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Bp. McKnight ordains five new permanent deacons



The reflection of four newly ordained permanent deacons, who are standing next to the altar of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, can be seen on the right side of the chalice Bishop McKnight is holding during the consecration at the Oct. 13 Ordination Mass.

— Photo by Jay Nies

**Commissions all five
to build bridges to, within
Hispanic communities in the diocese**

By Jay Nies

Bishop McKnight held aloft the chalice containing the Most Precious Blood of Christ.

Reflected on its side were four of the five men the bishop had just raised to the order of deacon for the Jefferson City diocese.

The fifth was assisting him at the altar and would elevate the Precious Blood with him at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

At home, at work, at church and out in the community, all five will join the other 83 active deacons in the diocese in conforming their lives to the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

"As they give up their lives for You and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters," the bishop prayed to the Father, "they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ Himself and offer You a constant witness of faith and love."

The new deacons are: Deacon Pedro Almazán, Deacon Jerónimo Chinchilla, Deacon Edwin Pacheco, Deacon Santos Rubio and Deacon Enrique Castro.

Bishop McKnight in his homily told the men that they were to become "ministers of the altar by proclaiming the Gospel, preparing the gifts for sacrifice, and by distributing the Lord's Body and Blood to the faithful."

They'll do that and much more.

They will preach and teach, baptize and catechize, animate the faithful and invite those without faith to encounter the Lord.

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2019-20 Catholic Stewardship Appeal ties discipleship to gratitude and service

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By Jay Nies

The people of this diocese are being called to stop, take stock of the abundant array of God's gifts, and respond in gratitude by committing to serve Him while caring for one another.

That is the emphasis of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA).

The CSA is an annual campaign encouraging Catholics to commit to supporting their parishes while making a gift or pledge to help pay for essential diocesan services in the upcoming fiscal year.

All 106 parishes and missions and their local communities benefit from these services, which include youth ministry, marriage and family-life support and promotion, vocation work,

ongoing formation for permanent deacons, guidance and oversight for Catholic schools, communications, and advocacy in the public square, ministry to growing local communities of Hispanic Catholics, and coordination of charitable services through Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites all Catholics to join him, his priests and fellow parishioners in sustaining the mission of the diocese.

Moreover, an offering to the CSA is a tangible expression and manifestation of faith, gratitude and discipleship.

"We do not give to a need but out of a need to give," said Bishop McKnight.

This year's CSA theme is: "As each one has received a gift,

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CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Permanent Diaconate

Deacon Edwin J. Schepers, from assisting the pastor of Annunciation Parish, California, to assist the pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Tipton.

This appointment is effective July 1, 2019.

Deacon Christopher M. Wickern, from assisting the pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Sedalia, to assist the pastor of St. Ann Parish, Warsaw and the Mission of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Cole Camp.

This appointment is effective August 7, 2019.

Deacon Pedro de Jesús Almazán, to assist the administrator of St. Peter Parish, Marshall, and to assist with Diocesan Hispanic Ministry.

Deacon Juan Enrique Castro, to assist the pastor of St. Peter Parish, Jefferson City and to continue as Diocesan Director of Intercultural and Marriage Ministries and as Diocesan Executive Director of Faith Formation.

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Deacon Edwin Omar Pacheco, to assist the parish life collaborator and sacramental minister of St. Mary Parish, Milan and the Mission of St. Mary, Unionville, and to assist with Diocesan Hispanic Ministry.

Deacon Santos Abel Rubio, to assist the administrator of St. Peter Parish, Marshall, and to assist with Diocesan Hispanic Ministry.

These appointments are effective October 13, 2019.

Given at the Chancery this 15th day of October 2019.

W. Shawn McKnight

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
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Pray for deceased priests

Oct. 20 — **Fr. John P. Cowan**, Immaculate Conception, Owensville (1979)

Oct. 22 — **Fr. Adolph H. Puetter**, St. Francis Carraciola, Bourbon (1957); **Fr. Michael E. McHugh**, Holy Guardian Angels, Brinktown (1978)

Oct. 26 — **Fr. John J. Hans**, Immaculate Conception, Shackelford (1965); **Msgr. Joseph A. Vogelweid**, St. Peter, Jefferson City (1981); **Fr. Edwin N. Sturm**, St. Joseph, Martinsburg (1983)

Oct. 27 — **Fr. Patrick H. Hoffmann**, St. Joseph, Canton (1990)

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MAKING CONNECTIONS



Bishop McKnight

A pastoral plan to go forward, together

By Bishop W. Shawn McKnight

The preparation for my *ad limina* visit to the Holy See is well under way.

In July, I submitted to Rome a 137-page report, which covers the activity of the Diocese of Jefferson City since the last report by Bishop John Gaydos in 2010.

The Latin phrase "*ad limina*" refers to one of the primary

reasons for the visit, to pray at the tombs (the "thresholds") of Saints Peter and Paul.

The other primary purpose for the trip is to honor the Holy Father's responsibility of calling us to be in union with the Pope and the rest of the Church.

To do that, I will be meeting with the heads of various offices in the Holy See and Pope Francis

in January to report on the state of our diocese.

While my report includes quite a bit of statistics, it

is also informed by the four listening sessions we conducted in the diocese last April and May.

In reflecting on those listening sessions and in reviewing the material compiled by the diocesan staff, I will be reporting several key observations to Pope Francis and his officials.

I could sum up these observations in two words: Better Together.

In other words, in facing the challenges before our local Church, the Diocese of Jefferson City, it is my firm belief we can overcome attitudes of scarcity and decline by increasing our collaboration and encouraging a missionary mindset among our Catholics.

It's been my experience that if we think change is something negative and to be delayed or avoided, we often assume resources are scarce and no one is available to assist us.

For us as a Church, this attitude often results in parishes and dioceses that are inward-oriented, not missionary — or outward — focused.

Mission and renewal

It will take us some time,

but I hope to build on the good work begun by Bishop Gaydos to strengthen the ecclesial culture of our diocese.

How do we go about doing that?

First, we consider the realities around us. There are many benchmarks to consider, but the ones highlighted in the *ad limina* report are most relevant to our efforts to become "better together" as a missionary diocese, including:

- People are moving from rural to urban areas. Our small towns are seeing declining populations, and our larger cities are growing.

- Along with the rest of the United States, we are seeing young people less engaged

in parish life. Our registered Catholic population is therefore growing older. Overall, the Catholic population has declined slightly in our diocese in the past 10 years.

- There is a decreasing number of active priests.

- The twin crises of clergy sexual abuse and the abuse of power have wounded the presbyterate of the diocese (the priests of the diocese as a whole) and strongly discouraged the faithful, jeopardizing their relationship with the Church and their trust in her leaders.

People's trust, confidence and belief in the sacrament of holy orders has been shaken,

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Bishop McKnight's Calendar

OCTOBER

- Oct. 22** Meeting of Deans of Diocese of Jefferson City, 11 am, Catholic Center, Jefferson City; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Catholic Center, Jefferson City
- Oct. 23** Confirmation Mass, 7 pm, St. Andrew Church, Tipton
- Oct. 24** Diocesan Excellence in Education Fund Board Meeting, 1 pm, Columbia; Mass with Knights and Dames of Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, 5:30 pm, followed by dinner, St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbia,
- Oct. 26** Mass, 100th Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Council 2044, 5 pm, followed by dinner, Montgomery City
- Oct. 27** Confirmation Mass, 2 pm, Mary Immaculate Church, Kirksville
- Oct. 28-29** Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate Board of Directors Meeting, Washington, DC
- Oct. 31** Planning Meeting for Hispanic Ministry with St. Peter Church, Jefferson City and El Puente, 8:30 am, Catholic Center, Jefferson City; Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, 11 am, Catholic Center, Jefferson City

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1** Mass, All Saints Day, 6:30 am, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- Nov. 2** Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Convivium Dinner Auction, 6 pm, St. Louis
- Nov. 3** Confirmation Mass, 2 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, Jefferson City
- Nov. 4** Mass, Diocesan Schools Professional Development Day, 9 am, Helias Catholic High School, Jefferson City; Confirmation Mass, 7 pm, Holy Spirit Church, Centralia
- Nov. 6-7** Catholic Rural Life Board of Directors Meeting, Center for Catholic Studies, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Nov. 8** Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Jefferson City, 11 am, St. Pius X Church, Moberly
- Nov. 9-15** USCCB General Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland

Bishop McKnight's October prayer intention for our Local Church

For the cessation of violence; that our communities foster a culture of life and peace by recognizing the dignity of every human being, made in the image and likeness of God.

Intención del mes de octubre del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Por el cese de violencia; que nuestras comunidades fomenten una cultura de vida y paz reconociendo la dignidad de cada ser humano, hecho a la imagen y semejanza de Dios.

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Extraordinary Mission Month: Everyone is a Missioner

By Glenmary Father Aaron Wessman

Pope Francis has proclaimed October to be an "Extraordinary Mission Month."

It's the 100th anniversary of a teaching that propelled the Church to think creatively about her missionary call.

The days after World War I caused Pope Benedict XV to chart a renewed, deeper sense of mission in his teaching docu-

ment *Maximum Illud*.

That renewal continues to this day.

One hundred years ago, Pope Benedict XV talked about mission in terms of two goals: the salvation of souls and planting the Church.

These two goals were affirmed at the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), but within a renewed sense of mission.

In that way, we seek not simply an other-worldly sense of mission, and not the colonial, conquering sense of mission we might have considered in the past.

Mission today has framed the "salvation of souls" in the context of a holistic, integral and even cosmic understanding of salvation.

Yes, the Church is still concerned about the salvation of individuals and, true to scripture, maintains that every individual will be held accountable for his or her life.

However, we understand more fully that salvation includes the sanctification and redemption of the entire person, who exists within a particular culture, is part of a particular people, and is woven into the tapestry of creation.

Planting the Kingdom

Second, the need to "plant the Church" is reinterpreted in light of a theology of the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is more than a piece of earth or a group of people. It is the more comprehensive and eternal, Christ-ended reality towards which the Church is journeying.

This understanding plays out in very practical ways.

For instance, that the Church might not be effectively planted in a particular territory does not mean that God has not been present and active in the lives of the people.

It does not mean that the Kingdom, at least its beginnings, did not exist in these territories before Christians arrived.

Furthermore, just because a person does not have access to a "planted church" does not preclude or exclude her participation in, or contribution to, the Kingdom of God.

Finally, the ultimate goal of the Church's mission is no longer viewed as simply establishing the Church, as important as that is.

The ultimate goal of mission is the Kingdom of God: a kingdom which will only fully exist at world's end.

The Church's heartbeat

So, let me propose three themes for us to reflect upon, in

our culture, in our own Glenmary family, on this 100th anniversary of *Maximum Illud*:

•**Care of Creation:** All of creation can be a means of grace that engenders the missionary work of the Church.

Though fallen, the cosmos has been ordered to proclaim the glory of God. The universe's expanse, or the beauty of a flower, are each, in its own way, ordered toward bringing people into the fullness of the reality of salvation.

•**Collaboration and Dialogue:** The Church cannot simply see her mission as expanding the boundary line between the Church and the world "outside."

What is required of missioners, therefore, is a commitment to dialogue with the world to determine, as much as is possible, how the Kingdom has been a part of the world, and how people might be invited to a deeper relationship with the Lord of the Kingdom, Jesus Christ.

•**Broader Invitation:** The old mentality of Catholics has been that missioners are men and women religious sent off to mission lands.

We understand now, more fully, that all Christians, on account of our baptism, are called to be missioners.

Everyone isn't called to some distant land, or even to our home missions, but every Christian is called to a particular mission to be lived out in the world.

Mission, after all, is the very beating heart of the Church.

Father Aaron Wessman, S.T.D., Ph.D., is first vice-president of Glenmary Home Missioners. He holds a doctorate in systematic theology, with an emphasis in missiology, from the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. He recently served as missionary pastor in Bertie and Washington counties, North Carolina.

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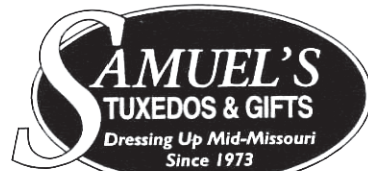
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Official Decree

On the Age for the Celebration of Confirmation

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This decree takes effect immediately. Confirmation will now normally be conferred on those who are in the seventh grade academic year. The confirmandi, parishes, families and sponsors will abide by the catechetical requirements contained in diocesan policy for the preparation of confirmandi.

Given at the Chancery this first day of October, 2019.

+ Shawn McKnight

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
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Celebrating milestone CCVI and El Puente anniversaries in J.C.

By Ashley Wiskirchen

From France to Texas to points throughout the Jefferson City diocese, the 150-year history of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (CCVI) continues to echo along the paths they have traveled.

It is reflected in the generations of local Catholics who were taught by CCVI sisters and by people who continue to be served by El Puente-Hispanic Ministry, which was founded by three CCVIs 20 years ago.

People gathered in St. Peter Church in Jefferson City Sept. 29 to observe both anniversaries.

"Our celebration is a visible witness that the Incarnate Word continues to invite and create community among the People of God in evolving and life-giving ways through the presence of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and our associates, co-ministers and friends," stated Sister Cathy Vetter, a Jefferson City native and member of the CCVI congregation.

She welcomed the crowd and gave an introduction to the history and impact of the CCVIs and the local Hispanic-ministry community.

Many CCVIs attended the event — some having traveled from San Antonio, Texas, where the congregation was founded — and shared warm embraces and greetings as they were reunited face-to-face.

Humble beginnings

The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word was founded in 1869 by Bishop Claude Marie Dubuis of San Antonio, in direct response to the suffering brought on by the Civil War and following cholera epidemic.

He sent out a call for women to enter into that suffering by serving the sick and dying.

Beginning with three sisters from France, the congregation steadily grew as it provided comfort, solace and care to the ill.

The sisters also established schools and homes to care for and take care of orphans left in the wake.

The sisters' exceptional abilities in healthcare eventually led them to the Midwest, arriving in St. Louis in 1889 to work in the Missouri Pacific Railroad Hospital.



Kurt Bruemmer, the president of El Puente-Hispanic Ministry's Board of Directors, presents Sister Peggy Bonnot with the CCVI El Puente Education Fund Certificate, establishing a fund that will support El Puente employees in pursuing education and certification that allows them to continue serving Hispanic communities in mid-Missouri.

— Photo by Ashley Wiskirchen

Into the early 1900s, sisters began making their way west through Missouri, teaching in West Plains, Jefferson City,

Taos, Macon, Kirksville and St. Patrick.

In ensuing years, the sisters' ministries expanded to include

pastoral work in parishes.

This new call to serve paved

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Priest from Cuba shares story of his call to Priesthood, mission

By Jay Nies

Father Rolando Montes believes growing up in the island nation of Cuba has helped make him a better Catholic.

"It taught me something that I still try to live: Do not be afraid of the cross! The cross is meant to be part of the Christian life," he told a gathering of parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes in Columbia Oct. 3.

"Be afraid of the sin," he continued. "Be afraid of betraying

the Lord, not of the cross. The cross is a blessing."

The priest, who goes by Fr. Rolo, is spending a semester at the University of Missouri while working on a degree in institutional communication from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome.

He drew laughs, gasps and wide-eyed stares while talking about his road to the Priesthood and some of the abundant opportunities for leading people

in his beloved homeland to Christ.

Located about 90 miles off the coast of Florida, Cuba is a traditionally Catholic country. It was colonized by Spain in the 1500s and gained its independence in 1898.

Cuba's relationship with the United States was strained for decades after the Marxist revolution of 1959. Diplomatic ties were restored in 2014.

Only one new church has been built in Cuba since 1960, when the population was around 6 million. It is now close to 11 million.

Church-state relations were especially difficult for the first 30 years after the revolution but have improved somewhat since then.

"If by Catholic, you mean people who come to church, we have maybe 5 percent," Fr. Rolo stated. "But if Catholic means people who appreciate the Church and recognize themselves as Catholic, it would be around 60 percent."

People can receive religious education in their parishes, but there are no Catholic schools.

"The education at all levels is Marxist, even for Catholic people," said Fr. Rolo.

The Church has little access to public media, and the Internet is still an expensive luxury for many people in Cuba, he said.

Yet, people remain hungry for and receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"This presents an absolutely tremendous opportunity for the Church and for them," said Fr. Rolo.

"Hero generation"

Fr. Rolo grew up Catholic, but his parents could not practice their faith because his dad was an instructor at a government-run university.

"He would have lost his job,"



Father Rolando "Rolo" Montes, a priest spending a semester in Columbia while studying institutional communications at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, shares some of his experiences of growing up and discerning his priestly calling in the nation of Cuba.

— Photo by Jay Nies

said Fr. Rolo. "I was baptized in a church (130 miles) from my house, in a closed church, with the doors locked."

His uncle is a priest of what Fr. Rolo calls "the hero generation."

"They became priests between 1960 and 1989, when the Church was very persecuted," said Fr. Rolo. "To become a priest in those years was heroic."

The younger priest recounted how his pastor and his parish catechist made sacrifices and suffered for their faith.

"I grew up in a suffering community," he said. "I learned a lot from this Church of my childhood."

When he was 11, he attended a Catholic retreat. The leader gave a clear explanation and passionate witness about Who Jesus Christ is and why it matters.

"At the time for reflection, I was wondering, 'Oh, if Jesus Christ is Who this man says, Jesus Christ is worthy of someone to give His whole life to Him,'" Fr. Rolo recalled.

"Because Jesus Christ is absolutely great!"

Youth ministry

Fr. Rolo was admitted to an academically-challenging boarding school.

Students were not allowed to talk openly about God. The only religious book they could have was a Bible, because it was considered a cultural book.

Fr. Rolo shared living quarters with 60 other boys. When many of them noticed his Bible, they started asking him questions.

"I think I spent two weeks explaining the faith to them," he said. "Every evening, we had around an hour of explanation and more questions and more questions and more questions and more questions."

They wound up forming a prayer group.

The future priest got permission from several of his classmates' pastors to prepare

them for the sacraments.

"I was a catechist for them," he said. "So when they went to their houses and to their parishes, they could receive baptism."

Getting caught could have gotten them expelled.

Fr. Rolo also joined another group of Catholic students who met and prayed in secret at the school.

They found abundant strength and energy in 1998 when Pope St. John Paul II became the first Pope to visit their country.

"I can't even explain what a great blessing that was to Cuba!" said Fr. Rolo.

Around that time, he began asking himself what he would need to do in order to be truly happy.

"I have to do what I was created for," he reasoned.

How could he figure out what that is?

"I needed the help of someone who knows me and who loves me," he said.

So he turned to God in fervent, persistent prayer — "daytime, afternoon, evening and night."

"What is Your purpose for me?" he would ask. "What is Your will? Why am I alive?"

"Take me to heaven"

Fr. Rolo eventually asked a priest to help him figure out what God wanted him to be.

"I knew I didn't want to be a priest!" he said, laughing. "I just

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Missouri Catholics told to find, pursue their mission

By Jay Nies

The greatest Catholic advocates of all time have something in common.

They discovered their mission, made it personal and pursued it with uninhibited passion.

"You need to find the issue that animates you, that is part of your faith, that will affect our culture and help point things in the right direction," said nationally-recognized Catholic activist and motivator David Bereit.

The founder and longtime CEO of the global 40 Days for Life Campaign spoke to Catholics from all over the state at the Missouri Catholic Conference's 2019 Annual Assembly in the State Capitol.

About 350 Catholic clergy and laypeople joined the state's Roman Catholic bishops at the event.

The theme was: "Raising the Next Generation of Catholic Advocates."

"Now more than ever, the world, the Church needs you!" Mr. Bereit thundered from the ornate, nearly century-old elevated dais in the House Chamber.

"Find your passion"

Mr. Bereit hammered home stories of young Catholics who by faith and fortitude are helping to turn the tide of decay in American civilization.

They included:

•Curtis Martin, founder and CEO of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (www.focus.org), which prepares young Catholics to serve as missionaries on U.S. college campuses;

•Cristina Barba, president and founder of The Culture Project International (www.thecultureproject.org), which teaches young people the importance of lifelong love, the dignity of the person and new paths of sexual integrity;

•Mary-Rose and Ryan Verret, founders of the Witness to Love ministry (www.witnesstolove.org), which helps bring newly married couples and those who have been successfully married together for mentoring;

•J.P. De Gance, founder and president of Communio (www.communio.org), which

gives Church communities strategies for outreach and for marriage preparation, enrichment and restoration; and

•David Araby, who challenged Mr. Bereit to organize a Church response to the scourge of abortion — leading to the 40 Days for Life Campaign (www.40daysforlife.com), the largest and one of the most effective grassroots pro-life mobilization ever to confront the abortion industry.

"The one story that I haven't shared and it could be THE most transformational story in this chamber: and that's YOUR story," he said.

More photos from this event will be posted in *The Catholic Missourian's* online edition, www.cathmo.com. Select "Photo Galleries" from the "Multimedia" tab on the menu bar.

"There are some ministries that only YOU can start!" he said. "There are some people that only YOU can reach. There are some organizations that only YOU can take to

the next level. There are some politicians that only YOU can influence. There are some messages that only YOU can effectively articulate."

He spoke of St. Teresa of Calcutta's 1982 visit to a Catholic high school in the Arlington, Virginia, diocese.

A student asked her, "How can we become like you?"

Having discovered her own passion and mission in serving the poorest of the poor in the slums of an immense city in India, she responded, "Find YOUR Calcutta."

"That same message is appropriate for all of us," said

Mr. Bereit. "We need to find the mission that God is calling us to. Whatever the great burdens that we see in society, whatever passions we have, the experiences, the gifts, the skills that God is giving you, where they can make the greatest impact in the world — WE need to find OUR Calcutta!"

"And when you find your Calcutta, you need to advocate and lead on that front," he said. "Don't wait for permission. Don't wait for all the circumstances to be perfect. Start now!"

Peace and war

A speaker from each diocese

David Bereit, founder and former CEO of the 40 Days for Life Campaign, talks about motivating the next generation of Catholic advocates, in his keynote address at the Missouri Catholic Conference's 2019 Annual Assembly in the State Capitol. — Photo by Jay Nies

spoke from experience about advocating on God's behalf for the people who are least able to stand up for themselves.

The afternoon brought a slate of break-out sessions on timely topics including immigration, gender ideology, racism, and Pope Francis's exhortation on youth, "*Christus Vivit*" ("Christ Lives").

Catholic young people scouted the hallways and public spaces of the massive Capitol, searching for clues in a scavenger hunt.

Teens in the Senate Chamber took part in a mock legislature, putting their persuasion skills and understanding of civics into practice.

Before lunch, the people gathered in the Third Floor Rotunda area to watch a pre-recorded interview with Bill

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QUESTION CORNER

What to say in confession / Reverence needed in church

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Catholic News Service



Q. I have not been to confession in at least 10 years. I want to go, but I have no idea what to say. How am I to remember all of my sins and the number of times that I have committed them? (Columbus, Ohio)

A. Don't worry; the priest is there to help you, and he will try to make things easy. (He will also have heard the confessions of a number of others in your same situation.)

Tell the priest that you haven't been to the sacrament of penance in many years and worry that you cannot remember the exact number of times you have committed each specific sin. (The priest has the right to lift the penitent's obligation to do so.)

Tell him that you would like to make this a "general confession," that you are sorry for any and all sins — including those you don't remember. He may ask you whether there are any particular serious sins that you do recall, and you will mention those, if any.

The absolution to follow will cover all sins — whether mortal or venial — committed in the past. I am pleased that you are considering this, and I believe that the experience will leave you with a feeling of relief, a new spiritual energy and a sense of the closeness of a loving God.

Q. Can we please begin to restore reverence at Mass? I see young women wearing short shorts, men in flip-flops and other inappropriate clothing. Shouldn't we dress nicely while visiting God in His house?

Also, parishioners socialize — laughing and talking loudly — while others are trying to pray prior to Mass. I do not consider myself old-fashioned, but I go to Mass to interact with God. These distractions may seem small, but to me they take away from the dignity that should prevail at the Eucharist. Though I try to rise above these things and look for the goodness of the celebration, I still leave church feeling disappointed. There must be some churches somewhere that have established guidelines for the conduct they expect. (Fishers, Indiana)

A. The Catholic Church has no universal dress code for attendance at Mass — perhaps necessarily so, given the diverse cultural standards in a worldwide Church. The Church does say in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest" (No. 1387).

Over the last half-century of my Priesthood, I have observed a pattern of more casual dress at Mass — no longer the "Sunday best" — with the result that a number of parishes, even dioceses, have chosen to publish more specific guidelines.

Some of the Roman basilicas require that women should not wear sleeveless blouses, men should not wear shorts and women's skirts should reach below the knees. In 2007, the Archdiocese of Manila in the Philippines asked men to wear collared shirts with sleeves at Mass and provided examples of "improper" attire for women, including miniskirts or skimpy shorts.

As to socializing in church before Mass, some parishes encourage parishioners to greet each other and converse in the vestibule or gathering area, but note that once inside the church proper, a respectful silence should prevail to allow for quiet prayer in preparation for the Eucharist.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.



Papal Audience October 16, 2019

Dear brothers and sisters:

In our catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, we have seen how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit led the early Church to realize that God's offer of salvation in Christ is intended for people of every nation. A critical moment in

this process takes place when, in a dream, St. Peter is told that henceforth no food is unclean in God's eyes. Almost immediately, a Gentile, the Roman centurion Cornelius, comes to Peter and, while hearing him preach the Gospel, receives, together with his household, the gift of the Holy Spirit and is baptized (cf. Acts 10). These events led Peter to open his mind and heart to the "creativity" with which God was extending to all people the blessings promised to Israel. Peter's discernment of God's universal saving will was the mark of a true evangelizer, who desires to share the joy of the Gospel with everyone. Peter's example also challenges us to examine our own openness to the surprising creativity with which the Holy Spirit is even now drawing all people to salvation in the Risen Lord.

I welcome all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's audience, especially those from England, Scotland, Finland, Norway, Nigeria, Zambia, Kenya, Malawi, Korea, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Canada and the United States of America. I greet in particular the delegation from the NATO Defense College, with good wishes for their efforts in the cause of peace. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!



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Marriage: When expectations yield to love

By Carolyn Woo
Catholic News Service



This summer marked the special occasions of David's and my 40th anniversary and the marriage of our older son Ryan to Sarah, our new daughter.

In one of the prewedding festivities, I asked the men gathered, married from 10 to 50 years, what advice they have for the groom-to-be. They responded with this sheepish, knowing laugh that seemed to communicate the sentiment, "You don't know what is in store."

One pointed to the plaque on the wall with the inscription, "Happy wife, happy life." They all chimed in, "This is it." There was a collective explanation that when you are a bachelor, you get to your chores at some time and in some manner. But wives are very specific: They need things done by a particular time (usually now) and in a particular way (theirs). They seem to do so with unequal parts of cajoling, list-making and tyranny.

"Why You Will Marry the Wrong

Person," an op-ed by Swiss and British philosopher Alain de Botton in *The New York Times*, May 28, 2016, was the most read article of the paper in that year. While it seems to deride marriage, the essay actually proposes what it takes to succeed in marriage.

It suggests that most people are too enamored to know, or want to know, the whole person they fall head over heels for and then marry. Romantic love stories traditionally set the apex at the altar and then leave generations of readers with "and they lived happily ever after."

Well, they don't. We find that we are actually difficult to live with; we make demands on each other that can be self-centered or arbitrary; we are more different than we think; we have neuroses and baggage that trigger dramatic reactions to what seem to be throwaway comments. It is a letdown to realize that not all our needs — such as loneliness, security or affirmation — can be met.

Moreover, we find that our spouses come with families and friends who place claims on our time, resources and emotional well-being. We would have married the wrong person if the right person is the "perfect being ... who can meet all our needs and satisfy our every

yearning."

De Botton proposes the work of marriage as the ability to "accommodate ourselves to 'wrongness,' striving always to adopt a more forgiving, humorous and kindly perspective." Compatibility, he reminds us, is the outcome of love, not its precondition.

From experience, I know grace happens when stifling expectations for the "perfect" spouse give way to appreciation of his or her goodness, vocation, gifts, vulnerabilities, heartfelt expressions of care and shortcomings. We should be most watchful about the tendency to remake spouses fit for our use to meet our needs and vanities.

While marriage is work, it is built on such simple things as "please," "may I," "thank you" and "sorry," the folksy advice that Pope Francis frequently gives to married couples. The strength of a marriage comes in times of difficulties when there are no answers, no guarantees, no

safety net, but only the confidence that you can make it because you have each other.

Commitment gives the space where healing can begin when one is at his or her worst and totally unreasonable, yet the spouse stays put.

The above is not only possible, but it is the plan of God for marriage. Holy Cross Father Bill Beauchamp, in his homily at Ryan and Sarah's wedding, reminded the couple, "Today you pledge yourselves to the unknown. You do not fully comprehend what you are promising to each other today, but you do so freely and with much excitement and joy, confident that God will be with you in your marriage."

Woo is distinguished president's fellow for global development at Purdue University and served as the CEO and president of Catholic Relief Services from 2012 to 2016.

On being a good pastor

By Father John Catoir



I wish I had read the book, *The Better Pastor* by Patrick Lencioni, a layman who specializes in leadership and team building. The book flap reads: "As he approached the door to the Sacristy, Fr. Daniel Con-

nor had no idea that his parish and his Priesthood — was about to be changed forever."

This book is a fictional, yet realistic story; lovingly written for all those priests in the world who are not only spiritual shepherds, but also leaders of the organizations we call parishes.

Being the pastor of a Catholic parish is one of the most challenging jobs in the world. Whether they are responsible for a small rural parish, medium-sized urban one, or large suburban-mega parish, all pastors have one thing in common: they can't do it alone.

Though it's been a long time since I served as a pastor, I found this book extremely helpful, and an easy read. Unfortunately, many wonderful priests find that becoming a pastor can be overwhelming and lonely. It can diminish the joy of their vocation, which is a needless tragedy.

That's the opinion of the author, and

I agree with him. He has written bestselling books on leadership for businessman, and applied the same skills to parish life.

Here's an introduction in his own words:

1. A pastor is not just a priest but the leader of an organization that requires management and leadership skills.

2. Part of leading an organization is holding people accountable for excellence, which often involves difficulty, uncomfortable and loving conversations.

3. A pastor needs a real management team to do this.

4. A pastor needs support from "outsiders" and other priests.

The Mass, which is the source and summit of our faith, is the most visible sign of the health of a parish. Excellence in the celebration of the Mass encourages parishioners and visitors to become more involved in going deeper in their faith and parish life.

All of this will take time, involve pain, if an honest job report has to be issued. Don't back off and accept mediocrity.

Explore some amazing websites. Read great books on this topic. Pray and enlist others to ask God's help in achieving the goal of being the pastor God wants you to be.

May the Lord be your strength and your joy.

REFLECTION

Thanks always

By Mark Saucier

At our Friday group, we talk about our week. Sometimes a common theme appears.

This time, a number of the guys mentioned how blessed or grateful they felt because of someone or some event in their lives.

When my turn came, I reported that gratitude was something I had been grappling with.

For a while, I have been trying to make a nightly review of my day, thanking God for all the serendipitous and undeserved good that I had encountered.

Over time, I've been specifically grateful for everything from laughter to loved ones, from rainbows to chemo.

I often went to sleep peaceful and contented, but I don't know how much that helped the next morning. While the examen was good, I felt that I was missing a lot, just hitting the high notes.

What I needed was not a daily list of gratitude, but a grateful mindfulness practiced throughout the day.

I wanted an awareness that would not only catch bitty blessings that I tended to overlook at night, but also help me react more creatively and graciously when they arose.

It's funny how things come to our attention. Simply being aware of all this, I've come across some otherwise unrelated facts that reinforce my desire to do it.

There's the amygdala, that portion of the brain associated with emotions, survival instincts, and memory. They say that two-thirds of the amygdala's neurons are on the alert for any bad news that could possibly harm us.

While it acts as protection, it can crimp our attitude.

Another thing is our memory bias. Because of the way the amygdala connects threats and emotions, negative experiences tend to imprint immediately and tend to become more memorable than many positive ones.

Conversely, positive experiences take longer to make their mark. We need to hold them in awareness for at least 12 seconds for them to register in memory.

So here is the thing I'm learning about a mindfulness of gratitude.

Practicing it, I am more aware of the many good, beautiful and gratuitous gifts that are showered upon me every day. There is no way that can have anything but a beneficial effect on my mood.

But there's more. Just realizing those moments of gift, and holding them in gratitude, makes them memorable and lasting.

Those good memories can outweigh the bad and help us to be happier people.

And if that's the way it works, then God must want our happiness, too.

Catholic Charities works with all, for all who are in need

By Jay Nies

You don't have to be Catholic to get help from Catholic Charities.

"Some people hear the name and think, 'If I'm not Catholic, I'm not able to receive help,'" said Dan Lester, executive director of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO).

"But we never turn away someone looking for assistance because they're not Catholic or not Christian," he said. "As we like to say, we help because of what we believe, not because of what they believe."

Mr. Lester recently spoke to a faith- and community-minded audience at a meeting of the Capital Area Interfaith Alliance in Jefferson City.

About 15 members, including Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, diocesan vicar general and pastor of St. Michael parish in Russellville, attended.

After quickly clarifying who's eligible to receive help, Mr. Lester addressed a wide variety of services CCCNMO has a hand in providing throughout the 38 counties that make up the Jefferson City diocese.

Audience members were especially interested to hear about:

- CCCNMO's work to resettle refugees fleeing danger and persecution in their home countries;

- the agency's plans to purchase and convert the Shikles

Auditorium Building into a hub of charitable outreach in the Capital City;

- its ongoing commitment to providing long-term disaster case management and assistance to people recovering from recent natural disasters in the state; and

- its collaboration with other faith-based and public agencies and organizations to help people in need.

"Since this is the Capital Area Interfaith Alliance, people were especially interested in how we engage as a diocese from an interfaith perspective," said Mr. Lester.

He pointed out that Refugee and Immigration Services (RIS) of Catholic Charities has been working with other faith-based groups for almost 50 years to help people escaping war and violence begin their new life in Missouri.

"We have a long history of working not just with our Catholic parishes in and around Columbia but also with multiple denominations there, from the Islamic Center there to Broadway Christian Church to any number of different interfaith

CCCNMO to help parishes become centers of charity, mercy with money given to the CSA

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri receives an annual allocation from the Jefferson City diocese's Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA).

One of Bishop McKnight's goals is for parishes throughout the diocese to become centers of charity and mercy in their communities.

Toward that end, he has instructed CCCNMO to make money from this year's CSA available to parish social concerns groups, St. Vincent de Paul societies, food pantries or other parish-based charitable works.

"They're going to be able to tap into Catholic Charities' Charity and Mercy Grant Program to obtain support to help enhance those ministries," said CCCNMO Executive Director Dan Lester.

He noted that in many places, the Catholic community is the first place people turn to when in need.

"So we're excited about this," he said. "It's a way for us to help bring the bishop's vision to light and to connect with parishes that are doing some wonderful things in their communities."

there are simply not enough hours in a day to get to everything we want to get to," said Mr. Lester.

Recovery, by nature, also tends to be a slow process.

"There are a lot of response agencies in the nonprofit and the public sector who are working hard to make this recovery as successful as possible," he said. "But it doesn't happen overnight."

He noted that Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri was helping some families through recovery from the 2011 Joplin tornado until May 2019.

Such disasters often have the heaviest effect on the people with the least access to help.

The reduction in available low-income housing in Jefferson City due to the May tornado has led to homelessness or housing insecurity for some people.

CCCNMO recently hired a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) certified housing counselor.

She helps people who are homeless find a place to live, people who are facing eviction do what they can to avoid it and people hoping to become first-time homebuyers navigate the byzantine process.

"People's ears perk up when they hear that," said Mr. Lester. "She has expertise and the skills to walk people through that process, to make budgets, to apply for a loan."

Place of refugee

Several people at the Interfaith Alliance meeting asked how CCCNMO's Refugee Resettlement Services will be affected by the Trump administration's recently announced reduction in the number of refugees who will be allowed into the country next year.

Mr. Lester said determinations will likely be made in November or December about how many refugees will be re-

us: working together to make the most effective use of the resources that have been given to us," said Mr. Lester.

Come hell and high water

Regarding ongoing help with disaster recovery, CCCNMO currently has two full-time case managers working with households affected both by the tornados and the floods.

In particular, they're helping people apply for and properly spend assistance grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and helping people file an appeal if their application for help from FEMA gets denied. They also connect survivors with additional recovery resources, from housing to food to household goods. CCCNMO has also been instrumental in assisting with the formation of long-term recovery committees in several impacted communities.

He pointed out that many of the people who were affected by flooding own their homes and have insurance, but a majority of those displaced by the tornados were renting and don't have access to as many resources.

"That can make the process much trickier for them to navigate," he said.

Not enough hours

CCCNMO has received grants to pay for many of its employees, so more money can be spent on helping people in their time of need.

"I think the biggest shortage and the biggest barrier is that

outlets in drawing in volunteers and collaborating in our resettlement work," he said.

Similarly, Catholic Charities' role in responding to this year's flooding in the diocese and the May 2019 tornados in Eldon and Jefferson City has tightened its bonds with other faith groups.

"We've worked with Quinn Chapel AME Church, Adventist Community Services, the Missouri Baptist Conference and many other groups," said Mr. Lester.

"If you look at the long-term recovery committee that we've had a hand in helping to create, you see multiple groups that are represented there from a number of churches and interfaith groups," he said.

One of their collective goals has been to avoid duplication of services wherever possible, so money can be spent where it's needed the most.

"But you can never completely eliminate duplication," he said, "because in many cases, any single organization simply doesn't have the resources to go around."

All four Roman Catholic dioceses in Missouri have their own affiliates of Catholic Charities USA, and they work well together in times of need.

For instance, caseworkers from Catholic Charities of St. Louis helped assess people's needs after this summer's flooding in Pike County.

The area is part of the Jefferson City diocese but borders the St. Louis archdiocese.

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CELEBRATION

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the way to the establishment of El Puente-Hispanic Ministries.

A bridge between cultures

With the blessing of retired Bishop John R. Gaydos, El Puente was initiated by Incarnate Sisters Marianne Kramer (now deceased), Margaret Snyder and Peggy Bonnot.

Its name means "The Bridge."

For two decades, El Puente has been a source of comfort, enrichment and service for Catholic Hispanic families in mid-Missouri.

It serves as a bridge between cultures, providing a multicultural forum with focused areas of service to the Hispanic community — including pastoral ministry, direct service, education and training and family life enrichment.

Making God's love visible

Now as a non-profit corporation and a sponsored ministry of the CCVI congregation, El Puente-Hispanic Ministry, in collaboration with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, currently employees three sisters and one laywoman, with

many supportive volunteers and friends in ministry.

Their vision is one of community — that by embracing the dignity of every human person through compassion and collaboration, Hispanic neighbors will be made to feel welcome and thrive both in Church and society.

El Puente's services strengthen the faith but also empower families and provide support services that dignify the whole human person.

By meeting needs for translation services, transportation services, legal assistance, counseling and immigration-issue support, El Puente truly makes God's love visible to the world.

A multicultural celebration

The anniversary Mass, celebrated in English and Spanish by Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Bishop Emeritus Gaydos, interwove cultural traditions through a colorful entrance procession, traditional decorations and beautiful music provided by the Spanish-language choir directed by Sister Barbara Neist of the School Sisters of Notre

Dame.

"The foundresses of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word believed the Gospel of Christ. And across the decades we share that same faith," Bishop Gaydos stated in Spanish in his homily.

"Let us all join the Sisters in serving the Incarnate Word in our midst," he said.

He called for an outright rewriting of the story of the rich man in Jesus's parable.

"In that rewrite, we become a brother of the poor man," said Bishop Gaydos. "We dine at the same table and care for each other out of justice and love."

Bishop McKnight bestowed a special blessing upon the CCVI sisters, closing his blessing with a challenge to everyone present:

"Let us all join the sisters in sharing in the Incarnate Word by caring for each other out of



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight bestows a special blessing on the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word before the closing of Mass. The Sisters celebrated their 150th anniversary in Jefferson City on Sept. 29 alongside El Puente-Hispanic Ministry's 20th Anniversary. — Photo by Ashley Wiskirchen

justice and love."

Reflecting with gratitude

After Mass, a parishioner dressed in matachine garments led the cheerful procession to nearby Selinger Hospitality Centre, where tables and food were set to continue the celebration.

Kurt Bruemmer, president of the El Puente Board of Directors, spoke to the crowd at the reception.

"We carry on the great work of the founding sisters," he said, "with a vision of bringing the healing love of Jesus, the Incarnate Word to others, by promoting human dignity through a ministry of presence and outreach to the Hispanic community here."

In presenting a brief history of El Puente and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Mr. Bruemmer noted the significance of cultural events this community invests in.

He shared a video of last December's local Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, in which matachines perform a traditional dance for the Blessed Mother.

That celebration is just one beautiful example of cultural celebration El Puente coordinates for the larger Hispanic

community.

Mr. Bruemmer also presented Sr. Peggy with a certificate establishing the CCVI El Puente Education Fund.

Money from the fund will be used to support continuing education and training for El Puente's employees.

He noted El Puente is involved in many services

that require certification, such as medical interpretation for clients.

"With this fund," he stated, "we can support our staff members as they receive the education and credentials required to continue carrying-out vital services."

An ongoing legacy

El Puente-Hispanic Ministry continues to minister to the estimated 3,000 Hispanic community members in Cole and Moniteau counties, more than half of whom are Catholic.

Perhaps the most enduring impact of El Puente and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word is their focus on making God's love visible in the world, and their desire to live for God with a heart for others.

MCC ASSEMBLY

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McAnany, a Cathedral of St. Joseph parishioner and U.S. Army medic who helped treat people injured by the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Bishop McKnight presented a special award to Mr. McAnany for his bravery and Christian witness.

A path to sainthood

"You were made for this very moment!" Mr. Bereit insisted. "You were made to lead! You were made to advocate for our faith and the values we hold dear."

He told everyone present that when they "find their Calcutta" and join with God in the work He is doing, "we will have the Holy Spirit working through us and with us and we will see Him renewing the very face of the earth."

"And when you do that, you will become a saint in the process!" he added.

It's about handing on to the next generation a civilization that is not in decline but "a better civilization and a better

culture than the one we were handed," he said.

"How God deals with us"

The state's Catholic bishops concelebrated the closing Mass for the Assembly.

Bishop Edward Rice of Springfield-Cape Girardeau preached a passionate homily, emphasizing the difficult but necessary Christian mandate to forgive.

"Our Lord calls us to love and forgiveness," said Bishop Rice. "Forgiveness is endless, it is without measure, it can never be exhausted. That is how God deals with us and so we are to do the same toward others."

Forgiveness, he insisted, is a divine activity, a work of God.

The bishop referred to Pope Francis's observation that "when we let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge — we can live joyfully."

Bishop Rice pointed to the Church's challenging teaching against capital punishment.

"Respect for life and the dignity of the human person

are nonnegotiable, regardless of the circumstances," he said.

He said it's easy for people to say they're pro-life until they come face-to-face with an unplanned pregnancy or someone who's been sentenced to death.

"Then it becomes real," he said. "It is nonnegotiable. So is the call to love, and to serve, and to reach out to the neighbor in need. These are all non-negotiables."

"So we do care about the vulnerable amongst us," he said. "We do care about racism and the immigrant. We do care about the death row inmate and the unborn and the uneducated and those who have no healthcare. We do care about mercy and justice."

A video of Bereit's keynote address can be found online at www.vimeo.com/364617362.

The interview with Mr. McAnany can be found by searching "Bill McAnany Pearl Harbor Survivor" at [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).



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I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the 2020 Catholic Stewardship Appeal through a sacrificial gift.

May God bless you for your generosity, and may Christ's peace be with you. I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

W. Shawn McKnight

Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight
Bishop of Jefferson City



Catholic STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



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ANOTHER**
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PRAYER FOR A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, **if I am.**

It will be holy, **if I am.**

Its pews will be filled, **if I help fill them.**

It will do great work, **if I work.**

It will be prayerful, **if I pray.**

It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship,
if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy,
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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settled in central Missouri.

In the meantime, refugees approved during the 2018-19 fiscal year continue to arrive.

"And we're praying that they continue to send folks," said Mr. Lester.

"What I tell the staff is, 'Keep doing the wonderful amazing work you've been doing, and know people are pulling for us.'"

He noted that several RIS staff members who are also

certified immigration specialists are laying the groundwork for regular visits to the Kirksville area.

There, they will help a growing community of migrants from the Democratic Republic of the Congo with the legal immigration services they desperately need.

A place to serve

With a substantial grant from the SSM St. Mary's Hospital Foundation in Jefferson

City, CCCNMO recently agreed to terms for purchasing the Shikles Auditorium building from the Jefferson City Housing Authority.

The goal is to convert it into a venue for various community-based charitable activities.

Initial plans call for food distribution and some sort of health services to be offered there. CCCNMO will make final decisions on the building's uses after finding out

from nearby residents what their needs are.

Since the building was originally a chapel for the former La Salette Seminary for Catholic missionaries, "we're reclaiming a piece of our Catholic heritage," he said.

It will contain a small, nondenominational chapel, he said.

Holy ground in common

Mr. Lester said it's not

hard to find common ground among people of various faith traditions when it comes to serving "the least among us."

"Although we do have some pronounced doctrinal differences, we have a common desire to serve people who are being underserved," he stated.

"And when we all pull together, as Bishop McKnight likes to point out, we really are 'better together.'"

FR. ROLLO

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wanted to do the will of God."

The priest promised just to ask him questions and let the Holy Spirit answer them.

As Fr. Rolo continued praying, he gradually fell more deeply in love with the life he was being called to.

"I didn't want it, but there it was, every day, more and more," he said.

He visited a Shrine of the Blessed Mother in order to try to think of other things.

"But that just made it worse," he said, laughing.

He finally quit fighting and decided to enter the seminary and to accept whatever conse-

quences that would come with pursuing the Priesthood.

That, he believes, was when God showed him the way.

His uncle, the priest, sent him a letter filled with joy and helpful advice.

"He told me, 'Don't be afraid of the cross,'" Fr. Rolo recalled. "He told me, 'Take the tabernacle chapel as your favorite place for your whole life, and you'll be happy.'"

After nine years of studies and formation, Fr. Rolo was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Camagüey, Cuba, on Aug. 15, 2009.

It was the Solemnity of the

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

He remembers telling the Blessed Mother: "If you take me with you to heaven, I will be able to make it. If you don't, it will be difficult for me. So take me to heaven!"

Paradise

Fr. Rolo's first priestly assignment was to a parish of about 75,000 people.

"The parish is not the people in church," he noted. "It's the territory. We have to go to them. We have to visit them. We have to invite them. And they are happy to receive us."

He spent "three beautiful years" ministering in that area when an invitation came for priests of his diocese to assist the bishop of the Guantanamo diocese in serving a vast, poor and isolated parish there.

"It's a mountain place, and there are several towns without electric lights, no towers for cell phones, no Internet, and not a lot of food," said Fr. Rolo.

The young priest had visited the area as a seminarian, fallen in love with the people there had asked Mother Mary to help him go back there sometime.

Somewhat shocked at Fr. Rolo's eagerness to sign up, his bishop agreed to send him out on mission.

"And that was the paradise of my Priesthood!" said Fr. Rolo. "I have been so happy in this place! Because when you do something for the Lord, He does very much for you. It's very real. I'm a witness to that."

Following Francis

During that time, Pope Fran-

cis told Cardinal Jaime Ortega, now deceased, of Havana that he would like to visit Cuba.

Organizers of the September 2015 visit chose Fr. Rolo to be an advisor to the Cuban media during the Pope's visit.

"It was beautiful, very heavy work," the priest recalled.

The Pope said and did many things during the trip, keeping the media and their priest advisor very busy.

"I was working with journalists of the first level in the government," said Fr. Rolo. "I was not a journalist, but I prayed a lot!"

He wound up not saying very much about Pope Francis.

"I spoke about Jesus Christ," he said. "I used Pope Francis to speak about the Gospel, to explain what Jesus taught. And the Cuban people appreciated it a lot."

Back to school

Having demonstrated a gift for evangelizing through the media, he was chosen to study institutional communication in Rome.

"Seven years after my ordination, I had to leave my priestly paradise and became a student again," he said.

He believes the past three years in the Eternal City were time well spent.

"We are the Church, and the Church exists to communicate," he said. "When you don't have access to a lot of the normal ways of communicating, you really have to know how to do it."

This year, the dean suggested that Fr. Rolo spend a semester studying in the United States

at the University of Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia.

He arrived in August and will stay through mid-December.

Between classes, Fr. Rolo has been living in the Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, helping out with Mass and the sacraments while becoming fluent in English.

"I'm learning a lot of things from the blessed priests here and from each of you," he told the parishioners. "I thank the Lord every day for each of you."

"Pray heavy"

Fr. Rolo is hopeful about the future of the Church in his country.

When changes come, it will be important for the Church to be ready, he said.

He said the most important thing anyone can do to help is to "pray seriously, pray heavy."

"Intercessory prayer is so, so, so powerful!" he said. "Believe me. We have a great power in our hands, and I feel that we don't even realize what we have."

He also spoke of financial opportunities to help the people through Aid to the Church in Need. Many of his people are very poor, and the Church helps them with whatever resources are available.

He believes that when it comes to leading people to the Lord, the most important thing is knowing "Who you belong to."

"If you belong to Christ, if you really believe that, then you inspire people by the way you live," he said.

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ORDAIN

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They will do these things in English and their native Spanish.

"With your natural and supernatural gifts, you are being called to assist your bishop and his priests to help meet the pastoral obligations we have to those in our local Church who belong to one of the Hispanic cultures," Bishop McKnight told them.

They will function as mediators between the bishop and priests and the laity, between the Church and the community at large, between people of different cultures and different languages.

"You are to serve as a pastoral bridge between the shepherds and their flocks with a special mission to remove the barriers and walls that might separate pastors from their flock," Bishop McKnight told them.

"Wonderful pattern of unity"

The diaconate is the first of three ranks in ordained ministry in the Catholic Church.

Deacons are called to several roles and responsibilities in the Church. This includes proclaiming the Gospel during the Liturgy, preaching homilies, teaching and leading people in prayer, baptizing, witnessing marriages and conducting funerals and wake services.

They also bear a responsibility to be leaders in identifying the needs of others, organizing the Church's response

to those needs and eliminating the injustices or inequities causing such needs.

Like priests and bishops, deacons are ordained by the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit. But their vocation is distinct from that of other members of the clergy.

"Though you will not share in the ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ," Bishop McKnight told the new deacons, "you will belong to an intermediate order between the ministerial priests and the people: as an expression of the needs and desires of the Christian communities; and to animate, facilitate, foster and promote the participation of the lay faithful in the life and mission of the Church."

Proclaimers and doers

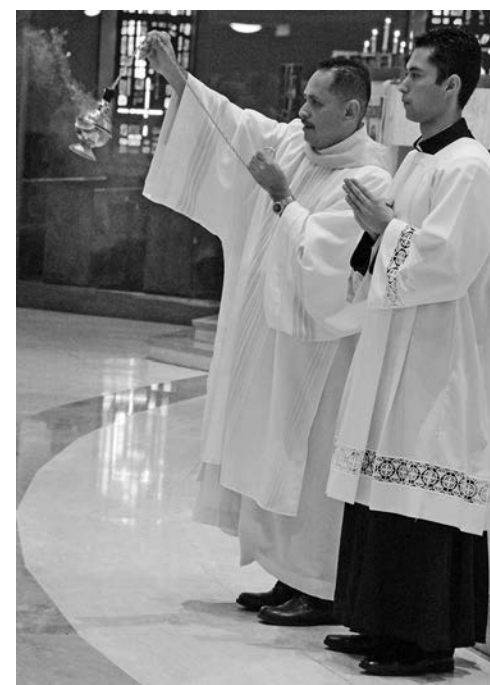
Reflecting the growing diversity of the local Church and the diaconate, most of the songs, prayers, and readings at the Ordination Mass were in Spanish.

Father Daniel Merz, diocesan director of the Permanent Diaconate, summoned each candidate for holy orders by name.

On behalf of the whole Church, Fr. Merz testified to the candidates' worthiness and asked Bishop McKnight to ordain them.



LEFT: Deacons Enrique Castro, Santos Rubio, Pedro Almazan, Jeronimo Chinchilla stand in the sanctuary of the cathedral during their Ordination Mass Oct. 13. **RIGHT:** Newly ordained Deacon Edwin Pacheco burns incense at the Mass, assisted by Erick Chinchilla, son of the newly ordained Deacon Jeronimo Chinchilla.



The candidates declared before the bishop and people their intention to accept the office of the diaconate, including its requirements of prayer, ministry, sacrifice, fidelity and obedience.

The five men then lay prostrate before the altar, in a sym-

Spanish, "Receive the Gospel of Christ, Whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, practice what you teach."

The bishop and the other deacons present then offered a sign of peace to each of the newly ordained.

One in Christ

Joining Bishop McKnight at the altar were Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos; Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, vicar general; Father Jason Doke, moderator of the curia; Father Merz; Father Louis Nelen, pastor of the Cathedral of St. Joseph; Father Christopher Aubuchon, diocesan vocation director; Father Thomas Alber, Father Louis Dorn, Father Frederick Elskamp, Father Daniel Lueckenotte, Father Jeremy Secrist and Father Mark Smith.

Assisting them were Deacons Christopher Baker, James Farnell, John Neudecker, Amparo Orozco and John Weaver.

Altar servers included seminarian Erick Chinchilla, Angely Pacheco, Edwin Pacheco Jr., and Kelly Rubio, who are children of the new deacons, and Geniva Vásquez and Tanya Vásquez.

The lectors were Jesús Salvador Castro Palos and Bianka Chinchilla. Pam Whitney led the responsorial psalm.

Norma Dolores Argueta Almazán, Christhia M. Castro, Blanca Bonilla Chinchil-

la, Clelia Guadalupe Gómez Pacheco and María Miranda Rubio, who are wives of new deacons, presented the gifts at the offertory.

A new garment

Fr. Secrist, pastor of St. Peter parish in Jefferson City, helped vest Deacon Castro.

Fr. Alber, senior associate pastor of St. Peter parish in Marshall and the Sacred Heart mission in Sweet Springs, helped vest Deacon Almazan.

Fr. Smith, pastor of St. Peter parish in Marshall and the Sacred Heart mission in Sweet Springs, helped vest Deacon Rubio.

Fr. Patrick Dolan, a retired priest of the diocese who serves as sacramental minister for St. Mary parish in Milan and the St. Mary mission in Unionville, helped vest Deacon Chinchilla.

Deacon Weaver, parish life collaborator for St. Mary parish in Milan and the St. Mary mission in Unionville, helped vest Deacon Pacheco.

Profiles of the new deacons were published in the Sept. 20 print edition of The Catholic Missourian and can be found by searching "Future deacons reflect on their call to ministry" at www.cathmo.com.

A video of the Ordination Mass can be founded by searching "Diocese of Jefferson City ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF DEACONS" at www.facebook.com.



Newly ordained Deacons Pedro Almazan, Edwin Pacheco, Santos Rubio, Jeronimo Chinchilla and Enrique Castro join Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos for a photo after the deacons' Ordination Mass.

— Photos by Jay Nies

More photos from this event have been posted in *The Catholic Missourian's* online edition, www.cathmo.com. Select "Photo Galleries" from the "Multimedia" tab on the menu bar.

bol of death and resurrection and of obedience and total reliance on God, while the choir and people prayed the Litany of Saints.

Bishop McKnight then placed his hands on the head of each candidate, an ancient symbol for the bestowing of the Holy Spirit, and prayed the Prayer of Ordination over them.

A friend or mentor, along with each deacon's wife, then ceremonially helped each deacon put on his new vestments.

The deacon's stole symbolizes the yoke of the diaconal office. The dalmatic, a liturgical vestment that has sleeves to free the arms, symbolizes the active service he renders to the Church and for the bishop.

Bishop McKnight presented a Book of the Gospels to each new deacon, saying in



By Father Don Antweiler

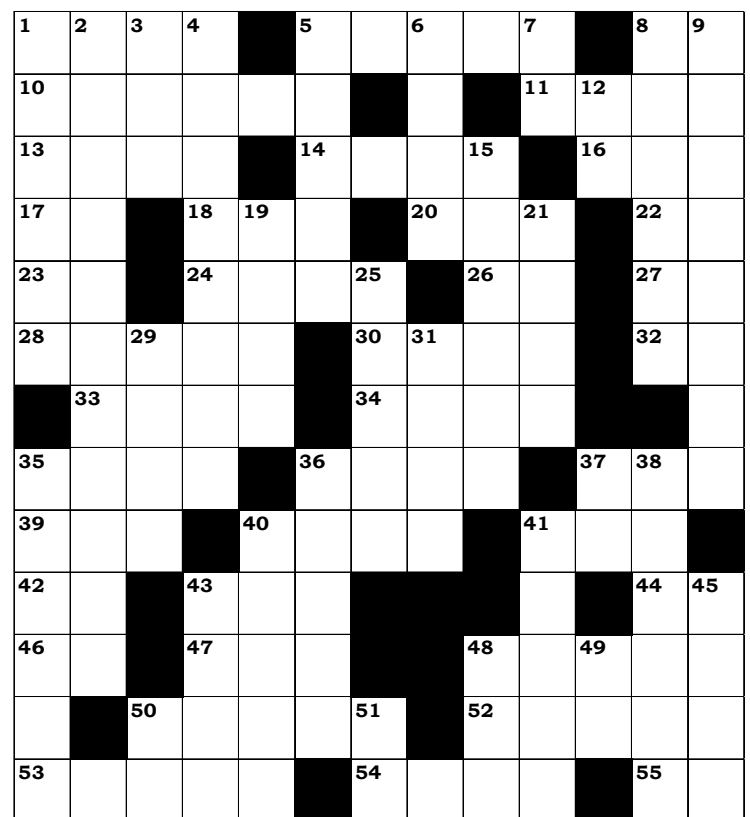
ACROSS

1. Scott Joplin was an African-Am. composer and pianist who became known as the ____ of Ragtime. He had Mo. roots in Sedalia and St. Louis.
5. It has 73 books in the Catholic edition.
8. The phrase ____ or Die comes from a 1793 Robert Burns poem about a war for Scottish independence.
10. As an introvert, he was ____ form at the party last night, regaling everybody with his jokes (2 wds.).
11. "As the ____ longs for streams of water..." (Psalm 42:2).
13. Twin brother of Jacob, (Genesis 25:24-26).
14. "They had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one ____ with them," (Mark 8:14).
16. ____ Fridays; casual dining restaurant chain with 7 locations in Mo., including Columbia.
17. Companion to OT.
18. Medical abbr. meaning "nothing by mouth"; the actual letters are from the Latin phrase *nil per os* (i.e., nothing through the mouth).
20. "Rub-a-Dub-Dub, Three Men in a ____"; English nursery rhyme first published in 1798.
22. Short for right guard position in football.
23. Immediate trauma center in a hosp.
24. After a transient period of playing in many a RR ____ and riverfront, Joplin in 1894 moved to Sedalia, Mo.
26. Slangy British thanks.
27. Letters for Emerald Isle (i.e., Ireland).
28. One Russian ____ equals .016 U.S. dollar.
30. Debt letters.
32. 14th letter.
33. "____ me in St. Louis"; 1944 musical starring Judy Garland.
34. In 1976, Joplin's St. Louis home on Delmar Blvd. was placed on the Nat. Register of Historic Places. In 1983, it came under the Mo. State ____ System. It depicts the neighborhood as he would have known it as well as details of his life and work.
35. In 1883, Buffalo Bill's Wild ____ Show was founded in Neb., turning his real life adventures into entertainment, featuring Sioux chief Sitting Bull and "Little Sure Shot" Annie Oakley. He toured Europe 8 times.
36. Joplin's St. Louis home is Mo.'s first historic ____

37. To be sick.
39. One of a bug colony.
40. "...with new wine your ____ will overflow," (Proverbs 3:10).
41. "Remember, ____, you are dust..." Ash Wed. words.
42. Internet country letters for Lithuania, a heavily Catholic Baltic nation.
43. A New York NFLer.
44. Letters for flank speed, a ship's true maximum speed, used only when in imminent danger.
46. These letters on a car stand for Luxury Sedan.
47. "____ old port in a storm"; metaphor first recorded in the 1749 bawdy English novel *Fanny Hill*.
48. We get to spend Christmas ____ grandma's house this year! (2 wds.)
50. Said to describe the color of the sky on a clear day.
52. Catherine of ____; powerful 14th century mystic, reformer and Doctor of the Church.
53. In 1976, Scott Joplin was posthumously awarded a Pulitzer ____ for his Ragtime music.
54. ____ Francis, Vicar of Christ.
55. Home State of Elvis Presley's Graceland (abbr.).

DOWN

1. A 1.9-acre park in downtown St. Louis is named for Henry _____. A talented athlete, he is most noted as a member of the U.S. track team at the first World Olympics ever held in the U.S. in St. Louis in 1904. The Olympic Runner statue is in his honor along with a playground, fountains and a concert area.
2. Scott Joplin was the son of a musical family of RR laborers in Arkansas. Already at 11 yrs. old, he could play several ____ and was composing his own music.
3. Gun club.
4. The sleeping sentry was forced to run the ____ as punishment for his lapse.
5. "You belong to what is ____, I belong to what is above," (John 8:23).
6. Life or row can be attached to the beginning of this word.
7. The Mo. Dept. of ____ showed Mo.'s graduation rate rose slightly from 2015-2018, from 87.94% to 89.23%.
8. In Sedalia, Joplin completed a ____ in music at George Smith College. During this time, he also began publishing his music.
9. Of 44 ____ Ragtime pieces in his relatively brief career, one of the first and most popular was the iconic "Maple Leaf Rag" in 1899. It brought him (and Ragtime) fame and a steady income.
12. ____ *cum spiritu tuo*.
15. In Sedalia, Joplin earned a living by teaching piano to ____ Ragtime composers like Arthur Marshall, Scott Hayden and Brian Campbell.
19. America's first published ____ was a woman, Anne Bradstreet, a Pilgrim settler in the 1600's in Massachusetts colony.
21. I will ____ in the glory of the Lord.
25. This could turn bad. We had better ____ in the bud (2 wds.).
29. With the smashing success of the "Maple Leaf Rag," Joplin moved to St. Louis where he produced some of his ____-known works, including "The Entertainer," "March Majestic" and the theatrical work "The Ragtime Dancer."
31. He just turned the legal age and he is feeling his ____!
35. His punch sure packed a ____!
36. In Greek mythology, a lustful drunken woodland god.
37. Program for problem drinkers.
38. Scott Joplin had many personal heartaches including the death of an ____ daughter, a troubled marriage and divorce, the death of his second wife 10 weeks after their wedding, bankruptcy, and finally dementia. He is buried in NYC.
40. Place or space for a concert or sporting event.
41. Ragtime was rediscovered and enjoyed a renaissance in the 1970's with a Joshua Rykin million-selling album and with the thematic song "The Entertainer" in the 1973 award-winning ____ "The Sting."
43. Joplin's death at the age of 48 marked the end of Ragtime as a national craze and mainstream music. It evolved into ____ and big band swing.
45. ____ the Man Musial.
48. 6th sense.
49. Shoe width.
50. Increasingly, companies are turning to ____ (artificial intelligence) to save money and increase efficiency.
51. Letters for extended play, more than a single but unqualified to be an album or LP.



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It will take place in the lower level of Holy Family Church, 1111 Broadway.

Mr. Carpenter's talks will include: "Amazing Marian Apparitions," "Miracles of the Rosary" and "He is Alive! Science

Finds Jesus."

All are invited to attend. Copies of his books will be for sale and can be found on Ama-

zon and for Kindle.

Sign up by Oct. 23 by calling (573) 221-1078 or email miller@myholysfamily.com.

Centering Prayer intro

DATE: November 2
TIME: 9 am - 1 pm

Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri will present an introduction Centering Prayer, sometimes call the prayer of stillness or silence, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, in the St. Joseph Room of the Cathedral of St. Joseph parish office center, 2305 W. Main St.

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Fundraisers & Social Events

Oct. 18

Mexico, St. Brendan parish annual dinner auction, 5:30-10 pm

Oct. 19

Hermann, St. George School "Mommy & Son Bash," 3-7 pm

Oct. 19-20

Camdenton, St. Anthony parish cinnamon roll sale, after Masses

Oct. 20

Eldon, K of C breakfast, 8 am-noon; **Linn**, K of C breakfast buffet, 7:30-11:30 am, St. George parish hall; **St. Anthony**, St. Anthony of Padua parish fall festival, 11 am-4 pm; **St. Martins**, St. Martin parish school Goblin 5K, 2 pm; **Westphalia**, St. Joseph parish fall festival, 11 am-6 pm

Oct. 23

Jefferson City, St. Peter Inter-parish School fundraiser, 4-8 pm, Chipotle Mexican Grill; **Sedalia**, K of C Family Night Buffet, 4-7 pm

Oct. 25

Hannibal, Holy Family parish soup day, 11 am-6 pm; **Jefferson City**, Immaculate Conception parish soup, pie & quilt luncheon, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Oct. 26

Camdenton, St. Anthony parish soup dinner, 6-8 pm; **Cuba**, Holy Cross "Zombie Bash" 5K & 2K race with family after-party, benefitting the Mo. Special Olympics Training Center, noon-8 pm, K of C Hall

Oct. 27

Argyle, VFW Post 8045 & Auxiliary fried chicken dinner, 11 am-5:30 pm; **Monroe City**, Holy Rosary parish Fall Dinner, 10:45 am-1 pm, K of C Hall; **Rich Fountain**, Sacred Heart parish fall festival, 11 am-6 pm; **St. Elizabeth**, K of C fall fried chicken/sausage dinner, 11 am-5:30 pm, Community Center; **Salisbury**, St. Joseph parish fall festival, 11 am

Nov. 1

Hermann, St. George School fish & chicken fry, 5-7 pm

Nov. 1-2

St. Robert, St. Robert Bellarmine parish Annual Fall Sale, 9 am-5 pm, church basement

Nov. 2

Columbia, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School "Blaze of Glory" gala, 6-11 pm, for more

info or to register visit tolton.catholic.org; **St. Thomas**, St. Thomas the Apostle parish fall fantasy, 6-11:30 pm

Nov. 3

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul parish annual turkey dinner, 11 am-5 pm; **Brookfield**, Immaculate Conception parish turkey dinner & K of C Ladies Auxiliary holiday bazaar, 10 am-2 pm; **Brunswick**, St. Boniface & St. Raphael parishes fall dinner, 11 am-1 pm; **Camdenton**, St. Anthony parish Sisters in Christ turkey dinner, 11 am-3 pm; **Jefferson City**, Immaculate Conception Holy Name pancake breakfast, 7 am-noon; **Kirksville**, Mary Immaculate School Autumn Auction fundraiser, 11 am, NEMO Fairgrounds; **St. James**, Immaculate Conception parish Fall dinner, 11 am-3:30 pm; **Shelbina**, St. Mary parish annual turkey dinner, 11 am-1 pm; **Starkenburg**, Church of the Risen Savior parish fall dinner, 11 am-3 pm, Valentine Hall; **Taos**, St. Francis Xavier parish Harvest Festival, 11 am-6 pm

Nov. 9-10

Camdenton, St. Anthony parish pie sale, after Masses

Nov. 10

Belle, St. Alexander parish fall dinner, 11 am-4 pm; **Glasgow**, St. Mary parish annual fall dinner auction & festival, 11 am-4 pm; **Martinsburg**, St. Joseph parish breakfast, 8 am-noon, K of C hall; **Morrison**, Assumption parish breakfast & bake sale, 8 am-noon

Nov. 17

Eldon, K of C breakfast, 8 am-noon; **Linn**, K of C breakfast buffet, 7:30-11:30 am, St. George parish hall; **Linn**, "A Traditional Christmas" free concert with Donna Cori Gibson, 3 pm, St. George Church, followed by chili supper in parish hall; **Wien**, St. Mary of the Angels PSR annual breakfast for St. Jude Children's Hospital, 7:30-11 am

Meetings & Conferences

Oct. 20

Taos, "From Water to Wine," women's ministry gathering, noon-5 pm, St. Francis Xavier Church, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/

Oct. 20-Nov. 24

Laurie, Financial Peace University 9-week course, Sundays 1-2:30 pm, St. Patrick Church, for info call (573) 371-9906, to register visit fpu.com/1094445

Oct. 23

Rolla, "Be The Change You Wish To See," women's ministry gathering, 6-8 pm, St. Patrick Church, for info visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/

Oct. 27

Columbia, Missouri Right to Life event, 2-4 pm, Sacred Heart Activity Building

Oct. 28

Columbia, "Be The Change You Wish To See," women's ministry gathering, 6:30 pm, Sacred Heart Church, for info visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/

Oct. 30

Vienna, Informational meeting for July 2020 pilgrimage to Shrines of French Canada with Fr. Matthew Flatley, 7 pm, Visitation pastoral center

Nov. 4

Jefferson City, "Be The Change You Wish To See," women's ministry gathering, 6:30 pm, Pleus Hall, Immaculate Conception parish, for info visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/

Nov. 5

Moberly, Area Ultreya for Cursillo, 6:30 pm, St. Pius X parish undercroft, for info visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

Nov. 8-10

St. Louis, Come Holy Spirit" National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Leaders and Ministries Conference, Hilton St. Louis Airport, for info or to register call 1-800-338-2445 or visit nsc-chariscenter.org

Nov. 12

Jefferson City, "Let's Talk Faith" women's ministry gathering, 6:30-8 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, for info visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/

Nov. 14

Columbia, Boonville, Columbia & Glasgow area Ultreya for Cursillo, 7 pm, Flanagan Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Nov. 16

Shelbina, Area-wide Ultreya for Cursillo & potluck, 6 pm, Fr. Buhman Center

Liturgical

Oct. 27

St. Louis, Mass of Celebration in commemoration of the Shrine of St. Joseph's 175th year, with Archbishop Robert Carlson, 11 am

Nov. 2

Mexico, Mass in Latin in the extraordinary form for all the faithful departed, 10 am, St. Brendan Cemetery

Nov. 3

Mexico, Mass in Latin in the extraordinary form, noon, St. Brendan Church

Nov. 5

Linn, Seeking Christ for our Nation Mass, 6:30 pm, St. George Church; **Lake Ozark**, Taize Prayer, 5:30-6 pm, Our Lady of the Lake Church; **Taos**, Seeking Christ for our Nation Mass, 7 pm, St. Francis Xavier Church

Nov. 12

Starkenburg, Second Tuesday Mass, noon, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows

Nov. 13

Lake Ozark, Taize Prayer, 7:30-8 pm, Our Lady of the Lake Church

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Oct. 19

Jefferson City, Pre-Cana marriage preparation, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, for info visit jcprecana.org; **Laurie**, Men's Fall Retreat, 9 am, Old St. Patrick Church, for info call (573) 692-4126 or email fboley@gmail.com

Oct. 21-24

St. Louis, White House Jesuit Retreat for women, for info visit whretreat.org

Oct. 24-27

Moberly, Fall Cursillo Weekend for men, St. Pius X parish, for info visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

Oct. 25-27

Kansas City, Rachel's Vineyard retreat for those suffering the emotional pain of abortion, for confidential info call (816) 679-4973, email rvkc-mo@gmail.com or visit rachelvineyard.org

Nov. 1-3

Moberly, Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend, St. Pius X parish, for info call (573) 635-9127

Nov. 2-3

Jefferson City, Marriage Encounter weekend, for info call (573) 619-7416, email info@jeffcityme.com or visit jeffcityme.com

Nov. 7-10

Moberly, Fall Cursillo Weekend for women, St. Pius X parish, for info visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

Chancery Closing

The chancery offices in the Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center will be closed on **Friday, November 1**, for the Solemnity of All Saints.

Nov. 8-10

Belleville, IL, Women's Quiet Retreat, King's House Retreat Center, for more info or to register call 1-800-779-7909 or visit kingsretreatcenter.org

Nov. 14-17

St. Louis, White House Jesuit Retreat for women, for info visit whretreat.org

Nov. 18-21

St. Louis, White House Jesuit Retreat for women, for info visit whretreat.org

Youth & Young Adults

Nov. 16-18

Quincy, IL, Great River TEC #326 weekend (for ages 16-21), Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University, for info visit greatrivertec.org

Nov. 21-23

Indianapolis, IN, National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), for info visit oymdiojeffcity.com/ncyc

Health & Wellness

Oct. 26

Jefferson City, Fertility Care introductory session, 10 am, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, to RSVP call (816) 550-8789 or email FertilityCare.Como@gmail.com

Nov. 3

Jefferson City, Health Fair, 8-11 am, Kennedy Hall, Immaculate Conception parish

Nov. 9

Kirksville, Creighton Model FertilityCare introductory session, noon, Mary Immaculate parish center, to register call 660-665-2466 or email NEMOfertilitycare@gmail.com

Nov. 16

Jefferson City, Fertility Care introductory session, 10 am, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, to RSVP call (816) 550-8789 or email FertilityCare.Como@gmail.com

Anniversaries

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul
Albert & Patricia Imhoff, 65 years
Jerry Ray & Mary Ann Kempf, 55 years
Bobby & Janet Baker, 54 years
Jim & Judy Lammers, 54 years
Tom & Karen Baslee, 53 years
Tom & Mary Percy, 53 years
Ed & Monna Schuster, 46 years
Barry & Dianne Elbert, 39 years
John & Cheryl Kempf, 37 years
Paul & Donna Berwanger, 35 years
Mark & Sandra Weathers, 35 years
Terry & Donya Quinlan, 34 years
John & Kim James, 33 years
Dennis & Lisa Dority, 31 years
Danny & KaLyn Fuemmeler, 26 years

Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels
Donnie & Peggy Rowden, 45 years
Matthew & Janice Libbert, 14 years

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception
Anthony & Suzanne Abeln, 46 years
Kenny & Teresa Doss, 42 years
Mike & Tammy Jamison, 23 years
Tony & Shanna Matheney, 20 years
Eric & Doris Montegna, 16 years
Jamon & Katie Andreason, 15 years
Dustin & Lindsay Neal, 11 years

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians
Wilfred & Mary Ann Kremer, 70 years

Freeburg, Holy Family
Alex & Ida Dickneite, 54 years
Ron & Paralee Kloeppel, 52 years
Don & Laverne Haller, 51 years
Gary & Margie Wieberg, 45 years
Ken & Barb Welschmeyer, 35 years
Rick & Cindy Hilkemeyer, 31 years
Todd & Brenda Becker, 29 years
Kevin & Pam Richter, 29 years
Stephen & Julie Wieberg, 29 years
Steve & Sharon Falter, 28 years
George & Linda Iven, 28 years
Jeff & Carrie Swarthout, 25 years
Craig & Amy Reinkemeyer, 19 years
Daniel & Abby Berhorst, 10 years
Glen & Becky Haller, 10 years

Kahoka, St. Michael
Stanley & Virginia Webster, 59 years
Dean & Kay Hess, 58 years
David & Donna Schmitz, 43 years
Dale & Nancy Schuhwerk, 31 years

Laurie, St. Patrick
Larry & Mary Bornowski, 46 years

Linn, St. George
John & Debra Oliveras, 20 years

Marceline, St. Bonaventure
Bobby & Connie Teeter, 59 years
Jerry & Patricia Kelly, 57 years
Richard & Mary Ellen Crippin, 55 years
Rick & Vickie Neimeier, 43 years
Mark & Linda Ewigman, 41 years
Dan & Donna Ewigman, 40 years
Randy & Mary Carol Almond, 36 years
Kevin & Brenda Allen, 35 years
David & Tina Tubbs, 28 years
Michael & Tina Krumpelman, 19 years
Al & Lori Porter, 19 years
Nicholas & Dawn Bloomfield, 15 years
Brett & Erica Ervie, 14 years
Todd & Colleen Fellows, 13 years
Jerry & Savanna Terrell, 13 years
Jacob & Amanda Reigelsberger, 12 years
Ben & Lindsay Ewigman, 11 years
Vance & Lacey Meissen, 10 years

Marshall, St. Peter
Dave & Becky Cramer, 50 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph
Carl & Margie Wieberg, 66 years
Dale & Peggy Wilburn, 48 years
Rick & Deb Robnett, 46 years
Luther & Karen Spoor, 40 years
Daniel & Amy Brooks, 33 years

Milan, St. Mary
Dan & Carla VanIngen, 40 years
Jim & Sherri Brinkley, 39 years
Getsemani & Ponciano Gabutan, 14 years
Jose & Maria Garcia, 11 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph
Robert & Donna Rupp, 66 years
Robert & Doris Wolfmeyer, 62 years
Thomas & Brenda Dodd, 57 years
Michael & Mary Creger, 50 years
Michael & Liza Summers, 47 years
Jeff & Kathy Buckman, 45 years
Bernard & Debra Conley, 40 years
Jerry & Judy Trower, 40 years
Alan & Tammy Browning, 34 years
James & Kristina Lowe, 23 years
Andrew & Jennifer Bryan, 22 years
Terry & Lisa Lake, 20 years
Jared & Amber Summers, 20 years
David & Alisha Hudson, 14 years
Justin & Janet Krekemeyer, 12 years
Derek & Karen O'Brien, 10 years

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart
Bill & Dorothy Dresel, 58 years
Steve & Joyce Boehm, 37 years
John & Carla Lehmen, 33 years

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick
Robert & Rita Kirchner, 67 years
Lloyd & Linda Boudreau, 50 years

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul
Lyle & Patricia Felten, 69 years
Bill & Rosie Hodges, 61 years
Gerry & Dolores Wolf, 59 years
Tom & Sally Keating, 53 years
Miguel Nava & Estela Sanchez, 50 years
Richard & Patricia Morrison, 40 years
Alan & Phylis Mootz, 35 years
Rick & Susan Mergen, 25 years

Unionville, St. Mary
Clark & Melba Hackney, 44 years
Ed & Deb Penca, 28 years
Mike & Kellie Purdy, 25 years

Vandalia, Sacred Heart
Jerry & Janet Epperson, 47 years
Bob & Kathleen See, 47 years
Dewey & Barb Straube, 38 years
Tex & Ann Williams, 36 years
Brandon & Beth Straube, 12 years

Vienna, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wayne & Alice Helton, 62 years
Arnold & Ann Bax, 58 years
Bill & Dorothy Dresel, 58 years
Hank & Mary Wansing, 55 years
Larry & Mary Kampeter, 48 years
Pat & Lisa Jones, 39 years
Stan & Laura Schiemeier, 38 years
Leonard & Cindy Ewers, 38 years
Allan & Tammy Polreis, 30 years
Craig & Stacie Hollis, 26 years
Chris & Brenda John, 24 years
Louis & LeAnn Kloeppel, 20 years
Todd & Courtney Jeremy, 12 years

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus
Marvin & RoseAnn Lueckenotte, 49 years

Westphalia, St. Joseph
August & Janice Boessen, 42 years
Virgil & Darlene Berhorst, 42 years
Kenny & Theresa Rehagen, 42 years
Mike & Gina Heckman, 13 years
Wesley & Kelly Kampeter, 13 years
Caleb & Stephanie Dake, 12 years

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels
J.D. & Debbie Bertsch, 46 years
George & Tonyia Weimer, 29 years
Brad & Brenda Niemeier, 26 years
Steven & Rebecca Rodgers, 17 years
Chad & Krisha Dorrell, 16 years
Nick & Charity Banko, 11 years

Marriages

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows
— **Raegan Wood & Reed Wiser**

Deaths

Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels — **Marie C. Dains**

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Eugene Brewer**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Donald W. Varney**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Jerry L. Herbert, Agnes B. Mankoski, Martha M. Plassmeyer, Jane F. Rackers**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **John F. Meyer II, Pauline E. Rost**

Mexico, St. Brendan — **Dorothy Brown, Ronda Whelan**

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Marcie M. Foster**

Rolla, St. Patrick — **Margaret Navickis**

St. James, Immaculate Conception — **Diane L. Borscha**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Klaire E. Loethen**

St. Robert, St. Robert Bellarmine — **Amerigo "Rico" Agnola, Louise F. Ruth**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Barbara J. Miller**

Baptisms

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Haidyn Izabel Kennedy**, daughter of Jami McKinney

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Marlay Lou Walgren**, daughter of Chaz & Natalie Walgren

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Carolynn Jean Smart**, daughter of Kaleb & Amber

Indian Creek, St. Stephen — **Morgan Belle Hagan**, daughter of Jared & Acacia Hagan

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Sophia and Sydney Hokanson**, daughters of Brian & Jessica Hokanson

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Ellis Fredrick Schanzmeyer**, son of Dustin & Blair Schanzmeyer

St. James, Immaculate Conception — **Theodore Jesse Williams**, son of Cale & Samantha Williams

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Nora Leigh Volmert**, daughter of Brian & Erica Volmert

St. Robert, St. Robert Bellarmine — **Cecelia Rose and Iris Bernadette Martinez**

Birthdays

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Sonny Reinkemeyer**, his 90th

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Elaine Ray**, her 97th on Oct. 9

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Marjorie Ellison**, her 93rd on Oct. 5

California, Annunciation — **Roy Baker**, his 90th on Oct. 4

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Carl Wieberg**, his 91st on Sept. 29

St. Clement, St. Clement — **Marcella Bunten**, her 100th

Vandalia, Sacred Heart — **Vince Kampeter**, his 95th birthday on Oct. 21

Crossword puzzle answers

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Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers. Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to editor@diojeffcity.org; FAXed to (573) 635-2286 (please designate *The Catholic Missourian* as the recipient); or mailed to: *The Catholic Missourian*, P.O. Box. 104900, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4900.

From generation to generation



More than 200 grandparents of students take part in Grandparents Day at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia. — Photo from Tolton Catholic's Facebook page

"For it is in giving that one receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in pardoning that one is pardoned, it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life."

Homecoming court



Members of the 2019 Helias Catholic High School Homecoming Court — (Front row) Mya Bremer, Megan Cooper, Queen Holly Hentges, Kenley Haslag, Paige Luebbing, (second row) Emilee Nappier, Emily Harrison, Esther Tharp, Lauren Howell, Molly Bruns and Morgan Yanskey — gather in the Governor's Garden for a photo.

— Photo from Helias Catholic High School

Instruments of peace



The students at Holy Cross School in Cuba celebrate the feast of St. Francis by singing the Peace Prayer next to the statue of St. Francis on the parish grounds.

— Photo by Elaine Barreca, pre-k/kindergarten teacher

Blessing of the pets



LEFT: Kindergartener Allison Cox grins as she snuggles her dog, Annie, at the Blessing of the Pets ceremony at Sacred Heart School in Sedalia. Students from pre-k through fifth grade brought pets of all shapes and sizes. Animals, parents, and children gathered in the gym for a special blessing ceremony for the feastday of St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for his love of all creatures. Deacon Arvol Bartok and Dr. Jim Davis, former assistant principal, led the celebration. **RIGHT:** Kindergartener Veronica Cassleman smiles with her betta fish, Rio, during the Blessing of the Pets ceremony at Sacred Heart School. Rio was just one of the unique pets brought to school Friday morning. Others included chinchillas and even chickens. Students unable to bring their pets brought in pictures or even drawings, which included cats, dogs, horses, chickens, bunnies and others.

— Photos from the Sacred Heart Yearbook Staff, with information from Maia Smith, an SHS senior



Elisha cures a gentile man with leprosy

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

A gentile man named Naaman was commander of the king of Aram's army. He was very successful in his raids on Israel, which pleased the king very much.

Since the Israelites did not always follow God, sometimes He allowed their enemies to be victorious against them. That is why Naaman was so successful.

Even though Naaman was powerful and victorious, he had one problem: He was a leper.

During one of the raids on Israel, a little girl was captured and became a servant to Naaman's wife. When the girl saw Naaman's leprosy, she told her mistress about the prophet Elisha.



"If only my master would present himself to the prophet in Samaria!" the little girl said to Naaman's wife. "He would cure him of his leprosy."

Naaman desperately wanted

to be cured. He told the king of Aram what the girl had said. So the king gave Naaman money, garments and a letter to present to the king of Israel.

"With this letter I am send-

ing my servant Naaman to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy," the king wrote.

When the king of Israel read the letter Naaman handed him, he became very upset. He thought the king of Aram was trying to pick a fight with him.

When Elisha heard this, he told the king to send Naaman to him. Naaman drove his horses and chariot to Elisha's house.

Elisha did not come out to greet Naaman. Instead, he sent Naaman a message, instructing him to wash in the Jordan River seven times to be healed.

Naaman was furious. He had expected Elisha to treat him like a very important person and perform a special healing ritual over him. He wasn't going to do something as sim-

ple as bathing, he thought. He left Elisha's house in a huff.

But his servants reasoned with him and got him to do as Elisha had said.

Naaman plunged himself into the Jordan. After the seventh time, his leprosy was gone.

Naaman returned to Elisha a little more humble than when he had left.

"Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel," he said to Elisha.

From that day on, Naaman worshipped only God.

Read more about it... 2 Kings 5

1. Who needed to be cured of leprosy?

2. What cure did Elisha prescribe?

Bible Accent

Leprosy — now known as Hansen's disease — is a contagious skin disease that was common in biblical times.

We read in the Bible that Jesus would heal people afflicted with the condition.

For example, in Luke 17:11-19, we read that Jesus was traveling through Samaria and Galilee as He continued His journey to Jerusalem.

Ten lepers met Him as He was entering one particular village.

From a distance, they called out to Jesus.

"Jesus, master! Have pity on us!" they cried.

Jesus saw them and responded.

"Go show yourselves to the priests," He said, and they were cleansed of leprosy on their way.

One of the lepers, a Samaritan man, realized he had been healed.

He returned to Jesus, glorified God in a loud voice, and fell at Jesus' feet in

thanks.

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Jesus asked.

Jesus looked at the Samaritan.

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you," Jesus said.

Essay

When have
you prayed for
healing?

Puzzle

Using the hints provided, draw a line between the miracle Elisha performed with God's help and the person(s) who received the miracle.

The Shunammite woman
(2 Kings 4:32-37)

Made a little
oil fill many jars

A prophet's widow
(2 Kings 4:1-7)

Made poisoned
stew edible

Gehazi (2 Kings 5:25-27)

Raised a dead child

The guild prophets
(2 Kings 4:38-41)

Caused a person's
leprosy



Answers: The Shunammite woman/Raised a dead child; A prophet's widow/Made a little oil fill many jars; Gehazi/Caused a person's leprosy; The guild prophets/Made poisoned stew edible.

Saint Spotlight



St. John of Capistrano was born in Italy in 1386. He studied law and married a woman from an important family in Perugia, Italy, and in 1412 became the city's governor. He was imprisoned during a civil war and during that time, he had a vision of St. Francis. He experienced a spiritual conversion, was dispensed from his marriage vows, joined the Friars Minor in 1416 and was ordained in 1420. John became a great preacher. He also worked to reform his order and served as the friars' vicar general. In 1456, he led a wing of the Christian army in a successful battle against the Turks, who had besieged Belgrade. He died in 1456, and we remember him Oct. 23.

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New film on St. Faustina will make its one-night-only debut Oct. 28

**Local showings include
Columbia and Lake Ozark**

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

A new film on the life of St. Faustina Kowalska, the Polish nun whose visions of Jesus led to the Divine Mercy devotion, will have a one-night-only showing on Monday, Oct. 28, on more than 700 screens across the United States.

In the Diocese of Jefferson City, it will show at 7 p.m. that evening at the Forum 8, 1209 Forum Katy Parkway in Columbia, and at the Eagles Landing Cine, 1300 Barred Owl Lane in Lake Ozark.

The 90-minute movie,

"Love and Mercy: Faustina," will also have some features about St. Faustina surrounding it, according to Marian Father Chris Alar, who is seen on-screen during the film.

lic News Service from his native Michigan, where he was giving a retreat. "That makes it fairly unique," he added.

The movie was directed by Michal Kondrat, who may be familiar to some Catholics as the director of "Two Crowns," a 2017 film biography of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish priest who died in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II.

Fr. Alar said Kondrat had read the diaries of St.

Faustina and was interested in developing a film based on the life of another Polish saint.

The filmmaker approached the Marians of the Immaculate Conception — Poland's first native-founded religious order for men back in 1670 — which as a congregation has a special devotion to St. Faustina. It was a member of this order who weaved his way through Nazi- and Soviet-occupied Eastern Europe to journey to the United States and spread the word of the nun, for whom he had been her spiritual director.

After some initial storyboards, the Marians brought out a documentary on St. Faustina the congregation had produced in the 1980s, "Divine Mercy: No Escape," to flesh out added details, Fr. Alar said.

He added news of the Divine Mercy devotion — which is simply "love in action" — is "great and power-

Local showings

- Forum 8, 1209 Forum Katy Pkwy, Columbia, MO 65203, 7 p.m.
- Eagles Landing Cine, 1300 Barred Owl Lane, Lake Ozark, MO 65049, 7 p.m.

Shot in Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, Mexico, Colombia and the United States, "Love and Mercy: Faustina" was filmed twice, with the actors speaking in English or Polish, said Fr. Alar in an Oct. 3 phone interview with Catho-

Movie Ratings



General Patronage

Abominable (PG)



Adults

Ad Astra (PG-13)
Bennett's War (PG-13)
Don't Let Go (R)
Downton Abbey (PG)
The Goldfinch (R)



Limited Adult Audience

Gemini Man (PG-13)
Joker (R)



Morally Offensive

Hustlers (R)
It: Chapter Two (R)
Rambo: Last Blood (R)

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ful and incredibly necessary," because St. Faustina was told by Jesus the message for the end times: "If you don't pass through the doors of My mercy, you must pass through the doors of justice." Very few people are aware of it. Even Catholics."

Fr. Alar called the Divine Mercy devotion "technically, the fastest grassroots movement in the history of the Church, and its growth has been phenomenal.

"Compared to other movements in the Church, like the Sacred Heart, it's incredible what has been done in such a short period of time," he noted. "That being said, it still is not known by many people, because many people are not practicing their faith. If they were practicing their faith, they'd hear about it in Church."

Fr. Alar wanted to caution potential viewers about one theme that runs through part of "Love and Mercy: Faustina" they may find problematic: the suicide of the painter who, at St. Faustina's direction, painted the image of Jesus with red and white rays emanating from His heart to represent the blood and water that flowed from His side af-

ter being pierced during His crucifixion.

The painter, Eugene Kazimierowski, was indeed a Mason, as the film noted, "but he converted" before being called upon to paint the Divine Mercy image, Fr. Alar told CNS. It is also true that he painted himself as Judas, but "not because he was siding with Judas and wanting to betray Christ, but because he was a sinner and wanted to repent of his sins."

As for the suicide, "what isn't said in the movie, not out of despair or lack of trust in God's mercy (did he kill himself). The Nazis were coming, and he was for sure in an area that the Nazis were occupying and he would have been taken prisoner," Fr. Alar said. "And he had information about different things that the Nazis knew he knew. He knew for sure he would have been taken, detained and tortured. It's never a good decision to take your life, but one that he did fully and freely of his own free will."

To find other showings and order tickets, visit:

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STEWARDSHIP

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use it to serve one another as good stewards,” (1 Peter 4:10).

“God has given each of us so much,” the bishop stated. “His desire is for all of us to cultivate those gifts according to our best efforts, and make a meaningful offering back to Him, in order for others to be drawn into a deeper relationship with Him and His Church.”

This year’s diocesan goal for the CSA is \$2,450,000, with each parish having a set goal, based on its ability to give.

Once again, this year’s CSA funding formula highlights the crucial relationship among individual parishes and the diocese as a whole. Once the amount allocated to sustaining the work of the diocese has been assured, every parish that achieves its parish goal will have 10 percent of that amount returned to that parish.

This is an important step in Bishop McK-

night’s vision of moving toward a parish-based stewardship model for the diocese, in which parishioners commit to tithing at the parish level out of their need to give, and the parishes then tithe to support diocesan and other ministries.

“With our lives, our prayers and the best use

of our temporal goods, let us continue to thank God, Who gives us all good things through His Son,” he said. “Let us

keep working together to announce His Good News in all facets of our lives, and watching with awe as He continues to bless and multiply our efforts.”

He noted that none of the money given to the CSA has been or will be spent on payments related to sexual abuse.

More information about this year’s CSA can be found online at www.diojeffcity.org/catholic-stewardship-appeal-2020/

To see a video of Bishop McKnight speaking about stewardship and the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, visit: www.diojeffcity.org/blog/2019/10/08/on-being-a-good-steward/

AD LIMINA

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risking their faith in our entire sacramental system.

•The celebration of the sacraments has declined slightly in relation to our total population, except for Mass attendance.

While our percentage of Catholics who attend Mass on a weekly basis is higher than that of other parts of the country (we are about 45 percent), we have seen a 27-percent decline in Mass attendance since 2001.

•The number of Spanish-speaking Catholics in our diocese has risen from 4 to 20 percent of the total Catholic population.

•We are one of only a couple of dioceses in the United States that does not charge active and tithing parishioners tuition for their children to enroll in our Catholic grade schools.

•Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri was founded in 2011 by Bishop Gaydos, making it one of the newest Catholic Charities affiliates in the United States.

•The practice has been to ignore parish boundaries, allowing people to participate in whatever parish they choose. I support giving people the freedom to choose the parish in which they want to belong.

However, this practice over time has had the unintended consequence of allowing par-

ish leadership to ignore the people and institutions (hospitals, nursing homes, etc.) within their parish territorial boundaries.

If we focus only on our registered parishioners, what does that say about our missionary character?

Joyful vision

How do we address these realities?

Scripture tells us “without a vision the people will perish” (Proverbs 29:18). We can’t move forward unless we know where we want to go.

My vision for our diocese includes four priorities:

•addressing the impact of the clergy sexual-abuse crisis, including its effect on the local presbyterate;

•creating a culture of co-responsibility between the clergy and laity, in accord with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council;

•raising awareness of the spirituality of stewardship as essential for all disciples, including formation for evangelization; and

•helping parishes become recognized centers of charity and mercy.

Any renewal in the Catholic Church must include the parish. As Pope Francis explains so eloquently in his encyclical, “The Joy of the Gospel,” the

parish is where people experience God and His people.

In response to God’s generous blessings, the intention is that we — clergy and laity — embrace our responsibility to witness the Gospel and thereby increase our parishes’ presence as centers of charity and mercy in the local community.

The promotion of all vocations beyond baptism (matrimony, religious life, diaconate and Priesthood) will be given additional attention to assist our young people to discern how they are called to a life of sacrificial love.

Everyone is called by God to love; it is the responsibility of the Church to provide an environment in which our young people can hear God’s call to a specific vocation and to help them respond joyfully to their call.

This year, I have asked our communication team to integrate our communication platforms and networks, within the diocese and between our parishes and schools. This will allow us to be more responsive to the expectations of digital natives, leverage the economy of scale, and eliminate duplicate tasks by our staffs.

This is an enculturation process, reaching out to those immersed in the digital culture.

A Diocesan Pastoral Coun-

Daily Readings

Sunday, Oct 20

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex. 17:8-13
Ps. 121:1-8
2 Tm. 3:14-4:2
Lk. 18:1-8

Monday, Oct 21

Rom. 4:20-25
(Ps.) Lk. 1:69-75
Lk. 12:13-21

Tuesday, Oct 22

St. John Paul II, Pope
Rom. 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Ps. 40:7-10, 17
Lk. 12:35-38

Wednesday, Oct 23

St. John of Capistrano, priest
Rom. 6:12-18
Ps. 124:1b-8
Lk. 12:39-48

Thursday, Oct 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop
Rom. 6:19-23
Ps. 1:1-4, 6
Lk. 12:49-53

Friday, Oct 25

Rom. 7:18-25a
Ps. 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94
Lk. 12:54-59

Saturday, Oct 26

Rom. 8:1-11
Ps. 24:1b-4b, 5-6
Lk. 13:1-9

The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for October:

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the Church.

Sunday, Oct 27

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir. 35:12-14, 16-18
Ps. 34:2-3, 17-19, 23
2 Tm. 4:6-8, 16-18
Lk. 18:9-14

Monday, Oct 28

SS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
Eph. 2:19-22
Ps. 19:2-5
Lk. 6:12-16

Tuesday, Oct 29

Rom. 8:18-25
Ps. 126:1b-6
Lk. 13:18-21

Wednesday, Oct 30

Rom. 8:26-30
Ps. 13:4-6
Lk. 13:22-30

Thursday, Oct 31

Rom. 8:31b-39
Ps. 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31
Lk. 13:31-35

Friday, Nov 1

ALL SAINTS [Holy day of obligation (USA)]
Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps. 24:1-4ab, 5-6
1 Jn. 3:1-3
Mt. 5:1-12a

Saturday, Nov 2

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls’ Day)
Wis. 3:1-9
Ps. 23:1-6
Rom. 5:5-11 or Rom. 6:3-9
Jn. 6:37-40

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cil has been established to assist me with the development of a new pastoral plan, which will entail the participation of all the clergy and faithful through periods of recollection and discernment in the liturgical seasons of Advent 2019 and Lent 2020.

“The Joy of the Gospel” will serve as a principal guiding document for that process.

I believe the present difficulties of the Church, both local and universal, provide an

opportunity for everyone to reflect anew upon the pastoral vision of the Second Vatican Council with regard to the active participation of the laity in the life and mission of the Church.

The Lord continues to provide His Church with an abundance of resources, both spiritual and material, to accomplish its mission.

Let us discover together the many ways God has indeed provided us with all we need.

ANNUAL FALL Sale

Sponsored by the Ladies of the Altar & Rosary Society

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH
— NOV. 1 & 2 —
9 am to 5 pm

St. Robert, Mo.

Furniture, household, toys, clothing, books, décor, tools, art & crafts and more!
Soup bar, baked goods & pecans for sale

Argyle VFW Post 8045 & Auxiliary

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, October 27 — 11am to 5:30pm
ARGYLE, MO

Adults \$10 Children 6-12 \$5 5 & under free
— Carryouts Available —

GAMES ★ COUNTRY STORE ★ PRIZES

VETERANS: A VFW Service Officer will be available to answer questions about your benefits.

Chancery Closing

The chancery offices in the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center will be closed on **Friday, November 1**, for the Solemnity of All Saints.

FALL FESTIVAL Sacred Heart Parish

Rich Fountain
Sunday Oct. 27

WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE & GERMAN POT ROAST
Served Family Style 11 to 6
Adult \$12
Child 6-12 \$5
5 & under FREE

Shooting Match-11am
Auction-3pm
Drawing-5:30pm
Country Store
Refreshments
Kids Games

Junction of Hwys. 50 & 63... South on Hwy. 63 for 9 mi., then East on Hwy. E for 3 mi.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL November 3 11am-6pm

Taos

Turkey & Whole Hog Sausage Dinner
with mashed potatoes & gravy, buttered turnips, green beans, heritage dressing, candied sweet potatoes, fried apples, cranberry sauce, homemade bread, pies, & desserts

Adults \$12
Kids 6-12 \$6
Kids 5 & under free

COUNTRY STORE Refreshments
Prizes & Games
Sausage for Sale
Sandwich Stand

* No 10 am Mass *

More events on pages 5 & 18!

Also check out the events calendar on the diocesan website at diojeffcity.org/events

Seeking Christ for Our Nation

The next "Seeking Christ for our Nation" Masses will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 5**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. George Church in Linn.

Fall FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 20
St. Joseph Parish, Westphalia

German Pot Roast & Fresh Pork Sausage
Served family style 11am-6pm
Adults \$12 | Kids 6-12 \$6 | 5 & under free

Sandwich Stand | Refreshments
Country Store | Games & Prizes
Fresh Sausage for Sale

FALL FESTIVAL

Ham, turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, bread, salads & dessert — 11 am to 1 pm

Adults \$11 / Kids 5-12 \$5
Preschool & under FREE
Carryouts (11 am-1 pm) 660-388-5518

St. Joseph Church
Salisbury
Sunday, October 27

Live Auction 1:30 pm
Country Kitchen, Religious Articles, Crafts, Children's Games