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Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

From the Pastor’s Desk:

HOW SIN MAKES YOU AN INSANE ZOMBIE

By Fr. Dwight Longenecker



I think it was Mark Shea who coined the phrase “Sin Makes You Stupid”. I’d push it further and say “Sin Make You Insane” In fact I’d say “Sin Makes You an Insane Zombie”

At the very heart of all sin is pride and selfishness. This is the assumption that you are the king of the hill, the god or goddess in your universe and if something is wrong it is always somebody else’s fault.

We see this blame of others at every level of life—within marriages, within families, in every kind of community where people are gathered together. It is there from the tiniest bit of gossip in the schoolyard through to international relations which end in war. Somebody else is always to blame.

Now the problem with this is that the person doing the blaming really honestly believes it is the other person’s fault, and if it is at least a little the other person’s fault (which is usually is) then they are even more convinced in their blaming of the other person.

This develops into a huge blind spot. We don’t see the blame that we’re doing. We really believe the other person is the whole problem. If we mix religion into it the syndrome becomes even more intense because God is on our side. We’re right. The other side is wrong, and we must fight the other side because eternal salvation is up for grabs.

A downward spiral develops. Believing the other person really is to blame increases our own self- righteousness and pride. This leads to more blaming which leads to an even greater sense of our self- righteousness and before long we are not only blaming the other person but we are entertaining rage against them and planning an attack of some kind.

This leads to the kind of insanity which increasingly marks our social discourse, our conversations about our religion, our interactions in our communities and in our families.

If insanity is a false perception of reality, then this is a kind of insanity. Furthermore, when we gang up with other people suffering from the same insanity we form an insanity tribe in which we support and reinforce each other’s insanity and the sickness becomes even more incurable. Then our insanity tribe begins to blame and war against some other insanity tribe like maddened zombies.

Should anyone stop and say, “Hey. This behavior is insane. We should stop.” The whole insanity tribe will turn on that person with infernal rage. At last they have found the true enemy!

I have a theory that the current crop of zombie movies and TV shows are a reflection of this kind of insane behavior. The zombies klodge around brain dead and soul less—eaten up by a diabolical disease that they can do nothing about and yet they are driven by rage—like some internal infernal dynamo they continue in their mindless rampage.

How to avoid it? Taking a long, hard, serious look at ourselves. Can you laugh at yourself and your cherished opinions? If not watch out.

How else to maintain spiritual sanity? Check every impulse to blame others and at the heart, take responsibility for oneself through the grace and beauty of repentance.

It’s a good thing Lent is coming up. We need it.
<https://dwightlongenecker.com/how-sin-makes-you-an-insane-zombie/>

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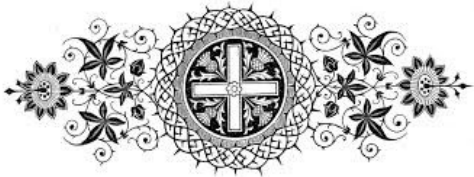
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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

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.



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 24
8:00 a.m. Doug Bembrick †
by Mary Bembrick

Sunday March 3
8:00 a.m. Louis Pottier †
by Pottier family

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

February Birthdays

Matthew Dixon	February 25
Killan Klein	February 25
Kelsey Kretzer	February 26
Leslie Bembrick	February 28
Mitchell Bembrick	February 28
Keith Cantrell	February 28
Bonnie Gregory	February 29



Happy Birthday!

Coming soon



Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family, Safe- guarding Children

The Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks. To learn more, please contact the Office of Domestic Church & Discipleship at 816.714.2373 or visit <http://kcsjfamily.org/protectyourfamily>.

Contribution Statements for Income Tax Purposes. . .

Parishioners requesting a contribution statement for 2018 are kindly requested to leave a message on the parish voicemail at 816.473.2011 or email stjosephchurch@centurytel.net. We will make every effort to issue statements in a timely manner.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 24- 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Scott Antle, Jay Pflugradt
Ministers: Doug Ottinger, Wayne Weipert, Jim Ingle
Counters: Jordan and Amanda Roth

March 3 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory
Lectors: Jordan Roth, Jan Pottier
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Paul Pottier
Jim Ingle
Counters: Tony Kauzlarich, Rudy Wolford

Weekend Collection - February 17, 2019

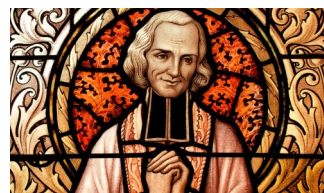
Envelopes:	\$ 855.00
Plate:	\$ 45.00

Total Parish:	\$ 900.00
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Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

February-to-Date:	\$ 4,770.00
February Budget	\$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date:	\$ 71,441.00
Year Budget:	\$ 90,600.00

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



The incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney, patron of parish priests, will be visiting the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 519 N. 10th Street in St. Joseph, on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, 2019. The Shrine of Ars, France, has made this major relic available for a national tour in the United States. The Knights of Columbus is hosting this tour and welcomes you to this special opportunity to offer veneration to a saint who is a model of holiness and integrity for clergy and laity alike. The day will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:00 a.m.; reception of the relic and Veneration follows throughout the day until 8:00 p.m. Confessions will be made available. Evening Vespers begin at 5:30 p.m. For more information about St. Jean Vianney and the relic tour, please visit www.kofc.org/vianney.

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 - March 3— John McPhee and Wayne Weipert

Knights of Coumbus Council #5067
Jay Pflugradt, 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.

Historic Cemetery Preservation Presentations

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2 at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church hall, Easton.
Reference the enclosed sheet in the bulletin for details.

Kessler Cemetery Cleanup

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m., at Kessler Cemetery. Carpoolers can gather at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Church hall, Easton.
Reference the enclosed sheet in the bulletin for details.



LIGHT + LIFE: A JPPII 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**

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

Bishop Johnston’s prayer intention for February

“Please join me in prayer:
my February intention is for those who experience
profound loneliness.”

Papal Prayer Intention for this month:
“For the victims of human trafficking and of violence.”

Let us pray to the Lord...

First Saturday Devotion

Mass and Confessions at Mir House of Prayer.
Fr. Christian Malewski, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, offers Confession at 7:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:00 a.m. every first Saturday of the month at Mir House of Prayer, 6492 NE Hwy 6 in St. Joseph.

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.