

From Father Totton's Desk

From time to time, I am amused by Steve Tinnen's humorous brief reflections on aging in his column in the *Clinton County Leader*. Since I am not possessed of the same sharp wit, suffice it to say that as I get "older" time seems to move a lot quicker! The other day I was wondering where 2018 had gone, but then I can remember 1995 as if it were just yesterday! Those older than I will have another benchmark date by which to judge the pace of time!

That said, we are 2/3 the way through October, and I would be remiss if I were not to reflect on Respect Life Month. For over twenty years now, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as a time to reflect on the gift of human life, particularly for the vulnerable unborn child. As a Church we continue to witness to the Sanctity of Life, and we seek to provide truly life-affirming choices for young mothers in crisis pregnancies. Additionally, we must proclaim the Hope and Healing of Jesus Christ, especially to those – women **and** men – who have been involved in abortion. This healing begins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but the Church has also developed an important infrastructure in post-abortion healing ministries like Project Rachel (www.projectrachelkc.com) Rachel's Vineyard (www.rachelsvineyardkc.org). Our efforts to witness to the Sanctity of Life also include peaceful public prayer. In that regard, our diocesan Respect Life office will once again be sponsoring the March for Life annual bus pilgrimage to Washington, DC on January 17-19. Having attended the March for Life many times, I can attest that it is a powerful witness and a life-changing experience. My most memorable trip was in 2016 when the bus we were traveling on became snowbound in a blizzard and thus immobilized for 24 hours. The likelihood of that happening again so soon is fairly slim, so perhaps 2019 is the year to go! You can find more information about the March for Life at www.respectlifekcsj.org/march-for-life-pilgrimage.html. It is said that "getting there is half the fun", due to the nature and structure of this year's pilgrimage "getting there" is actually 2/3 of the fun!

Regarding the question of abortion, I recently viewed the film *Gosnell* which details the investigation and trial of Kermit Gosnell, a Philadelphia abortionist who was convicted of infanticide in 2013. The film, which is a pretty straightforward presentation of the grisly facts of his case (based on police reports and court transcripts), calls to question the shaky ground upon which many in our society have come to accept abortion – the killing of an unborn child in the womb – but express sadness and grief over infanticide – killing of a child born alive. Despite a relatively unheralded release (an almost total media blackout!) *Gosnell* was the 12th highest grossing film last weekend even though it played in fewer than 700 theaters nationwide (by comparison, the top grossing film of the weekend played in over 4,000 theaters!). It may be said that it's a film produced for those who want to see it (pro-lifers) but it is also a potentially powerful tool that can really lead us to examine our general cultural acceptance of abortion as a mere "medical procedure". If it is still playing by the time you read this, or if it returns to theaters in the short term, I highly recommend it.

In reflecting on abortion, let us always be mindful of the element of humanity. We must be aware of the humanity of the unborn child as well as the humanity of his/her mother and father, the abortionists and their assistants. As prophets we are called to debate, to convince and to witness, but we, as followers of Jesus are also, and especially called to pray. In that regard, consider the words of St. Paul: "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness." (Ephesians 6:12)

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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-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Parish & Finance Councils

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Oct 21, 2018



Ministry Schedule

Oct 21- 8 am Mass

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

Oct 28- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Richard LaFollette
Lectors: Jordan Roth & Jim Ingle
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Jan Pottier & Doug Ottinger
Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

Mass Intentions



Sunday, Oct 21 + Mary Pottier

By: Pottier Family

Sunday, Oct 28 + Mike Grier

By: Mike & Nancy Roth



BIRTHDAY

Vern Ottinger Oct 28th

ANIVERSARY

Keith & Brenda Cantrell Oct 24th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

THANK YOU

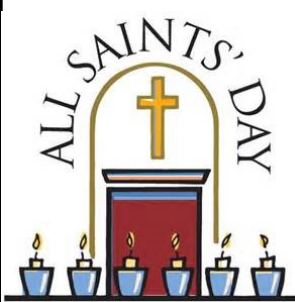
I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful Brunch you made for me. Huge thanks to the each and everyone of you that had a part in this magnificent celebration. It's been a wonderful 10 years in which I got to know each of you personally. We have laughed, cried and celebrated milestones in your lives. Remember you are the church of St. Joseph. Bishops come and go and so do pastors but you are the constant in the equation of church. I have had the privilege of getting to know 4 generations of families here. You have all accepted Bill and myself into your families as one of your own. Thank you for being a big part of this journey of mine called life. I will miss you all!



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.



Holy Day of Obligation
November 1st All Saints' Day
Wednesday October 31- St. Ann, Plattsburg
Vigil Mass at 6pm
Thursday November 1 - St. Joseph, Easton
Holy Day Evening Mass 6pm
These are the only two Masses to be offered for this Holy Day



Please join us for Saint Mary's 127th Annual Fall Festival, Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 5 to 8pm. (Mass for that Saturday will be changed from 5:30pm to 4:00pm.)

There will be a chili, soup, or hot dog dinner, cash raffle, quilt raffle, and ham/turkey raffle. There will be games for the kids, cake walk, live auction, silent auction, Altar Society craft booth, face painting, and more. Dinner includes choice of chili, soup, or hot dogs, dessert, and beverage. Adults meal is \$7.00, Kid's meal is \$3.50 or Family meal (2 adults & all children under age 10) is \$20.00. Please join us for a fun-filled evening!"

Weekend Collection - Oct 14, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,885 Plate: \$243 Mass Stipends: \$110

Total Parish: \$2,238

2nd Collection: Month of Oct our Fundraiser

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

Sept To Date: \$9,550.00

Sept Budget: \$7,550.00

Year-To-Date: \$24,632.75

Year Budget: \$90,600.00

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



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: Nov 8th - 6 pm Rectory Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: Sept/Oct: Bonnie Gregory

Donut Sunday: Nov 4: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

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

Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm

Jay Pflugrad, Grand Knight

Fr. Joseph Totton, Chaplain

Recitation of Rosary - 2nd weekend of the month 20 minutes before Mass



ALL SAINTS/HALLOWEEN HARVEST CELEBRATION

Everyone including children and grandchildren are invited to come and celebrate with the parish All Saints Day and Halloween Harvest. Sunday October 28th - 5pm Church Hall and Parking Lot. Festivities will include: Hot Dogs, Chili (Eddie Fisher's) and Soup. apple cider, tea and water. Hay ride, Trunk or Treat, simple games and the kids will be dressed up as saints. If you would like something to do Decorate trunk of your car or truck and pass out candy to the kids, bring a dessert, or just come and have fun!!



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

"...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.



"GIVE FROM THE HEART" 7th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

It's that time again!

We are off to a great start!

We have raised in the first 2 weeks, **\$2,876!!**

Parishioners can contribute in one sum or scatter donations over the next four week time span.

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

Last year we raised just over **\$14,593!!**

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

We can do it!

Parish and Finance Councils



March for Life Washington D.C.

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Registration is now open for the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 17-19.

This three-day trip will include

Mass each day,

Rally on the National Mall,

and participation in the 2019 March for Life.

Registration will remain open through Wednesday, December 12th. The current early-bird rate of \$285 per person will be available through Wed., October 31st.

The amount will increase slightly to \$315 after October 31st.

Registration forms available on-line at:

www.respectlifekcsj.org

• Pilgrims under the age of 18 must also complete a copy of the diocesan youth medical release form. • All minors not traveling with an adult will be assigned a Virtus-certified adult chaperone. • A space may be reserved for the pilgrimage by submitting a non-refundable deposit of \$100 at anytime. Total payment must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.