

From Fr. Totton's Desk

Relics of St. John Paul II to visit Kansas City, October 16-19

The word "relic" as it is used in everyday speech is often employed in a derogatory way to describe something which is "old" and often "irrelevant". However, when we use the term *relic* in the church, we refer to an item which is venerated because of its connection with a Holy person or place. Many of you will remember my description of how the veneration of the relics came to be customary in the construction of altars from the early Christian practice of celebrating the Mass on or near the tombs of the saints. A *first class relic* is a piece of organic matter - a piece of the body or blood - of a particular saint - even something as tiny as a fragment of bone or a drop of dried blood. Such relics may have been procured during the lifetime of the saint (say a piece of hair, for example) or many years after the individual has died (bones and bone fragments) and is being considered for canonization - or has been canonized. A *second class relic* is an object which belonged to or was used by the saint in question (this is usually clothing, or some tiny swatch of clothing which had actually been worn by the saint in question) and a *third-class relic* is an object (a piece of cloth, a medal, or a holy card, perhaps) which has been touched to a first class relic in hopes that the heavenly intercession of that saint might be invoked with the veneration of this item. This practice (of venerating third class relics) is found in the Acts of the Apostles (19:11-12): *And God did extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.*

I just learned of an exciting opportunity we will have in our diocese to venerate a first class relic of St. John Paul II. This relic - a portion of blood taken from the late pontiff during the his last hospital stay prior to his death in 2005 - is touring North America and will make several stops at churches in our diocese in mid-October. If you are interested in visiting and venerating this relic, you will find below the schedule when the relic will be visiting various churches in our diocese. If there is sufficient interest, perhaps we can plan a parish pilgrimage to one of the sites, but of course, you are free to attend whichever display you find most works with your own schedule.

Monday, October 16

St. Therese North: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mass and Veneration of the relic.
Our Lady of Good Counsel: 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mass and Veneration of the relic.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception: 6 p.m. Mass with Bishop Johnston followed by veneration of the relic to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

St. Pius X High School: 8:30 to 11 a.m.
St. Michael the Archangel High School: 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Holy Cross Parish: 5 to 9 p.m. (Mass in Spanish at 6 p.m. followed by veneration)

Wednesday, October 18

Bishop LeBlond High School: 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Veneration of the relic)
Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph: 2 to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. (6 p.m. Mass followed by veneration of the relic)

You can find more information about this exciting opportunity on the diocesan website at <https://kcsj catholic.org/event/oct-16-19-jpii-relic-pilgrimage/>

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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
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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-first 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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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
August 27, 2017



August 27- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle

Lectors: Jim Barber & Jim Ingle

Ministers: Hubert Gregory, Wayne Weipert
Jim & Diane Barber

Counters: Paul and Jan Pottier

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 26 + Daniel Navarra
By: Marge & Bill Kinney

Sunday, August 27 + Louis Pottier
By: Pottier Family

Saturday, Sept 2 + Louis & Helen Geis
By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, Sept 3 + Susan Merrigan
By: Everett & Roth Families



BIRTHDAY

DiAnne Crouse	August 31st
Bonnie McPhee	September 1st
Eva Pflugradt	September 1st
Declan Kriley	September 3rd

ANNIVERSARY

Steve & Pat Culver	August 26th
Jim & Rosalie Ingle	August 29th
Jordan & Amanda Roth	September 1st

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Ministry Schedule


September 3- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory

Lectors: Scott Antle & Jan Pottier

Ministers: Jackie Pottier, Marylou Euler
Jan & Paul Pottier

Counters: Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: Sept 14- 6 pm - Rectory

Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: July/Aug: Nannette Wolford

Donut Sunday: Sept 3 - Nannette Wolford

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.

Lettering the Word

September 1- 4 Friday-Monday

A retreat at Conception Abbey for beginners that explores the use of calligraphy as a means of meditating upon Sacred Scripture. Participants learn to write the Foundational hand using felt tip calligraphic markers.

All materials will be supplied. Limited to 12 persons.

No previous experience required.

\$50 deposit required. Room/M meal/Director fees: \$220 single room; \$350 double room (\$175 each)

To make a reservation or for more information, contact the Abbey Guest Center at (660) 944-2809 or guests@conception.edu.

Weekend Collection August 12 & 13, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,566 Plate: \$152 Holy Day: \$158

2nd Collection: \$247

Total Parish: \$2,123

2nd Collection: Sept 16 & 17 Latin America Apostolate

COLLECTIONS:

August To Date: \$ 4,437.00

August Budget: \$ 7,491.66

Year-To-Date: \$ 12,237.30

Year Budget: \$101,800.00

FROM THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION IN CLYDE

Thinking about religious life? We have tools for your spiritual journey!

Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 – 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a **Come and See Weekend** at our monastery in Clyde, MO, October 13-15, 2017.

It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in the singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer, open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment, prayer and meet with others who maybe discerning.

There is no cost to attend and details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org.

To register, please contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660.944.2221 ex. 127 or e-mail: vocation@benedictinesisters.org

The St. Joseph, MO Ancient Order of Hibernians will hold its fourth annual Hedgerow Mass on September 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus 5067 hall at 1205 North 49th Terrace. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets and join us as we remember a time in Irish history when Catholicism was repressed by the English who sought to rule the island, and the faithful were forced to hold Mass behind hedgerows and in other secluded places.


Reverend Jack Fitzpatrick will once again be our celebrant, and the Mass intention will be for the souls of our departed Hibernian brothers. This meaningful event has increased in popularity and attendance each year.

We certainly hope you will attend and share in the celebration with us.

The service will be followed by a meal of Reuben sandwiches or corned beef and cabbage (your choice), at a cost of \$7.00.

In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held inside the hall.

Proceeds go to the Hibernians' charitable endeavors.




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



Piece Corps Quilt Guild Garage Sale

Saturday, September 16th

Robidoux Row Museum

3rd & Poulan Street, St. Joseph


8 am to 3 pm

Fabrics, quilt magazines, anything pertaining to sewing & quilting

Boutique containing hand made items made by the Quilt Guild members.

Proceeds to be used by Guild for Community projects, education & programming.

Come support our guild and get some great bargains!



1st Saturday Mass and Confessions at MIR House

Fr. Christian Malewski,
Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
offers Confession at 7:00 am
and Mass at 8:00 am every first Saturday of the month at Mir House of Prayer.

Part-Time Employment Specialist (approx. 20 hours/week)

St. Joseph MO Office of Catholic Charities of KCSJ - 1123 S 10th St.
St Joseph, MO 64503-2506

Required Educational Background: Bachelor's Degree in human services, criminal justice, or a related field with three to five years' experience or Master's Degree in human services, criminal justice, or a related field. For further information and to apply online go to catholiccharities-kcsj.com

Position posted: August 2017