

From the Pastor's Pen

Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, recently released a pastoral note, *"The Day of the Lord"* in which he encourages the faithful in his archdiocese to reclaim Sunday as a special day – for worship and for rest. Following through on the recommendation of a recent archdiocesan synod, His Excellency seeks to "reclaim Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord"



There are many necessary and worthwhile pursuits which occupy our time and energy all throughout the week but from the earliest days of the Church, Sunday was unique for Catholics. In our time, Sunday has slowly lost its pride of place. In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are committed to setting aside this day as much as possible for God-centered pursuits.

First and foremost, Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Jesus to new life. It is the day that definitively marked Jesus' victory over sin and death, and it is the day that represents that in Jesus we too share in this same victory through our baptism. Therefore, Sunday is not an ordinary day, not just another day of the week. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter Sunday! It is right then to say that Sunday is truly the Lord's Day.

Archbishop Vigneron is actually on pretty solid ground here given that the Church transferred the Sabbath of the Old Covenant to Sunday shortly after our Lord's Resurrection. Nevertheless, some have balked at a provision that he has made, namely that *the Archdiocese of Detroit will cease sporting events on Sunday. This means that competitive athletic programs in the grade school and high school levels are called to no longer play games or conduct practices on the Lord's Day.* In an op-ed piece, one columnist employed by the Detroit Free Press called this move "idiotic" and claiming the decree is a "declaration of war on athletics." He ridicules the archbishop as being "out of touch" with his flock and naïve if he thinks this will increase Sunday Mass attendance.

I don't know the archbishop personally, but this decision resonates with me, and it seems he is a shepherd with a deep concern for his sheep – for their eternal welfare – and for the Divine command to Keep Holy the Sabbath (now the Lord's Day). Fidelity to God's law may not bring worldly success (in the form of increased numbers, for example) but it helps us to operate within the realm of discipleship and within the covenant ratified by the Blood of the Lamb. This decree is not a political calculation aimed at bolstering the Church's status in a secularized age, but rather a principled decision to recall the Faithful to the basic observance of a commandment which God gives us for *our own benefit!*

As you read this, you may find yourself taking an inventory of how you spend your Sunday. The Church has always recognized that, due to the nature of some professions, some people have to work on Sundays (police and fire protection personnel, Doctors and nurses, etc.) At the same time, she encourages the cessation of commerce and other unnecessary activities which would preclude others from observing the sabbath rest. Through incrementalism, our society has generally come to "make peace with" treating Sunday in the same manner as every other day. One notable exception to this is the restaurant chain Chick-Fil-A which closes all their stores on Sunday. It should be noted that this closure does not impact their ability to conduct a highly successful business! In recent years, I have come to a greater awareness of how my own activities impact the Lord's Day – and the ability of others to observe it. I still struggle – especially with travel on Sundays – and yet I try as much as possible to refrain from activity which requires others to labor on the Lord's Day. As *your* shepherd, I challenge you too, to consider how you use your Sunday and how your activities may impact others.

You can read the full text of Archbishop Vigneron's Pastoral note, *The Day of the Lord* at:

www.unleashthegospel.org/pastoral-notes/the-day-of-the-lord/

-Fr. Totton



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

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HALL RENTAL

Please leave a message on the office phone or email: stannplattsburg@gmail.com



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday..... 4:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.

* No Weekday Masses May 29-31

CONFESSIONS

Saturday3:00 p.m.

*No Adoration
May 29th
June 5th

TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN: REPORT ABUSE
OMBUDSMAN: – 816.812.2500
DIOCESAN VICTIM ADVOCATE: Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org

Ministry Schedule

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| Saturday, May 25- 4 pm | |
| SACRISTAN: | Rachel Friedl |
| SERVERS: | Jon Friedl, Eli Kittelson, Zak Kittleson |
| LECTORS: | Clare Pelzel, Judy McKowen |
| USHERS: | Volunteers needed |
| Sunday, May 26- 10 am | |
| SACRISTAN: | Sophia Durando |
| SERVERS: | Mark Durando, Billy Luekenotte, Jon Friedl, Paul Durando |
| LECTORS: | Mary Ann Downey, Paul Broderick |
| USHERS: | Vince Seiler, Herman Gillotte, Mindy Whitlow, Eric Whitlow |
| <u>NURSING HOME MINISTRY</u> | |
| | Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton |
| <u>MONEY COUNTERS:</u> Paul and Lori Broderick | |

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| Saturday, June 1- 4 pm | |
| SACRISTAN: | Veronica Durando |
| SERVERS: | Oskar Kittelson, Eli Kittelson, Zak Kittleson |
| LECTORS: | Clare Pelzel, Judy McKowen |
| USHERS: | Volunteers needed |
| Sunday, June 8- 10 am | |
| SACRISTAN: | Kasandra Luekenotte |
| SERVERS: | Ryder Dalinghaus, Billy Luekenotte, Paul Durando, Philip Richey |
| LECTORS: | Terry Miller, Mary Ann Downey |
| USHERS: | Mindy Whitlow, JC Roberts, Eric Niemann, Eric Whitlow |
| <u>NURSING HOME MINISTRY</u> | |
| | Oakridge: Eric Niemann |
| <u>MONEY COUNTERS:</u> Eric Niemann and Cody Flores | |

Bill Luekenotte 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 Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday | May 25 |
| 4 p.m. | Mary Ellen Mallen† by Dennis and Rosalie Starke |
| Sunday | May 26 |
| 10:00 a.m. | For the People |
| Wednesday-Friday | May 29-31- No Mass |
| Saturday | June 1 |
| 4:00 p.m. | Helen O'Connor† by Charles and Betty Harper |
| Sunday | June 2 |
| 10:00 a.m. | For the People |

†Mass is offered for the deceased.

To schedule Mass intentions, please contact the parish office at 816-539-2634 or email Penny at stannplattsburg@gmail.com

Memorial Day Commemorative Masses

Monday, May 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kansas City

Celebrant- Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr.

Mount Olivet Cemetery, St. Joseph

Celebrant- Rev. Christian Malewski

Resurrection Cemetery, Kansas City

Celebrant- Rev. Joseph Scharbel

Mount St. Mary's, Kansas City

Celebrant- Rev. Justin Hoye



Post abortive woman turned pro-life advocate

Raegan Ratterman, Project Rachel Leadership Team-member, will be giving her testimony and witness

June 19, 2019

Church of the Annunciation

701 N. Jefferson Street

Kearney, MO

7:00 p.m.

Free will offering will be accepted. Light refreshments served.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend Collection — May 19

Envelopes: \$ 1891
Plate: \$ 139
Candles: \$ 26
Maintenance Fund \$ 360

Overall Parish Collections:

May to Date: \$ 6,833
May Budget: \$ 11,831

Total Parish: \$ 2,416.00

Year-to-Date \$ 118,381
Yearly Budget: \$ 141,977

Second collection for Vocation Fund
\$ 1474.00

(Our Fiscal Year runs from July through June)

Meetings and Events

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| Altar Society | no meeting for June |
| Legion of Mary | Monday 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: | Wednesday May 15 at 7:00 p.m. |
| Donut Sunday | May 26th |
| Parish Garage Sale | May 31st and June 1st |
| Parish Picnic | June 30th |

The Legion of Mary

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in the work of Mary and the Church.

For information about the Legion of Mary at St. Ann's, please telephone Terry or Carleen Miller at 816-217-9712.

The Legion meets in church every Monday at 6pm.

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, at 816.812.2500 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, Pete Snawerdt, Amy Spriesterbach, Maxine Anseume, Kenneth Carey, Vicki Anseume, Mary Ballentine, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers. For the dying and grieving; 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 of war and a time of peace . . . "

We pray for the safety of all our service men and women who serve our country, especially: Capt. Matthew Solomon, Sgt. Jeremy S. Clingan, Pvt. Hal Lehr, USMC, QM Clayton

Prayer List Policy Update: Beginning June 1, 2019: Additions to the sick list may be requested by telephone or written in on the sheet in the vestibule. Names will appear in the bulletin for 3 consecutive weeks. We will continue to keep a name on the prayer list if you request it, but requests must be renewed each 3 weeks, otherwise the name will be removed after 3 weeks have elapsed. We also include prayers for homebound parishioners and for those serving in the Armed Forces on a regular rotation.



Totus Tuus is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

Coming to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, St. Joseph

June 24-28, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Registration forms can be found in the vestibule to be mailed to OLOG parish.

For more information go to: <https://kcsjyouth.org/totus-tuus-pastors-and-youth-ministers/>

First Saturday Devotion

Mass and Confessions at Mir House of Prayer.

Fr. Christian Malewski, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, offers Confession at 7:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:00 a.m. every first Saturday of the month at Mir House of Prayer, 6492 NE Hwy 6 in St. Joseph.