



From Fr. Totton's Desk

This week, we move into the second part of Advent, marked by the more immediate preparation to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus – the culmination of the Incarnation of the Eternal Word. In that regard, I would like to encourage you to incorporate the traditional “O Antiphons” into your daily prayer – especially family prayer. These ancient references to Our Lord form the basis for the verses of the popular hymn, *O Come O Come Emmanuel*..

December 17 Isaiah 11:2-3

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 Isaiah 11:4-5

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 Isaiah 11:1

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20 Isaiah 22:22

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 Isaiah 9:2

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death.

December 22 Isaiah 9:6

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 Isaiah 7:14

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

My suggestion for a simple prayer service would be to gather in your living room near an advent wreath (you may use your Christmas Tree if have already put it up and you have no advent wreath.) Sing the hymn, *O Come O Come Emmanuel*, followed by a simple recitation of the day's antiphon. After that, read the passage from the Prophet Isaiah indicated for the day, then spend about 5 minutes in silence pondering the meaning of this description of Our Lord and the prophecy.

Close with the *Lord's Prayer* and the following *Marian Antiphon* (traditional for Advent and Christmas):

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again,
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before,
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners. Amen.

- Fr. Joseph Totton



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Mass Time

Sunday: 8 am

Confessions: Sunday at 7:30 am

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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.



Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams
Jim Ingle
Rosalie Ingle
Tony Kauzlarich
Julie Moran
Jordan Roth
Mike Roth
Wayne Weipert

Cemetery Board

Ed Fisher
Mike Roth
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Third Sunday of Advent “Gaudete Sunday”

Email: stjosephchurch@centurytel.net

Website: stjosepheaston.org

Parish Secretary: Penny Harrison

Hall Rental: Penny Harrison

To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816.812.2500
Victims' Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816.392.0011
chastain@diocesekcsj.org

December 16, 2018



Dec 16- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Doug Ottinger & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Jim Ingle, Wayne Weipert
Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth

Mass Intentions



Sunday, Dec 16 Chad Klein +

By: Klein Family

Sunday, Dec 23

Past, present, and future officers of the Altar Society
of our parish
By: Becky Mink



BIRTHDAYS

Lauren Adams	Dec 16th
Randy Moran	Dec 19th
Casey Klein	Dec 21st
Roxy Musser	Dec 21st
Amy Barton	Dec 22nd
Shelia Ottinger	Dec 22nd

Best Wishes Everyone!

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to register:
Please introduce yourself to Fr. Totton after Mass, come to the
Parish Office, or go to our Parish Website at:
stjosepheaston.org and [register](#).



2019 Sign Up Sheet

On the back bulletin board is the sign up sheet
for Donut Sunday for 2019.
Please sign up!

Ministry Schedule

Dec 23- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Scott Antle and Jay Pflugradt
Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Paul Pottier, Doug Ottinger
Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. ANN & ST. JOSEPH



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

St. Joseph, Easton - 5 pm
(Nativity Pageant begins at 5 pm)

St. Ann, Plattsburg - Midnight

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

10 am - St. Ann, Plattsburg



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Dec. 31st

6:00 PM Vigil St. Joseph— Easton

Jan. 1st, 2019

10:00 AM - St. Ann's- Plattsburg

What Gift Will You Offer Our Lord?

Prepare to offer Jesus your heart -
a clean heart - this Christmas!

Catholic Christians are encouraged to
frequently avail themselves of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially
during this Advent Season. Please make
use of the following opportunities to confess
your sins and receive the **Lord's gift of forgiveness:**

- Sunday, December 16 at 7:30am - Visiting priest:
Fr. Vincent Giacabazzi, SJ (confessions are heard
every Sunday at 7:30am)
- Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00pm - Communal
Penance Service with individual confessions at
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

Create in me
a pure heart, O God,
and renew a
steadfast
spirit within me.
- Psalm 51:10

Weekend Collection - Dec. 9, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 1,720
Plate: \$ 110
Hall Rental: \$ 100
Total Parish: \$ 2,621

2nd Collection: Dec 9 - Religious Retirement \$209
Holy Day: Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception \$482

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

Dec. to Date: \$ 4,709.00
Dec Budget: \$ 7,550.00
Year-To-Date: \$ 54,587.00
Year Budget: \$ 90,600.00

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

Mark your Calendars

Parish & Finance Council:	Feb- 6 pm Rectory
Altar Society:	Parish Hall after Donut Sunday
Hand Linens:	Nov/Dec: Jan Pottier
Donut Sunday:	Jan. 6: Nannette Wolford
Knights of Columbus:	5067-1st & 3rd Thursday 7 pm
	Rosary 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

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan
programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on
its own. Our theme, **“The community of believers was of
one heart and mind” Acts 4:32**, appropriately recognizes
our unity as the people of God to work together for the
betterment of all. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is
too small. Please join our efforts.

The goal for St. Joseph's parish is \$5,775
Our total so far is \$2,980

Thank you for all your help and support of the
2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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 Dobrowansky, Bob Everett**



“...a time of war and a time of peace...”
We pray for the safety of all our
service men and women who
serve our country.

Journey of Hope Divorce Ministry

Journey of Hope, a simple, effective solution to
bringing hope and healing to separated and divorced
members of our parish communities.

The program has a 17-year proven track record of
having helped hundreds of men & women across the
country understand the issues they face from a truly
Catholic perspective.

The men's group begins Tues., Jan. 8th and the
women's group begins Wed., Jan. 9th, both 6:30-8:00
p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 4503 Frederick.

For registration and/or more information, please
contact Kathy Powers, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church,
816.232.2847

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 authori-
ties, 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.