

# St. Joseph Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Totton as celebrant for the 4:00 P.M. Mass.  
Welcome, Father Totton!

Our religion is one that has agrarian roots and is in harmony with the way God created the earth. As Christians, we have always believed that God's creation is good, but God's creation and the earth exist for His glory. We and the fallen physical world in which we live are sanctified by God's supernatural grace. As the early Church expanded and encountered pagan (whose root word refers to the natural religion of country peoples), customs such as giving thanks to the gods for a good harvest and vintage in the Mediterranean world, she "baptized" these customs. Instead of worshipping the earth or a pagan deity, we gave thanks to the one God and asked His blessings on the earth and a new season. We would do well to remember in the age of a returning natural religion of solstice festivals and the like, that the Church very early on recognized the rhythm of nature and recognized God's sovereignty over His creation.

In the *Traditional Roman calendar* (up until 1969), we had the opportunity to fast four times a year on a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in what were called "Ember Days." A Medieval English Rhyme teaches us when they took place: Lenty, Pente, Cruci and Lucy, that is, Lent, Pentecost, after the Exaltation of the Cross and after St. Lucy day in December. Not only did this provide an opportunity for thanking God for the fruits of the earth both future and received, but also Ember Saturdays were the traditional time for conferring Holy Orders.

This past week, we would've celebrated these fasting days. I write about it now, because December can be an opportunity when they return again. They mark the rhythm of the year and provide for us an opportunity for spiritual renewal. In the revised Roman Calendar, it is up to the individual episcopal conference to determine when they are. Recently, several American dioceses have resurrected this ancient practice which spans back to the early Roman Church as a way of not only thanking God for what He has provided us and to mark the changing of the season, but also to fast for the Church. It is always good to think ahead—when they return again in December during Advent, perhaps we could offer our spiritually renewing fast and penance to thank God for the coming new year of grace and to pray for our Church.

Fr. Eric Schneider



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019

### PARISH PRIEST

**Fr. Eric Schneider**

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### PARISH SECRETARY

Penny Harrison

### HALL RENTAL

Contact **Mary Ann LaFollette**

816-294-6972

[Lafollettes@aol.com](mailto:Lafollettes@aol.com)

### 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.



“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

### 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 September 22**

8:00 a.m. Donna Ruoff †

**Tuesday September 24**

7:00 a.m. Darlene Hanway†  
by John and Imogene Richey

**Sunday September 29**

8:00 a.m. Doug Bembrick †  
by Mary Bembrick

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

### Birthdays

McKenzie Crouse	September 22
Rebekah McClurg	September 24
Ann Burton	September 25
Abigail Dixon	September 27

thankful  
grateful  
blessed

### Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Fisher	September 22
Fred and Wilma Corkins	September 27
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Everett	September 29

### Farewell breakfast with Biscuits and Gravy and more with Fr. Totton!

Sunday, September 22nd following Mass in the parish hall.



The 2019 Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference in our state capital, Jefferson City, is coming up **October 5th**. The keynote speaker this year will be David Bereit, Founder of 40 Days for Life. The breakout sessions will include speakers sharing their experiences in various social issues; criminal justice, education, immigration, pro-life and more. There is no cost to you, even the boxed luncheon is free! Bus transportation from Kansas City is available for minimal fee. Child care is available for free with registration.

For more information go to [www.mocatholic.org](http://www.mocatholic.org)

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### September 22 - 8 a.m. Mass

**Greeter:** Richard LaFollette  
**Lectors:** Doug Ottinger, Jim Ingle  
**Ministers:** Wayne Weiper, Doug Ottinger  
Marylou Euler  
**Counters:** Jordan Roth

### September 29- 8 a.m. Mass

**Greeter:** Knights of Columbus  
**Lectors:** Knights of Columbus  
**Ministers:** Knights of Columbus

**Counters:** Jordan and Amanda Roth

### Weekend Collection - September 15, 2019

Envelopes:	\$	1125
Plate:	\$	106

<b>Total Parish:</b>	\$	1231
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2nd collection		
Latin America	\$	246

#### \*Fiscal Year Budget July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

September-to-Date:	\$	5,750.00
September Budget	\$	7,900.00
Year-to-Date:	\$	16,046.00
Year Budget:	\$	94,720.00

### Rachel's Vineyard-Kansas City Healing Hearts in the Heart of the Nation



On September 29, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Archangels, among whom is St. Raphael, whose name means "God's remedy".

There are many people in the world today who are suffering grievously due to abortion decisions in their past, and God longs to heal them. One of His remedies is found in every Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. If you or a loved one are suffering from an abortion decision, please consider attending one of these healing retreats. The next one in Kansas City will be on **October 25-27, 2019**. For more information or to register, please contact Teresa O'Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or at [rvkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:rvkcmo@gmail.com).

### Mark your Calendars

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

**Donut Sunday** - October 6

### Knights of Columbus Council #5067

Julian Moreno, 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.

**Biscuits and Grave breakfast with Fr. Totton**— September 22

**Work day at St. Joseph**— Sat. September 28th— 9a.m.-noon



**Saturday, September 28th**

**9 a.m.— noon**

### Work day at St. Joseph Church!

We will be painting the entry to the house, garage, 2 LP tanks, and the entry to under the church. Also, we will be cleaning out the gutters and power washing the north side of the church. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church. All materials will be supplied. Contact Mike Roth if you have and questions. 816-547-8844

The 11th Annual Partnering for Future Priests Dinner and Auction is coming up soon! This year's event will take place on **October 4th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish** in St. Joseph.

The ticket price is \$50 per person with eight people to a table. We begin the evening with prayer and continue with a great evening of good food, great company and the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind items in silent and live auctions!

Donations for the auctions such as gift cards, crafts, quilts, and commitments for baked goods are being accepted at this time. We would also like your help by placing an ad to help promote your company, organization or parish in our program.



To donate and/or for questions please contact Hubert or Bonnie Gregory at 816-473-2016. To register and pay securely online go to [www.conception.edu/pfp](http://www.conception.edu/pfp).

### 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, Wayne Totton, Ed Fisher, Amy Dobrowansky, Fr. Phil Luebbert, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers. For the souls in purgatory. 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 the enemies of the Good and of the Church; for the protection of children and the innocent. For Fr. Totton and Fr. Schneider in this time of transition.

*For our home bound parishioners:*

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

The Catholic young adult group for St. Joseph, ***Coram Deo***, is meeting on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**! Meet at the Our Lady of Guadalupe at **6:10pm** for a game night! Please bring a few bucks in cash to help pay for the pizza. All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Ally Goetz at [agoetz@olog.org](mailto:agoetz@olog.org).

Keep in touch with  
Fr. Totton! His new  
address is:

Fr. Joseph Totton  
PO Box 109

Independence, MO 64051-0109

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@omdbusmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@omdbusmankcsj.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.