



# St. Joseph Church

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## December 1st, 2019

### PARISH PRIEST

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### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Jim Adams

Jim Ingle

Rosalie Ingle

Tony Kauzlarich

Julie Moran

Jordan Roth

Mike Roth

Wayne Weipert

Michael Fisher

### CEMETERY BOARD

Ed Fisher

Mike Roth

Steve White

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 7:00 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: REPORT ABUSE

**Diocesan OMBUDSMAN:** 816.812.2500

**DIOCESAN VICTIM ADVOCATE:** Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sunday December 1st**  
**8:00a.m.** Chad Klein +  
 By the Klein Family

**Tuesday December 3rd**  
**7:00a.m.** Priest's Intentions

**Sunday December 8th**  
**8:00a.m.** Eunice Grier +  
 By Joan Dixon

**Please remember in prayer those who have died.**  
**Grant them eternal rest and peace, O Lord!**  
 † Denotes Deceased

**WEEKEND**  
**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**December 1st - 8 a.m. Mass**

**Greeter:** Hubert Gregory  
**Lectors:** Bonnie Gregory & Jordan Roth  
**Ministers:** Wayne Weipert & Paul Pottier  
**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich & Richard Crowell

**December 8th - 8 a.m. Mass**

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert  
**Lectors:** Jim Ingle & Jan Pottier  
**Ministers:** Wayne Weipert & Marylou Euler  
**Counters:** Richard & Mary Ann Lafollette



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Paula Chambers	Dec 2th
Debbie Fisher	Dec 3rd
Christie Ottinger	Dec 3rd
Charles Barton	Dec 6th
Marylou Euler	Dec 6th

**ANNIVERSARY**

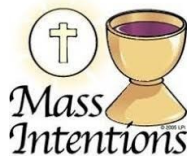
Paul & Jan Pottier Dec 4th

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to Everyone!**

**Free On-line Resources to make this your  
 "Best Advent Ever"**

Dynamic Catholic is offering once again a free Advent subscription program to provide you with daily reflections delivered to your email inbox to help you keep a spiritual focus during this **Advent Season**.

Just type **BestAdventEver.com** into your internet browser and follow the instructions to sign up.



**The 2020 Mass  
 Book is Now  
 Open**

***Weekend Collection***  
***November 24th, 2019***

Envelopes:	\$	1,175
Plate:	\$	234
<b>Total Parish:</b>	\$	1,409

**\*Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

November-to-Date:	\$	5,736.00
November Budget	\$	6,361.54
Year-to-Date:	\$	47,872.00
Year Budget:	\$	82,700.00

**December 8th-2nd Collection Religious Retirement**

**Thank You for your continued support**

**2020 Donut Sunday Sign Up Sheet**

On the back bulletin board is the sign up sheet for Donut Sunday for 2020

Please sign up!!

### Mark Your Calenders

**Parish & Finance Council:** Nov 21st-6:30pm

**Altar Society:** Meets in the Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

**Hand Linens:** Nov/Dec Jan Pottier

**Donut Sunday** - December 1st-Christmas Brunch

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

**Knights of Columbus Council #5067**

Julian Moreno, Grand Knight

1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.

Rosary 3rd Thursday, 6:45 p.m.

The Family of Dorothy Kretzer would like you to know that Dorothy is now living at the Vintage Gardens Assisted Living facility. Her new address is 3302 North Woodbine Road, St. Joseph, Mo 64505.

### Christmas Brunch

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Christmas Brunch December 1st following Mass in the parish hall. Please plan to attend and bring a breakfast item of your choice.

Thank You

### Parish Registration

If you are new to our Parish, we encourage you to register: Please introduce yourself to Fr. Schneider after Mass, come to the Parish Office on Tuesday, or log on to our Parish Website at: [www.stjosepheaston.org](http://www.stjosepheaston.org) and register.

### Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers **hope for a better relationship.**

**Retrouvaille** is a ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend, contact registration team: Local Telephone @ 800.470.2230

or visit our website:

[HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

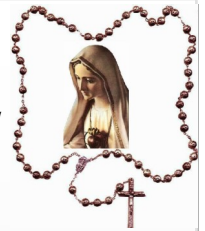


### Prayer Corner

*"To everything there is a season and time. . .  
for every purpose under heaven."*

—Ecc. 3-11

*" . . . a time to heal. . . "*



Ron Kretzer, Bob Everett, Mildred Ottinger, Lori Redmond, Eileen Grier, Roxie Moore, Kathy Barton, Ed Fisher, Amy Dobrowansky, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers. For the souls in purgatory. For those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders; for the homeless, the lonely and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them. For the conversion of the enemies of the Good and of the Church; for the protection of children and the innocent.

*For our home bound parishioners:*

**Carolyn O'Brien, Josephine Jackson, Delores White,  
Eileen Grier, Brent LaFollette**

One of the Catholic Charities' missions is to provide basic needs to families who can't afford essentials.

CC's cupboards are in need of the following items: laundry soap, toilet tissue, tooth brushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, tooth paste, diapers, baby wipes, and other items for personal hygiene needs. Just drop them in the box in the back of the church marked "Catholic Charities" at your convenience. Thank you for your generosity to help those in need that live in our surrounding area.

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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombusmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombusmankcsj.org) 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 information.

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

After Mass today, we will have the annual breakfast in the parish Hall to anticipate the Feast of Christmas. Please stop by for fellowship and some delicious breakfast. Thank you for those who work hard to prepare this event for our parish.

For centuries, in the Roman Mass, we would have and still do proverbially hear the Entrance Antiphon which begins the whole liturgical year once again---To you, O Lord, I have lifted up my soul. In order to lift up our soul to the Lord, we must present it to Him clean and without sin.

If Advent is about one thing it is about joyful and penitential expectation of the coming of the Lord as a child. In order to fully experience the mystery of Christmas, we must prepare ourselves worthily. Though the penitential attitude is not as heavy as Lent, we should still have a general feeling of silence, somberness and a listening attitude lest we miss the exuberance of Christmas. So often, we saturate ourselves with feasting so that by the time Christmas gets here, we are sick of it and are glad it's over. That's not the mind of the Church--Christmas should last for 12 days! While we should ordinarily make use of the sacrament of penance throughout the year, Advent is a good time to confess our sins to put aside the things that divide us and be forgiven of our sins that have kept us from experiencing the joy of knowing Christ. Confession is offered here before every Sunday Mass. May we make use of our time wisely and anticipate with joy the Feast of the Christ's Birth.

**Father Eric Schneider**