

**From Fr. Totton's Desk**

When we lived in Detroit, every summer we would use my Dad's 2 weeks vacation from work to travel to Missouri in order to visit family. I remember on one such visit, over 30 years ago, we were staying with my aunt and uncle in Gladstone and early on a Saturday morning we drove down to Midtown Kansas City to take part in a prayer vigil. It was called a "Jericho walk", based on the actions of the Israelites under the leadership of Joshua as described in the Joshua 6:1-27. We circled the block seven times, praying and silently witnessing to the sanctity of human life. The focus of our prayer was the Planned Parenthood location at 47th and Harrison. We were there because, at that time, this was the primary abortion center in Kansas City, MO. From what I remember, our prayer vigil was peaceful, and it was composed of Catholics, other Christians, and various people of good will united by a belief that life begins at conception and that abortion is a great tragedy and a denial of that truth. There were others who were shouting at us and it was clear that we were not welcome there. At 9 or 10, I don't think I grasped the full impact and import of what we were doing, but it seemed clear to me that we were witnessing to the Truth. That prayer vigil, and my aunt's commitment to witness to the sanctity of life, left a lasting impact on me.

At least since 1997, I have been aware that the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. That year, some upperclassmen at Conception Seminary invited me to join them in Maryville for a "Life Chain"! I asked, "are there abortions happening in Maryville?" They explained to me that abortion impacts people, men, women and children, in all our communities regardless of where abortions take place! That makes sense. So we went, we stood along a stretch of Maryville's main drag, held signs of witness and prayed for about an hour. I did this each year I was a student there, and have gone to similar events many times over the last twenty years - sometimes it is chilly and sometimes it is unseasonably warm and sultry, sometimes the weather is pleasant even if the reaction of some passersby is less so! This afternoon I hope to join in the Walk for Life in St. Joseph. (Details on inside page)

There are many life issues in our current culture which call for our serious reflection and witness, including questions about euthanasia, certain reproductive "technologies", and even the legitimacy of capital punishment. At the heart of all of these, though, is the basic right to life beginning with the unborn. In recent years, the pro-life movement has come to a greater appreciation of the need to provide: alternatives to abortion; compassionate care for post-abortive mothers (and fathers); and above all, an emphasis on praying for the conversion of the hearts of all. *All of these* are important aspects of seeking to truly witness to the Sanctity of Life and the Dignity of the Human Person.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton

**“GIVE FROM THE HEART” 6th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**



It's kickoff time again!

Our annual fundraiser is so popular with all our parishioners - it is easy for everyone!

We will be using the same format as we have done for the last 5 years.

Starting Oct 7th & 8th and every weekend in October ending the weekend of Nov 4 & 5, our second collection will be for our parish.

Parishioners can contribute in one sum or scatter donations over the five week time span

Monies will be deposited in our money market account and will be used for operating expenses as needed.

As we did last year Marge will be giving an updated total in the bulletin.

(Oh yes the thermometer will be back! )

**Last year we raised \$16,733!!**

Let 's work towards or surpass last years' total!

We can do it!

Parish and Finance Councils



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**Fr. Joseph Totton**

**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*

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Parish & Finance Councils**

*Jim Adams*

*Stacy Brown*

*Jim Ingle*

*Rosalie Ingle*

*Tony Kauzlarich*

*Marge Kinney*

*Julie Moran*

*Dennis Ottinger*

*Jordan Roth*

*Mike Roth*

*Wayne Weipert*

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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

[chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)

October 1, 2017



**October 1- 8 am Mass**

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert  
**Lectors:** Jim Barber & Jan Pottier  
**Ministers:** Jim & Diane Barber  
Paul & Jan Pottier  
**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich & Rudy Wolford

**Mass Intentions**



**Saturday, Sept 30 + Ruth Ann West**

By: Sharon & Dick White

**Sunday, Oct 1 + Leonard & Nell McLarney**

By: Everett & Roth Families

**Saturday, Oct 7 + Helen Fisher**

By: Janet, Ed White & Family

**Sunday, Oct 8 + Jack West**

By: West Girls

**Mass Book open for 2018**



**BIRTHDAY**

Eileen Grier	Oct 1st
Margo McPhee	Oct 1st
Shirley Keyes	Oct 2nd
Emily Davidson	Oct 4th
Jim Runyan	Oct 8th

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**



1st Saturday Mass and Confessions at MIR House  
Fr. Christian Malewski,  
Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish  
offers Confession at 7:00 am

and Mass at 8:00 am every first Saturday of the month  
at Mir House of Prayer.

**Ministry Schedule**

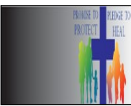
**October 8- 8 am Mass**

**Greeter:** Randy Moran  
**Lectors:** Julie Moran & Bonnie Gregory  
**Ministers:** Randy & Julie Moran  
Hubert Gregory & Marylou Euler  
**Counters:** Randy & Julie Moran



**Mark your Calendars!**

**Parish & Finance Council:** Oct 6 pm - Rectory  
**Altar Society:** Parish Hall after Donut Sunday  
**Hand Linens:** Sept/Oct: Bonnie Gregory  
**Donut Sunday:** Oct 1 - Nannette Wolford  
**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](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.

**St Joseph Directory**

You can sign up **on-line** on our parish **web site** to have your family portrait taken  
There will be volunteers after Masses in October to help with the sign up.

**Dates available:**

St. Joseph - Friday, Oct. 20, 2-9pm;  
Saturday, Oct. 21, 10am-5pm  
St. Ann - Sunday October 29, 11am-6pm;  
Monday, October 30, 2-9pm

(Regardless of which portrait session you attend, be assured your photo will appear in the St. Joseph's Directory)

**Weekend Collection Sept 23 & 24, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,365 Plate: \$192

**Total Parish: \$1,557**

**2nd Collection: Sept. 30 & Oct 1 - Relief for Disasters**

**COLLECTIONS:**

**Sept To Date: \$ 6,094.35**

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

**Year-To-Date: \$ 19,936.17**

**Year Budget: \$101,800.00**

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

**Relief for Disasters - Sept 30th and Oct 1st**  
**Our country has been encountering many natural disasters.**

**The diocese here and around the country are requesting we have a second collection to help in the relief for many.**

**(Please make checks out to St. Joseph Church and so I can send one check to the Diocese. Thank you )**



**Come and Celebrate Life Day**

October 1, 2017

**THREE PRO-LIFE EVENTS COMBINED**

**WALK, LIFE CHAIN AND RALLY — SUNDAY OCTOBER 1st**

Choose the starting point that best suits your walking ability and join together as the walk comes to you.

- A. Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church — 1:50pm — 3.7 miles
- B. B. MWSU Spring Sports Complex — 2:15pm — 2.5 miles
- C. C. East Hills Library — 2:40pm — 1 mile

LIFE CHAIN will begin at 2 pm at Bishop LeBlond H.S. for Pro-Life non-walkers or the disabled to participate in this event by displaying signs and praying.

RALLY - one hour family friendly program @ Bishop LeBlond High School Stadium 3:30 pm balloons, music, inspirational speakers  
A wonderful day for families to participate in these 3 events or just one of the events.

Shuttle buses will be provided after the rally to return Walkers to their starting point.

**Partnering for Future Priests 2017 Dinner & Auction**

It's time to start planning for the 9th 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 6** 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 9th year and we couldn't have made it this far without you. We would like to thank you for your generous support these past eight 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. If you are great at baking, sewing, enjoy quilting and crafting, have a knack for creating beautiful one-of-a-kind items or you just have an item or gift card you would like to donate please contact your area **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>.**



**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, Mildred Ottinger**

*For our Shut - Ins*

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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

The Knights of Columbus Council 5067

will be taking donations for the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive for Children with Developmental Disorders on Oct. 7 & 8.

The Knights will be outside of Church after both

Masses with their baskets and Tootsie Rolls.

Please try to contribute to this worthy cause.

Knights of Columbus Council 5067 will be having a Fried Chicken Dinner at their Hall on Oct. 8 2017 and Oct 22, 2017. Starting time will be at 11:30 to 2:00 pm.

Location of the Hall is 1205 N 49th Tr.

We will be serving two piece fried chicken with green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll and ice tea or water.

Price for the dinner is \$ 8 for adults and children under 12 \$5  
A drive through will be available.