

Father Totton's Desk

Now that I have my feet on the ground and I once again have my bearing in the parishes, I thought I would take a moment to reflect briefly on the last two months and the impact they have made on me as both parish priest and Navy Reserve chaplain.

For the sake of context: I was in a class of 21 students. Sixteen were active duty chaplains and are now on their way to their first permanent duty stations. The other five of us are reserve chaplains and have returned to our civilian ministries. Of the twenty-one students, I was the only Catholic. There was one Buddhist chaplain, the rest represented Protestant Christianity. While Protestants (mostly Baptists) make up an overwhelming part of the Chaplain Corps, I would estimate that Catholics represent at least 30% of the fleet forces (Navy and Marine Corps combined). Every chaplain I met (regardless of his/her religious background) emphatically impressed upon me the need for Catholic priests to serve as chaplains!

THE greatest take-away from the course was the opportunity to interact and develop relationships with men and women from different faith backgrounds, coming to know them on a basic, human level and coming to a greater appreciation of their backgrounds. This does NOT involve sacrificing one's core theological principles, and such is not necessary to simply listen to another with an appreciation, perhaps while looking for common ground. Such common ground may not always be found, but common human decency is pretty much at the heart of all belief systems. True ecumenism involves identifying a common purpose or goal and seeking to attain that goal with the tools one possesses (not scuttling them in an effort to be like everybody else on the team!). I truly learned something about Faith from each of my shipmates, whether they were very close to my Catholic faith or very different. I truly look forward to serving in the Navy Chaplain Corps with these men and women - and others like them! I heard it said a few times, "You're not like most Catholic priests..." and when pressed, nobody could explain to me what they meant, other than to say, "you're not like the stereotype I had in my mind about what a Catholic priest is supposed to be like." Similarly, I might just as easily have said, "You're not like most Presbyterians (Baptists, Pentecostals, Buddhists etc.)" The lesson being that it is important to be open to people without labeling them based on what we think they should be like. That openness can form the basis of relationship from which *Evangelization* – the sharing the Gospel – can take place. – Fr. Joseph Totton

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



WE would like to wish every woman of the parish a most happy Mother's Day.

Mothers hold their child's hand for a moment and their hearts for a lifetime.

Ladies enjoy your day!

Fr. Totton & Marge

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS



Attention all Altar Society Members: Please sign up in the back of the church for the coming events:

June 2nd—Easton Alumni Dinner (serve at 6 PM)

- 1. Food sign up sheet
- 2. Work sign up sheet

June 10th—Officers Altar Society Sunday Luncheon (serve at 12:30)

- 1. Kitchen help and serve
- 2. Clean Up

FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator

Mass Time
Sunday: 8 am
Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass
Office 816-473-2011

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107 North Shortridge
Easton, MO 64443
816-294-9841 - Fr. Joe's cell

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

The Ascension of the Lord

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams
Stacy Brown
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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
May 13, 2018



May 13 - 8 am Mass

Greeter: Randy Moran

Lectors: Julie Moran, Jim Barber

Ministers: Julie Moran, Diane Barber & Marylou Euler

Counters: Randy & Julie Moran

Mass Intentions



Sunday, May 13 + Dick Roth

By: Roth Family

Sunday, May 20 + Betty McPhee

By: McPhee Family



BIRTHDAY

Regina Grier May 17

Andy Mink May 19

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!



2018 Donut Sunday Sign Up Sheet

On the back bulletin board is the sign up sheet for Donut Sunday for 2018.

Please sign up!

Thank You

Purple Peeps Parish-Palooza Tour

Our church family would like to thank our music director, Christie Ottinger for giving us the joy of hearing her "Purple Peeps" sing last Sunday at Mass.

This fantastic group of high school students had shared their faith through music with each of us under Christie's direction. For many of them this was the last time they will sing together before going off to college. We wish only the best to each of them as they embark on their new journey. To the rest of the students we hope to see you again next year. Thank you, thank you!!

Ministry Schedule

May 20- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory

Lectors: Bonnie Gregory & Jim Ingle

Ministers: Doug Ottinger, Hubert Gregory, Jackie Pottier

Counters: Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: May 10th - 6 pm Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: May/June: Jan Pottier

Donut Sunday: May 6th - Jan Pottier

Knights of Columbus: 5067-1st & 3rd Thursday 7 pm

Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm

Dan Morey, 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.

The Marian Conference IV June 22 - 23

"Our Lady of Fatima"

Our Lady appeared to over 70,000 people for us to believe, she accentuated the benefit to our souls for saying the rosary.

We invite you to the 2day Spiritual Retreat and Inspirational Event Marian Conference IV of Greater Kansas City

on June 22-23, 2018 at

St. Thomas More in South Kansas City.

Please register at <http://www.stmkc.com/mc> to find more details

Archbishop Naumann will be presiding at Friday evening's Mass.

Hope to see you there!

Weekend Collection - May 6, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,395 Plate: \$121

Total Parish: \$1,516

2nd Collection: May 20th - Peter's Pence

May To Date: \$ 1,516.00

May Budget: \$ 7,491.66

Year-To-Date: \$ 91,321.00

Year Budget: \$101,800.00

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



POPE FRANCIS A MAN OF HIS WORD

This new documentary by Win Wenders, is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, as he sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions. From his deep concern for the poor, to his involvement in environmental issues and social justice,

Pope Francis engages the audience face-to-face in a way never seen before.

The Vatican has said, "The film masterfully shares the tenderness, humanity, and revolutionary thinking of Pope Francis, and shows that he is a man who practices what he preaches."

The Film opens Friday, May 18th in Kansas City, Missouri.



SPRING GARDEN RETREAT: IT'S PLANTING TIME CONCEPTION ABBEY, CON- CEPTION, MO

Friday, May 25th through Sunday, May 27th

sharing in the monastic

et labora (prayer and work).

Spend time helping plant the abbey gardens and learn how to separate and replant various plants.

There will also be opportunities to attend prayer and Mass with the monastic community.

Room/Meal/Director fees: \$180 single room; \$300 double room (\$150 each).

Abbey Guest Center Weekend retreats begin with Friday Vespers at 5:15 pm and conclude with lunch on Sunday.

To register or for more information: call (660) 944-2809



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

*Be a
Witness of
Charity*

*Support the
Peter's Pence
Collection*

Peter's Pence - Be a Witness to Charity

Next week, May 20th, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world.

The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Please be generous.

For more information, visit
www.usccb.org/peters-pence

BACCALAUREATE

East Buchanan Baccalaureate will take place on
Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 pm at

Frazier Baptist Church

with a reception following.

Please come and celebrate with our seniors,

Kathryn Ottinger and

Lauren Adams.

CONGRATULATIONS LADIES!!



Next Week is Pentecost Sunday!!

Let's wear RED!



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

We are looking for graduates of kindergarten, middle school, high school, college (Bachelors, Masters and Doctorates).

Please email Marge at stjosephchurch@centurytel.net so your name will be listed in our bulletin..

(If you know which college you will be attending please list it.)

Also, if you graduating college please let me know your major.)

Thanks for your cooperation