

From Fr. Totton's Desk

From time to time, I am amused by Steve Tinnen's humorous brief reflections on aging in his column in the *Clinton County Leader*. Since I am not possessed of the same sharp wit, suffice it to say that as I get "older" time seems to move a lot quicker! The other day I was wondering where 2018 had gone, but then I can remember 1995 as if it were just yesterday! Those older than I will have another benchmark date by which to judge the pace of time!

That said, we are 2/3 the way through October, and I would be remiss if I were not to reflect on Respect Life Month. For over twenty years now, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as a time to reflect on the gift of human life, particularly for the vulnerable unborn child. As a Church we continue to witness to the Sanctity of Life, and we seek to provide truly life-affirming choices for young mothers in crisis pregnancies. Additionally, we must proclaim the Hope and Healing of Jesus Christ, especially to those – women **and** men – who have been involved in abortion. This healing begins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but the Church has also developed an important infrastructure in post-abortion healing ministries like Project Rachel (www.projectrachelkc.com) Rachel's Vineyard (www.rachelsvineyardkc.org). Our efforts to witness to the Sanctity of Life also include peaceful public prayer. In that regard, our diocesan Respect Life office will once again be sponsoring the March for Life annual bus pilgrimage to Washington, DC on January 17-19. Having attended the March for Life many times, I can attest that it is a powerful witness and a life-changing experience. My most memorable trip was in 2016 when the bus we were traveling on became snowbound in a blizzard and thus immobilized for 24 hours. The likelihood of that happening again so soon is fairly slim, so perhaps 2019 is the year to go! You can find more information about the March for Life at www.respectlifekcsj.org/march-for-life-pilgrimage.html. It is said that "getting there is half the fun", due to the nature and structure of this year's pilgrimage "getting there" is actually 2/3 of the fun!

Regarding the question of abortion, I recently viewed the film *Gosnell* which details the investigation and trial of Kermit Gosnell, a Philadelphia abortionist who was convicted of infanticide in 2013. The film, which is a pretty straightforward presentation of the grisly facts of his case (based on police reports and court transcripts), calls to question the shaky ground upon which many in our society have come to accept abortion – the killing of an unborn child in the womb – but express sadness and grief over infanticide – killing of a child born alive. Despite a relatively unheralded release (an almost total media blackout!) *Gosnell* was the 12th highest grossing film last weekend even though it played in fewer than 700 theaters nationwide (by comparison, the top grossing film of the weekend played in over 4,000 theaters!). It may be said that it's a film produced for those who want to see it (pro-lifers) but it is also a potentially powerful tool that can really lead us to examine our general cultural acceptance of abortion as a mere "medical procedure". If it is still playing by the time you read this, or if it returns to theaters in the short term, I highly recommend it.

In reflecting on abortion, let us always be mindful of the element of humanity. We must be aware of the humanity of the unborn child as well as the humanity of his/her mother and father, the abortionists and their assistants. As prophets we are called to debate, to convince and to witness, but we, as followers of Jesus are also, and especially called to pray. In that regard, consider the words of St. Paul: "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness." (Ephesians 6:12)

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Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ST. ANN'S PARISH

Sunday, October 21, 2018
Twenty-Ninth 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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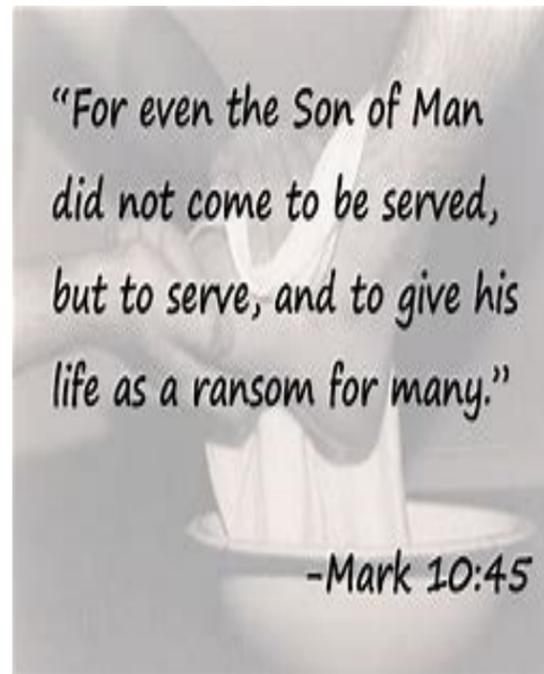
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Ministry Schedule

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 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 27: 4 pm

Sacristan Rachel Friedl
Server Oscar, Zak, & Jesse Kittelson
Lector Clare Pelzel & Bill Lueckenotte
EMHC Elaine Stoll & Judy McKowen
Usher Open

Sunday, Oct 28: 10 am

Sacristan Sophia Durando
Server Michael Friedl, Ryder Dalinghaus, Paul Durando & Philip Richey
Lector Paul Broderick & Terry Miller
EMHC Mary Ann Downey & Karen Trotter
Usher JC Roberts, Eric Niemann, Herman Gillotte, & Vince Seiler

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Paul & Lori Broderick



Saturday, Oct 20: 4 pm People of the Parish
Sunday, Oct 21: 10 am + Norman & Blanche Thorson

By: Carrol & Pat Clingan

Tuesday, Oct 23: Private Intention
Wednesday, Oct 24: + Rev Charles Jones
Thursday, Oct 25: + Jean Gassman

By: Steve & Sue Tinnen

Friday, Oct 26: + Pat Luckenbill
By: Helen Pipes

Saturday, Oct 27: 4 pm People of the Parish
Sunday, Oct 28: 10 am + Mark Schwery
By: JC & Colleen Roberts

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 13 & 14, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,739 Plate: \$221 Candles: \$15

Total Parish: \$1,975

2nd Collection: Oct 20 & 21: Mission Sunday

Collections:

Oct to Date: \$ 4,369.00

Oct Budget: \$11,831.42

Year-To-Date: \$ 35,555.68

Yearly Budget: \$141,977.48

Thank you for supporting St. Ann's Parish



MEETINGS and Events

Parish Council Mtg - Dec 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

All registered parishioners should have received their Catholic Appeal material in the mail. 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.

Be A Mission Voice!

Today, with Catholics of the world, we are called to offer, at this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus.

Today we "speak up" through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions.

As little as: \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in Latin America
\$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters in Africa
\$100 assists children in schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing love and peace.

Thank you for your generosity!

2019 March of Life Pilgrimage

January 17-19, 2019

Registration is now open!

Agenda:

Thursday, January 17th

Depart from St. Joseph and Blue Springs

Friday, January 18th

Arrive in Washington DC, Mass at a local parish

Rally on the National Mall, March for Life, depart from Washington, DC

Saturday, January 19th

Arrive in Blue Springs and St. Joseph

Come and peacefully march with over 500,000 of our fellow pilgrims to pray for the most basic human right to be restored to all unborn children. More information in brochures on the table in the narthex.

Registration forms are available on-line at: www.respectlifekcsj.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

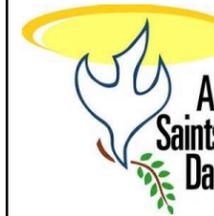
"...a time of war and a time of peace..."

We pray for the safety of all our service men and women who serve our country, especially:

Cpt. Matthew Solomon

Sgt. Jeremy S. Clingan

Recruit Hal Lehr



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.