

## From Fr. Totton's Desk

The Solemnity of Christ the King which we celebrated always reminds me that, as Americans, royalty is something that simultaneously repulses and fascinates us. Being as our origins are in Merry Old England, we may think right away of the British Crown. It was, after all, in answer to the abuse of royal power that the Founding Fathers declared our independence. Rather than proclaiming some local hero - like General George Washington - our king, we instead decided that the president would be elected to serve at the pleasure of the people. Still, we have long maintained an interesting fascination with the goings-on of the British Royal Family - one of the few remaining monarchies in Europe. It is interesting that this Feast - Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, was only proclaimed about 90 years ago, at a time, following World War I, when monarchies were going the way of the dinosaur and modern European nations were embracing either democracy or socialism. To understand the subject matter, we must understand that the reign of Christ epitomizes a benevolent kingdom, where the monarch rules and reigns over the hearts of His subjects by His willingness even to lay down His life for them! If we are to understand Christ as King, we must understand the cross as his throne!

In that vein, I would like to share a couple paragraphs from a letter I received last month from Bishop Johnston:

*These days there is much that threatens to rob us of peace. There are division, tension surrounding racism, and even the threat of nuclear war. Terrorism seems like a weekly occurrence, along with the martyrdom of Christians around the world. Along with this, many have experienced the inner stresses on their family life in a culture that is focused on wealth and comforts.*

*The path forward to hope and peace is through the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Despite the many churches named under this title, and our familiarity with the image, most are not familiar with this devotion which was once a part of almost every family's prayer life. I wholeheartedly recommend this beautiful devotion to all parishes, families, and Christian faithful in our diocese.*

Over the years I have been asked, on a few occasions, to help families "enthron" the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their home. Effectively, this is a tangible way of acknowledging Jesus as king over the hearts of the faithful in that home. It involves a series of preparatory prayers, a short ceremony including placing the image of the Sacred Heart in a prominent place in the home, and a deliberate re-commitment of one's baptismal promises. Of course, the ceremony is just the beginning, a way for a family to boost their commitment to family prayer and to bring into focus the centrality of Jesus in the lives of his disciples.

Heeding Bishop Johnston's encouragement, I hope to promote a renewed devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our parish. In addition to enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus in both parishes, I will make myself available to assist any family who wishes to conduct a home enthronement. At this time I do not have a specific timeline for how this will proceed - but if you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding home enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Wherever Jesus is, his Mother is always close by. Therefore, I also hope to encourage a greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in our parishes, particularly through the regular praying of the Holy Rosary, not only in church before Masses, but on a daily basis in our homes.

### **Please Note: change in procedure for Holy Communion:**

Beginning this weekend, please note that Holy Communion will be distributed at St. Joseph in Easton in the following manner: The priest will stand at the center and will distribute Holy Communion (the Sacred Host) to both sides of the Church. Maintain two lines (one for each side) all the way up to the front pew. When the person ahead of you (in the opposite line) is receiving, this is the time for you to make a profound bow (or genuflection) then, you step up to receive Holy Communion. Communicants may then proceed to receive the Precious Blood from the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the wings. This has been my practice at St. Ann's now for the past year and it has worked out well. In a parish as small as ours, this gives me a chance to make contact with each and every parishioner. Additionally, those parishioners (and others attending Mass) who desire to receive a priestly blessing (in lieu of Communion) may do so without having to "jump lines" as it were. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



# 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*



**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

### **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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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)  
November 26, 2017



## Ministry Schedule

### November 26 - 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert

**Lectors:** Scott Antle & Jay Pflugradt

**Ministers:** Marylou Euler, Paul & Jan Pottier

**Counters:** Paul & Jan Pottier

### December 3 - 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Jim Ingle

**Lectors:** Jim Barber, Jan Pottier

**Ministers:** Wayne Weipert, Jim & Diane Barber

**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

### Mass Intentions



**Saturday, Nov 25 + Juanita Brown**

By: Vickie DeWar

**Sunday, Nov 26 + Chad Klein**

By: Klein Family

**Saturday, Dec 2 + Carolyn Steppe**

By: Julie & David Houser

**Sunday, Dec 3 + Jack West**

By: West Girls



### BIRTHDAY

Nicholas Kempf	Nov 28
Joan Mitchell	Nov 28
Zane Bembrick	Nov 29
Paula Chambers	Dec 2nd
Debbie Fisher	Dec 3rd
Christie Ottinger	Dec 3rd

### ANNIVERSARY

Joe & Charlene Huber	Nov 26
Jack & Shari Klein	Nov 27

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**



### Mark your Calendars!

**Parish & Finance Council:** Jan 3 - 6 pm - Rectory

**Altar Society:** Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

**Hand Linens:** Nov/Dec: Jan Pottier

**Donut Sunday:** Dec 3 - Christmas Brunch - Altar Society

**Knights of Columbus:** 5067-1st & 3rd Thursday 7 pm

Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm

**Dan Morey, 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](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.

### Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair

Come visit us at St. Ann's Parish - Plattsburg

December 2nd from 10 am to 3 pm

Come and get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair!

Over 20 booths will be there for you to purchase gifts for someone special (or for yourself).

St. Ann's Altar Society will be selling hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, cookies, brownies and drink.

Proceeds from sale of tables will be for the operating expenses of the church.



## Weekend Collection Nov 18 & 19, 2017

Envelopes: \$1690 Plate: \$123 Mass Stipend: \$10

Fundraiser: \$300 Hall Rental: \$100

**Total Parish: \$2,223**

**2nd Collection: Dec 10 - Religious Retirement**

**COLLECTIONS:**

**Nov To Date: \$ 8,446.74**

**Nov Budget: \$ 7,491.66**

**Year-To-Date: \$ 45,870.30**

**Year Budget: \$101,800.00**



### UPDATE

**"GIVE FROM THE HEART"**

**6th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

**\$14,593!!**



**2018 Annual Catholic Appeal**  
**"How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me"**

As the Holidays approach, we give thanks to God for all His blessings to us and our families. We especially thank the 14 families who have shared their financial resources toward our parish's goal of \$5,775 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

So far we have received \$1,800 in pledges and contributions.

We are grateful for your listening to our call to give and we know that you feel a sense of accomplishment in sharing your blessings, with others in the family of the Church in Northwest Missouri.

### Opportunities for Ministers

Ministry is the way in which the Church continues what Christ began and still intends, namely, the salvation of humanity and the transformation of the world. All baptized and confirmed Christians receive a call and gifts enabling them to participate in this mission. When lay people carry out Christ's work as priest, prophet, and king in their own proper way through public activity authorized by the Church, we call this lay ministry. Here are some of the ways you might be able to answer that call:

### Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you have a calling for any of the above ministries please see Fr. Joe Totton and he will arrange for training.

We need your help - thank you for your cooperation.



### 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**



## CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



Everyone is invited to attend the annual

Christmas Brunch

which will be

Sunday, December 3 following mass

in the parish hall.

There will not be a sign up sheet again this year so please plan to attend and bring a breakfast item of your choice

(casserole, fruit, muffins, etc.).

Thank you

We hope to see you there!!

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ST. JOSEPH NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Catholic Charities

One of the Catholic Charities' mission is to provide basic needs to families who can't afford the essentials.

CC's cupboards are in need of the following items: laundry soap, dish soap, bleach, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, diapers, baby wipes and other items for personal hygiene needs.

Just drop them in the box in the back of the church marked "Catholic Charities" at your convenience.