

From Fr. Totton's Desk

This week, we move into the second part of Advent, marked by the more immediate preparation to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus – the culmination of the Incarnation of the Eternal Word. In that regard, I would like to encourage you to incorporate the traditional “O Antiphons” into your daily prayer – especially family prayer. These ancient references to Our Lord form the basis for the verses of the popular hymn, *O Come O Come Emmanuel*:

December 17 Isaiah 11:2-3

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 Isaiah 11:4-5

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 Isaiah 11:1

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20 Isaiah 22:22

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 Isaiah 9:2

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death.

December 22 Isaiah 9:6

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 Isaiah 7:14

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

My suggestion for a simple prayer service would be to gather in your living room near an advent wreath (you may use your Christmas Tree if have already put it up and you have no advent wreath.) Sing the hymn, *O Come O Come Emmanuel*, followed by a simple recitation of the day's antiphon. After that, read the passage from the Prophet Isaiah indicated for the day, then spend about 5 minutes in silence pondering the meaning of this description of Our Lord and the prophecy.

Close with the *Lord's Prayer* and the following *Marian Antiphon* (traditional for Advent and Christmas):

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again,
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before,
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners. Amen.

- Fr. Joseph Totton

“Journey of Hope Divorce Ministry”

Journey of Hope, a simple, effective solution to bringing hope and healing to separated and divorced members of our parish communities. The program has a 17-year proven track record of having helped hundreds of men & women across the country understand the issues they face from a truly Catholic perspective.

The men's group begins Tues., Jan. 8th and the women's group begins Wed., Jan. 9th, both 6:30-8:00 p.m.,
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 4503 Frederick.

For registration and/or more information, please contact Kathy Powers, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 232-2847.



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ST. ANN'S PARISH

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Gaudete Sunday

(Third Sunday of Advent)

This week's Mass & Confession 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

Legion of Mary

Sherry Kutz, President
Hank Lagerman, Vice President
Carleen Miller, Secretary
Eileen Lagerman, Treasurer

Faith Formation Team

Teresa Marie Koch—Leader
Roxanne Durando
Greg Kittelson
Terry Miller

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight
Steve Van Horn

Parish Council

Paul Broderick
Randy Dalinghaus
Carole Harris
Diane Hon
Julie Moran
Eric Niemann
Bill Lueckenotte

Altar Society

Loretta Broderick, President
Pat Clingan, Vice President
Shirley Schwery, Secretary
Lori Broderick, Treasurer



Third Sunday of Advent

Website: www.stannplattsburg.org

Email: stannplattsburg@gmail.com

Secretary: Penny Harrison

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

Saturday, Dec 15: 4 pm

Sacristan	Veronica Durando
Server	Oskar, Zak & Eli Kittelson
Lector	Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen
EMHC	Elaine Stoll & Charlie Harper
Usher	Open

Sunday, Dec 16: 10 am

Sacristan	Kasandra Lueckenotte
Server	Billy Lueckenotte, Ryder Dalinghaus Paul & Mark Durando
Lector	Dino Durando & Bill Lueckenotte
EMHC	Pat Clingan & Mary Ann Garton
Usher	Mindy Beall, Eric Whitlow, Eric Niemann & JC Roberts

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Trotter & Chris Koch

Saturday, Dec 22: 4 pm

Sacristan	Mary Lueckenotte
Server	Bill Lueckenotte, Zak & Eli Kittelson
Lector	Clare Pelzel & Bill Lueckenotte
EMHC	Della Mallen & Judy McKowen
Usher	Open

Sunday, Dec 23: 10 am

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

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MONEY COUNTERS: Paul and Lori Broderick



Saturday Dec 15	Mary Ellen Mallen+
By: Gerry Hales	
Sunday, Dec 16: 10 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday, Dec 18:	Private Intention
Wednesday, Dec 19:	Tim Watton +
By: Pam and Richard Whalen	
Thursday, Dec 20:	James Maples +
By: David and Rebecca Kaiser	
Friday, Dec 21:	Jean Gassman +
By: Steve and Sue Tinnen	
Saturday, Dec 22: 4 pm	Mary Ellen Mallen +
By: Charles and Betty Harper	
Sunday, Dec 23: 10 am	People of the Parish

We are excited to announce the planning and formation of a new choir! If you've ever wanted to praise the Lord in song with others, please call Roxanne Durando at 816-724-9478 for more information.

"He who sings prays twice." -St. Augustine

Weekend Collection Dec 8-9, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 1,975 Plate: \$127 Candles: \$22 Religious Retirement \$819 Holy Day \$312 Nat'l Catholic Reg. \$1

Total Parish: \$3256

2nd Collection: Jan 5-6 Subscription Sunday Catholic Key

Collections:

Dec to Date: \$ 4,931.00

Dec Budget: \$11,831.42

Year-To-Date: \$ 52,096.68

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 Mtg; Jan 11, 2019- 11:30 AM at Pizza Hut**
 - Knights of Columbus: 3rd Tues. of the month 6:45 pm**
 - Donut Sunday - Dec 23 - Volunteers needed**
 - 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 overall goal is 100% participation.

No gift is too small. Please join our efforts.

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

Our generous gifts/pledges to date total: \$9,565

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

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

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

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

Registration will remain open through Wednesday, December 12th.

Registration is \$315 for the full trip. Registration forms available on-line at: www.respectlifekcsj.org

Total payment must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY TREE

If you have a gift to donate, please return as soon as possible. Please make sure to label the gift with the **ornament** from the tree. We will deliver the gifts, labeled with the child's name, before Christmas Eve.

May God bless you for providing for "one of these least ones" of His.

St. Nick will be visiting us on DECEMBER 16 after the 10am Mass in the Hall. This is an event for all children of the Parish sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A Sunday in Advent is never more exciting when we have a visit from St. Nick, with goodies to eat and good friends to meet.

See you there!

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 Dobrowansky, Loretta Broderick, Lori Eckles, Meryle Young, Tonia Vigilante

"...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, especially:

Capt. Matthew Solomon

Sgt. Jeremy S. Clingan

Pvt. Hal Lehr

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. ANN'S & ST. JOSEPH'S

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

St. Joseph, Easton - 5 pm

(Nativity Pageant begins at 5 pm)

St. Ann, Plattsburg - Midnight

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

10 am - St. Ann, Plattsburg

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31st

Vigil Mass - 6 pm - St. Joseph, Easton

January 1st, 2019

10 am - St. Ann, Plattsburg

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@art.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.