

**Father, where have you been?** This is a question I anticipated when I planned my schedule for the month of June knowing that I would be absent for weekdays during two consecutive weeks in the middle of the month. I would like to reflect upon my experiences in light of my pastoral ministry to you, the people of my parishes.

During the week of June 18-22, I joined Bishop Johnston and the priests of the diocese for our annual retreat at Conception Abbey. Bishop Gainer, of Harrisburg, PA, gave us some wonderful insights to encourage our walk with the Lord and our spiritual leadership in our parishes.

During the week of June 11-15 I attended a workshop on the impact of the pornography epidemic and approaches to healing and ministry for those who have been affected by it. Just about any priest will tell you that pornography is one of the most common sins of our day, and its ready availability has brought it into our homes, workplaces and even to the smartphones we carry in our pockets! The internet has revolutionized this shady industry once relegated to seedy red-light districts of our cities and the roadside stores claiming to sell “adult” books. Those ensnared by pornography are often so full of shame that they cannot bear to confess this sin, and they won’t reach out for help from spouses or parents because they are convinced that they would be ridiculed and ostracized. Of course, nobody is comfortable reading this in the parish bulletin (and I am not comfortable writing it), but until and unless we speak the Truth and shed the Light on this epidemic, our culture will be diverted from the Way of Christ. Pornography has a *devastating* impact on many people including those who produce it, those who distribute it, those who view it as well as their spouses and children. It’s impact cannot be overstated. I would like to share with you some staggering statistics to indicate how pervasive this problem is in our culture (and among Christians):

- 64% of self-identified Christian men and 15% of self-identified Christian women view pornography at least once a month. (compared with 65% of men and 30% of women, generally)
- The average age at which a child is first exposed to pornography is 11.
- 90% of 8-16 year olds have viewed pornography online.
- 80% of 15-17 year olds have had multiple exposures to hard core pornography.
- 12-17 year olds represent the largest single population of users of internet pornography.
- Revenue generated from pornography exceeds that of top technology companies *combined*, including Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo, Netflix and Apple

I could go on (and on!) with statistics, but it would be an exercise in gut-wrenching frustration. Suffice it to say, this *is a serious problem* and until we begin to address it in our churches and in our families, it will only get worse. I would like to offer some resources to help you address this issue whether it is something you face personally, or concerns you have for your loved ones (a spouse, a child) or merely to be vigilant to protect your children from harmful exposure to this menacing phenomenon.

**Protecting Your family:** You need to know how your children are using technology, whether it is the family computer, personal laptops or tablets, iPods and smartphones, school computers, etc. *It is crucial that you have open communication and conversation with your children about the dangers of the internet.* You can find excellent resources at [www.cmgpparent.org](http://www.cmgpparent.org). I also highly recommend that you consider accountability/monitoring software for all devices. *Covenant Eyes* is one such service. Additionally, their website also provides many free resources to educate parents about the harmful dangers of pornography. Please check it out at [www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com).

**Seeking help for yourself:** If you view pornographic material on a regular basis (daily, weekly, monthly, even quarterly) then **you have a problem**. Get help now! While you will benefit from the grace of the Forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you also need to enlist others in your struggle. Speak frankly in confession, ask the advice of your priest, ask him to refer you to a support group or a counselor which specializes in sexual addiction. Go to [www.integrityrestored.com](http://www.integrityrestored.com) or to our diocesan outreach [www.myhousekcsj.org](http://www.myhousekcsj.org). This is a battle you cannot win by yourself. Yes, it is embarrassing, and it can be very daunting to disclose this struggle to another, but sin thrives in secrecy and evil triumphs in isolation. Reach out for help. You can also call our confidential diocesan helpline at 816-808-6544. You can also call me at 816-294-9841 for confession and/or referral for more resources.

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, Pray for Us. St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle...

Fr. Totton



**SAVE THE DATE**

**St Ann Church Thursday, July 26th - 6pm**

Fr. Totton will be joined by several priests in the celebration of a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass).

**Sunday, July 29th After 10 am Mass**

Please join us for Pot Luck and Cookout - Knights will provide hot dogs, buns and drinks.

All other food will be pot luck, bring a dish to share. All are welcome!



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator**

**P.O. Box 197**

**107 North Shortridge**

**Easton, MO 64443**

**816-294-9841 - Fr. Joe’s cell**

**Mass Time**

**Sunday: 8 am**

**Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass**

**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*

*Mike Roth*

*Steve White*

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

**Parish & Finance Councils**

*Jim Adams*

*Jim Ingle*

*Rosalie Ingle*

*Tony Kauzlarich*

*Marge Kinney*

*Julie Moran*

*Dennis Ottinger*

*Jordan Roth*

*Mike Roth*

*Wayne Weipert*

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Office Manager: Marge Kinney

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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)

July 1, 2018



## Ministry Schedule

### July 1- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Jim Ingle

**Lectors:** Scott Antle & Jan Pottier

**Ministers:** Wayne Weipert, Jim Ingle, Doug Ottinger

**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

### July 8- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Richard LaFollette

**Lectors:** Doug Ottinger & Jim Ingle

**Ministers:** Marylou Euler, Jan & Paul Pottier

**Counters:** Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

### Mass Intentions



**Sunday, July 1 + Pat & Tommy Robertson**

By: Steve & Pat Culver

**Sunday, July 8 + Jane Everett**

By: Victor & Pam Everett



### BIRTHDAY

JoAnne Bower	July 1st
Mandy Klein	July 1st
Carol Shaffer	July 1st
Johnathan Ottinger	July 2nd
Mildred Ottinger	July 2nd
Mallory Chambers	July 8th
Shari Klein	July 8th

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**

### Weekend Collection - June 24, 2018

Envelopes: \$1.111 Plate: \$108

**Total Parish: \$1,219**

**2nd Collection: June 17 - Communications**

**June To Date: \$ 6,7828.00**

**June Budget: \$ 7,491.66**

**Year-To-Date: \$102,235.15**

**Year Budget: \$101,019.00**

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



### Mark your Calendars!

**Parish & Finance Council: July 12 - 6 pm Rectory**

**Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday**

**Hand Linens: July/August: Nannette Wolford**

**Donut Sunday: July 1: Jim & Rosalie Ingle**

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

**Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm**

**Jay Pflugradt, 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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more info.



### 5th Annual Pitching for Priests - Softball Game

Friday, July 6th - 7 pm  
Hosted by Catholic Radio Network

Come and Support Fr. Joseph Totton  
We will have baseball cards this year!

**Priests from Kansas City - St. Joseph  
VS.**

**Priests from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas**

Tailgating will begin at 4:00 pm  
Community America Ballpark - T-bones Stadium  
1800 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 6611  
Tickets: \$12 adult  
\$5 child (12 and under)  
Come and watch the priests play!

### Diocesan Visioning Process

You are invited to Share and Be Heard

Bishop Johnston recently instituted a “visioning” process to develop a Mutually Shared Vision for our diocese.

The purpose of the process is to create a compelling Vision Statement (unifying theme) for the diocese. It will include three priorities—major areas of focus—for the diocese for the next 3 years and six goals that will lead to specific outcomes in the next 2-3 years.

Bishop Johnston invites every member of our local church to participate in their regional listening sessions in July. The locations have been chosen to reach as much of the diocese as possible in the time frame available. You may attend any one of the sessions.

Throughout the process Bishop Johnston asks everyone to join him in prayer (prayer following) for the fruitfulness of this effort.

### Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph Mutually Shared Vision Development Process Listening Sessions Locations

*Wednesday, July 18, 7-8:30 pm: St. Joseph, Mo., Our Lady of  
Guadalupe \*\**

*Tuesday, July 31, 7-8:30 pm: Liberty, Mo., St. James \*\**

*\*\* These locations will hold the listening sessions in English and  
Spanish.*

### Visioning Process Prayer

**Eternal Father**, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, and hear our prayer.

**Lord Jesus**, we join your prayer for unity among the members of your Body, the Church, that we may all be one so that the world may believe.

**Holy Spirit**, be our advocate and guide this Visioning Process, that the Mutually Shared Vision for our Diocese will draw us closer to one another and closer to Jesus.

**Help us** to honor and reverence one another as we engage in this process of listening and discernment.

**Assist our bishop** and his visioning team as they model for our local church a culture of listening and respect.

**Unite us** in a common vision and inspire us to be leaven, salt and light in our daily lives.

**We ask this** through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, Star  
of the New Evangelization, Pray for us!**



### 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**

*For our Shut - Ins*

**Rosemary Ingle, Carolyn O'Brien,  
Josephine Jackson, Delores White, Eileen Grier,  
Brent LaFollette**

### Remembrance Quilt

For my retirement

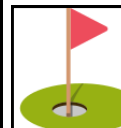
I have placed in a basket on the table in the back of church fabric blocks that you can write either well wishes, words of wisdom, along with your name and year and I will sew them all into a quilt. Directions included.

You can either embroider your words or you can use a fabric pen. **Must** be a fabric pen so it won't disappear after washing.

Blessings to all, Marge

**Due back by July 22nd!**

Can't believe it's been 10 years today that I first came to St. Ann's and St. Joseph's!



### THE INAUGURAL BISHOP JOHNSTON'S SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018

The National Golf Club of Kansas City  
6700 N National Dr, Parkville, MO

**4 MAN SCRAMBLE**

7:30 am Continental Breakfast

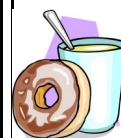
9:00 am Shotgun Start

ENTRY FEE: \$375.00 per player

OR \$1,500.00 per foursome

INCLUDES: Continental Breakfast, 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Driving Range and Warm-up Balls, Lunch on Course, Beverages, Complimentary Gift Bag, Appetizers and Awards (following the round).

To Register or for more information go to the website:  
[www.brightfuturesfund.org](http://www.brightfuturesfund.org)



### 2018 Donut Sunday Sign Up Sheet

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

Openings in the summer months.

Please sign up!