

*From Fr. Totton's Desk*

Good News! Bad News!

The good news is that *somebody* won the \$1.6 Billion dollar Powerball jackpot on Tuesday. The bad news is that that *somebody* is very likely **not** a member of St. Ann or St. Joseph Parish! Still, if we are honest, we will admit that we at least thought of buying a ticket – I thought about it, but then I didn't. Still, I thought a lot about what I would do with that money if I *had* bought a ticket and won! Maybe you have thought about it too! Pay off bills? No sweat! Help my parents? A breeze! Buy a vacation home? Now you're talking! The fact is that whenever the jackpot gets that big, we all think about the things we could do with "that money": things practical, altruistic *and* frivolous! I remember once having a discussion with a parishioner at St. James. She worked in the school cafeteria (operated in the parish hall underneath the church) and was frustrated on those days when a funeral luncheon was scheduled. She once told me: "Father, if I win the Powerball, I am going to build a new cafeteria so we don't have these conflicts with the funeral luncheons!" I have no doubt that she was serious, and it got me to thinking about all the things we could do, as a parish, if somebody donated an incredible sum of money! Still, our parishes operate *not* on Powerball pipe dreams, but on the regular, committed contributions of our parishioners. Since we live in reality and NOT in South Carolina, we should stop this week to think (and pray) about how the stewardship of our treasure is both an expression of our Faith and a support for our parish. Jesus says, "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

The good news is that neither of our parishes is in debt. Thanks be to God! The bad news is, if current trends continue, we soon will be! I feel it is my duty to report to you that parish income is down. There are a number of reasons for this, over some of which we have control and over some others we do not. At St. Ann's in the past 12 months, we have conducted funeral rites for 12 active committed parishioners. These were, largely, people of a generation for whom tithing was second nature. For years, our parish had relied on their generous support. Please don't misunderstand my purpose in writing this, we grieve their loss generally, but without a corresponding registration of 12 new committed families, we also must acknowledge the impact on parish finances and we must heed this as a reminder that *all* parishioners are asked to support the parish based on an understanding of *stewardship*. Another factor over which we have little to no control is the harvest. As a rural parish, I realize that our income is tied to the land. When the harvest is good we prosper. When the yields are low, we suffer. I can (and have) prayed for rain (then I prayed for it to stop!) but at the end of the day, we rely upon Providence to optimize the conditions of the harvest. If our tithe is a percentage of our income, it will be higher in good years, and understandably lower in poor years. When our parish income is insufficient to meet essential expenses, we need to draw on the reserves, but our reserves are limited, *not* inexhaustible. Additionally, the reserves must be there to provide for sudden and unexpected expenses which could be visited upon us with virtually zero warning.

Though I cannot control who dies or how much it rains, I *can* control my priorities. When I look at my personal income, I need to see it as God's money which He has entrusted to me, and I must decide, in Faith, how much of God's money I need to keep for myself, and how much I should return to Him in support of my parish, diocesan ministries and other worthy apostolates and charitable organizations. A priest friend recently told me that he has one parishioner who includes a note on his weekly check indicating how many family members attended that Mass. The amount on the check corresponds to that number as if he were purchasing tickets for the cinema! That is *not* stewardship, that is expressive of a consumerist mindset (paying for services rendered). Stewardship recognizes **all** as belonging to God, who has entrusted us to marshal these resources for the sake of the Kingdom. If each of us sees our parish as an important part of that, we will not have any trouble meeting our essential expenses. At this crucial time I would challenge all of you to prayerfully consider increasing your financial support for our parish.

An important coda to this reflection is the staggering amount of household debt that many of our families carry. Such debt comes from both needs (like a home mortgage or a loan for reliable transportation, medical bills) and wants (excessive credit card debt, boats, RVs etc.). If your situation is such that you are unable to contribute to the support of your parish because of such debts, I challenge you to sit down and make a plan to get out of debt.

You will find helpful resources at [www.compasscatholic.org](http://www.compasscatholic.org) and [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com).

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# ST. ANN'S PARISH

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 10 am*

*Confessions: Saturday 3pm*

*Tuesday 6pm Traditional Latin Mass*

*Wednesday : 6 pm - All Saints Day*

*Thursday & Friday: NO MASS*

*Rosary on Monday thru Friday 7:30 am*

**Legion of Mary**  
Sherry Kutz, President  
Hank Lagerman, Vice President  
Carleen Miller, Secretary  
Eileen Lagerman, Treasurer

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Teresa Marie Koch—Leader  
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**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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)**



# 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](mailto:bjlueckenotte@gmail.com) or telephone (816) 304-6221.

## 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, Nov 3: 4 pm

Sacristan Veronica Durando  
Server Oscar, Zak, & Jesse Kittelson  
Lector Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen  
EMHC Elaine Stoll & Della Mallen  
Usher Open

## Sunday, Nov 4: 10 am

Sacristan Sophia Durando  
Server Paul & Mark Durando, Jon Friedl, & Ryder Dalinghaus  
Lector Karen Trotter & Dino Durando  
EMHC Joan & Vince Seiler  
Usher Mindy Beall, Eric Whitlow, JC Roberts & Eric Niemann,

### NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Anne Martin

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Eric Niemann & Volunteer



**Saturday, Oct 27: 4 pm People of the Parish**

**Sunday, Oct 28: 10 am + Mark Schwery**

By: JC & Colleen Roberts

**Tuesday, Oct 30: Private Intention**

**Wednesday, Oct 31: 6 pm People of the Parish**

**Thursday, Nov 1: NO MASS**

**Friday, Nov 2: NO MASS**

**Saturday, Nov 3: 4 pm + Jean Gassman**

By: Charles & Betty Harper

**Sunday, Nov 4: 10 am**

By: JC & Colleen Roberts



Good Shepherd Parish Annual "Harvest Dinner"

You are cordially invited to the 2018 Harvest Dinner

November 4th from 11:30 - 2 pm in the Parish Hall

Homestyle Roasted Turkey Dinner with Sides

Drink and Dessert

Adults \$10 Seniors \$9 Children (4-10) \$4

Children under 4 Free

Country Store Hand-crafted treats, goodies and more!

Come and have some fun!

## Weekend Collection Oct 20 & 21, 2018

Envelopes: \$1,196 Plate: \$143 Candles: \$11 Maintenance

Fund: \$25 Mass Stipends: \$40 2nd Collection: \$198

**Total Parish: \$1,613**

**2nd Collection: Dec 8 & 9 - Religious Retirement**

### Collections:

**Oct to Date: \$ 5,784.00**

**Oct Budget: \$11,831.42**

**Year-To-Date: \$ 36,970.68**

**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 - Nov 2 - 8:30am - Noon**

**Altar Society Meeting - To be determined**

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

**Donut Sunday - Oct 28th -**

**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 goal is 100% participation.

No gift is too small. Please join our efforts.

The goal for St. Ann's parish is \$11,850

Thank you for all your help and support of the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.



## 2019 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Registration is now open for the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 17-19.

This three-day trip will include Mass each day,

Rally on the National Mall, and participation in the 2019 March for Life.

Registration will remain open through Wednesday, December 12th.

The current early-bird rate of \$285 per person will be available through Wed., October 31st.

The amount will increase slightly to \$315 after October 31st. Registration forms available on-line at: [www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org) Pilgrims under the age of 18 must also complete a copy of the diocesan youth medical release form.

All minors not traveling with an adult will be assigned a Virtus-certified adult chaperone.

A space may be reserved for the pilgrimage by submitting a non-refundable deposit of \$100 at anytime.

Total payment must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.



## CHILI SUPPER

Knights of Columbus are holding their Annual Chili Dinner

On Friday, November 16th. Serving from 5 pm till 8 pm.

Preparations will begin at 8 am that day.

Chili, Veggies, Dessert & Drink

\$5.00 per person (Take-out available)

Tickets will be on sale at the door and after masses.

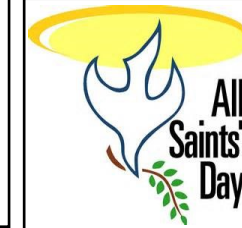
## Prayer Corner



*"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 of Obligation

November 1st

All Saints' Day

**Wednesday October 31 - St. Ann, Plattsburg - Vigil Mass at 6pm**

**Thursday November 1 - St. Joseph,**

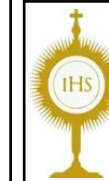
Easton - Holy Day Evening Mass 6pm

**\*These are the only two Masses to be offered for this Holy Day\***



**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR ON NOVEMBER 3rd.**

Also change the batteries in your smoke detectors!



You and your family are invited to spend one hour with Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament during the night of November 3rd & 4th at St. Ann's Church.

The hours of Nocturnal Adoration will start after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday the 3rd and Sunday the 4th until 10 am.

The sacrifice we make as a parish family, by changing our routine and giving up some sleep to spend this time of vigil and prayer with our Lord, will and has been greatly rewarded in spiritual gifts to our parish and communities.

This is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

(Schedules for the Knights are in the back of church)

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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more info.