From Fr. Totton's Desk

-- Don't take a "vacation" from your Faith, but use time away to grow in Faith!

Summer has crept up on us with little warning! And with summer often come plans for the annual family vacation. Whether your vacation plans take you on an epic cross-country road trip, or on a short trek to "the lake" I hope that you and your family will find it a time of true renewal and relaxation. I am also hopeful that, wherever you go, you will remember to include time for Sunday Mass in your vacation plans. With a little bit of planning, it is no problem to attend Mass while traveling. In fact, I recommend using the website mass-times.org to find a church near your vacation destination. To be on the safe side, once you find a church to attend and decide upon a particular Mass time, be sure to call the local parish just to double-check that the Mass time listed on the website is accurate!

If your vacation plans take you to some remote place where it is truly *impossible* to attend Mass - say, Antarctica or the Gobi Desert, for example! - you should contact your parish priest in advance of the trip to see if he would grant you a dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation during that time. One is *not* automatically excused from Sunday Mass for vacation.

Another way to incorporate our Faith into our summer vacation plans is to plan a brief visit (even a stopover of just an hour or two!) to a shrine, a cathedral, basilica or some other Catholic place of special interest near our vacation destination, or along the route. A few such places might include: the beautiful "New" Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis in St. Louis, MO; Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville, IL; the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC; the Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, CO; and the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, IA. There is a longer list (by no means complete or exhaustive) of such shrines at

http://thecatholictravelguide.com/destinations/u-s-a/ .

Special Thanks!

I would like to express my profound personal gratitude to all who contributed to last Sunday's "Anchors Aweigh!" Biscuits and Gravy Benefit Breakfast! I am most grateful to **Jay Pflugradt** for coordinating this wider effort between the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I would also like to thank my brothers in the **Knights of Columbus** who prepared and served such a wonderful meal. Finally, I would like to thank each of you for your generous support to help outfit me as I begin my service in the Navy Reserve. Your generosity is an expression of patriotism and support for those who serve our nation in the defense of freedom.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton

Opportunities for Ministers

Ministry is the way in which the Church continues what Christ began and still intends, namely, the salvation of humanity and the transformation of the world. All baptized and confirmed Christians receive a call and gifts enabling them to participate in this mission. When lay people carry out Christ's work as priest, prophet, and king in their own proper way through public activity authorized by the Church, we call this lay ministry. Here are some of the ways you might be able to answer that call:

Lectors - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you have a calling for any of the above ministries please see : Fr. Joe Totton and he will arrange for training.

Retrouvaille
. . . a lifeline for Marriages

Designed to assist couples in re-establishing communication and insights to their marital relationship, the process is neither counseling, a spiritual retreat, seminar or sensitivity group. Retrouvaille is a process that leads to a healing of relationships for couples either contemplating a divorce or already have divorced and hope to reconcile differences.

For more information visit http://www.wix.com/retrokc/home

To register confidentially, please call (816) 505-0510.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton

Administrator

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Mission Statement

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

THE TRINITY

FATHER SON HOLY SPIRIT

The Most Holy Trinity

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams
Stacy Brown
Jim Ingle
Rosalie Ingle
Tony Kauzlarich
Marge Kinney
Julie Moran
Dennis Ottinger
Jordan Roth
Mike Roth
Wayne Weipert

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Mike Roth
Steve White

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Office Manager: Marge Kinney
Hall Rental: Marge Kinney

To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816-812-2500
Victims' Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816-392-0011
chastain@diocesekcsj.org

June 11, 2017

Ministry Schedule

June 11- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Randy Moran

Lectors: Bonnie Gregory & Julie Moran

Ministers: Hubert Gregory, Jim Ingle
Julie & Randy Moran

Counters: Randy & Julie Moran

June 18- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory

Lectors: Jim Ingle & Jan Pottier

Ministers: Jackie Pottier, Wayne Weipert
Diane & Jim Barber

Counters: Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 10 + Art Spratt
By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, June 11 + Ron Neely
By: Art & Julia Rocha

Saturday, June 17 + George Burns
By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, June 18 + Richard & Mark Kretzer and Orville Giles
By: Dorothy Kretzer & Family

BIRTHDAY

Sandy Pflugradt June 17th

ANNIVERSARY

John & Linnie Huber June 14th

Last week I forgot Doug & Christi's Anniversary
Sorry!!
Doug & Christi Ottinger June 5th
25 years!!

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Mark your Calendars!
Parish & Finance Council: July - 6 pm - Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: May/June: Jan Pottier

Donut Sunday: July 2 - Charlie & Kathy Barton

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

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 816.392.0011or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more info.

St. James Polish-Slavic Festival

SAT, JUN 24th - 6PM,
St. James Parish Center Ethnic dinner and polka band.
$15 per person.
Reserved table of 8 for $200.
A child's hot dog dinner is also available for $5.
Tickets **must** be purchased in advance and are available at Stevenson's Pharmacy TUE through FRI. Limited Seating.

Weekend Collection June 3 & 4, 2017

Envelopes: $1,625 Plate: $123 2nd Collection:
Peter's Pence : $199 Rebate from Deffenbaugh : $13.08

Total Parish: $1960.08

2nd Collection: June 17 & 18 - Communications

COLLECTIONS:

June To Date: $ 1,748.00
June Budget: $ 7,191.52

Year-To-Date: $103,911.14
Year Budget: $ 96,298.36

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

"Thinking about religious life? We have tools for your spiritual journey!

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Summer Monastic Experience June 24-28 at their monastery in Clyde, Mo.

It's a chance to experience contemplative monastic life and learn about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend, and details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, please contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org."

Peter's Pence - Be a Witness to Charity

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected $199. Our collections will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need.

If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.uscb.org.nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left

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, Felicia Bober, Mildred Ottinger, and Jane Everett

Thank you Note

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph Church,
The Little Sisters of the Poor want to express our deepest gratitude for the wonderful welcome and hospitality we received during our visit on the weekend of May 20th & 21st. Your generosity resulted in $1,032.00 being collected to support our mission of service to the elderly at our Kansas City Home.
St. Joseph, the provider of the Holy Family, is our Patron Saint, and his power has been wonderfully manifested through your generous gifts. We have already turned to our Merciful Father in a prayer of gratitude, asking Him to bless you for your sacrificial giving, giving that enables us to continue our much needed mission to the elderly poor.
Please keep up your faithful prayers for Vocations, and may God Bless You!
The Little Sisters of the Poor

ANCHORS AWAY
BISCUITS AND GRAVY
BREAKFAST FOR
NAVY CHAPLAIN FR. JOE TOTTON

Last Sunday, the Knights of Columbus hosted a biscuit and gravy breakfast.

We raised $500! This monies will be given to Father to help defray the costs of buying his Naval uniforms.

NEWS FROM SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH

Change of Mass Time

Starting June 4, 2017 the St. Patrick Church 7:00 PM Sunday Mass will be at 8:00 PM.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ST. JOSEPH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

One of the Catholic Charities' mission is to provide basic needs to families who can't afford the essentials.

CC's cupboards are in need of the following items: laundry soap, dish soap, bleach, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, diapers, baby wipes and other items for personal hygiene needs.

Just drop them in the box in the back of the church marked "Catholic Charities" at your convenience.

Thank you for your generosity to help those in need that live in our surrounding area.