

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020, 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1728 Saint Joseph Street, Trenton MO 64683**  
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**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. Joseph's: Weekends: 8:30 AM Sunday; 4:00 PM Sunday**  
**Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday**  
**(Saturday at 8:30 AM is the traditional Latin Mass)**  
**Adoration at St. Joseph's at 6:00 PM on Tuesday's**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary: Weekends: 10:30 AM Sunday**

Sun	Sept 13	8:30 AM	SJ	Lauren Bradley	Fri	Sept 18	8:30 AM	SJ	Rita Dirkes
Sun	Sept 13	10:30 AM	IHM	+ Pat O'Halloran	Sat	Sept 19	8:30 AM	SJ	+ Vern Balk
Sun	Sept 13	4:00 PM	SJ	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM	Sun	Sept 20	8:30 AM	SJ	Gail Michael
Mon	Sept 14	8:30 AM	SJ	Victoria Michael	Sun	Sept 20	10:30 AM	IHM	Kelly Lammers
Tue	Sept 15	8:30 AM	SJ	Hannah Opie	Sun	Sept 20	4:00 PM	SJ	The People of St. Joseph's & IHM
Wed	Sept 16	8:30 AM	SJ	Robert Schmidt	<b>Confessions 30 minutes prior to every Mass</b>				
Thurs	Sept 17	8:30 AM	SJ	Josh Martin					

**OFFERING**      **SEPT 6**  
 St. Joseph's      \$ 1,420  
 IHM                      \$ 1,064

**Holy Hour at St. Joseph's**  
**Tuesday's a 6:00 P.M.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
*Katherine Jobson,*  
*Jolene Buffington, Tony Mundell*  
*Meghanne Zimmerman*

**FROM FATHER DREW**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14**

Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole. Anyone bitten by a *real* serpent that looked at the *bronze* serpent lived.

The saraph serpents were poisonous snakes. They were covered with fiery red spots and stripes and the wounds from their bites burnt like fire, and caused a deadly inflammation. These poisonous reptiles lurked around the camp and slithered their way into tents. In short order the whole camp was full of the cry of sick people. So they went to Moses and told him they had sinned and sought forgiveness from God.

Now, this whole business of looking at a bronze serpent up on a wooden pole in order to be healed makes no sense at all. It makes no sense until Christ tells us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of John that the bronze serpent is a figure for Him: *And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*

A priest-scholar wrote: *Whoever was bitten by a poisonous snake was cured by turning his eyes in faith to the brazen serpent. So we, when our souls are wounded by the infernal serpent, shall be healed of our sins, if we, being full of faith, turn our eyes to our crucified Savior* (Knecht, Commentary 183).

It's interesting: The bronze serpent hanging on the tree wasn't poisonous, even though it had the form of a poisonous snake. *Thus, Jesus Christ, though free from the poison of sin ...took the form of sinful man, loaded himself with the sins of the world and suffered himself to be raised on and nailed to the cross in order to save all men from sin and eternal death* (184).

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*Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing...Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled. The cross was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world (St Andrew of Crete, Office of Readings, Sep 14).*

What a weapon we have in the cross. In 1938, the year before World War II erupted, Fulton Sheen wrote: *Take a gun away from Hitler, take tanks away from Stalin and let these men stand on their own moral responsibility with no other power to command than their honesty, their love of truth and their purity of heart, and see how long they could command. Our Lord has commanded obedience from the world for twenty centuries with no other weapon than a defenseless cross.*

So, we bow our head and bend our knee at the name of Jesus. We honor the Cross of Christ, our battle standard, our trophy, our weapon. *See the Cross of the Lord; let all his enemies flee in terror; the lion of Judah, David's seed, is victorious, alleluia.* All of us, poisoned by sin, who gaze on Him in faith shall be healed; we who *turn our eyes to our crucified Savior.*

## Announcements

Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The next retreat that will take place in Kansas City will be on October 23-25, 2020. For more information or to register, please call Teresa O'Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or email [rvkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:rvkcmo@gmail.com) (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit [www.rachelsvineyardkc.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardkc.org).

### Life Options Green Hills Pregnancy + Medical Center

This pregnancy center will open on May 4 in Trenton. It will offer free services including: Pregnancy confirmation testing, counseling, STD/testing, 1st trimester ultrasounds, Earn-While-You-Learn programs, adoption education, post-abortive counseling and more. **Web:** [lifeoptionsgreenhills.com](http://lifeoptionsgreenhills.com). (660) 358-1378. **email -** [lifeoptionsgreenhills@gmail.com](mailto:lifeoptionsgreenhills@gmail.com) **Contact:** Rachael Brothers.

**To listen to the daily 8:30 AM Masses in Trenton,** go to [catholicradionetwork.com](http://catholicradionetwork.com). You should see this image.

**They are aired at 11:00 AM.**

Tap on the small blue oval that says "listen". The following should appear: KEXS AM 1090 & FM 92.9.

Tap on the arrow to listen.



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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsi.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsi.org), 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsi.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsi.org) for more information.

### Parish Registration Form

<b>Name</b>		<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Husband</b>	_____	<b>Cell</b>	_____
<b>Wife</b>	_____	<b>Cell</b>	_____
<b>Address</b>	_____	<b>Home</b>	_____
	_____	<b>Email</b>	_____

If you desire to join the parish, complete this form and place in the collection basket or give to Fr Drew.