

St. Joseph Church

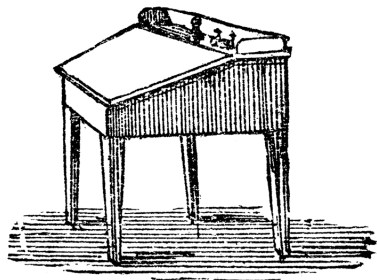
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Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

From the Pastors Desk



What is the meaning of life? This question has occupied man since the beginning of time! It is a question which men and women of every culture have struggled with and attempted to answer through various systems of thought and belief down through the ages. Asking the question falls in the realm of *Philosophy* – the “pursuit of wisdom” and the various answers that have been generally accepted often fall under the realm of *Theology* – literally, The “word of god.” And yet the only answer to this question which ultimately satisfies is to be discovered, through *Revelation* – the means by which the True and Living God has chosen to reveal, and even to communicate Himself to us. Our Lenten observance is intended to help us sharpen our interior senses to perceive, first His Revelation, and then His personal call to *discipleship*!

Some people say that the meaning of life consists in the mere enjoyment of this life for as long as we should be granted it – and they live as if even earthly consequences do not matter. These are them of which St. Paul speaks of in his letter to the Philippians:

For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things.

In Abraham, we see a different approach: God reveals Himself to Abraham, and promises to make his descendants more numerous than the sands of the seashore! It was a promise of truly incredible proportions, and yet, with little hesitation, Abraham assents to this because of his Faith. He would not live to see the flourishing, or the trials, tribulations and triumphs of this People. Nor would he behold, on this earth, the coming of the Messiah, and yet he trusted that God could and would bring about what he promised. Abraham’s response was to answer in Faith.

The primary difference we see between Abraham and the “enemies of the cross of Christ” is perspective and delayed gratification: Abraham entered into a covenant relationship which he understood would benefit his descendants – and, through Jesus, the entire human race! – but one which would demand of himself tremendous sacrifice while calling forth great Faith; those who would be occupied with earthly things would have a hard time seeing past their own pleasure for the short years they are granted in this life.

During Lent, the Church challenges us to be sparing in what we consume (to fast), to be generous in what we share (to give alms) and to be constant in conversation with the Lord (to pray). In whatever manner we are called to implement these practices, may they truly be a means by which we grow in Faith. These three pillars of Lent are aimed at helping us to overcome the epicurean tendency of our fallen human state to satisfy baser appetites, in order to come to experience, in a greater way, our call to discipleship, literally to “pick up (our) cross daily” and follow after Jesus.

-Fr. Totton

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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.



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 March 17
8:00 a.m. Eunice Grier and Irma Buehler †
by Roth family

Tuesday March 19
7:00 a.m. Margaret Seifert†
by Steve Culver

Sunday March 24
8:00 a.m. Mary Pottier†
by Pottier Family

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

Fr. Totton has begun offering a **Tuesday**
morning **Mass**
At St. Joseph Parish
7:00 a.m.

Birthdays

Wayne Weipert	March 17
Charlotte Edwards	March 11
Jack Klein	March 19
David Barton	March 23



The incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney, patron of parish priests,

will be visiting the Cathedral of St. Joseph, on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, 2019. Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Veneration follows throughout the day until 8:00 p.m.

Confessions will be made available.

Evening Vespers begin at 5:30 p.m.

Congratulations to

Carson Sebastian White
David Gabriel Barton
Gracie Lucy Mink
Emma Helena Klein
Emily Vitus Crouse
Laynie Theresa Davidson
Brooklyn Marie Adams



Confirmation

Who will be confirmed next Sunday, March 24th at the Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 17- 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Richard LaFollette
Lectors: Doug Ottinger, Jan Pottier
Ministers: Jim Ingle, Marylou Euler, Paul Pottier
Counters: Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette

March 24 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Hubert Gregory
Lectors: Bonnie Gregory, Jan Pottier
Ministers: Jim Ingle, Wayne Weipert, Doub Ottinger
Counters: Paul and Jan Pottier

Weekend Collection - March 10, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 1864.00
Plate:	\$ 218.00
Total Parish:	\$ 914.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 900.00
Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
March-to-Date:	\$ 2,947.00
March Budget	\$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date:	\$ 76,332.00
Year Budget:	\$ 90,600.00

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

Lenten Opportunity...

to **Administer the Corporal Work of Mercy:**

Bury the dead and care for their resting places

Tombstone repairs for the **Old Kessler Cemetery** are budgeted to cost about **\$9,000**. In order to improve our chances to have the restoration work done in 2019, we need to schedule these services by the **end of April**. We ask all supporters to join these efforts to donate as indicated below. Checks made to the cemeteries can be made out to “**St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**”. We ask donors that wish for their contributions to be used specifically for the Kessler Cemetery to note on the memo line of their check “**for Kessler Cemetery**”. Donations can be mailed to the following address:

*St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
c/o St. Joseph Catholic Church
PO box 197
Easton, MO 64443*

Thank you to all volunteers and financial supporters.



Mark your Calendars—Parish Events

Altar Society
Parish Hall after Donut Sunday—

Hand Linens -March/April: Nannette Wolford

Donut Sunday - April 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 Rosary
2nd Sunday of month beginning at 7:40 a.m.

Second collection for Catholic Relief Services— March 31st

A celebration of St. Joseph, our patron!

Feast of St. Joseph Mass and dinner

Tuesday, March 19th

Holy Mass at 5:45 p.m. followed by a spaghetti dinner in the parish hall.

Please bring a dessert to share.



Lenten Enrichment Offering: Queen of Heaven

Beginning March 13th, Deacon Josh Fultz and his wife, Mandy, will be conducting a weekly class and discussion group on the Blessed Virgin Mary. The class, which runs through May 1st, will be held in St. Joseph Rectory in Easton from **7-8 p.m.** each **Wednesday**. If you would like more information, please contact Deacon Josh at 816-390-2757 email jdfultz@yahoo.com



LENTEN FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus Council 5067 in St Joseph

will be having their Annual Fish Fry, beginning March 8th.

The fish fry will be held on all Fridays during Lent except Good Friday.

The Knights will start serving at 5 PM to 7:30 PM at their Council Hall, 1205 North 49th Terrace.

Adult meal will be \$10.00 and children under 12 years old \$5.00

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 those who suffer from addictions, that they make seek support and come to know God’s healing.

Jesus, I Trust in You!

For our home bound parishioners:

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

THE BAND OF BROTHERS CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

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

A Day of Spiritual Growth & Inspiration.
\$25 includes a hot lunch!

Featured speakers includes Bishop James Johnston, and Fr. Richard Rocha.

Purchase tickets at EventBrite.com, 2019-band-of-brothers-catholic-mens-conference-ticket.

For more information: David Hurst (816) 262-3950 or dhurst032204@yahoo.com .

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.