

From Fr. Totton's Desk

One of the greatest joys of my priesthood is to be an instrument of God's Mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Confession. To date, I have expanded confession times in all my previous assignments and, in time, the faithful have responded by opening their hearts to the Mercy of God by availing themselves of the added opportunity to seek absolution and forgiveness. When I arrived at St. Ann and St. Joseph, I also arrived at a dilemma: How to serve two parishes with a short window between Sunday Masses and be totally and completely present to meet the needs of each parish. That challenge is particularly sharp on Sunday mornings as the scheduled "9:30" confession time is the most popular among the faithful. Still, I find myself literally rushing to get there in time, and then rushing to attend to the patiently awaiting penitents. On many a Sunday morning, I lament the lack of opportunity to prepare and become more recollected prior to the 10am Mass. Whether this is evident or not, it has taken a toll on my own desire that Mass be a prayerful experience for both the priest and the lay Faithful. For that reason, I have decided to discontinue Sunday morning confessions at St. Ann (**I will still maintain confessions before Mass at St. Joseph in Easton**) in order to allow for a more prayerful preparation for Sunday Mass. At the same time, I am expanding the time I hear confessions on Saturday afternoons at Plattsburg. I will now be available in the confessional beginning at 3pm on Saturday. I will also continue to hear confessions in Plattsburg on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton

Season of Lent

During this Lenten season St. Ann's - Plattsburg will be having Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7 pm



Holy Thursday - St. Ann's Plattsburg - 7 pm
Good Friday - St Joseph's Easton - 7 pm
Easter Vigil - St. Ann's - 8 pm
Easter - St. Joseph's - 8 am
St. Ann's - 10 am

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 CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton
Parochial Administrator

Mass Times
Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am
Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass
Office 816-473-2011

P.O. Box 197
107 North Shortridge
Easton, MO 64443
816-294-9841 - Fr. Joe's cell

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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams
 Stacy Brown
 Jim Ingle
 Rosalie Ingle
 Tony Kauzlarich
 Marge Kinney
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 Dennis Ottinger
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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
 February 26, 2017



Ministry Schedule

Feb 26- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory
Lectors: Jan Pottier & Bonnie Gregory
Ministers: Doug Ottinger, Marylou Euler
 Jim & Diane Barber
Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

Mass Intentions



Saturday, Feb 25 + Margaret & Clifford Crouse

By: Art & DiAnne Crouse & Family

Sunday, Feb 26 + Ermajene & Ronnie LaFollette

By: LaFollette Family

Saturday, March 4 + Margret Seifert

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, March 5 + Louis Pottier

By: Pottier Family



BIRTHDAY

Kelsey Kretzer	February 26th
Leslie Bembrick	February 28th
Mitchell Bembrick	February 28th
Bonnie Gregory	February 29th (28th)
Rodney Keyes	March 1st
Linnie Huber	March 3rd

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Ash Wednesday

March 1

Mass is will be offered here on at 6:30 am.
St Ann's - Plattsburg will have Mass at 6 pm.

March 5- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Jay Pflugradt & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Jim Ingle
 Paul & Jan Pottier
Counters: Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: March 23 - 6 pm - Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: Jan/Feb: Jan Pottier

Donut Sunday: March 5 - Jan & Paul Pottier

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

Weekend Collection Feb 18th & 19th, 2017

Envelopes: \$ Plate: \$ Mass Stipends: \$

Book Subscription: \$

Total Parish: \$

**2nd Collection: Feb 18 & 19 - Catholic Charities
Emergency Assistance Appeal
COLLECTIONS:**

Feb To Date: \$ 3,542.83

Feb Budget: \$ 7,191.52

Year-To-Date: \$73,420.45

Join us in celebrating at the renovated Catholic Charities St. Joseph office. At 10:00 am we will be dedicating the building as the **Deacon Martin Goedken Memorial Center.**

St. Joseph Open House and Dedication

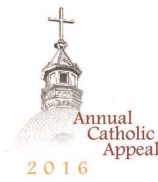
Saturday, March 4th

10:00 am

Dedication and Blessing - Open House

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

1123 S. 10th Street -St. Joseph, MO 64503



2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

The diocese has received from our parish
\$5,390 from 34 families.

Thank you for generous donations.

Please Mark Your Calendars for March 20th - Solemnity of St Joseph

On Monday evening, March 20, there will be a special Mass in honor of St. Joseph at St. Joseph Parish in Easton. Though it's a Solemnity for the Universal Church, this feast is particularly special for the people of St. Joseph Parish in Easton, as it is the annual celebration of our own patron saint.

Mass will begin at **5:30pm** that evening.

Following the Mass we will have a parish potluck supper in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

This Mass will be a Solemn High Mass in the *Extraordinary Form* (a "traditional Latin Mass"). Latin/English booklets will be provided for those who wish to follow along, but this form of prayer benefits everyone who attends regardless of your facility with Latin. *Whatever your previous experience with the Latin Mass, I hope all our parishioners will attend.*

As a bonus, our neighbors, **The Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, have agreed to provide the choir for this special celebration.** Even if you are not able to make it in time for Mass, I hope you can still join us for the potluck supper.



LENTEEN FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus Council 5067
in St Joseph

will be having their Annual Fish Fry.

The fish fry will be held on all Fridays during Lent except Good Friday.

The Knights will start serving at 5 PM to 7:30 PM at their Council Hall, 1205 North 49th Terrace.

They will be serving a choice of:

Seafood Fettuccine Alfredo; Baked Fish; Fried Catfish.
Their fabulous Cheesy potatoes, Cole Slaw and rolls.
Tea and water will be provide with the meal.

Adult meal will be \$10.00 and children under 12 years old
\$5.00.

For your convenience we are still offering drive thru pick up!!!!

If you have any questions or need directions
please call [816-232-0321](tel:816-232-0321)



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

"...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.

PROTECT THE MIRACLE OF LIFE LENTEEN PARISH CHALLENGE



Now is the time to value the personhood and sanctity of every human life in our community. You are invited to protect the miracle of life by supporting St. Joseph PRC.

Lent is approaching and we are challenging you to fill a bottle with more than your spare change.

We are called during Lent to fast and give alms.

As a child we "gave up" something for Lent. We are asking you to pray over what you will "give up" (fast) and put that money (almsgiving) in the baby bottle.

Some say they will give up "Starbucks" coffee or children might give up candy for Lent - so the monies you would have spent should be put in your baby bottle.

Every time you add money to this little bottle, ask God how He would have you be a part of our outreach to bring hope and help to women and babies.

Thank you for helping St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) protect the miracle of life.

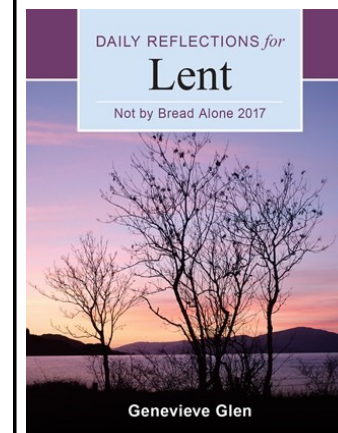
In 2016 more than 165 babies were born to women who received their services.

Just pick up a bottle after Mass this weekend..

Fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back to church the weekend after Easter, April 22nd and 23rd.

Lenten Books

Daily Reflections for Lent



WE HAVE BOOKS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH TO HELP YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY FOR A HAPPY LENT!

Please take one and bring one to a shut-in.
Enjoy these readings and reflections.