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She has spent more than half of her 60 years in the School Sisters of Notre Dame teaching at Holy Family School in Freeburg. Page 6



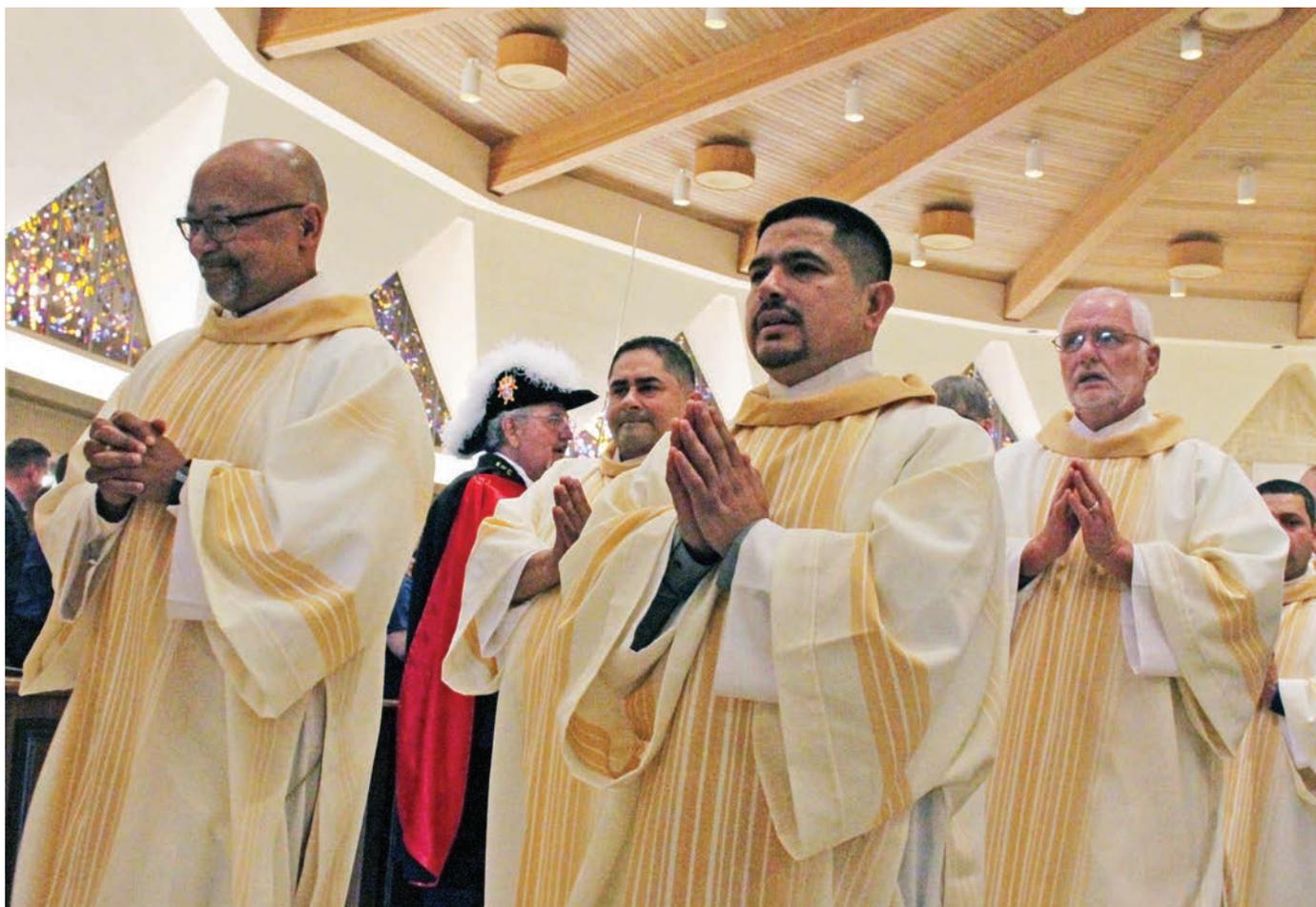
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## Permanent deacons to be important part of pastoral plan



**Deacon John Schwartz joins Deacon Raymond Purvis in diaconate formation**

**Pastors, deacons, the faithful helping identify the next class of deacon candidates**

By Jay Nies

"If you get the diaconate right," Bishop W. Shawn McKnight once stated, "everything else about the Church seems to just fall into place."

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"God takes our gifts and stretches us and we end up doing things that in our wildest dreams we never could have envisioned being able to do or even pursue," stated Deacon John Schwartz, the diocese's recently appointed director of deacon formation.

"With God's grace, we do it and we do it successfully," he said.

Deacon Schwartz began his new role with the permanent diaconate on July 1.

He joins Deacon Raymond Purvis, who previously served as director of deacon formation and will now serve as director of deacon life and ministry; and Father Daniel Merz, vicar for the diaconate.

"If you're discerning a possible call

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Thirteen newly ordained permanent deacons of the Jefferson City diocese process out of the Cathedral of St. Joseph at the end of their Ordination Mass on May 4, 2019. Bishop W. Shawn McKnight ordained five more deacons on Oct. 13. A new class of potential deacons are to begin formal discernment in January 2021.

—Photo by Jay Nies

## Catholic schools in the diocese stand ready for whatever the new school year brings

By Jay Nies

All 37 of the Jefferson City diocese's Catholic elementary schools and three Catholic high schools remain on target for ringing in the 2020-21 school year with in-school instruction.

But with a proven track record for distance learning and months of preparation, they're ready for whatever obstacles may come.

"We are doing everything in our power to prepare for as many different scenarios as we can," Dr. Erin Vader, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools wrote to Catholic school parents.

"But it is hard to guess how our school communities will look as we move through this pandemic."

She pointed out that:

- All our schools have plans in place for foreseeable events

and are sharing them with their school families.

- All our schools will be following guidance given by their specific county health department.

- All our schools are preparing with your students' health and safety in mind, while continuing to provide an academically excellent education in a Christ-centered community, "no matter how socially distanced that community may be."

"Our Catholic schools are here to support and serve your families," Dr. Vader wrote to parents. "We are here to support you as the first and best teachers of your children. We are here to walk with you through this time.

"With God's help, we will continue to grow and learn as a community of Catholic Christians, serving one another as

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## Regarding Solemnity of the Assumption

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Saturday, Aug. 15.

Though the feastday falls on a Saturday this year and as such is not a holyday of obligation in the United States, “we are to keep the day holy,” Father Kelechi Uzuegbu, administrator of St. Bonaventure parish in Marceline, with sacramental duties at Immaculate Conception parish in Brookfield, wrote to his parishioners. “Attending Mass is a great way to begin,” he stated.

**DATE: August 14**  
**TIME: 6 pm**

Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated on the Vigil of the Assumption, Saturday, Aug. 14 at the outdoor National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church in Laurie, Mo. Father Dylan Schrader will offer the Mass at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

## No Aug. 15 Cedron Mass

The Mass originally scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15, in Assumption Church in Cedron has been cancelled out of an abundance of caution due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Koeltztown Wednesdays

Prayer services are being held at 8 a.m. each Wednesday in St. Boniface Chapel in Koeltztown, for Father Christopher Aubuchon, for vocations and other intentions. All are invited to attend.

## President - Incarnate Word Academy



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## Correction

A line in the article, “Faithful Citizenship: Fr. Corel offers guidance on electoral discernment,” in the July 24 print edition of *The Catholic Missourian* contained an incomplete statement about Church teaching about the dignity and sanctity of human life.

The Church upholds the objective, universal truth of the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from the moment of conception until natural death.

*We regret and apologize for the error.*

## Mailing address for diocesan offices

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Please begin using the street address immediately. The post office has ceased forwarding mail from the old addresses.

## Pray for deceased priests

Aug. 20 — Fr. Frederick J. McEvoy, Chaplain, St. Francis Hospital, Marceline (1961)

## Second Sunday prayer service for our nation in Westphalia

**DATE: August 9**  
**TIME: 6 pm**

By Jay Nies

St. Joseph parish in Westphalia will hold a Second Sunday patriotic prayer service at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9, in St. Joseph Church, 125 E. Main St. in Westphalia.

The theme will be “Heal Our Land” (Chronicles 7:14).

Father Anthony Viviano, pastor of St. Joseph parish and of St. Anthony of Padua parish in Folk, will lead the prayers and give a short homily.

The parish held a similar service in its newly renovated church on July 5.

It included praying the Rosary interspersed with spiritual quotes and Bible passages that pertain to the United States and its ideals.

Fr. Viviano addressed many of the issues that cry out for

prayer in his Sunday homily on July 18.

“Our liberty is what makes us who we are — freely given by God, to have an opportunity to have a family, to be prosperous and to care for those around us,” he stated.

The Mass was livestreamed over Facebook. The archived video has been shared numerous times and viewed by more than 7,000 people.

Fr. Viviano pointed to three things that are common to manifestations of evil: confusion, disunity and fear.

“I would say the pail run-

neth over in our country right now,” he said. “There is a relentless pursuit to propagate confusion, disunity and fear.”

He believes that fervent prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are the remedy.

“May we give great thanks, fall upon our knees and thank the Blessed Lord that we have been called blessed to live in this one nation under God — the greatest nation that God has deigned to put on this earth,” he said.

He hopes to lead patriotic prayer services at 6 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month

## Priest makes an appeal to personal charity

By Father Mark Smith

As things move more significantly in our everyday life and nationally, I would ask everyone to consider charity as a motivation for how one interacts with others.

We have seen on TV and in person, protests of various natures and people being angry for a variety of reasons, be it racial injustice, a loss of personal liberty or license, whether or not business will be conducted in a particular manner, and other reasons I am forgetting.

If we Christians could step back from a natural defensiveness and instead listen and act from a position of charity, I think we could function a little more smoothly and might make the presence of Christ more intensely felt.

Christ models for us a setting aside of personal pride and autonomy so that true encounters can be had. He listened and felt the other's pain, disenfranchisement, segregation, fear and other emotions, and offered not simple fixes, but offered His presence and compassion.

Maybe if we thought about charity a bit more, we might not be so upset about masks or rallies or whatever is inconveniencing us today.

*Fr. Smith is pastor of St. Peter parish in Marshall and the Mission of Holy Family in Sweet Springs.*

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# Missouri's Catholic bishops issue statement on passage of Amendment 2, expanding Medicaid

Missouri's Roman Catholic bishops, in their role as officers of the Missouri Catholic Conference, issued the following statement on Aug. 5, following Missouri voters' passage of Amendment 2, which expands eligibility for Medicaid healthcare coverage in the state.

The statement's signatories include: Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, apostolic administrator of St. Louis; Bishop James V. Johnston Jr. of Kansas City-St. Joseph; Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City; and Bishop Edward M. Rice of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

"The vote to expand the Medicaid program will provide greater access to health insurance coverage for the working poor. We are hopeful that the expansion of this important program will improve health outcomes for those with unmet healthcare needs as well as help Missouri's hospitals keep their doors open, especially in rural parts of the state.

"We know that the vote on Amendment 2 came with great anxiety for some members of Missouri's pro-life community. We want to make it clear that

our support for human life at all stages is unwavering. Indeed, helping those in need obtain health care is part of being pro-life and part of our call from Christ to see Him in the face of those less fortunate.

"We believe providing low-income working mothers with health insurance coverage that remains in place after they deliver will reduce the demand for

abortions. We pledge our continued support going forward to ensuring the Hyde Amendment remains a part of federal law, and to walk with mothers in need who face unplanned pregnancies. We hope the Missouri legislature will be able to find a way to fund this important program in the face of the fiscal challenges brought on by the current health crisis."



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Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight  
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Bishop of Jefferson City



*Edward M. Rice*

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Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

## Catholic leaders call for prayers, help after massive Beirut blasts

Catholic News Service

Amman, Jordan

Lebanese were reeling after a massive explosion at Beirut's port destroyed homes, businesses and livelihoods across the capital, and Catholic leaders immediately took action and called for international

support.

Aid groups say the blast Aug. 4 threatens to open a new humanitarian crisis in an impoverished nation that hosts hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees and is already struggling to stay afloat amid an economic collapse and soar-

ing rates of poverty and unemployment.

The explosion destroyed numerous apartment buildings, potentially leaving many homeless at a time when Lebanese have lost their jobs and savings due to the currency crisis.

Lebanon's top Catholic cleric, Cardinal Bechara Rai, Maronite patriarch, has called for a U.N.-controlled fund to be set up to manage aid for the reconstruction of Beirut and other international assistance to aid the stricken country.

"Hundreds of families are homeless. All this is happening and the state is in an economic and financial situation which makes it incapable of dealing with this human and urban catastrophe," he told Vatican News.

"The Church, which has set up a relief network throughout Lebanese territory, now finds itself faced with a new great duty, which it is incapable of assuming on its own," said Cardinal Rai, urging for help "without any political consideration, because what happened is beyond politics and conflicts."

"It is unclear who is behind the blast, but what is certain is that there were explosive materials which turned Beirut into an apocalyptic city. Hospitals, schools, houses, businesses, and much more (are) de-

stroyed, leaving people feeling hopeless and helpless," wrote the two U.S. Maronite prelates, Bishops Gregory Mansour

of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and A. Elias Zaidan of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles.



### Bishop McKnight's Calendar

**AUGUST**

*The following appointments are tentative, depending on the pandemic:*

- Aug 13** Priests' Personnel Board appreciation dinner, 6 pm, Bishop's residence
- Aug 18** Meeting of Deans of the Diocese of Jefferson City, 10 am, Chancery; Presbyteral Council meeting, 1 pm, Chancery; St. Mary's Foundation dinner, 5 pm, Bishop's residence
- Aug 20** Finance Council meeting, 11 am, Chancery
- Aug 21** Inaugural Mass for President Fuemmeler, 8:45 am, Helias Catholic High School, Jefferson City; 150th Anniversary Mass, 5:30 pm, St. Pius X, Moberly
- Aug 22** Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting, 10 am, Chancery
- Aug 24** Solemn Vespers before the installation of Archbishop-Designate Mitchell Rozanski, 7 pm, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, St. Louis
- Aug 25** Installation Mass of 10th Archbishop of St. Louis, 2 pm, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, St. Louis
- Aug 27** Priests' Mutual Benefit Society Board meeting, 1 pm, Chancery

**Bishop McKnight's August prayer intention for our Local Church**

For our parish and school communities, that we may be bound by a spirit of unity to work together for the common good during the pandemic.

*Please be so kind as to make this a part of your group and private prayer.*

**Intención del mes de agosto del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local**

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## New leadership for eight Catholic schools in the diocese

*This is the first in a series of reports on new Catholic School administrators in the Jefferson City diocese.*

By Jay Nies

Eight of the Jefferson City diocese's 37 Catholic elementary schools and three Catholic high schools have new leadership.

Each brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm at a time of challenges new and old for Catholic education.

"God sends us the leaders we need to help us accomplish the work He has in mind for us," said Dr. Erin Vader, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools. "He has been very generous to us."

### "Achieving the unimaginable"

Erin Polson, new principal of St. Peter School in Fulton, said being a Catholic school administrator is more than a job description; it's a way of life.

"Beyond the office work, I will be teaching, guiding, praying and praising," she said. "I will be forming relationships with the pastor, parish, families and staff at St. Peter's and in the community."

Mrs. Polson holds a bachelor's degree in education from Northwest Missouri State (now Truman State) University in Kirksville and a master's degree in educational leadership from Saint Louis University in St. Louis.

This is her 14th year as an educator and her first as principal.

She and her husband have two sons.

She is convinced that a Catholic school's purpose is to form followers of Christ.

"When Jesus chose His apostles, He recruited people from various positions and places," she said. "They had different skills and backgrounds, but each opened his heart and mind to learn from the greatest teacher on Earth."

"My purpose is to facilitate that same response in the staff and students, through faith, academics, athletics and character development," she said.

Mrs. Polson noted that Catholic education takes into account so much more than academics.



**(Front row) Dr. Erin Vader, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools; Bishop W. Shawn McKnight; Patricia Kirk, principal of St. Joseph School in Westphalia; Sara Hooley, principal of Holy Family School in Hannibal; (back row) Anne Luebbert, principal of Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek; Julie Mitchem, principal of St. Andrew School in Tipton; Mindy Schneider, principal of Immaculate Conception School in Macon; Erin Polson, principal of St. Peter School in Fulton; Dana Schroeder, principal of Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City; and Dr. Daniel Everett, president and principal of Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia, gather for new principal orientation on July 28 in the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center in Jefferson City.**  
— Photo by Jay Nies

"We are forming the whole child — mind, body and soul — and giving them the tools they need to become active citizens and missionaries," she said.

"They need to know how to wear the armor of God, control their minds and speech and make intelligent decisions," she stated. These are lofty goals, but children are capable of achieving the unimaginable."

In her spare time, Mrs. Polson enjoys reading novels, spending time outside and being with friends and family.

Lately, she has been reading: *Better than Carrots and Sticks; Forming Intentional Disciples;* and *Parish School: A History of American Parochial Education from Colonial Times to the Present.*

"I have learned a lot of history and restorative skills," she said. "I also learned that our choices have lasting impacts, far beyond our own lifespans."

Two of her favorite saintly intercessors are Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St. Anthony of Padua.

"I am reminded to be more selfless, spend my time wisely, and to keep looking for the good," she said.

Her two favorite Bible verses are: "Wait for the Lord. Be strong, take heart, and wait for

the Lord" (Psalms 27:14) and "Do not worry about tomorrow. It has enough worries of its own" (Matthew 6:34).

She anticipates that working around COVID-19 concerns will be her biggest challenge this year.

She asks for prayers for patience and less anxiety for people at school this year, along with prayers of thanksgiving.

"God gives us the time and resources to serve others, if only we will listen and follow through," she said.

### "Be not afraid"

Dr. Daniel "Dan" Everett is the new president and principal of Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia.

"Being the new guy is always challenging," he said, "but coronavirus is bringing unprecedented challenges to educators worldwide."

He and his wife have lived all over the country, but recently moved to Central Missouri from Southern California. They have five children.

This is his 18th year in Catholic education. He spent the first 10 teaching English, math, theology and philosophy, and the remaining years in administration.

To him, the educational process is a journey.

"As a Catholic school administrator, I see my role as helping to create an environment where students, faculty and staff can grow and thrive as we all walk this journey together," he said.

He said a Catholic school is a part of the work of the Church to educate children to the fullest potential that God intended for them.

"Not only do Catholic schools strive for academic excellence, they spread the Gospel message of God's great love for all of us," he said.

When that happens, students are prepared for whatever difficulties lie ahead.

"Catholic schools do a great job helping students learn to love God and their neighbor, challenging them to think at a higher level and to encounter Christ in others," he said.

In his spare time, Dr. Everett enjoys skateboarding, snowboarding and all things pertaining to technology.

He has been reading *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, by Ibram X. Kendi, which has been helping him develop a more thorough understanding of racism.

His favorite phrase from a saint is "Be Not Afraid" — "which is something that Pope St. John Paul II reminded us of every chance he got."

Dr. Everett has also begun praying for the intercession of the school's namesake, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton.

His favorite advice from a colleague: "Be half-full, not half-empty. In other words, choose optimism."

He asks for prayers for the grace to persevere, the wisdom to make the right decisions, and the ability to show Christ's love to everyone he meets.

### "High expectations"

Anne Luebbert is the new principal of Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek.

"I view my role as developing leadership in others and managing people, data and school processes," she said. "As a principal in a Catholic school, I will accomplish all tasks through Christian values and with positive beliefs and high expectations of others."

She grew up in Loose Creek and attended Immaculate Conception School as a child.

After spending most of her career as an educator at Sedalia Middle School in Sedalia, she returned to her hometown last year to teach fourth grade at Immaculate Conception.

As principal, she sees her role as a leader responsible

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# Local Catholic Charities expanding Food & Nutrition Services

## Working with USDA program to serve senior citizens facing hunger in Cole County

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) is expanding its Food & Nutrition Services Program through the distribution of senior food boxes to Cole County seniors in need.

This Catholic Charities' effort is made possible through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a partner agency of The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri.

CCCNMO staff started in May serving 20 seniors. Thanks to a partnership made with the Jefferson City Housing Authority, there are now more than 100 seniors planning to receive a senior food box in August.

"Our goal is to sign up all eligible seniors living in Cole County by the end of 2020," stated Judith Mutamba, director of Food & Nutrition Services for Catholic Charities.

Furthermore, with CCCNMO's partnership with Helias Catholic High School, high-school students are able to receive volunteer hour credit while helping distribute the boxes to the seniors.

Rebecca Jennings, in her role as Nutrition Education AmeriCorps Member, works with Catholic Charities to help foster the growth of the Food & Nutrition Program through the senior food boxes, as well as through providing nutrition education.

"Going forward, we are contacting faith-based organizations, senior centers, and other food assistance programs to help increase the numbers of seniors served," Ms. Jennings said.

One of these key partners is Immaculate Conception parish in Jefferson City, which has provided volunteers who are committed to helping seniors in Cole County receive senior food boxes.

### Parish partnership

By distributing the senior food boxes to the recipients' homes, Catholic Charities is able to engage in the safest practices with contactless deliveries and better serve this at-risk population during these difficult times.

Therese Miller, chairwoman of Immaculate Conception parish's social concerns commission and disaster response team, was the lead in getting the parish involved in this program.

"It has been our parish's pleasure to work with Rebecca and her team in contacting and supporting seniors in our community during this challenging time," she stated.

### Healthy knowledge

Ms. Jennings has increased her efforts to better serve mid-Missourians through her completion of training of the American Heart Association's Healthy for Life evidence-based nutrition education program.

Additionally, she is using her master's degree in dietetics and the Healthy for Life program to educate individuals on topics like Tasty, Affordable Meals for Busy Families; Food

Label Smarts; and Eating for a Stronger, Healthier You.

"While COVID-19 has limited my ability to share this education with others in person, I am still strongly committed to bringing this knowledge to those who desire it in whatever acceptable medium that is," she said.

She plans eventually to be able to provide this education in a community classroom at Catholic Charities' future home in the former La Salette chapel/gymnasium, recently known as Shikles Center.

CCCNMO hopes to complete renovations on that space by the end of 2021.

Catholic Charities has also established a Food & Nutrition Services fund to feed and provide health interventions to at-risk mid-Missourians.

For those interested in supporting these efforts, checks may be made payable to CCCNMO, and mailed to P.O. Box 104626 Jefferson City, MO 65110 or donate online at [cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give](http://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give).

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a positive school culture in which students, staff and community work together to support the mission of our school.

She intends to work on making a long-term plan for student success and encourage professional development for teachers.

"Obviously, COVID-19 will bring a challenge to all schools this year," she stated.

She believes a Catholic school's purpose is to develop followers of Christ in faith, knowledge, and service.

When that goes well, the students become "evangelists of the Catholic faith in all of their future relationships," she said.

In her spare time, Ms. Lubbert enjoys traveling, seeking new adventures for outdoor activities and hiking, and finding time every day to exercise.

Her favorite prayer is the Peace Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, which begins, "Make me a channel of Your peace."

In times of difficulty, she turns to St. Michael the Archangel for intercession and inspiration.

### "How much love"

Mindy Schneider is the new principal at Immaculate Conception School in Macon.

She will also continue as kindergarten teacher, a position she has held for eight years.

She said it will be especially important this year for people to keep an open mind and understand that "sometimes there are no right answers and we are all doing the best we can."

"We are better together, and through prayer we will get through this hurdle," she said.

She believes her role as a principal in a small Catholic school is as a team leader and team builder.

"The team leader has to work with all staff members to ensure a positive work and school environment," she said. "The team builder has to build a complete support structure that includes parents, the parish and the community."

She believes a Catholic school's purpose is to provide children a Christ-centered education that not only focuses on educational standards but develops them spiritually as well.

"It allows students to explore and learn more about their faith while receiving a premium education," she said. "It's truly the best of both worlds."

She believes Immaculate Conception students are young role models for both their faith community and the larger community.

"As much as I love seeing the academic successes of our alumni, I love seeing them help in the community more," she said.

She and her husband Jeremy have been married for 16 years. They have three daughters who attend Immaculate Conception School — one of whom had Mrs. Schneider for class in kindergarten.

She enjoys spending her spare time with her family. One of their favorite things to do is "hop on our John Deere Gator and take a ride to the river and

explore."

She also volunteers at the local food bank and helps organize the Lunch in the Park program for Immaculate Conception School.

"I feel that both of these programs not only raise awareness of our school, but keep me grounded with the blessings I have received," she said.

The memory of St. Teresa of Calcutta inspires her, along with the observation, "it's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts."

"I firmly believe in leading by example not only as a principal but in my everyday life as a mother, wife and teacher," said Mrs. Schneider.

She makes a habit of asking people to pray for peace.

"Even after taking on this new role as principal at Immaculate Conception School, I have felt peace," she said. "I know this is the Holy Spirit taking over and guiding me on this journey."

She believes responding to COVID-19 will be her school's greatest challenge this year.

"The fear of the unknown is valid for all of us," she said. "It will be important for everyone to keep students, faculty and staff in their prayers throughout this school year."

Her favorite Bible verse is "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

"Our God is a great one," she stated. "He always knows what's best for us and He will give us the strength to make it through this school year."

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# Sr. Linda Maune SSND has spent 60 years “trusting and daring”

By Jay Nies

Sister Linda Maune of the School Sisters of Notre Dame has been teaching and serving at Holy Family School in Freeburg for over half of her 60 years in religious life.

“It has been a blessing to witness three generations grow in their faith and become loving parents and people dedicated to service to their community,” she said.

This year is Sr. Linda’s diamond jubilee as an SSND.

“Jubilee is a time of grace and hope, a time to give thanks and praise, and a time to recall many memories,” she said.

“Truly, I have a grateful heart for all that has been and all that will be.”

## “Give and forgive”

Sr. Linda grew up in Washington, Missouri, where SSNDs taught at St. Francis Borgia School.

She often dreamed of being a teacher.

She had two great-aunts who were School Sisters of Notre Dame. Her parents would take her to visit them in St. Louis, and the sisters would ask her what she wanted to be when she grew up.

“I really feel the seed of my religious vocation was planted in those early years,” she said.

She entered the SSND novitiate after graduating from St. Francis Borgia High School.

She received the religious name Sister Lauren Marie but

later returned to her baptismal name.

She professed temporary vows in the congregation on July 29, 1960, in St. Louis.

Since then, she has spent 58 years as a classroom teacher in mostly rural Catholic grade schools in Missouri and Illinois — including three years at St. Joseph School in Westphalia and the past 33 years at Holy Family School in Freeburg.

She has taught all grades from kindergarten through 8 but discovered her highest potential among first- and second-graders.

She has relished helping young children and their families prepare for First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

“I have learned to know most of the people of the parish quite well,” she said. “I have attended many Baptisms, First Holy Communion, weddings and funerals.

“I have witnessed both the joys and sorrows of this parish family many times and know how the people truly have strong faith and loving support for each other,” she said.

She hopes the seeds of faith she helped plant in her students will continue to grow.

“I have daily tried to help them pray, learn the truths of our faith, be more willing to experience more of God’s love for them,” she said.

The children have also taught her — “much as I saw how they were able to find joy in simple things, openness to new ideas, creativity and an appreciation of nature.”

“What a joy it has been to hear children say they like to read Bible stories or to be able to pray even when they are outside!” she said.

## Learning from each other

Sr. Linda holds a bachelor’s degree in history from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a master’s degree in reading education from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.



Sister Linda Maune SSND

She observed that many new methods and techniques have evolved during her years in education.

“Technology has provided extensive new opportunities for learning,” she noted. “Many of us were forced to use them when schools closed because of COVID-19, and we used distance learning.”

Yet, her most memorable classroom events are times when children did activities as a team, shared ideas for a project or acted out ways to put virtue into their daily lives.

“I have seen children learn so much from each other as they listened and worked cooperatively,” she said. “These, indeed, are life skills which they will need in the years ahead.”

She noted that religious life has changed profoundly since she entered.

“Yet, even though habits and rules are different, the SSND spirit is alive, and the charism of our foundress, Blessed Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, is very evident in the ministers of all School Sisters of Notre Dame.

“We continue to choose to serve the poor, women and unmet needs of the Church and the world,” she said. “We strive to present a world vision and teach global issues wherever we are sent.”

## In the present

Sr. Linda continues to teach at Holy Family while living in the SSND community at neighboring Sacred Heart parish in Rich Fountain.

She loves the adage, “The past is history, the future is a mystery. Now is a gift — which is why we call it the present.”

As a cancer survivor, she has learned to treasure the gift of each new day.

“I also have come to realize that God has been with me all along the way and will continue to be there until I reach the end of my earthly journey,” she said.

She continues to be amazed at God’s faithfulness to her throughout her pilgrimage of vowed religious life.

“During this jubilee year, I realized ever more how I have been and am embraced by God’s love,” she said.

Jubilee year has challenged her to deepen her relationship with God by renewing her vowed commitment to consecrated celibacy, Gospel poverty, and apostolic obedience.

“I have come to realize that as my relationship with Christ deepens, I am freed to serve God’s people and to follow Him more fully as I try to continue to carry forward the mission,” she said.

She intends to keep living out the motto of the SSND foundress: “Trust and Dare!”

God has blessed Sr. Linda profoundly and in many ways since she answered her religious calling.

She asks people to join her in praying for more vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

“I ask God to bless everyone who has been a part of the fabric of my life,” she said. “Indeed, I can pray with Mary my own prayer of thanks and praise, for the Lord has been so good to me.”

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# “Exceptional characteristics” attributed to SHHS Class of 2020

By Jay Nies

Prevailing wisdom has cast the COVID-weary Class of 2020 as “resilient.”

But the 76th graduating class of Sacred Heart High School (SHHS) in Sedalia is so much more than that.

“They are a group of amazing, unique, fun-loving, sometimes bizarre but always bright individuals,” stated SHHS social studies teacher Jane McMullen, commencement speaker for this year’s matriculating seniors.

“I have seen exceptional characteristics in these young people — countless acts of kindness and camaraderie, integrity, loyalty and care beyond their years,” she said.

Ms. McMullen spoke to the 21 graduating seniors and their families, seated at a proper distance from one another in the Sacred Heart Gymnasium on July 26.

The commencement ceremony capped off a week of delayed activities for the seniors, including junior and senior prom, an awards banquet, a ceremonial last walk through the school, and the July 25 Baccalaureate Mass in St. Vincent de Paul parish’s Sacred Heart Chapel.

Ms. McMullen told her former students that the old, traditional rules are now broken and that they have the chance to write their own.

“You can create the world you want to live in,” she stated.

She reminded them that life’s failures will be what shapes them the most.

“It is our reaction to those failures that helps us find our own character,” she said.

Their reaction to the pandemic and its discomforts and disappointments gives her “incredible hope for the future.”

“When you get right down to it, all we really have in this world is our faith and our own character,” she stated.

## Proper credit

Longtime principal Dr. Mark Register, in his first official function as president of Sacred Heart School, pointed out that 16 of the 21 graduating seniors — 76 percent — posted a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher



**LEFT:** Members of Sacred Heart High School’s Class of 2020 listen to the homily during their Baccalaureate Mass on July 25 in St. Vincent de Paul parish’s Sacred Heart Chapel in Sedalia. **RIGHT:** Joseph Henke, Hannah McDonald, Maia Smith and Jude Rollings pause for a photo outside Sacred Heart Chapel.

— Photos by Jay Nies

on a 4.0 scale over their four years in high school.

Thirteen — 62 percent — posted a GPA of 3.7 or higher.

Twenty successfully completed one or more college courses, with many completing several.

Together, they will take a combined 290 hours of college credit into college with them.

**More photos from these events have been posted in *The Catholic Missourian’s* online edition, [www.cathmo.com](http://www.cathmo.com). Select “Photo Galleries” from the “Multimedia” tab on the menu bar.**

## “Live these lessons”

Valedictorian Joseph Henke said to his classmates that the lesson of these past few months is that the world can change in an instant, “so you better be ready to change with it.”

He reminded them of the value of hard work and the joy that comes with earned success.

“If achieving success were easy, then everyone would have it,” he said. “But hard work is the price you pay for what you want to achieve.”

He extolled the virtue of gratitude, especially to everyone who helped his classmates and him become their best selves.

“Sometimes,” he stated, “that little extra push from someone who is convinced of your future potential is all you need to make that extra effort.”

He said the focus on excellence combined with Sacred Heart’s emphasis on faith in God is why parents send their children to school there.

“It is now our time to live these lessons in our lives,” he said.

## Be a blessing

“Go out and be someone’s blessing!” Salutatorian Maia Smith exhorted her classmates.

She reminded them to be thankful to God for ordinary, everything things.

“Each day on this earth is a gift, and we are not to waste it,” she said. “Be the best person you can be, bring joy to other’s lives, especially during these troubling times.”

She urged everyone to incorporate gratitude into their daily lives, especially for the work of others and the gifts they present, especially in hidden and ordinary ways.

She emphasized that while the COVID-19 pandemic had taken many things away, it has brought with it many things to be thankful for.

“It provided us extra time to spend with our families,” she said, “time to spend outside and enjoy God’s creation, time to learn or perfect new skills, try new things, and definitely made our pets very happy to see us all day, every day!”

## “Rock of certainty”

Joining Dr. Register on the rostrum were: Father Joseph Corel and Father David Veit, pastors *in solidum* of St. Vincent de Paul parish; Dr. Erin



Vader, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools; Ms. McMullen, a member of the SHHS Class of 1986; Principal Abby Martin; and Dean of Students Sam Jones.

Fr. Corel presented to Martha Angel the Living the Spirit Award for exemplifying the ideals of Sacred Heart School.

Madison Hayden announced that the Class of 2020 had awarded to a member of the Class of 2021 a \$500 scholarship in Ms. McMullen’s honor.

In the benediction at the end of commencement, Fr. Veit commended the Class of 2020 to God’s care and mercy.

“As these young men and women prepare to make the transition from our school community and our faith

community out into a world with so many unknowns, may You be a rock of certainty for them,” he prayed.

“Help them to be visionary leaders who will imagine and work toward a bright future with the Church and for the world in years to come,” he prayed.

## Dying to self

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on the Feast of St. James the Apostle.

Fr. Corel presided, with Fr. Veit, Father Mark Smith, pastor of St. Peter parish in Marshall and the Mission of Holy Family in Sweet Springs, concelebrating and Deacon Turf Martin assisting.

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## QUESTION CORNER

## Forgiveness of 'many' or 'all'? Divorce, remarriage & Communion

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



**Q. During Mass, at the consecration of the wine, the priest says, "for the forgiveness of many." Why not "for the forgiveness of all"? (Northampton, Pennsylvania)**

**A.** I should start by saying that it is clearly the teaching of the Church that Jesus suffered and died for all men and women. That is attested to in several different scriptural passages (Jn, 11:52; 2 Cor, 5:14-15; Ti, 2:11; 1 Jn, 2:2).

In the official English-language edition of the *Order of the Mass* (in use since 1973), the priest, while consecrating the wine, had said, "which will be shed for you and for all."

But in 2006, in a letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, the Vatican explained that a more accurate translation of the Latin words "*pro multis*" would be "for many" and directed that subsequent translations should reflect that newer wording.

So when the current English version of the *Roman Missal* was published in 2011, that change was made. This language is not meant to denote any narrowing of the saving action of Christ.

Instead, it repeats more faithfully the wording used in the Last Supper narratives in the Gospels of Matthew (26:28) and Mark (14:24) and, as the 2006 Vatican letter explains, reflects the fact that the salvation won by Jesus is not automatically applied to everyone.

As the letter says, "This salvation is not brought about in some mechanistic way, without one's own willing or participation; rather, the believer is invited to accept in faith the gift that is being offered and to receive the supernatural life that is given to those who participate in this mystery, living it out in their lives as well so as to be numbered in the 'many' to whom the text refers."

**Q. My brother was married in the Catholic Church but got divorced many years ago. Since then, he has not received Holy Communion, although he goes to Mass every week. He also got remarried (not, of course, in the Catholic Church — he hadn't had his first marriage annulled), but he and his second wife are no longer living together. My question is this: Since he is no longer living as a married person, couldn't he just go to confession and then be able to receive the Eucharist? (Miami)**

**A.** Your brother was correct in not receiving Holy Communion; the fact of his second marriage — outside the Catholic Church — did make him ineligible to take the Eucharist.

The divorce by itself did not take away the chance for Holy Communion. A fair number of people think — unfortunately — that a divorce itself has that effect; that is untrue — in fact, sometimes a divorce can occur with little, or even no, responsibility on the part of one of the spouses; and even a spouse who bears major responsibility for the breakup of a marriage can go to confession and be absolved.

But a marriage outside the Church does remove the chance of receiving Holy Communion; the reception of the Eucharist implies that a person recognizes and accepts what the Church teaches, including the Church's guidelines on marriage.

So what can your brother do now, since he is no longer living with his second wife? Well, if that second marital relation-

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## Papal Audience August 5, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In responding to the grave challenges caused by the present pandemic, we Christians are guided by the wisdom and strength born of the virtues of faith, hope and love. As God's gifts, these virtues heal us and enable us in turn to bring Christ's healing presence to our world. They can inspire in us a new and creative spirit to help us face today's deeply rooted physical, social and spiritual infirmities and change the unjust and destructive behaviors that threaten the future of our human family. Today the Church seeks to continue the Lord's healing ministry, not only to individuals but also to society as a whole. She does this by proposing a number of principles drawn from the Gospel, which include: the dignity of the human person, the common good, the preferential option for the poor, the universal destination of goods, solidarity, subsidiarity and the care for our common home. In coming weeks, I will reflect on these and other themes of the Church's social doctrine, confident that they can shed light on today's acute social problems and contribute to the building of a future of hope for coming generations.



## Links to livestreamed Masses, and praying for a Communion of Desire

People who are over 65 or have compromised immune systems or are otherwise at increased risk of contracting COVID-19 are encouraged for the time being to participate in your parish's Sunday Mass via livestream.

Visit [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org) and click on the Livestream Mass Links button.

Those who cannot do so are encouraged to read and reflect on the Scripture readings for that Sunday and to pray the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Visit [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org) and type "Rosary" or "Divine Mercy Chaplet" into the search box to find a guide for praying each of those prayers.

There is no substitute for attending Mass in

person and receiving Holy Communion. People who cannot do so are encouraged to pray to receive a Communion of Desire.

### Prayer for a Communion of Desire

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit.

I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Protection from the Coronavirus

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need.

We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Bring under your mantel of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

V. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

R. Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

## Separation and neutrality

By John Garvey  
Catholic News Service



At the time of the Revolutionary War, the Church of England was the established church in the mother country and the southern colonies (plus a few New York counties). King George was the head

of the church. Land grants and tithes supported it. Preachers were licensed; bishops sat in the House of Lords.

When England lost the war, the Church of England became understandably unpopular. And the new country had enough religious variety (Puritans, Baptists, Anglicans, Quakers, Catholics, a few Jewish people) that we couldn't agree on establishing some other church.

So the First Amendment announced that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

It wasn't until halfway through the 20th century that this rule ("Congress shall make no law ...") was applied to the states. Since then, we have struggled to define exactly what that means in the modern world. We have nothing re-

motely like the 18th-century establishments.

But what about giving aid to religious schools? Is that like the land grants and tithes that supported the Church of England?

One approach (separation of church and state) has held that the government should have no connection whatever with religion. The Supreme Court under Chief Justice Warren Burger took this approach.

It basically told religion, like a father disinheriting his son, "You're dead to me." The Burger Court once held that the government couldn't offer speech therapy to children in parochial schools, because even that would improperly entangle religion and state.

The idea of separation has a particular appeal for people who want to keep religion out of public life. Separationism aligns with the campaign against traditional moral standards in laws that deal with sex and marriage. Its proponents have argued that laws limiting financial support for abortion violate the establishment clause, because the objections to abortion stem from religious belief.

But this approach has two flaws. First, in the modern world, the government has its fingers in everything. Strict

separation is impossible. Second, it seems odd to treat disestablishment like disinheritance.

Cedric of Rotherwood disinherited his son Ivanhoe because he condemned the boy's Norman sympathies. America didn't put religious establishment aside because it frowned on religion per se. On the contrary, the First Amendment enshrined religion as the first freedom, before speech or the press.

The other approach (neutrality) to understanding religious disestablishment seems more practical and truer to history. We had too much religious variety in 1791 to agree on an established church. But rather than acting like a father disinheriting his son, our approach was more like a father who decides to let his children choose their own paths in life and treats them all equally.

The Supreme Court has gradually embraced this approach under Chief Justices Rehnquist and Roberts. In 2002, Chief Justice William Rehnquist held that Ohio could, if it wanted to,

include religious schools in a voucher program for tuition at private schools. The program was consistent with the establishment clause because it was "neutral with respect to religion." It was the recipients who chose religious schools, not the state.

Chief Justice John Roberts went even further a few weeks ago in *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*. He held that a state program offering scholarships for children to attend private schools not only could include religious schools, but had to. The First Amendment, he said, "protects religious observers against unequal treatment."

It has taken more than half a century to sort this issue out, but I think we have reached the right conclusion. The point of the establishment clause is not to push religion off into a corner. It's to let us make up our own minds.

*Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America in Washington. Follow him on Twitter @CatholicPres. Catholic University's website is www.cua.edu.*

## Prayer of a missionary convert

By Dismas Cyrene

Blessed Charles de Foucauld became an orphan, but he learned how to appreciate the finer things this world has to offer.

He took up reading, partying, traveling, seeking adventure and the company of beautiful women.

He gave up on believing in God.

Then he came into the company of some Christians who challenged him by the way they lived.

He wanted what they had. He began to petition God, "If You exist, help me to know You."

God answered his request at Mass and in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Along the road to conversion, Charles became a Trappist monk, a pilgrim, a servant in the Holy Land.

He spent hours in Adoration. He believed that prayer "is the familiar meeting with our Beloved. We look at Him, we tell Him we love Him, we rejoice to be at His feet."

Charles accepted the call to be a missionary. Years later, he received the crown of martyrdom while praying for and ministering to his people during World War I.

He was declared blessed in 2005 and will soon be named a saint of the Church.

Through the course of his adult life,

Charles went from doubt, rebellion and apathy to belief, passion and total reliance on God.

He composed a powerful prayer near the end of his journey on this earth.

The man who introduced me to the Prayer of Abandonment many years ago told me to take it seriously and not to pray it if I don't mean it.

As is the case with many of the Psalms, I find this prayer rather frightening until I get close to the end.

I'd like for you to take a few moments to read Charles's prayer silently in your head.

Then, if you think you're ready, please make a leap of faith and join me in praying it out loud:

*Father, I abandon myself into Your hands.*

*Do with me what You will.*

*Whatever You may do, I thank You.*

*I am ready for all, I accept all.*

*Let only Your will be done in me and in all of Your creatures.*

*I wish no more than this, O Lord.*

*Into Your hands I commend my soul.*

*I offer it to You with all the love of my heart.*

*For I love You, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into Your hands, without reserve and with boundless confidence.*

*For You are my Father!*

*Amen.*

### REFLECTION

## Beside restful waters

By Mark Saucier

August arrived disguised as May, and we ventured on a short hike with some of kids and grandkids.

The children ranged in age from 10 to 1, the exact odds against them all enjoying the same activity.

But as we walked, one marveled at the shaft of sunlight piercing the canopy and spotlighting the path. Another exclaimed the beauty of the hills beyond the valley below.

There were questions about everything from bears to butterflies, while the little one was content to take in the brightness of a coneflower or trace the contours of a leaf.

After a steep descent, cries of delight greeted the sight of a small creek. With the first foot plunging into the water, they were under its spell.

We waded downstream a bit, the kids kicking, splashing and giggling. But they had no desire to go far, and soon they simply stopped to play.

There is something about rocks and water that endlessly fascinate children. Whether it is finding the perfect small stone to skip or tossing a big one into deeper water to watch the eruption, it is not something finished in one or 20 attempts.

You might find them just sitting in the water, watching it pass. The next minute, they're on hands and knees, peering into it for a glimpse of some little critter.

It reminded me of the creek on our farm and its ties to so many childhood memories.

It was where we cooled off in the summer and skated without blades in the winter.

It is where we'd catch crawdads and tadpoles; where we'd sit and watch the aerial acrobatics of the dragonfly and the graceful glides of the water strider.

We'd sit in the water and wonder. Would it make it to the Missouri, or the Gulf of Mexico? Did mammoths and mastodons once drink from it? What would it be like in 100 or 1,000 years?

I'd go there when I was upset because it was a place of peace, always drawing me out of myself into a much bigger world.

As we herded the kids back up the trail, these memories left a wake of sadness — not nostalgia for a life long passed, but because it is so rare today.

I want for my grandchildren what I had in that creek. I want places that invite them in, relieve them of their daily cares, shower them with God's mystery, and make them feel they belong.

# CARA survey of U.S. Catholic bishops reveals how pandemic has shaken diocesan, parish life

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

Cleveland

Nearly every bishop responding to a survey said the coronavirus pandemic has seriously affected the celebration of the sacraments and rites and sacramental preparation programs in their dioceses.

Confirmations, First Holy Communion, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and other sacramental preparation were the ministries most often cited by the bishops as being affected, according to the survey conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University.

In addition, six out of 10 bishops said that since March when restrictions on ministry and Mass attendance were put in place, the morale of priests, lay ecclesial ministers, deacons and chancery staff has been at least somewhat affected, according to the findings released July 9.

Titled "Ministry in the Midst of Pandemic," the survey asked bishops about six areas of concern that have arisen in dioceses since the pandemic caused public Masses to be suspended and the celebration of sacraments to be restricted or postponed.

The questions focused on the pandemic's effect on dioceses; special pastoral provisions issued by dioceses; financial concerns raised by the pandemic; actions to address a diocese's financial health; the pandemic effect's on parish assessments; and diocesan technological assistance to schools and parishes.

CARA staff members mailed the survey to bishops in 177 archdioceses and dioceses and 20 eparchies May 18 and followed up with a mailing June 8 to those who did not respond.

Overall, 116 bishops, 59 percent, had responded by the release of the report.

About 60 percent of diocesan bishops responded and about 50 percent of eparchial bishops responded, the report's authors said.

CARA officials said the results of the survey were likely affected by whether a bishop

responded while his diocese or eparchy was in total lockdown or as restrictions began to be lifted.

When it came to specific sacraments, 99 percent of bishops said Confirmations had been very much or somewhat affected; 99 percent said that about First Holy Communion; 92 percent, about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process; and 94 percent, about other sacramental preparation programs.

Similar numbers of respondents said the celebration of marriages (98 percent), baptisms (91 percent) and funerals (93 percent) also had been at least somewhat affected.

In addition, the survey found the morale of Church staff members has been very much or somewhat affected. Sixty percent of bishops said their morale had been affected. Higher numbers of respondents said the morale of lay ecclesial ministers (71 percent), priests (68 percent), chancery staff (67 percent) and deacons (62 percent) had been affected.

Meanwhile, 54 percent of bishops said the ability of Catholic Charities to serve people in need had been impacted as well.

Jonathan Wiggins, director of parish surveys at CARA, told Catholic News Service the survey offers an early look at how the pandemic is affecting Church life.

"What really strikes me is that this is so much a work in progress because parishes are not back up to any kind of normalcy in terms of Mass attendance, sacraments, giving or anything that would characterize regular Catholic life," Wiggins said.

"This is just a couple months in and we don't know what the long-term effects will be on dioceses and parishes," he added.

A similar survey of parish pastors by CARA researchers is underway, Wiggins added.

The survey of bishops offered them the opportunity to provide brief written answers to questions about pastoral provisions they may have implemented, such as the dispensation to attend weekly Mass, instructions on the celebration



A stained-glass window depicts the sacrament of holy orders in St. James Cathedral in Orlando, Florida, in this undated photo. — CNS photo/Zita Ballinger Fletcher

of the sacraments such as baptism and marriage, and directives to comply with state and local government orders.

Those responses were not quantified in the CARA report. But it included comments from bishops describing the steps they took as the pandemic led to massive Church, school and business lockdowns in March and then eased in May and June.

Some bishops said they offered updates as often as weekly with regard to liturgies, finances, how parishioners can contribute to their parish during closures, and how parishes could reopen for public Masses and reception of the sacraments.

Responding bishops said they instructed parishes to follow state guidelines when public Masses resumed and stressed the importance of practicing social distancing and celebrating Mass in open spaces such as parking lots.

Regarding finances, bishops said they were concerned that the loss of income from Sunday collections would have a devas-

tating impact on parishes. They also said they worried about the effect of increased unemployment on parishioners and the impact on family life.

With the revenue losses, some bishops said that parish and diocesan staffs may have to be reduced.

To help parishes manage finances, dioceses have offered assistance in a variety of ways.

Ninety-five percent of bishops said their diocese had helped parishes apply for federal or state assistance programs, such as the Paycheck Protection Program. Other steps taken by dioceses include encouraging parishioners to consider electronic giving for parish collections (87 percent); closing Catholic elementary schools (20 percent) or high schools (14 percent); laying off diocesan staff (17 percent); furloughing diocesan staff (16 percent); eliminating diocesan programs (15 percent); closing parishes (3 percent).

Another concern bishops expressed focused on whether people will return to Sunday Mass after a long absence.

They said without the return of parishioners, the financial outlook for Church entities was grim.

Bishops said they expect their diocese to realize long-term economic consequences, especially if annual collections to support various ministries are not taken. One bishop wrote that "we might have to let employees go. Won't be able to carry out the vision of the new evangelization and catechesis including faith formation programs."

The financial solvency of Catholic schools also was on the minds of bishops. Some respondents said they feared that high unemployment would result in parents who could no longer be able to afford school tuition, causing enrollment to drop and leading to school closings.

Such closings already are occurring, according to the National Catholic Educational Association, with more than 100 schools having announced they have closed since the end of the academic year in the spring.

A significant majority of dioceses also stepped up to offer technological assistance to help parishes livestream Mass and to enable schools to transition to online learning in a short timeframe.

Six in 10 bishops, 62 percent, said their diocese was very much involved in helping parishes with Masses online while another 22 percent said they were somewhat involved. Ten percent said they helped a little and 6 percent said they did not help.

Schools received plenty of support in their transition to online learning as 79 percent of bishops responded that their dioceses helped very much. Only 12 percent helped somewhat, 4 percent a little and 5 percent not at all.

Technology also allowed bishops to remain in contact with their diocesan staffs as they arranged virtual meetings and shared communication online. One bishop said he recorded videos of support for hospital workers and another video for laypeople on the delay in receiving of sacraments.

# Stained-glass rose window is centerpiece of restoration work at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg

By Don Kruse

People have been coming to Starkenburg for well over a century to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Even during the cold months of the year on a calm sunny day, you can find visitors walking the grounds at this historic place.

Annual pilgrimages to these sacred acres of worship began in 1888.

In the past couple of years, there has been a concentrated effort to give some much-needed attention to the maintenance and restoration of the Shrine, but there were not enough funds to tackle the larger, more costly projects.

That is, not until two large memorials totaling \$46,000 were given to the Shrine.

Thanks to those donations, a major project was completed last August that centered on restoring the 12-paned stained-glass rose window on the west side of the Shrine's chapel, which was that was built in the early 1900s.

That stone chapel was erected by the parishioners of the former St. Martin parish at Starkenburg (now part of Church of the Risen Savior parish in Rhineland) for the purpose of accommodating the growing number of pilgrims, replacing the original log chapel in the woods built in the late 1800s.

Work on the new chapel started in 1902, and in 1906 a group of parishioners began to quarry stone for the chapel.

## To the fourth generation

Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, pastor of St. George parish in Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior parish, along with the Shrine committee had hoped to address the work of repairing and cleaning the chapel's stained glass windows, as well as the terra cotta work framing of a large rosette window.

Those discussions took place in 2017, and that's when they met with representatives of Emil Frei & Associates of St. Louis.

Aaron Frei evaluated the condition of the rose window above the main entrance to the



chapel, and quickly determined that work needed to be done soon.

Water was leaking into the chapel.

"We didn't have the money when we first had Aaron look at the window almost two years ago, but we told him to put us on his list and we would pray that we'd get the money," said Brenda Van Booven, a Rhineland parishioner and member of the committee who oversees ongoing restoration of the shrine.

"We knew this was going to be an expensive project," she said. "Then, miraculously, when those two memorials came in, we were able to go ahead and do the work."

Msgr. Higley and his committee could not have found a better group of people to restore the stained glass.

Mr. Frei's ancestors were the original artisans who designed and installed the Shrine's beautiful windows a century ago. Before that, they designed and installed the windows nearby in what is now the St. Martin Church Museum.

Aaron Frei's great-great-grandfather was Emil Frei, the Bavarian stained glass artist who started the company in St.

Louis in 1898.

While Emil Frei and Associates still produce original compositions, much of the firm's business today consists of restoring their ancestors' works.

The younger Frei exhibited great pride in talking about doing the restoration of the large rose window.

"We do quite a bit of that, preserving works that we had created 100 years ago," he stated. "It is a touchstone to your family history. The same DNA that had created these are preserving them."

## Personal commitment

Church of the Risen Savior parish is responsible for maintaining the buildings and grounds at the Shrine, which includes roughly 40 acres.

The parish still largely relies on the generosity of donors to commission the work like had been performed last summer.

Money for the Shrine is kept in a separate account, and grows slowly from small donations left from the lighting of votive candles, and the fall and spring pilgrimages.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, luncheons were held after the second Tuesday Masses at the Shrine, with small

An artisan from Emil Frei & Associates of St. Louis works on restoring the magnificent 12-paned rose window above the entrance to the chapel at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg. The same company created and installed the window in the early 1900s.

— Photo by Don Kruse

amounts of money coming in from those meals.

Then, too, the Ladies Sodality and the men's Holy Name Society at Church of the Risen Savior raise money from sausage and pancake breakfasts that allow small projects to be done.

"Our parish has 140 families. We couldn't do the large projects at the Shrine by ourselves," said Mrs. Van Booven, who is administrative assistant at Church of the Risen Savior.

She noted that when the squirrels were eating away at the statue atop the Mount Olive Grotto in the woods, a local parishioner covered it with Plexiglas to seal it from wildlife.

A few years ago, the late Melvin Engemann, a farmer and parishioner who was known for his fine carpentry work, cut the red cedar logs from nearby woods and replaced the decaying ones on the exterior of the old log chapel.

Those are the kinds of proj-

ects the church tackles on its own.

Over the years, Dennis Bader, a local parishioner and member of the local Knights of Columbus council, has been the Shrine's "fix-it-up man."

He generously donated his time to do a lot of the little things.

During the course of fixing up the Shrine area, which also included the outdoor Way of the Cross that dates from 1900, many small projects were done by members of the Knights of St. George Council 1914 in Hermann.

The Knights did the work on the Stations of the Cross, power washed and painted them.

Station No. 8 was struck by lightning a few years ago, knocking the cross off the top. A form had to be built in the shape of a cross, and cement was brought in to rebuild it.

A storm also took out the lighting on one of the stations, and that was repaired with local labor. Ten dead trees along the path of the stations had to be removed, and stumps grinded away.

## Pay as you go

Msgr. Higley called repairing the Stations and cleaning up the grounds by removing brush and dead trees Phase I of the Shrine's

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# Knights of Columbus Fr. Helias council in J.C. honors Ron Vossen

Mike Flanagan, left, who recently completed his term as grand knight of Knights of Columbus Fr. Helias Council 1054 in Jefferson City, presents the council's Charles J. Kolb Lifetime Achievement Award to Ron Vossen.



Knights of Columbus Fr. Helias Council 1054 recently honored Ron Vossen with the council's Charles J. Kolb Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Vossen, a member for more than 40 years, received the honor during the council's annual officer installation program in July.

Mr. Vossen has held a number of offices in the council, including financial secretary, deputy grand knight and grand knight, according to a news release from the council. He just finished a two-year term as inside guard.

He established the council's annual Teacher

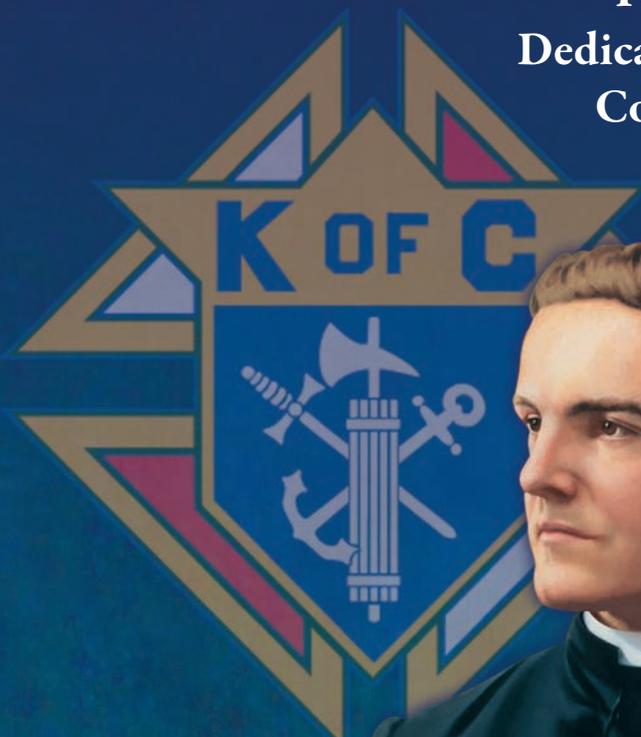
Appreciation Dinner, which has been an annual event for more than 30 years. The dinner is a joint project of Jefferson City's three Knights' councils to honor Catholic educators and staff during Catholic Schools Week.

As chairman of the council's Bob Jones Golf Tournament, Mr. Vossen is credited with revitalizing the event. Proceeds benefit Catholic education.

He has been an educator at Helias Catholic High School since 1979, a member of Immaculate Conception parish and its Holy Name Society.

His wife, Carol, also received recognition for her support of the council.

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# Expert on Fatima apparitions to speak in Westphalia

**DATE: August 31**  
**TIME: 6:30 pm**

Nationally-recognized Catholic speaker Barb Ernster, communications director and editor for the World Apostolate of Fatima USA, will visit Westphalia on Monday, Aug. 31, to speak on the Miracle of Fatima.

Her presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph School Gymnasium, 123 E. Main St.

The topic will be "The Miracle of Fatima and What It Means for the Times We are Living."

It will be a primer for the Fatima Five First Saturday De-

votions that Father Anthony Viviano, pastor of St. Joseph parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua parish in Folk, will start in St. Joseph Church on Sept. 5.

Ms. Ernster is a renowned authority on the Blessed Mother's miraculous apparitions and messages of hope and peace to children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917.

She is the communications director and editor for the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA. She has been a Catholic writer for 30 years and was a

regular contributor to the National Catholic Register.

For more than a decade, she has been studying the message of Fatima, known as the "school of the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

As the editor of the English-language edition of the biography of one of the visionaries, Sister Lucia of Fatima, "A Pathway Under the Gaze of Mary," she discovered the beauty of Mary's Heart through Sister Lucia's simple life, devotion and writings.

Ms. Ernster has written ex-

tensively about Our Lady of Fatima and the deep spirituality of the message and the Fatima seers, and has given talks at conferences and parishes around the country. She is a frequent guest on Relevant Radio and other radio programs, and contributes to the WAF/Blue Army podcast.

The event is free of charge. Free-will offerings will be accepted to help pay for future events.

There will be books available for purchase.

For information, call (573) 694-6319.

## Christians must courageously share

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

True compassion requires "courageous sharing," not telling people to go fend for themselves, Pope Francis said.

God operates according to "the logic of taking responsibility for others, the logic of not washing one's hands, the logic of not looking the other way," he said before praying the Angelus with visitors in St. Peter's Square Aug. 2.

Telling people to "fend for themselves," should not enter into the Christian vocabulary," he said.

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## DEACONS

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to the diaconate or are in formation to become a deacon, that now falls under my heading," Deacon Schwartze noted.

"Once you've been ordained, you fall under Deacon Ray Purvis's leadership," he added, referring to the resources, assistance and ongoing formation the diocese provides to active and retired deacons.

"We both work with Fr. Merz, under the direction of Bishop McKnight," Deacon Schwartze said. "That's where it comes together. We work better together."

Deacon Purvis has been involved in forming deacons in this diocese since February of 2004, when Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos appointed him associate director for the diaconate.

He succeeded Deacon Robert Rackers, now retired, as director in 2007.

### Order restored

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

Like priests and bishops, deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders through 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.

One of the most noticeable differences is that most permanent deacons are married.

Deacons hold several roles and responsibilities in the Church, including proclaiming the Gospel reading at Mass, preaching homilies, teaching and leading people in prayer, baptizing, witnessing marriages and conducting funerals and wake services.

They are also expected to be leaders in identifying the needs of others, organizing the Church's response to those needs and addressing the injustices or inequities that lead to them.

The Apostles established the diaconate shortly after Jesus's Ascension into heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

The diaconate flourished in the early Church, reaching its apex of influence and responsibility in the third and fourth centuries.



**Bishop W. Shawn McKnight exchanges a sign of peace with newly ordained permanent deacons in May of 2019.** — Photo by Jay Nies

But by the dawn of the Middle Ages, most of its significance had been lost and its responsibilities rolled into the ministerial Priesthood and various religious orders.

Pope St. Paul VI restored the permanent diaconate in 1969, following the Second Vatican Council.

The Jefferson City diocese was among the first in the United States to form and ordain permanent deacons, ordaining its first class of permanent deacons in 1977.

More than 100 deacons now serve throughout the diocese, including some who were ordained for other dioceses and now live here.

Several more are on retired status but continue to serve the Church in various capacities.

### Proclaimers, doers of the Word

Before Pope Francis appointed him to lead this diocese, Bishop McKnight wrote his doctoral thesis on the historical, theological and sociological foundations of the diaconate in the Roman Catholic Church.

That became the basis of his book, *Understanding the Diaconate*, published in 2018.

He appointed Fr. Merz to succeed the late Father Frank Bussmann as vicar for the diaconate upon Fr. Bussmann's sudden death.

Bishop McKnight worked with Fr. Merz and several others to fine-tune the process of helping men discern a diaconal calling and prepare for the diaconate with the help and support of their wives.

The five-year process — one year of formal discernment and four years of candidacy and formation — emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, emotional and pastoral growth and maturity.

Bishop McKnight is committed to highlighting the connection between deacons' proclamation of the Gospel and service at the altar with their work among the people throughout the week.

He is challenging deacons and prospective deacons to identify needs in the community and, in collaboration with their pastors, lead parishioners toward creatively addressing those needs.

His goal is for deacons to be innovators, catalysts and intermediaries, helping parishes become universally recognized as centers of charity and mercy.

### "Diaconate spirit"

The diaconate is a calling received from God that flows from baptism, is recognized through a period of discernment and formation and is validated with the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

A new class of prospective deacons is forming, with formal discernment set to begin next January.

Men who believe they are called to the diaconate are encouraged to discuss it with their pastor and with a deacon if their parish has one.

"The bishop is looking for applicants who are servant leaders — servants in that they are doers, leaders in that they can initiate a ministry and bring people into it and facilitate it, and who then can go and find another need in the parish," said Deacon Schwartze.

Pastors will put Fr. Merz and Deacon Schwartze in con-

tact with the men who they believe are called and ready to pursue diaconal formation.

"The person we're looking for already has the diaconate spirit," Fr. Merz noted. "The vocation to ministry should come forth not because it's what someone wants, but in order for them to serve the Church and for the betterment of the Church."

### Thorough formation

Bishop McKnight, Fr. Merz and Deacons Schwartze and Purvis, with input from fellow deacons, priests and laypeople, have revamped the program for forming new deacons.

"We take into account more of the different dimensions of formation," said Deacon Purvis. "In the past, we've tended to focus more on the intellectual and spiritual and not as much on the human development and pastoral aspect."

Courses will be less focused on lectures, and more time will be given for reflection.

There will be an increased emphasis on each candidate's psychological and emotional health, as well as the strength of his marriage and family life.

"Diaconal ordination does not in any way diminish the responsibilities of married life," Fr. Merz noted. "The bishop wants to make sure we are not putting an undue burden on an already struggling marriage."

Deacon Purvis said one of the formation program's strongest points is its local faculty, which includes priests, deacons and lay men and women, some from other countries.

"We have excellent instructors and a wonderful formation program," Deacon Schwartze added. "I'm looking forward to attending it with the candidates."

### Lifelong learning

The program will be given in trimesters, with each course presenting somewhat shorter, more focused material.

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## Deacon directors bring a wealth of experience to their work

By Jay Nies

The two deacons who coordinate the functions of the permanent diaconate office in this diocese bring a wealth of ministerial and life experience to their roles.

• Deacon John Schwartz, recently appointed diocesan director of deacon formation, is a Jefferson City native and graduate of St. Joseph Cathedral School and Helias Catholic High School.

He was ordained a deacon of the Diocese of San Antonio, Texas, in 2008.

He and his wife Carol have been married for 40 years.

Deacon Schwartz worked

in the electrical utility business for over 40 years, which led him to Indiana, Kansas, Missouri and Texas — the latter for 21 years.

They moved back to Jefferson City in 2015 to be closer to family.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight incardinated Deacon Schwartz into the Jefferson City diocese and assigned him to assist the pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph parish.

There, he teaches RCIA classes and helps individuals prepare for the sacraments of initiation, coordinates Catholic services at a local nursing home, trains altar servers



Deacon John Schwartz



Deacon Raymond Purvis

• Deacon Raymond Purvis, who previously served as formation director for the diaconate, continues as director of deacon life and ministry.

A Martinsburg native and graduate of St. Joseph School, he was ordained in 2003 and has been assisting the pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in Jefferson City since that time.

He and his wife, Donna, have been married for 46 years and have two adult children and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Purvis coordinates the parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Deacon Purvis assists with that ministry and other sacramental ministries in the parish.

He is a retired engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

## DISCERNMENT

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Previously, candidates took one course on the Old Testament and one on the New Testament. Now, that will be divided into the Pentateuch, the Prophets, the Wisdom books, the Synoptic gospels, St. John's gospel and St. Paul's epistles.

Candidates will also study the Early Church Fathers; salvation history; philosophy and fundamental theology; sacramental and moral theology; ethics; the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*; Church history; canon law; liturgy; the nature of Christ; the Church's social teaching; and the End Times.

From the beginning, candidates will be given more opportunities to prepare and give presentations, building up their public speaking skills.

They will be challenged to evaluate and build-up their prayer lives and their ability to pray in different ways with different people.

"Sometimes as a minister of the Gospel, you have to teach or facilitate prayer that's not yours," said Fr. Merz.

Deacon Purvis noted that candidates are encouraged and eventually required to incorporate the Liturgy of the Hours into their daily prayer regimen.

On Ordination Day, they will promise God to continue praying the Liturgy of the Hours every day.

### Essential bond

Fr. Merz was quick to thank Deacon Purvis for his years of service in preparing past candidates of ordination and helping them continue to grow in faith and wisdom through their ministries.

Deacon Purvis pointed out that ongoing education and community-building is crucial for deacons to be effective in their ministry.

"The deacon community — and the wives are an integral part of that — gathers several times a year, once for a retreat, once for continuing education and formation together, and other special occasions," he noted.

The diocese also has a deacon council made up of deacon couples, who periodically meet to advise the bishop on aspects of diaconal formation and ministry and the welfare of the deacon community.

At the beginning of formal discernment, a deacon couple in each deanery is assigned to mentor aspiring deacons and their wives through the application process.

Deacon Schwartz said he and his wife have experienced tremendous camaraderie among the deacon community since they returned to the diocese a few years ago.

"It goes beyond ordination classes," he said. "It's a real blessing what we've got going on here. Our gatherings are very enriching and very communal."

### "Fruitful collaboration"

Fr. Merz predicted that over time, the cooperative roles between pastors and deacons in the diocese will continue to become clearer and more uniform.

"Bishop McKnight talks about the deacons as facilitators and intermediaries," he said. "Several years down the road, I think we'll have a lot more clarity about how deacons facilitate the sacramental ministry of the parish."

"And from that fruitful collaboration, there will grow vocations to the diaconate," he said.

Candidates need their pastor's support throughout formation.

"That relationship is critical," said Deacon Schwartz.

Deacon Purvis said parishioners should be on the lookout for fellow congregants who have the gifts and commitment to be good deacons.

Current deacons should also be in ongoing dialogue with pastors about who might make good deacons in the future.

He said one of the best attractors for potential deacons is seeing good deacons in action.

"Where we have the good models, we get the good men," he said.

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and other liturgical ministers, serves on the Resurrection Cemetery Board, and assists the pastor when there is a need.

## CARA report sheds light on number of deacons

By Father Thomas Alber

With contact information provided by the National Association of Diaconate Directors and the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate's (CARA's) Catholic Ministry Formation database, CARA contacted the 187 dioceses and eparchies in the United States with an active Office of the Permanent Diaconate.

Of this total, 129 responded to the survey for an overall response rate of 69 percent.

Of those, 71 percent of responses were from Latin Catholic dioceses and 36 percent were from Eastern Catholic eparchies.

Some of the major findings of the report based on the responding dioceses and eparchies are:

The dioceses with the largest number of permanent deacons: Chicago (764), Galveston-Houston (478), and New York (355).

Adjusting for Catholic population size, Latin Rite dioceses with the lowest ratio of Catholics per permanent deacon include: Lexington, Kentucky (481 Catholics to every deacon), Bismarck, North Dakota (690 Catholics per deacon); Rapid City, South Dakota (704 Catholics per deacon); Duluth, Minnesota (708 Catholics per deacon); and Jefferson City, Missouri (733 Catholics per deacon).

The Jefferson City diocese enjoys having many deacons. In fact, deacons have been part of our diocesan and parish services since the first class of 13 was ordained in 1977. The diocese is beginning another discernment class for permanent deacons this year.

Nationally on average, four in 10 active permanent deacons (41 percent) are ages 60 to 69 and more than a third (34 percent) are 70 or older.

One-fifth of active deacons (20 percent) are in their 50s.

One in 20 deacons in active ministry (5 percent) is in their 40s, and less than 1 percent are under the age of 40.

According to Canon 1031.2 and the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States, the minimum age for ordination to the permanent diaconate is 35 for all candidates.

*Fr. Alber is senior associate pastor of St. Peter parish in Marshall and the Mission of Holy Family in Sweet Springs.*



By Father Don Antweiler

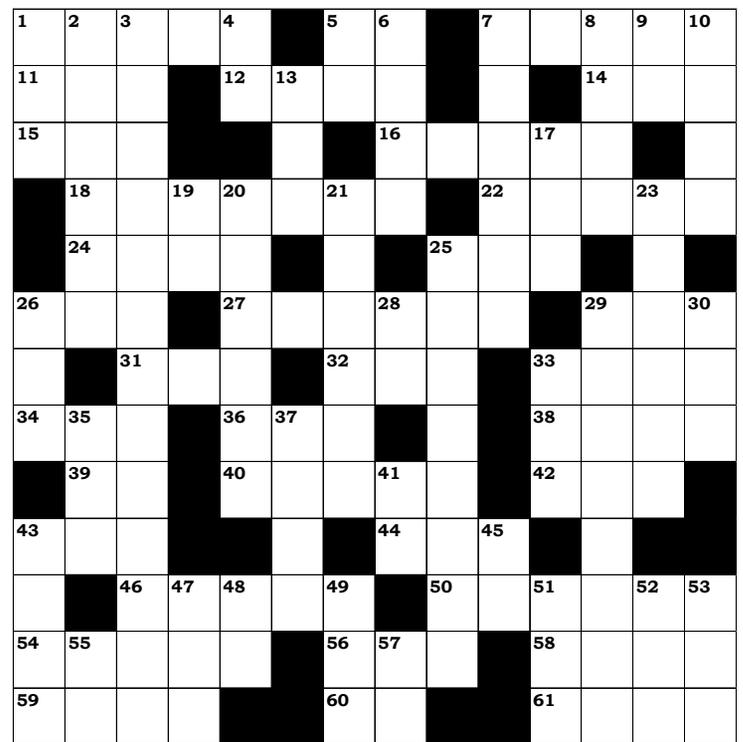
### ACROSS

1. On March 5, 1946, at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., former \_\_\_\_\_ Minister Winston Churchill gave a speech that resounded across the world and down through history.
5. Letters for postscript, a written afterthought after the signature on a letter.
7. "\_\_\_\_\_ your children well," —1969 Crosby, Stills and Nash song.
11. Sun\_\_\_\_\_ lotion.
12. Pres. Truman forwarded the invitation to Churchill adding a handwritten note, "This is a wonderful school in my \_\_\_\_\_ state. Hope you can do it. I'll introduce you," —from "The Day Churchill Came To Town: The 'Iron Curtain' Speech in Fulton, Mo." by KT Dunn.
14. #19 DOWN in Scotland.
15. "Go to the \_\_\_\_\_, O sluggard, study her ways and learn wisdom..." (Proverbs 6:6).
16. The Christ-figure lion in C.S. Lewis's Narnia series.
18. Westminster College President Frank McCluer called Westminster alumnus Major \_\_\_\_\_ Harry Vaughan, Military Aide to Pres. Harry Truman, through whom he connected with the President.
22. "They worship in a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary, as Moses was warned when he was about to \_\_\_\_\_ the tabernacle," (Hebrews 8:5).
24. Cupid.
25. Letters for Harvard Divinity School, one of a small group of university-based non-denominational divinity schools in the U.S.
26. Prince Valiant's son.
27. Skin art.
29. Hyannis Port on Cape \_\_\_\_\_ is the location of the Kennedy compound and other Kennedy family residences.
31. Letters on a wanted poster perhaps; alias.
32. \_\_\_\_\_ at Grand Glaize, a resort at the Lake of the Ozarks.
33. Churchill may have felt the speech would have more impact and coverage with Truman at his side, and it did. It was later felt to signify the beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_ War.
34. 19th book of the Bible (abbr.).
36. "A \_\_\_\_\_ ket A Tasket"; late 19th cen. nursery rhyme used as a basis for a popular 1938 recording by Ella Fitzgerald.
38. The trapeze artist daringly and dangerously performed without \_\_\_\_\_ (2 wds.).
39. 7th note.
40. "Abandon hope all ye who \_\_\_\_\_ here," —phrase over the gate to Hell in Dante's epic poem "Divine Comedy," written between 1306-1321.
42. Abbr. for larger.
43. Letters for National Farmers Org.; founded in Iowa in 1955 by young family farmers frustrated by non-living prices for livestock, dairy and grain products. They began withholding or even destroying goods to raise prices for their products, with mixed results.
44. The Clarence Cannon \_\_\_\_\_ on the Salt River in Ralls Co. formed Mark Twain Lake.
46. "You gotta keep trying to find your \_\_\_\_\_ and trying to fit into whatever slot that's left for you or to make one of your own," —Dolly Parton.
50. "For then the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ your secrets and publicly cast you down..." (Sirach 1:28).
54. Churchill's speech was titled the "Sinews of \_\_\_\_\_" but later called the "Iron Curtain Speech," named after his vivid image of Soviet domination cutting-off Eastern Europe from the rest of the world.
56. "Jesus gave a loud \_\_\_\_\_ and breathed His last," (Mark 15:37).
58. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Man is a self-governing island (British citizens) in the Irish

- Sea with a rugged coastline and medieval castles, named after Manannan, the Celtic god of the sea.
59. The speech was uncomfortably received because the Soviet Union was still considered a WW II \_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S. and Europe, and the hope for postwar peace was shaken by this dark picture of the world.
60. Surgical spot in a hospital.
61. "We are...inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and \_\_\_\_\_" (Acts 2:9).

### DOWN

1. Parent/teacher org.
2. The Lone \_\_\_\_\_.
3. McCluer heard that Churchill was to visit the U.S. and invited him to talk on \_\_\_\_\_ affairs at the College.
4. "\_\_\_\_\_, what's up doc?" said Bugs Bunny.
5. Afternoon.
6. The State \_\_\_\_\_ of Mo. prominently features two grizzly bears (plus a small one on the shield) though grizzlies have never been native to the State. They are meant to symbolize Mo.'s strength and its citizens' bravery. Not coincidentally an imposing stone bear has graced the entrance to the Jefferson State Office Building on the Capitol campus since 1952.
7. This city in Ohio has been a sister city to the same-named city in Spain since 1931, the oldest sister city relationship in the world. Cultural links even stretch back to 1835.
8. Ss. Joachim and \_\_\_\_\_, as grandparents of Jesus, are considered the patron saints of grandparents.
9. Home State of the Golden State Warriors NBA team (abbr.).
10. "If you can't stand the \_\_\_\_\_, get out of the kitchen," —Harry Truman.
13. Bobby \_\_\_\_\_, hockey great.
17. The Cure (parish priest) of \_\_\_\_\_, St. John Vianney, is the patron saint of parish priests.
19. Nein in Stuttgart.
20. A.P. Green, (grandfather of Sen. Kit Bond), a Westminster College Trustee, planned a grand meal for Truman and Churchill at



- his \_\_\_\_\_ in Mexico, Mo. Though it didn't pan out, the special gateway to the grounds that was built for the occasion still stands with a plaque saying "Churchill Gate."
21. The College offered suitable remuneration which Churchill declined though he indicated interest in a painting by Mo. \_\_\_\_\_, Thomas Hart Benton. The College bought Benton's "The Fence" as a gift. It is now in the Churchill museum in Fulton.
23. The Sheriff threw him in the \_\_\_\_\_ overnight to give him time to calm down.
25. The speech was given in an overflowing campus gymnasium. An estimated 25,000 people filled the streets of Fulton from all over the State, as Churchill and Truman arrived in an open-air limousine. Both were given \_\_\_\_\_ degrees from Westminster College.
26. Our 16th U.S. Pres. didn't care for this nickname.
28. Home State of Elvis Presley's Graceland (abbr.).
29. In 2009, the Churchill Memorial and Museum in Fulton was designated by \_\_\_\_\_ as the National Churchill Museum.
30. Banned insecticide.
33. Our 30th U.S. Pres. was a man of few words and so earned the nickname Silent \_\_\_\_\_.
35. In Pro Wrestling, a Steppover Toehold Facelock (\_\_\_\_\_) is a move trapping a leg of your opponent who is face down on a mat, entangling his ankle and leg with yours and pulling his head back with your forearm. (Now you know!)
37. "Give an \_\_\_\_\_ and they'll take a mile"; based on a John Heywood phrase from way back in 1546 A.D.
41. Abbr. for editor.
43. Auto parts chain.
45. "Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and keep your fingers crossed too," —from a letter to Bess Truman from husband/President Harry Truman.
47. The sleet made the roadway dangerously \_\_\_\_\_.
48. The Common Era (\_\_\_\_\_) calendar system is an alternative to the traditional Dionysian calendar system, which uses BC and AD.
49. Prefix for system or sphere.
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ Appia, or Appian Way, was a Roman roadway built in 312 B.C. It was on this road to Rome where St. Paul was met and welcomed by fellow Christians (Acts 28:13-15).
52. "\_\_\_\_\_ Baba and the 40 Thieves"; Arabian folk tale.
53. Pasture.
55. "He set up a memorial stone there and invoked '\_\_\_\_\_, the God of Israel,'" (Genesis 33:20).
57. How Churchill and Truman got from Washington, D.C. to Jefferson City, Mo. before being motored to Fulton, Mo. (abbr.)

## SCHOOLS

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disciples of Jesus Christ.”

### The work of disciples

Debbie Reinkemeyer, principal of Holy Family School in Freeburg and Sacred Heart School in Rich Fountain, is confident that this will be a successful learning year for all of her students, even though some things will be different.

“I know it will work because I’ve already seen the level of commitment of our teachers this spring,” she said. “They really showed their dedication and passion for their craft. I know they will do whatever it takes for their kids to be successful.”

During this spring’s abrupt transition to distance learning, school staff, families and the larger community focused their efforts on the wellbeing of the children.

Teachers provided students and parents paper work packets and online communication and instruction, depending on which worked better for each child.

“We were in communication with parents at least once a week regarding the instruction and the assignments,” Mrs. Reinkemeyer noted.

Many teachers made instruction videos or presented live instruction over Google Meeting software.

Parents gave steady feedback, and the schools made adjustments along the way.

One of the lessons was the need for standardization and continuity. This year, parents will receive all online communication from teachers in the same format.

“They won’t have to sort through different platforms,” said Mrs. Reinkemeyer. “It will all be the same, whether their children are in second or fifth or eighth grade.”

Students in grades 3 through 8 will begin using Google Classroom to hand in assignments from their first day in the classroom forward.

They will be able to continue using it from home if the need arises.

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, Holy Family and Sacred Heart schools will join the other schools in fol-

lowing standard protocols for social distancing.

Separate spigots for filling personal water bottles have been added to the drinking fountains. Touchless hand-sanitizer dispensers have been installed.

Classrooms will be cleaned daily with disinfectant.

Teachers will wear face-masks whenever working in close proximity to students.

Official notice of an increased threat of communal transmission would trigger smaller class sizes or the staggering of classes in the schools.

In such a situation, older students would wear face-masks throughout the day.

All students will wear face-masks whenever working in small groups.

Mrs. Reinkemeyer said God’s presence in these unsettling times has been revealed through the compassion and patience people have shown for one another.

“That is the work of disciples — to be of service,” she said.

She has received plenty of helpful information from the diocesan Catholic School Office as well as the local health department.

“Having those close relationships and getting the latest information about how to keep our students safe and use the best instructional practices has been invaluable,” she said.

### Seamless transition

Sacred Heart School in Sedalia, the diocese’s only kindergarten through grade 12 Catholic school, had astounding, measurable success with distance learning in the spring.

“With one day’s warning, our entire school changed from a traditional model to an online school,” said Liz Suter-Van Leer, the school’s development director.

The school logged a 98.8 percent student attendance rate from the time remote learning began on March 18 through the end of the school year.

Students in grades 6-12

averaged 20 hours per week of faculty instruction, with approximately five hours per week for grades kindergarten through 5.

The teachers hosted an average of 360 online Zoom sessions each week.

Fine arts classes continued through distance learning.

Most core courses ended the year on schedule from a curriculum standpoint.

All of the seniors graduated and have enrolled for the fall at a college or university. Six of the 21 members of the Class of 2020 have committed to playing sports at the collegiate level.

Mrs. Suter-Van Leer pointed out that 19 percent of the student body is classified as a minority. About one-third of the school’s families qualify for free or reduced lunch, and 90 percent of the families have applied for tuition assistance for the upcoming year.

“Keep in mind that we are a Catholic school for all,” she said. “And just like our ornerly and endearing Gremlin mascot — inspired by the WWII gremlins — you just can’t bring us down.”

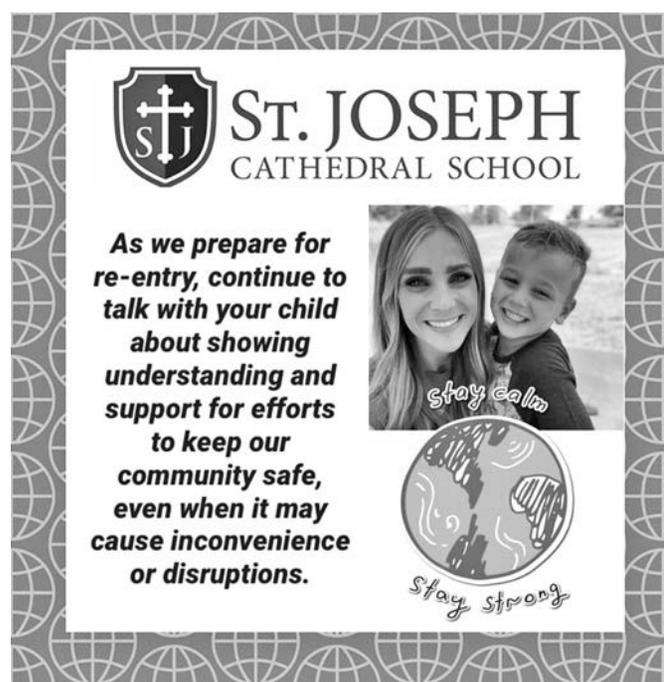
### “Part of our mission”

Spencer Allen, principal of St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City, emphasized something all Catholic schools have in common.

“While keeping our kids healthy and safe is a top priority, we also emphasize their spiritual and emotional wellbeing,” he said.

At the Cathedral School, that includes beefed-up trauma response, student support and efforts to promote the spiritual health of the students, some of whom have not been to Mass in several months due to the pandemic.

“We want to make sure



St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City posted this public service announcement on its social media platforms in early August.

they’re healthy in their spiritual development and relationship with God while attending to their physical health and safety,” he said.

Mr. Allen pointed to the sacrifice teachers will be making this year.

“I don’t think most people realize the daunting task the schools have to keep our teaching professionals safe,” he said.

“Throughout the pandemic, we’ve rightly been focusing on the people who are on the front lines: first responders and healthcare professionals,” he said.

“The teachers will now be stepping into the front lines with them,” he said. “They’re doing it for the sake of the kids, and we need to be recognize and be grateful for the sacrifices they’re about to make.”

“It’s a selfless type of leadership,” he said. “We need to be ready to support them and help them.”

“And we continue to pray for them and pray for the kids and keep asking God, Who brings good out of all things, to help us recognize any good that comes out of this,” he said. “That is part of our mission.”

### The power of prudence

Dr. Vader reiterated that it’s important for people to tune out the loudest, angriest and most fearful voices during

the pandemic and walk the line between paralyzing fear and dangerous ambivalence.

“If we allow irrational fear to dictate what we do, it will draw us away from what it means to be true Christians,” she stated. “God gave us our minds to reason rightly, and if we allow irrational fear to take over, we’re not trusting God and we’re not trusting ourselves.”

At the same time, it’s essential for every educator, student and family member to take the pandemic seriously.

“We need to stay well informed and continue following the advice of the medical professionals who know better than we how to respond to this pandemic,” she said.

“We need to do what we can to protect ourselves and our families and protect our hospital and medical professionals from being overwhelmed, and balance all of that with living our lives.”

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### Fundraisers & Social Events

Aug. 9

**Rich Fountain**, Sacred Heart parish picnic, with fried chicken & German pot roast, 11 am-6 pm, carry-out or drive-thru

Aug. 16

**St. Thomas**, St. Thomas the Apostle parish picnic, 11 am-7 pm

Aug. 22

**Westphalia**, Lions Club Tractor Pull, 3 pm

Aug. 23

**Eldon**, Sacred Heart parish "Non Picnic" Church Picnic, drive-thru BBQ chicken dinners, 11 am-5 pm

Sep. 6

**Freeburg**, Holy Family parish picnic, 11:30 am-7 pm

Sep. 19

**Bonnots Mill**, St. Louis of France parish "Drive-Thru for Educa-

tion" pulled pork dinners, 10:30 am-7 pm; Poker Run with registration at 10 am; **Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C 5th Annual Bob Jones Golf Tournament, 9 am-3 pm, Oak Hills Golf Course, for info or to register contact Mike Flanagan at [mflanland@socket.net](mailto:mflanland@socket.net) or 573-619-6353; **Moberly**, St. Pius X Foundation annual golf tournament, 8 am-4 pm, Heritage Hills Golf Club, for info email [jsjaclynsmith@gmail.com](mailto:jsjaclynsmith@gmail.com)

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ship is really over, you are right — he can, and should, see a priest for confession.

He should explain to the priest his circumstances (the fact of the second marriage), ask forgiveness and be absolved. Then he would be ready to return to the nourishing presence of Christ in Holy Communion.

*Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.*

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## RESTORATION

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restoration project.

But when it came to two big projects — tuck-pointing the Shrine's chapel and repairing the stained glass windows — the committee members hoped and prayed for generous donors to step forward.

That's when memorials of \$21,000 and \$26,000 were deposited into the Shrine account.

Work began on the two projects in 2019.

Never let it be said that the local German immigrants in the Starkenburg-Rhineland area are not frugal, and didn't explore every avenue to get things done at a reasonable cost.

While negotiating with Aaron Frei to do the work on the stained glass windows, they worked out a deal.

Mr. Frei's crew would stay in the Rhineland rectory, about three miles from the Shrine, while repairing the large stained glass rose window.

It was a win-win situation for contractor and client. Free board meant a discount in the cost of the repair work. Instead of driving back to St. Louis every day, the workers could stay in Rhineland.

The tuck-pointing work at the Shrine was done by T&J Waterproofing and Restoration of Jefferson City, which tuck-pointed the entire exte-

rior of the Shrine.

The company had previously done some work on the St. Martin Church Museum.

Also part of the recent maintenance and repair work was painting of the porch ceiling above the outside altar and cleaning by hand the statue of Archangel Gabriel.

### Battling the bulge

After the tuck-pointers went about their work, Mr. Frei's crew came in with a lift that reached to the rose window above the outside altar on the west side of the chapel.

"A rose window is always a tricky window to repair," he said. "The framing of it has many joints. Water penetrates, then freezing takes place and things start contracting as weather goes on."

Mr. Frei used the word "bulging" when describing the deteriorated rose window.

A lot of the old oil-based putty that was originally used had fallen out and water was starting to get in.

"Water was going down beneath the rose window," he said. "You always want to fix the water problem first, and we did that."

Then they installed a quarter-inch tempered glass to the exterior and sealed it with silicone so no water could ever penetrate it again.

"The material we used is

much superior to what my great-great-grandfather had to work with," he said.

It was determined that this kind of work, in the past 100 years, had never been attempted at the shrine.

The rose window is now bright and shiny after a cleaning and major overhaul.

"I'm not sure the exterior of that window was ever washed in 100 years," said Mr. Frei. "They are never going to have to look at this window for another few generations."

### "Sacred architecture"

From the pulpit during weekend Masses at St.

George and Church of the Risen Savior, Msgr. Higley always invites out-of-town guests to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows.

It has become a source of satisfaction for him to show off one of the oldest settlements in the region.

He suggests to tourists and visitors that they take a self-guided tour of a chapel and Shrine built by immigrant Catholics in southern Mont-



**Above the recently restored, rosette-shaped stained glass window is a stone niche that holds a statue of the Archangel Gabriel. The statue was sculpted in Italy and donated by Jacob Moerschall of Jefferson City in memory of his wife, Bertha.**

— Photo by Don Kruse

Starkenbourg.

"That is such a spectacular area," he said. "You come up the road and see the structure (St. Martin's) there right out of the blue — it touches your soul. Personally, you have a church that was clearly dear to the hearts of the immigrants.

"They had an investment in that church," he said. "They loved their Lord so much they were able to contribute so much of their livelihood to their church."

Having worked on stained glass windows all over the country, Mr. Frei said it thrilled him when he came across the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows and was

able to do that project.

His is one of the few companies in the country that can perform this kind of work.

"This is sacred architecture," he said. "What they have done there now with restoration is a testament to history and the people who built the church chapel over 100 years ago."

*Mr. Kruse is a member of St. George parish in Hermann.*



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## Show grandparents, the elderly that you care, Pope tells young people

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Pope Francis called on young people to reach out to their grandparents or the elderly who may be lonely or on their own.

"Do not leave them by themselves," he said after praying the Angelus with visitors in St. Peter's Square July 26.

"Use the inventiveness of love, make phone calls, video calls, send messages, listen to them and, where possible, in compliance with healthcare regulations, go to visit them, too. Send them a hug," he said before leading visitors in giving a big round of applause for all grandparents.

The Pope made his remarks on the memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne — Mary's parents, Jesus' grandparents and the patron saints of grandparents.

Pope Francis said he wanted to mark the day by inviting all young people to make a concrete "gesture of tenderness toward the elderly, especially the loneliest, in their homes and residences, those who have not seen their loved ones for many months" because of rules in place to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

In part, because of such regulations in place, he asked young people to be creative and inventive in finding ways to show they care while respecting current directives.

Grandparents and the elderly are "your roots" and having

a strong bond or connection with one's roots is important, he said, because "an uprooted tree cannot grow, it does not blossom or bear fruit."

Because the pandemic has affected older people especially hard, the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life launched a campaign July 27 after being inspired by Pope Francis' invitation to reach out safely and creatively to the elderly.

"It is possible to reduce the isolation felt by elderly people while also strictly observing health guidelines for COVID-19," it said in a statement, adding that "respecting social distancing rules does not mean accepting a destiny of loneliness and abandonment."

Inspired by the Pope's words after the Angelus, the dicastery decided "to launch a campaign called, 'The elderly are your grandparents,'" which encourages young people around the world "to do something that shows kindness and affection for older people who may feel lonely."

"Our invitation to young people is to reach out to the loneliest elderly people in their neighborhood or parish and send them a hug, according to the request of the Pope, by means of a phone call, a video call or by sending an image," it said.

"Wherever possible or whenever the health emergency will allow it, we invite young people to make the embrace even more concrete by visiting the elderly in person."

## A fine time at the shrine



Young people of Church of the Risen Savior parish in Rhineland and their facilitators gather at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg during this year's Vacation Bible School, which was held July 13 and 14.

## Rolla parishioner Johannes Woelk named Mo. Knights' Youth of the Year

The Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus presented its 2019 Youth of the Year Award to Johannes Woelk, son of Klaus and Madonna Woelk of St. Patrick Council 2627 in Rolla.



Johannes Woelk

Johannes is very active in his service to St. Patrick parish in Rolla, where he has been an altar server since fourth grade. Now at age 17, he now assists training younger boys and girls in serving at the altar during Mass.

Johannes participates in the parish's youth group, has earned the Rosary Patch in Scouting, and regularly helps preparing stages and seating areas for St. Patrick School concerts and activities.

Johannes has helped with several community and Knights activities. He has performed many different duties at the Rolla Christkindl Markt such as serving potato pancakes, cashier duties, cleaning tables, and collecting trash.

He recently participated in the Phelps County Faith Distribution, a local volunteer-based service organization that

helps families in need with groceries and other items.

Johannes helped the Knights with a food stand at the Rolla Route 66 Summerfest. He also helped with Lenten Fish Fries by leading the kitchen cleaning crew and washing dishes.

Johannes is an active Boy Scout (Life Scout & Order of the Arrow) and is in the process of finishing his Eagle Scout project, which will benefit St. Patrick School. He participated many years in the common Knights of Columbus, Scout Troop, Cup Scout Pack, and Venturing Crew annual "Scouting for Food" collection for the St. Patrick parish pantry.

At the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Johannes helped fry pancakes and assisted in setup and cleanup. The annual Kiwanis Breakfast is a fundraising event that benefits the Rolla High School Marching Band in which Johannes plays saxophone. He is also a

member of the High School Concert Band and High School Jazz Band and regularly attends Rolla High School sporting events playing in the Pep Band.

In recent years, Johannes has been taking on leadership roles. For the Christkindl Markt, he took the lead for signing up volunteers from the Rolla High School German Club to help the event organizers with building stages and with breaking down and cleaning up.

For his Scout Troop, he is currently the Senior Patrol Leader, which puts him in charge of the regular scout meetings and scouting events.

Johannes loves the outdoors. His hobbies revolve around camping, water sports, hiking and climbing. He went on adventurous hiking trips through the Colorado mountains and the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He also visited the Scout Jamboree in West Virginia.

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# Jesus teaches about sin and forgiveness

By Jennifer Ficaglia  
Catholic News Service

One day, Jesus talked to His followers about sin.

He told them what they should do if a fellow believer sinned against one of them.

First, the follower was to speak privately to the fellow believer about the sin. If the fellow believer didn't listen, the follower was to return with one or two others as witnesses to establish the facts of the sin.

"If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector," Jesus said.

"Lord," Peter asked when Jesus was finished, "if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As



many as seven times?"

"I say to you, not seven times but 77 times," He said.

Jesus explained that the kingdom of heaven could be likened to a king who decid-

ed to settle accounts with his servants. One servant owed a huge amount but couldn't repay it.

"His master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his

children and all his property, in payment of the debt," Jesus said.

The servant fell down and did the king homage.

"Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full," he begged the king.

The king had pity on the servant and forgave the debt, Jesus said.

The servant then left to find a fellow servant who owed him a much smaller debt.

"Be patient with me, and I will pay you back," the man said as he fell to his knees.

But the servant refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he repaid the debt.

When the other servants saw what had happened, they

reported the whole affair to the king.

"You wicked servant!" the king said. "I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

The angry king then handed over the servant to the torturers until he repaid his entire debt.

"So will My heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart," Jesus said.

### Read more about it...

#### Matthew 18

1. How many times did Jesus tell Peter to forgive?

2. What did the servant do that upset the king?

## Bible Accent

In the Bible, we read how a repentant sinner brings joy to God.

For example, in Luke 15:1-7, Jesus told the parable of the lost sheep.

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the 99 in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" He asked the Pharisees and scribes, who were complaining that He was eating with sinners. "And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders

with great joy."

Jesus said that the man would ask his friends and neighbors to rejoice with him because the lost sheep had been found.

"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous people who have no need of repentance," Jesus said.

In Luke 17:3-4, we also read that Christians should forgive those who sin and repent.

"If your brother sins, rebuke

him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, 'I am sorry,' you should forgive him," Jesus said.

## Essay

When have you forgiven someone who sinned against you?



## Saint Spotlight

St. Pius X was born Joseph Melchior Sarto in northern Italy in 1835. In 1858, he was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Treviso and served small parishes. He then became chancellor and spiritual director at the seminary. He was named bishop of Mantua in 1884, and in 1893, he became a cardinal and patriarch

of Venice. In 1903, he was elected Pope and became known as the "Pope of the Eucharist." During his pontificate, he lowered the age for receiving First Holy Communion, promoted biblical study, and encouraged daily Holy Communion and daily Bible reading. St. Pius X died in 1914, and we remember him on Aug. 21.

## Puzzle

Using the hints provided, fill in the blanks in the sentences about sin and forgiveness.



1. Reprimand publicly those who do sin, so that the rest also will be \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Timothy 5:20)

2. Whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his \_\_\_\_\_ from death. (James 5:20)

3. Be kind to one another, compassionate, \_\_\_\_\_ one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. (Ephesians 4:32)

4. As the \_\_\_\_\_ has forgiven you, so must you also do. (Colossians 3:13)



Answers: 1. offend; 2. soul; 3. forgiving; 4. Lord.

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## Marriage handbook offers good advice for engaged or married couples

*Habits for a Healthy Marriage: A Handbook for Catholic Couples*, by Richard P. Fitzgibbons, M.D. Ignatius Press (San Francisco, 2019). 280 pp., \$17.95.

Reviewed by Brian T. Olszewski  
Catholic News Service

It is commonly understood that approximately half of marriages in the United States end in divorce.

The rate of divorce is higher for second and third marriages.

Thus, it is understandable why the Catholic Church has made it a priority to prepare couples for healthy, permanent marriages through thorough, well-developed diocesan programs.

However, even the most highly regarded pre-marriage instruments and intense one-on-one meetings with engaged couples will not guarantee permanency in marriage.

Among the variables are the

behaviors, influences and environmental backgrounds each future spouse is bringing to that marriage.

This is where *Habits for a Healthy Marriage* becomes an excellent resource for couples planning to be engaged or already engaged, and for those responsible for preparing them for marriage.

Individual chapters with their focus on topics such as forgiveness, trust, responsibility, gratitude, respect and generosity can be integrated into preparation as discussion starters.

The chapter on communication is an example of the book's consistency in the quality of material, the way it is presented and its applicability. As with every chapter, it begins with a clearly stated goal: "to assist couples with loving and respectful communication, which is necessary for a happy and healthy marriage."

Fitzgibbons, the director of

the Institute for Marital Healing in Philadelphia, introduces Chloe and Chad, who, in the wife's view, are not communicating well: "When I try to talk to him, he doesn't even seem to hear me."

He uses the dialogue they have with him in counseling to present possible causes for the problem (e.g., needing to control, lacking gratitude for one's spouse, being emotionally distant).

Throughout the book, Fitzgibbons will ask about how the couple's parents handled the topic being addressed (e.g., communication). The couple's identifying and speaking about what they learned — or didn't — is an important element in resolving the problem.

He references what others have written on the topic being addressed and, where relevant, will include frequent quotations from the work of St. John Paul II as well as references from Scripture.

While *Habits for a Healthy Marriage* is fitting for marriage preparation, those who are married also will benefit from Fitzgibbons' work. The topics he addresses can arise in healthy marriages and the recommendations he offers can be helpful no matter how long one has been married.

For example, in the chapter titled "Generosity conquers selfishness," he suggests expressing love and affection through words and deeds, setting aside time to talk and

## Movie Ratings



Adults

First Cow (PG-13)  
Flannery (not rated)  
Greyhound (PG-13)  
Irresistible (R)  
The Outpost (R)  
Radioactive (PG-13)  
Wasp Network (not rated)



Limited Adult Audience

The Rental (R)



Morally Offensive

Palm Springs (R)  
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praying together.

Anyone concerned about healthy marriages — their own or others' — will benefit from *Habits for a Healthy Marriage* no matter how much or how little one reads.

However, a word of advice to both the engaged and mar-

ried: Keep a bookmark and highlighter nearby. There is bound to be something you will want your intended or spouse to read, too.

*Olszewski is the editor of The Catholic Virginian, newspaper of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia.*

## New Vatican Library website aims to serve scholars, entice curious

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

The Vatican Library has revamped its website to serve scholars better and facilitate navigation for the curious.

"Because of the pandemic, physical presence has become more difficult and, therefore, the website aims to be a place for welcoming, collaboration and openness," Monsignor Cesare Pasini, the library's prefect, told Vatican News July 22.

With a fresh look, easier and more intuitive navigation, and greater online services for researchers, the updated site, [vaticanlibrary.va](http://vaticanlibrary.va), went live in mid-July, right when the library closed for the summer months.

Along with many other Vatican institutions open to the public, the library had shut down during Italy's nationwide lockdown, then reopened June 1 to limited numbers of schol-

ars and with the required restrictions and safety measures to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Plans for the "restyling" ended up being especially opportune given the continued restrictions and that the pandemic in other parts of the world may be preventing other scholars from traveling to Italy to do research at the library.

Some of the new features, the monsignor said, include more powerful and expanded search functions, and registered researchers can now easily ask staff questions and order digital reproductions of manuscripts, texts and other materials from the libraries collections.

"We are the Pope's librarians," he said, and every Pope over the centuries has wanted the library to be open to the world.

"That is why we want to truly

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## SACRED HEART

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Fr. Corel said every Catholic school is built on Jesus's model of gathering people around Himself and forming them as disciples and sending them out on mission to the world.

"Jesus says if you have power, if you have leadership, all that means is that you get to serve even more people," he said. "And when you serve, you die to yourself, you give more of yourself over to others."

Fr. Corel told the graduating seniors that they will find happiness and peace if they use power and authority to build-up other people and help them live their Christian dignity to the highest level possible.

"We need to be constantly looking out to others and saying, 'How can I make you better?' 'How can I uphold your dignity even more?' 'How can I make you more the man or the woman that God has created you to be?'" he said.

He advised them to continue growing in faith, saying "yes" to God and His plan, going wherever He sends them and being whatever He calls them to be, regardless of the earthly consequences.

He thanked the school's administration, faculty, staff and parents for all the work and energy they put into helping get the seniors to graduation day.

### "Amazing"

"I'm very proud to be a part of the school and the Class of 2020," stated Class President Noah Marshall, who arrived at Sacred Heart in time for his sophomore year.

"They made me feel like family and have for years," he said.

Hannah McDonald, who attended Sacred Heart School since kindergarten, said knowing people for such a long time does tend to make everyone feel like family.

She plans on taking a well-formed faith with her to Missouri State University in Springfield, where she will pursue a degree in financial planning.

"God and I have always been really close," she stated. "He's definitely Someone I can go to with all my problems. And Sacred Heart has really helped me develop a relationship with Him."

She was quick to thank her parents for their guidance and support.

She requested prayers for the safety of everyone who's going to college in the fall.

Miss Smith started at Sacred Heart in pre-school.

"We have only 21 kids in our class, and eight of us have been here since kindergarten," she noted. "We know everything about each other, and that's really special."

She feels like whenever she has a problem, she can talk to anyone in her class.

"I want to see all of these people go far in life and see what they accomplish," she said. "Because everyone is amazing here."

She plans to study interior architecture and product design at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

She intends to continue practicing her Catholic faith.

"It means you can really trust God for anything and you can come to Him for help or thanksgiving," she said. "He's always there and you can always trust in Him."

Miss Smith asked for prayers for health and safety

"and for us to be brave."

"It's been small, and now we're going off to big schools and it's going to be a lot different," she said.

### "Always there"

Mr. Henke arrived at Sacred Heart School in eighth grade.

He said that with the small class sizes, everyone felt comfortable asking for help.

He's determined to take his faith with him to the Missouri University of Science & Technology in Rolla, where he plans to study mechanical engineering.

"It's going to be a little bit harder because you don't have anyone in the morning pushing you to go on," he said. "That's when you're going to have to find your internal motivation and push yourself forward."

He's grateful to his parents and teachers. "Because really, I couldn't have done any of this without them," he said.

He asked for prayers for things to get back to normal.

"I think all of us are pretty tired of the current situation," he said.

Jude Rollings started at Sacred Heart in pre-school.

"That makes everyone friends," he said.

That closeness made the weeks of separation for COVID-19 especially difficult, but he and his classmates found creative ways to stay in touch.

"The classes didn't get any less challenging," he said of his experience with the school's distance learning.

He plans to incorporate his faith into everyday life while studying architecture at Kansas State.

"I need to depend on something, a higher form than what is on this earth," he said. "God is always there."

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, Aug 9

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
1 Kgs. 19:9a, 11-13a  
Ps. 85:9-14  
Rom. 9:1-5  
Mt. 14:22-33

### Monday, Aug 10

St. Lawrence, deacon, martyr  
2 Cor. 9:6-10  
Ps. 112:1-2, 5-9  
Jn. 12:24-26

### Tuesday, Aug 11

St. Clare, virgin  
Ez. 2:8-3:4  
Ps. 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131  
Mt. 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday, Aug 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious  
Ez. 9:1-7; 10:18-22  
Ps. 113:1-6  
Mt. 18:15-20

### Thursday, Aug 13

Ss. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, priest, martyrs  
Ez. 12:1-12  
Ps. 78:56-59, 61-62  
Mt. 18:21-19:1

### Friday, Aug 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr  
Ez. 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63  
Is. (Ps.) 12:2-6, 4bcd, 5-6  
Mt. 19:3-12

### Saturday, Aug 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY [not a Holyday of Obligation this year]

#### Vigil:

1 Chr. 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2  
Ps. 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14  
1 Cor. 15:54b-57  
Lk. 11:27-28

#### Day:

Rv. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Ps. 45:10-12, 16  
1 Cor. 15:20-27  
Lk. 1:39-56

### Sunday, Aug 16

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Is. 56:1, 6-7  
Ps. 67:2-3, 5-6, 8  
Rom. 11:13-15, 29-32  
Mt. 15:21-28

### Monday, Aug 17

Ez. 24:15-24  
Dt. (Ps.) 32:18-21  
Mt. 19:16-22

### Tuesday, Aug 18

Ez. 28:1-10  
Dt. (Ps.) 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab  
Mt. 19:23-30

### Wednesday, Aug 19

St. John Eudes, priest  
Ez. 34:1-11  
Ps. 23:1-6  
Mt. 20:1-16

### Thursday, Aug 20

St. Bernard, abbot, doctor of the Church  
Ez. 36:23-28  
Ps. 51:12-15, 18-19  
Mt. 22:1-14

### Friday, Aug 21

St. Pius X, Pope  
Ez. 37:1-14  
Ps. 107:2-9  
Mt. 22:34-40

### Saturday, Aug 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ez. 43:1-7ab  
Ps. 85:9ab, 10-14  
Mt. 23:1-12

### The Holy Father's prayer intentions for August:

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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be at the service of our visitors with a modern and up-to-date tool that immediately provides what people are searching for or even offers them something more," he said.

Pope Francis often talks about the need to reach out to the peripheries, "so I think there is nothing like an online site that potentially allows everyone" from around the world to visit, he said.

After the usual summer break, he said the library plans to open again to scholars Sept. 15.

"We are here for this — to open a site to those who are far and to open the doors to those who are near," he said.

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# Livestream, TV broadcasts of St. Louis archbishop's installation

Due to capacity restrictions, the Installation Mass for Archbishop-designate Mitchell Rozanski will not be open to the public. In-person attendance is permitted by invitation only.

The Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

It will be broadcast live on EWTN and CatholicTV.

A livestream will be available for anyone to view on the Archdiocese of St. Louis's YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

A Mass of Thanksgiving honoring Archbishop Robert J. Carlson for 11 years of service to the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on

Sunday, Aug. 23.

A livestream will be available

for anyone to view on the Archdiocese of St. Louis YouTube

Channel and Facebook page.

# Diocesan workshops on catechesis to be held in J.C. cathedral undercroft

Dr. Bill Keimig, assistant director of the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University, will lead two seminars for people involved in catechetical ministry in the Jefferson City diocese.

Both are sponsored by the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry and Religious Education.

•Dr. Keimig will lead an afternoon seminar for priests, deacons and parish life collaborators, on Thursday, Aug. 13, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph Undercroft, 2305 W. Main St. in Jefferson City.

The theme will be: "Toward a Kerygmatic Catechesis."

This workshop will examine the fundamental role that the *kerygma* plays in efforts to catechize and evangelize within parishes.

*Kerygma* is a Greek word meaning to proclaim as a herald.

Participants will also learn how the new Franciscan at Home online learning platform can assist them in forming parish catechists in a kerygmatic catechesis in their own parish programs.

Lunch will be served at

noon, with seminar to follow.

For information or to register online, visit: [diojeffcity.org/clergy-seminar](http://diojeffcity.org/clergy-seminar).

• Dr. Keimig will also lead a full-day workshop for anyone serving a catechetical role in parish or Catholic school ministry, on Friday, Aug. 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Undercroft.

The topic will be "Mentored in Christ."

This workshop will examine the power of mentored formation in catechetical ministry.

Participants will explore the vital role that relationship and mentoring play in catechetical formation, and explore how the new Franciscan at Home online learning platform can help foster mentored formation using online learning and local mentoring.

This seminar is open to anyone serving in a catechetical role: DREs, catechists, Catholic school teachers or administrators, youth ministers, RCIA leaders, clergy and parents. There is no cost to participate. A light breakfast and full lunch are provided.

For information or to register online, visit [diojeffcity.org/registration-workshops](http://diojeffcity.org/registration-workshops).



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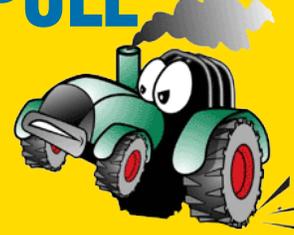
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