

### From Father Totton's Desk

As we begin another Advent – and with it, a new Liturgical Year – there are several changes to take in at St. Joseph Parish:

At Mass last week, I announced that, beginning today, we would begin a trial period with a new (or “old”) liturgical practice whereby the priest and people will face in the same direction (together, toward the altar) during those prayers addressed to Almighty God (Ad Deum) rather than the (now) conventional practice whereby the priest stands behind the altar facing the congregation for the entirety of the Eucharistic Prayer. For those of you who were not with us last week (due to the weather), I would encourage you to access the parish website [www.stjosepheaston.org](http://www.stjosepheaston.org) for a more developed explanation. This trial period will continue through Epiphany Sunday (January 6). Following that, I would like to solicit your feedback on this practice.

In the meantime, I beg you to approach each Mass during this time with an open and generous heart, turned toward the Lord.

This week, we welcome a new staff member, Penny Harrison, who will serve as part time secretary at both parishes. Penny will be in the office at Plattsburg on Wednesdays and at Easton on Thursdays. She will be responsible for editing the bulletin, scheduling Mass intentions and hall rentals, minor bookkeeping details and other clerical tasks. I have asked Penny to write up a brief biographical sketch as a means of introducing herself:

*My name is Penny Harrison. My husband John and I have been married for over 35 years. Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Kansas City is our church home and has been for over two decades. I am a convert to the Catholic faith, having joined the Church in 1993. John and I have been blessed with five children; Emily, Kate, Graham, Paul and Clare, and five young grandchildren (so far!). I recently “retired” from a career in homeschooling which spanned over twenty years. I enjoy taking nature walks, traveling, drinking coffee, and listening to good music. In years past, I have used my degree in dietetics to work in several places around the Kansas City area, including: St. Luke's Hospital and Clay County Health Department. John and I have volunteered our time in the area of Family Life on the parish and diocesan level through Marriage Encounter, marriage preparation/lead couple work and teaching Natural Family Planning. We are currently involved in Unbound Prayer Ministry which began recently in our diocese. I am happy to begin this new chapter in service to the Church and, in a special way, to the people of St. Joseph / St. Ann Parish. I look forward to meeting you soon.*

With the winter storm last week, I was reminded of the importance for up-to-date contact information in the unlikely event that weather should impact our Mass schedule. If your phone number has recently changed (especially if you have discontinued land line service) please contact the parish office to update your telephone number and provide a current email address at which you can be notified in the event of a weather emergency.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton

#### 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](http://stjosepheaston.org) and register.



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator**

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107 North Shortridge  
Easton, MO 64443  
816-294-9841 - Fr. Totton's cell  
email: [fathertotton@gmail.com](mailto:fathertotton@gmail.com)**

**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*



**First Sunday of  
Advent**

#### Parish & Finance Councils

*Jim Adams  
Jim Ingle  
Rosalie Ingle  
Tony Kauzlarich  
Julie Moran  
Jordan Roth  
Mike Roth  
Wayne Weipert*

Email: [stjosephchurch@centurytel.net](mailto:stjosephchurch@centurytel.net)

Website: [stjosepheaston.org](http://stjosepheaston.org)

Office Secretary: Penny Harrison

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)

Dec 2, 2018



# Ministry Schedule

## Dec 2- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Jim Ingle  
**Lectors:** Doug Ottinger & Jan Pottier  
**Ministers:** Wayne Weipert, Doug Ottinger & Marylou Euler  
**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

## Dec 9- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Richard LaFollette  
**Lectors:** Bonnie Gregory & Jordan Roth  
**Ministers:** Jan & Paul Pottier & Jim Ingle  
**Counters:** Paul & Jan Pottier

## Mass Intentions



### Sunday, Dec 2 + Susan Merrigan

By: Everett & Roth Families

### Sunday, Dec 9 + Jack West

By: West Girls



## BIRTHDAY

Paula Chambers	Dec 2nd
Debbie Fisher	Dec 3rd
Christie Ottinger	Dec 3rd
Kevin Brown	Dec 4th
Charles Barton	Dec 6th
Marylou Euler	Dec 6th
Julie Houser	Dec 8th
Nicholas Klein	Dec 9th

## ANNIVERSARY

Paul & Jan Pottier Dec 4th

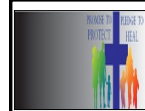
## Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

## Volunteers needed to preserve our first cemetery

After the Christmas brunch the confirmation group and other volunteers will continue cleanup efforts at the Kessler Cemetery.

If you'd like to join us, please meet us this **Sunday, December 2, as early as 11:00 a.m. on the gravel road (SE Hampton Rd.) south of the Kessler Cemetery.** Due to the wet field conditions, **plan to walk** north (along the west side of the tree line) from the gravel road. It is about 1/4 mile walk. Small spring-loaded hand pruners work best for this work.

Hope you can make it!



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.

## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. ANN'S & ST. JOSEPH'S



### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 8th  
St. Joseph - Easton - 9 am  
St. Ann - Plattsburg - 4 pm

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Since it falls on a Saturday Fr. Totton will be having Mass at 9 am in Easton and 4 o'clock Mass in Plattsburg.

### Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

St. Joseph, Easton - 5 pm (Nativity Pageant begins at 5 pm)  
St. Ann, Plattsburg - Midnight

### Christmas Day Mass Schedule

10 am - St. Ann, Plattsburg

## Free On-Line Resources to make this your "Best Advent Ever!"

Dynamic Catholic is offering once again a **free** Advent subscription program to provide you with daily reflections delivered to your email inbox to help you keep a spiritual focus during this Advent Season.

Just type [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com) into your internet browser and follow the instructions to sign up.

## Weekend Collection - Nov 25, 2018

Envelopes: \$645 Plate: \$112 Fund Raiser: \$400  
Hall Rental: \$100 Subscription: \$30  
**Total Parish: \$1,287**

## 2nd Collection: Dec 9 - Religious Retirement

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

**Nov To Date: \$12,366.25** This includes fund raising \$  
**Nov Budget: \$ 7,550.00**

**Year-To-Date: \$49,877.92**

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

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



## Mark your Calendars!

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

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

**Donut Sunday: Dec 2: Christmas Brunch - Altar Society**

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

**Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm**

**Jay Pflugrad, Grand Knight**

**Fr. Joseph Totton, Chaplain**

**Recitation of Rosary - 2nd weekend of the month**  
**20 minutes before Mass**

## 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own.

Our theme, **"The community of believers was of one heart and mind" Acts 4:32,** Appropriately recognizes our unity as the people of God to work together for the betterment of all.

Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small.

Please join our efforts.

The goal for St. Joseph's parish is \$5,775

Our total so far is \$2,980

Thank you for all your help and support of the



## "GIVE FROM THE HEART" 7th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



## NEW UPDATE

**\$14,287!!**



## 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 Dobrowansky**

*For our Shut - Ins*

**Rosemary Ingle, Carolyn O'Brien, Josephine Jackson, Delores White, Eileen Grier, Brent LaFollette**

*"a time to die..."*

**Merced "Jr" Pacheco III**

(Paul Pottier's Brother-in-law)



## CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Don't forget to stop by for some breakfast!

Always room for one more!



## March for Life

Washington D.C.

## 2019 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Registration is now open for the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 17-19.

This three-day trip will include

Mass each day,

Rally on the National Mall,

and participation in the 2019 March for Life.

Registration will remain open through Wednesday, December 12th. The current early-bird rate of \$285 per person will be available through Wed., October 31st.

The amount will increase slightly to \$315 after October 31st.

Registration forms available on-line at:

[www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org)

- Pilgrims under the age of 18 must also complete a copy of the diocesan youth medical release form.
- All minors not traveling with an adult will be assigned a Virtus-certified adult chaperone.
- A space may be reserved for the pilgrimage by submitting a non-refundable deposit of \$100 at anytime.

Total payment must be received by