

St. Joseph Church

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December 22nd, 2019

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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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve December 24,2019 4:00p.m.

Mary, Mother of God, December 31,2019 4:00p.m.

(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)

No 7:00 a.m.. Mass on December 24th & December 31st

To Protect our Children: Report Abuse

Diocesan Ombudsman: 816.812.2500

DIOCESAN VICTIM ADVOCATE: Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or

chastain@diocesekcsj.org



Sunday December 22nd

8:00a.m. Deceased Members of the

Grier Family By Connett Family

Tuesday December 24th 4:00p.m. Jeaneen Cover+

By the Roth Family

Sunday December 29th 8:00a.m. Junior Pacheco

By the Pottier Family

Please remember in prayer those who have died.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Amy Barton Dec 22nd Victoria Kempf Dec 23rd

Anniversaries

Hubert & Bonnie Gregory Dec 28th

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Everyone!

Holy Day Mass Schedule Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 24,2019 4:00pm St. loseph-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



December 22nd - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle

Lectors: Scott Antle & Jim Ingle

Ministers: Marylou Euler
Counters: Paul & Jan Pottier

December 24th- 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory

Lectors: Bonnie Gregory & Jan Pottier

Ministers Wayne Weipert

December 29th- 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Knights of Columbus

Lectors: Knights of Columbus

Ministers: Knights of Columbus

Counters: Jordan & Amanda Roth

Weekend Collection December 15th, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 655.00 Plate: \$ 89.00 **Total Parish:** \$ 744.00

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

 December-to-Date:
 \$ 4,027.10

 December Budget
 \$ 7,951.92

 Year-to-Date:
 \$ 56,293.17

 Year Budget:
 \$ 82,700.00

Thank You for your continued support

2020 Envelopes

Your 2020 church envelopes are on the back table in alphabetical order for you to pick up. Every registered parishioner or family is assigned an envelope number. If your envelope is not there please see Mary Ann.

Thank You

2020 Calendars

Courtesy of Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel you will find the 2020 Church Calendar on the back table of church. Feel free to pick one up to take home.

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.

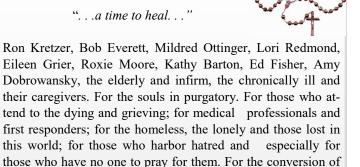


Prayer Corner

of children and the innocent.

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

—Ecc. 3-11



For our home bound parishioners:

the enemies of the Good and of the Church; for the protection

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
- 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

Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@omdbusmankcsj.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 Wednesday, we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord! I would like to wish everyone here a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. **Mass at St. Joseph in Easton will be at 4:00 P.M. on December 24th.** The annual Christmas play will take place before Mass.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we are privileged to hear Matthew's version of the Nativity narrative which foreshadows the coming celebration. As we draw closer, we are able to contemplate more and more what it means for the Word of God to be made flesh and dwell among us. Matthew calls Jesus--"God with us" or Emmanuel. It is for this reason that Christmas does not end on the 26th of December, but follows for 12 days of particular celebration. The Christmas cycle of the calendar officially concludes on February 2nd.

When we take these last few days of Advent seriously, we will be able to receive the innocence of the Baby Jesus into our hearts. In former times, December 24th was a fast and abstinence day in order to prepare for the feast of Christmas. Perhaps we can inculcate a spirit of penance even in the morning of that day on our own volition--when Christmas arrives, we can truly experience the joy of the birth of the Lord and that He has come to save us.

As a side note, you will notice that we have discontinued the chalice at Mass and that I have announced this in the microphone last Sunday. I have decided to this based on several reasons. In the purification ritual, I am forced to ingest a lot of saliva. To be honest, I like you all, but I really don't want to be ill and I think I have caught bugs before from doing this. Secondly, and more theologically, we DO receive the total Body AND Blood of the Lord under the appearance of bread in the Sacred Host. That is Catholic doctrine--we should not think that anything is being denied to us. It is a misnomer to say we are missing something--that would mean that for a large portion of the Latin Church's history, we were deprived--we were not and we are not now. If you'd like to speak to me about this, please give me a call.

January 1st is also a Holy Day this year--Mass at St. Joseph in Easton will be on Tuesday, December 31st at 4:00 P.M.

I wish you and all of your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and pray that the Child Jesus touches your heart in a profound way this year.

Father Eric Schneider