

**From Fr. Totton's Desk**

**A Bishop on Baseball and Beauty!**

One of my favorite seminary professors was a young priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who often used to decry what he called "beige Catholicism"! He used this term to describe a faith which was typified by whitewashed monochromatic churches devoid of artwork (statues, paintings, etc.) and ornamentation, but he was commenting on more than the mere appearance of buildings, but rather upon the philosophy which undergirded such destructive designs and the consequences which often followed. This same professor - himself a brilliant student of St. Thomas Aquinas - rather preferred the age-old description of Catholic Christianity as a revelation of God - the Divine Being whom ancient philosophy and early Christianity described in terms of three adjectives: **The True; The Good; and The Beautiful!** These same three adjectives also describe three approaches to understanding the Faith. There are those who come to the Truth about God through an intellectual process and those who come encounter God through the observance of rules (do good, avoid evil). But my professor contended that the *vast majority of people* encounter God first and foremost through an experience of **Beauty**, and subsequently grow in their appreciation for **Goodness** (the moral life) and **Truth** (the intellectual life). A few years after I was ordained, my professor, *now Bishop Robert Barron*, went on to launch **Word on Fire Ministries**, an international media effort to evangelize through showcasing the beauty of Catholicism. About four years ago, Bishop Barron wrote a great essay on the role of beauty in bringing people to the Faith. With Baseball season fast approaching, I would like to share a portion of that essay for your consideration:

*The pattern is more or less as follows: first the beautiful (how wonderful!), then the good (I want to participate!) and finally the true (now I understand!). A young man watches a skillfully played game of baseball, and it awakens in him a profound desire to play as well as those whom he admired; and then the actual playing of the game teaches him, from the inside, the rules and rhythms of baseball. A completely inadequate way of drawing a kid into the world of baseball would be to start with a clarification of the rules or with a set of drills. Rather, show him the beauty of baseball, and he will want to play, and having played, he will know.*

If you have the chance, I highly recommend you read the entire essay at:

[www.wordonfire.org/resources/article/evangelizing-through-beauty/459/](http://www.wordonfire.org/resources/article/evangelizing-through-beauty/459/)

-Fr. Joseph Totton

**Weekend Collection - February 19th - March 19th**

**February 19th**

Envelopes: \$1105 Plate: \$214.60 2nd Collection - CCEAA: \$344.75

**Total Parish: \$1663.35**

**February 26th**

Envelopes: \$1810 Plate: \$265 Hall Rental: \$100

**Total Parish: \$2175.00**

**March 5th**

Envelopes: \$1532 Plate: \$126 Ash Wednesday: \$180

**Total Parish: \$1838.00**

**March 12th**

Envelopes: \$1425 Plate: \$126 2nd Collection - Catholic Charities for Tornado Relief: \$788

**Total Parish: \$2339.00**

**March 19th**

Envelopes: \$1275 Plate: \$167

**Total Parish: \$1442.00**

**Collections:**

**Feb to Date: \$7,036.43**

**March to Date: \$4,831.00**

**Year-To-Date: \$81,745.05**

**Feb Budget: \$7,191.52**

**March Budget: \$7,191.52**

**Yearly Budget: \$96,298.36**

**Thank you for supporting St. Joseph's Parish**



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**Fr. Joseph Totton**

**Administrator**

**P.O. Box 197**

**107 North Shortridge**

**Easton, MO 64443**

**816-294-9841 - Fr. Joe's cell**

**Mass Times**

**Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am**

**Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass**

**Office 816-473-2011**

**Mission Statement**

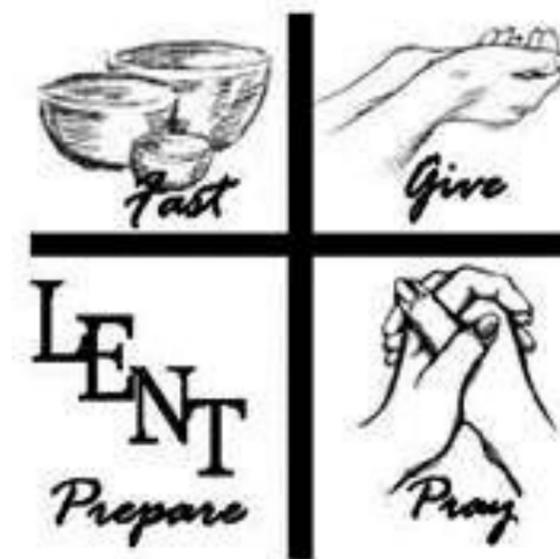
**We the members of Saint Joseph Catholic parish, will strive to be the reflection of Jesus in this particular time and place.**

**Cemetery Board**

*Ed Fisher*

*Mike Roth*

*Steve White*



**4th Sunday of Lent**

**Parish & Finance Councils**

*Jim Adams*

*Stacy Brown*

*Jim Ingle*

*Rosalie Ingle*

*Tony Kauzlarich*

*Marge Kinney*

*Julie Moran*

*Dennis Ottinger*

*Jordan Roth*

*Mike Roth*

*Wayne Weipert*

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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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)

March 26, 2017



## Ministry Schedule

### March 26- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert  
**Lectors:** Scott Antle & Jan Pottier  
**Ministers:** Doug Ottinger & Wayne Weipert  
 Diane & Jim Barber  
**Counters:** Paul & Jan Pottier

### April 2- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Jim Ingle  
**Lectors:** Scott Antle & Jim Barber  
**Ministers:** Marylou Euler & Jim Ingle  
 Jan & Paul Pottier  
**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

### Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, March 25 + Tom Robertson

By: Steve & Pat Culver

#### Sunday, March 26 + Mary Pottier

By: Pottier Family

#### Saturday, April 1 + Dick Brennan

By: Steve & Pat Culver

#### Sunday, April 2 + Mary Carmichael

By: Ann Burton



### BIRTHDAY

Lucas Connett	March 28th
Caroline Connett	March 31st
Joe Hamera	April 1st

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**



### Mark your Calendars!

**Parish & Finance Council:** March 30 6 pm - Rectory  
**Altar Society:** Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

**Hand Linens:** March/April: Nannette Wolford

**Donut Sunday:** April 2 - Hubert & Bonnie Gregory

**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**

### CHRISM MASS

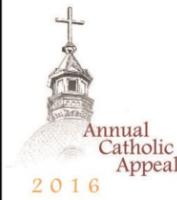


Have you thought about going to the Chrism Mass on Thurs., Apr. 6th at 7 pm in the Cathedral in Kansas City? Bishop Johnston will be blessing the oils that the Church will use at the Easter Vigil Service for the catechumens and candidates and throughout the Church Year.

A bus will leave St. Francis Xavier parking lot 27th & Seneca at 5:30pm. You will be dropped off at the door. **No trying to find a parking spot and then walking a distance.**

After the service, you will be picked up at the door and returning to your car around 10:30 pm.

The cost will be \$8 to \$10, depending on the number of riders. If interested call your parish office 816-473-2011 to register by March 31st.



### 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

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

Thank you for generous donations.

### HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

#### Catholic Relief Services

2nd Collection This Weekend March 25th & 26th

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40).

We are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe.

Through supporting today's collection,  
you **help Jesus in disguise.**

Please be generous.



### LENTE 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, Felicia Bober**



### PROTECT THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

#### LENTE PARISH CHALLENGE

If you haven't picked up your baby bottle or if you need another one they are in a container in the back of church.

We would like to have 100% participation!

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.

Fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back to church the weekend after Easter, April 22nd and 23rd. If you need another bottle or didn't pick one up they are in the back of the church.



### Season of Lent

**During this Lenten season St. Ann's - Plattsburg will be having Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 6 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](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.

### I'M BACK!!

*Just to let you know Bill and I had a wonderful time with my twin sister and other family members.*

*Weather was awesome, citrus trees in bloom.*

*I would to thank Stacy Brown who put finished the bulletins every week.. Also, thank you to Julie Moran and the counters who managed the deposits and Randy Moran who took care of the church after Mass and locked it.*

*I couldn't have gone without all your help.*

*What an awesome church family we have here!!*