

From Fr. Totton's Desk

Today is World Day of Marriage

Since 1983, the second Sunday of February has been designated as World Marriage Day (presumably because of it's proximity to St. Valentine's Day - often associated with married love). I would like to take a moment today to recognize the witness of married couples in our parish who daily demonstrate the sacrifice and sacred beauty in fully living this Sacrament of Christ's love. Whether you have been married for 6 months or for 60 years, your willingness to sacrifice for the good of your spouse, and your mutual love for Jesus which draws you closer to one another while increasing the capacity to receive God's grace is a tremendous testimony to the powerful working of God's Love with human freedom. Your perseverance is a true witness to the entire Church and you should never underestimate the impact that the example of your married life has on each and every member of Christ's Mystical Body, the Church. Thank you! May God continue to bless you with his Divine help as you continue to say "I Do" to the daily challenges of your vocation.

Please Mark Your Calendars for March 20th - Solemnity of St Joseph

On Monday evening, March 20, there will be a special Mass in honor of St. Joseph at St. Joseph Parish in Easton. Though it's a Solemnity for the Universal Church, this feast is particularly special for the people of St. Joseph Parish in Easton, as it is the annual celebration of our own patron saint. Mass will begin at **5:30pm** that evening. Following the Mass we will have a parish potluck supper in St. Joseph Parish Hall. This Mass will be a Solemn High Mass in the *Extraordinary Form* (a "traditional Latin Mass"). Latin/English booklets will be provided for those who wish to follow along, but this form of prayer benefits everyone who attends regardless of your facility with Latin. *Whatever your previous experience with the Latin Mass, I hope all our parishioners will attend.* As a bonus, our neighbors, **The Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, have agreed to provide the choir for this special celebration.** Even if you are not able to make it in time for Mass, I hope you can still join us for the potluck supper.

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Thursdays 7PM to 9PM, Beginning Feb 23 Thru April 6th and Saturday March 25th, 9Am to 3PM

Please join us in St. Ann's Parish Hall for Discovering Christ. Enjoy a free dinner, Christian fellowship, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ is a seven-week series that will begin Thursday, Feb. 23rd and concludes April 6th, and includes a life-changing, Holy Spirit retreat, on Saturday, March 25th.

Please help us prepare for this event by registering early.

We invite you to watch a Discovering Christ youtube video to learn more about the course.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-QPh2_3n2k

*This course is designed to revitalize your faith or that of your family and friends who have been away from the church; feel free to invite them to join you! You can register on line by going to **stannplattsburg.org** and clicking on the **Contact** tab and entering your information. Please include the number of people who will be attending with you. You may also use the form below and deposit it in the mail. For further information you may contact Teresa Koch at 816-539-1414. Please come and join us in DISCOVERING CHRIST*

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

There are several events that the Office will be sponsoring:

MY HOUSE WORKSHOP FOR MEN: Feb 16 -18

This is a 3-day confidential, intensive for men striving to overcome and heal from unwanted sexual behaviors. It is geared to maximize investment of time and money by providing the equivalent of a least 8 months of individual therapy. It will enhance the work you might have started or jump start your journey towards healing. The next My House workshop will take place **Feb 16 - 18 at Savior Pastoral Center**, 12601 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109. For more information or to register, please visit: www.kcsjfamily.org/myhouse-workshop or contact Michael Ciaccio MS, LPC, SATP - Center for Healing LLC at 816-786-6063, centerforhealing1128@gmail.com



ST. JOSEPH
CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton
Parochial Administrator

Mass Times
Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am
Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass
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Mission Statement

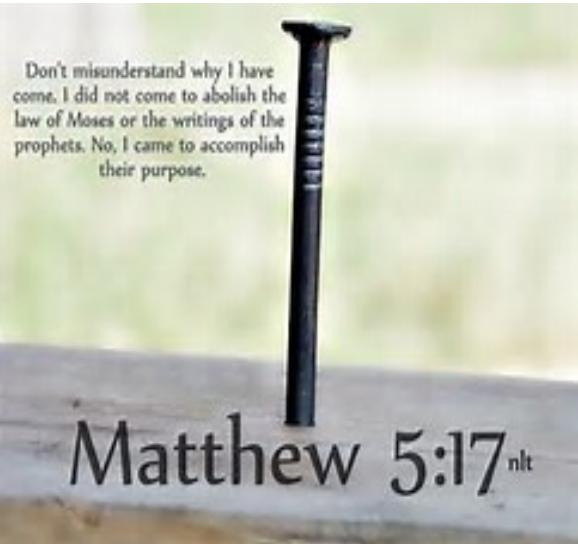
**We the members of
Saint Joseph
Catholic parish,
will strive to be the
reflection of Jesus in
this particular time
and place.**

Cemetery Board

Ed Fisher

Mike Roth

Steve White



**6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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Office Manager: Marge Kinney
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Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams

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Julie Moran

Dennis Ottinger

Jordan Roth

Mike Roth

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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
February 12, 2017



Feb 12- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Randy Moran

Lectors: Julie Moran & Jan Pottier

Ministers: Randy & Julie Moran
Jim Ingle & Doug Ottinger

Counters: Randy & Julie Moran

Mass Intentions



Saturday, Feb 11 + Chuck Schenecker

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, Feb 12 + Marilyn Harwood

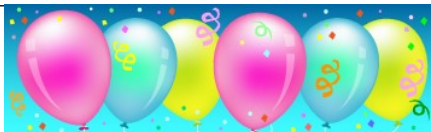
By: Jan Pottier

Saturday, Feb 18 + Louis & Helen Geis

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, Feb 19 + Joseph & Evelyn Roth

By: Roth Family



BIRTHDAY

Laynie Davidson Feb 15th

Corey Klein Feb 16th

Lauren Kempf Feb 18th

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Is God calling you? Come and See!

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Monastic Experience at their monastery in Clyde, MO, **March 18-22, 2017**. It's a chance to experience contemplative monastic life and to learn about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend, and details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

Ministry Schedule

Feb 19- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert

Lectors: Jim Ingle & Doug Ottinger

Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Hubert Gregory
Jan & Paul Pottier

Counters: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: March - 6 pm - Rectory
Altar Society: Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: Jan/Feb: Jan Pottier

Donut Sunday: March 5 - Jan & Paul Pottier

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

Weekend Collection Feb 4 & 5, 2017

Envelopes: \$1945 Plate: \$140.83 Mass Stipends: \$

2nd Collection Archdiocese of the Military: \$50

Total Parish: \$2135.83

2nd Collection: Feb 20 & 21 - Catholic Charities
Emergency Assistance Appeal
COLLECTIONS:

Feb To Date: \$ 2,085.83

Feb Budget: \$ 7,191.52

Year-To-Date: \$71,963.45

Year Budget: \$96,298.36

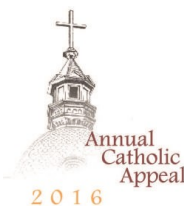
Thank You for your continued support of
St. Joseph Parish.



2017- Donut Sunday Sign Up Sheet

On the back bulletin board is the sign up sheet for Donut Sunday for 2017.

Please sign up!



2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

We urge you to pledge by using the in-pew envelopes and return them to the Diocese.

No gift is too small.

Please join our effort.

As of this week the diocese has received from our parish
\$5,390 from 34 families.

Please help us achieve

100% participation.

MARCH 3RD – THE JOURNEY CONTINUES AN EVENING WITH SISTER HELEN PREJEAN

Don't miss Sister Helen Prejean in Kansas City at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts at March 3rd 6:30 p.m. for a discussion about *Dead Man Walking* followed by a book signing. RSVP for this FREE event by calling Ticketing & Patron Services at 816.471.7344.

CATHOLICISM AND CULTURE: LYRIC OPERA
CATHOLIC THINKING ON THE DEATH PENALTY
Interested in considering the issues raised in *Dead Man Walking* from a Catholic perspective? Join us March 10 Lenten Friday for a traditional fish fry followed by a talk and discussion led by the Rev. Thomas B. Curran, S.J., President of Rockhurst University. Complete the evening by attending this thought-provoking opera.

Doors open at Lyric Opera's Michael and Ginger Frost Production Arts Building (712 E. 18th St., KCMO 64108) at 5:00 p.m. for the buffet supper served in our rehearsal hall; Fr. Curran will begin speaking at 6:00 p.m. Guests will then depart at 6:45 p.m. to go to the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts for a 7:30 p.m. curtain.

Tickets for this special event - including the fish fry, discussion and the opera *Dead Man Walking* - are available for \$75.

To purchase: add "Adult + Fish Fry" tickets, available in either the Parterre, Mezzanine or Grand Tier sections for this performance. <http://tickets.kcopera.org/single/SYOS.aspx?p=10281>



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - 2016

If you would like a copy of your Contributions for 2016 please email your request to: stjosephchurch@centurytel.net

or phone in your request. Statements will be left in a sealed envelope on the table in the back of church or if you would like you can stop by the office on Thursdays between 9:30 am - 4 pm or Sundays after Mass to pick it up.

Thank you for your cooperation! Marge

PS. I will be on vacation from February 22nd - March 15th

So get your request in soon.

MASS BOOK OPEN FOR 2017

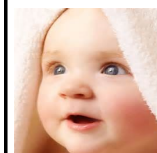


Prayer Corner

"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



PSR NEWS

BABY SHOWER

Start saving coupons and baby items for the Baby Shower

to be held on Sunday **February 12th.**

Again, as we have done before, the students will be accepting donations the weeks prior to the February 12th date. Save your coupons and/or donate blankets, diapers, wipes, onesies, etc.

Mary Ann Brachman from Catholic Charities of St. Joseph will be here to accept the donations.

Thank you for your generosity!



PROTECT THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

LENTE PARISH CHALLENGE

Now is the time to value the personhood and sanctity of every human life in our community. You are invited to protect the miracle of life by supporting St. Joseph PRC.

Lent is approaching and we are challenging you to fill a bottle with more than your spare change.

We are called during Lent to fast and give alms.

As a child we "gave up" something for Lent.

We are asking you to pray over what you will "give up" (fast) and put that money (almsgiving) in the baby bottle.

Some say they will give up "Starbucks" coffee or children might give up candy for Lent - so the monies you would have spent should be put in your baby bottle.

Next weekend we will be handing out the baby bottles at each Mass. Children will be getting their own baby bottle at their Religious Ed. Class on Sunday.

Every time you add money to this little bottle, ask God how He would have you be a part of our outreach to bring hope and help to women and babies.

Thank you for helping St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) protect the miracle of life.

In 2016 more than 165 babies were born to women who received their services.

Just pick up a bottle after Mass on the w/e Feb 18 & 19.

Fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back to church the weekend after Easter, April 22nd and 23rd.