



# St. Joseph Church

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## SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### PARISH PRIEST

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#### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Jim Adams

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#### CEMETERY BOARD

Ed Fisher

Mike Roth

Steve White

#### 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

**Diocesan OMBUDSMAN:** 816.812.2500

**DIOCESAN VICTIM ADVOCATE:** Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

**Sunday September 27**  
**8:00a.m.** Cernic Family+  
By Irene Schlup

**Sunday October 4th**  
**8:00a.m.** Jack West+  
By The West Girls

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

**Weekend Collection**  
**September 20, 2020**

Envelopes: \$ 950.00  
Plate: \$ 65.00  
**Total Parish: \$ 1,015.00**

**\*Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

September-to-Date: \$ 3,767.00  
September Budget \$ 6,064.31  
Year-to-Date: \$15,902.00  
Year Budget: \$78,836.00

**Thank You for your continued support**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We are in search of old photographs, articles and any items that help to tell the story of our parish in the late 1800's and early half of the 1900's. Of particular interest are early photographs of the interior of the church. Original prints or digital images of the originals would be helpful.

Please reach out to Michael Fisher or myself as we are wanting to develop a display of the history of our church.

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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombusmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombusmankcsj.org) 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.

### **Parish Registration**

If you are new to our Parish, we encourage you to register: Please introduce yourself to Fr. Schneider after Mass, come to the Parish Office on Tuesday, or log on to our Parish Website at: [www.stjosepheaston.org](http://www.stjosepheaston.org) and register.

### **Annual No Work Fund Raiser**

It is time once again for our no work Fundraiser. We will use the same format as in previous years beginning on October 4th and run thru November 1st. You can make one contribution or spread it out weekly. There will be a second basket in the back marked **Fund Raiser** for your convenience.

One of the Catholic Charities' missions is to provide basic needs to families who can't afford essentials.

CC's cupboards are in need of the following items: laundry soap, toilet tissue, tooth brushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, tooth paste, diapers, baby wipes, and other items for personal hygiene needs.

Just drop them in the box in the back of the church marked "Catholic Charities" at your convenience.

Thank you for your generosity to help those in need that live in our surrounding area.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's parable is like the one we used to hear all of the time in the Mass for confessors—"Good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in little things, therefore I will put you in charge over many." There is always that tinge in all of us of wanting to be disobedient or wanting to hide our "talents" out of fear. Even though this is a part of the effect of Original Sin, in recent years it has become a part of our culture. Just think of the great social upheaval that took place more than 50 years ago built on a disrespect of lawful authority by violent protest and an obstinacy for the sake of being self-righteous. Do we not see this playing out again?

The virtue of obedience in society, in the Church is not "pray, pay and obey" with no higher morality in place to check the one giving the command. Hardly so. The virtue of obedience is a check on the individual from self-deception and is supposed to ensure order instead of chaos. On the other hand, obedience is built on trust and not fear. We are much more willing to be obedient to someone in authority if they trust that they have the good for us in their mind when they're giving a command. If we fear, we will go into self-preservation mode.

It is not a surprise that the truly obedient son was instantly disobedient to his father. That is part of being a fallen human who lacks virtue. What is good is that he thought about it, and then realized that it was unreasonable that he didn't work as his father asked. The son should've trusted his father. That's the point. From trust comes respect, and from respect, obedience. The second son says he will be obedient, but totally feigns it—he doesn't respect his father. His will is not moved; he only pays lip service to his father's reasonable request. Although the first son is hesitant at first, he respects his father enough to follow through and come to the intellectual grasp of what is right. If we cannot respond to a simple request, but are obstinate just to be obstinate, order is broken down and a society or a family or a church collapses. That is the lesson we learn today. God, whose *oikos* or household of which we are a part asks us to be obedient to His Commandments and to His prophetic voice in the world on faith and morals announced by the wisdom of Sacred Tradition and Scripture and exercised by the Magisterium. They are for our own good. When we are obedient to God even in small things because of our humility, we will grow in virtue, meekness, and strength.