

*From Father Totton's Desk*

Sometimes when traveling, I will notice soldiers (a general term to denote Army personnel) who travel in "camouflage" or ACUs (Army Combat Uniform). The Navy allows sailors to wear the Navy Working Uniform to and from work, but otherwise, it should not be worn in public. The Marine Corps is so strict about their combat uniform that many Marines change *at work*! The different approaches of these branches is fascinating in some ways. When I have asked why the Army has (or has had!) such an open policy regarding uniforms, the standard answer I have been given is that wearing a combat uniform stateside in plain view of citizens would be a reminder to our nation that we are still engaged in combat situations elsewhere. I am told that many Army commands are beginning to restrict the public use of the combat uniform as U.S. involvement in various conflicts tapers off.

While I don't wish to discuss the specific uniform policies of the U.S. Army or the general disposition of the Global War on Terror, the question of public visibility of Army personnel leads me to reflect on the role of the Church as a force engaged in **spiritual warfare**. I think in many quarters, we have become less aware of this mode of discipleship of which St. Paul wrote about in his letter to the Ephesians (6:11)

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

In 1884, Pope Leo XIII, in recognition of the serious reality of spiritual warfare, composed the *Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel* and asked that it, along with prayers to Our Blessed Mother, be recited after nearly every Mass. Up until the Second Vatican Council, this was a standard practice in most parishes, and I believe it served to keep the Catholic faithful mindful of the reality of spiritual warfare – much the way seeing the Army Combat Uniform might keep U.S. citizens mindful of the fact that our troops are still engaged in combat missions. Of course, to pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel is not merely to "call to mind" that some of our cousins are engaged in spiritual combat somewhere "over there..." but to acknowledge that, by virtue of our very Baptism, WE are daily involved in combat! It is to call to mind that we fight on a team composed of both human and angelic beings and that we march under the standard of Christ, which is the cross! Each year on September 29, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Archangels (Michael, Gabriel and Raphael). As we observe the heavenly help of these angelic hosts, let us never forget that our discipleship requires us to prepare for - to engage in - spiritual combat, to fight against sin and temptation, to put the devil in his place. This is why I have begun reciting the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel after each Mass. Below you will find the short version of the prayer which we will be reciting:

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

You may access the longer form of this prayer (which you may wish to recite as a regular part of your own personal prayer) at [www.romancatholicman.com/original-prayer-st-michael-archangel-powerful/](http://www.romancatholicman.com/original-prayer-st-michael-archangel-powerful/)

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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-sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

## **Parish & Finance Councils**

*Jim Adams*

*Jim Ingle*

*Rosalie Ingle*

*Tony Kauzlarich*

*Marge Kinney*

*Julie Moran*

*Jordan Roth*

*Mike Roth*

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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)

Sept 30, 2018



### Sept 30- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Knights of Columbus

**Lectors:** Knights of Columbus

**Ministers:** Knights of Columbus

**Counters:** Jordan & Amanda Roth

### Mass Intentions



**Sunday, Sept 30 + Jack West**

By: West Girls

**Sunday, Oct 7 Ed & Glenda Taft**

By: Nancy Roth



### BIRTHDAY

Eileen Grier	Oct 1st
Margo McPhee	Oct 1st
Shirley Keyes	Oct 2nd
Emily Davidson	Oct 4th

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**



### Baptism - Sunday - September 30th

We are pleased to announce the  
Baptism of  
**Easton Jane Roth**

Congratulations

Jordan and Amanda on the Baptism of your daughter.

We welcome Easton Jane to our faith community  
at St. Joseph's

Easton Jane may you always grow in faith and love.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to register:

## Ministry Schedule

### Oct 7- 8 am Mass

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert

**Lectors:** Doug Ottinger & Jan Pottier

**Ministers:** Jan & Paul Pottier, Jim Ingle

**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford



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.



Catholic  
Charities

### Donate to Hurricane Relief Efforts

Support individuals and families impacted by  
Hurricane Florence.

Catholic Charities USA forwards **100** percent of funds raised to Catholic Charities agencies that serve affected communities.

To donate, text CCUSADISASTER to 71777.

You may also donate by phone by calling 1-800-919-9338 or log on to: [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)



### Partnering for Future Priests 2018 Dinner & Auction

It's time to start planning for the 10th Annual Partnering for Future Priests Dinner & Auction. Join us in celebrating our Catholic faith while enjoying beautifully prepared food, great company, and the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind items in both the silent and live auctions.

This year's event will take place on **October 5** at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in St. Joseph, MO.

The ticket price is \$50 per person with eight people to a table. This annual event is now entering its 10th year and we couldn't have made it this far without you. We would like to thank you for your generous support these past nine years and hope you will be able to help us again this year.

Whether you purchase tickets to attend the dinner and auction, place an ad in our event program or donate items to our live and/or silent auction or baked good store we could use your help. Any donations please call

**PFP Pre-event Promoter(s),**

**Hubert & Bonnie Gregory at 816-473-2016.**

**You can also register and pay securely online at  
<https://www.conception.edu/pfp>.**



### 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: Oct 7: Altar Society**

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

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

**Jay Pflugradt, Grand Knight**

**Fr. Joseph Totton, Chaplain**

**Recitation of Rosary - 2nd weekend of the month  
20 minutes before Mass**



### 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, Douglas Bembrick**

### Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance

There will be a DVD presentation and group study/discussion of the prayer and deliverance ministry, **Unbound** from Heart of the Father Ministries at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 4503 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO - beginning in October. The series will be held on eight consecutive Sunday afternoons from October 14th through December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in Marian Hall (use basement entrance – across from Our Lady's Garden - on the eastside of campus).

There is a cost of \$15.00 for the workbook, and reading of the book "Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance" by Neal Lozano BEFORE the series begins is highly recommended. Registration is required by October 8<sup>th</sup>, for space is limited. Register via Email to John & Penny Harrison at [unbound.kc@gmail.com](mailto:unbound.kc@gmail.com) or by calling 816-289-2506 to leave a message, or for any questions.

*Unbound Ministry is based on the idea that the gospel has the power to make a difference in a person's life. It is a way of prayer - using the five keys - that empowers a person to open their hearts and respond more fully to Jesus's invitation of abundant life. Unbound is essentially moving a person through a conversion experience. The five keys are:*

1. Repenting of sin and expressing faith in Jesus.
2. Forgiving oneself and others.
3. Renouncing the lies, spirits, and tactics of Satan.
4. Taking authority over the works of Satan.
5. Receiving the Father's blessing.

### Weekend Collection - Sept 23, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,435 Plate: \$166 Mass Stipend: \$10

**Total Parish: \$1,611**

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

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

**Sept To Date: \$5,989.00**

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

**Year-To-Date: \$21,071.75**

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

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

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

It's kickoff time again!

Our annual fundraiser is so popular with all our parishioners - it is easy for everyone!

We will be using the same format as we have done for the last 6 years.

Starting Oct 7th and every weekend in October ending the weekend of Nov 5, our second collection will be for our parish.

Parishioners can contribute in one sum or scatter donations over the five week time span

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

As we did last year Marge will be giving an updated total in the bulletin.

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

Let 's work towards or surpass last years' total! - We can do it!

Parish and Finance Councils