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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

On my recent travels to the Far East, I met a man who had two sons – okay, actually, he had a son and a daughter, but the phrase coincides with today’s Gospel! Near the end of my time there, he requested prayers specifically for one of his children and expressed a very tender, but manly paternal concern for this child who, as a young adult had made some poor choices. Without sharing too much detail, I would like to tell you how much I treasure the privilege that I have as a priest, and a chaplain, whereby people who might normally be quite stoic in their daily lives are free to share with me some of the very basic human concerns that most of us have, even if we cannot wear our proverbial “heart on our sleeve.” His disclosure got me to thinking about myself, over twenty years ago, at a crossroads similar to the one now faced by his child. It is safe to say that we can all identify with the prodigal son, and most of us can, at times, identify with the loving Father, and perhaps too often as the unforgiving brother. This parable provides so many layers that it is difficult not to get caught in the weeds! Getting back to my friend: His greatest anguish seemed to come from the fact that, at the end of the day, he could not make the choices for his son, he had to simply respect the young man’s free-will, all the while advising, and encouraging him to make choices for good. When I think of choices – good and bad – that I have made in the past, I see that following the advice my own Dad had given me – *no doubt based on his own experience*– would have been the best choice, and that to disregard his advice, usually led, if not to absolute perdition, at the very least, to a rather arduous and unpleasant detour. Each day we are faced with choices – some good, some bad, some neutral. May our conscience be well-formed to allow us to choose the good and reject the bad, and in those choices where there seems to be neutrality, may we truly seek the guidance of Our Lord – perhaps through a worthy instrument – in this, we may benefit from the Mercy of God on the front end and be spared the anguish of the consequences which drive us to invoke His Mercy, abundant though it may be, after we have strayed.

-Fr. Totton



See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

1 John 3:1

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

Tuesday **April 2**
7:00 a.m. Dick Brennan†

Sunday **April 7**
8:00 a.m. Ermatean and Ronnie LaFollette†
by the LaFollette family

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

Triduum schedule-more information TBA

Holy Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.- St. Joseph, Easton

Good Friday, April 19, 7 p.m. -St. Ann, Plattsburg

Holy Saturday, April 20, Easter Vigil – St. Joseph, Easton

Easter Sunday, April 21,- Masses at regular time and place.

Birthdays

Joseph Hamera April 1
James Barber April 3



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

The movie has received good reviews for its production values and acting.

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

For more information, please visit
Unplannedfilm.com.

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!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 24- 8 a.m. Mass

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

April 7 - 8 a.m. Mass

Greeter: Jim Ingle
Lectors: Doug Ottinger, Jan Pottier
Ministers: Wayne Weipert, Doug Ottinger, Marylou Euler
Counters: Tony Kauzlarich, Rudy Wolford

Weekend Collection - March 24, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 1310.00
Plate: \$ 126.00
Total Parish: \$ 1249.00
Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019
March-to-Date: \$ 5,755.00
March Budget \$ 7,550.00
Year-to-Date: \$ 78,830.00
Year Budget: \$ 90,600.00

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



"It is our suffering that makes us like to Him." -
St. Therese of Lisieux

Lenten Opportunity...

to Administer the Corporal Work of Mercy:

Bury the dead and care for their resting places

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– Jim and Rosalie Ingle

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

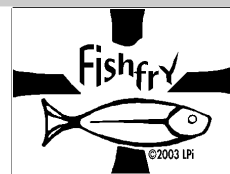
First Saturday Devotion

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.

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 wounds physically, emotionally and spiritually brought about from the abortion industry and its promoters.

For our home bound parishioners:

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

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, 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.