

From the Pastor's Pen...

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Many years ago, on a cool Wednesday morning, I got on the subway in a foreign city and was immediately met with a concerned look from a young woman. She pointed to her forehead and I realized she must have been asking about the smudge of ashes on my own brow. I began fumbling through my pocket French dictionary trying to figure out how to say "Ash Wednesday" in French. Before I could find the word for "ash" she simply smiled as she exclaimed "D'accord!" ("Okay!") indicating that she understood! That was Ash Wednesday 2003. I was a seminarian on a personal pilgrimage in the French capital and I had just attended Mass and received the ashes at the legendary Cathedral of Notre Dame – probably the most famous of the fifty-nine cathedrals throughout France dedicated under the title of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As I write this column, which you will read on Easter Sunday, I am saddened and shocked – with the rest of the world – to learn of the recent devastation wrought upon this iconic building by a fire of unknown origin (at the time of this writing). Still, as tragic as this news is, I think there is a profound message about the meaning of Easter in it! Please allow me to wander a bit on the connection:

From my earliest years, the gothic cathedral has always been an archetype of what I think I church should be! In many ways the structure itself – especially of Notre Dame – evokes a ship – the Barque of Peter – upon the waters of the world (the Cathedral actually sits upon an island (Isle de Cite) in the River Seine flowing through the French capital.). Like most medieval Cathedrals, Notre Dame took centuries to build, so also the Church of Christ – born from Jesus' pierced side upon Calvary, but developing through the ages to guide the faithful to her Divine Spouse even down to our own age. Like the Church, Notre Dame has witnessed ages of Faith, and ages of secularism. She has witnessed the holiness of devout kings like Louis IX and suffered through worldly – and even corrupt – churchmen concerned only for their personal advancement. In the mid-19th century, a major restoration of the Cathedral was spurred by her portrayal in Victor Hugo's popular novel, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". In Her time, the Church of Christ has seen revival and restoration after periods of apathy and even desecration.

Greek mythology tells the story of the Phoenix, a mystical bird which is known to re-generate from the ashes of its predecessor. It was one way the Greeks attempted to describe understand the concept of eternal life. In western civilization, the Phoenix has been adopted not only as a sign of hope in Eternal Life, but also as a symbol of the resilience of the human spirit. Though we don't subscribe to Greek mythology, we may find elements there which prefigure the Mystery of Our Lord's Resurrection – that Divine Mystery which is the reason for our Easter Celebration, which brings us back to that cool Paris morning sixteen years ago when I received the ashes as a sign of my own mortality and the call to repentance, and this within a large medieval church dedicated to the Mother of the One who has truly Risen from the grave. I don't pretend to know what good may come (or not) from the fire which devastated Notre Dame Cathedral during Holy Week 2019. I do know that the Church she symbolizes, the Church born from the Pierced Side of Jesus Christ, is called to share in the Eternal Life of her Divine Spouse. May the ashes of Paris' great cathedral lead us, members of Christ's Mystical Bride, not only to firm repentance, but to Joyful Hope in the power of His Resurrection, for we proclaim that **Christ is Risen, Alleluia! He is Risen, Indeed, Alleluia!** Happy Easter!

-Fr. Totton



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 2019

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HALL RENTAL

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EASTER WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....5:00 p.m.
Thursday8:00 a.m.
Friday8:00 a.m. Saturday3:00 p.m.

Saturday..... 4:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday.....10:00 a.m.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday.....5:00 p.m.
Saturday3:00 p.m.

ADORATION

Wednesdays..... no Adoration

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

Saturday, April 20, 4 pm - St. Joseph Easton	
SACRISTAN:	St. Joseph Sacristan
SERVERS:	Paul Durando, Thomas Gordon, Francis Gordon, Carter Watton, Jesse Kittleson, Zak Kittleson, Mark Durando
LECTORS:	Scott Antle, Bill Lueckenotte, Jim Ingle Jordan Roth
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	St. Joseph Ushers
Sunday, April 21, 10 am	
SACRISTAN:	Kasandra Lueckenotte
SERVERS:	Paul Durando, Philip Richey Mark Durando, Jon Friedl
LECTORS:	Terry Miller, Mary Ann Downey
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Vince Seiler, Herman Gillotte, JC Roberts, Eric Niemann
NURSING HOME MINISTRY	
	Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton
MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Trotter, Chris Koch	

Saturday, April 27, 4 pm	
SACRISTAN:	Veronica Durando
SERVERS:	Jesse Kittleson, Zak Kittleson, Eli Kittleson
LECTORS:	Clare Pelzel, Judy McKowen
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Volunteers needed
Sunday, April 28, 10 am	
SACRISTAN:	Charlotte Richey
SERVERS:	Philip Richey, Carter Watton, Ryder Dalinghaus, Jon Friedl
LECTORS:	Karen Trotter, Paul Broderick
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Vince Seiler, Herman Gillotte, Mindy Whitlow, Eric Whitlow
NURSING HOME MINISTRY	
	Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton
MONEY COUNTERS: Paul and Lori Broderick	

Bill Lueckenotte coordinates scheduling for liturgical ministries. If you anticipate scheduling concerns for the next quarter, please contact him via email bjluecke-notte@gmail.com or telephone 816.304.6221. Once scheduled, you are responsible to arrange your own replacement/substitute.

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

Holy Saturday	April 20
8:00 p.m.	For the People (at St. Joseph, Easton)
Easter Sunday	April 21
10:00 a.m.	For all pastors of St. Ann Parish
Easter Wednesday	April 24
6 p.m.	George and Rita Burns† by Steve Culver
Easter Thursday	April 25
8 a.m.	James Maples† by David and Rebecca Kaiser
Easter Friday	April 26
8 a.m.	Don Pelzel† by Karen Trotter
Easter Saturday	April 27
4 p.m.	Sylvester Ginther
Divine Mercy	
Sunday	April 28
10:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Mallen† by Charles and Betty Harper

There is a sign up sheet available in the vestibule for our parish lawn work. If you are able to help out please take a minute and sign up for a time or two. Dates listed are for the Friday of each week, but work can be done according to your schedule **toward the end of each week**. All equipment is available here at the church!



Parish Registration

If you are new to our Parish, please register. Forms are available in the narthex. Please return the form and introduce yourself to Fr. Totton after Mass. Welcome!

You may also register on the parish website www.stannplattsburg.org under "Contact Us" tab.

Pancake Breakfast  The annual Joe Spaeth Pancake and Sausage breakfast is this Saturday, April 27 at the Legion Hall in Lathrop 7-10 a.m. Proceeds go to benefit the special field events at Lathrop High School. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the back of church or can be purchased at the door. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend Collection — April 14

Envelopes:	\$ 1730	Overall Parish Collections:	
Plate:	\$ 218	April to Date:	\$ 4,722
Candles:	\$ 27	April Budget:	\$ 11,831
Hall rental	\$ 125	Year-to-Date	\$ 107,469
Mass stipends	\$ 50	Yearly Budget:	\$ 141,977
Total Parish:	\$ 2,025.00		

(Our Fiscal Year runs from July through June)

Notice: As of May 1st, 2019, the cost rental of our parish hall will be increased to \$75, with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 that will be applied to the total. There has not been an increase in 25 years, but our parish costs have increased in that time. Thank you for your understanding.

Contribution Statements for Income Tax Purposes...

Parishioners requesting a contribution statement for 2018 please email: stannplattsburg@gmail.com or leave a message on the parish voicemail at 816-539-2634. We will make every effort to issue statements in a timely manner.

Meetings and Events

Altar Society	First Friday at noon at Pizza Hut
Legion of Mary	Mondays 6:00 p.m.
Adoration	Wednesday 4-6pm
Parish Choir	Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus:	Third Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
Parish Council:	TBA
Save the date: Relic of St. Padre Pio at the Kansas City Cathedral, May 15th, 11 am.-7 p.m.	

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 information.

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, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers. For the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders; for the homeless, the addicted, the wounded, the lonely and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and unforgiveness, and especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

"...a time to give thanks..."

For all of our blessings and graces received; for all the miracles we see and especially those we do not see; for the Holy Church and our faith.

For our homebound parishioners:

Lee Schwery, Levina Reuter, Msgr Bill Caldwell, Pauline Van Horn, Catherine Henley, Pam Grady



Donut Sunday Sign-Up Sheet on table in Narthex. We need volunteers from May until December.

Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend contact registration team: Local Telephone @ 800.470.2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.

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