

From the Pastor's Desk:

I would like to thank all parishioners who provided feedback regarding the posture and position (*Ad-Orientem* or *Versus Populum*) of the priest celebrant at Mass. Indeed, I would like to thank all parishioners for your patience and flexibility during the Advent and Christmas seasons as we “tried this on.” The responses were productive and respectful, and I am grateful for both your candor and your kindness in conveying your reactions, which were mixed. The responses in favor expressed a gratitude for a heightened sense of reverence and awe in the celebration of the Mass while negative responses expressed concerns about returning to "traditional ways" or possible divisions which could arise in our parish as a result of implementing this on a permanent basis. I hope soon to prayerfully address the concerns expressed. I **do** value all the feedback that I have received and I would welcome more from any who have not yet responded. I would ask all parishioners to review my catechesis on *Ad-Orientem* which may be found on the parish website at www.stjosepheaston.org/adorientem. **No final decision has been made yet.** For now, we will continue to celebrate Mass *Ad-Orientem* until I have the opportunity to consult with the parish council.

The week ahead marks two significant moments in the life of our nation and in the life of the Church. The first is January 22—the anniversary of the announcement of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which effectively legalized the abortion of unborn children in all 50 states. As a nation, we continue to struggle with the ramifications of this. As a people of Faith, we continue to pray for a conversion of hearts, but especially for the healing of those who have been directly involved with or impacted by abortion. Project Rachel is a program which provides opportunities for healing for those who have been impacted by abortion. Please go to www.projectrachelkc.com for more information.

January 25 is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. This also marks the beginning of a week of Prayer for Christian Unity. While we don’t have any particular programs planned in our parish, I would encourage you to: 1. *Pray* for the unity of Christians, and; 2. Reach out to a non-Catholic Christian friend with a word of encouragement or a brief way of sharing your faith, recognizing those things we hold in common.

-Fr. Joseph Totton



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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019

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HALL RENTAL

Call office at 816.473.2011 or

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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 January 20
8:00 a.m. Helen Roth † by Roth family

Sunday January 27
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 20 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory
Lectors: Bonnie Gregory, Jan Pottier
Ministers: Jim Ingle, Doug Ottinger, Wayne Weipert
Counters: Eddie and Debbie Fisher

January 27 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Scott Antle, Jordan Roth
Ministers: Marylou Euler, Jan and Paul Pottier
Counters: Jan and Paul Pottier

Weekend Collection - January 13, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 1465.00
Plate: \$ 202.00
Hall rental \$ 100.00

Total Parish: \$ 1,767.00

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

January-to-Date: \$ 3,665.00
January Budget \$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date: \$ 63,629.50
Year Budget: \$ 90,600.00

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

Second collection next week, January 20th
Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Conference Sponsored by:



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church • 4503 Frederick Avenue • St. Joseph, MO
BAND OF BROTHERS! Be a Man Who is Holy! WEEKLY MEETINGS WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30AM
• Free Breakfast • Bible Study • Fellowship • Special Guests

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.

Bishop Johnston's
Prayer Intention for this month:
“My January intention if for the homeless and those who have no immediate family to help them.”

Prayer intention from Pope Francis for January
That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Let us pray to the Lord...

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 peer 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.


A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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**

(3rd Sunday of the month)

“ . . a time of war and a time of peace. . . ”

We pray for the safety of all our service men and women who serve our country.

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



Please keep the protection of innocent life in your prayers this month; the elderly, the poor, the disabled, immigrants and the unborn.

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.

January Birthdays

Ellis LaFollette January 21

Paul Pottier January 22

Delores White January 25



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.

Parish Registration

If you are new to our Parish, we encourage you to register: Please introduce yourself to Fr. Totton after Mass, come to the Parish Office on Tuesday or Thursday, or log on to our Parish Website at: www.stjosepheaston.org and register.