From the Pastor's Pen...

Reflecting on the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter, I would like to express my gratitude, once more, for the efforts of so many of you which went into making those days a time of profound prayer and meditation. Since I was away from the parish last year, I missed the joy of celebrating with you, and it was refreshing to once again join you in celebrating the mysteries of our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. To conduct the services well, hours of planning and practice are put in by musicians and choristers, lectors, servers, masters of ceremonies and others, to say nothing of those who painstakingly cleaned and decorated our churches for these days—decorations which, please God, will last several weeks into the Easter Season. I was also edified by the experience of witnessing full pews for our two Masses of Easter Sunday. It is my hope that many of our visitors will return this week and in the week's to come and choose to join or renew their membership in our parishes.

After the second Mass on Easter Sunday I left for Indiana for a short priests' workshop, the topic of which was Evangelization—how to share the Good News of the Resurrection! There were many powerful talks and witnesses given by a few priests and bishops. One of simplest, yet most profound statements that I heard, however, involved the basic notion of invitation: think of this—if each of us were to bring just one friend to Mass next week, our attendance would double! So, why don't we do it? Bishop Joseph Perry, one of my "old" seminary professors, answered that question with a statement: "Catholics are afraid to share our Faith!" This statement comes from a man who has been a priest for over 40 years and a bishop for over 20 years. He has seen a lot of change in the world and in the Church over his 71 years, and his words are not to be taken lightly! Are we—am I—afraid to share our Faith? If Jesus Christ has died to set us free from sin, from death, if he has called us into a personal relationship, if He has forgiven our sins and is willing even to nourish us on his very Body and Blood, giving us a share in His Divine Nature, what have we to fear? We cannot cower behind the closed doors of "private belief" but we must proclaim this Truth from the housetops! We must share our joy! I challenge you, to speak to your friends, your family members, your neighbors, about Jesus' plan of salvation! Will people look askance at us as if we had lost our minds? Perhaps! Will they seek to harm us—as they did our Sri Lankan brothers and sisters gathered to worship on Easter Sunday? Perhaps! Will they come to experience the Love that God has for us—for them—in the Life of Christ within the One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church? PERHAPS! The bottom line is that we have nothing to lose in sharing our Faith, and what a time to share it! We must live our faith boldly, publicly and fearlessly! Our Lord reminds us that the Harvest is Great! There are many souls who long to receive His Grace, His Mercy, His Peace, and God is calling YOU to bring them to the Source!

Due to Navy Reserve duties, I will be away from the parish several weekends during the month of May and early June. Please welcome our visiting priests during that time. One of our newly-ordained priests, Fr. Jayson Becker, will be here on May 4-5, assisted by Deacon Josh Fultz. I will be home May 11-12 to celebrate May Crowning on Mother's Day. Fr. Justin Hoye will be covering weekend Masses May 18 - 26. I will also be away from June 1 - 9 and I am awaiting final confirmation on the priest(s) who will be covering Masses for those weekends. Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood

-Fr. Totton



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EASTER WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Tuesday -No Mass

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.



"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." (No. 1507) Diary of St. Faustina

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



Divine Mercy Sunday April 28 8:00 a.m. Fr. William Korte

Tuesday April 30

No Mass

Sunday May 5

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

Birthdays

Diane Crouse April 29
Sophia Pierson May 4
Wilma Corkins May 5



Happy Birthday!



We will honor our Blessed Mother!

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Mother's Day, May 12th

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.



April 28- Divine Mercy Sunday - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle

Lectors: Scott Antle, Jay Pflugradt

Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Doug Ottinger, Paul Pottier

Counters: Paul and Jan Pottier

May 5 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory

Lectors: Jordan Roth, Jan Pottier

Ministers: Jim Ingle, Marylou Euler, Paul Pottier Counters: Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

Weekend Collection - April 21, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 2,645.00
Plate: \$ 679.10
Hall rental \$ 130.00
Mass stipend \$ 10.00
Candles \$ 5.00
Total Parish: \$ 3,469.10

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

April-to-Date: \$ 6,663.00
April Budget \$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date: \$ 87,265.00
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: HelpOur-

Marriage.com.

RE ROUVAILLE A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Mark your Calendars

Parish Finance Council - TBA

Altar Society -Parish Hall after Donut Sunday— Hand Linens -March/April: Nannette Wolford

Donut Sunday - May 5 - Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

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.

May Crowning-May 12 following Mass.

"We trust and believe in what we love." —St. Catherine of Siena



Doug Barry from RADIX and EWTN, will be in St. Joseph at the Cathedral, 519 North 10th Street, for a parish mission, Sunday, May 5th and Monday, May 6th. at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Barry will be speaking about and encouraging all to be BATTLE

READY, ready spiritually, mentally and physically for the spiritual fight that we all face.

Easter Opportunity...

to Administer the Corporal Work of Mercy:

Bury the dead and care for their resting places

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 memoline 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."

—Есс. 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 to give thanks..."

For Divine Mercy

"...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.

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.

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
- After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, at 816.812.2500 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.