

From Father Totton's Desk...

Sacrifice and Worship! These are two major themes of our readings for this Sunday. In fact, they are two important themes of the Christian life. If we begin to drift away from either one, we begin to lose our sense of purpose as Christians.

When the Lord put Abraham to the test, asking him to Sacrifice his only son, Isaac, the Lord was asking Abraham to demonstrate his willingness to offer Sacrifice that which he loved above all *other things on this earth*. It cannot be called a true "sacrifice" to give up something to which we are indifferent, or something which we would prefer to be relieved of anyhow—think of the child who told his parents that he would be giving up homework for Lent! Once God saw that Abraham was willing to Sacrifice even his son, though he didn't understand why the Lord would require such a stern sacrifice, He told Abraham to relent, "'Do not lay your hand on the boy.'" In the end, this Sacrifice of Isaac was to prefigure the Sacrifice of Christ, whereby God the Father did **not** spare His own Divine Son, as a Sacrifice—an act of total love for sinful humanity. Perhaps during this second week of Lent, we might consider the extent to which we would go to express our love for God. Can we sacrifice our comforts and convenience, our petty vanities, our pet projects, for the greater good and as a means of expressing our devotion to the One who held nothing back to provide for our redemption and constantly calls us to conversion? .

The other side of the coin of sacrifice is worship. When Simon Peter witnessed the Lord transfigured in glory, he exclaimed: "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter expressed a desire to remain, to stay before the Lord in the worship of adoration. Note well that the Hebrew word for tent is the root of our word, "Tabernacle" where the Living God has chosen to dwell among us in our churches. When I was a young seminarian, another seminarian invited me to join him for a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. That invitation changed my life, and I don't believe I would be a priest today had I not begun making a Holy Hour—a time to fall on my knees before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and gaze in wonder upon the One who offered His life for me. If it is not already your practice, I encourage you to begin spending time in Eucharistic Adoration during this Lenten season. At St. Ann we have a Holy Hour Tuesday evenings following the 6pm Mass until 7:30pm. We also have an extended period of Adoration on the morning of the First Friday of each Month following the 8am Mass until Noon. Those in Easton have 24-7 access to the Chapel of the Holy Rosary at the Mir House of Prayer (on 6 Hwy just east of Riverside Rd. in St. Joseph) where our Eucharistic Lord waits for you in his Transfigured Glory. Even if you cannot spend an hour, you can come keep our Lord company for a short time until you develop that same longing as Peter expressed: "Lord, it is good that we are here. Those who work in Kansas City, please watch for upcoming announcements of a new Adoration chapel to be opened this spring near St. Pius X High School. - *Fr. Totton*



Catholic Relief Services - March 10th & 11th

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"

(Mt 25:40).

We are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting this 2nd collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**.

Please be generous



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ST. ANN'S PARISH

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

This Week's Mass Times:

Tuesday 6pm Traditional Latin Mass

(followed by Adoration)

No Mass Wednesday, Feb. 28

Thursday & Friday: 8 am

First Friday Adoration 8:30am—Noon

Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 10 am

Confessions: Saturday 3pm, Tuesday 5:30pm...

or by appointment: please call 816-294-9841

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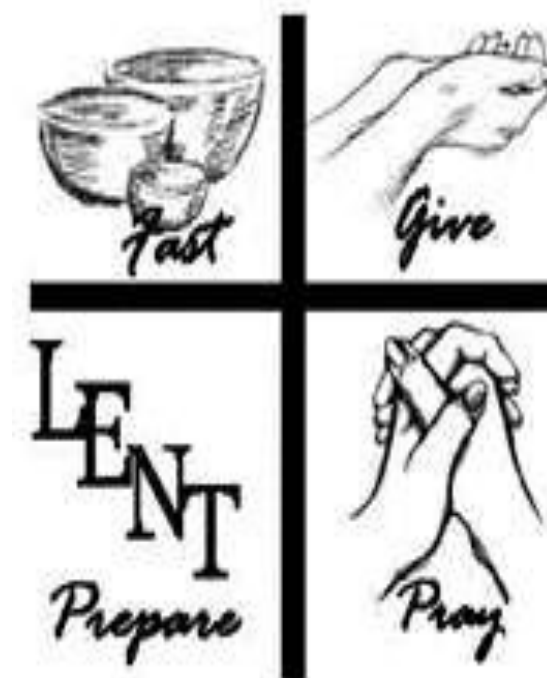
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Report Abuse
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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Feb 24: 4 pm
Ushers: Open
Lectors: Clare Pelzel & Bill Lueckenotte

Sunday, Feb 25: 10 am
Ushers: Herman Gillotte & Vince Seiler
Lectors: Terry Miller & Paul Broderick

NURSING HOME MINISTRY
 Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS
 Paul & Lori Broderick

Saturday, March 3: 4 pm
Ushers: Open
Lectors: Judy McKowen & Clare Pelzel

Sunday, March 4: 10 am
Ushers: Eric Niemann & JC Roberts
Lectors: Karen Trotter & Dino Durando

NURSING HOME MINISTRY
 Anne Martin

MONEY COUNTERS
 Open

 *Mass Intentions*

Saturday, Feb 24: 4 pm + Mark Schwery
 By: Don & Helen O'Connor

Sunday, Feb 25: 10 am People of the Parish

Tuesday, Feb 27: 6 pm + Rev. Charles F. Jones


Wednesday, Feb 28: 8 am No Mass

Thursday, March 1: 8 am + Terry Totton

Friday, March 2: 8 am + Mark Schwery
 By: Vince & Joan Seiler


Saturday, March 3: 4 pm + Wm. & Pat Nelson
 By: Fr. Totton

Sunday, March 4: 10 am People of the Parish

 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.

 **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal**
“How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me”

Thanks to the 40 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

So far we have received \$ 10,660 in pledges and contributions.

Thus far we have reached 90% of our goal of \$11,850 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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.

All are invited and welcome to attend.

Weekend Collection Feb 2018

Notice

As I will be out of the office for the next four weekends the weekend Collection Updates will be done when I get back.

Be assured that all monies will be deposited every Sunday but I will make up a Collection total flyer for the two weekends in February and the two weekends in March when I return.

I will be away from Feb 18th - March 11

Thank you for your cooperation and your well wishes for my vacation. Be assured of my continued prayers for each of you and the church of St. Ann during this Lenten season.

-Marge

MEETINGS

Parish Council: Thurs. June, Parish Hall - 6:00pm
Adoration: 1st Friday of month - March 2 8:30am - 12
Altar Society Meeting - Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus: 3rd Tues. of the month 6:45 pm
Church Cleaning: March - Group 3 - Home School Moms

Donut Sunday: Feb 25th - Open
LEGION OF MARY will be meeting on Monday evenings at the home of Sherry Kutz. Please see Terry or Carleen Miller for directions.

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 6 pm - St Ann's Plattsburg

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday
 March 29th - 7 pm
 St. Ann - Plattsburg


Good Friday
 March 30th - 7 pm
 St. Joseph - Easton

Easter Vigil
 March 31st - 8:00 pm
 St. Ann - Plattsburg

Easter Sunday
 April 1st
 8 am - St. Joseph - Easton
 10 am - St. Ann - Plattsburg

Prayer Corner
 “To everything there is a season and time... for every purpose under heaven.” *Ecc. 3-11*

“a time to die...”
+Shirley Evans, +Jane Everett, +Bob Klem
 “...a time to heal.”
JB Lile, Tricia Wolf, Ashley Parton, Breanna Beall, Jean Ellenberger Strain, Donald O'Connor and Sandy Mathewson, Bill Kinney, Wayne Totton
 “...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

 **CONCEPTION ABBEY**
ONLINE LENTEN JOURNEY

Join us for an online journey through daily readings this Lent. Conception Abbey's Online Lenten Journey features:

- daily reflections written by monks,
- a special prayer for each day of Lent, and
- a weekly video homily on Sundays.

Sign up at lent.conceptionabbey.org to receive it daily in your email inbox.

Prayer, Penance, Peace

 **Fish Fry Fridays...**

Good Shepherd Parish, Smithville
 Fridays March 2, 9, 16, 23
 \$10 adults, \$9 seniors and children
 K of C Council 9272

St. James Parish, Liberty **K of C 5067, St. Joseph, MO**
 Fridays March 9, 23
 \$11 adults, \$5 children
 KofC Council 6780

St. Munchin Parish, Cameron, MO*
 301 N. Cedar
 March 2, 9, 23
 \$10 adults, \$7 children, under 5 free
 *benefits Camp Quality