

From Fr. Totton's Desk

The Liturgical Year is quickly reaching its conclusion. In less than a month, we will begin a new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent on Sunday, December 2. As we approach a new Year of Worship, I would like to use this column to reflect upon and review some of our assumptions and understandings about the Sacred Liturgy, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Many years ago, on a cold and snowy winter's morn, I was preparing for a weekday Mass in the sacristy at St. James. Due to the weather conditions, the congregation was lighter than normal – the sacristan and the server's mother were the only two souls in the pews – as time for Mass approached, the server, a boy of about 12 or 13, stopped to ask me, "Father, if nobody showed up, would you still celebrate Mass?" I answered his question with one of my own: "Matthew, if we could say that the Mass has an 'audience' who would that be?" With surprisingly little reflection, the server answered the question in one resounding word: "GOD!" "That's right I said, now ring the bell, and let's get started!"

To this day, I am edified when I think about that young man's grasp of the Mass. To ponder his insight is to be reminded that Mass is primarily an act of worship! I call this to mind when it looks like a smaller-than-usual congregation has gathered or when we have a "quiet" Mass due to lack of music support, or when those gathered, in the case of a funeral, for example, are unfamiliar with the responses that so many of us take for granted. I am also mindful that whenever the Mass is celebrated, the entire company of angels and saints is present, as we are transported, mystically, to God's throne in heaven. Still, there is something about basic "religion" (a word, the root of which means to be "re-connected") by which one is helped by the presence and fervent participation of other believers.

One of the most remarked upon phrases of the Second Vatican Council is "full, conscious and actual participation in the liturgy." Though the meaning of this phrase has been interpreted (and sometimes misinterpreted) in many ways, at its root, it means that the believers gathered are united as members of the one Mystical Body of Christ, to offer Jesus' Sacrifice to the Father. This "full, conscious and actual" participation happens *primarily* through our prayerful interior disposition at Mass, not so much by exercising special "ministries" within the Mass such as reading or serving or ushering, etc. To be sure, we *need* readers and ushers and servers, but those duties do not, in and of themselves constitute "full, conscious and actual participation" otherwise, the 95% of faithful who are "merely" in the pews are deprived of the opportunity to exercise *full, conscious and actual participation*.

Another aspect of Mass about which some are confused is its entertainment value. This usually comes to the surface when people describe Mass by what each "gets out of it." Usually, when someone says this, they are talking about whether or not they enjoyed the homily, or whether or not the music was "uplifting". To be sure, since the homily is part of this act of worship, it *should* be edifying to help the faithful enter into the worship, but we don't come to Mass merely to hear Father's musings! Thanks to the "magic" of the internet, one may now read any number of excellent bulletin reflections from priests throughout the world and have a better experience than they might have listening to the homily. If we judge Mass by how entertaining we found it to be, then we are missing the point! The same may be said for music. One may listen to any number of recorded songs of a quality or style far surpassing that which can be done in the average parish (with all due respect to our dedicated and skilled musicians) but the music at Mass is for the purpose of worship, *not* entertainment. When we sing at Mass, with the assistance of our music ministers, we are singing as an act of Divine Worship! GOD is our "audience".

The texts of the Mass also highlight the degree to which Mass is an act of Worship (of the Father, in the Son, *through* the Holy Spirit.). Easily over 85% of the Mass texts are prayers directed to God the Father. It is true that some of the texts involve a dialogue between the priest and the faithful ("The Lord be with you..." for example) but the vast majority of Mass texts indicate that the priest celebrant, Sacramentally configured to Christ, is speaking to the Father, language of Sacrifice, language of Divine Worship. All present at Mass are asked to exercise *Full, Conscious and Actual Participation* at Mass by uniting their prayers to those of Jesus through the prayers being offered on His behalf by the priest celebrant. In this regard, the priest, acting *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ) is *leading* the Faithful in Divine Worship, rather than conducting some form of religious-based entertainment for the Masses. Entertainment is for consumers, Mass is for Disciples – be a Disciple!

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ST. ANN'S PARISH

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 10 am

Confessions: Saturday 3pm

Tuesday 6pm Traditional Latin Mass

Wednesday & Thursday & Friday: 8 am

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Report Abuse
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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, 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, Nov 10: 4 pm	
Sacristan	Mary Lueckenotte
Server	Billy Lueckenotte, Zak, & Jesse Kittelson
Lector	Clare Pelzel & Bill Lueckenotte
EMHC	Judy McKowen & Charlie Harper
Usher	Open
Sunday, Nov 11: 10 am	
Sacristan	Rachel Friedl
Server	Jon Friedl, Carter Watton, Paul Durando, & Philip Richey
Lector	Mary Ann Downey & Karen Trotter
EMHC	Chris & Christine Broderick
Usher	Eric Niemann, JC Roberts, Vince Seiler, & Herman Gillotte
NURSING HOME MINISTRY	
Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton	
MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Hale & Cathy Hanson	

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

(We will be posting the amounts for St. Ann's)

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

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

For our shut-ins

Lee Schwery, Levina Reuter, Tony Rizzo, Msgr Bill Caldwell, Pauline Van Horn, Catherine Henley

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHNSTON

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph stands in mourning with our Jewish brothers and sisters after the heinous attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. Moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel of life, we decry hatred and all displays of anti-Semitism. Yet again, we call on our nation and public officials to confront the plague of gun violence. May Almighty God be with the victims and their families, and bring them comfort at this tragic time.

To our friends in the local Jewish community, know that you are not alone in your grief. Today we renew our commitment to joining you in building a just society that honors and respects the differences among us, in accord with the will of God our Creator.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov 3: 4 pm	+ Jean Gassman
By: Charles & Betty Harper	
Sunday, Nov 4: 10 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday, Nov 6:	Private Intention
Wednesday, Nov 7:	+ James Maples
By: Terry & Carleen Miller	
Thursday, Nov 8:	+ Pat Luckenbill
By: Tricia Wolf	
Friday, Nov 9:	+ Mary Ellen Mallen
By: Jerry & Doris Taylor	
Saturday, Nov 10: 4 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday, Nov 4: 10 am	+ Ashley Parton
By: Richard & Diane Hon	

Weekend Collection Oct 27 & 28, 2018

Envelopes: \$2,021 Plate: \$144 2nd Collection: \$50

Total Parish: \$2,215

2nd Collection: Dec 8 & 9 - Religious Retirement

Collections:

Oct to Date: \$ 7,949.00

Oct Budget: \$11,831.42

Year-To-Date: \$ 39,135.68

Yearly Budget: \$141,977.48

Thank you for supporting St. Ann's Parish

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

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.

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!

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to register. There are registration forms in the narthex on the table.

Please return the form and introduce yourself to Fr. Totton after Mass.

Welcome!

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.

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.

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-