

From the Pastor’s Pen...

Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, recently released a pastoral note, “*The Day of the Lord*” in which he encourages the faithful in his archdiocese to reclaim Sunday as a special day – for worship and for rest. Following through on the recommendation of a recent archdiocesan synod, His Excellency seeks to “reclaim Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord”

*There are many necessary and worthwhile pursuits which occupy our time and energy all throughout the week but from the earliest days of the Church, Sunday was unique for Catholics. In our time, Sunday has slowly lost its pride of place. In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are committed to setting aside this day as much as possible for God-centered pursuits.*

*First and foremost, Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Jesus to new life. It is the day that definitively marked Jesus’ victory over sin and death, and it is the day that represents that in Jesus we too share in this same victory through our baptism. Therefore, Sunday is not an ordinary day, not just another day of the week. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter Sunday! It is right then to say that Sunday is truly the Lord’s Day.*

Archbishop Vigneron is actually on pretty solid ground here given that the Church transferred the Sabbath of the Old Covenant to Sunday shortly after our Lord’s Resurrection. Nevertheless, some have balked at a provision that he has made, namely that *the Archdiocese of Detroit will cease sporting events on Sunday. This means that competitive athletic programs in the grade school and high school levels are called to no longer play games or conduct practices on the Lord’s Day.* In an op-ed piece, one columnist employed by the Detroit Free Press called this move “idiotic” and claiming the decree is a “declaration of war on athletics.” He ridicules the archbishop as being “out of touch” with his flock and naïve if he thinks this will increase Sunday Mass attendance.

I don’t know the archbishop personally, but this decision resonates with me, and it seems he is a shepherd with a deep concern for his sheep – for their eternal welfare – and for the Divine command to Keep Holy the Sabbath (now the Lord’s Day). Fidelity to God’s law may not bring worldly success (in the form of increased numbers, for example) but it helps us to operate within the realm of discipleship and within the covenant ratified by the Blood of the Lamb. This decree is not a political calculation aimed at bolstering the Church’s status in a secularized age, but rather a principled decision to recall the Faithful to the basic observance of a commandment which God gives us for *our own benefit!*

As you read this, you may find yourself taking an inventory of how you spend your Sunday. The Church has always recognized that, due to the nature of some professions, some people have to work on Sundays (police and fire protection personnel, Doctors and nurses, etc.) At the same time, she encourages the cessation of commerce and other unnecessary activities which would preclude others from observing the sabbath rest. Through incrementalism, our society has generally come to “make peace with” treating Sunday in the same manner as every other day. One notable exception to this is the restaurant chain Chick-Fil-A which closes all their stores on Sunday. It should be noted that this closure does not impact their ability to conduct a highly successful business! In recent years, I have come to a greater awareness of how my own activities impact the Lord’s Day – and the ability of others to observe it. I still struggle – especially with travel on Sundays – and yet I try as much as possible to refrain from activity which requires others to labor on the Lord’s Day. As *your* shepherd, I challenge you too, to consider how you use your Sunday and how your activities may impact others.

You can read the full text of Archbishop Vigneron’s Pastoral note, *The Day of the Lord* at: [www.unleashthegospel.org/pastoral-notes/the-day-of-the-lord/](http://www.unleashthegospel.org/pastoral-notes/the-day-of-the-lord/)



-Fr. Totton



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 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.



“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”+ Gospel of Luke 1:45

**TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: REPORT ABUSE**  
**Diocesan 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 26

8:00 a.m. James and Carey Daldrup†  
by Mary Bembrick

### Tuesday No Mass

### Sunday June 2

8:00 a.m. Donna Ruoff  
by the Pottier family

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

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### May 26 - 8 a.m. Mass

**Greeter:** Wayne Weipert  
**Lectors:** Scott Antle, Jim Ingle  
**Ministers:** Marylou Euler, Jan Pottier, Paul Pottier  
**Counters:** Paul and Jan Pottier

### June 2 - 8 a.m. Mass

**Greeter:** Jim Ingle  
**Lectors:** Doug Ottinger, Jay Pfugradt  
**Ministers:** Marylou Euler, Wayne Weipert, Doug Ottinger  
**Counters:** Tony Kauzlarich, Rudy Wolford

### Weekend Collection - May 19, 2019

Envelopes:	\$	835
Plate:	\$	99
Hall Rental	\$	100
<b>Total Parish:</b>	\$	1,034
2nd collection Vocation Fund		\$470

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

May-to-Date:	\$	4,548.00
May Budget	\$	7,550.00
Year-to-Date:	\$	92,841.00
Year Budget:	\$	90,600.00

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

**Second Collection This Week:  
St. Joseph Cemetery Annual Memorial Day Collection**

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY Second Collection - Sunday May 26th

As we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day  
let us not forget to honor our deceased oved ones  
buried in our Parish cemetery.

We should also direct our attention to our  
outstanding property.

It is through the tireless work of the board members that it is  
maintained so beautifully.

To be assured of improving and maintaining the cemetery  
we will be taking up a second collection on

Memorial Day weekend.

Also, keep in mind that donations may be given at  
any time of year.

**Please be generous in supporting St. Joseph's Cemetery,**

### Mark your Calendars

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

**Donut Sunday** - June 2 – Coordinated by Nanette Wolford

### 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, **Monday, 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

### Post abortive woman turned pro-life advocate

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

**June 19, 2019**

**Church of the Annunciation**

**701 N. Jefferson Street Kearney, MO**

**7:00 p.m.**

Free will offering will be accepted.

Light refreshments served.

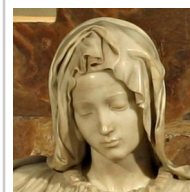


20th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference  
Century II Convention Center, Wichita, KS  
August 2-4, 2019

Speakers include Steve Ray, Fr. Donald Calloway and Dr. Ray  
Guarendi. For more information:  
[www.catholicfamilyconference.org](http://www.catholicfamilyconference.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 the conversion of those  
who cooperate in the "culture of death".

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

For family, home and country.

*"...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.

### Memorial Day Commemorative Masses

**Monday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kansas City**

Celebrant— Bishop James V. Johnston

**Mount Olivet Cemetery, St. Joseph**

Celebrant— Rev. Christian Malewski

**Resurrection Cemetery, Kansas City**

Celebrant- Rev. Joseph Scharbel

**Mount St. Mary's, Kansas City**

Celebrant- Rev. Justin Hoye



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.