

An Invitation to Adventure

For the last several weeks, I have used this column to share some reflections on the meaning of the liturgy and the direction of our liturgical prayer. This week, I am taking a bold step, and I invite you to join me on an adventure which I think will leave a positive and lasting impact on the liturgical life of our parish: Beginning next Sunday, December 2, the First Sunday of Advent, and continuing through the Epiphany, Sunday, January 6, we will celebrate Mass *Ad Orientem*, that is, the priest will stand in **front** of the altar, facing in the same direction as the people as he *leads* them in prayer directed toward God the Father. I know that this represents a significant shift in our practice and may take some getting used to. We will use this time of Advent and Christmas as a *period to experiment* with a return to this ancient practice. While I welcome feedback and input (written, verbal, etc.) on this practice, I would ask you to patiently wait until January before providing such feedback – *open yourselves to the experience* and see how it impacts your prayer life and your attendance at Mass before forming your opinion.

For those of you old enough to remember the Mass before the Second Vatican Council, you may fear (or hope!) that this shift represents a “turning back the clock”. I assure you that it does not. Our regular Sunday (*Ordinary Form*) Masses will continue to be conducted in an audible English, and those parts of the Mass which involve proclamation of the Word or greetings addressed to the people will be offered facing the people. On the other hand, for those parts of the Mass in which the priest addresses God, he will turn to face the altar. This has sometimes been mischaracterized as “the priest turning his back on the people” and while that statement may be *technically* true, it does not represent neglect nor disdain for the people any more than a classical conductor “turns his back” on the people at a symphony when he is addressing the members of the orchestra.

If you have not read the bulletin for the past several weeks, this may come as a rather sudden change and will little preparation. Please access previous bulletins on the parish [website](http://www.stannplattsburg.org/bulletins). (www.stannplattsburg.org/bulletins) for further explanation – begin with November 4. Great minds suggest that plenty of catechesis (teaching) should be provided prior to attempting such a shift. I have tried to be insightful, yet subtle, but I am also of the opinion that one can also err on the side of over-explanation which comes off as overly apologetic or has the effect of reducing the action to one or two practical reasons and reduces or eliminates the element of Mystery in our prayer. Parishes throughout the country which have adopted this direction for their liturgical prayer have reported it as a positive experience, helping their members to experience the Mass in a deeper dimension of prayer. It is my hope that this experience brings each of us to a greater appreciation for the Mass, and enables us to enter more fully, consciously, and actually into the Mystery of Divine Worship.

You legitimately may ask “where are we headed?” I would hope the ultimate answer to that question is: “Heaven”. In the meantime, I hope that this period of experimentation will facilitate an honest discussion about the direction of our prayer and whether or not this is something that we should consider adopting as a regular practice in our parish. We cannot have that conversation, however, until after we have experienced this practice at least through this short season of Advent and Christmas.

I would like to close with a heart-felt appeal to each of you: *Please, open yourselves to this experience; set aside pre-conceived notions about this form of prayer and enter into this time with a sense of adventure about where the Spirit is leading us to grow in our discipleship.*

-Fr. Joseph W. Totton



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ST. ANN'S PARISH

Sunday, November 25, 2018

**Solemnity of Jesus Christ,
Universal King**

This week's Mass & Confession Times:

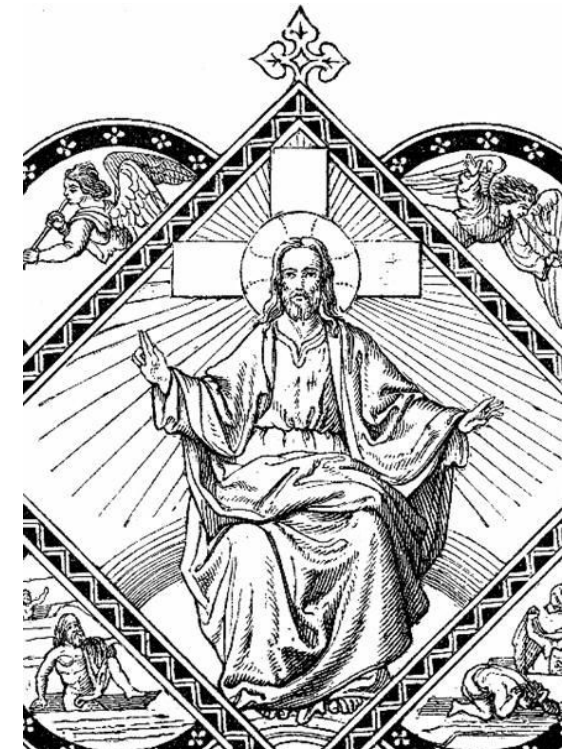
Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 10 am

Confessions: Tuesday 5:30pm Saturday 3pm

Tuesday 6pm Traditional Latin Mass

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8 am



Parish Council
Paul Broderick
Randy Dalinghaus
Carole Harris
Diane Hon
Marge Kinney
Julie Moran
Eric Niemann
Claudia Ziegler

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 bjlueckenotte@gmail.com or telephone (816) 304-6221. Once scheduled, you are responsible to arrange your own replacement / substitute.

Saturday, Nov 24: 4 pm

Sacristan Sophia Durando
Server Oskar, Jesse, & Eli Kittelson
Lector Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen
EMHC Judy McKowen & Charlie Harper
Usher Open

Sunday, Nov 25: 10 am

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

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Paul & Lori Broderick

Saturday, Dec 1: 4 pm

Sacristan Charlotte Richey
Server Oskar, Jesse, & Eli Kittelson
Lector Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen
EMHC Elaine Stoll & Charlie Harper
Usher Open

Sunday, Dec 2: 10 am

Sacristan Mary Lueckenotte
Server Jon Friedl, Mark Durando, Carter Watton & Ryder Dalinghaus
Lector Karen Trotter & Terry Miller
EMHC Joan & Vince Seiler
Usher Mindy Beall, Eric Whitlow, Eric Niemann & Herman Gillotte,

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS: Eric Niemann & Volunteer



Saturday, Nov 24: 4 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, Nov 25: 10 am + Anthony Rizzo

By: Lee & Barbara Schwery

Tuesday, Nov 27: Private Intention

Wednesday, Nov 28: + James Maples

By: Michael & Carol Berger

Thursday, Nov 29: + Pat Luckenbill

By: Gerry Hales

Friday, Nov 30: + Mary Ellen Mallen

By: William Ferguson

Saturday, Dec 1: 4 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec 2: 10 am + Norman & Blanche Thorson

By: Carrol & Pat Clingan

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.

Weekend Collection Nov 17 & 18, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 1,810 Plate: \$243 Candles: \$28

Natl Catholic Register: \$1

Total Parish: \$2,082

2nd Collection: Dec 8 & 9 - Religious Retirement

Collections:

Nov to Date: \$ 6,581.00

Nov Budget: \$11,831.42

Year-To-Date: \$ 45,716.68

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 Meeting - To be determined

Knights of Columbus: 3rd Tues. of the month 6:45 pm

Donut Sunday - Nov 25th - 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: \$8,260

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.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation!

If you have a child in 2nd grade who has not yet received First Holy Communion or if you have a child in any grade of High School who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Fr. Totton at fathertotton@gmail.com or 816-294-9841 to make arrangements for classes / preparation.

NOVEMBER - REMEMBER THE HOLY SOULS

November is the time of the year that we remember the faithful departed of our parish families.

As is the custom here we have displayed the **Book of Remembrance** on the covered table in the back of church. Please feel free to inscribe the name of any family member or friend who has died. (recently or in the distant past)

This book will be displayed each year for the month of November. You can write as many names as you wish. We will be praying for all listed in the book at every Mass.

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

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR

ST. ANN'S & ST. JOSEPH'S



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 8th

St. Joseph - Easton - 9 am

St. Ann - Plattsburg - 4 pm

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Since it falls on a Saturday Fr. Totton will be having Mass at 9 am in Easton and 4 o'clock Mass in Plattsburg.



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

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

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-