

From the Pastor's Desk:

From February 4 through March 4, I will be away from the parish. In the next three weeks, please pray for me as I provide chaplain support to sailors, Marines and airmen who are stationed far from home. After 3 weeks of temporary duty, I will travel to Gulfport, MS to drill with my Reserve Unit, the 27th Naval Mobile Construction Battalion — SeaBees. Though headquartered in Mississippi, most of our detachments are in the northeastern United States, and so we are also known as “SkiBees—the Navy’s *cold-weather* construction battalion” Quite ironically, the current temperature in Gulfport is a sunny 55 degrees. (It is 8 in Plattsburg / Easton right now!). I look forward to returning by Ash Wednesday just in time to kick off an epic late Lenten season. Thank you in advance for the care and hospitality you provide to Fr. Justin Hoye (February 9-10) and Fr. Paul Richardson (February 15-March 3).

- Fr. Joseph Totton

From the Pen of Fr. George Rutler

(From January 27, 2019)

This past Thursday was the feast of Saint Francis de Sales, whose intercession we need because he is the patron of journalists and there are those who say, with some claim to cogency, that journalism is dead because it is biased and predictable. Ironically, since he was a journalist himself, G.K. Chesterton said that writing badly is the definition of journalism.

That was a century ago, but in the thirteenth century B.C., long before we had moveable type, Ramesses the Great used hieroglyphics to tout his heroic victory at the Battle of Kadesh, even though he had been defeated. In 1475 A.D., Pope Sixtus IV tried unsuccessfully to expose the “blood libel” fake news of the people of Trent against Jews. Benjamin Franklin misused his printing press to accuse King George III of inciting the “Indian Savages” against the white colonists. Samuel Adams falsely claimed in print that Thomas Hutchinson supported the Stamp Tax, with the result that the beleaguered man’s house was burned to the ground in 1765. George Washington quit public life because of “a disinclination to be longer buffitted in the public prints by a set of infamous scribblers.”

The other day, intemperate journalists accused youths from a Catholic high school in Covington, Kentucky, of making racial threats against an elderly Native American during the March for Life. Videos proved that there was no truth to it, but a flurry of “virtue signaling” berated the boys without giving them a chance to testify. One might expect that from secular bigots, but not from their own diocese with its knee-jerk condemnation of the youths. Apologies have been coming in, but probably the last to correct themselves will be the epicene Church bureaucrats.

Quickly, *The Washington Post* published a screed against “the shameful exploitation” of Native Americans by the Catholic Church. No mention was made of the Jesuit Martyrs who endured torture and death to bring the Gospel to the native peoples, or of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha who was exiled by her own Mohawks for her love of Christ, or Saint Junipero Serra who transformed the fortunes of the indigenous California “gatherer” culture, or Saint Katherine Drexel who donated her vast inheritance to establish fifty missions among the native peoples, or heroic Bishop Martin Marty of the Dakota Territory, or Father Pierre De Smet who enabled the Fort Laramie Sioux Treaty of 1868 and so befriended Chief Tatanka Iyotake (“Sitting Bull”) that the chief wore a crucifix to his dying day and encouraged his friend Buffalo Bill Cody to be baptized the day before he died. Defamation by journalists is sinful, but to detract from saints is blasphemous.

The mental image of Pope Leo XIII applauding the Wild West Show of Buffalo Bill and Chief Sitting Bull on tour in Rome would confound *The Washington Post*. But that is a fact, and Catholics who do not know their history are accountable for letting it be maligned.

Father George William Rutler is pastor of St. Michael's Parish in New York City.

A longer version of this column is also available in the Crisis Magazine article "Infamous Scribblers": <https://www.crisismagazine.com/.../infamous-scribblers-virtue-signalers-on-the-warpath>



Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019

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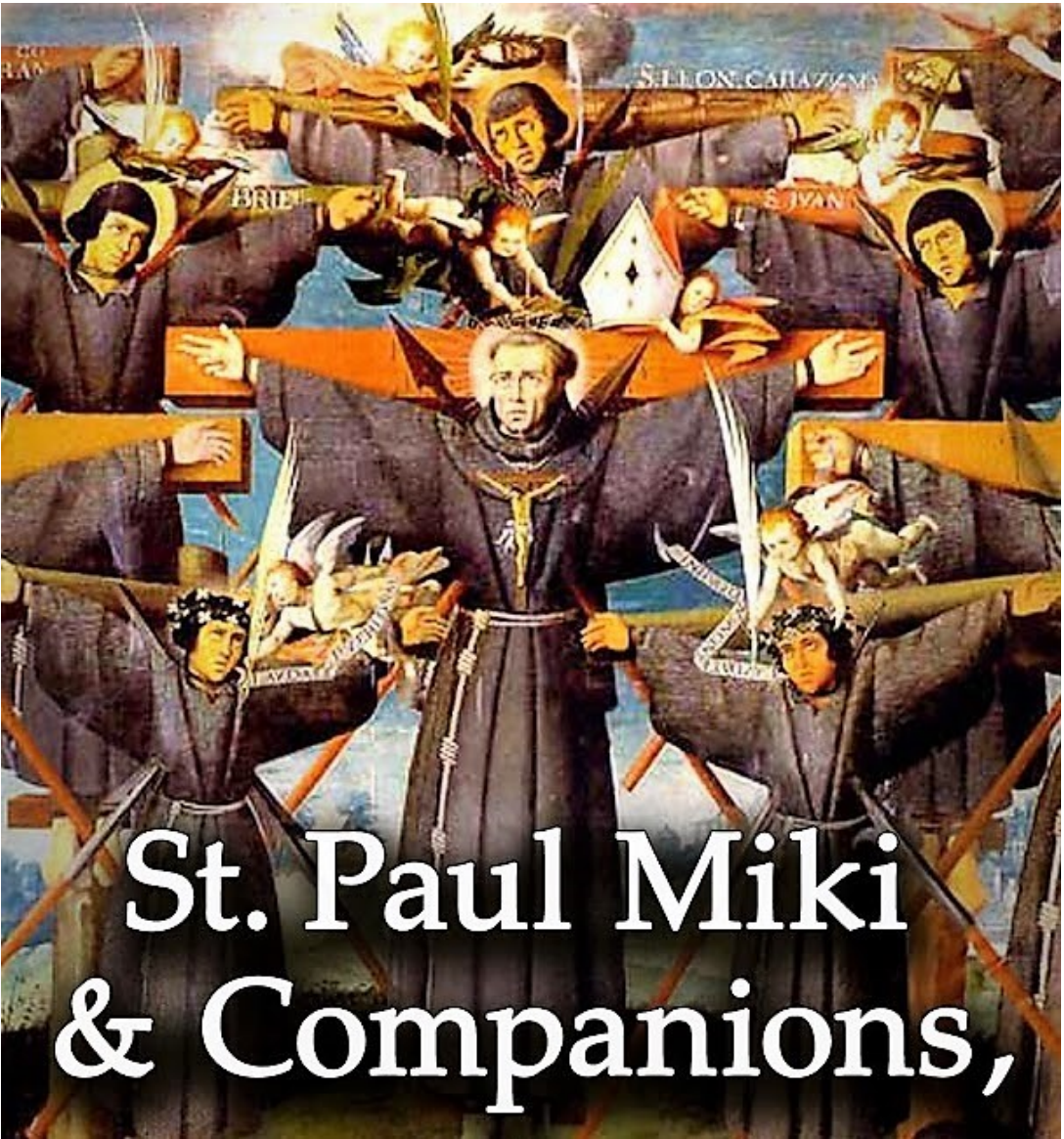
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Call office at 816.473.2011 or email:
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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

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.



St. Paul Miki and Companions
Martyrs of Japan– Feast day February 6

TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: REPORT ABUSE
OMBUDSMAN: Jenifer Valenti – 816.812.2500
DIOCESAN VICTIM ADVOCATE: Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday February 3
8:00 a.m. James F. Rost †

Sunday February 10
8:00 a.m. Jane Everett †

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

February Birthdays

Mary McPhee February 3
Lindee Corkins February 4
Cecilia Mink February 4



And Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barton February 5

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no single parish could provide on its own. Our theme, **“The community of believers was of one heart and mind” Acts 4:32**, appropriately recognizes our unity as the people of God to work together for the betterment of all. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join our efforts. The goal for St. Joseph’s parish is \$5,775. Our total so far is \$4555.00. Thank you for all your help and support of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Contribution Statements for Income Tax Purposes...

Parishioners requesting a contribution statement for 2018 are kindly requested to send an email to stjosephchurch@centurytel.net or leave a message on the parish voicemail at 816-473-2011. We will make every effort to issue statements in a timely manner.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS

Sunday, February 10, 2019, 2:00 p.m.



Join Bishop Johnston and Archbishop Naumann to celebrate and pray for marriages at St. Therese Parish, 7207 NW Hwy 9, Kansas City, 64152. Reception to follow in Wooldridge Hall (church basement).

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 3 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Doug Ottinger, Jan Pottier
Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Doug Ottinger, Marylou Euler
Counters: Tony Kauzlarich, Rudy Wolford

February 10- 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Richard La Follette
Lectors: Bonnie Gregory, Jordan Roth
Ministers: Jan Pottier, Paul Pottier, Jim Ingle
Counters: Richard and Mary Ann La Follette

Weekend Collection - January 27, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 1,845.00
Plate: \$ 188.00

Total Parish: \$ 2,033.00

Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

January-to-Date: \$ 8,516.50
January Budget \$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date: \$ 66,617.50
Year Budget: \$ 90,600.00

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

SAVE THE DATE!!! THE BAND OF BROTHERS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, on Saturday, March 23, 2019 - 7am-5pm - \$25.

A Day of Spiritual Growth & Inspiration.

Featured speakers: Bishop James Johnston, Fr. Richard Rocha, Dave DiNuzzo, Sr., & Dr. Scott Sullivan. Purchase tickets at EventBrite.com, 2019-band-of-brothers-catholic-mens-conference-ticket. Information: David Hurst (816) 262-3950 or dhurst032204@yahoo.com.

Mark your Calendars—Parish Events

Parish & Finance Council
Tuesday, February 12 at 6 p.m. in Rectory

Altar Society
Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Hand Linens
January/February: Bonnie Gregory

Donut Sunday - February 3- Confirmation Class

Knights of Coumbus Council #5067
Jay Pflugardt, Grand Knight
1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Rosary 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Recitation of Rosary
2nd Sunday of month beginning at 7:40 a.m.



Time for our PSR Baby Shower!

Start saving coupons and baby items for the Baby Shower to be held on **February 10th.**

Again, as we have done before, the students will be accepting donations the weeks

prior to the February 10th date. Save your coupons and/or donate blankets, diapers, wipes, onesies, etc.

Mary Ann Brachman will be here from Catholic Charities of St. Joseph to accept the donations.

As always we thank you for your generosity!

LIGHT + LIFE: A JPPI FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Join us for a **Married Couples Retreat, March 22-24, 2019**, at Conception Abbey, 37174 State Highway VV, Conception, MO 64433. Discover anew your relationship with your spouse and Jesus! This retreat is a time for rest and recommitment and is offered in a new, shorter retreat format with lower cost. More information and registration can be found at <https://kcsjfamily.org/light-life>.



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, Nancy Totton, Bubba Miller, Amy Dobrowansky, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers. For those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders; for the homeless and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

For our home bound parishioners:

Rosemary Ingle, Carolyn O’Brien, Josephine Jackson, Delores White, Eileen Grier, Brent LaFollette

“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you.”

Please notify the parish office of any new intentions or of any names that should be removed.

*Love...
bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love Never Fails*

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 information.