

# St. Joseph Church

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December 8th, 2019

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#### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Jim Adams
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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 SECOND 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



Sunday December 8th 8:00a.m. Eunice Grier +

By Joan Dixon

**Tuesday** December 10th

**7:00a.m.** Officers of our Alter Society

By St. James Alter Society

Sunday December 15th

8:00a.m. Jack West

By The West Girls

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

† Denotes Deceased



### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Julie Houser Dec 8th Nicholas Klein Dec 9th Charles Curran Dec 11th

#### **ANNIVERSARY**

Jay and Jennifer Pflugradt Dec 14th

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



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

Greeter: Wayne Weipert

Lectors: Jim Ingle & Jay Pflugradt

**Ministers:** Wayne Weipert & Marylou Euler

**Counters:** Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

#### December 15th - 8 a.m. Mass

**Greeter**: Richard LaFollette

Lectors: Jordan Roth & Jan Pottier
Ministers: Paul Pottier & Jan Pottier

**Counters:** Richard & Mary Ann LaFollette

# Weekend Collection December 1st, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 991
Plate: \$ 120 **Total Parish**: \$ 1.111

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

 December-to-Date:
 \$ 1,111.00

 December Budget
 \$ 7,951.92

 Year-to-Date:
 \$ 48,983.00

 Year Budget:
 \$ 82,700.00

December 8th-2nd Collection Religious Retirement

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 <u>BestAdventEver.com</u> into your internet browser and follow the instructions to sign up.

#### **Mark Your Calenders**

Parish & Finance Council:

**Altar Society:** Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens: Nov/Dec Jan Pottier **Donut Sunday** - January 5th

**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.



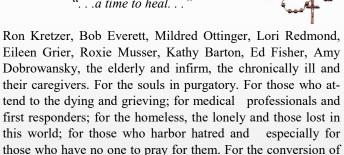
#### **Prayer Corner**

of children and the innocent.

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

—Ecc. 3-11

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



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
- 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@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,

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas breakfast. The food was delicious; thank you to all who prepared and helped!

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Monday and is not a Holy Day of Obligation, nevertheless, I thought it might be a good idea to write about what it means. The Immaculate Conception is the third Marian dogma of the Church. A dogma is an immutable core teaching of the Faith Itself that is required as belief of all Catholics. Why would the Blessed Mother being Immaculately conceived receive such a high place in the content of the Catholic Faith?

Each Marian dogma is intertwined with the Church's teaching on the Person of Christ and His being fully divine and fully human. The other dogmas on the person of Mary are her title as Mother of God, her perpetual virginity, and her Assumption. The concept of Original Sin is one that is important to understanding the coming of Christ. In fact, St. Thomas Aquinas says that this is the principle reason why the Word became Incarnate--that is, to reconcile fallen human beings to the Father. In the sight of God, no sin, which is privation of being, can be present. Because Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, He could not be in the sight of sin or receive His humanity from a fallen human being. For this reason, He was born of a Virgin without sin. Mary represents the the New Ark of the Covenant. Just as in the Old Testament the Ark of the Covenant carried the presence of God among the Hebrew people, Mary literally carries God who has taken on human flesh. It is for this reason as well, that she cannot be stained by Original Sin.

How was Mary conceived without sin if she comes from two natural parents and her birth or conception is not miraculous? God, by a singular choice, chose Mary of Nazareth to bear His the Eternal Word, His Son and applied the merits of the cross to her. Divine action has no time, but is eternal without beginning or end. Christ's act on the cross, the reconciliation of man to God, has eternal consequences, though it happened in human time. The pious tradition of the Church is that Christ even saved those who were righteous before his coming on Holy Saturday. Hence, He descended into hell. Not the hell of the damned, but the place where righteous people went before experiencing the Glory of God was made possible by the cross.

God chose Mary of Nazareth to bear His Son into the world. If she is the Mother of God, she cannot have sin. If she is assumed into Heaven with a glorified body, her flesh cannot bear the effects of original sin, and if she is not a virgin, than God was ushered in the world by a human act and without Divine Power reducing Christ to a mere man. If Christ is not fully Divine and Fully human, we are not saved. Only God can reconcile us to Himself. There is nothing a finite human being can merit to reconcile an offense against the infinite God. Therefore, Jesus must be God and man. He comes into this world through the "yes" of the Virgin Mary which reverses Eve's "no." God chooses the humblest among us to strike down the powerful. God chose a Jewish maiden 2,000 years ago in His plan to reconcile all of fallen humanity to Himself.

### **Father Eric Schneider**