

Saint Ann Parish

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From the Pastor's Desk

From February 4 through March 4, I will be away from the parish. In the next three weeks, please pray for me as I provide chaplain support to sailors, Marines and airmen who are stationed far from home. After 3 weeks of temporary duty, I will travel to Gulfport, MS to drill with my Reserve Unit, the 27th Naval Mobile Construction Battalion — SeaBees. Though headquartered in Mississippi, most of our detachments are in the northeastern United States, and so we are also known as “SkiBees—the Navy’s cold-weather construction battalion” Quite ironically, the current temperature in Gulfport is a sunny 55 degrees. (It is 8 in Plattsburg / Easton right now!). I look forward to returning by Ash Wednesday just in time to kick off an epic late Lenten season. Thank you in advance for the care and hospitality you provide to Fr. Justin Hoye (February 9-10) and Fr. Paul Richardson (February 15-March 3).

- Fr. Joseph Totton

From the Pen of Fr. George Rutler

(From January 27, 2019)

This past Thursday was the feast of Saint Francis de Sales, whose intercession we need because he is the patron of journalists and there are those who say, with some claim to cogency, that journalism is dead because it is biased and predictable. Ironically, since he was a journalist himself, G.K. Chesterton said that writing badly is the definition of journalism.

That was a century ago, but in the thirteenth century B.C., long before we had moveable type, Ramesses the Great used hieroglyphics to tout his heroic victory at the Battle of Kadesh, even though he had been defeated. In 1475 A.D., Pope Sixtus IV tried unsuccessfully to expose the “blood libel” fake news of the people of Trent against Jews. Benjamin Franklin misused his printing press to accuse King George III of inciting the “Indian Savages” against the white colonists. Samuel Adams falsely claimed in print that Thomas Hutchinson supported the Stamp Tax, with the result that the beleaguered man’s house was burned to the ground in 1765. George Washington quit public life because of “a disinclination to be longer buffeted in the public prints by a set of infamous scribblers.”

The other day, intemperate journalists accused youths from a Catholic high school in Covington, Kentucky, of making racial threats against an elderly Native American during the March for Life. Videos proved that there was no truth to it, but a flurry of “virtue signaling” berated the boys without giving them a chance to testify. One might expect that from secular bigots, but not from their own diocese with its knee-jerk condemnation of the youths. Apologies have been coming in, but probably the last to correct themselves will be the epicene Church bureaucrats.

Quickly, *The Washington Post* published a screed against “the shameful exploitation” of Native Americans by the Catholic Church. No mention was made of the Jesuit Martyrs who endured torture and death to bring the Gospel to the native peoples, or of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha who was exiled by her own Mohawks for her love of Christ, or Saint Junipero Serra who transformed the fortunes of the indigenous California “gatherer” culture, or Saint Katherine Drexel who donated her vast inheritance to establish fifty missions among the native peoples, or heroic Bishop Martin Marty of the Dakota Territory, or Father Pierre De Smet who enabled the Fort Laramie Sioux Treaty of 1868 and so befriended Chief Tatanka Iyotake (“Sitting Bull”) that the chief wore a crucifix to his dying day and encouraged his friend Buffalo Bill Cody to be baptized the day before he died. Defamation by journalists is sinful, but to detract from saints is blasphemous.

The mental image of Pope Leo XIII applauding the Wild West Show of Buffalo Bill and Chief Sitting Bull on tour in Rome would confound *The Washington Post*. But that is a fact, and Catholics who do not know their history are accountable for letting it be maligned.

Father George William Rutler is pastor of St. Michael's Parish in New York City.

A longer version of this column is also available in the Crisis Magazine article "Infamous Scribblers": <https://www.crisismagazine.com/.../infamous-scribblers-virtue-signalers-on-the-warpath>

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019

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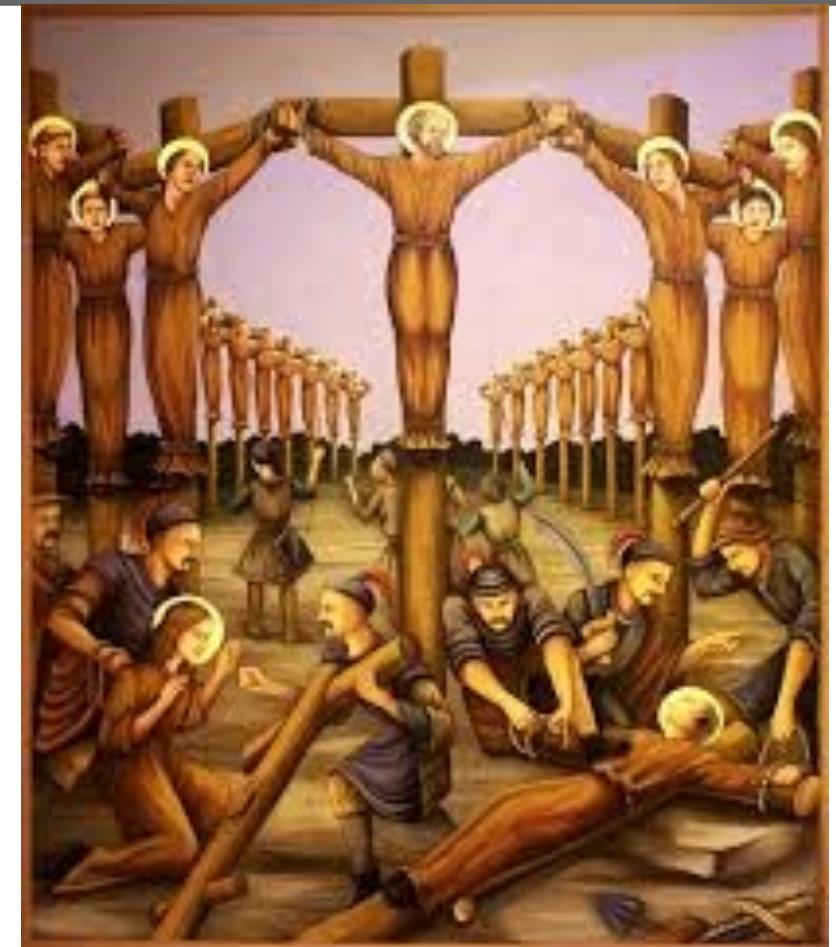
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FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Teresa Marie Koch, Leader
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HALL RENTAL

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February 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs of Japan

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday.....10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

No Weekday Mass
February 4—February 15

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:00 p.m.

ADORATION

First Friday Adoration March 1st
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, 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: Paul Durando, Ryder Dalinghaus, Jon Friedl, Carter Watton,
LECTORS: Mary Ann Downey and Vince Seiler
EMHC: (None During Flu Season)
USHERS: JC Roberts, Herman Gillotte, Eric Niemann, Vince Seiler

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Anne Martin

MONEY COUNTERS:

Eric Niemann and Cody Flores

Saturday, February 9, 4 pm

SACRISTAN: Charlotte Richey
SERVERS: Paul and Mark Durando, Billy Lueckenotte
LECTORS: Clare Pelzel, Judy McKowen
EMHC: (None During Flu Season)
USHERS: Open

Sunday, February 10, 10 am

SACRISTAN: Rachel Freidl
SERVERS: Carter Watton, Jon Freidl, Phillip Richey, Ryder Dalinghaus
LECTORS: Karen Trotter, and Terry Miller
EMHC: (None During Flu Season)
USHERS: Mindy Beall, Eric Whitlow, Vince Seiler, J.C. Roberts

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 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 February 2

4:00 p.m. Charlotte Ballard †
by Charlie and Betty Harper

Sunday February 3

10:00 a.m. Our Parishioners

Tuesday-Friday No Daily Mass

Saturday February 9

4:00 p.m. Shirley Hanson †
by William and Gert Madsen

Sunday February 10

10:00 a.m. Kelly Flores †
by Mike Flores

† 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

We will rehearse weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Unless otherwise noted, rehearsals will take place in the choir loft.

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.



RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Friday, March 22, 2019 - 9:00am to Sunday, March 24, 2019 - 11:30am

Conception Abbey Retreat Center

go to: www.kcsjfamily.org/calendar/2019-03-22/light-life

or call 816.714.2373 for more information

PARISH SUPPORT

| Weekend Collection — Jan 26—27 | | Overall Parish Collections: | |
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| Envelopes: | \$1,755 | Jan to Date: | \$11,080 |
| Plate: | \$302 | Jan Budget: | \$11,831 |
| Candles: | \$14 | | |
| Total Parish: | \$2,071 | Year-to-Date | \$83,771.18 |
| Second Collection: | \$710 | Yearly Budget: | \$141,977 |
| | | (Our Fiscal Year runs from July through June) | |

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.

Meetings and Events

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| Altar Society | TBA | |
| 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...”

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.

For our homebound parishioners:

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

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no single 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 parish 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: **\$11,340 pledged by 28 parish households**. Thank you for all your help and support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal.

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.

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 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES