



From Father Totton's Desk

After visiting leisurely with parishioners after the 10am Mass last Sunday, I logged on to the website of Conception Abbey to check on the progress of the dedication ceremony for the new monastery chapel outside of Gower. I figured the ceremony, which had started at 9am would be nearing its conclusion by Noon. Much to my (delighted) surprise, I discovered that they had not yet



dressed the altar, so I jumped into my car and drove out there to witness the conclusion of the ceremony and perhaps to catch up with some old friends who were in town for the service.

When I arrived, shortly after noon, the entire congregation was standing outside the building as the bishop recited prayers at the entrance way. I quietly filed into the procession of priests and entered the chapel with the group as if I had been there all morning. *Four and a half hours later*, the service finally concluded! You might ask why it took nearly eight hours to dedicate a new chapel. I am compelled to ask the same question. I have attended the dedication of several churches, including the Basilica at Conception Abbey and Old St. Patrick's Oratory in Kansas City and this was, by far, the longest ceremony I have ever heard of! I am quick to add that it honestly did not seem to take that long. Through moments of silence and unintelligible Latin prayers interspersed with soaring ancient chants and litanies of supplication, the time just seemed to pass by and I don't remember anybody looking at his watch. This has been my experience in other Traditional liturgies I have attended, and I think it points to the nature of Divine Worship and what we can and should learn from the Sisters: *Divine Worship on earth anticipates how we will spend eternal life in Heaven!*

As I mentioned, last week, the primary work of the sisters is to pray. Even the works of their livelihood (tailoring vestments, farming, household chores, etc.) are subservient to the *Opus Dei*, the Work of God – that of gathering in the chapel seven times each day to praise the Lord with “Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Canticles” (Ephesians 5:19)! In that regard, it is reasonable to think that they would take the length of an entire “workday” to dedicate a building which will be, from now on, the center of their lives and of the lives of the scores of sisters who are sure to follow them. For, the church (whether it is a grand Cathedral or a humble chapel) is not just *another building*, but it is dedicated as “House of God and Gate of Heaven.” (Genesis 28:17). For this reason, no expense is spared in constructing the church, and the time used to consecrate it, or set it aside for the worship of God, can never be considered “time wasted”. There is much we can learn from the sisters.

On Monday morning, I headed back to the monastery for another ceremony. This one – only three and a half hours – could be considered “brief” by comparison with the previous day's festivities. During this Mass, Mother Cecilia, the superior of the community, was blessed as “Abbess” – a rare title held by only 3 superiors of women religious in the United States. This gives the monastery special standing and a level of independence in a direct relationship with the Holy See. Additionally two sisters professed their first vows as sisters and an additional 4 women were clothed in the habit and entered religious life as novices who will spend the next year in discernment of their vocation. Finally, it was announced, at this Mass, that this growing community of Benedictine nuns will soon be branching out by establishing a new monastery in Wisconsin – a sign of health and vitality.

I share this great news because I find encouragement in it that the Church is truly strong, despite the weakness of her leaders. I also think that these things point to the fruits of fidelity – they show us what can be accomplished when we stick to that which is “tried and true”, namely, when we hold fast to Tradition as a foundation for our walk with the Lord.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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**Mass Time
Sunday: 8 am
Confessions: Sunday at 7:30am
Office 816-473-2011**

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
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816-812-2500
Victims' Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816-392-0011
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Sept 16, 2018



Ministry Schedule

Sept 16 - 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Doug Ottinger & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Jan & Paul Pottier and Doug Ottinger
Counters: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

Sept 23- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Scott Antle & Bonnie Gregory
Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Marylou Euler, Jim Ingle
Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

Mass Intentions



Sunday, Sept 16 + Mike Grier

By: Roth Family

Sunday, Sept 23 + Jeaneen Cover

By: Roth Family



BIRTHDAY

Amy Adams	Sept 18th
Karli Miller	Sept 18th
Emma Klein	Sept 18th
Lindsay Edwards	Sept 19th
Bunny Hake`	Sept 20th
Blaise Kriley	Sept 20th
Nannette Wolford	Sept 21st
McKenzie Crouse	Sept 22nd

ANNIVERSARY

Randy & Julie Moran	Sept 18th
Vernon & Mildred Ottinger	Sept 21st
Ed & Debbie Fisher	Sept 22nd

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!



Remembrance Quilt

If you have not handed in your block for the remembrance quilt

please return by September 30th.

Thank you to all who have participated - you are all a blessing to me!

My blessings to all, Marge



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.



Polish/Slavic Festival

SAT, SEP 22nd - St. James Parish Center, Rupp Gym, 5815 Pryor Avenue, St. Joseph

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

\$15 per person or \$200 for a reserved table of 8.

Dinner 6:00 to 7:30

Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Cabbage Rolls, Pierogies, Dessert & Tea. Other beverages will be available.

Dance 6pm to 10pm Live Music with Tom Przybylski's Polka Dots.

Tickets may be purchased at Stevenson's Pharmacy on King Hill Ave.

Novena for Our Nation

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 15 to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7: www.novenaforournation.com.

Rosary Novena will be held at St. Ann's - Plattsburg as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:30am

Tuesday 5:30pm



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>.



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: Sept 13 - 6 pm Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: Sept/Oct: Bonnie Gregory

Donut Sunday: Oct 7: Altar Society

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



LeBlond Carnival

September 21st-23rd.

21st: 6-midnight.

22nd: Noon- Midnight.

23rd: Noon-5pm.

Tickets are now on sale.

They can be purchased from any LeBlond Family or in the LB office 3529 Frederick.

Tickets are \$2 for 1 ticket or \$40 for a book of tickets.

Proceeds go towards LeBlond's general operating fund.

It's a GREAT day to be an Eagle!



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

Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance

There will be a DVD presentation and group study/discussion of the prayer and deliverance ministry, **Unbound** from Heart of the Father Ministries at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 4503 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO - beginning in October. The series will be held on eight consecutive Sunday afternoons from October 14th through December 2nd, and will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in Marian Hall (use basement entrance - across from Our Lady's Garden - on the eastside of campus).

There is a cost of \$15.00 for the workbook, and reading of the book "Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance" by Neal Lozano BEFORE the series begins is highly recommended. Registration is required by October 8th, for space is limited. Register via Email to John & Penny Harrison at unbound.kc@gmail.com or by calling 816-289-2506 to leave a message, or for any questions.

Unbound Ministry is based on the idea that the gospel has the power to make a difference in a person's life. It is a way of prayer - using the five keys - that empowers a person to open their hearts and respond more fully to Jesus's invitation of abundant life. Unbound is essentially moving a person through a conversion experience. The five keys are:

1. Repenting of sin and expressing faith in Jesus.
2. Forgiving oneself and others.
3. Renouncing the lies, spirits, and tactics of Satan.
4. Taking authority over the works of Satan.
5. Receiving the Father's blessing.

Weekend Collection - Sept 9, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,520 Plate: \$91 Hall Rental : \$100

Total Parish: \$1,711

2nd Collection: Sept 16: Latin America Apostolate

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

Sept To Date: \$3,213.00

Sept Budget: \$7,550.00

Year-To-Date: \$18,281.25

Year Budget: \$90,600.00

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