

I nearly always carry a weapon in my pocket. It's probably not what you think! The weapon I am referring to is used in spiritual warfare. It is a set of Rosary beads. It is my hope that *each of you* also carries a rosary in your pocket on a daily basis. Furthermore, I hope that you use that set of beads as a means of entering into meditation upon the mysteries of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Sometimes, we underestimate the power of prayer generally, and the power of the Rosary in particular. I am writing to ask you to join me in praying a *Novena* for our Nation – a 54 Day Rosary Novena – that our Nation may return to God.

In case you are not aware, "Novena" is a Latin word which means "Nine" as in "nine days". The first Novena or "nine days of" prayer was the period between Jesus' ascension into Heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles at the Feast of Pentecost. This pattern of praying for nine days developed, then and has been observed with many different forms of prayer, usually asking for some specific intention. Of course, 54 days is longer than 9 days, but it is a multiple of 9, so we could say that it's like praying 6 consecutive novenas!

The dates of this upcoming Novena are significant as moments in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Church and Western Civilization. On August 15, we observe the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – the commemoration of the day on which, at the conclusion of her earthly life, our Blessed Mother was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. The concluding day, October 7, is less well-known, but it is observed on the Church calendar as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (this year, the liturgical prayers are superseded by the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.) Many people do not realize that this feast was once referred to as "Our Lady of Victory" and furthermore, it was established to commemorate the October 7, 1571 naval victory of a rag-tag flotilla of ships from various Christian kingdoms over a much larger naval force of the Ottoman Empire which outnumbered it both in vessels and manpower. The victory, the Battle of Lepanto, has been attributed to Our Lady because Pope St. Pius V had implored the Catholics throughout Europe to pray the Rosary for the protection of Christian Europe.

What I find interesting about Lepanto, and what is important for us to remember today, as we embark (no pun intended) on this Novena, is the fact that, prior to Lepanto, there was much division among the various Christian kingdoms which would eventually come together to form "The Holy League". Each kingdom was looking out for its own interests. Some were unable to send ships because of their engagements elsewhere. Others refused to work with various other Christian kings and dukes because of one petty squabble or another. Nevertheless, Pius V pleaded for whatever ships could be spared, and implored all of Christian Europe to pray the Rosary for victory at Lepanto. We recognize the enemy here is not an earthly foe, but a spiritual one. It is the Evil One, who, at this point in time, manifests itself in encroaching secularism and moral decay – even moral decay within the Church. Let us set aside whatever petty squabbles separate us, and join together, picking up the weapon of Our Lady's Rosary to advance the Kingdom of her Son.

For more information regarding this important Rosary Novena, please consult the insert in this Sunday's bulletin or go online to www.NovenaForOurNation.com

Our Lady of Victory, Pray for us! St. Pius V, Pray for us!

Fr. Joseph Totton



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator

Mass Time
Sunday: 8 am
Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass
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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.**

Cemetery Board

Ed Fisher

Mike Roth

Steve White

BREAD OF LIFE



**Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams

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To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816-812-2500
Victims' Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816-392-0011
chastain@diocesekcsj.org
August 12, 2018



Aug 12 - 8 am Mass	
Greeter:	Richard LaFollette
Lectors:	Doug Ottinger & Bonnie Gregory
Ministers:	Jan & Paul Pottier and Wayne Weipert
Counters:	Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

Mass Intentions



Sunday, August 12	+ R. D. & Iris Everett
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Sunday, August 18	+ Rose Ann West
By: West Girls	



BIRTHDAY

Gus Mink	August 12th
Sarah Klein	August 13th
Amanda Roth	August 15th
Diane Barber	August 18th

ANNIVERSARY

Mel & Pat Clark	August 12th
Wayne & Sherry Weipert	August 19th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

NOVENA FOR OUR NATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th!

Everyone from around the nation is encouraged to join ranks as, united, we pray the very powerful 54 Day Rosary Novena from the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th: Starting on August 15th pray the Joyful Rosary, day 2 pray the Sorrowful Rosary, day 3 the Glorious Rosary. Then start over on day 4 continuing until you have completed a rosary each day for 27 days in petition for our Nation. Then follow with another 27 days of thanksgiving the same as the first 27 days ending on October 7th the day of the Coast to Coast Rosary Rally.

See enclosed flyer

<https://www.novenaforournation.com>.

Ministry Schedule

Aug 19 - 8 am Mass	
Greeter:	Wayne Weipert
Lectors:	Scott Antle & Jan Pottier
Ministers:	Doug Ottinger, Jim Ingle, Paul Pottier
Counters:	Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

COME JOIN US FOR TRIVIA NIGHT
at St. James Parish in the church basement
Saturday, August 25th at 7:00pm
Feel free to bring snacks for your own table and there will be drinks available for purchase. Teams may vary in size anywhere from 4-8 players so grab a few of your smart friends and come have some fun!
Cost is \$10 per person at the door. Prizes awarded to winning table.
Please RSVP your table to Angela Thompson at 816-390-4686 or Nicole Swope at 816-617-5193 by Wednesday, Aug. 22nd.



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 info.

SAVE THE DATE
SEVEN DOLORS CHURCH-12750 Hurlingen Road, Easton
Autumn Food & Fun
Sept 15 - beginning at 4 pm
Picnic Style Dinner for \$10
(includes 4 tickets to play any games)
Grilled Hamburger or 2 Grilled Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs
Baked Beans, variety of Chips, Homemade Desserts, Ice Tea or Water
Bingo – Dessert Walk - Pop Toss– Jingle Board
Silent Auction - Country Store
Grindstone Winery -Wine/Beer
Soda - Bottled Water - Ice Cream for sale on grounds



REMINDER
Wednesday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation
Mass schedule as follows:
Tuesday, August 14 - 6pm (vigil) Mass St. Ann's
Wednesday, August 15 - 6pm Mass St. Joseph, Easton
Following Mass at St. Joseph's we will have a Parish Cookout and Pot Luck Dinner
The Knights will provide chili dogs and hot dogs, buns and drinks.
All other food will be pot luck.
Bring a dish for your family and enough to share!
There is a **sign up sheet** in the back of church.
Mark your calendars, dust off your lawn chairs and come and have some fun with your parish family!



Mark your Calendars!
Parish & Finance Council: Sept 13 - 6 pm Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday
Hand Linens: July/August: Nannette Wolford
Donut Sunday: Aug 5: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette
Knights of Columbus: 5067-1st & 3rd Thursday 7 pm
Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm
Jay Pflugradt, Grand Knight
Fr. Joseph Totton, Chaplain
Recitation of Rosary - 2nd weekend of the month
20 minutes before Mass

Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life
August 3—September 28, 2018
From Friday, August 3, 2018 to Friday, September 28, 2018, the weekly Call to Prayer will be adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life.
In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intention of the novena. Participants will also be provided with weekly opportunities to learn more about Roe v. Wade, and share that information with their representatives. For more information please visit: www.respectlifekcsj.org.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to register:
Introduce yourself to Fr. Totton after Mass,
Come to the Parish Office, or Go to our Parish Website at:
stjosepheaston.org



Prayer Corner
“To everything there is a season and a time...for every purpose under Heaven.” Ecc. 3-11

“...a time to heal...”

Mildred Ottinger, Lori Redmond, Nancy Totton, Bubba Miller, Amy Spriesterbach, Douglas Bembrick

Partnering for Future Priests 2018 Dinner & Auction

It's time to start planning for the 10th Annual Partnering for Future Priests Dinner & Auction. Join us in celebrating our Catholic faith while enjoying beautifully prepared food, great company, and the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind items in both the silent and live auctions. This year's event will take place on **October 5** at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in St. Joseph, MO. The ticket price is \$50 per person with eight people to a table.

This annual event is now entering its 10th year and we couldn't have made it this far without you. We would like to thank you for your generous support these past nine years and hope you will be able to help us again this year.

Whether you purchase tickets to attend the dinner and auction, place an ad in our event program or donate items to our live and/or silent auction or baked good store we could use your help. Any donations please call

PFP Pre-event Promoter(s),
Hubert & Bonnie Gregory at 816-473-2016.

You can also register and pay securely online at
<https://www.conception.edu/pfp>.

Annual Life & Justice Campaign Parish Collection
August 18 & 19, 2018.

Join the campaign to share your gifts!
The Life & Justice Campaign supports local organizations dedicated to defending the dignity of the person and the sanctity of human life. To learn more, please visit:
www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org.

Weekend Collection - August 5, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 1,645 Plate: \$69 Mass Stipend: \$20
Total Parish: \$1,734
2nd Collection: August 19 - Diocesan Life & Justice

Budget is from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

July To Date: \$ 1,734.00
July Budget: \$ 7,550.00

Year-To-Date: \$10,009.00
Year Budget: \$90,600.00

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