

From the Pastor’s Desk:

In the week ahead, the Church celebrates two saints whose names, if not their deeds, are fairly familiar to most Catholics: St. Thomas Aquinas; and St. John Bosco. It is, perhaps, no mistake that these feasts generally coincide with the more recent celebration of “Catholic Schools Week.” If this was merely an accident of human timing, we know that there are no mere accidents in Divine Providence. It is fitting, therefore, that we reflect a bit today about Catholic education.

The mere mention of “Catholic Education” will conjure up, for many, images of immaculate buildings filled with smartly-uniformed boys and girls eager to learn *reading, writing and arithmetic, and, oh yeah, religion!* If you are of a certain age, you may also remember a glimpse of a sister, however stern or joy-filled (usually a combination of both), clad in some form or distinctive habit, who was fulfilling her own vocation as a bride of Christ by imparting knowledge, to be sure, but hopefully, and what more important, love—Love for Jesus—to her young charges. Others have less favorable memories of their days in Catholic Schools. Of course, in our day and age, with the virtual disappearance of teaching sisters and a general shift in cultural priorities, traditional Catholic schools have become rare and, in some places, non-existent. The mandate for Catholic Education, remains!

We must remember that **Catholic education** takes place *primarily* in the home—and this is true for **all** families, whether a family chooses to homeschool your children or send them to a school outside the home (public, catholic or private). Catholic education is not simply taking an hour (each week or each day) reviewing facts and figures, doctrines and disciplines. Catholic education is living in a relationship with Jesus Christ and living out of *that relationship* in our relations with our spouse and children.

St. Thomas Aquinas was a man consumed with an insatiable hunger for knowledge. From an early age, he showed a great curiosity about the created world. This eventually led him to the One who created this world and gifted it to us! Contrary to the designs of his family, he joined the newly-formed *Order of Preachers* and began his studies under St. Albert the Great. His writings would come to form the basis of our systematic Theology, and really an anchor for the entire Western philosophical tradition. His study of Theology was *not* a dry, academic endeavor, but a passionate pursuit of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and his writings became the expression of that love. Near the end of his earthly life, St. Thomas was granted a supernatural vision of God which eclipsed all the understanding that he had ever had. In response to this vision, he gestured toward the library of his writings and pronounced: “It is all straw!” While we all have much to learn from the works of St. Thomas Aquinas, the greatest lesson he has left us was first uttered by Moses: “*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*” (Deuteronomy 6:5)

St. John Bosco was a young priest in the industrial city of Turin in northern Italy at the dawn of the industrial revolution. Many families had migrated to the cities looking for work in the new factories. As a result, the life of the family often disintegrated, many children were orphaned and even those children with two remaining parents would often be left on their own through much of the day. St. John Bosco sought to gather these children, to teach them basic knowledge and provide them with training in skilled trades which would benefit them in the new economy. Above all, though, he wanted to impart them with Love for Jesus Christ. He did this, first and foremost, by living his own vocation to holiness. He was known to be gentle, even in rebuking his students, for he sought to reflect God’s paternal care for all his children. Though they were places of both learning and work, his homes were, above all, to be places of prayer. Therefore he called them “oratories” rather than “schools” or “workshops”.

What can we learn about Catholic education from these two saints? Of course there are many things, but three come immediately to mind: 1. Catholic education means responding to Jesus’ call to discipleship; 2. Catholic Education happens primarily in our homes and in our lives, though this *may* be supplemented by parochial schooling or parish religious education programs; 3. As long as we live in this world, we will never come to a completion of our Catholic education—it is not something we “graduate from” through our completion of a course of studies. It is a daily response to the call of Jesus. As we grow in Love for Him, so we are able to *lead* others to experience His Love.

-Fr. Joseph Totton



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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

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HALL RENTAL
Call office at 816.473.2011 or
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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS
Sunday 7:30 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT
We the members of Saint Joseph Catholic parish, will strive to be the reflection of Jesus in this particular time and place.



TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: REPORT ABUSE
OMBUDSMAN: Jenifer Valenti – 816.812.2500
DIOCESAN VICTIM ADVOCATE: Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday January 27
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Sunday February 3
8:00 a.m. James F. Rost †

Please remember in prayer those who have died.
Grant them eternal rest and peace, O Lord!
† Denotes Deceased

February Birthdays

Mary McPhee February 3



2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no single 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 \$4555.00. Thank you for all your help and support of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Contribution Statements for Income Tax Purposes...

Parishioners requesting a contribution statement for 2018 are kindly requested to send an email to stjosephchurch@centurytel.net or leave a message on the parish voicemail at 816-473-2011. We will make every effort to issue statements in a timely manner.

First Saturday Devotion

Mass and Confessions at Mir House of Prayer.
Fr. Christian Malewski, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, offers Confession at 7:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:00 a.m. every first Saturday of the month at Mir House of Prayer, 6492 NE Hwy 6 in St. Joseph.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 27 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Scott Antle, Jordan Roth
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Jan and Paul Pottier
Counters: Jan and Paul Pottier

February 3- 8 a.m. Mass

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

Weekend Collection - January 20, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 770.00
Plate: \$ 60.00
Second collection (Home Missions) \$ 125.00

Total Parish: \$ 955.00

Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

January-to-Date: \$ 4,620.50
January Budget \$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date: \$ 64,584.50
Year Budget: \$ 90,600.00

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

Second collection next week, January 20th
Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Conference Sponsored by:

OUR LADY of GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church • 4503 Frederick Avenue • St. Joseph, MO

BAND OF BROTHERS! Be a Man Who is Holy! WEEKLY MEETINGS WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30AM
• Free Breakfast • Bible Study • Fellowship • Special Guests

SAVE THE DATE!!! THE BAND OF BROTHERS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, on Saturday, March 23, 2019 - 7am-5pm - \$25. A Day of Spiritual Growth & Inspiration. Featured speakers: Bishop James Johnston, Fr. Richard Rocha, Dave DiNuzzo, Sr., & Dr. Scott Sullivan. Purchase tickets at EventBrite.com, 2019-band-of-brothers-catholic-mens-conference-ticket. Information: David Hurst (816) 262-3950 or

Mark your Calendars—Parish Events

Parish & Finance Council
Tuesday, February 12 at 6 p.m. in Rectory

Altar Society
Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens
January/February: Bonnie Gregory

Donut Sunday - February 3- Confirmation Class

Knights of Coumbus Council #5067
Jay Pflugardt, Grand Knight
1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Rosary 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Recitation of Rosary
2nd Sunday of month beginning at 7:40 a.m.



Time for our PSR Baby Shower!

Start saving coupons and baby items for the Baby Shower to be held on **February 10th.**

Again, as we have done before, the students will be accepting donations the weeks

prior to the February 10th date. Save your coupons and/or donate blankets, diapers, wipes, onesies, etc.

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

As always we thank you for your generosity!

LIGHT + LIFE: A JPPI FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Join us for a **Married Couples Retreat, March 22-24, 2019**, at Conception Abbey, 37174 State Highway VV, Conception, MO 64433. Discover anew your relationship with your spouse and Jesus! This retreat is a time for rest and recommitment and is offered in a new, shorter retreat format with lower cost. More information and registration can be found at <https://kcsjfamily.org/light-life>.



Prayer Corner

“To everything there is a season and time. .

for every purpose under heaven.”
—Ecc. 3-11



“ . . . a time to heal. . . ”

Ron Kretzer, Bob Everett, Mildred Ottinger, Lori Redmond, Nancy Totton, Bubba Miller, Amy Dobrowansky, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers. For those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders; for the homeless and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

For our home bound parishioners:

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

Please notify the parish office of any new intentions or of any names that should be removed.

Please keep the protection of innocent life in your prayers this month; the elderly, the poor, the disabled, immigrants and the unborn.

Bishop Johnston’s
Prayer Intention for this month:
“My January intention is for the homeless and those who have no immediate family to help them.”

Prayer intention from Pope Francis for January
That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Let us pray to the Lord...

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 information.