

From the Pastor's Desk

HOW SIN MAKES YOU AN INSANE ZOMBIE

By Fr. Dwight Longenecker

I think it was Mark Shea who coined the phrase "Sin Makes You Stupid". I'd push it further and say "Sin Makes You Insane". In fact I'd say "Sin Makes You an Insane Zombie".

At the very heart of all sin is pride and selfishness. This is the assumption that you are the king of the hill, the god or goddess in your universe and if something is wrong it is always somebody else's fault.

We see this blame of others at every level of life—within marriages, within families, in every kind of community where people are gathered together. It is there from the tiniest bit of gossip in the schoolyard through to international relations which end in war. Somebody else is always to blame.

Now the problem with this is that the person doing the blaming really honestly believes it is the other person's fault, and if it is at least a little the other person's fault (which is usually is) then they are even more convinced in their blaming of the other person.

This develops into a huge blind spot. We don't see the blame that we're doing. We really believe the other person is the whole problem. If we mix religion into it the syndrome becomes even more intense because God is on our side. We're right. The other side is wrong, and we must fight the other side because eternal salvation is up for grabs.

A downward spiral develops. Believing the other person really is to blame increases our own self-righteousness and pride. This leads to more blaming which leads to an even greater sense of our self-righteousness and before long we are not only blaming the other person but we are entertaining rage against them and planning an attack of some kind.

This leads to the kind of insanity which increasingly marks our social discourse, our conversations about our religion, our interactions in our communities and in our families.



If insanity is a false perception of reality, then this is a kind of insanity. Furthermore, when we gang up with other people suffering from the same insanity we form an insanity tribe in which we support and reinforce each other's insanity and the sickness becomes even more incurable. Then our insanity tribe begins to blame and war against some other insanity tribe like maddened zombies.

Should anyone stop and say, "Hey. This behavior is insane. We should stop." The whole insanity tribe will turn on that person with infernal rage. At last they have found the true enemy!

I have a theory that the current crop of zombie movies and TV shows are a reflection of this kind of insane behavior. The zombies klodge around brain dead and soul less—eaten up by a diabolical disease that they can do nothing about and yet they are driven by rage—like some internal infernal dynamo they continue in their mindless rampage.

How to avoid it? Taking a long, hard, serious look at ourselves. Can you laugh at yourself and your cherished opinions? If not watch out.

How else to maintain spiritual sanity? Check every impulse to blame others and at the heart, take responsibility for oneself through the grace and beauty of repentance.

It's a good thing Lent is coming up. We need it.

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-Fr. Joseph Totton



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February 24, 2019

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HALL RENTAL

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday (Ordinary Form).....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.....8:00 a.m.

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 23, 4 pm

SACRISTAN: Mary Lueckenotte
SERVERS: Oskar Kittleson, Eli Kittleson, Zak Kittleson
LECTORS: Clare Pelzel, Judy McKowen
EMHC: (None During Flu Season)
USHERS: Open

Sunday, February 24, 10 am

SACRISTAN: Charlotte Richey
SERVERS: Mark and Paul Durando, Philip Richey, Carter Watton
LECTORS: Dino Durando, Paul Broderick
EMHC: (None During Flu Season)
USHERS: Herman Gillotte, Eric Niemann, Eric Whitlow, Mindy Beall

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Oakridge: Mary Ann Garton

MONEY COUNTERS:

Paul and Lori Broderick

Saturday, March 2, 4 pm

SACRISTAN: Rachel Friedl
SERVERS: Jesse Kittelson, Eli Kittleson, Jon Friedl
LECTORS: Judy McKowen, Steve Tinnen
EMHC: (None During Flu Season)
USHERS: Open

Sunday, March 3, 10 am

SACRISTAN: Charlotte Richey
SERVERS: Ryder Dalinghaus, Philip Richey, Carter Watton
LECTORS: Karen Trotter, Vince Seiler
EMHC: (None During Flu Season)
USHERS: Herman Gillotte, Eric Niemann, J.C. Roberts, Vince Seiler

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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 February 23
 4:00 p.m. Charlotte Ballard†
 by Barb and Lee Schwery

Sunday February 24
 10:00 a.m. For the People

Tuesday February 26
 6:00 p.m. Special Intention

Wednesday February 27
 8:00 a.m. James Maples†
 by Brant and Mary Ann Downey

Thursday February 28
 8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Mallen†
 by Curtis and Debi Cradic

Friday March 1
 8:00 a.m. Helen O'Connor†
 by Charles and Betty Harper

Saturday March 2
 4:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday March 3
 10:00 a.m. Don Pelzel†
 by John and Helen Pipes

† 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.

Cursillo Weekend

Every 6 months a 3-day Cursillo retreat takes place. Men and women in the parish are invited to take part. Several parishioners have made one and would be willing to sponsor a new member. If you want to find out about it please call Richard or Diane Hon 816.6823839.



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.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend Collection — February 17		Overall Parish Collections:	
Envelopes:	\$1850	Jan to Date:	\$17,120
Plate:	\$ 215	Feb Budget:	\$11,831
Candles:	\$ 12		
Hall Rental:	\$ 50		
Total Parish:	\$2127	Year-to-Date	\$89,811.00
		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

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..."

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

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

"I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you."

Bishop Johnston's Prayer Intention for February

Please join me in prayer: my February intention is for those who experience profound loneliness.



The incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney, patron of parish priests, will be visiting the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 519 N. 10th Street in St. Joseph, on March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, 2019.

The Shrine of Ars, France, has made this major relic available for a national tour in the United States. The Knights of Columbus is hosting this tour and welcomes you to this special opportunity to offer veneration to a saint who is a model of holiness and integrity for clergy and laity alike.

The day will begin with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:00 a.m.; reception of the relic and Veneration follows throughout the day until 8:00 p.m.

Confessions will be made available. Evening Vespers begin at 5:30 p.m.

For more information about St. Jean Vianney and the relic tour, please visit www.kofc.org/vianney.