

From the Pastor's Desk

In the week ahead, the Church celebrates two saints whose names, if not their deeds, are fairly familiar to most Catholics: St. Thomas Aquinas; and St. John Bosco. It is, perhaps, no mistake that these feasts generally coincide with the more recent celebration of "Catholic Schools Week." If this was merely an accident of human timing, we know that there are no mere accidents in Divine Providence. It is fitting, therefore, that we reflect a bit today about Catholic education.

The mere mention of "Catholic Education" will conjure up, for many, images of immaculate buildings filled with smartly-uniformed boys and girls eager to learn *reading, writing and arithmetic, and, oh yeah, religion!* If you are of a certain age, you may also remember a glimpse of a sister, however stern or joy-filled (usually a combination of both), clad in some form or distinctive habit, who was fulfilling her own vocation as a bride of Christ by imparting knowledge, to be sure, but hopefully, and what more important, love—Love for Jesus—to her young charges. Others have less favorable memories of their days in Catholic Schools. Of course, in our day and age, with the virtual disappearance of teaching sisters and a general shift in cultural priorities, traditional Catholic schools have become rare and in some places non-existent. The mandate for Catholic Education, remains!

We must remember that **Catholic education** takes place *primarily* in the home—and this is true for **all** families, whether a family chooses to homeschool your children or send them to a school outside the home (public, catholic or private). Catholic education is not simply taking an hour (each week or each day) reviewing facts and figures, doctrines and disciplines. Catholic education is living in a relationship with Jesus Christ and living out of *that relationship* in our relations with our spouse and children.

St. Thomas Aquinas was a man consumed with an insatiable hunger for knowledge. From an early age, he showed a great curiosity about the created world. This eventually led him to the One who created this world and gifted it to us! Contrary to the designs of his family, he joined the newly-formed *Order of Preachers* and began his studies under St. Albert the Great. His writings would come to form the basis of our systematic Theology, and really an anchor for the entire Western philosophical tradition. His study of Theology was *not* a dry, academic endeavor, but a passionate pursuit of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and his writings became the expression of that love. Near the end of his earthly life, St. Thomas was granted a supernatural vision of God which eclipsed all the understanding that he had ever had. In response to this vision, he gestured toward the library of his writings and pronounced: "it is all straw!" While we all have much to learn from the works of St. Thomas Aquinas, the greatest lesson he has left us was first uttered by Moses: "*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*" (Deuteronomy 6:5)

St. John Bosco was a young priest in the industrial city of Turin in northern Italy at the dawn of the industrial revolution. Many families had migrated to the cities looking for work in the new factories. As a result, the life of the family often disintegrated, many children were orphaned and even those children with two remaining parents would often be left on their own through much of the day. St. John Bosco sought to gather these children, to teach them basic knowledge and provide them with training in skilled trades which would benefit them in the new economy. Above all, though, he wanted to impart them with Love for Jesus Christ. He did this, first and foremost, by living his own vocation to holiness. He was known to be gentle, even in rebuking his students, for he sought to reflect God's paternal care for all his children. Though they were places of both learning and work, his homes were, above all, to be places of prayer. Therefore he called them "oratories" rather than "schools" or "workshops".

What can we learn about Catholic education from these two saints? Of course there are many things, but three come immediately to mind: 1. Catholic education means responding to Jesus' call to discipleship; 2. Catholic Education happens primarily in our homes and in our lives, though this *may* be supplemented by parochial schooling or parish religious education programs; 3. As long as we live in this world, we will never come to a completion of our Catholic education—it is not something we "graduate from" though our completion of a course of studies. It is a daily response to the call of Jesus. As we grow in Love for Him, so we are able to *lead* others to experience His Love.

- Father Joseph Totton



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

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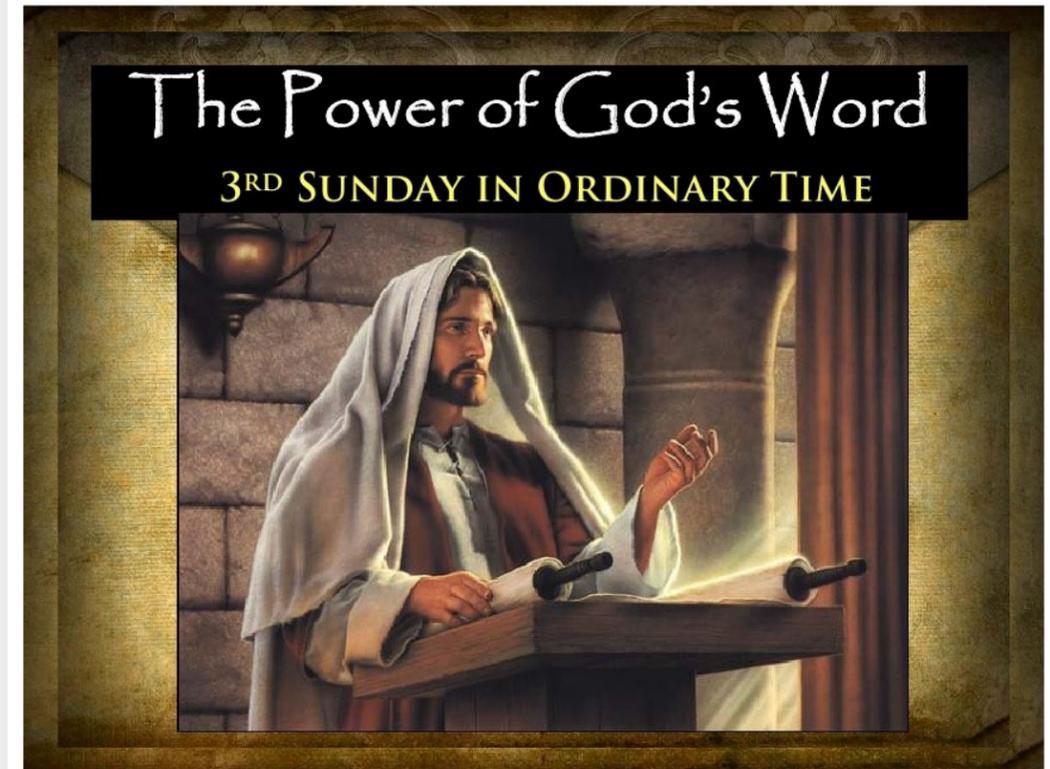
Steve Van Horn, Grand Knight

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

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

Tuesday 6 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday5:30 p.m.
Saturday.....3:00 p.m.
Or by appointment: please call 816-294-9841

ADORATION

Tuesday 6:30—7:30pm following Mass
First Friday Adoration— February 1st, 2019
N.B. Benediction will be at 11am on 2/1

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, January 26, 4 pm	
SACRISTAN:	Kasandra Lueckenotte
SERVERS:	Oskar, Jesse and Eli Kittelson
LECTORS:	Clare Pelzel and Bill Lueckenotte
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Open
Sunday, January 27, 10 am	
SACRISTAN:	Veronica Durando
SERVERS:	Ryder Dalinghaus, Jon Friedl, Paul Durando, Carter Watton
LECTORS:	Terry Miller and Paul Broderick
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Mindy Beall, Herman Gillotte, Eric Niemann, Eric Whitlow
<u>NURSING HOME MINISTRY</u>	
	Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton
<u>MONEY COUNTERS:</u>	
	Eric Niemann and Cathy Hanson

Saturday, February 2, 4 pm	
SACRISTAN:	Mary Lueckenotte
SERVERS:	Zak, Jesse and Eli Kittelson
LECTORS:	Bill Lueckenotte and Steve Tinnen
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	Open
Sunday, February 3, 10 am	
SACRISTAN:	Charlotte Richey
SERVERS:	Ryder Dalinghaus, Jon Friedl, Carter Watton, Paul Durando
LECTORS:	Mary Ann Downey and Vince Seiler
EMHC:	(None During Flu Season)
USHERS:	JC Roberts, Herman Gillotte, Eric Niemann, Vince Seiler
<u>NURSING HOME MINISTRY</u>	
	Oakridge: Anne Martin
<u>MONEY COUNTERS:</u>	
	Eric Niemann and Cody Flores

Bill Lueckenotte coordinates scheduling for liturgical ministries. If you anticipate scheduling concerns for the next quarter, please contact him via email bjlueckenotte@gmail.com or telephone 816.304.6221. Once scheduled, you are responsible to arrange your own replacement/substitute.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	January 26
4:00 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday	January 27
10:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Mallen † By Lee and Barb Schwery
Tuesday	January 29
6:00 p.m.	Bonnie Gillotte †
Wednesday	January 30
8:00 a.m.	Don Pelzel † by James and Anna Richerson
Thursday	January 31
8 a.m.	Helen O'Connor † by Al and Shirley Schwery
Friday	February 1
8 a.m.	Anthony Rizzo † by Vince and Joan Seiler
Saturday	February 2
4 p.m.	Charlotte Ballard † by Charlie and Betty Harper
Sunday	February 3
10 a.m.	Our Parishioners

† Denotes Deceased

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

Choir forming for Lent and Holy Week	
Our First rehearsal is Wednesday, January 30th . We will rehearse weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Unless otherwise noted, rehearsals will take place in the <u>choir loft</u> . We will sing at Mass on Ash Wednesday, alternating Sundays during Lent, Good Friday Service and Easter Sunday.	
If you plan to participate, please call Roxanne Durando at 816.724.9478 so that we can plan for materials.	

Meetings and Events

Doughnut Sunday	TODAY! Sunday, Jan 27 11 a.m.
Altar Society	Friday, February 1 at Noon Business Luncheon at Pizza Hut
Adoration	First Friday 8:30 a.m.– 11 a.m.
Parish Choir	Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus:	Third Tuesday 6:45 p.m.



DONUT SUNDAY

Donut Sunday Sign-Up Sheet on table in Narthex.
We need volunteers!

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend Collection — Jan12-13		Overall Parish Collections:	
Envelopes:	\$1,035	Jan to Date:	\$ 9,009
Plate:	\$256	Jan Budget:	\$11,831
Candles:	\$43	Year-to-Date	\$81,222.68
Total Parish:	\$1,334	Yearly Budget:	\$141,977
Weekend Collection—Jan 19-20		(Our Fiscal Year runs from July through June)	
Envelopes:	\$1,572		
Plate:	\$614		
Total Parish:	\$2,186		
Second Collection:	\$343		

Thank you for supporting **your** Parish.

Contribution Statements for Income Tax Purposes...

Parishioners requesting a contribution statement for 2018 are kindly requested to send an email to 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.

First Saturday Devotion

Mass and Confessions at Mir House of Prayer.
Fr. Christian Malewski, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, offers Confession at 7:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:00 a.m. every first Saturday of the month at Mir House of Prayer, 6492 NE Hwy 6 in St. Joseph.

Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend contact registration team: Local Telephone @ 800.470.2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Prayer Corner

"To everything there is a season and time . . .

for every purpose under heaven."

—Ecc. 3-11



" . . . a time to heal . . . "

Philip Kramer, Brenda Iams, JB Lile, Tricia Wolf, Breanna Beall, Nancy Totton, Amy Dobrowsky, 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 and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Please notify the parish office of any new intentions or of any names that should be removed.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January 2019:

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Bishop Johnston's Prayer Intention for January 2019

"My January intention is for the homeless and those who have no immediate family to help them."

Let us pray to the Lord...



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.