



A Christmas Poem...

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem the shepherds came to welcome Him.

Angels appeared in the sky to sing to him a special lullaby.

Wise men came from far away. A very bright star guided their way.

Each Christmastime we choose a part:

like shepherds we welcome Jesus into our heart..

There are those like angels with their singing;

and many like magi with gifts they are giving.

Some are like the star above, guiding others to Jesus through faith and love.

Whatever part you choose to play,

Remember, that "Jesus is the Reason" we celebrate the Season.

-Catherine Joan Henley

One of my great joys in the days leading up, and celebrating, the Nativity of Our Lord is to observe the different ways in which people bring their various gifts to present to the One whose birth we celebrate in this Holy Season. **Mrs. Henley**, a long time parishioner of St. Ann Parish in Plattsburg has once again shared some of her own poetry to capture the beauty of these days. Others spend hours cleaning, preparing and decorating the church. Still others rehearse tirelessly to sing the Lord's marvels and to help others to sing in concert with the angels who proclaimed: *Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on earth to men of good will.* I will never forget one truly wintry Christmas Eve as I was sitting in my study in the rectory resting up a bit before the Midnight Mass, I heard the faint scrape of a snow shovel and looked down to see a man I knew only by sight, unbidden, yet clearing the sidewalk in anticipation for the hoped-for crowd that would gather in church later in that night to celebrate. I was the only person on earth who knew of his generous service that evening. A few days later, I identified him using an older picture directory and I sent him a card with a nice gift tucked into it, and a scripture citation: "Your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you." (**Matthew 6:4**). Of course, our parish relies year-round on the generosity of parishioners who share your various gifts to help us render a Joyful Sacrifice to the Living God who came to dwell in our midst. Your names are too numerous to list and yet you know who you are. Your Father, who sees in secret, will surely repay you. Please accept *my* gratitude for all that you do to help us celebrate in this Christmas Season and throughout the entire year. May the Christ Child Bless you from the arms of His most Loving Mother.

- Father Totton



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Easton, MO 64443

Telephone: 816-473-2011

Holy Mass Sunday at 8am
Confessions Sunday at 7:30am

Fr. Joseph Totton - Parish Priest

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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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Finance Council

Jim Adams
Jim Ingle
Rosalie Ingle
Tony Kauzlarich
Julie Moran
Jordan Roth
Mike Roth
Wayne Weipert

Parish Secretary: Penny Harrison
Email: stjosephchurch@centurytel.net
Website: stjosepheaston.org

Hall Rental: Call office at 816-473-2011 or
email stjosephchurch@centurytel.net

To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816.812.2500
Victims' Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816.392.0011
chastain@diocesekcsj.org

December 23, 2018



Dec 23- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle

Lectors: Scott Antle and Jay Pflugradt

Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Paul Pottier, Doug Ottinger

Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

Mass Intentions

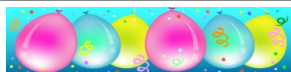


Sunday, December 23 8am
Officers of the Altar Society
Requested by: Becky Mink

Monday, December 24 5pm
Jeaneen Cover +
Requested by Roth Family

Sunday, December 30 8am
Chuck Schenecker +
Requested by: Steve and Patty Culver

BIRTHDAYS



Vickie Kempf	December 23
Terry O'Brien	December 30th
Nancy Roth	December 30th
Jim Ingle	December 31st
Colton Edwards	December 31st

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our Parish, we encourage you to register:

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Totton after Mass, come to the Parish Office on Tuesday or Thursday, or log on to our Parish

Website at: www.stjosepheaston.org and register.



2019 Sign Up Sheet

On the back bulletin board is the sign up sheet for Donut Sunday for 2019.

Please sign up!

Ministry Schedule

Dec 30- 8 am Mass

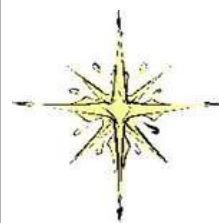
Greeter: Knights of Columbus 5067

Lectors: Knights of Columbus 5067

Ministers: Knights of Columbus 5067

Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. JOSEPH AND ST. ANN PARISHES



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

- 5 pm at St. Joseph, Easton
(Nativity Pageant begins at 5 pm)
- Midnight St. Ann, Plattsburg
(Carols begin at 11:30pm)

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

10 am - St. Ann, Plattsburg



Solemnity of Mary

Dec 31 at 6:00 PM St. Joseph— Easton
Jan 1 at 10:00 AM - St. Ann - Plattsburg

What Gift Will You Offer Our Lord?

**Prepare to offer Jesus your heart -
a clean heart - this Christmas!**

Catholic Christians are encouraged to frequently avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially during this Advent Season. Please make use of the following opportunities to confess your sins and receive the **Lord's gift of forgiveness:**

Fr. Totton will be in the confessional at St. Joseph:

- ♦ Sunday, December 23 at 7:30am
- ♦ **Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) at 3:30pm**

**Create in me
a pure heart, O God,
and renew a
steadfast
spirit within me.**
- Psalm 51:10

Weekend Collection - Dec. 16 2018

Envelopes: \$ 870
Plate: \$ 326
Total Parish: \$ 1,196

2nd Collection: Dec 9 - Religious Retirement \$209
Holy Day: Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception \$482

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

Dec. to Date: \$ 5,905.00
Dec Budget: \$ 7,550.00
Year-To-Date: \$ 55,783.00
Year Budget: \$ 90,600.00

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

Mark your Calendars—Parish Events

Parish & Finance Council: Tues Feb 12 at 6 pm in Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday
Hand Linens: Nov/Dec: Jan Pottier
Donut Sunday: Jan. 6: Nannette Wolford
KofC 5067: 1st & 3rd Thursday 7 pm
Rosary 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm
Jay Pflugradt, Grand Knight

Recitation of Rosary 2nd Sunday of each month
beginning at 7:40am.

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no single parish could provide on its own. Our theme, **“The community of believers was of one heart and mind” Acts 4:32**, appropriately recognizes our unity as the people of God to work together for the betterment of all. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join our efforts.

The goal for St. Joseph's parish is \$5,775
Our total so far is \$3805.00

Thank you for all your help and support of the
2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Prayer Corner

*“To everything there is a season and a
time...for every purpose under Heaven.”
—Ecc. 3-11*



“...a time to heal...”

**Ron Kretzer, Bob Everett, Mildred Ottinger,
Lori Redmond, Nancy Totton, Bubba Miller,
Amy Dobrowansky**



Journey of Hope Divorce Ministry

Journey of Hope, a simple, effective solution to bringing hope and healing to separated and divorced members of our parish communities.

The program has a 17-year proven track record of having helped hundreds of men & women across the country understand the issues they face from a truly Catholic perspective.

The men's group begins Tues., Jan. 8th and the women's group begins Wed., Jan. 9th, both 6:30-8:00 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 4503 Frederick.

For registration and/or more information, please contact Kathy Powers, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 816.232.2847

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.