

# St. Joseph Church

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## Palm Sunday of Our Lord’s Passion

April 14, 2019

**From the Pastor’s Pen...**

A parishioner recently called my attention to an eight part series on The History Channel which is set to conclude Monday (April 15). The series is called *Jesus: His Life*. While I have not had the chance to view much of it, from the very little I have seen, the production values are high and the producers have drawn on a wide panel of scholars and consultants from different backgrounds to consider the story of Our Lord. I hope to watch the full series in the future. If it is worthy, perhaps it could form the basis of a discussion group or faith formation series. At the same time, I must state that I have always been somewhat skeptical of the story of salvation as portrayed by secular sources. If nothing else, as the aforementioned parishioner suggested, this program can prompt us to investigate and consider what we believe and understand about the Life of Jesus as revealed by God and taught in the Tradition of the Catholic Church. If you have been following the series, and you have some question that perplexes you, don’t hesitate to reach out to me. If I don’t have the answer, I should know where to find it.

At the same time, I would like to call your attention to the myriad of faith formation resources produced from a deliberately Catholic perspective which are readily accessible and can be a source of edification and enlightenment. Like the series mentioned above, the production values are high, but the content is also above reproach. If you are not familiar with these, please check them out. Some involve subscriptions (far less than what you may pay for your monthly cable television bill) while others are free to anybody with an internet connection - or even just an AM Radio! Listed below in no particular order with a brief description:

- EWTN Television - carried on major cable networks and available for no charge through internet streaming via website as well as Apps on iPhone, Android and Roku. Website: [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)
- KEXS Catholic Radio - 1090AM (Excelsior Springs, Kansas City), 106.7FM (St. Joseph) and other frequencies as well as via their smartphone app or streaming through the internet website: [www.catholicradionetwork.com](http://www.catholicradionetwork.com)
- FORMED - a collection of high-quality faith-based programs (series, movies, audiobooks and e-books) produced and distributed by the Augustine Institute available on-demand for a low monthly subscription price (\$9.99 per month). If there is sufficient interest in this in our parishes, we would also consider purchasing a parish subscription which would allow all our members to access all this programming free of charge. To sign up for a free trial, please check out their website: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
- [Catholic.com](http://Catholic.com) is the website for Catholic Answers which provides a treasure trove of recent and archived literature and programming providing compelling answers to questions about Jesus and about the Faith.
- Lighthouse Catholic Media provides CDs and DVDs as well as books and pamphlets on various topics available for a small free-will offering in the back of church (St. Ann’s). Once you have listened to a CD or read a book, you are free to pass it on to a friend or loved one who may also benefit from it, or return it to the kiosk in order to make it available for another parishioner. I am grateful to the generous benefactor who has made this possible. Please leave an offering to help us replenish our stock.

Above I have listed just a few of the many great resources that are available to us—many of them at no cost—if we have a desire to take charge of our faith formation. Still, we cannot underestimate the benefit of formation provided in the context of our parish family, therefore, I hope to continue to offer on-going formation opportunities in both parishes - such as Deacon Josh and Mandy Fultz have provided on Wednesday nights during Lent. We can see that television, radio, movies, internet and other media can be used for great good (sadly, it can also be used to spread error and vice) if we have the willing interest in pursuing the Truth which is embodied in Jesus Christ. Let us avail ourselves of these opportunities that we may *Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.* (1Peter 3:15)

I would like to offer a word of encouragement to all parishioners to attend all the services of Holy Week as listed within this bulletin. Though not a strict “obligation” these “High Holy Days” are truly for our benefit to grow in appreciation for the Love God has revealed in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of His Divine Son, Jesus Christ. Finally, I would encourage everyone to invite at least one friend (neighbor, co-worker, relative) to attend Mass with you next Sunday. Many who are fallen away or “un-churched” are waiting for just such an invitation.

-Fr. Totton

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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 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.



## Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday - 8am Mass with blessing of palms  
Holy Thursday - 7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper\*  
Good Friday - 7pm Passion Service (**St. Ann’s, Plattsburg**)  
Holy Saturday - 8pm Easter Vigil\*  
Easter Sunday - 8am Mass (no incense)

*\*Incense will be used on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday*

**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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday April 14**  
8:00 a.m. Charles Grier and Mont Buehler†

**Tuesday April 16**  
7:00 a.m. Gail Totton†

**Sunday April 21**  
8:00 a.m. James F. Rost†  
by Carole Meade

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

### Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday**, April 18, 7 p.m.- St. Joseph, Easton

**Good Friday**, April 19, 7 p.m. – St. Ann, Plattsburg

**Holy Saturday**, April 20, 8pm Easter Vigil – St. Joseph

**Easter Sunday**, April 21,- 8am Mass at St. Joseph  
10am Mass at St. Ann

### Birthdays

Mary Dupree April 15  
Chase Klein April 15



### Anniversary

Mrs. And Mrs. Dennis Ottinger April 20



The 2019 Sign Up Sheet is on the back bulletin board.

**Unplanned**, the movie of the true conversion story of Abby Johnson, former clinic director for Planned Parenthood who became pro-life because of her work experiences, has come to St. Joseph and Kansas City. The movie has received good reviews for its production values and acting, and has had a great turnout.



For more information, please visit  
[Unplannedfilm.com](http://Unplannedfilm.com).

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### April 14- 8 a.m. Mass

**Greeter:** Richard LaFollette  
**Lectors:** Bonnie Gregory, Jordan Roth  
**Ministers:** Jan Pottier, Paul Pottier, Jim Ingle  
**Counters:** Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

### April 21 Easter Sunday- 8 a.m. Mass

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert  
**Lectors:** Doug Ottinger, Jim Ingle  
**Ministers:** Marylou Euler, Wayne Weipert, Paul Pottier  
**Counters:** Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

### Weekend Collection - April 7, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 1775.00
Plate:	\$ 199.00
Hall rental	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Parish:</b>	<b>\$ 2074.00</b>

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

April-to-Date:	\$ 2,074.00
April Budget	\$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date:	\$ 82,676.00
Year Budget:	\$ 90,600.00

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

### Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers **hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer** ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend contact registration team: Local Telephone @ 800.470.2230 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).



### Mark your Calendars

**Parish Finance Council** - Tuesday April 16, 7pm

**Altar Society** -Parish Hall after Donut Sunday—

**Hand Linens** -March/April: Nannette Wolford

**Donut Sunday** - May 5

### Knights of Columbus Council #5067

Jay Pflugradt, 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.

### Attend a FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model)

#### Introductory Session!

Sessions are offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. . This fulfills your marriage policy requirement, it's helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy, it has medical applications and it's better than IVF for infertility. Register online at [www.fertilitycarekc.com](http://www.fertilitycarekc.com), or call the FertilityCare™ Center of Kansas City at (816) 858- 0198.

### Lenten Opportunity...

to **Administer the Corporal Work of Mercy:**

*Bury the dead and care for their resting places*

Update: The presentation on the Lexington, MO cemeteries restoration and the mystery of the iron coffin will be presented by Don Coen (President of Machpelah Cemetery Association) at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

To donate, checks made to the cemeteries can be made out to “**St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**”. We ask donors that wish for their contributions to be used specifically for the Kessler Cemetery to note on the memo line of their check “**for Kessler Cemetery**”. Donations can be mailed to the following address:

*St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery  
c/o St. Joseph Catholic Church  
PO box 197  
Easton, MO 64443*



### 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, the lonely and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them. For those who suffer from wounds physically, emotionally and spiritually brought about from the abortion industry and its promoters.

*“ . . . a time of war and a time of peace. . . ”*

We pray for the safety of all our service men and women who serve our country.

### Mass Intentions

We now have Tuesday morning Masses that are open for your Mass intentions.

Call or email the office for scheduling.

**Rachel's Vineyard**, a post-abortion healing ministry, has upcoming retreats in the Kansas City area in 2019.

**May 5-6 July 26-28 October 25-27**



For information, call 816-679-4973 or email [rvkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:rvkcmo@gmail.com).

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 information.