

From the Pastor’s Pen...

Last week we began our study of the individual people named in the Roman Canon—also called “Eucharistic Prayer number 1”. I jumped right into the middle of the text with a reflection on Melchizedek since he is such an enigmatic figure, it just seemed like a good ice breaker! This week, however, I would like to peddle back a bit and take a more sequential approach and look at the names of two living individuals who are mentioned near the beginning of the prayer. In fact, these two are named in all the current Eucharistic Prayers which may be used in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite, namely, “Pope Francis, and James our Bishop.” At the very beginning of the prayer, the priest makes the sign of the cross over the oblata (a word which means “offerings”) invoking God’s blessing upon “these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices, which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant Francis our Pope and James our Bishop, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.” With these words, the priest is calling to mind that what we do at this altar, in this Church, is to be united with the whole Church, with the Holy Father as a visible sign of unity for the universal Church, and under the direction of Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. who is bishop of the local Church of Kansas City - St. Joseph. This practice goes back to the early church when Christians visiting a new area would ask two questions of the local church: “who is your bishop? With who is he in communion?” In those days, heretical sects would develop and might comprise the whole of a local church. However, if they were “in-communion” with the successor of Peter, the visitors could be assured that they were not sharing in an unworthy Mass. Effectively, to invoke unity with the local bishop and the Holy Father, is to recognize the apostolic succession, by which each bishop can trace his (share in) authority to Peter, in the person of the Holy Father, and ultimately to Our Lord Himself!

-Fr. Totton

Biographical Sketch of Saint Padre Pio

Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. His parents were devout Catholic peasant farmers. Francesco, his older brother and two sisters worked with their parents to help make ends meet. Francesco tended the family’s small flock of sheep. At the age of 10, he expressed the desire to become a priest, but having missed a lot of schooling while herding the sheep, he and his parents were told he would need private tutoring to catch up and pass the exams. In 1899, his father, Grazio, emigrated to the United States, where he worked for several years, sending money home to pay for his education. The young man entered the Capuchin order, a branch of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscan), at Morcone, Italy in 1902. He took the name Pio in honor of Pope Pius V. In 1910, at the age of 23, Padre Pio was ordained a priest. In 1915, he was drafted into the medical service arm of the Italian Military, as Europe was in the throes of the First World War. Although he served, his poor health, a life-long challenge, caused him to be sent home so often that he was discharged in March 1916. Already reputed to be a mystic, who according to one of his brother monks, had levitated during a period of ecstasy in prayer, he also became known for his miraculous powers of healing and knowledge. In 1918, Pope Benedict XV asked Christians the world over to pray for an end to the war. While praying, Padre Pio had a vision wherein Christ pierced his side. Several weeks passed. Then, on Sept. 20, 1918, Christ again appeared to the priest in a vision and conferred upon him the full stigmata — wounds corresponding to those Christ suffered during his Passion and Crucifixion. The stigmata would remain with him for 50 years, until his death in 1968. Padre Pio’s popularity increased, to the point that the Vatican began questioning its legitimacy. The priest was himself uncomfortable with it. It wasn’t until 1934 that the Vatican reversed its opinion and allowed Padre Pio to again perform public duties such as celebrating Mass. In 1947, Father Karol Wojtyla visited Padre Pio who said presciently that the Polish priest “would rise to the highest post in the Church.” Fr. Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II in 1978. Padre Pio was known internationally for his piety, charity and the quality of his preaching. A famous line of his, “Pray, hope and don’t worry,” is still quoted today. He died Sept. 23, 1968. More than 100,000 people attended his funeral. He was canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II in 2002.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Mother’s Day

May 12, 2019

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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.



O Mary,  
conceived  
without sin,  
pray for us  
who have  
recourse to  
thee.

**TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: REPORT ABUSE**  
**OMBUDSMAN:** 816.812.2500  
**DIOCESAN VICTIM ADVOCATE:** Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)



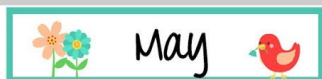
## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday May 12**  
8:00 a.m. Dick Roth†  
by Roth Family

**Tuesday May 14**  
7:00 a.m. Jacinta Gordon

**Sunday May 19**  
8:00 a.m. Lyle and Josephine Harvey†  
by Steve and Patty Culver

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



### Birthdays

Andrew Mink May 19  
Pat Clark May 24  
Tony Kauzlarich May 30

### Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaffer May 12  
Mr. and Mrs. David Delaney May 17  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adams May 29



Baccalaureate for East Buchanan High School  
Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church in Gower

Congratulations to St. Joseph parishioner,  
**Adam Mink** & all members of the Class of 2019

### 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.

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### May 12 - 8 a.m. Mass

**Greeter:** Richard LaFollette  
**Lectors:** Doug Ottinger, Jim Ingle  
**Ministers:** Wayne Weipert Marylou Euler, Paul Pottier  
**Counters:** Jan and Paul Pottier

### May 19 - 8 a.m. Mass

**Greeter:** Hubert Gregory  
**Lectors:** **Bonnie Gregory, Jan Pottier**  
**Ministers:** Doug Ottinger, Wayne Weipert, Jim Ingle  
**Counters:** **Richard and Mary Ann LaFollette**

### Weekend Collection - May 5, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 1,450  
Plate: \$ 179

**Total Parish:** \$ 1,629

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

April-to-Date: \$ 1,629  
April Budget \$ 7,550.00  
Year-to-Date: \$ 89,922  
Year Budget: \$ 90,600.00

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

**Second Collection Next Week—  
Tomorrow's Preists - Seminarian Education Fund**

### Padre Pio Relics to visit Kansas City This Week!

Relics of Padre Pio, now St. Pio of Pieterlcina, will visit the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday, May 15. The relics — Padre Pio's glove, crusts of his wounds, cotton gauze with blood stains, a lock of his hair, his mantle and a handkerchief soaked with his sweat in the hours before his death — will be available for the veneration of the faithful from 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Bishop Johnston will celebrate Mass in honor of St. Pio at 7 p.m. that evening. Priest confessors will be on hand from 11am to 6pm to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Mark your Calendars

**Altar Society - Meets in the Parish Hall after Donut Sunday**

**Donut Sunday - June 2 – Volunteers needed.**

### 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.

### Concert to be held at Cathedral of St. Joseph

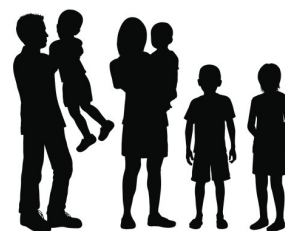


Come enjoy an Evening of Music at the Cathedral. **The Polyphonic Schola of St. Joseph** and the **Cathedral of St. Joseph Choir** will hold a joint-concert with the **Choirs of Central College** (Pella, IA) on **Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph (519 N 10<sup>th</sup> St. in St. Joseph, MO 64501).**

The Polyphonic Schola and the Cathedral Choir will feature St. Joseph parishioner, soprano soloist **Christie Huber-Ottinger**. Admission is free, and there will be a free-will offering in support of the Central College Music Department. A light dessert reception will follow in Ruggle Hall.

**Easter season**—the perfect time to bring new life into your marriage by learning **Natural Family Planning!** A course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP begins at 6:30pm on Mon., May 13, at St. Andrew Parish, 6415 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO. Call Christina or Michael Paoletti at 816-507-1591 or send email to

[jchristinapaoletti@gmail.com](mailto:jchristinapaoletti@gmail.com) for more info.



**Online pre-registration for these classes required at:**  
[www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

**Rachel's Vineyard**, a post-abortion healing ministry, has upcoming retreats in the Kansas City area in 2019.

**July 26-28 October 25-27**

For information, call 816-679-4973 or email: [rvkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:rvkcmo@gmail.com).



### 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 those who suffer from wounds physically, emotionally and spiritually brought about from the abortion industry and its promoters.

*"...in thanksgiving..."*

For our priests, for our married couples, for those who sacrifice for us with humility, compassion and commitment.

*For our home bound parishioners:*

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

### Altar Society News

The Easton Alumni Banquet is Saturday June 1. The Ladies have been asked to provide food and help with set-up and service. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Also look for the committee sheets in the back.

\$5 annual dues are now payable to Mrs. Jan Pottier

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