

## From Fr. Totton's Desk

"Forewarned is forearmed" as the old saying goes. In that vein, I would like to remind you that Lent is officially begins in less than a month! Here are a few points to consider as we prepare to enter into this penitential season of preparation. There are three (3) distinct spiritual practices which we are encouraged to adapt during this time: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. A full and fruitful Lent will come from embracing all 3 and *not picking and choosing from among them*.

1. Prayer - this one is simple enough, and I hope we are engaged in prayer throughout the year, but especially during the season of Lent, we are asked to concentrate our prayer or, if we have become somewhat lax, to rededicate ourselves to daily prayer. Practically speaking, this may take on many forms. One may: pray a daily Rosary; make it a point to attend daily Mass (apart from Sunday once or several times each week); pray the Liturgy of the Hours (there is a free App at [www.ibreviary.org/en/](http://www.ibreviary.org/en/) which is quite user friendly!); Observe a weekly Holy Hour or some other form of Eucharistic Adoration (Wednesday evenings at St. Ann in Plattsburg or 24 hours each day at the Mir House of Prayer in St. Joseph). There are any number of forms of prayer which can help to facilitate your conversation with the Lord. Approach Lent with a game plan and you won't feel like the season is halfway over before you get started!

2. Fasting - while we often think about the strict dietary Fasting which the Church requires of certain members (a strict Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday while abstaining from meat on all Fridays, but especially during Lent) there are any number of ways in which we can "fast" from those things (not necessarily food) which have become little luxuries in our lives, the absence of which would allow us to better recognize our dependence on God: This is where we often talk about what we will "give up" for Lent. Whether it is sweets or television, alcohol or coffee, or whatever else one might abstain from, this is intended to be a true *sacrifice*, that is, it is done with the intention to help us grow in holiness ("sacrifice" comes from two Latin words "sacra" which means "holy" and "facere" which means "to make" so a true sacrifice is something we take upon ourselves with the intention that it will help us to grow in holiness!)

3. Almsgiving - this basically reduces to what some refer to as "charitable giving": making a donation (oftentimes of money) to alleviate the plight of the impoverished. Many people choose to calculate the savings they realize from their *fasting* (money saved on coffee, alcohol, sweets, etc.) and donating that to a worthy cause at the end of the Lenten season. I would encourage you to direct your support to one of 3 local causes: **1. Catholic Charities of Kansas City - St. Joseph; 2. St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center; or 3. Plattsburg Ministerial Alliance Emergency Assistance Fund.** Please watch the bulletin for more information on how to contribute to these 3 worthy causes.

## FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

There are several events that the Office will be sponsoring:

### GIVEN KC - A Conference to Inspire Young Adult Women

Saturday, February 11th 8 am - 4 pm

St Mark's Parish—3736 S. Lee's Summit Rd, Independence, MO

GIVEN-KC is an opportunity for women aged 18-35 from any stage of life - single, engaged, married or consecrated to learn more about the feminine genius, how the church needs your unique gifts as a woman and to meet other women striving to live out authentic femininity. Visit [www.givenkc.org](http://www.givenkc.org) for more information and to register.

### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS

The annual mass to celebrate worldwide marriage week will be **Sunday February 12th 2:00 pm at St. Thomas More Parish—11822 Holmes Rd, Kansas City.** Bishop James Johnston - Principle Celebrant, Archbishop Joseph Naumann - Homily. Reception following Mass, with inspiring talks by Luis and Christina Salazar, Marriage Encounter and Mike and Kristi Dennihan, School of Love Apostolate Founders. This event is free.

### MY HOUSE WORKSHOP FOR MEN: Feb 16 -18

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 a least 8 months of individual therapy. It will enhance the work you might have started or jump start your journey towards healing.

The next My House workshop will take place **Feb 16 - 18 at Savior Pastoral Center**, 12601 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109. For more information or to register, please visit: [www.kcsjfamily.org/myhouse-workshop](http://www.kcsjfamily.org/myhouse-workshop) or contact Michael Ciaccio MS, LPC, SATP - Center for Healing LLC at 816-786-6063, [centerforhealing1128@gmail.com](mailto:centerforhealing1128@gmail.com)



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**Fr. Joseph Totton**

**Parochial Administrator**

### Mass Times

**Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am**  
**Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass**  
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**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.**

You are the salt of the earth.  
  
You are the light  
  
of the world.

### Cemetery Board

*Ed Fisher*

*Mike Roth*

*Steve White*

**5th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

### Parish & Finance Councils

*Jim Adams*

*Stacy Brown*

*Jim Ingbe*

*Rosalie Ingbe*

*Tony Kauzlarich*

*Marge Kinney*

*Julie Moran*

*Dennis Ottinger*

*Jordan Roth*

*Mike Roth*

*Wayne Weipert*

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Office Manager: Marge Kinney

Hall Rental: Jo Jackson and 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)

February 5, 2017



## Ministry Schedule

### Feb 5- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Jim Ingle  
**Lectors:** Doug Ottinger & Jim Barber  
**Ministers:** Diane & Jim Barber  
 Jan & Paul Pottier  
**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

### Feb 12- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Randy Moran  
**Lectors:** Julie Moran & Jan Pottier  
**Ministers:** Randy & Julie Moran  
 Jim Ingle & Doug Ottinger  
**Counters:** Randy & Julie Moran

### Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, Feb 4 + Mike Gates

By: Steve & Pat Culver

#### Sunday, Feb 5 + Ron Neely

By: Fr. Totton & Marge

#### Saturday, Feb 11 + Chuck Schenecker

By: Steve & Pat Culver

#### Sunday, Feb 12 + Marilyn Harwood

By: Jan Pottier



### BIRTHDAY

Velma O'Brien February 7th  
 Cecilia Mink February 9th

### ANNIVERSARY

Jim & Jody Runyon February 11

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**

Is God calling you? Come and See!

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Monastic Experience at their monastery in Clyde, MO, **March 18-22, 2017**. It's a chance to experience contemplative monastic life and to learn about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend, and details can be found at [www.benedictinesisters.org](http://www.benedictinesisters.org). To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org).



### Mark your Calendars!

**Parish & Finance Council:** March - 6 pm - Rectory  
**Altar Society:** Feb 5- Hall after Donut Sunday

**Hand Linens:** Jan/Feb: Jan Pottier

**Donut Sunday:** Feb 5 - Nannette Wolford

**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

### Weekend Collection Jan 28 & 29, 2017

Envelopes: \$1300 Plate: \$195 Mass Stipends: \$10

2nd Collection: \$549

**Total Parish: \$2054**

**2nd Collection: Feb 20 & 21 - Catholic Charities  
 Emergency Assistance Appeal  
 COLLECTIONS:**

**Jan To Date: \$ 8,062.52**

**Jan Budget: \$ 7,191.52**

**Year-To-Date: \$69,877.62**

**Year Budget: \$96,298.36**

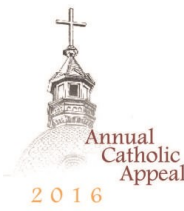
**Thank You for your continued support of  
 St. Joseph Parish.**



### 2017- Donut Sunday Sign Up Sheet

On the back bulletin board is the sign up sheet for Donut Sunday for 2017.

Please sign up!



### 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

We urge you to pledge by using the in-pew envelopes and return them to the Diocese.

No gift is too small.

Please join our effort.

As of this week the diocese has received from our parish  
 \$5,390 from 34 families.

Please help us achieve

100% participation.

### National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

On behalf of the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, and his Auxiliary Bishops, and staff, heartfelt thanks to those who participated in the collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). Your prayers and generosity will support the unique ministry to men and women who currently protect this great nation of ours and defend the freedoms we hold dear. You have also helped to provide the sacraments and pastoral care for Catholic veterans who served with distinction and who are cared for in VA Medical Centers across the U.S., in Puerto Rico and in Guam.

### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Just as a reminder, last year St. Ann's in Plattsburg added a weekday Mass on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6pm.

This Mass is celebrated in the *Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite*, sometimes called the "Traditional Latin Mass."

All parishioners at Plattsburg and Easton are welcome to attend, and a service booklet will be provided to help follow along. On those nights when the Parish School of Religion is in session, Eucharistic Adoration will follow the Mass and conclude at 8:30pm with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - 2016

If you would like a copy of your Contributions for 2016 please email your request to:  
[stjosephchurch@centurytel.net](mailto:stjosephchurch@centurytel.net)

or phone in your request. Statements will be left in a sealed envelope on the table in the back of church or if you would like you can stop by the office on Thursdays between 9:30 am - 4 pm or Sundays after Mass to pick it up.

Thank you for your cooperation! Marge

PS. I will be on vacation from February 22nd - March 15th



### 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, Barb Miller**

*"a time to die..."*

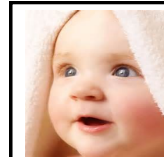
**Eleanor O'Day**

*For our Shut - Ins*

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

### PSR NEWS

### BABY SHOWER



Start saving coupons and baby items for the Baby Shower

to be held on **February 12th**.

Again, as we have done before, the students will be accepting donations the weeks prior to the February 12th date. Save your coupons and/or donate blankets, diapers, wipes, onesies, etc.

Mary Ann Brachman from Catholic Charities of St. Joseph will be here to accept the donations.

Thank you for your generosity!

### MARCH 3RD - THE JOURNEY CONTINUES AN EVENING WITH SISTER HELEN PREJEAN

Don't miss Sister Helen Prejean in Kansas City at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts at March 3rd 6:30 p.m. for a discussion about *Dead Man Walking* followed by a book signing. RSVP for this FREE event by calling Ticketing & Patron Services at 816.471.7344.

### CATHOLICISM AND CULTURE: LYRIC OPERA

### CATHOLIC THINKING ON THE DEATH PENALTY

Interested in considering the issues raised in *Dead Man Walking* from a Catholic perspective? Join us March 10 Lenten Friday for a traditional fish fry followed by a talk and discussion led by the Rev. Thomas B. Curran, S.J., President of Rockhurst University. Complete the evening by attending this thought-provoking opera.

Doors open at Lyric Opera's Michael and Ginger Frost Production Arts Building (712 E. 18th St., KCMO 64108) at 5:00 p.m. for the buffet supper served in our rehearsal hall; Fr. Curran will begin speaking at 6:00 p.m. Guests will then depart at 6:45 p.m. to go to the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts for a 7:30 p.m. curtain.

Tickets for this special event - including the fish fry, discussion and the opera *Dead Man Walking* - are available for \$75.

To purchase: add "Adult + Fish Fry" tickets, available in either the Parterre, Mezzanine or Grand Tier sections for this performance. <http://tickets.kcopera.org/single/SYOS.aspx?p=10281>

# MASS BOOK OPEN FOR 2017