

From Fr. Totton's Desk

One of the privileges afforded me during my years in the seminary was an extended pilgrimage "in the footsteps of St. Paul". Traditionally, the seminary had sent the seminarians to study for several weeks in the Holy Land. Because of elevated tensions at that time (2002-2003) the decision was made to modify the pilgrimage, and we went instead to trace the footsteps of St. Paul in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey), Greece and, finally, Rome. To this day I am grateful for having had this opportunity which so few people will ever get. It has truly given me a greater appreciation for the *reality* of the early Church in places like *Antioch, Ephesus, Troas, Iconium, Thessalonika, Corinth*, and, of course, *Rome*. To this day, when I read the Epistles of St. Paul, I can see the ancient cities where once fledgling Christian communities were.

As with any travel, part of the "joy" is to experience other cultures: food, language, customs, etc. Istanbul (once known as *Constantinople*) is, they say, "where east meets west." This fascinating city, in fact, straddles the geographic divide between the continents of Europe and Asia. The architecture was very "eastern" and yet a common sight in the city was the pastry shops called "patisserie" a French word meaning "pastry shop" where croissants were displayed alongside delectable Turkish delights confectioned from filo dough and a bounty of pistachios.

Though officially "secular", modern Turkey is the heir of a storied religious past which includes early and medieval Christianity as well as the Islamic rule of the Ottoman Empire. This is evidenced in a profound way in the iconic building known by the Greek moniker "*Hagia Sophia*" a term which translates into English as "Holy Wisdom". This historic 1,500-year-old edifice was constructed as a Christian cathedral and later converted into a mosque under Ottoman rule. The conquering Muslims destroyed much of the beautiful Christian iconography within this church and re-fitted it to be used as a mosque. When I visited *Hagia Sophia* I was struck by the presence of a beautiful and ancient screen which evoked images of a high altar but, again, devoid of Christian imagery. The odd thing is that it appeared off-balance within the large semi-circular chapel it occupied. Upon further reflection I discovered that this screen, or prayer station, had been constructed to replace the original Christian High altar, and its primary purpose was to indicate the geographic direction of the city of Mecca!

As a Christian church, *Hagia Sophia* was built on an east-west axis with the sanctuary facing due east because of the ancient Christian custom of facing eastward – toward the rising sun, an early symbol of Jesus' Resurrection – for communal prayer. When the Muslims re-purposed this church as a mosque, they shifted the focus of their prayer towards an earthly city, Mecca, revered by Muslims as the focus of prayer indicated by Mohammed. At that moment it struck me, that, **as Christians, our prayer is directed towards a triumphant God who comes to us from outside this world** (as the sun is apart from the earth) and will return again "from the east" as it were.

The custom of "orienting" ("*oriens*" is the Latin term for "east") Christian churches is one of ancient origin which continues even to this day, though sometimes practical concerns (roadways, topography, etc.) intervene. You will note that both of our parishes are built in an east-west axis: St. Joseph faces east (by the way, it is sublime to watch the morning sun gradually illuminate the rose window in the sanctuary!); whereas, presumably because of the 7th St. grade, St. Ann faces west. Actual geography aside, the interior of our churches are ordered to convey a sense of "spiritual geography", a movement or procession "eastward" in anticipation of the Lord's coming which we commemorate in a particular way during the season of *Advent*.

-Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ST. ANN'S PARISH

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times:

Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 10 am

Confessions: Tuesday 5:30pm Saturday 3pm

Tuesday 6pm Traditional Latin Mass

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8 am

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Legion of Mary

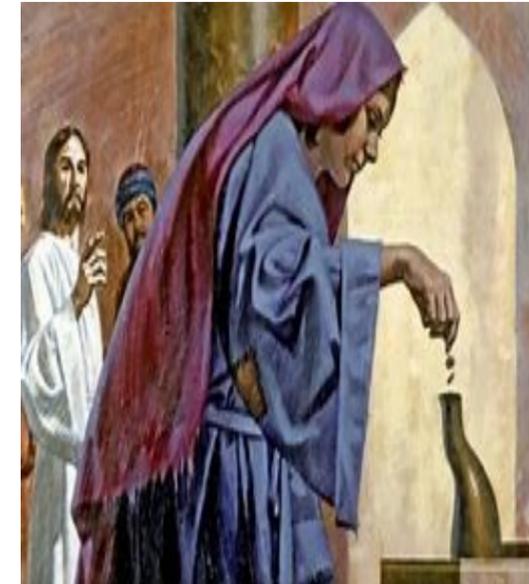
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Ministry Schedule

Bill Lueckenotte coordinates scheduling for liturgical ministries. If you anticipate scheduling concerns for the next quarter, please contact him via email bjlueckenotte@gmail.com or telephone (816) 304-6221. Once scheduled, you are responsible to arrange your own replacement.

Saturday, Nov 10: 4 pm

Sacristan Mary Lueckenotte
Server Billy Lueckenotte, Zak, & Jesse Kittelson
Lector Clare Pelzel & Bill Lueckenotte
EMHC Judy McKowen & Charlie Harper
Usher Open

Sunday, Nov 11: 10 am

Sacristan Rachel Friedl
Server Jon Friedl, Carter Watton, Paul Durando, & Philip Richey
Lector Mary Ann Downey & Karen Trotter
EMHC Chris & Christine Broderick
Usher Eric Niemann, JC Roberts, Vince Seiler, & Herman Gillotte

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Hale & Cathy Hanson

Saturday, Nov 17: 4 pm

Sacristan Kasandra Lueckenotte
Server Oskar, Zak, & Eli Kittelson
Lector Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen
EMHC Elaine Stoll & Bill Lueckenotte
Usher Open

Sunday, Nov 18: 10 am

Sacristan Charlotte Richey
Server Philip Richey, Carter Watton, Ryder Dalinghaus, & Mark Durando
Lector Mary Ann Downey & Dino Durando
EMHC Pat Clingan & Mary Ann Garton
Usher Mindy Beall, Eric Whitlow, Vince Seiler, & Herman Gillotte

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Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Trotter & Chris Koch



Saturday, Nov 10: 4 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, Nov 11: 10 am + Ashley Parton

By: Richard & Diane Hon

Tuesday, Nov 13: Private Intention

Wednesday, Nov 14: + Rev. Ambrose Karels

Thursday, Nov 15: + Mark Schwery

By: Rose Maples

Friday, Nov 16: + Norman Thorson

By: Al & Shirley Schwery

Saturday, Nov 17: 4 pm + Jean Gassman

By: Bradley & Jan Wolf

Sunday, Nov 18: 10 am People of the Parish

Weekend Collection Nov 3 & 4, 2018

Envelopes: \$2,811 Plate: \$140 Candles: \$39

Mass Stipends: \$20

Total Parish: \$3,010

2nd Collection: Dec 8 & 9 - Religious Retirement

Collections:

Nov to Date: \$ 3,010.00

Nov Budget: \$11,831.42

Year-To-Date: \$ 42,145.68

Yearly Budget: \$141,977.48

Thank you for supporting St. Ann's Parish

MEETINGS and EVENTS

Parish Council Mtg - Jan 16, 2019 6 pm Church Hall

Adoration: 1st Friday of month - Dec 7 - 8:30am - Noon

Altar Society Meeting - To be determined

Knights of Columbus: 3rd Tues. of the month 6:45 pm

Donut Sunday - Nov 25th -

LEGION OF MARY will be meeting on Monday evenings at the home of Sherry Kutz.

Please see Terry or Carleen Miller for directions.

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own.

Our theme, "**The community of believers was of one heart and mind**" Acts 4:32,

Appropriately recognizes our unity as the people of God to work together for the betterment of all

Our goal is 100% participation.

No gift is too small. Please join our efforts.

The goal for St. Ann's parish is \$11,850

Our generous gifts/pledges are to date: \$6,940

Thank you for all your help and support of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.



2019 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Registration is now open for the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 17-19.

This three-day trip will include Mass each day, Rally on the National Mall, and participation in the 2019 March for Life.

Registration will remain open through Wednesday, December 12th.

The current early-bird rate of \$285 per person will be available through Wed., October 31st.

The amount will increase slightly to \$315 after October 31st. Registration forms available on-line at: www.respectlifekcsj.org Pilgrims under the age of 18 must also complete a copy of the diocesan youth medical release form.

All minors not traveling with an adult will be assigned a Virtus-certified adult chaperone.

A space may be reserved for the pilgrimage by submitting a non-refundable deposit of \$100 at anytime.



CHILI SUPPER

Knights of Columbus are holding their Annual Chili Dinner

On Friday, November 16th. Serving from 5 pm till 8 pm.

Preparations will begin at 8 am that day.

Chili, Veggies, Dessert & Drink

\$5.00 per person (Take-out available)

Tickets will be on sale at the door and after masses.

Prayer Corner



"To everything there is a season and time... for every purpose under heaven." Ecc. 3-11

"..a time to heal.."

JB Lile, Tricia Wolf, Breanna Beall, Nancy Totton, Amy Spriesterbach, Loretta Broderick, Lori Eckles, Meryle Young, Tonia Vigilante



God of mercy

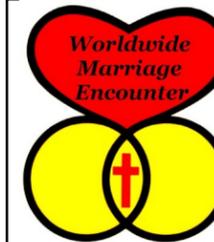
we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.

We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

Have mercy on all our veterans.

Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Come and celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

It's a positive, simple, common sense private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. A weekend renews the romance and excitement you experienced

during your dating days.

The next Weekends in Kansas City are

November 9-11, 2018.

For more information or to apply, please visit our website:

www.wwme4youandme.org

or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Father will celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving Day

Thursday Nov. 22nd - 9 am

St. Joseph's - Easton



PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to register.

There are registration forms in the narthex on the table.

Please return the form and introduce yourself to Fr. Totton after Mass.

Welcome!

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 chas-