

# St. Joseph Church

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

From the Pastor's Pen...  
Spring is in the air!

I never cease to be impressed by the coming of this season, as the temperatures rise and the snows begin to melt (and melt and MELT...!) This year is a bit surreal with Easter coming as late as it is – By the way, the Date of Easter is moveable based on the lunar calendar – It is always the Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of Spring) and is tied loosely to the Jewish celebration of the Passover! Nevertheless, the birds begin to sing, and the trees begin to bud and the flowers begin to bloom...okay, I would have been a failure as a writer for Hallmark! Still, I enjoy taking a deep breath and going out for a long run! Additionally, I am excited to see another type of Springtime in the Parish!

The life of any parish (or set of parishes) seems to go through a cycle like that of the year (though the timing may be different). It was with some melancholy that I reflected on the fact that, between our two parishes, we had 14 funerals over the last year! Fourteen souls commended to the Mercy of God – and other additional deaths among the family and friends of our various parishioners. It felt like a late Autumn. Now, however, we begin to see new signs of life in our parishes. I would like to reflect on a few of them:

Two weeks ago, seven of our youth (from St. Joseph Parish) received the Sacrament of Confirmation along with many others from around the St. Joseph area when Bishop Johnston came to Cathedral to bestow this sacrament by which they were equipped to assume the role of spiritual warriors emboldened to proclaim Christ by their words and actions;

Last Saturday, I was privileged to witness the marriage of St. Ann's parishioners **Mindy (Beall)** and **Eric Whitlow**! Congratulations to them and to their families! Over the next several months there are several more weddings scheduled to take place here or elsewhere involving our parishioners! This is a sure sign of hope, for it portends an openness to God's Grace in a special way through the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony! In many cases, it also points to the potential for new life, and the Abundant Life that is bestowed in the gift of Baptism – but perhaps I am getting ahead of myself! Nevertheless, it is life-giving to witness the life-giving witness of husband and wife who stand before the Lord and invite Him to elevate their love for one another to an icon which reveals the tremendous love of Jesus for His bride, the Church!;

On Wednesday evening (April 3), there was an informational meeting to consider the formation of a parish-based troop for fathers and sons to provide for Catholic spiritual formation in the context of adventure and life-skills. Two dads (one from St. Joseph and one from St. Ann's) approached me about this some months ago indicating that they wanted to form such a troop in our area. Based on the scouting movement founded over 100 years ago by Lord Baden Powell, this troop will carry on a long legacy of forming boys into young men, but with a clear identity in Christ and a connection with our parishes. If you have boys of school age (1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) and you are interested in becoming part of the troop, please contact Brian Gordon (St. Joseph's) at [brianandmadgelyn@yahoo.com](mailto:brianandmadgelyn@yahoo.com) or Bill Lueckenotte (St. Ann's) at [bjlueckenotte@gmail.com](mailto:bjlueckenotte@gmail.com);

Finally, I would like to include a word of gratitude to all our St. Ann's parishioners who came out on Saturday morning to lend a hand to our annual parish spring clean-up / work day! Our parish buildings and grounds always look better after many hands pitch in to help!



-Fr. Totton

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**MASS 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.



**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 7  
8:00 a.m. Ermagene and Ronnie LaFollette†

**Tuesday** April 9  
7:00 a.m. Bob Sanders†

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

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

Rudy Wolford April 7  
Patricia Culver April 13  
Hugh Mink April 13

### Anniversaries

Larry and Regina Grier April 10  
Mr and Mrs. James Barber April 12



**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 will be coming to St. Joseph. The movie has received good reviews for its production values and acting., and had a great first weekend turnout.

**Showing at the Regal movie theater, now showing three times a day.**

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

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### April 7- 8 a.m. Mass

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

### 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

### Weekend Collection - March 31, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 1650.00  
Plate: \$ 122.00  
**Total Parish:** \$ 1772.00  
Second Diocesan collection (CRS) - \$202.00  
**Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**  
March-to-Date: \$ 7,527.00  
March Budget \$ 7,550.00  
Year-to-Date: \$ 80,602.00  
Year Budget: \$ 90,600.00

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



“Suffering is the greatest treasure on earth; it purifies the soul.” -St. Faustina

### Lenten 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 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



### Mark your Calendars

#### Altar Society

Parish Hall after Donut Sunday—

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

**Donut Sunday** - April 7– Jim and Rosalie Ingle

#### 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.

Save the date: May 15th, relic of St. Padre Pio coming to the downtown Kansas City Cathedral, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Lenten Enrichment Offering: Queen of Heaven

Beginning March 13th, Deacon Josh Fultz and his wife, Mandy, will be conducting a weekly class and discussion group on the Blessed Virgin Mary. The class, which runs through May 1st, will be held in St. Joseph Rectory in Easton from **7-8 p.m.** each **Wednesday**. If you would like more information, please contact Deacon Josh at 816-390-2757 email [jdfultz@yahoo.com](mailto:jdfultz@yahoo.com)



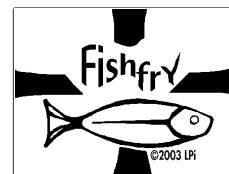
### FINAL LENTEN FISH FRY

K of C Council 5067 in St Joseph

will be offer their final Fish Fry,

This Friday, April 12

The Knights will start serving at 5 PM to 7:30 PM at their Council Hall, 1205 North 49th Terrace.



Adult meal will be \$10.00  
Children under 12 years old \$5.00



The 2019 Sign Up Sheet is on the back bulletin board.  
Please sign up!

### 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 those who suffer from wounds physically, emotionally and spiritually brought about from the abortion industry and its promoters.

*For our home bound parishioners:*

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

### 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).

Start the healing. You are not alone.

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.