

**Fortnight for Freedom**

Several years ago, in response to government attempts to coerce Catholic businesses and organizations - including the Little Sisters of the Poor - to provide coverage for contraceptive pharmaceuticals and devices under the guise of healthcare, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops began observing a *Fortnight for Freedom* to begin on the eve of the Feast of Ss. **John Fisher** and **Thomas More** (a bishop and a high-ranking royal official who were beheaded for refusing their assent to the usurpation of the rights of the Church by the English King Henry VIII) and conclude on July 4, the day on which we celebrate the birth of our nation through the Declaration of Independence.

Religious liberty is more than mere “freedom to worship” which is a phrase commonly used to corral the exercise of religion into the mere confines of the church yard. The free exercise of religion guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution also means freedom from government coercion to purchase, underwrite or provide products and services which are morally objectionable based on the tenets of one’s faith. While the specifics which first warranted this clarion call to religious freedom are close to being resolved, we must be constantly vigilant to protect the free exercise of our religion in these and other matters, lest they be eroded.

We are called upon to pray and fast for our nation, and for our liberty. Please consider abstaining from meat the next two Fridays and offering the following prayer on a daily basis, especially during these two weeks:

*O God our Creator,  
from your provident hand we have received  
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
You have called us as your people and given us  
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,  
and your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,  
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,  
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel  
to every corner of society.  
We ask you to bless us  
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.*

*Give us the strength of mind and heart  
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;  
give us courage in making our voices heard  
on behalf of the rights of your Church  
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.  
Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,  
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters  
gathered in your Church  
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,  
so that, with every trial withstood  
and every danger overcome—  
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,  
and all who come after us—  
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



**ST. JOSEPH  
CHURCH**

**Fr. Joseph Totton**  
**Administrator**

**Mass Times**  
**Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am**  
**Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass**  
**Office 816-473-2011**

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**Easton, MO 64443**  
**816-294-9841 - Fr. Joe’s cell**

**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*



**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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*

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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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)  
June 25, 2017



**June 25- 8 am Mass**

**Greeter:** Jim Ingle

**Lectors:** Bonnie Gregory & Jay Pflugradt

**Ministers:** Marylou Euler, Doug Ottinger  
Jim Ingle & Hubert Gregoory

**Counters:** Paul & Jan Pottier

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, June 24 + Barbara Culver**  
By: Steve & Pat Culver

**Sunday, June 25 + Waitkoss Family**  
By: Roxy Musser

**Saturday, July 1 + Irma Buehler**  
By: Joan Dixon

**Sunday, July 2 + Stella & Orville Giles**  
By: Dorothy Kretzer & Family

**BIRTHDAY**

Duncan Ottinger	June 25th
Jeanel Adkins	June 25th
Lisa Antle	June 29th
JoAnn Bower	July 1st
Mandy Klein	July 1st
Carol Shaffer	July 1st
Johnathan Ottinger	July 2nd
Mildred Ottinger	July 2nd

**ANNIVERSARY**

David & Julie Houser	June 26th
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**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**

# Ministry Schedule

**July 2- 8 am Mass**

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert

**Lectors:** Jim Barber & Bonnie Gregory

**Ministers:** Marylou Euler, Wayne Weipert  
Jan & Paul Pottier

**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

**Mark your Calendars!**

**Parish & Finance Council:** July 13- 6 pm - Rectory  
**Altar Society:** Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

**Hand Linens:** May/June: Jan Pottier

**Donut Sunday:** July 2 - Charlie & Kathy Barton

**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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more info.

Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!  
Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections)  
And click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

**Weekend Collection June 17 & 18, 2017**

Envelopes: \$1,181 Plate: \$144

2nd collection: Communications Campaign: \$227

**Total Parish: \$1,552**

**2nd Collection: Aug 29 & 30 - Diocesan Life & Justice**

**COLLECTIONS:**

**June To Date: \$ 4,597.95**  
**June Budget: \$ 7,191.52**

**Year-To-Date: \$106,761.09**  
**Year Budget: \$ 96,298.36**

**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 .

**Solemn High Mass**

**St. Patrick Parish in St. Joseph, MO**

**July 6th**

The *Summorum Pontificum Society* will offer a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass) in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Apostolic Letter *Summorum Pontificum* of Pope Benedict XVI.

Mass will begin at 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 6, 2017  
St. Patrick Parish - 1723 S 12th St, St Joseph, MO 64503

All are invited to attend.

**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](http://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.