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org).



### 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, Douglas Bembrick**



Novena for Our Nation Began Aug. 15!

Everyone from around the nation is encouraged to join ranks as, united, we pray the very powerful 54 Day Rosary Novena from the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7:  
[www.novenaforournation.com](http://www.novenaforournation.com).

Starting on August 15 pray the Joyful Rosary,  
 day 2 pray the Sorrowful Rosary,  
 day 3 the Glorious Rosary.

Then start over on day 4 continuing until you have completed a rosary each day for 27 days in petition for our Nation.

Then follow with another 27 days of thanksgiving the same as the first 27 days ending on October 7 the day of the Coast to Coast Rosary Rally: (Rosary Coast to Coast).

**Rosary Novena will be held at St. Ann's - Plattsburg  
as follows:**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:30am**

**Tuesday 5:30pm**

**Everyone is invited to participate.**

### Weekend Collection - August 19, 2018

Envelopes: \$625 Plate: \$94 Hall Rental: \$100

Holy Day: \$237.25 2nd Collection: \$80

**Total Parish: \$1136.25**

**2nd Collection: Sept 16: Latin America  
Apostolate**

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

**August To Date: \$3,097 .00**

**August Budget: \$7,550.00**

**Year-To-Date: \$12,182.00**

**Year Budget: \$90,600.00**

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