

Those of you who regularly read the column on the back of the bulletin probably noticed that the version of Bishop Johnston's letter which we published last week was slightly different than the letter I read from the pulpit. The blame lies entirely with me. Though we printed the correct edition of the letter in the bulletin, I mistakenly printed and read an earlier version at Mass last weekend. If you have not already read the letter, I would encourage you to do so. You can find the bishop's letter on-line at www.kcsjatholic.org/2018/08/lord-save-us/.

I am writing my column on Wednesday morning, August 29. Though I am on vacation, a priest is not to be excused from his regular prayer life, including the Liturgy of the Hours and the celebration of Mass – two formal ways by which the priest fulfills his obligation to pray daily for the flock entrusted to him, and to be united with Jesus in an intimate way. Today (Wednesday) is the feast of the **Beheading of St. John the Baptist**. You will recall that Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, first acknowledged His Divine Presence when they were both infants in the wombs of their respective mothers (Luke 1:41). During his public preaching, John gave example to all who would follow Christ whom he proclaimed, saying about Jesus, "He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3:30). Finally, John was arrested by King Herod because he publicly denounced Herod's (very public) adultery with his sister-in-law, Herodias (Mark 6:17-29). John would not remain silent in the face of evil, even if such evil was accepted by the culture, or committed by a man of great power. Sadly, we in the Church have come to learn of deplorable actions which are both serious crimes and grave sins committed by men who should have been emulating John the Baptist, but instead used their position as priests – even bishops and cardinals – to cloak their vices and predilections. It is small wonder that these same men, who were compromised personally first, also refused to publicly preach on moral matters related to marriage and human sexuality.

Over twenty years ago, while using the fledgling internet to research vocations information and programs of priestly formation, I remember coming across a few sordid tales about such behavior. Based on my experience of the Church to that point, I was quick to dismiss these unbelievable stories as "anti-Catholic quackery". Two years before I was ordained, a combination earthquake, avalanche, tsunami, erupted which blew the lid off decades of sexual abuse on the part of priests. It was stomach-churning then, and it remains every bit as distressing to this day. However, we were assured that the Bishops of the United States were honorable and responsible men and that they would take care of it. Little did we know that one of the most public spokesmen for this effort, Theodore McCarrick, had an entire beach house full of his own sexual skeletons. Now information has come out that, despite multiple attempts to pass information regarding this man up the chain of command, he continued to rise through the ranks of the hierarchy and continued to wield significant influence in the Church throughout the world all the way up until he was stripped of his Cardinal's red hat last month. I pray that a true investigation will bring to justice *all* who covered up for McCarrick and result in a purge which will bring some healing to the wounds of the Church, and begin to restore our trust in the hierarchy.

As I have said on several occasions, I wonder why anybody remains. **Jesus Christ** is still the only answer anybody can give for staying in the Church. Perhaps it is cold comfort, but even our Lord chose Judas (whom He knew would betray Him) as one of the twelve. Perhaps he did this to strengthen his little flock so that we would always be mindful of the true nature of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. Our Lady of Victory, Pray for us, St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle!

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ST. ANN'S PARISH

Sunday, September 2, 2018 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 10 am

Confessions: Saturday 3pm

*** No Weekday Mass Aug. 20—Sept. 7 ***

Rosary Novena will be held as follows:

Monday, Wednesday - Friday: 7:30am

Tuesday 5:30pm

Legion of Mary

Sherry Kutz, President
Hank Lagerman, Vice President
Carleen Miller, Secretary
Eileen Lagerman, Treasurer

Faith Formation Team

Teresa Marie Koch—Leader
Roxanne Durando
Greg Kittelson
Terry Miller

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight
Steve Van Horn

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



Email: stann001@centurytel.net
Website: www.stannplattsburg.org
Business Manager: Marge Kinney

Hall Rental: Leave a message on the office phone

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 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 or telephone (816) 304-6221.

Saturday, Sept 1: 4 pm	
Sacristan	Sophia Durando
Server	Eli, Zak, & Oscar Kittelson
Lector	Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen
EMHC	Charlie Harper & Della Mallen
Usher	Open
Sunday, Sept 2: 10 am	
Sacristan	Rachel Friedl
Server	Michael & Jon Friedl, Paul Durando & Carter Watt
Lector	Karen Trotter & Vince Seiler
EMHC	Joan Seiler & Mary Ann Downey
Usher	Mindy Beall, Eric Whitlow, Eric Niemann, & Herman Gillotte
NURSING HOME MINISTRY	
Oakridge: Anne Martin	
MONEY COUNTERS: Eric Niemann & volunteer	

Saturday, Sept 8: 4 pm	
Sacristan	Veronica Durando
Server	Jesse & Eli Kittelson, Ryder Dalinghaus
Lector	Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen
EMHC	Elaine Stoll & Charlie Harper
Usher	Open
Sunday, Sept 9: 10 am	
Sacristan	Charlotte Richey
Server	Paul & Mark Durando, Philip Richey, Carter Watton
Lector	Mary Ann Downey & Terry Miller
EMHC	Chris & Christine Broderick
Usher	Vince Seiler, JC Roberts, Eric Niemann & Herman Gillotte
NURSING HOME MINISTRY	
Oakridge: Eric Niemann	
MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Hale & Cathy Hanson	

 <i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Saturday, Sept. 1: 4 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Sept 2: 10 am	+ James Maples
By: Dan & Georgia O'Connor	
* No Weekday Mass Aug. 20 - Sept. 7 *	
Saturday, Sept. 8: 4 pm	Graduates of St. Margaret of Scotland Homeschool Group
Sunday, Sept 9: 10 am	People of the Parish

Weekend Collection August 25 & 26, 2018	
Envelopes: \$2,140 Plate: \$91 Mass Stipends: \$325 Cemetery: \$270	
Total Parish: \$2,826	
2nd Collection: Sept 15 & 16 - Latin America Apostolate	
Collections:	
August to Date: \$ 8,604.00	
August Budget: \$ 11,831.42	
Year-To-Date: \$ 21,063.50	
Yearly Budget: \$ 141,977.48	
Thank you for supporting St. Ann's Parish	

LABOR DAY BLESSING

O God, you asked St. Joseph to accept your will that his wife-to-be would have a Son. St. Joseph accepted your will and worked with Jesus as his father and teacher. We seek your blessing upon all the work of our hands, and we dedicate our work to your greater glory. We ask your blessing upon all workers, especially those who work to make our lives easier and more enjoyable. We ask all this through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, in the name of Jesus your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us.

MEETINGS and Events

Adoration: No First Friday Adoration in September

Altar Society Meeting - To be determined

Knights of Columbus: 3rd Tues. of the month 6:45 pm Sept 30th - Knights of Columbus - Biscuits & Gravy after Mass

LEGION OF MARY will be meeting on Monday evenings at the home of Sherry Kutz.

Please see Terry or Carleen Miller for directions.



Novena for Our Nation Began Aug. 15!

Everyone from around the nation is encouraged to join ranks as, united, we pray the very powerful 54 Day Rosary Novena from the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7:

www.novenaforournation.com.

Starting on August 15 pray the Joyful Rosary, day 2 pray the Sorrowful Rosary, day 3 the Glorious Rosary. Then start over on day 4 continuing until you have completed a rosary each day for 27 days in petition for our Nation. Then follow with another 27 days of thanksgiving the same as the first 27 days ending on October 7 the day of the Coast to Coast Rosary Rally:
(Rosary Coast to Coast).



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just as you celebrate Labor Day at the end of summer, you can also celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

It's a positive, simple, common sense private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. A weekend renews the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days.

The next Weekends in Kansas City are **September 14-16, 2018 and November 9-11, 2018.**

For more information or to apply, please visit our website:
www.wwme4youandme.org
or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066
or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE BEEN BETRAYED?

Have you discovered your husband viewing pornography?
Don't know where to turn?
Can your marriage survive this betrayal?
There *IS* help and hope for healing.

Enduring Love is a confidential group provides support for women whose husbands have battled infidelity or pornography; this is an ecumenical ministry approved by the diocese.

Contact: **Robyn Brumble: (816) 560-7052** for more information

www.bloomforcatholicwomen.com is an on-line resource to help women recover from the betrayal trauma.



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

For our shut-ins

Lee Schwery, Levina Reuter, Tony Rizzo, Msgr Bill Caldwell, Pauline Van Horn, Catherine Henley
"..a time to die.."
Helen M. O'Connor

SAVE THE DATE: SEVEN DOLORS CHURCH

12750 Hurlingen Road, Easton

Come join us for some good food and family fun!

Autumn Food & Fun Saturday, Sept 15 - beginning at 4 pm
Picnic Style Dinner for \$10 (includes 4 tickets to play any games) Grilled Hamburger or 2 Grilled Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs
Baked Beans, variety of Chips, Homemade Desserts,
Ice Tea or Water

Bingo – Dessert Walk - Pop Toss– Jingle Board Silent Auction -
Country Store Grindstone Winery -Wine/Beer Soda
Bottled Water - Ice Cream for sale on grounds

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, MO.

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.