

From Fr. Totton's Desk

On the Veiling of Crosses and Statues

This week I would like to address the use of veils in Church. This column will appear in the bulletins of both St. Ann and St. Joseph Parishes. Last Sunday, if you attended Mass at St. Ann, you probably noticed that the crucifix and all the statues and images of Our Lord or saints were covered in violet colored veils. Though St. Joseph parishioners did not experience the same this year, my words are equally instructive there.

Please consider the following instruction which appears in the Roman Missal (the altar edition) under the 5th Sunday of Lent: *In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.* While this instruction gives the "what" it leaves us to read between the lines if we are to understand the "why"!

A reason that I had once heard given comes from the Gospel of John wherein, after his ill-received attempt to reveal his Divinity to the Jews, "Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple" (John 8:59). Prior to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, this was the same Gospel read every year on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (then known as "Passion Sunday"). The argument goes that since Jesus had to go about "in secret" so also did his friends - the apostles, "so we might as well cover up the saints as well!" While I can see the merit in this argument, there is a deeper meaning to be found.

The instruction mentions that images of the cross are to be uncovered - *revealed* - on Good Friday - this is done immediately prior to the veneration of the Cross, whereas the other images (of Our Lord, of saints, etc.) are to remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. On Holy Saturday, as the lights are brought up in Church and the choir begins to sing the Gloria - a hymn which had been silent for most of Lent - I have always felt the hairs on the back of my neck stand up to see the kind and gentle faces of Our Blessed Mother and the other saints suddenly re-appear as witnesses to the Lord's Resurrection! In this regard, the veiling is done precisely so that the unveiling will be a moment of more heightened awareness!

-Fr. Joseph Totton



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Administrator

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Saturday: 6 pm Sunday: 8 am
Confessions: 1/2 hr before Mass
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CALLING ALL VOICES

Christie Ottinger and Father Totton are looking to form a choir from both churches to sing

for the Holy Week Triduum at both churches.

Holy Thursday (St. Ann, Plattsburg) , Good Friday (St. Joseph, Easton),
Easter Vigil (St. Ann, Plattsburg)

(you can come to all the services or only one or two - whatever fits your schedule)

If you are interested please e mail Christie at

cottinger@bishopleblondhs.com

All are welcome

Let's raise our voices in praise of our Lord!



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



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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



A WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Friday, April 28, 2017 (All day) to Sunday, April 30, 2017 (All day)

Married Couples, take some time. . .time together!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together.

For more information or to apply, please visit our website, www.wwme4youandme.org or call **Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066**

Email: stjosephchurch@centurytel.net

Website: stjosepheaston.org

Fr. Joe's email: fathertotton@gmail.com

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

April 2, 2017



Ministry Schedule

April 9 - 8 am Mass - Palm Sunday

Greeter: Randy Moran
Lectors: Doug Ottinger & Julie Moran
Ministers: Hubert Gregory & Doug Ottinger
 Randy & Julie Moran
Counters: Randy & Julie Moran

April 9 - 8 am Mass - Easter Sunday

Greeter: Hubert Gregory
Lectors: Jim Ingle & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Hubert Gregory, Wayne Weipert
 Diane & Jim Barber
Counters: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 8 People of the Parish

By:

Sunday, April 9 + Robert Burton

By: Ann Burton

Saturday, April 15 - 8 pm Easter Vigil at St. Ann's

By:

Sunday, April 16 + Ed & Deanie McPhee

By: McPhee Family



BIRTHDAY

Patricia Culver	April 13th
Hugh Mink	April 13th
Mary Dupree	April 15th
Chase Klein	April 15th

ANNIVERSARY

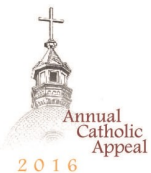
Larry & Regina Grier	April 10th
Jim & Diane Barber	April 12th

Congratulations and Best Wishes Everyone!

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

The diocese has received from our parish \$5,440 from 35 families.

Thank you for generous donations.



Mark your Calendars!

Parish & Finance Council: May 6 pm - Rectory
Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: March/April: Nannette Wolford

Donut Sunday: May 7 - John McPhee & Wayne Weipert

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.



Designed to assist couples in re-establishing communication and insights to their marital relationship, the process is neither counseling, a spiritual retreat, seminar or sensitivity group. Retrouvaille is a process that leads to a healing of relationships for couples either contemplating a divorce or already have divorced and hope to reconcile differences.

For more information visit <http://www.wix.com/retrokc/home>

Weekend Collection April 1 & 2, 2017

Envelopes: \$1,445 Plate: \$135 Mass Stipends: \$20

Book Subscription: \$30

Total Parish: \$1,630

2nd Collection: April 14 (Good Friday) - Holy Land COLLECTIONS:

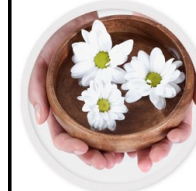
April To Date: \$ 1,600.00

April Budget: \$ 7,191.52

Year-To-Date: \$85,928.45

Year Budget: \$96,298.36

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES' YEARLY REFLECTIONS OF HOPE SIMPLE LUNCHEON

Place: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Summers Hall

Date: May 4th

Time: 11 am - 1 pm

Cost: \$25 per person ~ sponsor a table of 8 \$200 (or \$20 per person with a donation of tissues, diapers, baby wipes)

RSVP to Elaine Ingle (816) 390-4040 or jgingle@stjoelive.com

During the luncheon there will be a brief presentation followed by recognition of the Saint Teresa Award recipients.

*You can nominate someone for the St. Teresa Award

Pick up flyer on the table in the back of church.

More information is included.

Thanking you in advance for supporting Catholic Charities!



Basket Raffle

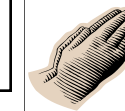
The Altar Society and St. Joseph Cemetery are sponsoring a Basket Raffle.

Purina Cat and Dog Basket - Nestle Products Basket

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 Pick up your tickets on either table in the back of church.

The winning tickets will be drawn on May 7th at Donut Sunday Proceeds will be 50/50 Altar Society and Cemetery.

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church



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**



PROTECT THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

LENTEN PARISH CHALLENGE

If you haven't picked up your baby bottle or if you need another one they are in a container in the back of church.

We would like to have 100% participation!

Every time you add money to this little bottle, ask God how He would have you be a part of our outreach to bring hope and help to women and babies.

Thank you for helping St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) protect the miracle of life.

In 2016 more than 165 babies were born to women who received their services.

Fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back to church the weekend after Easter, April 22nd and 23rd.

If you need another bottle or didn't pick one up they are in the back of the church.



Holy Thursday - St. Ann's Plattsburg - 7 pm

**Good Friday - St Joseph's Easton - 7 pm
(Confessions will be heard after Service)**

Easter Vigil - St. Ann's - 8 pm

**Easter - St. Joseph's - 8 am
St. Ann's - 10 am**

(If anyone from St. Joseph's will be attending the Easter Vigil at St. Ann's and would like to be a lector please let either Fr. Totton or Marge know.)