



St. Joseph Church

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December 15th, 2019

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Jim Adams

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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.



THE THIRD 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

*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week*

Sunday December 15th
8:00a.m. Jack West
By The West Girls

December 17th
Tuesday 7:00a.m. Past and Present Priest's of the Parish
By Steve White

Sunday December 22nd
8:00a.m. Deceased Members of the
Grier Family
By Connett Family

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 15th - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Richard LaFollette
Lectors: Jordan Roth & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Paul Pottier & Jan Pottier

Counters: Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

December 22nd- 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Scott Antle & Jim Ingle
Ministers: Wayne Weipert & Marylou Euler

Counters: Paul and Jan Pottier



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lauren Adams	Dec 16th
Ronald Kretzer	Dec 18th
Randy Moran	Dec 19th
Casey Klein	Dec 21st
Roxie Musser	Dec 21st

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Everyone!

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
4:00pm St. Joseph-Easton
(Nativity Pageant 3:50PM)

Midnight Mass— St. Ann Plattsburg

Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2019
10:00am-St. Ann Plattsburg

Mary, Mother of God

(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, December 31st

4:00pm St. Joseph-Easton

6:00pm St. Ann-Plattsburg

Holy Day Mass, Wednesday, January 1st

10:00am-St. Ann-Plattsburg



Weekend Collection

December 8th, 2019

Envelopes:	\$	2,070.00
Plate:	\$	102.07
Total Parish:	\$	2,172.07

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

December-to-Date:	\$	3,283.07
December Budget	\$	7,951.92
Year-to-Date:	\$	52,266.07
Year Budget:	\$	82,700.00

Thank You for your continued support

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.

Due to the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00pm there will be no 7:00am Mass on that day and no Mass on Tuesday December 31st.

Mark Your Calenders

Parish & Finance Council:

Altar Society: Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: Nov/Dec Jan Pottier

Donut Sunday - January 5th-Ingles

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

Knights of Columbus Council #5067

Julian Moreno, Grand Knight

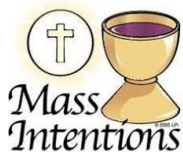
1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.

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

2020 Donut Sunday Sign Up Sheet

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

Please sign up!!



Mass Book Open For 2020

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 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.

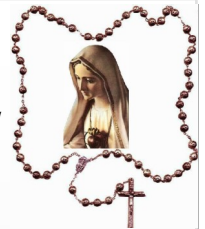


Prayer Corner

*"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 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 information.

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday which signals that Christmas is almost here! Traditionally, we would have also celebrated the Ember Days as days of penance this week on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday as a way to fast and pray for the Church. Of ancient origin, yet no longer obligatory, perhaps we can offer something up on these days. Penitential practice helps to prepare us for the great feast to come. In the Latin language, there are several ways to say rejoice or be joyful. Gaudete Sunday's sister Sunday in Lent is called Laetare Sunday which also means "rejoice." Gaudium refers to the type of joy that comes from supernatural things, i.e. knowing God. Laetare has more of a connotation that refers to the joy of the things of the body (i.e. rejoicing in being able to eat delicious food). Perhaps that makes a bit of sense since the rigor of Lent used to require fasting every day except Sunday. Gaudete Sunday gives us pause to rejoice, but to remember what we're rejoicing in--not a fable, or a story, but a real historical event--the coming of the Son of God into time in human flesh in the person of Jesus. May we continue to wait for Him with anticipation that we might know the authentic gaudium or joy that comes from encountering the Word Made Flesh on Christmas.

Father Eric Schneider