

“What should I wear?” That was a question I often heard my mother ask while growing up. She intuitively knew that, depending on the occasion and its significance, one should dress appropriately. I smile when I look at our family photo album and see my parents in the mid-1960s dressed in the same formal attire for both my first Holy Communion and the Tennessee vs Alabama football game. Were both big occasions of significance? For a kid in Knoxville, Tennessee, you better believe it—and they dressed accordingly, in coat and tie and a nice dress.

I started thinking about this topic after reading a recent article in the monthly journal, First Things. In the most recent issue, G. Bruce Boyer, former fashion editor of Town & Country, writes about the changes in dress which have occurred in the past half century. He notes many factors, but identifies the main root cause as what he calls the “Casual Revolution” which began in the 1970s. This revolution in dress was spawned by the individualism and self-realization that were born from the cultural revolution of the mid-twentieth century. He writes, “today we see a man walking in midtown Manhattan wearing a pair of jeans, denim shirt and jacket, cowboy hat, and cowboy boots and have no idea what he may be. He may of course, be a cowboy, but on 34th Street? All we are given to know is that he wants to be thought a cowboy. At least for today.”

Boyer goes on to point out that this “casualization” is an expression of individual freedom and is opposed to the “sense of occasion.” He writes, “Occasions are shared public realities, rituals in which we recognize something other than private expression.” Occasions are also communal in the sense that we give ourselves over to that which is bigger than ourselves. Occasions cause us to be humble, and our dress is a sign of that. Boyer adds, “Wearing one’s Sunday best, as much as kneeling, was a visible sign of a humble heart.”

Even the Bible reinforces this sense of dressing for the occasion. One of Jesus’ most striking parables, the King’s wedding banquet (cf. Mt 22:1-14), ends with a poor fellow being tossed out the door for not being dressed properly in a wedding garment—to wail and gnash his teeth no less! The Church insists on the newly baptized being properly clothed in a white garment following their rebirth by water and the Spirit at baptism. This clothing is called to mind again during the funeral liturgy when the body of the deceased is clothed in the white garment of the funeral pall. The “wedding garment” is also a sign of being clothed in works of charity, and ultimately an outward sign that we have “put on Christ” (cf. Rom 13:14; Gal 3:27). Of course, these are all outward expressions of the hidden realities that are part of the life of grace in Christ. Nevertheless, they reinforce the importance of dress and occasion.

Fortunately, the Casual Revolution has not totally wiped out our sense of occasion. One still sees people dress up for weddings and funerals and the prom. And to be honest, I am glad to not wear a three-piece suit to a Royals game! But it should give us pause to think about what we are doing, for example, when we are privileged to attend the most awesome thing in the world, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and even other lesser “occasions.” We should probably all ask that question of my mother more often: “What should I wear?”

~Reprinted from a recent issue of the Catholic Key.

Mission Appeal - Dalit Christians of India: July 22-23, 2017

Father Gudime, a missionary priest from India will be making the Mission Appeal on behalf of Bishop Neethinathan, Chairperson for the Dalit Christians who are known as "the Outcaste" in India with the existence of the caste system. Father will be speaking during all masses about the discrimination and injustice that the Christians have been going through in India on a daily basis due to their faith in Jesus. He will be seeking your generous support to educate the Christian children who otherwise would end up with school drop-outs, child-labor and child- trafficking. You can make huge difference in the lives of these children to have a good childhood and a decent future. The poor and the marginalized always live in hope - Hope of ever becoming better when they could rise up as equal to other fellow human beings. This hope is realized through people like you. For more information: www.dalitchristianscbci.org

Please make check out to St. Joseph Church and we will send one check to the Mission Appeal.



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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams

Stacy Brown

Jim Ingle

Rosalie Ingle

Tony Kauzlarich

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To Protect our Children:

To Report Abuse - Jenifer Valenti 816-812-2500

Victims’ Advocate - Kathleen Chastain 816-392-0011

chastain@diocesekcsj.org

July 23, 2017



July 23- 8 am Mass


Greeter: Jim Ingle

Lectors: Scott Antle & Jim Barber

Ministers: Hubert Gregory , Doug Ottinger
Jim & Diane Barber

Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 22 + Delbert Harvey
By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, July 23 + Sara Harrington
By: Ann Burton

Saturday, July 29 + Mike Gates
By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, July 30 + Ann Gaubman
By: Roxie Musser



BIRTHDAY

Fred Corkins	July 23rd
Emily Crouse	July 23rd
Jay Pflugardt	July 23rd
Mary Fisher	July 24th
Doug Ottinger	July 25th

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Ministry Schedule

July 30- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert

Lectors: Bubba Miller & Jim Ingle

Ministers: Doug Ottinger, Wayne Weipert
Jackie Pottier & Paul Pottier

Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: July 13- 6 pm - Rectory

Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: July/Aug: Nannette Wolford

Donut Sunday: Aug 6 - Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette


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.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Just as a reminder, last year St. Ann's in Plattsburg added a week-day Mass on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6pm.

This Mass is celebrated in the *Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite*, sometimes called the "Traditional Latin Mass."

All parishioners at Plattsburg and Easton are welcome to attend, and a service booklet will be provided to help follow along. On those nights when the Parish School of Religion is in session, Eucharistic Adoration will follow the Mass and conclude at 8:30pm with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Weekend Collection July 2 & 3, 2017

While I am recuperating from foot surgery there will be no accounting of monies for the bulletin. I will put the amounts in the bulletin as soon as I get back. Thank you..


2nd Collection: Aug 29 & 20 - Diocesan Life & Justice

COLLECTIONS:

There will be a full accounting in next weeks' bulletin.

The budget has been approved and just been entered in the system. Thank you for patience.

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



48th Annual St. Patrick's Mexican Fiesta

The 48th Annual St. Patrick's Mexican Fiesta is

Friday, August 4th from 5 pm - 11 pm

Saturday, August 5th from 1 pm - 11pm

On the St. Patrick's parish grounds.

This year's Fiesta will feature numerous carnival rides and games.

Pre-sale tickets will be provided at a **discounted rate** of \$1.00 per ticket and will be available in the St. Patrick's parish office, 1723 S 12 St. in St. Joseph (816) 279- 2594. Ticket prices will be \$2.00 on the days of the Fiesta, so get your tickets now .

UPDATE ON MARGE

I am back!! But on limited mobility.


The surgery was more extensive than what was first diagnosed.

I am now in a fiberglass cast from toes to knee.

Non-weight bearing for 3 more weeks.

So now I am scooting around and need assistance getting in and out of car and up and down stairs.

Thank you for all cards, well wishes and most importantly your continued prayers. Peace, Marge




CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ST. JOSEPH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

One of the Catholic Charities' mission is to provide basic needs to families who can't afford the essentials.

CC's cupboards are in need of the following items: laundry soap, dish soap, bleach, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, deodorant, shampoo, soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, diapers, baby wipes and other items for personal hygiene needs.

Just drop them in the box in the back of the church marked "Catholic Charities" at your convenience.

Thank you for your generosity to help those in need that live in our surrounding area.



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, and Jane Everett


Ten Life-Changing Days in the Holy Land during Lent 2018

A 10-Day Holy Land Tour From Kansas City, Missouri, February 26 to March 07 2018 with Father Ben Kneib from St. Columban's in Chillicothe.

The tour begins with arrival in Tel Aviv and includes a visit to Nazareth/Cana of Galilee/ Mount Tabor, the Sea of Galilee, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Shepherd's Field/Bethlehem, the Old City of Jerusalem, and the Mt. of Olives/Mt. Zion.

Package price of \$3,390.00 from Kansas City, Missouri includes roundtrip airfare, accommodations, two meals daily, private bus and more.

For additional information visit stcolumbanonline.org and click on "pilgrimage" under the Church News tab.



Have you ever wondered why Catholic priests don't marry?

Listen for it!

A new radio series will begin airing soon on KEXS Catholic Radio, 1090 AM that discusses Priestly Celibacy.

Fr. William Korte and Mr. John Harrison (married father of 5), will show how the Church has affirmed this apostolic tradition and custom from Christ throughout history, despite the attacks against it. They will also relate the misunderstanding of this matter to the current crises in parish and family life, and in both the religious and married vocations.

The show will run on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm and will re-air later in the week.