



From Fr. Totton's Desk

On this Pentecost Sunday, I thought we would review the gifts *and* fruits of the Holy Spirit. It might also help us to look at the differences between them. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations. (CCC no. 1831)

As “gifts” these are freely given to us, by the Holy Spirit, in Baptism, and they are sealed, in a particular way, at our Confirmation. The gifts of the Holy Spirit enable us to conform our will to the will of God, that is to say, to live our moral life in Christ. Like any gift, however, these do us very little good if we do not open them and use them according to the plan God has for us. Once given by God, it is our responsibility to put the gifts to good use for our benefit and the advance of His Kingdom. When we “unwrap” the gifts and begin using them, we will begin to realize the *fruits* of the Holy Spirit. You may ask: *how can I begin to learn to properly use the gifts?* This is where Christian formation is indispensable for our continued growth in the spiritual life. Formation does not *end* with Confirmation. Quite the contrary, all the catechesis we learn up until confirmation is *preparatory*, but our training in discipleship *begins in earnest* with our Confirmation. This is why we are *encouraged* to continue engaging in formation, both formal (classes, retreats, etc.) and informal (daily prayer, self-study, scripture reading, etc.). When we do this, we will begin to see our spiritual lives bearing *fruit*. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says:

The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. the tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity." (CCC no. 1832)

As a self-examination, we should honestly ask ourselves if we see these fruits in our own lives? Not some, not only a few, but *all of them*? If the answer is “no” then now is a good time to go back and see what one needs to do in order to make full use of the gifts we were given in Baptism and Confirmation.

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Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Officers Luncheon

Sunday, June 11th - 12:30 pm

The following are the chairpersons for each committee:

Food : Becky Mink and Jennifer O'Brien

Workers: Nannette Wolford, Mary Bembrick, Joan Mitchell, Julie Houser, Mary McPhee, Kathy Barton, Jeanel Adkins,

Decorations: Nancy & Amanda Roth

Entertainment: Christi Ottinger

Hostess: Jan Pottier & Marylou Euler

Pertaining to the menu, since it was a big hit last year we are trying it again.

We are **NOT** asking for any side dishes or desserts.

but if you could please donate what you would have spent on a dish it will help with the cost of the meal.

Now isn't that easy.

Please put your donation in an envelope address “**St Joseph Altar Society**”

and place it in the collection basket.

Hope to see you there .



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



Pentecost Sunday

Parish & Finance Councils

Jim Adams

Stacy Brown

Jim Ingle

Rosalie Ingle

Tony Kauzlarich

Marge Kinney

Julie Moran

Dennis Ottinger

Jordan Roth

Mike Roth

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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

June 4, 2017



June 4- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle

Lectors: Bubba Miller & Jim Barber

Ministers: Mary Lou Euler & Wayne Weipert
Jim & Diane Barber

Counters: Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 3 + Kathryn Siela
By: Joan Dixon

Sunday, June 4 + Marion Harrington
By: Ann Burton

Saturday, June 10 + Art Spratt
By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, June 11 + Ron Neely
By: Art & Julia Rocha

BIRTHDAY

Jan Pottier	June 7th
Jake Davidson	June 8th
Clara Mink	June 8th
Bob Everett	June 9th

ANNIVERSARY

Mike & Nancy Roth	June 4th
Art & DiAnne Crouse	June 7th
Rodney & Shirley Keyes	June 8th
David & Marylou Euler	June 9th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

Ministry Schedule

June 11- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Randy Moran

Lectors: Bonnie Gregory & Julie Moran

Ministers: Hubert Gregory, Jim Ingle
Julie & Randy Moran

Counters: Randy & Julie Moran

Mark your Calendars!
Parish & Finance Council: July - 6 pm - Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday
Hand Linens: May/June: Jan Pottier
Donut Sunday: June 4 - Knights of Columbus
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.

St. James Polish-Slavic Festival

SAT, JUN 24th - 6PM,
 St. James Parish Center Ethnic dinner and polka band.
 \$15 per person.
 Reserved table of 8 for \$200.
 A child's hot dog dinner is also available for \$5.
 Tickets **must** be purchased in advance and are available at Stevenson's Pharmacy TUE through FRI. Limited Seating.

Weekend Collection May 27 & 28, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,436 Plate: \$168 Hall Rental: \$100
 Cemetery Fund: \$290
Total Parish: \$1,994

2nd Collection: June 3 & 4 - Peter's Pence COLLECTIONS:

May To Date: \$ 6,521.40
May Budget: \$ 7,191.52

Year-To-Date: \$102,163.14
Year Budget: \$ 96,298.36

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

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

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Summer Monastic Experience June 24-28 at their monastery in Clyde, Mo.

It's a chance to experience contemplative monastic life and learn about discernment and prayer. 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](tel:6609442221) ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

Peter's Pence - Be a Witness to Charity

Saturday and Sunday, June 3 & 4

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis.

Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please be generous today.

For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence

NEWS FROM SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH - ST. JOSEPH

Change of Mass Time

Starting June 4, 2017 (Pentecost Sunday) the St. Patrick Church 7:00 PM Sunday Mass will be at 8:00 PM.

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, Barb Miller, Felicia Bober, Mildred Ottinger, and Jane Everett
For our Shut - Ins
Rosemary Ingle, Carolyn O'Brien, Josephine Jackson, Delores White, Eileen Grier, Brent LaFollette

Thank you Note

Dear Parishioners: For over 138 years, Catholic Charities has been providing assistance to our neighbors in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph in their time of need.

We were so grateful for your support of this effort. Your donation of \$679 will make a difference for those who are clearing debris, repairing their home or finding a new place for themselves and their families. You've provided crucial assistance, and more than that, the knowledge that they are supported by their friends and neighbors.

Many thanks for your support of Catholic Charities. Please know that your donation is already impacting lives!

God Bless,
 Stephen Hilliard
 Executive Director
 Romans 8:28

ANCHORS AWAY BISCUITS AND GRAVY BREAKFAST FOR NAVY CHAPLAIN FR. JOE TOTTON

Sunday, June 4th, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a biscuit and gravy breakfast.

Everyone is invited to come!

There will be a **free will offering** for breakfast.

All proceeds will be forwarded to Father Totton to help defray the costs of buying his Naval uniforms.

Note: as an officer in the Navy they are required to pay for their dress uniforms and other necessary clothing.