

I will Give you Shepherds After My Own Heart

The mid-summer week we have just observed is one of my favorites when considering the saints whose lives are held up as inspiring examples of holiness in our world. On July 31, we celebrate the Feast of **St. Ignatius of Loyola**. While recovering from a combat wound and nursing his own vanity, he unexpectedly fell in love with Jesus and was inspired to place himself in the service of the Lord. In his zeal, he gathered about him a group of like-minded young men to form the Society of Jesus (*Jesuits*), a unique missionary religious order which placed themselves at the immediate disposal of the Pope. The Jesuits did much to bring the Gospel of to the New World – especially to the native peoples of North America. On August 1, we celebrate the Feast of **St. Alphonsus Ligouri**, a successful Neapolitan lawyer who left the practice of law to answer a call the priesthood. He went on to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (*Redemptorists*), a religious order which took upon itself the task of preaching God’s mercy, especially to the most impoverished of people. He was renowned for his writings on moral theology, which he described simply as “The practice of the Love of the Lord, Jesus Christ.” Eventually, he was chosen as bishop of Sant’Agata dei Goti, where he sought to reform the local church and spiritually rehabilitate the clergy and lay faithful. Finally, on August 4, we celebrate the Feast of **St. John Vianney, The Curé d’Ars**. He was raised in a France which had been ravaged by revolution and was later drafted into Napoleon’s army for war against Spain. When he finally entered the seminary, he was considered a “late” vocation and had difficulties with his studies because his earlier education had been interrupted. Eventually, he was ordained a priest and sent to care for the smallest, most out-of-the-way place the bishop could think of – the tiny village of Ars! For 41 years he toiled tirelessly among the inhabitants of that tiny village and it’s surrounding farmland and subsequently developed a reputation for holiness which echoed well beyond the borders of France and even across the sea! Pilgrims would travel for days and even weeks to have a few minutes of his time in the confessional or to assist at his simple Mass. He is held up as the patron saint of parish priests. Each of these men answered God’s call to holiness and to the priesthood at a particular time and place, and each of them helped to reform the Church and the world of their time primarily through seeking personal holiness.

Recent revelations about the detestable behavior of high-ranking prelates and other very influential churchmen has done much to shake the confidence that many Catholics have in the hierarchy. This latest wave of scandal has implicated those at the highest levels of the Church not only for covering up sinful deeds of priests, but for engaging in deplorable acts themselves. The prophet Zechariah foretold: “Strike the shepherd and the sheep will scatter.” (Zech 13:8-9). Our Lord himself, quotes that prophet in warning his disciples prior to his Passion. We should note well this warning in our times. As devastated as we may be by the daily revelations of filth in the Church, we must hold firm in Hope to the prophecy of Jeremiah: “I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge und understanding.” (Jer 3:15). As we ponder the lives and example of **St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Alphonsus of Ligouri** and **St. John Vianney**, let us pray that the Lord will raise up shepherds, **true shepherds**, in our day to see us through these troubled times.

Please log on to the parish website and scroll down to the bottom of the homepage for a Letter from Dr. Ralph Marin which addresses the current state of the Church.

Please welcome **Fr. Paul Richardson** as he returns to our area for a visit next week. He will also be covering Masses and confessions next weekend (August 11-12) as I will be on Navy Reserve drill weekend.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator

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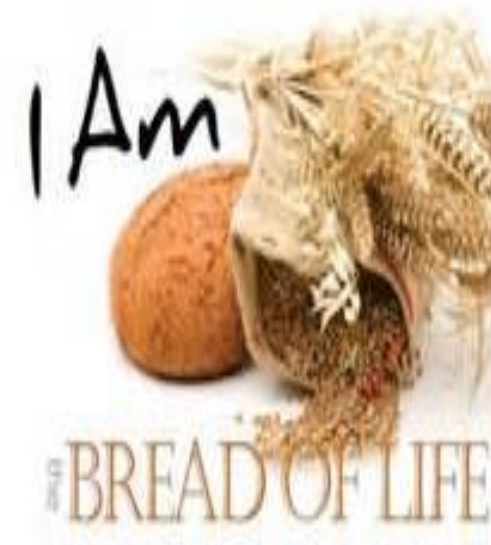
**Mass Time
Sunday: 8 am
Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass
Office 816-473-2011**

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*



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish & Finance Councils

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To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816-812-2500
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August 5, 2018



Ministry Schedule

Aug 5 - 8 am Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory

Lectors: Jay Pflugradt & Jan Pottier

Ministers: Marylou Euler, Hubert Gregory,
Doug Ottinger

Counters: Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

Aug 12 - 8 am Mass

Greeter: Richard LaFollette

Lectors: Doug Ottinger & Bonnie Gregory

Ministers: Jan & Paul Pottier and Wayne Weipert

Counters: Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

Mass Intentions



Sunday, August 5 + Jan Everett

By: Jeff & Ruthann Gray

Sunday, August 12 + R. D. & Iris Everett

By: Everett & Roth Families



BIRTHDAY

Jennifer O'Brien	August 5th
Dan McPhee	August 6th
Mary Bembrick	August 8th
Steve Culver	August 8th
Brandi Dixon	August 9th
Gus Mink	August 12th

ANNIVERSARY

Tony & Sue Kauzlarich	August 7th
Mel & Pat Clark	August 12th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Scalabrini Fathers and Brothers

Dear Fr. Totton, Bless you and thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to present our missionary ministry to your wonderful parishioners. I thank you and your wonderful parishioners for the kind welcome and generous support.

Please thank your parishioners and be assured that their generosity will help us continue our ministry to migrants and refugees. To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, shelter the homeless, welcome the stranger and proclaim the Good News. May the Lord always bless you and your parishioners with joy, peace and good health.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Father Aldo Vendramin, C.S.
www.scalabrinians.org

THANK YOU FROM THE GRIER FAMILY
We would like to thank everyone who prepared food and help serve the meal for our brother Michael. The meal was delicious! We greatly appreciate your support at this difficult time. We are blessed to have such a wonderful parish family!

Therese & Brint
Charlotte & Gary

Art & Darby
Charlie & Maggie



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



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!



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

For our Shut - Ins

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



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.

Weekend Collection - July 29, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 895 Plate: \$172 2nd Collection: \$25

Total Parish: \$1,092

2nd Collection: August 19 - Diocesan Life & Justice

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

July To Date: \$ 8,275.00

July Budget: \$ 7,550.00

Year-To-Date: \$ 8,275.00

Year Budget: \$90,600.00

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