

Father Totton's Desk

This weekend, I reflect on two items, both of which speak about the Marvels of God. On the one hand is the feeding of the five thousand with only a few loaves and a couple fish. On the other hand, we (at Plattsburg) are celebrating the Feast of Saint Ann (and her husband, St. Joachim). A common theme in these two moments is how God can take something so simple, something so basic and bring about a Marvel which revolutionizes the world and provides nourishment for countless souls down through the ages.

In the multiplication of the loaves, we see pre-figured the Gift the Eucharist, by which Jesus gives us Spiritual Nourishment, his very Body and Blood as food for Everlasting Life! This theme will unfold over the next several weeks, but it begins with **this** remarkable moment. At the risk of getting ahead of myself, consider the words our Lord used at the Last Supper: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, **This is my Body...**" In the Eucharist, Jesus gives us his very self, holding nothing back, reserving nothing to Himself. He invites us into a relationship by which he wishes to *espouse* himself to our souls. This is why we refer to the Eucharist as "**Holy Communion.**" But again, I am getting ahead of myself. At the feeding of the multitude, the apostles collect five loaves and two fish, and Andrew exclaims, "but what good are these for so many?" Note that Jesus doesn't supply the loaves, but he solicits, he invites, he asks us to give him what little we have (which, of course, he has already given to us!) and he will transform it into something which far exceeds anything we ever thought possible.

St. Ann and St. Joachim were a pretty average Jewish couple for their time and place. There was nothing regal or even exceptional about them. Like most of their contemporaries, they assumed the duties of marriage and set up a household which could be described as "typical" at that time. Through their total marital self-gift and openness to God's plan, they conceived a child - a normal human child in all respects with one remarkable crucial difference that neither of them understood in their lifetime on earth: This child, the fruit of their spousal union, was preserved by a unique Grace from God, from inheriting original sin which had been passed on and transmitted to all other descendants of Adam and Eve. We know, of course, that this was part of God's plan to bring about the Incarnation of His Divine Son. For their part, St. Ann and St. Joachim did nothing to merit this great honor, except to do what husband and wife have done *since* the time of Adam and Eve - to give themselves totally and completely to each other in marriage. We may not know in this lifetime the impact that God may make through our actions, but, like Saints Ann and Joachim, we are called to offer our best - as simple or basic as it may seem - to the Lord and allow him to transform it into one part of his plan for the salvation of the world. May the Lord form within us generous hearts that hold nothing back that we may more readily use our lives to advance His plan in a way that only He can understand.

Likewise, the young man with the five barley loaves and the two fish probably didn't think much of his simple lunch. Perhaps he had a little fear that if he shared it, especially with so many, that he might need to go hungry himself. But look what Our Lord did using that small act of selfless generosity - he fed five thousand (other Gospel accounts of this story indicate that there may have been as many as ten to fifteen thousand souls that were fed!) and there was so much left over that they filled twelve wicker baskets.

What is the takeaway for us? It's simple, one word: **generosity!** Give freely! We must acknowledge that everything you have received is God's gift to us. We must use it that He may accomplish "even greater things than these!" Of course, this applies to the three categories of *Time, Talent and Treasure* but it *also applies* to your relationships - to marriage especially - to wisdom and experience, and to all manner of gifts that God has bestowed upon you.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator

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Sunday: 8 am
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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

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
 July 29, 2018

Grace Evangelical Church,
 located at 5103 S. 50th Street in St. Joseph, Missouri,
 is hosting a Moonlight 5K (walk or run) on
 Friday, August 3, 2018 at 9 p.m.

Registration fee is \$25 with proceeds benefitting
Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

Funds will provide families in need with diapers, baby formula,
 baby food & birth certificates.

Go to www.iamathlete.com and type in Moonlight 5K or call
 816.279.2090 and ask for Dyann Duncan.

Remembrance Quilt
 For my retirement

I have placed in a basket on the table in the back of church fabric blocks that you can write either well wishes, words of wisdom, along with your name and year and I will sew them all into a quilt.

Directions included.

You can either embroider your words or you can use a fabric pen. **Must** be a fabric pen so it won't disappear after washing.

Blessings to all, Marge

Due back by August 5!



Ministry Schedule

July 29- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Knights of Columbus
Lectors: Knights of Columbus
Ministers: Knights of Columbus
Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth

Aug - 8 am Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory
Lectors: Jay Pflugradt & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Hubert Gregory,
Doug Ottinger
Counters: Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

Mass Intentions



Sunday, July 29 + **Henry Fisher**
By: Fisher Family

Sunday, August 5 + **Jan Everett**
By: Jeff & Ruthann Gray



BIRTHDAY

Ruby Edwards	August 1st
Roper Edwards	August 1st
Julia Moran	August 1st
Jim Bauer	August 2nd
Adam Mink	August 2nd
Jennifer O'Brien	August 5th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Weekend Collection - July 22, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,275 Plate: \$79 2nd Collection: \$381

Total Parish: \$1,735

2nd Collection: August 19 - Diocesan Life & Justice

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

July To Date: \$ 7,208.00

July Budget: \$ 7,550.00

Year-To-Date: \$ 7,208.00

Year Budget: \$90,600.00

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

To All the Ladies of the Parish
Thank you so much for all your cooking, baking, and helping in making the Funeral Luncheon for Michael Grier such a wonderful tribute to him and his family. As always you have come together when we need you. If anyone has a bowl, pot, or pan that needs to be returned it is on the table in the hall. Please come and pick it up.
Again, Thank You.
Bonnie Gregory and Kathy Barton, Funeral Co-Chairs
St Joseph's Altar Society



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.

SAVE THE DATE

SEVEN DOLORS CHURCH-12750 Hurlingen Road, Easton

Autumn Food & Fun

Sept 15 - beginning at 4 pm

Picnic Style Dinner for \$10

(includes 4 tickets to play any games)

Grilled Hamburger or 2 Grilled Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs

Baked Beans, variety of Chips, Homemade Desserts, Ice Tea or Water

Bingo - Dessert Walk - Pop Toss- Jingle Board

Silent Auction - Country Store

Grindstone Winery -Wine/Beer

Soda - Bottled Water - Ice Cream for sale on grounds

Diocesan Visioning Process

You are invited to Share and Be Heard

Bishop Johnston recently instituted a "visioning" process to develop a Mutually Shared Vision for our diocese.

The purpose of the process is to create a compelling Vision Statement (unifying theme) for the diocese. It will include three priorities—major areas of focus—for the diocese for the next 3 years and six goals that will lead to specific outcomes in the next 2-3 years.

Bishop Johnston invites every member of our local church to participate in their regional listening sessions in July. The locations have been chosen to reach as much of the diocese as possible in the time frame available. You may attend any one of the sessions.

Throughout the process Bishop Johnston asks everyone to join him in prayer (prayer following) for the fruitfulness of this effort.

One Heart and Mind; A Vision for Our Future

Diocesan Visioning Process

Listening Session Locations

Tuesday, July 31, 7-8:30 pm: St. James, Liberty



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: Aug 5: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

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

DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH PORNOGRAPHY?

Plan to attend the *My House Workshop for Men* in Kansas City

August 9-11, 2018

This is a 3-day confidential, intensive for men striving to overcome and heal from unwanted sexual behaviors. It is geared to maximize investment of time and money by providing the equivalent of at least 8 months of individual therapy. It will enhance the work you might have started or jump start your journey towards healing.

For more information or to register today call: 816-786-6063 or email: centerforhealing128@gmail.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to register:

Introduce yourself to Fr. Totton after Mass,

Come to the Parish Office, or Go to our Parish Website at:

stjosepheaston.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**

"a time to die..."

Mike Grier



REMINDER

Wednesday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass schedule as follows:

Tuesday, August 14 - 6pm (vigil) Mass

St. Ann's

Wednesday, August 15 - 6pm Mass

St. Joseph, Easton

Following Mass at St. Joseph's we will have a Parish Cookout and Pot Luck Dinner. The Parish will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and drinks.

All other food will be pot luck.

Bring a dish for your family and enough to share!

There is a sign up sheet in the back of church.

Mark your calendars, dust off your lawn chairs and come and have some fun with your parish family!



Saint Patrick's Mexican Fiesta

Save the date for the 49th annual Saint Patrick's Mexican Fiesta.

Friday, August 3rd and Saturday, August 4th

On **Friday** we will be serving authentic Mexican food such as tacos, rice, beans, enchiladas, tamales, and more from the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1205 N 49th Terrace. We will also have a live DJ, raffles, and drinks for everyone.

Saturday we will be back on the Saint Patrick's grounds located at 1723 South 12th Street. There will be more food, more drinks, a show, music, and activities for the kids.

So, if you want to have some good ole family fun come on down. Everyone is invited, and we hope to see you all there!

Saint Patrick's Church is looking for volunteers to help with the Mexican Fiesta this year.

If you would like to help please contact the co- chairs of the committee, Sandra Ortega (816) 261-3140 or Laurie Keller (816) 209-8127. If you are in school this is a great way for you to get your community service hours.