

From Fr. Totton's Desk

In his First Letter to Timothy, **St. Paul** urges us to pray for *kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way.* (1 Timothy 2:2) On this President's Day, and on Wednesday, February 22, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, please offer the following prayer, composed by **Archbishop John Carroll**, first Bishop of the United States and cousin to **Charles Carroll**, a signer of the Declaration of Independence:

Prayer for Government

We pray, Thee O Almighty and Eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of Thy Name.

We pray Thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, Pope *Francis*, the Vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, *James*, all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to Thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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.

For further information you may contact Teresa Koch at 816-539-1414. Please come and join us .



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.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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

**7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams

Stacy Brown

Jim Ingle

Rosalie Ingle

Tony Kauzlarich

Marge Kinney

Julie Moran

Dennis Ottinger

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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

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February 19, 2017



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

Feb 26- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory

Lectors: Jan Pottier & Bonnie Gregory

Ministers: Doug Ottinger, Marylou Euler
Jim & Diane Barber

Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

Mass Intentions



Saturday, Feb 18 + Louis & Helen Geis

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, Feb 19 + Joseph & Evelyn Roth

By: Roth Family

Saturday, Feb 25 + Margaret & Clifford Crouse

By: Art & DiAnne Crouse & Family

Sunday, Feb 26 + Ermajene & Ronnie LaFollette

By: LaFollette Family



BIRTHDAY

Miles Mitchell February 20th

Keith Cantrell February 21st

Claire Connett February 23rd

Kellan Klein February 25th

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.



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: March 23- 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 11 & 12, 2017

Envelopes: \$1235 Plate: \$172 Mass Stipends: \$50

Book Subscription: \$30

Total Parish: \$1487

2nd Collection: Feb 18 & 19 - Catholic Charities
Emergency Assistance Appeal
COLLECTIONS:

Feb To Date: \$ 3,542.83

Feb Budget: \$ 7,191.52

Year-To-Date: \$73,420.45

Year Budget: \$96,298.36

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

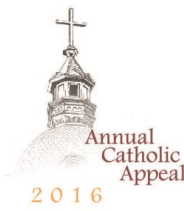


Please mark your calendar

Ash Wednesday

March 1

Mass is will be offered here on at 6:30 AM.



2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

The diocese has received from our parish
\$5,390 from 34 families.

Thank you for generous donations.

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>

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.



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

"...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.



PROTECT THE MIRACLE OF LIFE LENTEN 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.

We will be handing out the baby bottles at each Mass. 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 this weekend..
Fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back to church the weekend after Easter, April 22nd and 23rd.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE APPEAL

The Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund is designed to meet urgent needs and give people an opportunity to focus on brighter futures.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the CCEAF's second collection on **Saturday, February 18 or Sunday, February 19.**
Or, you can give a gift now at www.CCEmergencyFund.org.

Gifts from the CCEAF collection will directly fund food pantries and emergency assistance sites in your parish communities.

Thank you for your generosity to our appeal.