

### From Fr. Totton's Desk

First off, this week, I would like to express, once again, my gratitude to **Marge Kinney** for her years of dedicated service to our parish. As she begins her retirement this week, and as she and Bill prepare in earnest to embark upon their next adventure, we wish them both many blessings, and, of course, they will remain in our prayers as they begin this new phase in their lives. That said, whenever there is transition, there will always be questions and maybe a small degree of uncertainty. I hope my words this week can answer a few of those questions and alleviate that uncertainty.

Each and every one of us has a different set of skills and gifts. Some of these are highly technical skills that are taught in formal educational settings, others are intuitive aspects of one's personality, and still other gifts come from the unique experiences which have formed and shaped a person over the course of his or her life. In fact, each of these gifts comes from God, and helps to shape the unique person that He has called us to be. I recall beginning my first pastorate many years ago. I followed a priest who had left a significant positive impact upon that parish and as a result, I often found myself trying to imitate him in his style, in his approach. After a while, I have to admit, I felt like I was wearing someone else's clothes – it didn't fit! Frankly, this made it impossible for me to provide the best pastoral care that I could provide and hindered my mission to the people of that parish. It was only when I admitted – to myself, and to the parish – that I was an entirely different person, a different priest, that I was finally able to serve the people of that parish in an effective manner. As we welcome **Penny Harrison**, please bear this in mind. She is not "replacing" Marge as if the two of them were interchangeable parts of an automobile. She comes to us with gifts by which God will bless our parish, if we are open to that Blessing. Thank you, in advance, for your warm welcome for Penny.

That said, this change of staff has also afforded me the opportunity to re-approach the pastoral and administrative needs of our two parishes in a way which will be both more efficient and more effective. While Marge functioned partly in the role of a business manager and partly in the role of a pastoral associate, Penny will operate primarily in a secretarial role, handling such things as scheduling (Mass duties, Mass intentions, Hall Rental, etc.), bulletin preparation, basic bookkeeping and other office-based tasks. Penny will keep office hours at Plattsburg on Wednesdays and at Easton on Thursdays. For many years, **Julie Moran** has been accountant for both parishes, and she will continue to provide expertise and excellent service in that role.

As parochial "administrator" I will handle the higher administrative tasks at both parishes, but my primary function is to be your pastor – *your shepherd*. This encompasses not only the regular celebration of Holy Mass and the Sacraments – especially Reconciliation – but also includes visiting hospitals, nursing homes and homebound parishioners; meeting with couples to prepare them for marriage and for their childrens' baptisms; meeting with grieving families as they plan and prepare for the funerals of deceased parishioners and other tasks, some of which Marge covered during her time with us. As you know, my direct phone number and my e-mail address are published on the cover of the bulletin. Please *do not hesitate* to contact me for any of the above pastoral matters. In an effort to provide more of a presence at St. Joseph Parish, I intend to begin regular office hours in Easton on Tuesdays. I also hope to begin celebrating a weekday Mass on Tuesdays at St. Joseph – but that will not begin until Mid-January. I will let you know of the details as soon as I am able to set the time.

Times of transition are bound to bring stress, and while everyone is working to make this as seamless as possible, please be patient with all involved. If you feel something has "fallen through the cracks" please don't hesitate to present this, with charity, so that we may address it.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton

### "Journey of Hope Divorce Ministry"

*Journey of Hope*, a simple, effective solution to bringing hope and healing to separated and divorced members of our parish communities. The program has a 17-year proven track record of having helped hundreds of men & women across the country understand the issues they face from a truly Catholic perspective.

The men's group begins Tues., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> and the women's group begins Wed., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, both 6:30-8:00 p.m.,  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 4503 Frederick.

For registration and/or more information, please contact Kathy Powers, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 232-2847.



# ST. ANN'S PARISH

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*This week's Mass & Confession Times:*

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

*Confessions: Tuesday 5:30pm Saturday 3pm*

*Tuesday 6pm Traditional Latin Mass*

*followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8 am*

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### 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

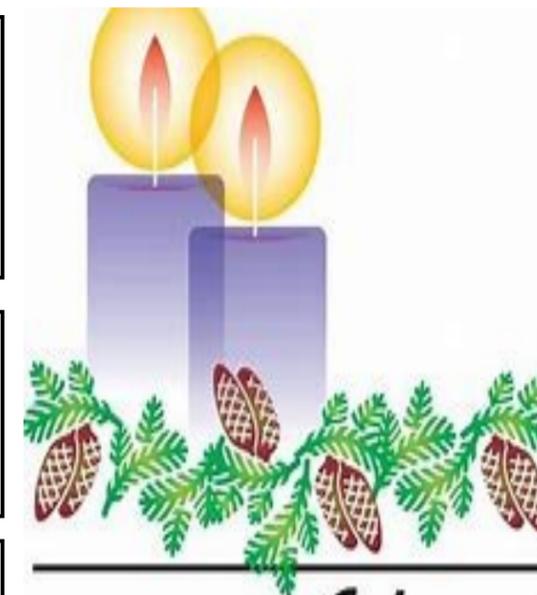
Greg Kittelson

Terry Miller

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight

Steve Van Horn



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

### Parish Council

Paul Broderick

Randy Dalinghaus

Carole Harris

Diane Hon

Julie Moran

Eric Niemann

Claudia Ziegler

### Altar Society

Loretta Broderick, President

Pat Clingan, Vice President

Shirley Schwery, Secretary

Lori Broderick, Treasurer

Website: [www.stannplattsburg.org](http://www.stannplattsburg.org)

Email: [stannplattsburg@gmail.com](mailto:stannplattsburg@gmail.com)

Secretary: Penny Harrison

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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)



# Ministry Schedule

**Bill Lueckenotte** coordinates scheduling for liturgical ministries. If you anticipate scheduling concerns for the next quarter, please contact him via email [billueckenotte@gmail.com](mailto:billueckenotte@gmail.com) or telephone (816) 304-6221. Once scheduled, you are responsible to arrange your own replacement / substitute.

**Saturday, Dec 8: 4 pm**  
Sacristan Rachel Friedl  
Server Jon Friedl, Zak & Eli Kittelson  
Lector Clare Pelzel & Bill Lueckenotte  
EMHC Elaine Stoll & Judy McKowen  
Usher Open

**Sunday, Dec 9: 10 am**  
Sacristan Sophia Durando  
Server Carter Watton, Philip Richey, Billy Lueckenotte, Paul Durando  
Lector Mary Ann Downey & Karen Trotter  
EMHC Chris & Christine Broderick  
Usher Vince Seiler, JC Roberts, Eric Niemann & Herman Gillotte

### NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Mary Hale & Cathy Hanson

**Saturday, Dec 15: 4 pm**  
Sacristan Veronica Durando  
Server Oskar, Zak & Eli Kittelson  
Lector Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen  
EMHC Elaine Stoll & Charlie Harper  
Usher Open

**Sunday, Dec 16: 10 am**  
Sacristan Kasandra Lueckenotte  
Server Billy Lueckenotte, Ryder Dalinghaus Paul & Mark Durando  
Lector Dino Durando & Bill Lueckenotte  
EMHC Pat Clingan & Mary Ann Garton  
Usher Mindy Beall, Eric Whitlow, Eric Niemann & JC Roberts

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**MONEY COUNTERS:** Karen Trotter & Chris Koch



**Saturday, Dec 8: 4 pm** People of the Parish

**Sunday, Dec 9: 10 am** + Anthony Rizzo

By: Vince & Joan Seiler

**Tuesday, Dec 11:** Private Intention

**Wednesday, Dec 12:** + Shirley Hanson

By: William & Gert Madsen

**Thursday, Dec 13:** + Jean Gassman

By: Bradley and Jan Wolf

**Friday, Dec 14:** + James Maples

By: Lee & Barbara Schwery

**Saturday, Dec 15: 4 pm** +Mary Ellen Mallen

By: Gerry Hales

**Sunday, Dec 16: 10 am** People of the Parish

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes.

"That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more.

Please support this week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

### Weekend Collection Dec 1 & 2, 2018

Envelopes: \$ 2,383 Plate: \$103 Candles: \$9

**Total Parish: \$2,495**

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

#### Collections:

**Dec to Date: \$ 2,495.00**

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

**Year-To-Date: \$ 49,660.68**

**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 - Dec 7 - 8:30am - Noon**

**Altar Society Meeting - To be determined**

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

**Donut Sunday - Dec 23 - Volunteers needed**

**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 overall goal is 100% participation.

No gift is too small. Please join our efforts.

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

Our generous gifts/pledges to date total: \$9,565

Thank you for all your help and support of the 2019

Annual Catholic Appeal.



### 2019 MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Registration is open for the

March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 17-19.

This three-day trip will include bus transport, daily Mass Rally on the National Mall, and participation in the 2019 March for Life.

Registration will remain open through Wednesday, December 12th.

Registration is \$315 for the full trip. Registration forms available on-line at: [www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org)

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



### ADOPT-A-FAMILY TREE

In the narthex is our Adopt-a-Family Tree.

Along with Ministerial Alliance we are adopting 4 families.

Each ornament contains the request of one child in need for one gift for Christmas.

Please take as many as you would like, and return the gift, wrapped, by **Sunday, December 16.**

Please make sure to label the gift with the **ornament** from the tree.

We will deliver the gifts, labeled with the child's name, before Christmas Eve.

May God bless you for providing for "one of these least ones" of His.



### 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**

*"..a time to die.."*

**Don Pelzel**



### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR

**ST. ANN'S & ST. JOSEPH'S**

**Christmas Eve Mass Schedule**

**St. Joseph, Easton - 5 pm**

(Nativity Pageant begins at 5 pm)

**St. Ann, Plattsburg - Midnight**

**Christmas Day Mass Schedule**

**10 am - St. Ann, Plattsburg**



**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**December 31st**

**Vigil Mass - 6 pm - St. Joseph, Easton**

**January 1st, 2019**

**10 am - St. Ann, Plattsburg**

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.

### Free On-Line Resources to make this your "Best Advent Ever!"

Dynamic Catholic is offering a **free** Advent subscription program to provide you with daily reflections delivered to your email inbox to help you keep a spiritual focus during this Advent Season.

Just type **BestAdventEver.com** into your internet browser and follow the instructions to sign up