

From Fr. Totton's Desk

The following reflection is based on the readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (If you are attending the 10am Mass you will hear the readings for the Feast of St. Ann, so if you would like to catch up on what I have written here, please read the following: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8: 28-30; and Matthew 13:44-52)

King Solomon was widely regarded for his *Wisdom*, but in the first reading today, we see that the gift he actually asked from the Lord was not *wisdom* per se, but, “an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.” In other words, Solomon asks for *right judgment*. Of course, we are all familiar with the story of the two women, both claiming to be mother of a living baby, who bring their case before Solomon who, ostensibly proposes cutting the child in half. The real mother reveals herself by offering to allow the other woman to have the child rather than taking his young life. Solomon's wise judgment brings the truth to the fore.

We live in an age when “judgment” is often considered a bad thing, or something we should avoid. Several years ago, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, famously said, “who am I to judge?” and his words, as well as the words of Jesus who said, “judge not lest ye be judged” have often lately been taken out of context and used a cover for indecision and even cowardice. You should recall that “Right Judgment” is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* no. 1303). In this case, with regards to what is right and wrong, it is necessary to make distinctions. Not all options are truly good (i.e. not all choices lead us to God!). Some choices we face are between good and evil, while other choices have to do with greater and lesser goods, but we should always employ *Right Judgment* in our deliberations.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven as: 1) a buried treasure; and 2) a pearl of great price. In both instances, he says that this object is so great, so valuable, that one who finds it is willing to sacrifice all other things - even lesser goods - in order to obtain it. I challenge you, using the gift of *Right Judgment* that you have been given, to take an inventory of your life. What passions, what possessions, what delusions, what relationships prevent you from seeking after that Pearl of Great Price? The next gift after *Right Judgment* is *Courage*, now employ that gift to sacrifice those obstacles which keep you from seeking the Kingdom!

- Fr. Joseph Totton

FAMILY VOCATION DAY

Saturday, August 19, 2017, 7:30am-3:30pm

St. Therese Parish, Parkville, MO

Come be inspired by religious (sisters and brothers) and priests.

Experience prayer, learn more about the consecrated life, ask questions, and have a lot of fun throughout the day.

His Excellency, **Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr.** will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The cost is \$5 per person or \$30 per family. All ages are welcome to attend— there will be tracks for young adults, parents, and children by age group.

For more information go to: kcpriest.org/events/family-vocation-day-august-19-2017



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton

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

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Tony Kauzlarich

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

July 30, 2017



Ministry Schedule

July 30- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Bubba Miller & Jim Ingle
Ministers: Doug Ottinger, Wayne Weipert
 Jackie Pottier & Paul Pottier
Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth

August 6- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory
Lectors: Jim Barber & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Hubert Gregory
 Jim & Diane Barber
Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth

Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 29 + Mike Gates

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, July 30 + Ann Taulman

By: Roxy Musser

Saturday, August 5 + Chuck Schenecker

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, August 6 + June O'Dell

By: Jan Pottier



BIRTHDAY

Julie Moran	August 1st
Jimmy Bauer	August 2nd
Adam Mink	August 2nd
Jennifer O'Brien	August 5th
Dan McPhee	August 6th

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. 1 Kings 3:9



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: Sept 14- 6 pm - Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: July/Aug: Nannette Wolford

Donut Sunday: Aug 6 - Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

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



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.

THE PRINTERY HOUSE OF CONCEPTION ABBEY

37112 State Hwy VV, Conception, MO

INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE!

We are holding our 2nd annual summer sale on

Aug 4, 7 am to 7 pm Aug 5, 8 am to 12 pm

To reduce inventory levels. We have everything from inspirational home décor to stationery to Christmas items. The stock-on-hand is limited quantities,

So be sure to shop early!

Weekend Collection July 2 thru 23, 2017

July 1,2

Envelopes: \$1,396 Plate: \$155.25

Total Parish: \$1551.25

July 8 & 9

Envelopes: \$805 Plate: \$171

Total Parish: \$976

July 15 & 16

Envelopes: \$1,261 Plate: \$274.82 Hall Rental: \$100

Total Parish: \$1,635.82

July 22 & 23

Envelopes: \$1,976 Plate: \$151 Mas Stipend: \$10

Mission Appeal: \$854

Total Parish: \$2,991

2nd Collection: Aug 19&20 : Diocesan Life & Justice

COLLECTIONS:

July To Date: \$ 6,275.07

July Budget: \$ 7,591.74

Year-To-Date: \$ 6,275.07

Year Budget: \$101,800.00

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

UPDATE FOR FR. GUDIME

Here is his contact information

Fr. Gudime Devasahayam

(708) 506-5199

In case anyone would like to contact him..



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ST. JOSEPH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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.

Thank you for your generosity to help those in need that live in our surrounding area.



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

News from St. Ann's Plattsburg

St. Ann is their parish's patron saint!

- Wednesday July 26 - 6:30pm Solemn High Mass
- Sunday July 30—10am Mass (using the proper texts for the Feast of Ss. Ann and Joachim)

Deacon Bill Fox will assist at Sunday Mass.

- Parish Potluck dinner following the 10am Mass on Sunday, July 30. Please bring a dish to share. Parish will provide hot dogs and hamburgers

labor courtesy of our local Knights of Columbus Council.

All from both parishes are invited to come!!

Have you seen the priest who wears the cassock and a big hat walking around St. Joseph? Do you know he's written a book? In Fr. Lawrence Carney's new book **"Walking the Road to God"**, Father shares some of the tales of his journeys and the people he has encountered.

On Saturday, July 29th Blessings of St. Joseph will host Fr. Carney in a book-signing from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Books will be available for sale. Blessings is located at the corner of Belt Highway and Charles Street. If you have questions, please call 816-676-2537.



48th Annual St. Patrick's Mexican Fiesta

The 48th Annual St. Patrick's Mexican Fiesta is

Friday, August 4th from 5 pm - 11 pm

Saturday, August 5th from 1 pm - 11pm

On the St. Patrick's parish grounds.

This year's Fiesta will feature numerous carnival rides and games.

Pre-sale tickets will be provided at a **discounted rate** of \$1.00 per ticket and will be available in the St. Patrick's parish office, 1723 S 12 St. in St. Joseph (816) 279-2594.

Ticket prices will be \$2.00 on the days of the Fiesta, so get your tickets now .