# From Fr. Totton's Desk

Congratulations to St. Ann parishioner, **Tanner Dalinghaus**, who recently went 4-0 in the Missouri State High School Wrestling Championship Tournament to take 1st place in the Class 1 division at 106 pounds. This is no mean accomplishment, but one which required hard work and discipline to accomplish a lofty goal. In addition to practicing his technique on the mat, a larger part of his training was developing discipline in physical conditioning and diet as well as the mental fortitude to accomplish something he knew would not come easy.

Tanner is also a member of our current confirmation class which leads me to reflect on the long held image of *confirmation* as a Sacrament to prepare young Catholics to assume their role as soldiers or warriors for Christ.

Recall the opening prayer at Mass this past Wednesday: "Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.".

In that regard, each of us is called to exercise discipline, mental, physical and spiritual, and even to pay attention to our diet (fasting!) in order to become more effective in spiritual battle. Recall the words of St. Paul: "Every athlete exercises selfcontrol in all things. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one."

May our Lenten observance truly be the necessary training that will enable us to triumph, through Christ, over sin and Satan, and to be worthy soldiers of Christ in the spiritual warfare.

Please keep our young people in your prayers in these final weeks of their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Johnston will confirm students from both St. Ann and St. Joseph parishes at St. Ann's Church on Saturday, May 6, 2017 when he will be making his pastoral visit to celebrate with us a century and a half of conditioning and spiritual warfare in Plattsburg and Clinton County.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the following Parishioners of St. Ann and St. Joseph Parishes who were recently confirmed at Old St. Patrick Oratory in Kansas City: Anne Friedl; Cecilia Gordon; and Thomas Gordon.

May we all be ready to sacrifice for Christ our King!

Fr. Joseph Totten

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:

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 <u>leniferValenti@att.net</u>, 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 816.392.0011or chastain@diocesekcsj.org

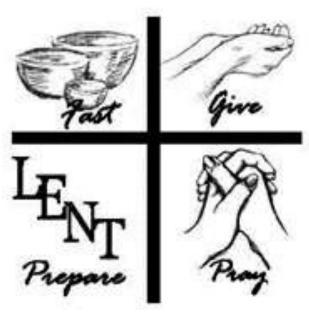
for more info.



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

## **Mission Statement**

We the members of Saint Joseph Catholic parish, will strive to be the reflection of lesus in this particular time and place.



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1st Sunday of Lent

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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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# March 5- 8 am Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert

Lectors: Jay Pflugradt & Jan Pottier

Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Jim Ingle

Paul & Jan Pottier

**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich and Rudy Wolford

# **Mass Intentions**



Saturday, March 4 + Margret Seifert By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, March 5 + Louis Pottier By: Pottier Family

Saturday, March II + Lloyd Leslie By: Steve & Pat Culver

Sunday, March 12 + John Corcoran By: Roth Family



# **BIRTHDAY**

Joe Huber	March 7th
Michael Kempf	March 8th
Steve White	March 10th
Jordan Roth	March 11th

# <u>ANNIVERSARY</u>

## **Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!**



Daylight Savings Time March 12th is the start of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to reset your clocks

I hour ahead next week

# Ministry Schedule

# March 12-8 am Mass

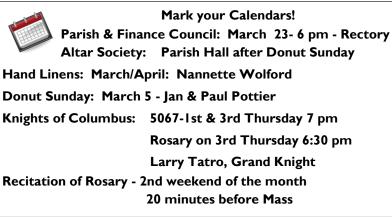
Greeter: Randy Moran

**Lectors:** Julie Moran & Jim Barber

Ministers: Randy & Julie Moran

Jim and Diane Barber

Counters: Randy & Julie Moran



# Weekend Collection

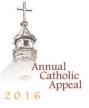
There will be no accounting of the collections until I return.But rest assure the collections will be deposited in the bank.I will put together a flyer reporting all monies for the last two weeks of February and the two weeks of March.

Also, the bulletins were put together the last week I was here. If there is any parish or diocesan news Father Totton will make an announcement at all Masses.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and your well wishes on my vacation!

Is God calling you? Come and See! The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Monastic Experience at their monastery in Clyde, MO, **March 18-22, 2017**. It's a chance to experience contemplative monastic life and to learn about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend, and details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org.

To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.



# 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

The diocese has received from our parish \$5,390 from 34 families.

Thank you for generous donations.

### Please Mark Your Calendars for

## March 20th - Solemnity of St Joseph

On Monday evening, March 20, there will be a special Mass in honor of St. Joseph at St. Joseph Parish in Easton. Though it's a Solemnity for the Universal Church, this feast is particularly special for the people of St. Joseph Parish in Easton, as it is the an-

nual celebration of our own patron saint.

Mass will begin at **5:30pm** that evening.

Following the Mass we will have a parish potluck supper in St.

### Joseph Parish Hall.

This Mass will be a Solemn High Mass in the *Extraordinary Form* (a "traditional Latin Mass"). Latin/English booklets will be provided for those who wish to follow along, but this form of prayer benefits everyone who attends regardless of your facility with Latin. Whatever your previous experience with the Latin Mass, I hope all

#### our parishioners will attend.

As a bonus, our neighbors, **The Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, have agreed to provide the choir for this special celebration**. Even if you are not able to make it in time for Mass, I hope you can still join us for the potluck supper.

# LENTEN FISH FRY



Knights of Columbus Council 5067 in St Joseph will be having their Annual Fish Fry.

The fish fry will be held on all Fridays during Lent except Good Friday. The Knights will start serving at 5 PM to 7:30 PM at their Council Hall, 1205 North 49th Terrace.

## They will be serving a choice of:

Seafood Fettuccine Alfredo; Baked Fish; Fried Catfish. Their fabulous Cheesy potatoes, Cole Slaw and rolls. Tea and water will be provide with the meal.

Adult meal will be \$10.00 and children under 12 years old \$5.00.

For your convenience we are still offering drive thru pick up!!!!

If you have any questions or need directions please call <u>816-232-0321</u>

