

From Fr. Totton's Desk

Several weeks ago, I received a phone call from the Navy Reserve Center asking if I would serve as chaplain for a graveside committal service. In the past year, I have served in that capacity for a few veterans' funerals, most of them at Leavenworth National Cemetery. This call was different however, since the deceased was an active duty sailor who died in the December 7, 1941 surprise attack on Pearl Harbor! Seaman Second Class Harold Lloyd Head was a young man from Laclede, Missouri who joined the Navy in 1940. He was among the 429 souls who perished when the USS Oklahoma capsized after taking multiple torpedo hits. Like many of his shipmates, the remains of SN2 Head were unidentified for over 70 years and were buried as an unknown in the military cemetery at Pearl Harbor. In 2015, the Department of Defense began using DNA testing to attempt to identify remains of these unknowns. Earlier this year, the Navy identified the mortal remains of SN2 Head and made arrangements for him to be flown home to receive a proper burial in his hometown of Laclede, MO. He was laid to rest with full military honors on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 - his 97th birthday! I consider it a great honor to have been asked to conduct the committal service, and I know that his family (nieces and nephews who had never known him in this life) is comforted that he has been returned to his native soil. As always, we are grateful to Mr. Head and to all who have given their lives in the service of our country for the cause of freedom and democracy.

This leads me to reflect upon our Christian understanding about the Resurrection of the Body and the traditional funeral rites, including burial, which help us to understand and better appreciate this central tenet of our Faith. The Church has always gone to great lengths to see that the bodies of her deceased members are properly interred in the ground of a cemetery, a proper mausoleum, or buried - whole and entire - at sea. In recent decades, the Church has allowed Catholics to be cremated, *with the specific points that it not be done as a rejection of the Resurrection of the Body and that the cremated remains be properly buried.* This insistence on proper burial indicates a great respect for the dignity of the person, and for the dignity of the body which will rise again and be re-united with the immortal soul. Recent worldly trends of scattering cremated remains (or keeping them on the mantlepiece of one's living room) do not comport with a proper Christian understanding of the Body, the Resurrection and the meaning that the human being is a composite of body and soul.

With the month of November – when we commemorate the Holy Souls – approaching, I would like to encourage you to think about your own funeral plans. Have you already made arrangements? Do you own a cemetery plot or have you thought about where you will be buried? Have you made arrangements with a funeral home or have you set aside funds for that inevitability? Have you discussed these arrangements with your spouse? Your children? Those who will be responsible for carrying them out? Have you made it clear that you desire Catholic Funeral rites – a Mass of Christian Burial followed by a graveside committal? Have you considered what Scripture readings and what hymns you would choose for your funeral Mass? People don't like to think about death. 20-year-old sailors don't like to think about it, neither do 42-year-old priests. For that matter, those who have lived longer, fuller lives are often even hesitant to consider making such arrangements. I would encourage everyone to make a plan!

If you would like to meet with me, even if you are in perfect health, to discuss what plans you would like to make for your funeral Mass, please give me a call. Set up an appointment and we can talk about it. I can make suggestions, or I can help you to document and clarify choices that may already be resting in your mind alone! Jesus says, "Nobody knows the day nor the hour..." It couldn't hurt to make plans now!

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Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ST. ANN'S PARISH

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 10 am

Confessions: Saturday 3pm

Tuesday 6pm Traditional Latin Mass

Wednesday & Thursday & Friday: 8 am

Rosary on Monday thru Friday

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Hall Rental: Leave a message on the office phone

To Protect our Children:
Report Abuse
Ombudsman: Jenifer Valenti – 816.812.2500
Diocesan Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org



Ministry Schedule

Bill Lueckenotte has volunteered to coordinate scheduling for liturgical ministries beginning with the September Schedule. If you know of a particular date on which you are unavailable to serve at Mass in any capacity, please contact him via email bjlueckenotte@gmail.com or telephone (816) 304-6221.

Saturday, Oct 13: 4 pm

Sacristan Kasandra Lueckenotte
Server Billy Lueckenotte, Zak & Eli Kittelson
Lector Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen
EMHC Elaine Stoll & Della Mallen
Usher Open

Sunday, Oct 14: 10 am

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

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Hale & Cathy Hanson

Saturday, Oct 20: 4 pm

Sacristan Sophia Durando
Server Oscar, Zak, & Jesse Kittelson
Lector Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen
EMHC Della Mallen & Charlie Harper
Usher Open

Sunday, Oct 21: 10 am

Sacristan Mary Lueckenotte
Server Billy Lueckenotte, Mark Durando, Jon Friedl & Carter Watton
Lector Mary Ann Downey & Bill Lueckenotte
EMHC Pat Clingan & Mary Ann Garton
Usher Mindy Beall, Eric Whitlow, Vince Seiler, & JC Roberts

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Trotter & Chris Koch



Saturday, Oct 13: 4 pm + Pat Luckenbill

By: Tricia Wolf

Sunday, Oct 14: 10 am People of the Parish

Tuesday, Oct 16: Private Intention

Wednesday, Oct 17: + Mark Schwery

By: Rose Maples

Thursday, Oct 18: + Mary Ellen Mallen

By: Mary Ann Garton

Friday, Oct 19: + Bernice Siniawski

By: Vince & Joan Seiler

Saturday, Oct 20: 4 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, Oct 21: 10 am + Norman & Blanche Thorson

By: Carrol & Pat Clingan

1st Saturday Mass and Confessions at Mir House of Prayer.

Fr. Christian Malewski,

Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, offers Confession at 7:00 am and Mass at 8:00 am every first Saturday of the month at

Mir House of Prayer, 6492 NE Hwy 6 in St. Joseph

Weekend Collection Oct 6 & 7, 2018

Envelopes: \$2,188 Plate: \$173 Candles: \$33

Nat'l Catholic Register: \$3

Total Parish: \$2,397

2nd Collection: Oct 20 & 21: Mission Sunday

Collections:

Oct to Date: \$ 2,394.00

Oct Budget: \$11,831.42

Year-To-Date: \$ 33,580.68

Yearly Budget: \$141,977.48

Thank you for supporting St. Ann's Parish



MEETINGS and Events

Parish Council Mtg - Oct 17 6 pm Church Hall

Adoration: 1st Friday of month - Nov 2 - 8:30am - Noon

Altar Society Meeting - To be determined

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

Oct 28th - Donut Sunday

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

October 13th and 14th is commitment weekend for the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please consider a onetime gift/or making a pledge to this upcoming year's campaign. You can either drop them in the mail or bring them with you to Mass as we join to support our ministry's work for the

Diocese Kansas City-St. Joseph.

Our chosen theme this year is, "**The community of believers was of one heart and mind**" **Acts 4:32**, reminds us that the Holy Spirit moves us to work together with one heart and mind to accomplish the works God has prepared for us.

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports over 30 ministries and the people they serve to provide spiritual, educational and social needs in our Diocese.

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

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



Coming in October to the

Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph!

Join us for a viewing of this powerful documentary, followed by a Q & A panel discussion at the following locations:

Mon, **Oct 15, 7pm @ St. Michael the Archangel High School, Lee's Summit**

Tue, **Oct 16, 7pm @ Tivoli Theater, Westport**

Wed, **Oct 17, 7:30pm @ Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville**

UNPROTECTED:

-A Controversial Conversation-

Come and participate in the conversation surrounding one of the most controversial topics of our generation.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* by bringing family and friends to a viewing of this powerful documentary and then share your thoughts and ask questions during the panel discussion.

There is no cost to attend, but free-will donations will be accepted to cover licensing fees and venue costs.

To ensure you have a space for the showings at St. Michael's HS and Tivoli Theater, **please reserve your free tickets please contact Marriage Family Life Office at**

(816) 714-2373 or email: family@diocesekcsj.org



Prayer Corner

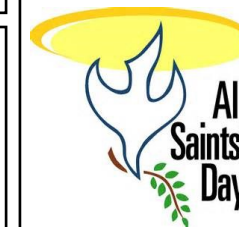
"To everything there is a season and time... for every purpose under heaven." Ecc. 3-11

"...a time to heal."

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

Donate to Hurricane Relief Efforts

Support individuals and families impacted by the hurricanes. Catholic Charities USA forwards 100 percent of funds raised to Catholic Charities agencies that serve affected communities. To donate, text CCUSADISASTER to 71777. You may also donate by phone by calling 1-800-919-9338 or log on to: www.catholiccharitiesusa.org



Holy Day of Obligation

November 1st

All Saints' Day

Wednesday October 31 - St. Ann,

Plattsburg - Vigil Mass at 6pm

Thursday November 1 - St. Joseph,

Easton - Holy Day Evening Mass 6pm

These are the only two Masses to be offered for this Holy Day

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 chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more info.