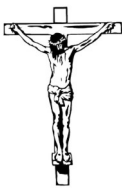


From the Pastor’s Pen...

Earlier this month I observed the 15th anniversary of my priestly ordination. While 15 years is not a milestone worthy of metal (silver for 25, gold for 50), for a man in his early forties it represents the better part of my “adult” life and therefore calls for some reflection. I would like to reflect primarily on the interplay of vocation and commitment. In the Church we speak about *vocation* or *calling*. By virtue of our baptism, each of us has a calling to holiness. The specifics of how we live out that vocation generally fall into two categories: marriage and religious life or priesthood. Each of these specific vocations requires a significant commitment on the part of the individual who has been called by God into that vocation. This commitment begins with a solemn definitive public statement (usually made in Church). Since these are Divine vocations, the person thus called must constantly rely upon the Grace of God. Since the commitment must be a free act, the person thus called must renew that commitment on a daily basis, and this renewal requires on-going reflection on the nature of vocation, commitment, and relationship (the relationship between the individual and God as well as the spousal relationship – whether that between husband and wife, between priest and Church or between a religious and the Divine Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. In short, having made a life-long commitment, each of us must wake up daily and say “yes” to that commitment once again, relying on the Grace of God, and – sometimes more than others – bolstered by the commitment once made with a reasonable certainty of one’s *vocation*. While the traditional language of marriage vows remind us that such commitments do not depend upon one’s emotional state: *in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, all the days of your life*, the same level of constancy is implied in the promises made by a priest at his ordination when he is charged to *Model your life on the mystery of the Lord’s Cross*.



Whenever I learn of a priest who has decided to leave the active ministry, whether he is a close friend or a national television celebrity, I find myself asking the question, “why do I remain?” Please don’t misunderstand me, every such departure does *not* throw me into a significant personal vocation crisis – though I must admit of a sadness, particularly when the man has been a companion on *The Way*– but it *does* require me to make a special renewal of my own commitment. In the same way, when a married couple who is struggling perhaps “in bad times” learns of the separation of another couple, perhaps one who seemed to “have it all together”, so also those spouses must ask, “am I in this for the long haul?” These questions are an expression of our interconnectedness which St. Paul describes in the following way: “*if one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*” (1Corinthians 12:26-27). It is not my intention here to probe or evaluate the motives of those individuals who have made a decision – no doubt harrowing – to walk away from a relationship which, at one point was the center and focus of the totality of their being. But to encourage others who have made a solemn, definitive public vocational commitment, and to renew, with resolve, my own. For those who struggle, in marriage, in priesthood, in religious life, and yet remain, THANK YOU!!! YOUR CONSTANCY AND FIDELTY ARE A WITNESS TO THE REST OF US!

It is a custom for a priest to design a holy card to commemorate his ordination that he may give as a gift to family and friends who join him in celebrating that special day. The front of the card often displays some holy image and the back contains text outlining the details of the ordination (dates, places, etc.) and a meaningful passage from Scripture or from the writings of the saints. The image on the front of my ordination holy card is the icon-style crucifix which hung above the altar in the seminary chapel at my alma mater, Mundelein Seminary. To the right of our crucified Lord is an icon of His Mother, and to His left, an icon of St. John, *the beloved disciple*. Below this image, I included the exhortation from the ordination rite which I mentioned above: “*Model your life on the mystery of the Lord’s cross.*” On the reverse side of the card I included the words of our Lord, recorded in St. John’s Gospel, which have been a touchstone for my vocation even since before I entered the seminary: “*No man has greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*” (John 15:13) followed by the details of the ordination, and finally the invocation of prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Queen of Clergy) and St. Jean Vianney – patron saint of Parish Priests, also known as the *Cure d’Ars*. When I designed that holy card, I had no way of knowing what form the cross would take at various moments in my life. I have no crystal ball to tell the future, even now, or to predict the manner in which I will be called to embrace the cross in days to come. Nevertheless, I know I can rely upon the Grace of God, and I can draw on the support of others who carry their respective crosses with dignity, and with a courageous sense of discipleship, following the Lord, daily renewing those commitments once made upon a fair spring day in their youth when all seemed pleasant!

—Fr. Joseph W. Totton



Holy Trinity Sunday

June 16, 2019

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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday no Mass

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.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday June 16

8:00 a.m. Barbara Culver †
by Steve Culver

Tuesday June 18th– no Mass

Sunday June 23

8:00 a.m. Louis and Helen Geis †

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

Birthdays

Sandra Pflugradt June 17
Theodore McClurg June 19
Blake Antle June 20

Anniversaries

Jess John and Margo McPhee June 23



Post abortive woman turned pro-life advocate

Raegan Ratterman, Project Rachel Leadership Team-member, will be giving her testimony and witness

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 -7:00 p.m.

Church of the Annunciation

701 N. Jefferson Street Kearney, MO



Free will offering will be accepted.

Light refreshments served.

20th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference

Century II Convention Center,
Wichita, KS

August 2-4, 2019

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

Speakers include Steve Ray, Fr. Donald Calloway, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Tim Staples and Stephanie Gray.

For more information: www.catholicfamilyconference.org



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

June 16 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Wayne Weipert
Lectors: Doug Ottinger, Jim Ingle
Ministers: Maylou Euler, Paul Pottier, Doug Ottinger
Counters: Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

June 23 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Scott Antle, Jay Pflugradt
Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Paul Pottier, Doug Ottinger
Counters: Paul and Jan Pottier

Weekend Collection - June 9, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 2100
Plate: \$ 92
Total Parish: \$ 2192

Peter's Pence \$ 247
St. Joseph Cemetery Fund \$ 1666 total

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

June-to-Date: \$ 3,587.00
June Budget \$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date: \$ 98,031.00
Year Budget: \$ 90,600.00

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

6th Annual Pitching for Priests Softball Game

Proceeds help fund priestly formation in the KC/St. Joseph diocese and the Archdiocese of KC/KS. Priests from KC/St. Joseph VS. Priests from the Archdiocese.

Friday, July 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Tailgating begins at 4:00 p.m.

Community America Ballpark– T-bones Stadium

1800 Village West Pkwy, KC KS 66111

Sponsored by Catholic Radio Network

To purchase tickets go to

<https://catholicradionetwork.ticketspice.com/pitching-for-priests-2019>



Mark your Calendars

Altar Society - Meets in the Parish Hall after Donut Sunday

Donut Sunday - July 7

Knights of Columbus Council #5067

Jay Pflugradt, Grand Knight
1st & 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Rosary 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Recitation of Holy Rosary

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

Registration is open for **Totus Tuus**, Latin for Totally Yours, a

fun, faithful and energetic parish based summer catechetical program, for students entering 1st through 6th grade

June 24th- June 28th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.,
at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Totus Tuus has 5 pillars: Eucharist, Devotion to Mary, Catechetical instruction, Vocation discernment and Tons of FUN!! Registration forms may be found at the back of church and should be mailed back to OLOG, St. Joseph. For question, call Tina Dotson, 816-232-2847 ext. 1506

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CHURCH

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.

HelpOurMarriage.org
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Thank you for your

baby bottle donations

for the Pregnancy Resource Center

We raised \$375 with your help!

Your generosity is much appreciated!

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, the lonely and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them. For the conversion of the enemies of the Good and of the Church; for the protection of children and the innocent.

For our home bound parishioners:

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

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

On Sunday, June 23rd, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, the Saint Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus Council 15126 will host their Sixth Annual Southern Fried Chicken Dinner at Saint Francis Xavier Parish Center, 27th & Penn Streets in St. Joseph

The meal price is \$10 for adults/\$5 for children 6-10 (under 5 free)/\$25 family special rate. Take out available.

The dinner includes Southern Fried Chicken, French fries, cole slaw, dinner rolls, dessert cookies and beverage.



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, at 816.812.2500 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.