

From the Pastor's Pen...

Spring is in the air!

I never cease to be impressed by the coming of this season, as the temperatures rise and the snows begin to melt (and melt and MELT...!) This year is a bit surreal with Easter coming as late as it is – By the way, the Date of Easter is moveable based on the lunar calendar – It is always the Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of Spring) and is tied loosely to the Jewish celebration of the Passover! Nevertheless, the birds begin to sing, and the trees begin to bud and the flowers begin to bloom...okay, I would have been a failure as a writer for Hallmark! Still, I enjoy taking a deep breath and going out for a long run! Additionally, I am excited to see another type of Springtime in the Parish!

The life of any parish (or set of parishes) seems to go through a cycle like that of the year (though the timing may be different). It was with some melancholy that I reflected on the fact that, between our two parishes, we had 14 funerals over the last year! Fourteen souls commended to the Mercy of God – and other additional deaths among the family and friends of our various parishioners. It felt like a late Autumn. Now, however, we begin to see new signs of life in our parishes. I would like to reflect on a few of them:

Two weeks ago, seven of our youth (from St. Joseph Parish) received the Sacrament of Confirmation along with many others from around the St. Joseph area when Bishop Johnston came to Cathedral to bestow this sacrament by which they were equipped to assume the role of spiritual warriors emboldened to proclaim Christ by their words and actions;

Last Saturday, I was privileged to witness the marriage of St. Ann's parishioners **Mindy (Beall)** and **Eric Whitlow!** Congratulations to them and to their families! Over the next several months there are several more weddings scheduled to take place here or elsewhere involving our parishioners! This is a sure sign of hope, for it portends an openness to God's Grace in a special way through the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony! In many cases, it also points to the potential for new life, and the Abundant Life that is bestowed in the gift of Baptism – but perhaps I am getting ahead of myself! Nevertheless, it is life-giving to witness the life-giving witness of husband and wife who stand before the Lord and invite Him to elevate their love for one another to an icon which reveals the tremendous love of Jesus for His bride, the Church!;

On Wednesday evening (April 3), there was an informational meeting to consider the formation of a parish-based troop for fathers and sons to provide for Catholic spiritual formation in the context of adventure and life-skills. Two dads (one from St. Joseph and one from St. Ann's) approached me about this some months ago indicating that they wanted to form such a troop in our area. Based on the scouting movement founded over 100 years ago by Lord Baden Powell, this troop will carry on a long legacy of forming boys into young men, but with a clear identity in Christ and a connection with our parishes. If you have boys of school age (1st– 12thgrade) and you are interested in becoming part of the troop, please contact Brian Gordon (St. Joseph's) at brianandmadgelyn@yahoo.com or Bill Lueckenotte (St. Ann's) at bjlueckenotte@gmail.com;

Finally, I would like to include a word of gratitude to all our St. Ann's parishioners who came out on Saturday morning to lend a hand to our annual parish spring clean-up / work day! Our parish buildings and grounds always look better after many hands pitch in to help!

- Fr. Totton



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

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Steve Van Horn, Grand Knight

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Teresa Marie Koch, Leader
Roxanne Durando
Greg Kittelson
Terry Miller

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.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.
Thursday.....8:00 a.m.
Friday.....8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday.....5:00 p.m.
Saturday.....3:00 p.m.

ADORATION

First Friday (May 3).....8:30am - Noon

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

Saturday, April 6, 4 pm	
SACRISTAN:	Charlotte Richey
SERVERS:	Oskar Kittleson, Eli Kittleson, Jesse Kittleson
LECTORS:	Judy McKowen, Steve Tinnen
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Open
Sunday, April 7, 10 am	
SACRISTAN:	Mary Lueckenotte
SERVERS:	Carter Watton, Mark Durando, Ryder Dalinghaus, Billy Lueckenotte
LECTORS:	Dino Durando, Terry Miller,
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Herman Gillotte, JC Roberts, Vince Seiler, Eric Niemann
NURSING HOME MINISTRY	
	Oakridge: Eric Niemann
MONEY COUNTERS: Eric Niemann, Cody Flores	

Saturday, April 13, 4 pm	
SACRISTAN:	Rachel Friedl
SERVERS:	Oskar Kittleson, Jon Freidl, Zak Kittleson
LECTORS:	Clare Pelzel, Judy McKowen
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Open
Sunday, April 14, 10 am	
SACRISTAN:	Sophia Durando
SERVERS:	Philip Richey, Paul Durando, Ryder Dalinghaus, Billy Lueckenotte
LECTORS:	Bill Lueckenotte, Karen Trotter
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Eric Whitlow, Mindy Whitlow, JC Roberts, Eric Niemann
NURSING HOME MINISTRY	
	Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton
MONEY COUNTERS: Mary Hale, Cathy Hanson	

Bill Lueckenotte 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

Saturday	April 6	Dirk and Marsha Brennan† by Steve Culver
Sunday	April 7	For the People
Wednesday	April 10	Don Pelzel† by Karen Trotter
Thursday	April 11	James Maples† By Dan and Georgia O'Connor
Friday	April 12	Tom and Pat Robertson† By Steve Culver
Saturday	April 13	Mary Ellen Mallen† by Curtis and Debi Cradic
Sunday	April 14	For the People

† Denotes Deceased

Please remember in prayer those who have died.
Grant them eternal rest and peace, O Lord!

Stations of the Cross 6 p.m.

April 12th



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 Mary's and the Church's work.

For information about the Legion of Mary meeting in this area, contact Terry and Carleen Miller at 816-217-9712.



Passion reading and outdoor Stations of the Cross

12 o'clock Noon on Good Friday, April 19

5775 S.E. Hwy W
Lathrop, MO 64465



FROM 116 HEAD SOUTH ON W
HWY ABOUT 4 MILES. MAILBOX
looks like A GRAY HOUSE with a
GREEN ROOF ON THE LEFT SIDE
OF THE ROAD.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend Collection — March 31		Overall Parish Collections:	
Envelopes:	\$ 1395	March to Date:	\$ 11,355
Plate:	\$ 279	March Budget:	\$ 11,831
Candles:	\$ 22		
Mass stipends	\$ 20		
Total Parish:	\$ 1,716.00	Year-to-Date	\$ 102,747
2nd Collection to Catholic Relief Services	\$ 427	Yearly Budget:	\$ 141,977
		(Our Fiscal Year runs from July through June)	

Notice: As of May 1st, 2019, the cost rental of our parish hall will be increased to \$75, with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 that will be applied to the total. There has not been an increase in 25 years, but our parish costs have increased in that time. Thank you for your understanding.

Contribution Statements for Income Tax Purposes...

Parishioners requesting a contribution statement for 2018 please email: stannplattsburg@gmail.com or leave a message on the parish voicemail at 816-539-2634. We will make every effort to issue statements in a timely manner.

Meetings and Events

Altar Society	TBA	
Legion of Mary	Monday	6:00 p.m.
Adoration	First Friday	8:30 a.m.– Noon
Parish Choir	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus:	Third Tuesday	6:45 p.m.
Parish Council:	TBA	

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 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, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers. For those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders; for the homeless, the addicted, the wounded, and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

For our homebound parishioners:

Lee Schwery, Levina Reuter, Msgr Bill Caldwell, Pauline Van Horn, Catherine Henley, Pam Grady



Unplanned, a movie based on the true story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who became pro-life is coming to St. Joseph March 28th-April 4th, showing three times a day currently at the Regal theater. Also at AMC theaters in KC. The movie had a very good first weekend turnout!

Visit Unplannedfilm.com for more information.

Please pray for those who have been impacted and wounded by the abortion industry and its promoters, including abortion workers.



All fathers of young sons interested in forming a troop at St. Ann and St. Joseph are invited. Please see Fr. Totton's back page reflection.

The Troops of Saint George is a fraternal Catholic nonprofit apostolate for priests, men, and young men looking for a life of adventure coupled with virtue.