

A Christmas Poem...

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem the shepherds came to welcome Him.

Angels appeared in the sky to sing to him a special lullaby.

Wise men came from far away. A very bright star guided their way.

Each Christmastime we choose a part:

like shepherds we welcome Jesus into our heart..

There are those like angels with their singing;

and many like magi with gifts they are giving.

Some are like the star above, guiding others to Jesus through faith and love.

Whatever part you choose to play,

Remember, that "Jesus is the Reason" we celebrate the Season.

-Catherine Joan Henley

One of my great joys in the days leading up, and celebrating, the Nativity of Our Lord is to observe the different ways in which people bring their various gifts to present to the One whose birth we celebrate in this Holy Season. **Mrs. Henley**, a long time parishioner of St. Ann Parish has once again shared some of her own poetry to capture the beauty of these days. Others spend hours cleaning, preparing and decorating the church. Still others rehearse tirelessly to sing the Lord's marvels and to help others to sing in concert with the angels who proclaimed: *Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on earth to men of good will.* I will never forget one truly wintry Christmas Eve as I was sitting in my study in the rectory resting up a bit before the Midnight Mass, I heard the faint scrape of a snow shovel and looked down to see a man I knew only by sight, unbidden, yet clearing the sidewalk in anticipation for the hoped-for crowd that would gather in church later in that night to celebrate. I was the only person on earth who knew of his generous service that evening. A few days later, I identified him using an older picture directory and I sent him a card with a nice gift tucked into it, and a scripture citation: "Your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you." **Matthew 6:4.** Of course, our parish relies year-round on the generosity of parishioners who share your various gifts to help us render a Joyful Sacrifice to the Living God who came to dwell in our midst. Your names are too numerous to list and yet you know who you are. Your Father, who sees in secret, will surely repay you. Please accept my gratitude for all that you do to help us celebrate in this Christmas Season and throughout the entire year. May the Christ Child Bless you from the arms of His most Loving Mother.

- Father 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 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Special Mass Schedule Dec 24—January 1

12/24 Christmas Eve—Midnight Mass

12/25 Christmas Morning—10am Mass

Wed—Fri 12/26—12/28 8am Mass

Saturday 4pm Mass / Sunday 10am Mass

Monday 12/31—No Mass at Plattsburg

Tuesday 1/1 Solemnity of Mary 10am Mass

Confessions heard Saturday 12/29 at 3pm.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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 22: 4 pm

Sacristan Mary Lueckenotte
Servers Bill Lueckenotte, Zak and Eli Kittelson
Lectors Clare Pelzel and Bill Lueckenotte
EMHC Della Mallen and Judy McKowen
Usher Open

Sunday, Dec 23: 10 am

Sacristan Charlotte Richey
Servers Philip Richey, Paul Durando, Carter Watton and Jon Friedl
Lectors Paul Broderick and Terry Miller
EMHC Mary Ann Downey and Karen Trotter
Ushers JC Roberts, Eric Niemann, Herman Gilotte and Vince Seiler

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Paul and Lori Broderick

Saturday, Dec 29: 4 pm

Sacristan Sophia Durando
Servers Oskar, Zak and Eli Kittelson
Lectors Clare Pelzel and Judy McKowen
EMHC Della Mallen and Elaine Stoll
Usher Open

Sunday, Dec 30 10 am

Sacristan Rachel Freidl
Servers Philip Richey, Mark Durando, Ryder Dalinghaus, Carter Watton
Lector Paul Broderick & Terry Miller
EMHC Mary Ann Downey & Karen Trotter
Ushers JC Roberts, Whitlow, Mindy Beall and Vince Seiler

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Eric and Cathy Hanson

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no single 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 parish 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: \$9,890

Thank you for all your help and support of the 2019

Annual Catholic Appeal.

Weekend Collection Dec 15-16, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 2183 Plate: \$124 Candles: \$10 Religious Retirement \$105 Holy Day \$85 Nat'l Catholic Reg. \$1

Total Parish: \$2568

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

Collections:

Dec to Date: \$ 7,299.00

Dec Budget: \$11,831.42

Year-To-Date: \$ 54,664.68

Yearly Budget: \$141,977.48

Thank you for supporting St. Ann's Parish



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

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR

ST. ANN'S & ST. JOSEPH'S

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

St. Joseph, Easton - 5 pm (no incense)

(Nativity Pageant begins at 5 pm)

St. Ann, Plattsburg - Midnight (incense)

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

10 am - St. Ann, Plattsburg (no incense)



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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec 23: 10 am People of the Parish

Tuesday, Dec 24-25: Midnight People of the Parish

**10 am: Don Pelzel +
By the Jean Gassman Family**

**Wednesday, Dec 26: Pat Luekenbill +
By Tricia Wolf**

**Thursday, Dec 27 Helen O'Connor +
By Charles and Betty Harper**

**Friday, Dec 28 Shawn Ketzner
By Vince and Joan Seiler**

Saturday, Dec 29 People of the Parish

Holy Day Ministry Schedule

Midnight Mass - December 24

Sacristan Charlotte Richey
Servers Philip Richey, Carter Watton, Jesse and Zak Kittelson
Lectors Judy McKowen and Dino Durando
EMHC Della Mallen and Pat Clingan
Ushers Charlie Harper - **Need Volunteers (check in with Charlie at Mass)**

Christmas Day- December 25

Sacristan Veronica Durando
Servers Ryder Dalinghaus, Mark and Paul Durando
Lectors Karen Trotter and Dino Durando
EMHC Joan and Vince Seiler
Ushers Eric Niemann- **Need Volunteers (check in with Eric at Mass)**



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, and for more information please call Roxanne Durando at 816-724-9478.

MEETINGS and EVENTS

Parish Council Mtg - Jan 16, 2019 6 pm Church Hall
Adoration: 1st Friday of month - Jan.4 - 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.

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-tain@diocesekcsj.org for more info.



CHRIST IS BORN!