

### From Father Totton's Desk

The good news is that *somebody* won the \$1.6 Billion dollar Powerball jackpot on Tuesday. The bad news is that that *somebody* is very likely **not** a member of St. Ann or St. Joseph Parish! Still, if we are honest, we will admit that we at least thought of buying a ticket – I thought about it, but then I didn't. Still, I thought a lot about what I would do with that money if I *had* bought a ticket and won! Maybe you have thought about it too! Pay off bills? No sweat! Help my parents? A breeze! Buy a vacation home? Now you're talking! The fact is that whenever the jackpot gets that big, we all think about the things we could do with "that money": things practical, altruistic *and* frivolous! I remember once having a discussion with a parishioner at St. James. She worked in the school cafeteria (operated in the parish hall underneath the church) and was frustrated on those days when a funeral luncheon was scheduled. She once told me: "Father, if I win the Powerball, I am going to build a new cafeteria so we don't have these conflicts with the funeral luncheons!" I have no doubt that she *was* serious, and it got me to thinking about all the things we could do, as a parish, if somebody donated an incredible sum of money! Still, our parishes operate *not* on Powerball pipe dreams, but on the regular, committed contributions of our parishioners. Since we live in reality and NOT in South Carolina, we should stop this week to think (and pray) about how the stewardship of our treasure is both an expression of our Faith and a support for our parish. Jesus says, "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

The good news is that our parish is holding its own with the budget. Thanks be to God! When it comes to budgeting, there are some factors over which we have no control and some others that we *can* control. One factor over which we have little to no control is the harvest. As a rural parish, I realize that our income is tied to the land. When the harvest is good we prosper. When the yields are low, we suffer. I can (and have) prayed for rain (then I prayed for it to stop!) but at the end of the day, we rely upon Providence to optimize the conditions of the harvest. If our tithe is a percentage of our income, it will be higher in good years, and understandably lower in poor years. I am most grateful to each and every one of you who have helped us, by your regular financial contribution and your support of our annual fundraising effort, to remain on-budget. As you know, our annual Fundraising drive continues through the month of October. If you have not already sent in your gift, please do so soon.

Though I cannot control how much it rains, I *can* control my priorities. When I look at my personal income, I need to see it as God's money which He has entrusted to me, and I must decide, in Faith, how much of God's money I need to keep for myself, and how much I should return to Him in support of my parish, diocesan ministries and other worthy apostolates and charitable organizations. A priest friend recently told me that he has one parishioner who includes a note on his weekly check indicating how many family members attended that Mass. The amount on the check corresponds to that number as if he were purchasing tickets for the cinema! That is *not* stewardship, that is expressive of a consumerist mindset (paying for services rendered). Stewardship, on the other hand, recognizes **all** as belonging to God, who has entrusted us to marshal these resources for the sake of His Kingdom. If each of us sees our parish as an important part of that, we will not have any trouble meeting our essential expenses.

An important coda to this reflection is the staggering amount of household debt that many of our families carry. Such debt comes from both needs (like a home mortgage or a loan for reliable transportation, medical bills) and wants (excessive credit card debt, boats, RVs etc.). If your situation is such that you are unable to contribute to the support of your parish because of such debts, I challenge you to sit down and make a plan to get out of debt. You will find helpful resources

at [www.compasscatholic.org](http://www.compasscatholic.org) and [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com).

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Fr. Joseph W. Totton



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

**Fr. Joseph Totton - Administrator**

**Mass Time**  
**Sunday: 8 am**  
**Confessions: Sunday at 7:30am**  
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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*



**Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

### Parish & Finance Councils

*Jim Adams*  
*Jim Ingle*  
*Rosalie Ingle*  
*Tony Kauzlarich*  
*Marge Kinney*  
*Julie Moran*  
*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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)  
Oct 28, 2018



# Ministry Schedule

## Oct 28- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Richard LaFollette

**Lectors:** Jordan Roth & Jim Ingle

**Ministers:** Marylou Euler, Jan Pottier & Doug Ottinger

**Counters:** Paul & Jan Pottier

## Nov 4- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Jim Ingle

**Lectors:** Scott Antle & Jordan Roth

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

**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

## Mass Intentions



**Sunday, Oct 28 + Mike Grier**

By: Mike & Nancy Roth

**Sunday, Nov 4 + Mark Jungk**

By: Roth Family



## BIRTHDAY

Vern Ottinger	Oct 28th
Robert Shaffer	Oct 31st
Noah Ottinger	Nov 2nd
Lucy Edwards	Nov 2nd

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**

## THANK YOU

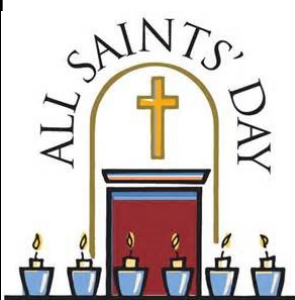
I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful Brunch you made for me. Huge thanks to the each and everyone of you that had a part in this magnificent celebration. It's been a wonderful 10 years in which I got to know each of you personally. We have laughed, cried and celebrated milestones in your lives. Remember you are the church of St. Joseph. Bishops come and go and so do pastors but you are the constant in the equation of church. I have had the privilege of getting to know 4 generations of families here. You have all accepted Bill and myself into your families as one of your own. Thank you for being a big part of this journey of mine called life. I will miss you all!



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.



Holy Day of Obligation  
November 1st All Saints' Day  
Wednesday October 31- St. Ann, Plattsburg  
Vigil Mass at 6pm  
Thursday November 1 - St. Joseph, Easton  
Holy Day Evening Mass 6pm  
\*These are the only two Masses to be offered for this Holy Day\*



Please join us for Saint Mary's 127th Annual Fall Festival, Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 5 to 8pm. (Mass for that Saturday will be changed from 5:30pm to 4:00pm.)

There will be a chili, soup, or hot dog dinner, cash raffle, quilt raffle, and ham/turkey raffle. There will be games for the kids, cake walk, live auction, silent auction, Altar Society craft booth, face painting, and more. Dinner includes choice of chili, soup, or hot dogs, dessert, and beverage. Adults meal is \$7.00, Kid's meal is \$3.50 or Family meal (2 adults & all children under age 10) is \$20.00. Please join us for a fun-filled evening!"

## Weekend Collection - Oct 21, 2018

Envelopes: \$1080 Plate: \$88

Second Collection: Fund Raiser: \$2,052

**Total Parish: \$3,220**

**2nd Collection: Month of Oct our Fundraiser**

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

**Oct To Date: \$10,195.00 this includes the fundraiser \$**

**Oct Budget: \$ 7,550.00**

**Year-To-Date: \$32,849.52**

**Year Budget: \$90,600.00**

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



**Mark your Calendars!**

**Parish & Finance Council: Nov 8th - 6 pm Rectory**

**Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday**

**Hand Linens: Sept/Oct: Bonnie Gregory**

**Donut Sunday: Nov 4: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette**

**Knights of Columbus: 5067-1st & 3rd Thursday 7 pm**

**Rosary on 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm**

**Jay Pflugrad, Grand Knight**

**Fr. Joseph Totton, Chaplain**

**Recitation of Rosary - 2nd weekend of the month**

**20 minutes before Mass**

## 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one 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

Thank you for all your help and support of the

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.



**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR ON**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd.**

Also change the batteries in your smoke detectors!



## 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, Nancy Totton, Bubba Miller, Amy Spriesterbach**



## "GIVE FROM THE HEART" 7th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



It's that time again!

We are off to a great start!

We have raised in the first 3 weeks, **\$4,928!!**

Parishioners can contribute in one sum or scatter donations over the next four week time span.

Monies will be deposited in our money market account and will be used for operating expenses as needed.

Last year we raised just over **\$14,593!!**

Let's work towards or surpass last years' total!

We can do it!

Parish and Finance Councils



## March for Life

Washington D.C.

## 2019 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Registration is now open for the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 17-19.

This three-day trip will include

Mass each day,

Rally on the National Mall,

and participation in the 2019 March for Life.

Registration will remain open through Wednesday, December 12th. The current early-bird rate of \$285 per person will be available through Wed., October 31st.

The amount will increase slightly to \$315 after October 31st.

Registration forms available on-line at:

[www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org)

- Pilgrims under the age of 18 must also complete a copy of the diocesan youth medical release form.
- All minors not traveling with an adult will be assigned a Virtus-certified adult chaperone.
- A space may be reserved for the pilgrimage by submitting a non-refundable deposit of \$100 at anytime.

Total payment must be received by

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.