

# St. Joseph Church

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## Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

### Annunciation by Denise Levertov

*We know the scene:  
the room, variously furnished, almost always a lectern, a book; always the tall lily.*

*Arrived on solemn grandeur of great wings, the angelic ambassador, standing or hovering, whom she acknowledges, a guest.*

*But we are told of meek obedience. No one mentions  
courage.  
The engendering Spirit  
did not enter her without consent.*

*God waited.*

*She was free to accept or to refuse, choice integral to humanness.*

*Aren't there annunciations of one sort or another in most lives?*

*Some unwillingly undertake great destinies, enact them in sullen pride, uncomprehending.  
More often those moments when roads of light and storm open from darkness in a man or woman, are turned away from in dread,  
in a wave of weakness, in despair and with relief.  
Ordinary lives continue.  
God does not smite them.  
But the gates close, the pathway vanishes.*

*She had been a child who played, ate, slept like any other child—but unlike others,  
wept only for pity, laughed in joy not triumph.  
Compassion and intelligence fused in her, indivisible.*

*Called to a destiny more momentous than any in all of Time, she did not quail,  
only asked a simple, 'How can this be?' and gravely, courteously, took to heart the angel's reply, the astounding ministry she was  
offered:*

*to bear in her womb Infinite weight and lightness; to carry in hidden, finite inwardness, nine months of Eternity; to contain in  
slender vase of being, the sum of power—in narrow flesh, the sum of light.*

*Then bring to birth, push out into air, a Man-child needing, like any other, milk and love—  
but who was God.*

*This was the moment no one speaks of,  
when she could still refuse.*

*A breath unbreathed,  
Spirit,  
suspended,  
waiting.*

*She did not cry, 'I cannot. I am not worthy,'  
Nor, 'I have not the strength.'  
She did not submit with gritted teeth,  
raging, coerced.*

*Bravest of all humans,  
consent illumined her.*

*The room filled with its light,  
the lily glowed in it,  
and the iridescent wings.*

*Consent,  
courage unparalleled,  
opened her utterly.*

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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.



*Feast of the Annunciation~ March 25*

#### 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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)



## Mass Intentions for the Week

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

**Tuesday March 26**  
7:00 a.m. George and Rita Burns†  
by Steve Culver

**Sunday March 31**  
8:00 a.m. For the People

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

Steven McClurg March 24



**Unplanned**, the movie of the true conversion story of Abby Johnson, former clinic director for Planned Parenthood who became pro-life because of her experiences, will be coming to St. Joseph.

Showing at the Regal movie theater beginning March 28-April 4 at 9:30 p.m.

For more information, please visit [Unplannedfilm.com](http://Unplannedfilm.com).

### Congratulations to

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



### Confirmation

All will be confirmed as soldiers for Christ today, Sunday, March 24th, at the Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers! Come, Holy Spirit!

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### March 24- 8 a.m. Mass

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

### March 31 - 8 a.m. Mass

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

### Weekend Collection - March 17, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 990.00
Plate:	\$ 159.00
Hall rental	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Parish:</b>	<b>\$ 1249.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019</b>	
March-to-Date:	\$ 4,196.00
March Budget	\$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date:	\$ 77,581.00
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*

Update: Another Kessler Cemetery cleanup is planned for Saturday, March 30th. Meet at the church hall at 8:45 a.m. to carpool. Please bring tools that could be used: hatchet, knee pads, saws, leaf rakes, etc.

To donate, 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*



### 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 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.

**Second collection for Catholic Relief Services—** March 31st



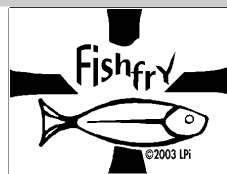
**Baby Bottles** to be filled with change for donations to the

### Pregnancy Resource Center

are available at the back of church today for you to take home to fill with your sacrificial monetary offerings this Lent. Thank you!

### 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](mailto: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.

*“ . . . 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.

An informational meeting about Troops of St. George

**Wednesday, April 3rd after the 6 p.m. Mass**

**St. Ann, Plattsburg.**

All fathers of young sons interested in forming a troop at St. Ann are invited to attend a brief meeting in the parish hall. The Troops of Saint George is a fraternal Catholic nonprofit apostolate for priests, men, and young men looking for a life of adventure coupled with virtue.



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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.