

A Shepherd of Souls Addresses Racism, Unity and Christian Charity.

*The following column by **Bishop James Conley** appeared in the August 18 edition of the Southern Nebraska Register, Diocesan Newspaper of the Diocese of Lincoln. I highly recommend it. - Fr. Totton*

In the late 1940s, **Archbishop Joseph Rummel** began the process of ending segregation in the parishes, seminary, and schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He faced real opposition, from families, from teachers, from civil officials, and even some of the priests and religious of his diocese.

Political leaders threatened to end all state financial support for integrated Catholic schools. Catholics wrote to Pope Pius XII asking him to remove Archbishop Rummel from his post. At times, the opposition became violent—A cross was burned on Archbishop Rummel’s lawn; his home was picketed nightly.

In 1959, eight years after segregated Church seating was banned, two black men were beaten by a mob because they sat in the front pews of a New Orleans area parish. Some diocesan officials pleaded with Archbishop Rummel to end his mission. But the archbishop was undeterred.

In 1956, he wrote that racism “is morally wrong and sinful because it is a denial of the unity... of the Redemption. The Eternal Son of God, Christ Jesus our Lord, came into the world to redeem and save all men, to die for all men on the cross, to make the life of grace available through the Church and the Sacraments for all men.” Racism, he wrote, and especially segregation “would draw the color line across the inspiring plan of the Redemption and thus sin against the divine providence, the love and the mercy that conceived and carried out the wonderful Mystery.”

No matter the cost, Archbishop Rummel was committed to ending racial stereotypes and prejudices, which are, he said, “grievous violations of Christian justice and charity.”

Archbishop Rummel died in 1964. By then, the Archdiocese of New Orleans had done away with racial segregation in its institutions. But the evil of racism—which sins against Providence, justice, and charity—remains a powerful force in our country.

Last weekend, white supremacists and neo-Nazis demonstrated in Charlottesville, Virginia. It was the largest such gathering in the United States in decades. They marched across the campus of the University of Virginia, carrying burning torches. They carried vile signs and chanted Nazi slogans. They engaged in violent fights with counter-protestors—in some cases punching or beating black onlookers. And one participant in the protest drove a speeding car through a crowd of people, injuring dozens, and killing one young woman. Please join me in praying for the repose of the soul of that young woman—Heather Heyer—and for all of those who were injured.

Racism, white supremacy, and anti-Semitism are absolutely opposed to the truth of the Gospel. Racism is a dangerous evil: a lie sown by Satan, which seduces, and confuses, and ensnares. The Evil One seeks to divide us from one another and from the Lord, by sowing and exploiting prejudice, stereotypes, and fear.

Regrettably, the white supremacists were not the only ones sowing violence in Charlottesville. A small number of the counter-protestors, but not most of them, were violent, anarchist members of the “antifa” movement, who opposed their racist counterparts with violence.

We should all be disgusted by the racism of white supremacists. But hatred, expressed in anarchic violence, is the wrong response to injustice. Hatred begets hatred. Violence begets violence. Christians know that evil cannot overcome evil. Only grace can conquer evil.

This weekend, Archbishop Chaput wrote that “Charlottesville matters. It’s a snapshot of our public unraveling into real hatreds brutally expressed; a collapse of restraint and mutual respect now taking place across the country... If we want a different kind of country in the future, we need to start today with a conversion in our own hearts, and an insistence on the same in others. That may sound simple. But the history of our nation and its tortured attitudes toward race proves exactly the opposite.”

Today, our call is to oppose the evil of racism, and the violence begotten by hatred, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ—with the love of the One who came to redeem every human heart. Jesus Christ can free the captives of racism, and Jesus Christ can heal racism’s victims. Our job is to proclaim the truth, mercy, and freedom of life in Jesus Christ. We should not be naïve about how difficult that job really is.

It should be absolutely clear to us that without a massive spiritual renewal in our country, violence, hatred, and chaos will continue unabated. In fact, each one of us must guard our hearts, to ensure that Satan does not sow within us the lie of racism, or use our disgust for racism to make us hateful, vengeful, or violent.

The only Christian response to the evil that unfolded in Charlottesville is to redouble our prayers for our nation, and to redouble our efforts to build a civilization of love.

More than 60 years ago, Archbishop Rummel worked to combat the evil of racism, because he knew that “Jesus Christ had come to die for all men.” It wasn’t easy, but it was his mission. Today, we are called to do the same. May the Lord give us the grace to build a nation alive in Jesus Christ, which respects the dignity, rights, and beauty of every person, created in the image of God.



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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.**

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**Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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August 20, 2017

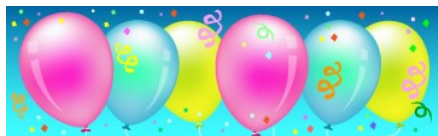


August 20- 8 am Mass	
Greeter:	Wayne Weipert
Lectors:	Scott Antle & Jan Pottier
Ministers:	Doug Ottinger, Marylou Euler Jackie & Paul Pottier
Counters:	Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 19 + Luzita Cantonao By: Buena Hake
Sunday, August 20 + Rose Ann West By: West Girls
Saturday, August 26 + Daniel Navarra By: Marge & Bill Kinney
Sunday, August 27 + Louis Pottier By: Pottier Family



BIRTHDAY

Josephine Kriley August 23rd

ANNIVERSARY

Rudy & Nannette Wolford August 21st
Steve & Pat Culver August 26th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

St Joseph Office Hours
I will be in the office on Tuesdays and
Wednesdays.
Thursdays will be in St. Ann's Plattsburg.

Ministry Schedule

August 27- 8 am Mass	
Greeter:	Jim Ingle
Lectors:	Jim Barber & Jim Ingle
Ministers:	Hubert Gregory, Wayne Weipert Jim & Diane Barber
Counters:	Paul and Jan Pottier



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: Sept 14- 6 pm - Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday
Hand Linens: July/Aug: Nannette Wolford
Donut Sunday: Sept 3 - Nannette Wolford
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



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.

LIFE & JUSTICE CAMPAIGN AUG, 19 & 20

"Lord, when did we see you hungry...thirsty...a stranger...naked...sick...in prison?"

The Life & Justice Campaign parish second collection directly supports local organizations that serve the neediest and most vulnerable members of Christ's family within our diocese.

Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts and encouraging your favorite local charity or community service organization to apply for a Life & Justice Campaign grant today. Visit www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org to learn more

Weekend Collection August 12 & 13, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,130 Plate: \$259 Hall Rental: \$50

Total Parish: \$1,439

2nd Collection: Aug 19&20 : Diocesan Life & Justice

COLLECTIONS:

August To Date: \$ 2,561.00

August Budget: \$ 7,491.66

Year-To-Date: \$ 10,361.30

Year Budget: \$101,800.00

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

FROM THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION IN CLYDE

Thinking about religious life? We have tools for your spiritual journey!

Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 – 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a **Come and See Weekend** at our monastery in Clyde, MO, October 13-15, 2017.

It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in the singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer, open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment, prayer and meet with others who maybe discerning.

There is no cost to attend and details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org.

To register, please contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660.944.2221 ex. 127 or e-mail: vocation@benedictinesisters.org

The St. Joseph, MO Ancient Order of Hibernians will hold its fourth annual Hedgerow Mass on September 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus 5067 hall at 1205 North 49th Terrace. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets and join us as we remember a time in Irish history when Catholicism was repressed by the English who sought to rule the island, and the faithful were forced to hold Mass behind hedgerows and in other secluded places.

Reverend Jack Fitzpatrick will once again be our celebrant, and the Mass intention will be for the souls of our departed Hibernian brothers. This meaningful event has increased in popularity and attendance each year.

We certainly hope you will attend and share in the celebration with us.

The service will be followed by a meal of Reuben sandwiches or corned beef and cabbage (your choice), at a cost of \$7.00.

In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held inside the hall.

Proceeds go to the Hibernians' charitable endeavors.



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

"a time to die...."

Irene Belzer

(Bonnie Gregory's Mother)

"...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.

4- Angel Golf Scramble

On Friday, August 25, the Knights of Columbus Councils 571 & 5067 along with the Ancient Order of Hibernians of St. Joseph will be holding the 27th Annual "4-Angel Golf Scramble" Fundraiser at the

Fairview Golf Course in St. Joseph, MO.

1 pm shotgun start (first 100 players max) Sign up early –fills up quickly!! 4 person scramble flighted by score, entry fee: \$75 each includes greens fee, cart fee, lunch, drink tickets, prizes, & a great time! For more information call John Norman Miles 970-301-2881 or e-mail at gomiles49@hotmail.com.



**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.

All are invited and welcome to attend.