

Fr. Totton's Desk

Prepare For a King

The Magi went to visit Jesus, A newborn king.
They had very special gifts to bring.
These special gifts, we are told
Were Frankincense, myrrh and gold
Their journey took them very far;
Guiding them was a bright, bright star.

These facts are known to be true
And are recorded in the Bible too.
Each year we celebrate God's *Gift of Love*
By treating others with kindness and love.

Today we're amazed by many things
As we prepare our hearts for this
King of Kings

- Original Poem by St. Ann Parishioner, **Catherine Joan Henley**



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Fr. Joseph Totton

Administrator

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Mass Times

Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am

Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass

Office 816-473-2011

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



4th Sunday of Advent

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

CAROLING AT EPHESUS

*In a Rare and Exclusive Fundraising Event,
The Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles*

Are opening their home and gift of song to the public!

December 30th and 31st 2-5 pm

8005 NW 316th Street, Gower

Come and share Christmas at the Priory!

The fire will be stoked, the beautiful decorations up, and there will be plenty of homemade cookies

And hot cocoa (made with fresh milk from our own Jersey cows!)

See the Priory, including the new church under construction, and please be generous in helping us

complete this beautiful edifice for the Glory of God, and the much-needed

space for the growing community and many guests!



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Fr. Joe's email: fathertotton@gmail.com

Office Manager: Marge Kinney

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

December 24, 2017



Ministry Schedule

December 24- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Richard LaFollette
Lectors: Jim Ingle & Jay Pflugradt
Ministers: Jim & Diane Barber, Marylou Euler
Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

December 24- 5 pm Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Scott Antle & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Jackie Pottier & Paul Pottier
Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

Mass Intentions



Saturday, Dec 23 + Art Spratt

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, Dec 24 8 AM + Art & Susie Kiddoo

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, Dec 24 5 PM + Jeaneen Cover

By: Roth Family

Saturday, Dec 30 + George Burns

By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, Dec 31 + Earl Vandewater

By: Marge & Bill Kinney

December 31 - 6 pm Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory
Lectors: Jim Barber & Bonnie Gregory
Ministers: Jim Ingle, Hubert Gregory, Diane Barber
Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth

Mark your Calendars!



Parish & Finance Council: Jan 3, 2018 - 6 pm Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday
Hand Linens: Nov/Dec: Jan Pottier

Donut Sunday: Jan 7 - Jim & Rosalie Ingle

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

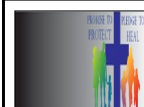


BIRTHDAY

Terry O'Brien	Dec 30
Nancy Roth	Dec 30
Jim Ingle	Dec 31
Colton Edwards	Dec 31

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Hubert & Bonnie Gregory Dec 28th



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.

Weekend Collection Dec 16 & 17, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,226 Plate: \$285

Scrap money: \$7

Total Parish: \$1,518

2nd Collection: Dec 30 & 31 - Subscription Sunday
For the Catholic Key
COLLECTIONS:

Dec To Date: \$ 5,393.00

Dec Budget: \$ 7,491.66

Year-To-Date: \$ 55,025.77

Year Budget: \$101,800.00



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

"How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me"

As the Holidays approach, we give thanks to God for all His blessings to us and our families. We especially thank the 20 out of 96 families who have shared their financial resources toward our parish's goal of \$5,775 for the

Annual Catholic Appeal.

So far we have received \$3,810 in pledges and contributions.

We are grateful for your listening to our call to give and we know that you feel a sense of accomplishment in sharing your blessings, with others in the family of the Church in Northwest Missouri.

2018 ENVELOPES

Your 2018 church envelopes are on the back table for you to pick up.

Every registered parishioner or family is assigned an envelope number.

If your envelope is not there please see Marge.

All envelopes are on the back table in alphabetical order.

Thank you.

Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve - Christmas Day

	Christmas Eve Sunday 12/24	Christmas Day Monday 12/25
St. Ann, Plattsburg	Midnight	10am
St. Joseph, Easton	5pm vigil	(none)



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

Let Us Provide a True Home for the Holidays!

On Christmas we usually experience a significant rise in attendance at Mass. This may result in a standing-room-only situation, but even if there are enough seats for all in attendance, our regular parishioners may find their preferred pew already taken when you arrive. Hospitality is a Christian virtue, and Christmas gives us a special opportunity to exercise it. Please be gracious and welcoming to our guests next week. While we're always "entertaining angels unawares", we must be hopeful that, finding a true welcome here, some of our guests will desire to join us on a weekly basis.

- Fr. Totton



2018 Donut Sunday Sign Up Sheet

On the back bulletin board is the sign up sheet for Donut Sunday for 2018.

Please sign up!



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 Monday, January 1st

Fr. Totton will be celebrating Mass at 10 am in St. Ann's - Plattsburg
 What a wonderful way to start the New Year honoring Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

SUBSCRIPTION SUNDAY FOR THE CATHOLIC KEY

If you would like a subscription to the Catholic Key they are having the weekend, of Dec 30 and 31 a subscription drive.

The amount is \$25 for the year.

Please put your check or cash in a plain envelope

with your name and address

And "SUBSCRIPTION: \$25"

on the front of the envelope

and we will forward the checks to the diocese.

Please put your envelopes in the second collection.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dear St. Joseph Catholic Church & Members

I wanted to take this time as 2017 ends to let you know how much we appreciate the support your church provides to PRC. It is vital in our ability to remain a resource to area women, we are so grateful. May God richly you all this holiday season.

Jennifer Morris, St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center