

From Fr. Totton's Desk

Over many years ministering in a small town, Fr. O'Keefe and Pastor Huff had become close friends. Part of their friendship involved periodic fishing trips on the local lake. One spring, a new minister, a young man, Brother Bell, was hired to become the pastor of the Baptist Church. Shortly after his arrival, Fr. O'Keefe and Pastor Huff invited Brother Bell to accompany them on their next fishing trip, an invitation he joyfully accepted. After a few fruitless hours on the water, Fr. O'Keefe reeled in his line, sighed in frustration and mused out loud, "I wish I had brought that new set of lures!" Pastor Huff reeled in his line and promptly offered to go back to the truck to get the lures for the priest. To the astonishment of the younger minister, he stepped out of the boat and proceeded to walk across the water to the shore, returning about a half hour later by the same route with the priest's lures. A few more hours went by and Pastor Huff remembered out loud, "I left the cooler in the truck!" Immediately, Fr. O'Keefe stepped out of the boat and walked across the water to the shore, returning in due time with the cooler. Taking all this in, the younger clergyman was astonished and reasoned with himself, "these are men of faith and I am a man of faith, therefore, I must be able to walk on water as well." For the next 45 minutes, he tried to think of an excuse to return to shore, and finally declared out loud, "Gentlemen, I left my cell phone in the truck and I am expecting an important call from one of our deacons-" The priest and the pastor both offered to go to the truck to retrieve the young man's cell phone. He insisted, however, that he would be happy to get it himself, and without giving either of the seasoned fishers of men an opportunity to go, he promptly stepped out of the boat and disappeared beneath the surface of the water. Fr. O'Keefe turned to his friend, Pastor Huff, and mused: "Don't you think we should have told him where the rocks are?"

The readings today speak to us of tempest and turmoil. However, we disciples of Jesus are not encouraged to avoid such storms, but rather to weather them with an openness to hearing God's voice in their midst. I have known more than a few men and women who have discovered superhuman strength when they were subject to a crucible of suffering - whether this comes from a physical illness like cancer, or from some nearly impossible circumstances brought about because of a series of bad choices. Of course, it is easy to pontificate on this when all is going well in our lives, for we know not how we will react when the time comes, but let us not pray for calm seas and smooth passage in this life, but rather that we may place our trust and hope in Christ, that by his presence, *He* may calm the storms which we fear could harm us, that he may even call us, like he called Simon Peter, to walk toward him on the water - to do the "impossible" - with our gaze fixed upon Him. Focus on Christ, not on the storm!

Navy Reserve Update: Many have asked whether I will be sent to boot camp. Though boot camp is for enlisted recruits, I *am* required to attend several schools before I am fully qualified as a Navy chaplain. The first of these schools is a two-week Officer Indoctrination Course offered in Newport, RI. I recently received word that I have a confirmed seat in the class that begins on January 7. I am still waiting for word on the second school which is a two month course specifically for Navy chaplains. I am hoping to line up a single priest to provide continual coverage of the parishes during that longer absence so as to provide continuity during that time. I will let you know when I hear something concrete.

FAMILY VOCATION DAY

Saturday, August 19, 2017, 7:30am 3:30pm

St. Therese Parish, Parkville, MO

Come be inspired by religious (sisters and brothers) and priests.

Experience prayer, learn more about the consecrated life, ask questions, and have a lot of fun throughout the day.

His Excellency, **Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr.** will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The cost is \$5 per person or \$30 per family. All ages are welcome to attend— there will be tracks for young adults, parents, and children by age group.

For more information go to: kcpriest.org/events/family-vocation-day-august-19-2017



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams

Stacy Brown

Jim Ingle

Rosalie Ingle

Tony Kauzlarich

Marge Kinney

Julie Moran

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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

August 13, 2017



August 13- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Randy Moran
Lectors: Julie Moran & Bonnie Gregory
Ministers: Jan & Paul Pottier
Julie & Randy Moran
Counters: Randy & Julie Moran

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 12 + Brian Crouse

By: Art & DiAnne Crouse

Sunday, August 13 + R.D. & Iris Everett

By: Everett & Roth Families

Monday, August 14 7PM + Helen Fisher

By: Janet , Ed White & Family

Saturday, August 19 + Luzita Cantonao

By: Buena Hake

Sunday, August 20 + Rose Ann West

By: West Girls



BIRTHDAY

Sarah Klein August 13th
Amanda Roth August 15th
Diane Barber August 18th

ANNIVERSARY

Wayne & Sherry Weipert August 19th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Ministry Schedule

August 20- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Scott Antle & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Doug Ottinger, Marylou Euler
Jackie & Paul Pottier
Counters: Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: Sept 14- 6 pm - Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday
Hand Linens: July/Aug: Nannette Wolford
Donut Sunday: Sept 3 - Nannette Wolford
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 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more info.

LIFE & JUSTICE CAMPAIGN AUG, 19 & 20

“Lord, when did we see you hungry...thirsty...a stranger...naked...sick...in prison?”

The Life & Justice Campaign parish second collection directly supports local organizations that serve the neediest and most vulnerable members of Christ’s family within our diocese.

Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts and encouraging your favorite local charity or community service organization to apply for a Life & Justice Campaign grant today. Visit www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org to learn more

Weekend Collection August 5 & 6, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,056 Plate: \$67

Total Parish: \$1,122

2nd Collection: Aug 19&20 : Diocesan Life & Justice

COLLECTIONS:

August To Date: \$ 1,122.00

August Budget: \$ 7,491.66

Year-To-Date: \$ 8,922.30

Year Budget: \$101,800.00

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



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, Mildred Ottinger

All of our Catholic community please consider spending an hour with our Lord at MIR Chapel of the Holy Rosary!

We are in need of committed adorer’s and substitute adorer’s, please visit and pray with our Lord to increase your personal relationship with HIM.

The peace we are seeking – the world does not offer!

In Jesus’ love,
MIR Board of Directors



Part-Time Employment Specialist (approx. 20 hours/week) St. Joseph MO Office of Catholic Charities of KCSJ - 1123 S 10th St. St Joseph, MO 64503-2506

Provide employment preparation services in workshops as well as individually, including resume building, interviewing skills, interview etiquette, etc. to agency clients including targeted groups such as ex-offenders

- Assist with job retention activities through providing information both to individuals and in a group setting on topics such as conflict-resolution, decision-making and problem-solving
- Assist with identifying career strengths and potential
- Provide outreach services to potential employers and employment agencies as needed and requested by supervisor

Required Educational Background: Bachelor’s Degree in human services, criminal justice, or a related field with three to five years’ experience or Master’s Degree in human services, criminal justice, or a related field.

For further information and to apply online go to catholiccharities-kcsj.com

Position posted: August 2017

FROM THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION IN CLYDE

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

Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 – 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a **Come and See Weekend** at our monastery in Clyde, MO, October 13-15, 2017.

It’s a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in the singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer, open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment, prayer and meet with others who maybe discerning.

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