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## First day of school caps off “longest, shortest summer”



**St. George School in Linn is one of the 37 Catholic grade schools and three Catholic high schools in the diocese beginning the school year with in-person instruction**

By Jay Nies

“It’s been a while since we’ve been together here. But God has never left us.”

Principal Lisa Grellner’s voice boomed over the P.A. system in the St. George School Gymnasium in Linn.

“Good morning! Are we excited to be here?” she called out to the school’s 174 students in pre-school through eighth grade.

“Yes!” they erupted in unison.

It was 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13, the first day of a new school year.

“We’ve missed you all so much!” said Mrs. Grellner. “We’re super excited to have you here today.”

The students wore facemasks and sat in groups with proper distance between them on the floor and bleachers.

Their teachers had used touchless thermometers to take each student’s temperature, one of many new things about life in a pandemic.

“We have a lot of changes this year,” Mrs. Grellner said, “but the main thing is, we’re going to be here together, and we can do a lot together.”

“We’re going to ask for prayers every day for everybody’s safety,” she said. “We’re going to wear our masks when we need to. We’re going to maintain the safest distances we can.”

After helping students lead a prayer of blessing for the new school year, Mrs. Grellner announced that the theme for the year would be “courage.”

“What does courage mean to you?” she asked. “That we aspire to have the

Sixth-grade teacher Beth Parrish uses a touchless thermometer to take the temperature of her students as they arrive for the first day of school at St. George School in Linn on Aug. 13. It was the students’ first time together in the building since in-person instruction was suspended on March 18 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

— Photo by Jay Nies

## Bishop extends precautions, dispensations due to COVID-19 pandemic through Nov. 27

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By Jay Nies

Out of abundant concern for the common good and especially for people who are most at risk from COVID-19, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has extended through November the existing norms for limiting the virus’s spread.

In an Aug. 21 official decree, he lifted until Nov. 27 the requirement for all the faithful of the diocese, as well as all who are present within these 38 counties, to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

He had previously dispensed the faithful from their Sunday obligation through Sept. 11.

He reiterated that Catholics who do not attend Mass in person are required to participate in the Sunday or holy day

Mass via livestream, or by praying and meditating on the Scriptures for that day in addition to praying the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

For a list of links to parishes’ livestreamed Masses, visit [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org) and click on the “Livestream Mass Links” button.

Daily Scripture readings can be found online at: [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings).

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

The bishop decided to continue the norms for COVID-19 under the recommendation of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, an official advisory body made up of priest representatives

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## Patriotic Rosary Sept. 11

A Patriotic Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, in Holy Family Church, 104 Oliver St. in Freeburg. It will include the Rosary and the singing of patriotic songs.

## Pray for deceased priests

Aug. 28 — **Fr. Thomas D. Sullivan**, St. Cecilia, Meta (1977)  
Sept. 2 — **Fr. Herman J. Striwe**, St. Joseph Home, Jefferson City (1966); **Msr. Jacques J. Wenting**, St. Thomas Seminary, Hannibal (2004)

## Campus Custodian Wanted

St. Peter Church in Jefferson City, Mo. has an immediate opening for a Campus Custodian.

**Key responsibilities:** maintain the cleanliness, safety and upkeep of the St. Peter Parish campus facilities and grounds as directed and provide maintenance and facility support.

**Hours:** full-time (30-40 hours/week), some weekend hours might be required. **Wage:** \$12-\$13 per hour to start, plus comprehensive benefits package.

**Successful applicants will have:** experience in maintenance and custodial work; a strong work ethic; some mechanical/equipment repair experience; the physical ability to complete the maintenance and custodial tasks assigned; respect for the Catholic faith, heritage and practice; work with a flexible schedule; work well with the pastor, parish and school staff.

Background check and Safe Environment training required.

To apply, call Michelle at 573-636-8159 for a job description/application, and submit to: St. Peter Catholic Church, 216 Broadway, Jefferson City, MO 65101 by August 28, 2020.

## Communications & Outreach Coordinator

St. Peter Catholic Church & Interparish School in Jefferson City, Mo. announces a new employment opportunity: Parish & School Communications & Outreach Coordinator.

**Key responsibilities:** Create & manage communications & publications for St. Peter Parish & Interparish School; create & manage outreach opportunities/activities on the school, parish & community level; manage, promote & develop digital & social media presence for both the parish & school; welcome & correspond with parishioners & visitors, including those who speak Spanish.

This position is full time (30-40 hours per week) with a comprehensive benefits package. Pay will be contingent on experience and skill.

**Successful applicants will have:** Experience in communications/publications; experience and skill managing multiple social media platforms; a strong work ethic; respect for the Catholic Faith, heritage and practice; the ability to work with a flexible schedule, including weekends; work well with the Pastor, Parish and School staff; fluency in English & Spanish preferred, but not required.

Background check and Safe Environment training required.

To apply, call Michelle, 573-636-8159 for a job description/application, and submit to: St. Peter Catholic Church, 216 Broadway, Jefferson City, MO 65101 by August 28, 2020.



*The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, makes the following appointments:*

### RETIREMENTS

**Deacon James Klierthermes**, from diaconal ministry at Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, to retirement.

*This appointment is effective July 29, 2020*

**Deacon Edwin J. Schepers**, from diaconal ministry at Annunciation Parish in California, and St. Andrew Parish in Tipton, to retirement.

*This appointment is effective July 25, 2020*

### PERMANENT DIACONATE

**Deacon Edwin Pacheco**, from diaconal ministry at St. Mary Parish in Milan, and the Mission of St. Mary in Unionville, to diaconal ministry at Mary Immaculate Parish in Kirksville, and to continue with Hispanic Ministries in the Kirksville Deanery.

*This appointment is effective August 5, 2020.*

### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

**Reverend Daniel L. Vacca**, to moderator of pastoral care

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— Bishop Joseph M. Marling C.P.S., July 7, 1957

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## Official Decree of Appointments

at St. Bernadette Parish in Hermitage, and to continue as pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Camdenton.

**Reverend Alexius Ekka**, from administrator of St. Bernadette Parish in Hermitage, to sacramental minister at St. Bernadette Parish in Hermitage, and to continue as pastor of St. Ann Parish in Warsaw, and the Mission of Ss. Peter and Paul in Cole Camp.

**Deacon Kent D. Boettger**, from parish life

Given at the Chancery this seventh day of August, 2000.

*W. Shawn McKnight*

**Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.**  
Bishop of Jefferson City

*Constance Schepers*

**Mrs. Constance Schepers**  
Chancellor

## Free sharing of NAPM conference sessions

The Jefferson City diocese's chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is hosting video conference calls via Zoom on four Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to share video sessions from the national convention.

This is open to all music ministers, DREs, priests, and anyone else interested from the diocese.

Dates and topics include:

•Aug. 26: Building a Qual-

ity Volunteer Ensemble, by Kate Basi;

•Sept. 2: The Sacraments: Assessing Our Parish Celebration of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, by Michael Ruzicki;

•Sept. 9: Choosing Liturgical Music of Theological Savvy, by Emily Strand.

To receive the Zoom invitation, send an email to: [npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com).

## Maintenance Custodian Needed



St. Martin Parish in St. Martins, Mo. is seeking a Maintenance Custodian. The person must present a professional appearance, have knowledge of cleaning compounds, custodial equipment, and basic tools utilized in building maintenance. Should also have considerable

knowledge of cleaning and disinfecting a variety of areas and surfaces; small maintenance and repair work; proper safety procedures and skills in the operation of a variety of janitorial equipment and hand tools. Must have the ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions, make routine decisions independently, sustain long periods of light to moderately heavy physical activity, and be able to work in a school environment. Interested persons should email Principal Julie Clingman at [principal@stmartinjc.org](mailto:principal@stmartinjc.org).

# MAKING CONNECTIONS



Bishop McKnight

## Initiating a process for discerning a path forward in 10 counties

*“For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.”*

— Romans 12:4-5

This past year, we began the process to develop a diocesan pastoral plan based upon the pastoral plans discerned by our individual parishes.

Seventy-one parishes submitted their plans to the chancery, and the Diocesan Pastoral Council has begun drafting our diocesan priorities for the next three years starting in Advent 2020.

I am grateful for the clergy and laity who organized and participated in small discern-

ment groups in their parish, and for the parish priests who worked with their parish pastoral councils to identify the activities they want to accomplish as we reflected on the themes of:

- the spirituality of stewardship;
- co-responsibility; and
- parishes as centers of charity and mercy.

The COVID-19 pandemic was not on our radar when we began the process of discerning pastoral plans, but it is unfortunately an enduring reality we cannot avoid.

Another hard reality is the declining number of active priests serving in our diocese. We are realistically projecting that within five years, there will

likely be 11 fewer active priests.

The average age of our active priests, excluding international clergy, is over 60.

Those who reviewed the sacramental history during your parish pastoral planning process ([diojeffcity.org/better-together-pastoral-planning-process](http://diojeffcity.org/better-together-pastoral-planning-process)) won't be surprised that we have also seen a general decline in Mass attendance and in the practice of other sacraments over the years.

If we continue our current way of being Church, we should not expect that decline to change, either.

### Responsible stewardship

Because of the effects of the pandemic, fewer active priests available in the diocese, and changing demographics, I have identified 10 counties that will more than likely see a reduction in the number of priests serving them with the new clergy assignments in July 2021.

The 10 counties are Chariton, Cooper, Crawford, Howard, Monroe, Phelps, Pike, Pulaske, Ralls and Saline.

Other parishes have already gone through a reduction of some kind recently:

- the three parishes of Pettis County into one new parish;
- the closures of St. Martha, Wayland, and Notre Dame, LaGrange;
- Our Lady of the Snows, Climax Springs, became a chapel of St. Anthony, Camdenton;
- the loss of Sunday Masses at the Shrine of St. Patrick, Clark County, the Church of the Resurrection, Wellsville, St. Patrick, Clarence, and Sacred Heart, Bevier; and
- the reduction of the number of Masses at parishes in Jefferson City.

Even though there are serious pastoral challenges before us, we can be responsible stewards and discern how we can best pass on our faith to future generations.

We cannot be so bound by the past that we prevent the faith of the future from being born.

This summer, therefore, I have twice gathered priests

from the parishes of these 10 counties to reflect together on our changing realities and the need to be good stewards of resources for parishes to fulfill their mission.

Ultimately, however, we contemplated what kind of process would be helpful to the pastors so that they could adequately consult their parishioners and parish councils in developing proposals for my consideration.

### Process of discernment

On a practical level, the Priest Personnel Board begins deliberations about next year's assignments in January, so it will be necessary to know the landscape of clergy assignment needs before then.

One of the focus areas of our diocesan pastoral planning process is co-responsibility, the mutual respect for the distinct roles of clergy and laity in the life and mission of the Church.

All are called to share in decisions of great import to the Church's mission, even though our roles and responsibilities may be different.

We've identified a process for Catholics in the 29 parishes in these 10 counties so that they can discern with their clergy on the future of their faith communities.

Here is what the process will be:

- 1.) After Labor Day weekend, pastors and parochial administrators of parishes in the 10 counties will begin consulting their parish pastoral, finance and school councils on considering their parish's situation.
- 2.) A survey of all parishioners 18 years and older in these counties will be conducted in September to consult with

them on the options available to continue the mission of the Church in their county.

The survey will also provide respondents with the ability to propose solutions not found in the questionnaire.

It will be very helpful if respondents use the on-line survey to speed up the process of developing a report, but hard-copy questionnaires will be made available to those who need them. The survey will also be available in Spanish.

Parishioners in the diocesan database will receive a postcard with more information on the survey in early September.

3.) The results of the survey will be reported to the parishes, and the deans will convoke a meeting of the priests and lay leadership councils of the parishes in each county before the end of October to discern a proposal to be submitted to me by the end of November.

4.) During December and January, I will consult with the Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Council on the proposals received and make a final determination of the path forward to vibrant ecclesial life in the 10 counties.

### Come, Holy Spirit!

How the Church is present in these 10 counties will change. Indeed, it must change, for the Church to continue to *be* present in these 10 counties.

I ask all to join with our sisters and brothers who are entering into this process, as well as our priests and me to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us into a future in which the next generations will be part of vibrant faith communities throughout our diocese!



## Bishop McKnight's Calendar

**AUGUST**

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

- 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 26** Liturgical Commission meeting, 9:30 a.m., Cathedral
- Aug 27** Priests' Mutual Benefit Society Board meeting, 1 pm, Chancery
- Aug 30** Confirmation Mass, 2 pm, Immaculate Conception Church, Brookfield

**SEPTEMBER**

- Sept 1** Presenter at Ethics Grand Rounds, noon, St. Mary's Hospital
- Sept 4** Opening of School Mass, 8:30 am, Sacred Heart Chapel, Sedalia
- Sept 9** Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Board of Directors meeting, noon, Chancery
- Sept 12** Diocesan Pastoral Plan meeting, 10 am, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School, Columbia

### 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

Por nuestras comunidades parroquiales y escolares, para que estemos regidos por un espíritu de unidad para trabajar juntos por el bien común durante la pandemia.



## Fr. Bermejo's mission in the Philippines persisting through pandemic, sickening pollution

By Jay Nies

An ironclad lockdown due to COVID-19 meant Father Donardo "Dandi" Bermejo had to close his health clinic in the Philippines.

But it couldn't stay that way.

"After a month, we had no choice but to reopen, as people were flocking to our clinic for treatment," said Fr. Dandi, who previously served in the Jefferson City diocese for nine years.

His Works of Charity Center and St. Joseph the Worker Clinic for the indigent sugarcane plantation workers of the Negros Occidental region receives funding from the diocese's Mission Office.

The plight of many of the people seeking treatment was so pitiful that the clinic staff saw it as their Christian duty to take care of them, consequences or not.

Fr. Dandi said the Philippine government's strict lockdown resembles martial law. Nonetheless, the government has allowed the clinic to do its work unabated.

"The staff exercises extra



**Father Donardo "Dandi" Bermejo and the staff of the St. Joseph the Worker Clinic for the sugarcane plantation workers in the Negros Occidental region of the Philippines wear their armor to help people battle illnesses of all sorts.**

care while attending to the sick, as the virus is very contagious," he stated, noting that some of the staff are very concerned about contracting COVID themselves.

He said that as of July 31, 20 people had tested positive in the town of Manapla, which has about 55,000 residents.

Some offices, businesses and modes of public transportation have begun reopening under a recently modified lockdown

order.

"But wearing facemask and social distancing are obliged for everyone and everywhere," the priest stated.

### Heartbreak in the family

In a July 31 letter, Fr. Dandi said he has been working long days while praying for his mother and mourning for his sister.

His mother was admitted to a hospital in the Philippines in late July.

"She is 90 years old, and physically she is not in good shape," he stated. "I hope and pray that the Lord will prolong her life even a little bit, but whatever happens, we surrender her to the Lord.

"And we know that the Lord and the Blessed Mother will take good care of her," he said.

His sister had contracted pneumonia two years ago, which contributed to a heart condition.

She had not been to see a doctor since March, due to the pandemic and resulting lockdowns.

"Traveling from one place to another was very hard to do, and going to the hospital

for check-ups was almost impossible," he said.

She had a heart attack and died in July. Her earthly remains were cremated and interred on July 26.

Fr. Dandi could not attend the funeral, because air and sea transportation to Manila had been halted due to the pandemic.

"So sad indeed, but our faith is always our source of joy and consolation in times like this," he stated.

He called to mind St. Paul's exhortation that nothing — not trials, persecution, suffering or even death itself — can separate God's people from His love.

"And Christ promised that everyone who believes in Him, even if He dies, will rise once more and enjoy eternal life," said Fr. Dandi. "I believe

2014 moved back there with his bishop's blessing to start a Catholic outreach to them.

The free clinic, staffed with five doctors and four nurses, went from serving about 400 patients per month to about 1,000, free of charge. The dental clinic, open one day a week, serves about 100 patients.

The staff also makes medical missions to isolated villages, last year helping an additional 1,000 people free of charge.

In Fr. Dandi's hometown of Manapla, where his clinic and charitable outreach are headquartered, the pandemic has been coupled with widespread hunger.

People have not been able to leave home to work for over four months.

"And since the government itself cannot provide food for everyone, starvation ensues," said Fr. Dandi.

Some employers around the country have begun to reopen, "but widespread hunger still pervades."

The priest's Works of Mercy Center has been providing as much assistance as it can, mostly distribution of rice and other food staples.

"This has become an endless activity," he said. "Lots of my time is devoted to it."

He noted that it was becoming impossible to impose social distancing when throngs of people from various communities and haciendas were flocking to the Works of Mercy Center in search of food.

So the center's staff has made two trips out to various communities to distribute food packs to the people there.

"This proved to be easier and effective," said Fr. Bermejo.

During the most recent



**A member of the St. Joseph the Worker Clinic staff collects information from a man seeking treatment.**

she is in heaven right now, enjoying her eternal rewards."

### Endless hunger

Moved by childhood memories of the indigent and mistreated sugar plantation workers that lived on his home island of Negros Occidental in the Philippines, Fr. Dandi in

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# Fr. Reid recovers from COVID-19, donates plasma for research

By Jay Nies

Father Nicholas Reid was scheduled for his first shift of chaplain residency in the trauma ward at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Instead, he wound up in the center's Emergency Room, being treated for COVID-19.

"I didn't think I would be at the receiving end of pastoral care before I was able to give it," said Fr. Reid, a priest of the Jefferson City diocese who is serving in the U.S. Air Force Chaplain Corps.

He is about two months into a yearlong Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program in hospital chaplaincy in San Antonio.

He has no idea how he came into contact with COVID-19, but he's now back in uniform, fully recovered and hoping to help defeat the dangerous virus by donating blood plasma for research.

"One of the neat things about being able to donate convalescent plasma is that it will be used here at Brooke Army Medical Center, where I work as a chaplain," he said. "In that way, I'll be helping COVID patients both as a chaplain and a donor."

He made his first plasma donation Aug. 6 at Fort Sam Houston.

Doctors and scientists hope to study his blood plasma along with that of many other donors to find antibodies that may help unlock the secrets of defeating the virus.

Antibodies are what the body uses to suppress specific antigens such as viruses or bacteria.

The question is whether a person with COVID-19 antibodies has some sort of immunity — temporary or permanent — to this strain of the virus.

Doctors also wonder whether carrying COVID antibodies in the blood prevents people from spreading the virus if they're exposed to it again.

"I've been doing a lot of reading and am keeping any eye out about the blood science," said Fr. Reid. "Right now, there are so many more questions than answers with all of this. That's why they call it a 'novel virus.'"



**Father Nicholas Reid, a priest of the Jefferson City diocese and member of the U.S. Air Force Chaplain Corps, donates convalescent plasma at a hospital in San Antonio, Texas, where he is enrolled in a Clinical Pastoral Education program for hospital chaplaincy.**

## Had two illnesses

Fr. Reid thought he was having a bad case of allergies. He took some over-the-counter medications to clear up the symptoms and help him sleep.

"Then I woke up and eventually checked-off every COVID symptom," he said.

When the fever and chills set in, he went to the hospital to get tested.

He had been taking CPE classes in near isolation since March and was about to begin in-person chaplaincy work at the hospital.

He was miserable but not as sick as many people become with COVID.

"I was never hospitalized and I'm fully recovered," he said. "There a lot of people suffering significantly more than I did."

His symptoms lasted for about 48 hours.

He found out he also had pneumonia and was given 10 days' worth of antibiotics.

"By the time I took those, I realized most of the COVID symptoms were done, and I was just really tired," he said.

## "At the foot of the cross"

Fr. Reid couldn't remember the last time he had felt so sick.

"It's a very humbling experience," he said. "I felt helpless. But I was getting a lot of support. I spoke with Bishop McKnight. I had lots of prayer and lots of support. Other chaplains were even dropping off dinner for me."

Some of his own prayer was active, while some could be described as "just resting in the Lord."

"I did a lot of resting in the Lord ... and taking medicine in the Lord ... and drinking water in the Lord!" he stated.

True to his lifelong devotion to the Blessed Mother, he prayed the Rosary.

"The Rosary is amazing," he said. "You can say it even if you're very tired. So I spent a lot of time at the foot of the cross with Our Lady."

## Shared experience

Fr. Reid is grateful to have been otherwise very healthy while taking on COVID-19.

"Eat your vegetables, get your sweats on and get some exercise," he advised.

He believes that his CO-

VID experience will help him become a better chaplain.

"Being at the receiving end of an Emergency Room visit, I came into contact as a patient with many of the people I would be working with as a chaplain," he said.

He had been a hospital patient before, but now he can empathize with patients in a more specific way.

"Not knowing what's going on, being separated from family, hearing unfamiliar words — all of that is happening to patients now in a way that makes any visit to the hospital much different from any previous visit," he stated.

## Signs of life

As soon as the symptoms went away and his time of quarantine expired, Fr. Reid was eager to start his next semester of studies and return to his regular work shift.

"I'm back to working out regularly, which I love," he added. "It helps me not just physically but mentally."

He saw a poster near where he works, inviting people who had been sick with COVID-19 to donate convalescent plasma.

It stated: "Convalescent plasma is the liquid part of blood from patients who have

recovered from an infection. Antibodies present in convalescent plasma are proteins that help patients fight an active infection; in this case, SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19."

"Naturally, this piqued my interest," he said.

He read up on the subject at home and found out that eight military installations around the world are focusing on collecting and analyzing convalescent plasma from people who have recovered from COVID infection.

"And as God would have it, two of them are right here in San Antonio," he said. "And one of them is right next door to the hospital I work in anyway."

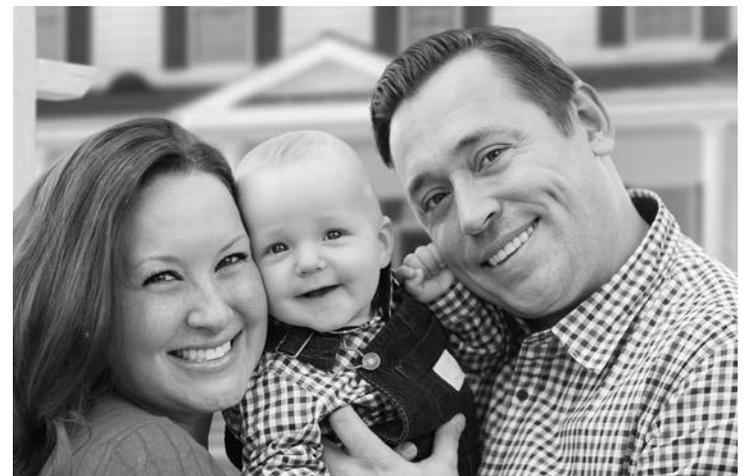
When he realized how useful it could be, he felt that he had no choice but to donate.

The process takes about 50 minutes, and he can donate once every 28 days.

His blood flows out through a needle in one arm, to a machine that collects the plasma and sends the rest of his blood back into him through another needle.

He described the whole process as "interesting."

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## New Catholic school principals focus on faith, excellence

*This is the second part of a two-part report on new leadership in eight Catholic schools in the Jefferson City diocese:*

By Jay Nies

Continuity and clarity of vision are two hallmarks of leadership in each of the Jefferson City diocese's 37 Cath-

olic grade schools and three Catholic high schools.

The eight new principals are no exception.

"These are challenging times for all of our schools," said Dr. Erin Vader, "and we have leaders in our schools who will help us meet those challenges."

### From a safe distance



Some hard-working teachers at St. Joseph Cathedral School spent their Saturday building these dividers to keep their students safe. — Photo by Spencer Allen, principal

#### Plans for the future

Some of the best professional advice Patricia Ann Kirk ever received came from Franciscan Sister Eleanor Fallert, who was her principal for several years while she was working toward her degree in administration.

"She always said that you should be there for your teachers and give them encouragement and praise," recalled Ms. Kirk, the new principal of St. Joseph School in Westphalia.

She grew up in a loving, caring family with parents who accepted her desire to become Catholic while she was in high school.

"I cherish my religion very much because I feel it really came from God," she said.

She graduated from a Catholic high school, followed by a bachelor's degree in elementary education (K-9) from the College of St. Francis.

She also holds a degree in administration (K-12) from Eastern Illinois University.

Ms. Kirk believes the primary purpose of a Catholic school is to continue passing on the Catholic faith that parents have given to their child.

"Catholic education centers on developing a strong faith through various religious activities and instructions that are available to the students," she said.

When Catholic schools do their job well, their graduates can be seen at Mass on the weekends and living their faith throughout the week, she said.

She is convinced that a Catholic school administrator is first and foremost a spiritual leader, a listener second and an educator third.

She believes her greatest challenges as a principal this year will involve social distancing and virtual learning.

Her favorite Bible verses are "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11), and "...what the Lord requires of you: To act justly, love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

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. Thérèse of Lisieux, known as the Little Flower, for intercession and inspiration.

She enjoys reading, sewing and spending time with her dogs.

She asks for prayers to keep doing whatever God asks her to do.

To help God answer that prayer, she asks people to "trust that we are doing our best at school to develop the whole child spiritually, physically and mentally."

#### Challenges and unity

"Keep the prayers coming! All schools around the world will need extra prayer this school year," stated Dana E. Schroeder, the new principal of Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City.

Ms. Schroeder has been teaching at the school for seven years.

She holds a degree in elementary education from Central Methodist University in Fayette and a master's degree in administration from William Woods University in Fulton.

She has five children — three who attend Immaculate Conception School and two who are graduates.

She believes her role as principal is multifaceted:

- promoting and developing an active community of faith within the school, ensuring that learning standards are developed and maintained for students;

- serving as the instructional leader concerned with the quality of teaching and learning that takes place in the school;

- establishing and maintaining an environment that is conducive to positive staff morale and directed toward achievement of the mission; and

- ensuring the development and maintenance of effective communication systems between parents, teachers and school administrators.

She said a Catholic education emphasizes faith, academic rigor, self-discipline, and high moral standards.

"Catholic schools are faith communities based on belief in God and a Christian way of life," she stated.

"Through Catholic education, families are supported in their efforts to educate young people."

She said a Catholic education develops the whole person, challenging each student to reach his or her full, God-given potential.

"Catholic Schools are successful because they make greater academic demands, provide stronger community support, and give more personal attention to students," she said.

She believes that when a Catholic school does its job well, its graduates are effective communicators, responsible citizens, caring family members and self-directed, responsible, lifelong learners.

Ms. Schroeder enjoys spending her spare time with family and friends and watching her children play youth sports.

She also reads professional articles in order to become a more effective educator.

Her best friend, a principal in Montana, told her to "make sure that your teachers are prepared and everything else will fall into place."

"Plus, always remember to have fun with your students," her friend added.

Her favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, part of St. Paul's treatise on love, including: "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."

Her go-to saint for intercession is St. Catherine of Siena.

She believes the biggest challenges facing her school this year will be COVID-19 and limited supplies due to back orders.

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# Ewing native Fr. Mudd eager to serve as agent of God's mercy

By Jay Nies

Someone asked Father Nathan Mudd whether he would be rather be a great preacher or a great confessor.

He chose being a great confessor.

"That's where people get brought back to God," he said. "With preaching, they get moved to go to confession. Confession finishes it off."

Fr. Mudd, who grew up in northeastern Missouri and went to daily Mass in Queen of Peace Church in Ewing during his childhood, was ordained a priest of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy on June 6, in the Chapel of Divine Mercy in Auburn, Kentucky.

Joining the ordaining prelate, Bishop William F. Medley of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Fr. Mudd at the altar were Father William Korte, adminis-

trator of St. Joseph parish in Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace in Clarksville, and Father Richard Frank, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese.

Both are friends of Fr. Mudd and his family.

Father Jean-Baptiste Rauzan (1757-1847) established the Fathers of Mercy in France in 1808 to bring fallen-away Catholics back to the Church in the aftermath of the French Revolution.

They preach parish missions and retreats and invite people back to the Sacrament of Confession and active participation in the life of the Church.

"We preach the truth of God's love and mercy and His desire to forgive our sins," said Fr. Mudd.



**Father Nathan Mudd gathers with his parents, Lee and Brenda Mudd, and his sister, Anna, on the day of his priestly ordination as a Father of Mercy in the Chapel of Divine Mercy in Auburn, Kentucky.**

Their international headquarters is located near Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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She asks for prayers for patience with all the upcoming changes.

"We need to get through this challenging time united together!" she said.

### Nurturing the whole child

Sara Hooley believes the graduates of a successful Catholic school take the seeds of faith and all they have learned with them and plant new seeds and spread the faith.

"We are building the kingdom of God every day through the education and actions of our youth," said Ms. Hooley, the new principal of Holy Family School in Hannibal.

A graduate of that same school, she has been teaching there for 18 years — first kindergarten and pre-kindergarten, then second grade.

She and her husband Chris have been married for 17 years.

"We do not have any children, but my students are just like my kids," she said.

She believes that like anyone else who works in a Catholic school, the principal must wear many hats: the public face of the school, a role model and an educator.

"It is the principal's role to develop an environment that is rich in learning," she said. "Whether we are greeting people who come into our school, participating in Mass, learning in the classroom, or playing at recess, learning should occur every day and in every situation that we encounter."

She said learning is a constant for all individuals in a school, "whether you are a teacher, staff member, student or the principal," she said.

A fellow educator once told her, "We cannot do it all, so pick one thing to focus on and do it the best you can do. People will notice what you are doing."

She believes the purpose of a Catholic School is to help parents build disciples of Jesus Christ.

"It is our job to nurture the growth of the whole child and to help them develop a global perspective of the world so they can become productive Christian citizens," she stated.

She said Catholic schools are vital in that they teach the next generation of society members how to be good stewards — "to use the gifts that they have been given to share and impact the world in a positive way."

Ms. Hooley enjoys spending her spare time with her family, reading books and learning new things.

Her favorite Scripture verse is "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

"It reminds me to slow down and turn it all over to God," she said.

Her family, especially her father, taught her to love and turn to the Blessed Mother for inspiration.

She said that every year brings new challenges, but this year's pandemic brings students and families fear and the threat of sickness.

"Now more than ever, we are going to have to make sure we educate the whole child," she said. "We are going to have to be flexible. We must show and care for all our neighbors even if they do not look like us or have the same opinions that we do."

She asks for prayers for all people to use their gifts from God to influence the world in a positive way, and for the health and safety of all schools, students, staffs and families.

"I ask for people to be open-minded," she said. "We always have the best interest of children at heart."

"Just keep praying and keep our focus on God in all things that we do," she said.

### "Medicine for souls"

Fr. Mudd is a son of Lee and Brenda Mudd, who are now members of St. Joseph parish in Louisiana.

The family moved to a farm near Ewing in the northeastern part of the diocese when Fr. Mudd was in second grade.

Mrs. Mudd home-schooled Nathan and his sister Anna through elementary and high school.

"We prayed together as a family quite often," Fr. Mudd recalled. "We went to Mass together."

The family was undergoing a lot of stress when Fr. Korte, a family friend, suggested that they start attending daily Mass.

"He pointed out to us that receiving our Lord in the Eucharist is 'medicine for souls,' and that we should start doing that every day," Fr. Mudd recalled.

Fr. Mudd began serving at Mass when Monsignor David Cox was pastor of the Ewing parish and continued serving through the pastorates of Father Donald Siciliano and Fr. Frank.

Fr. Siciliano would start Mass earlier on Friday mornings.

"Afterward, he would process to the back of church, kneel in the last pew and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet," Fr. Mudd recalled. "I remember kneeling next to him, with him still fully vested, and thinking, 'This is really neat. This is what I want to do when I get older.'"

### Kentucky home

Fr. Siciliano and Fr. Frank invited members of the Fathers of Mercy to lead annual missions at the parish.

Father David Wilton C.P.M. led the mission in 2009. He encouraged and challenged the people to make a stronger, deeper personal commitment to Christ and to His Church.

"That was when I really heard the call and thought, 'I need to go look into this,'" said Fr. Mudd.

Near the end of his senior year, the future priest and his father drove to Kentucky.

"We stayed in a guest apartment and basically lived the life of a Father of Mercy for the weekend," said Fr. Mudd.

He felt right at home and said he wanted to return in June for postulancy — a six-week period of prayer and discernment before entering the congregation.

"You're there mostly to see what goes on and to get an understanding of the charism," he said.

He believes the postulancy and the 18-month novitiate that followed were difficult but necessary. He acknowledges that he had a lot of changing and growing to do.

"I look back on those times and realize that without the grace of God, I would have left within the first three weeks," he said.

### A servant who leads

Novices spend time learning about religious life in general and the work of the Fathers of Mercy in particular.

They also do work around the generalate. Fr. Mudd served as a sacristan — changing out the candles, polishing chalices and ironing altar linens.

Deep prayer and the continued guidance of Fr. Korte helped him to grow in the needed ways.

After a year and a half, he was invited to become a professed member — temporarily vowing to remain detached from earthly possessions, to be

## QUESTION CORNER

## Do converts have to be remarried?/ Bowling at the name of Jesus

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



**Q. A friend and his wife, along with their daughter, were recently confirmed into the Catholic Church after being Methodists their entire life, including getting married within the Methodist Church. They were told by some parish officials (laymen) that their marriage is not recognized by the Catholic Church and that they must be “remarried” within the Catholic Church. That does not sound right to me, but I can’t find any specific ruling or teaching on this. (The same lay leaders also claimed that their Methodist baptism was not acceptable by the Catholic Church, but I have found letters from bishops stating specifically that baptisms in the United Methodist Church are recognized by the Catholic Church.) (Iloilo City, Philippines)**

**A.** Your instincts are right on target. A marriage between two Protestants, in a Protestant ceremony, is normally recognized by the Catholic Church as a valid marriage, and many Catholic dioceses state this explicitly in their written guidelines. The Diocese of Venice in Florida, for example, says this on its website:

“The Catholic Church recognizes and upholds the validity of marriages of a non-Catholic man and a non-Catholic woman who marry with no impediments, such as the bond of a previous marriage ... and who enter marriage through a form accepted by their church or ecclesial community and the civil government.”

So your friend and his wife would certainly not have to be “remarried” upon their entrance into the Catholic Church. (You are correct, too, about baptism. The vast majority of Protestant baptisms, including those done in the Methodist religion, are recognized as valid by the Catholic Church, and that sacrament does not have to be repeated when a Protestant chooses to become a Catholic.)

**Q. I don’t understand why, over the last couple of years, I don’t see folks bowing at the name of Jesus. It doesn’t seem to matter whether they are parishioners, priests or nuns. Is there some new rule on this, or am I just too old-school Catholic? (Lacey, Washington)**

**A.** The custom of bowing at the name of Jesus is a worthy one, and it has a long tradition in the Church. It takes its origin from St. Paul, who wrote in his Letter to the Philippians (2:9-10): “God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”

The practice was reinforced at the Second Council of Lyons, convened in 1274 by Pope Gregory X, which highlighted the special honor due the sacred name and noted that “whenever that glorious name is recalled, especially during the sacred mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of His heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head.”

Pope Gregory followed up with a letter to the Dominican Order, which became the foremost promoters of devotion to the Holy Name. In that letter, Pope Gregory said, “We wish that at the pronouncing of that name, chiefly at the holy sacrifice (of Mass), everyone would bow his head in token that interiorly he bends the knee of his heart.”

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## Papal Audience August 19, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In our reflection on the current global pandemic, we have seen that it has made us sensitive to an even graver virus affecting our world: that of social injustice, lack of equal opportunity and the marginalization of the poor and those in greatest need. Christ’s example and teaching show us that a preferential option for the poor is an essential criterion of our authenticity as His followers. Christian charity demands that, beyond social assistance, we listen to their voices and work to overcome all that hinders their material and spiritual development. Our desire for a return to normality should not mean a return to social injustices or to a delay of long overdue reforms. Today we have an opportunity to create something different: an ethically sound economy, centered on persons, especially the poor, in recognition of their innate human dignity. How sad it would be if, for example, access to a COVID-19 vaccine were made available only to the rich, and not to others in equal or greater need! May the Gospel inspire us to find ever more creative ways to exercise that charity, grounded in faith and anchored in hope, which can heal our wounded world and promote the true welfare of our entire human family.

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. My thoughts turn especially to those families who have had to forego their summer holidays this year; I entrust them to the Lord that He will grant them peace and joy. May God bless you!



## Msgr. Kurwicky offers prayer at opening of Special Session

*Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, chaplain of the Missouri House of Representatives, offered the following prayer at the opening of the 2020 Special Legislative Session in the House on Aug. 12:*

“With God all things are possible.”

— Matthew 19:26

Eternal and Just Creator, amid the encircling gloom of our anxious days and months during this pandemic, enter into our hearts today in a special way, lift us up, lead us on, light the way, and give us courage to go forward with You.

At this hour, preserve us, O God, for in You do we put our trust, our hope and our protection.

Hear us as we pray for all those in positions of influence in our government, that they may

make wise decisions and choose right paths for our state.

Guide our governor, our speaker, these representatives of our people, and all who work beneath this dome, that in Your strength they may be made strong, with Your wisdom may they be made wise, and by Your good spirit may they, too, be good.

We ask Your graces on those who serve and protect Your people from crime and violence, as well as those who are victims plus their families and those who promote rehabilitation.

Give us the assurance that with You all good things are possible, even in the tough and trying times.

Save us, O God, help us this day and forever. And the House says, “Amen!”

## Fr. Reichert is back in Conception

Benedictine Father Kenneth Reichert, a native of Indian Grove, returned to Conception Abbey in Conception on Aug. 1.

He served for seven years as chaplain of



Fr. Reichert

the Missionary Benedictine Sisters in Norfolk, Nebraska.

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### 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.

## A campaign to send a hug

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP



Summer is usually a lot of fun in our nursing homes. The elderly enjoy getting outdoors for picnics, gardening and community outings, especially when they include a stop for ice cream.

Not so this year! As summer wears on with no end to the pandemic in sight, the mandated social isolation is beginning to take a serious toll on our elderly residents.

In many of our homes, the residents have been living in forced isolation in their rooms since late March. Direct contact with family and friends has been forbidden for the last five months. While

people from many walks of life have been incredibly generous in sending messages to our residents and helping us to provide for their physical needs, and we have been able to use technology to ensure screen contact between the elderly and their loved ones, screen time cannot fully replace person-to-person connections with loved ones and socialization with fellow residents.

The longer the pandemic lasts, the more concerned I am about the isolation of the elderly. It's bad enough for our residents, but I can't even begin to imagine how lonely it is for seniors who live by themselves, especially in rural areas and regions that lack adequate internet service — an estimated half of all Americans lack high-speed internet service at home — or for those unfamiliar with communication

technologies many of us take for granted.

Since the beginning of the pandemic celebrities of all types have reached out online to lift our spirits and remind people that we are all in this together. "Alone together" has become a popular catchphrase, but what about the 50 percent of Americans — including many seniors — who lack internet access and who are especially vulnerable to the scourge of loneliness?

I'm afraid that the marginalization of frail seniors could become the new normal. A recent study carried-out by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) suggests that both economic damages and loss of life from COVID-19 might best be limited by "a simple targeted policy that applies an aggressive lockdown on the oldest group and treats the rest of the population uniformly."

The NBER working paper (May 2020) states that gains from "targeted policies" can be substantially increased by combining them with additional mea-

asures such as increasing the "social distance" between the oldest group and the rest of the population, reducing visits to older relatives and segregating the times when different demographic groups can go to grocery stores and pharmacies.

Such measures are referred to as a form of "protective custody" intended to protect the elderly.

After seeing our residents suffer through five months of lockdown, concepts such as "targeted policies" and "protective custody" make me cringe. Surely our society can do better than this for our seniors!

Feeling the weight of these issues, I happened upon a recent tweet of Pope Francis. "The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed that our societies have not organized enough to make room for the elderly, with just respect for their dignity and fragility. Where you don't care for the elderly, there's no future for the young," he wrote.

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## Last chapter: One more thing

By Denise Bossert



When my school added social justice to my list of instructional courses last school year, I begged them to switch the class with anything else in the department. I announced to the other teachers

that I would pay them a significant amount of money if they swapped one of their courses with my social justice duty. A thousand dollars, to be exact. I was joking — a little. I didn't want one more course on my plate and all the groundwork that goes with adding in a class I'd never taught, but really, I didn't want to teach it because I felt completely out of my element.

As a former evangelical, there was a time I didn't even know what social justice meant in the context of the faith. We didn't do service hours. Sure, we did good deeds, and we cared about policy-making, but social justice wasn't woven into our faith formation as carefully as it is for Catholics.

What did I know about this topic? The students knew more than I did, and probably had more passion about the subject than I could muster. I went all the way to the top. The principal looked at the master schedule and informed me there was nobody else to teach the class.

It became a running joke in department meetings. How's the social justice class coming along, Denise. Great. It's just peachy.

In truth, it was great. The class I'd taken and books I'd read on social justice many years ago gelled. The passion in the eyes of my students inspired me. They decided on a class project: a victory garden. The produce would go to the local St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) food pantry. Then CO-

VID-19 hit, and our classroom garden was moved to my back yard. We made it through two months of distance learning, and I picked up the pieces of the semester. The new master schedule came out, and my next year's load resembled my personality far better. Things were looking up.

A simple review of conscience, during the summer of COVID social distancing, revealed that I needed to think about the semester and why I had felt so out of my element. From my earliest days, I have been schooled on the need for sharing the faith. Evangelization is part of the fiber of my being. If I don't share the Gospel, the rocks themselves will cry out. When I am sharing the *kerygma*, it feels like I'm on fire. I can't sit still. It's like hitting a homerun or catching the ball in the end zone.

What have I done for you, oh Lord, that doesn't involve words? Anything? Oh, sure, but I mostly just talk and write about it.

My thoughts turned to that garden now overrun by weeds and the food pantry that was supposed to have benefited from it. My husband works at our SVdP pantry. He said the bitter lettuce and miniature radishes would be difficult to hand out and really wouldn't go very far. I looked at him and the invitation he gave me over a year ago needled at me.

"What if I join you at the food pantry to work?" I asked him, tentatively.

He told me the offer was still on the table. Many of the workers were over the age of 65 and the whole COVID-scare had had them a little nervous about working. SVdP was looking for a younger set to fill in the gap. I'm barely younger than that age group, but I am younger. The bonus was that I could work with my husband. My first Saturday was in June.

I didn't feel on fire when I was there. It wasn't like hitting a homerun or catch-

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### REFLECTION

## Pleading to be heard

By Mark Saucier

She was a Canaanite, an ethnic remnant of people who once occupied the land of Israel. Joshua defeated them, but they were never forgiven for being there first.

She was a woman. She had few rights, her place was in the home, and she had no say in matters beyond. No doubt, her gender compounded the racism.

She spoke up loudly to a man in public. According to some scholars, only a prostitute would be so bold. Maybe she had that label to wear as well.

Jesus had a challenging 14th chapter in Matthew with the death of John the Baptist, walking on water, and feeding the 5,000. He had headed north for a little R&R.

Then this Canaanite woman comes bursting onto the scene. "Have pity on me, Lord, son of David," she cries.

She was begging to have her daughter healed, but the eyes of the disciples couldn't see a mother in distress, only an intrusive Canaanite woman who didn't know her place.

"Send her away," they said to Jesus, implying she had no right to be in their space — no right as a Canaanite woman better suited for red lights and closed doors.

While some argue His prejudice more evangelical than racial, Jesus tells the woman He cannot help her. She isn't of His ilk and the food He offers is only for His own.

And yet she persisted. He, though, held His high ground and told her that He couldn't "take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

Despite the hurt and anger roused by that analogy, she ran with it: "Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

At that moment, she was no longer a bothersome Canaanite woman, but a loving mother and tenacious believer.

At that moment, her daughter was released from her demons, but maybe she was not the only one who came away healed and whole.

Dialoguing rather than dismissing, Jesus saw the woman as a person struggling in pain and desperation. But He also saw Himself in a new light, called to all and not just those who looked like Him.

For her part, the woman was successful in relieving the torment of her daughter, which eased her soul as well. But even more, someone had acknowledged her, listened to her and treated her with the dignity and respect she deserved.

So where are the Canaanite women in our lives?

## FR. MUDD

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celibate and to be obedient to authority under the Constitutions of the Fathers of Mercy.

“Poverty, chastity and obedience freed me to serve God more fully — to give my whole self to God in all that I own, in all that I want to do or not do,” Fr. Mudd noted.

He also received a badge, the emblem of the community and final piece of the habit.

It depicts the Prodigal Son and his forgiving father (Luke 15:11-32).

“Our founder wanted us to be like the father in the parable,” said Fr. Mudd.

He emphasized that these vows don’t make him holier than people who get married.

“In fact, I know married couples who are much holier than I am,” he said. “And I get to go serve them — not as a ‘noble leader’ but as a servant who leads.”

### Totally consumed

Fr. Mudd then spent some time on the road with priests who were giving parish missions.

“For the first time in my life, I got to see a mission from the priest’s point of view instead of the laity point of view that I grew up with,” he said.

He had never realized how much of a priest’s energy is consumed by preaching and hearing confessions.

“I saw how they came back to the rectory completely exhausted,” he said. “But I also saw the great joy that they had in preaching the Gospel and being agents of God’s mercy. People were coming back to

the faith or learning to appreciate it more.”

Members of the Fathers of Mercy profess temporary vows for three to six years while discerning whether to make those vows permanent.

Throughout that time, “the superior general and the general council are looking for signs that you’re growing in maturity and spirituality, and that you’re willing to keep growing in that,” said Fr. Mudd.

They invited him to make his final profession during the summer of 2015.

“The ritual emphasizes the sacrificial holocaust, the entire offering of oneself,” he noted. “So before you make your profession, just like in an ordination, you lie prostrate on the floor before the altar during the Litany of Saints.”

Fr. Mudd remembers being face-down on the floor, silently asking God, “Do I have the strength to profess perpetual vows?”

God gave him the grace to stand up and say “yes.”

### Full circle

He studied for two years at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, followed by philosophy studies at The Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati and Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, followed by theology at the Athenaeum.

He was ordained a transitional deacon, 2019 and was assigned to assist at a local parish each weekend and occasionally preach a homily.



**Father Nathan Mudd of the Fathers of Mercy gives his parents a priestly blessing following his ordination on June 6.**

Fr. Siciliano, for whom Fr. Mudd had served at Mass in grade school, had moved to the Cincinnati archdiocese to be closer to his family.

He invited Fr. Mudd to preach and help out at his parish.

“Praise God, it was a huge blessing!” said Fr. Mudd.

Finally, after 10 years of study and preparation, Fr. Mudd received the formal call to priestly orders.

For the third and final time, he lay prostrate before the altar while priests, fellow seminarians and congregants chanted the Litany of Saints over him.

“Asking the Communion of Saints to pray for me, to intercede for me, asking God to pour down His graces on

me so that I may receive this sacrament worthily and be His victim in Christ worthily — that’s something I’ll always remember,” he said. “Especially whenever I genuflect on that same spot when I process into the chapel for Mass.”

He’s gotten to spend more time in the past year with Fr. Korte, Fr. Siciliano and Fr. Frank than he did over the past 10 years.

Fr. Korte and Fr. Frank celebrated Fr. Mudd’s Mass of Thanksgiving the Chapel of Divine Mercy in Auburn, Kentucky.

Fr. Korte preached the homily, which focused on how a priest is a spiritual father to those he ministers to.

On Father’s Day, which was also the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Jefferson City diocese, Fr. Mudd returned to Queen of Peace Church in Ewing to offer Mass with Fr. Frank and Father Robert Fields, canonical administrator of the parish.

“The last time I was in Ewing with Fr. Frank, I was serving Mass for him,” Fr. Mudd said with awe. “To be back there with him as a fellow priest was really neat.”

### Standing in line

Fr. Mudd has been appointed associate pastor of St. Helen parish in Glasgow, Kentucky, in the Diocese of

Louisville.

Leading missions and retreats will come later.

“The parish assignment is given to help us gain experience in hearing confessions and preaching and finding out what parish life is all about, so that on a mission, you can understand some of the dynamics that you’ve been asked to go preach about,” he said.

He summed up the core of his preaching: “Being children of God, as baptized Catholics, we are adopted sons and daughters of God. And because of that, we have to act as His children. That means living morally upright lives and also bringing others to be His children — bringing others into the Church.”

He speaks of the importance of laypeople serving as apostles, sent out to proclaim the Good News with their lives.

“There are so many opportunities that we miss out on to act like Christ in the world,” he said. “One example I use is the self-checkout line in the store.”

It may be faster and easier than waiting in line for a live cashier, “but I also don’t get the chance to show the patience and love of Christ to others by patiently waiting in line, and talking to the cashier,” he noted.

### Burdens lifted

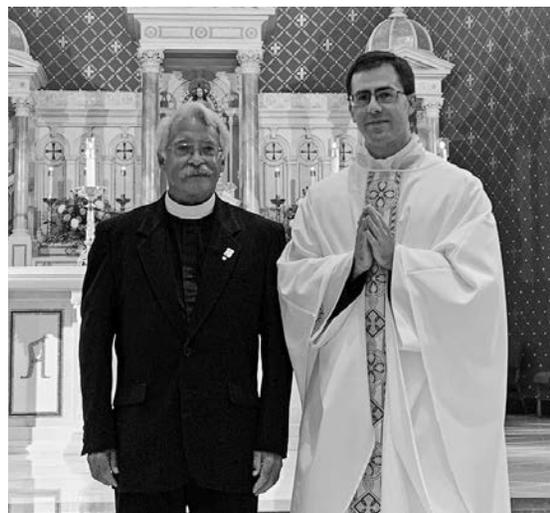
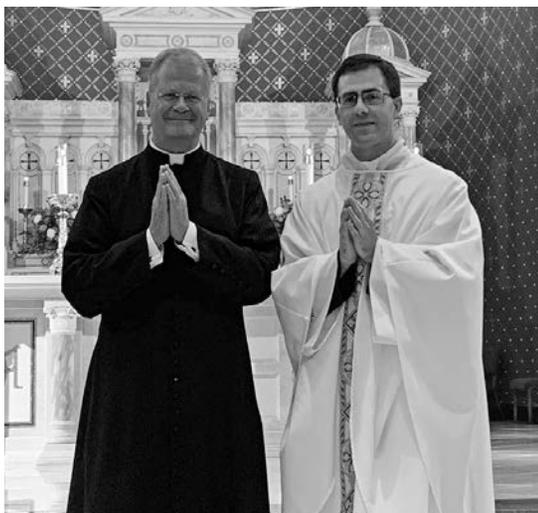
Fr. Mudd asks for prayers for the insight, wisdom and holiness to serve God well as an agent of Christ’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

“It fills me with awe and trembling to think that I will dispense God’s mercy to all those who are seeking it,” he said.

He urges people who avoid sacramental confession out of fear or indifference to return to the fount of grace and reclaim the freedom of God’s mercy.

“It’s an amazing gift from God and I want others to experience that great sense of liberation from all of those burdens that comes when the absolution is given from the priest,” he said.

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**LEFT:** Father Nathan Mudd joins an old family friend, Father William Korte, in the sanctuary of the Chapel of Divine Mercy in Auburn, Kentucky. **RIGHT:** Fr. Mudd stands with Father Richard Frank, who used to be his pastor, on Ordination Day.

## Christopher West, Mike Mangione “Made for More” in Cathedral

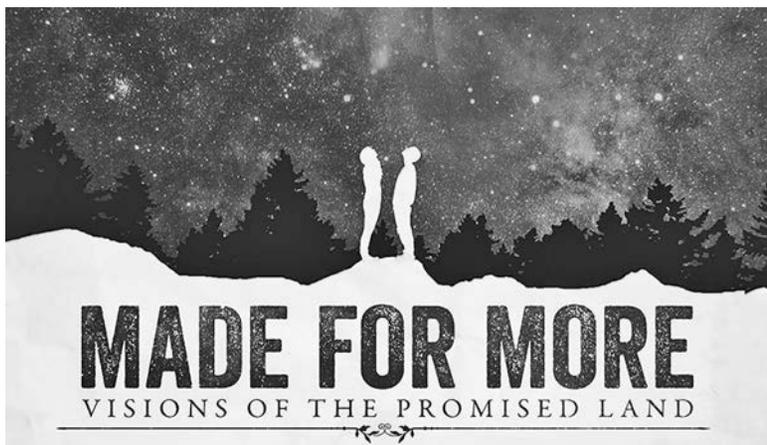
A re-scheduled event with inspirational Catholic presenters Christopher West and Mike Mangione will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2305 W. Main St. in Jefferson City.

The theme will be “Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land.”

It will be an opportunity for faithful and disengaged Catholics to gather for what organizers describe as “an evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation.”

The number of tickets is limited due to social distancing procedures for slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Mr. West and Mr. Mangione have given hundreds



of presentations to Catholic audiences all over the United States.

Together, they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, media and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny.

They will lead participants in exploring the answer to fundamental questions such as “Where do we come from and where are we going?”

“These questions are decisive for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfill-

ment,” Mr. West stated.

Organizers believe that the event, coupled with follow-up, can be a catalyst for changing the culture in parishes for the better.

Christopher West ([corproject.com/about-christopher-west](http://corproject.com/about-christopher-west)) is the world’s most recognized teacher and promoter of John Paul II’s “Theology of the Body.”

For the past 20 years, Mr. West has developed and crafted his presentation to a style all his own. Mike Mangione ([mikemangione.com](http://mikemangione.com)) is a world-class musician and songwriter whose ability to infuse theological truths into poetic narrative has earned him the respect of clergy and rock stars alike.

The Jefferson City event’s organizers will follow CDC regulations and strictly prac-

ticing social distancing recommendations.

People who attend will be required to wear face masks.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Purchase tickets online at [corproject.com/jeffersoncity](http://corproject.com/jeffersoncity).

For information, contact Julie Gramlich at [julie.g@cathedraljc.org](mailto:julie.g@cathedraljc.org) or (573) 644-4965.

## Modified Fall Pilgrimage to Starkenburg shrine

**DATE: September 13**  
**TIME: noon**

Organizers of the annual Fall Pilgrimage to the historical Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg plan to hold a modified version of the event on Sunday, Sept. 13.

“All are invited to spend a refreshing, prayerful day in the pastoral environs of this beautiful shrine,” said Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, pastor of St. George parish in Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior parish in Rhineland.

This year’s event will not include a midday meal.

It will also begin later than usual: with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament at noon.

Pilgrims then will carry a statue of “Seven Delores,”

an image that has been at the Shrine since 1895, in a Rosary procession through the Shrine grounds, stopping at each of the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

The sacrament of reconciliation will be available.

The day will conclude with Benediction at 1 p.m. and Mass at the outdoor altar at 2 p.m.

This year’s pilgrimage happens to be on the birthday of longtime parishioner and Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows docent Shirley Koenig, who died this July.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is located in Montgomery County, 2 miles north of the Katy Trail, on Highway P.

For information, visit [historicshrine.com](http://historicshrine.com) or [Valentine Hall.org](http://ValentineHall.org), or call (573) 236-4390.

## Weapons must be set aside for peace to flourish, pope says

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

For peace to flourish, weapons of war must be set aside, especially nuclear weapons that can obliterate entire cities and countries, Pope Francis said on the 75th anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima.

“May the prophetic voices” of the survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki “continue to serve as a warning to us and for coming generations,” he said in a written message sent Aug. 6 to Hidehiko Yuzaki, governor of the Hiroshima prefecture, who led a peace memorial ceremony.

The pope also invited people to pray for a nuclear weapons-free world after reciting the Angelus Aug. 9.

Recalling “the tragic atomic bombardments” of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and his visit there in 2019, which stirred within him “deep emotion and

gratitude,” Pope Francis told visitors in St. Peter’s Square, “I renew the invitation to pray and the commitment to a world completely free of nuclear weapons.”

In 1945, during World War II, the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima Aug. 6 and on Nagasaki Aug. 9 in an effort to get Japan to surrender. The cities were decimated and, by year’s end, at least 200,000 people had died from the blasts or the aftereffects.

Those who survived, called hibakusha, were honored at the Aug. 6 ceremony, and the pope greeted them as well as the organizers and others taking part in the ceremony.

The pope’s message and others were published on the Hiroshima For Global Peace website: [hiroshimaforpeace.com](http://hiroshimaforpeace.com).

“I was privileged to be able to come in person to the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during my apostolic visit in

November last year, which allowed me to reflect at the peace memorial in Hiroshima and at Hypocenter Park in Nagasaki on the destruction of human life and property wrought in these two cities during those terrible days of war three-quarters of a century ago,” the pope wrote.

“It has never been clearer that, for peace to flourish, all people need to lay down the weapons of war, and especially the most powerful and destructive of weapons: nuclear arms that can cripple and destroy whole cities, whole countries,” the pope said.

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# Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

**DATE:** September 12  
**TIME:** 10 am

The eighth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be recognized at a 10 a.m. Mass on Saturday Sept. 12, in St. Andrew Church, 400 St. An-

draws Drive, off Center Street in Holts Summit.

Father Anthony Viviano, pro-life moderator for the Jefferson City diocese, will preside and preach the homily.

After Mass, a brief prayer service will be held at the St. Andrew Memorial Stone.

Please wear a mask and observe social distance during the Mass and prayer service.

For more information, contact Kathy Forck, St. Andrew parish pro-life coordinator, at (573) 821-5130.



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## Fr. Wiederholt speaks of promoting vocations, resisting the devil

By Jay Nies

Father Clarence Wiederholt believes there's a right way and a wrong way to do battle with the devil.

"You really realize when you get old, you've got to fight him," said Fr. Wiederholt, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese. "He works on your mind. He puts a mask on you.

"You're not going to give in to him," the priest continued. "You just stay calm, rebuke him and then ignore him."

Fr. Wiederholt turned 90 this January and looks forward to noting his 65th priestly anniversary in December.

Retired from parish ministry, he now lives in a duplex apartment in Jefferson City.

Macular degeneration has claimed much of his eyesight.

He offers Mass and prays the Divine Office each day

with help from a powerful magnifying glass and a computer that pulls up the daily readings in large type.

The COVID-19 pandemic has cut way down on his time away from home and on the number of visitors he receives.

"The life of a hermit is basically a good life," he said. "I have lots of time to pray."

He offered special daily prayers throughout May for all the mothers he could think of, then for all fathers in June, then for all military and public safety personnel in July.

He knows that those prayers are powerful and that the devil doesn't want him to pray.

The wicked one throws obstacles and limitations.

"Sometimes, you get distracted and your mind goes south on vacation," Fr. Wiederholt noted. "Sometimes, you're not thinking straight.

He has that ability to do those things.

"He makes you regret," the priest continued. "He brings up everything you ever did that's not quite perfect, over and over."

Fr. Wiederholt has learned to take all of that as assurance that his prayers are being heard in heaven, which makes the devil angry.

"You've just got to take it in stride and keep concentrating on your prayers," he said.

### In the footsteps of saints

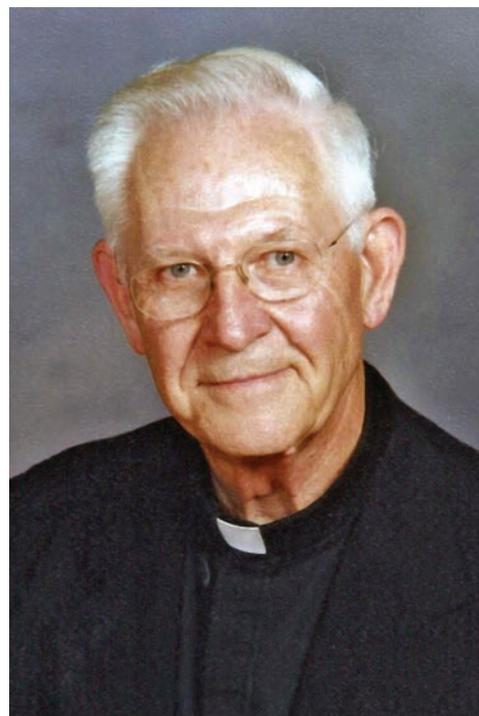
A man reaching six and a half decades of priestly ministry in this diocese would traditionally have the opportunity to address his fellow priests at their annual day of recollection.

That event was cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fr. Wiederholt regrets not having gotten to share his thoughts about Priesthood, the Church and the future.

"What we need right now are more vocations, especially to the Priesthood and religious life," he said. "We've got to be praying for vocations and encouraging our young people to pray and ask, 'Why not me?'"

He suggested that every



Father Clarence Wiederholt

Catholic high school student begin the school year by studying the lives of two saintly role models, and then calling for those saints' intercession at the beginning of every class throughout the year.

He said that for boys, the saints should be St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, and Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, a Missouri slave who became the Roman Catholic Church's first recognized Black priest in the United States.

For girls, Fr. Wiederholt suggested, the saints should

be St. Bernadette, the visionary to whom the Blessed Mother entrusted important revelations for the Church, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, whose insights into doing small things with great love have inspired generations of Catholics.

Fr. Wiederholt pointed out that St. John Vianney and Fr. Tolton recognized their own priestly calling, even when others didn't, and pursued it with singular energy and holiness.

Likewise, St. Bernadette and St. Thérèse overcame great hardships in pursuing a relationship with Christ, even as others doubted and ridiculed them.

All four saints kept their eye on the prize of salvation not just for themselves but for all people, especially those in most need of God's mercy.

"God is perfectly just," Fr. Wiederholt noted, "But Jesus says, 'I prefer My mercy!'"

"That's why we need to really focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass," the priest insisted.

"And that's why we need to focus on the importance of cultivating vocations of service in the Church."

## Matching mask

Father Donald Anweiler, pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in Jefferson City, wears his "roman collar" face mask made for him by parishioner Phyllis Emmel — a teacher at Immaculate Conception School — during a recent visit to the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center in Jefferson City.

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## PLASMA

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“We’re in the process of learning so much about this,” he said. “Hopefully the scientific community will be able to use that to help prevent people from getting sicker and help them heal quicker.”

### “All will be well”

Fr. Reid applied for and was selected last year for the CPE program through the Air Force Chaplain Corps.

He moved from his previous assignment in Alaska to Texas this spring, as the COVID pandemic was gaining momentum.

“This period of pandemic is requiring us to do many things differently in our daily routines and especially with the sacraments,” he noted at that time.

“It is all an adventure and the Lord is in charge,” he stated. “All will be well.”

Studying and working with him are a Muslim imam and four Protestant chaplains.

“We are a very diverse

group, and we learn from each other,” he said. “We have great conversations about ministry and what ministries look like with a wide variety of patients.

“You can’t go through a CPE program alone,” he added. “Part of the dynamic is processing this with other people who want you to get better, asking questions and that kind of thing.”

He is convinced that CPE training will make him a better Air Force chaplain, wherever he serves.

“CPE is skills training that encourages leadership, effective communication, and all of this is done in a hospital setting,” he said.

“So while many priests or ministers or lay leaders use it specifically for work in VA or medical facilities, the skills will be value-added wherever else you are serving as a chaplain,” he said.

He suspects that his next assignment will be more of a traditional military chaplain role.

“But I will still have all these valuable resources to draw on — self-knowledge, communication, experience working in a trauma unit — in order to become a better officer and chaplain,” he said.

### Still processing

Fr. Reid asked for prayers for all the people who are susceptible to and suffering from

COVID-19 and the disruptions it has been causing.

“For a speedy resolution from the scientific community, for a vaccine, for an awareness of the weight that any illness has on a family — that’s what we need to be taking to God right now,” he said.

It breaks his heart to see families who are not allowed to visit patients in hospitals due to the pandemic.

He loses sleep knowing that people who are sick are suffer-

ing alone.

“That creates such a tremendous burden on someone who has a cancer diagnosis or is recovering from surgery, that they’re not able to get visitors,” he said.

He asked for prayers for everyone involved in the delivery of healthcare — “the folks on the front lines: first responders, doctors, nurses, hospital staff — it’s affecting a lot of people.”

He’s inspired by how hard

they work and how dedicated they are to helping patients.

“It really motivates me to get better at my job,” he said.

He applied a pastoral ministry term, “processing,” to the pandemic.

“We as a nation will be processing this experience for a very long time. Whether we want to or not,” he said.

He pointed to economics and people’s livelihoods, as well as damage to the social fabric and people’s need to spend time with each other.

“This isolation, it’s hurting a lot of people in ways we are unaware of, and there is not a tracker for those folks like there is for folks who test positive for COVID,” he said.



## FR. DANDI

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round, they distributed about 600 food packs to 600 families.

“The people were so happy and grateful,” he said. “We always start the food distribution with a simple prayer and especially asking the Lord’s grace for the total defeat of coronavirus from the face of the earth.”

### Compounded by pollution

The characteristically affable priest’s tone turned angry and despondent as he wrote of a third crisis affecting the people he serves.

Already shockingly poor and unable to procure life’s necessities, hundreds of people Fr. Dandi ministers to are now getting sick due to pollution from a local distillery.

“The Victorias Milling Company (VMC) Distillery plant pollutes our air, our land and our water, causing so much sickness and suffering to the people here,” he said.

VMC dumps chemical waste from production into a nearby river, killing fish and other marine life and contaminating local wells.

The company has doubled and at times tripled production since the pandemic began, causing further environmental degradation and sickness.

The “slop,” which contains high levels of toxic ammonium nitrate, smells terrible and has sickened hundreds of people.

“Several people here actually died because of these deadly fumes, and the death toll continues to rise,” said Fr. Dandi.

He noted that out of about 1,000 people treated each month at the St. Joseph the Worker Clinic, about 300 are suffering from chronic respiratory illnesses brought on by the pollution.

“This third crisis is the one that takes so much of my time, gives me so much work, pressure, headaches, sleepless nights and stress and drains me physically, day after day,” he said.

Fr. Dandi himself has suffered from bouts of

asthma brought on by exposure to the distillery’s fumes whenever he visits the sugarcane plantation workers in their communities.

“I have to be careful because my asthma may recur if I expose myself too much again to the same foul odor,” he said.

### Nowhere to turn

For years, the people have been complaining to various levels of the Philippine government about the pollution, but nothing changes.

Fr. Dandi surmises that the company has too many friends in high places.

People keep coming to him to ask for help, so he takes up their cause as part of his mission.

“This issue of pollution affects their health, their life and their future,” he noted. “I have no choice but to help them and have tried to be their voice.”

That is precisely why he returned to the place of his birth, to help some of the poorest and most underserved people in the country escape from the circumstances that keep them poor.

“This is the reason why I put up the Works of Mercy Foundation, this is the reason why I am doing this mission work,” he said, “... to care for people, to bring mercy, hope and compassion to those who are suffering especially those who are abandoned, oppressed, downtrodden, and forsaken — all to save lives, and to glorify God and further His kingdom.”

He asked for prayers for wisdom and courage as he goes about trying to change the hearts of the distillery’s owners.

“This is indeed an institutionalized corruption that we are fighting here,” he said. “I hope and pray that we win this battle at the end.”

He also asked for prayers for God to keep him safe and “embrace me all the time with His grace and protection.”

“It is really good to believe,” he stated. “It is a blessing indeed to be a Catholic.”

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

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courage to do the right thing! To do God's will! To be a ray of sunshine in the clouds for someone else!"

### Figuring it out

This was the first day of in-school instruction for the entire school since the students were dismissed on March 18 due to statewide restrictions aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19.

They spent the rest of this past school year learning at home, with help from their teachers and their parents.

"Each and every one of you accomplished so much more than anybody could have thought possible," sixth-grade teacher Beth Parrish told her students.

"There were so many changes," she noted. "We all had to grow in different ways. As students, you were really pushed in terms of what was expected from you at home.

"But you know what? We're all back here, and we're going to figure this out!" she said.

She encouraged her students to stop and pray whenever they need to and to rest assured that God sees the bigger picture, loves them more than they can imagine, and wants what's best for them.

"And that's what we want for you, too," she said. "Does anybody really know what the best plan is? No, we don't. But we're going to do our best to keep you healthy and safe."

### "Very focused"

Student by student, family by family, parents had accompanied their children to the gym entrance.

Several stopped to take photos next to the cornerstone.

"Have a good day, girls!" a mother called out while leaving.

"They will! They will!" a teacher responded.

It was third-grader Jackson Davis's birthday — a distinction he seemed to be enjoying.

"I know there's a smile underneath that mask!" Mrs. Grellner told him.

He said he's happy to be back with his friends at school.

"I like to read books and stuff," he said.

It was a new start for several

other students.

Jerry Lutes and Whitney Huff were so impressed with how St. George School handled distance-learning with their preschooler, Connor, last year, they decided to enroll the rest of their children at St. George this year.

"It turns out that a Catholic education is the best route to go," said Mr. Lutes.

He was specifically impressed with how the teachers continued supporting and interacting with the students throughout this spring's stay-at-home order.

"St. George never gave up," he said. "They remained very focused on the students and developing their potential over the long haul."

### "A bunch of new stuff"

Seventh-graders Elizabeth Sprenger and Sophie Voss have been at St. George since kindergarten.

"I like coming to St. George because it's a good environment and there's a higher standard that I need to live up to," said Sophie. "And I like that responsibility and trying to be my best self."

She said she's looking forward to "progressing as a Christian and a learner."

Elizabeth said the teachers at St. George are nice and helpful with homework, quizzes and tests and with learning good study skills.

She's looking forward to "spending time with friends and learning a whole bunch of new stuff and more about math and science and other subjects."

### "Better than we think"

Like at all 37 Catholic grade schools and three Catholic high schools in the Jefferson City diocese, St. George students, teachers, staff and visitors are following explicit directives for promoting social distancing, keeping the learning environment clean and safe, and interrupting the spread of the virus within the school community.



Parents wish students the very best in the St. George School gymnasium in Linn on Aug. 13, the first day of the new school year.

The school administration and faculty are ready to modify the protocols and learning plan on short notice in the event the Osage County Health Department deems it necessary.

School personnel developed the protocols with input from the county health department and the diocesan Catholic School Office.

Mrs. Grellner noted that a dedicated group of parents and other parishioners had given the school a thorough deep-cleaning shortly before school started.

"I can't tell you how much effort people put into volunteering for the school this summer," she stated.

One parent reworked the wiring for better internet access. Another repaired the playground equipment. Another formatted the 51 Chromebook electronic devices the school had received with funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

"I like helping," said Mrs. Grellner's daughter, Sylvia, who graduated from St. George in 2015 and is now studying nursing at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.

Miss Grellner volunteered at St. George School this summer, helping with the daycare program, decorating bulletin boards and working on clean-

up patrol.

"Going to this school helped prepare me for my academic success in high school, and it has helped me live a faith-filled life," she said.

It's also helping her in college, "because this school showed us how to push ourselves to do better than we think we can," she stated.

### The greatest gift

Several St. George teachers are also graduates of the school.

"I was taught nicely and I wanted to share that with my kids," said Mary Jo Johnson, who is in her 25th year on the faculty.

She taught all of her own children when they were in kindergarten.

Second-grade teacher Elizabeth Reinkemeyer is in her 10th year of teaching, "and all of (her children) have been here."

Not only is she a St. George graduate, so is her father.

"I was drawn to family and the familiar faces," she said. "And I really like knowing all of the parents and being able to work with them."

She always feels honored to help her students prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, but this year, she'll be teaching her own daughter and helping her prepare.

"That's really a gift!" she

stated.

She said she sends her children to a Catholic school because "I want my kids to be filled with helping others with their kindness and being in a place where they're taught all of that by example."

She sees the importance of teachers serving not only as educators but also as "parents away from home" — "to treat them the way I would treat my own kiddos."

She's praying for her students not only to remain healthy physically but also in terms of their social and emotional well-being.

"I think all of this has been really hard on them, even if they don't all show it," she said while her students enjoyed recess. "They haven't been with people and able to play like this in five months."

### Continuing the legacy

Sister Linda Brandt of the School Sisters of Notre Dame is a St. George School graduate and is in her 16th year on the faculty.

She feels honored to help carry forward the legacy of the SSND congregation, which founded St. George school in 1883 and has been serving there ever since.

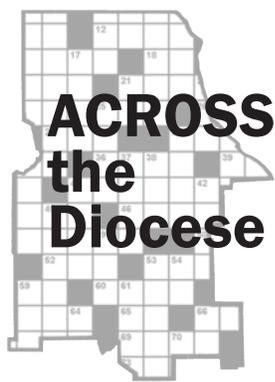
"I love the kids and the people and the spirit they have for Catholic education and how they all know each other and are friends with each other," she said.

She says she works at remaining joyful through difficulties and joy, "because I'm with these children and they deserve the best I can bring to them."

She goes out of her way to look at each child as a special gift her in her life and recognize "the beauty that is in each one's heart."

"I believe every child has a great potential to become more than what they are at the beginning of the year," she said.

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By Father Don Antweiler

### ACROSS

1. John Clark Salyer II, from Higginsville, Mo. is legendary as the \_\_\_\_ of the National Wildlife Refuge System. But his fascinating up-from-nothing younger years is little known.
6. The \_\_\_\_ plant (General Motors) in Wentzville, Mo. employs 1,900 people.
8. Letters for Catholic Univ., where priests, including our own, often get additional degrees (e.g., Canon Law) to fulfill diocesan responsibilities like the Matrimonial Tribunal.
10. Before, poetically.
11. Central High School in Lexington, Mo. expanded Salyer's impoverished grade school education into a wider community of well-trained scholars and scientists. It had a surprisingly excellent academic curriculum (e.g., Latin, \_\_\_\_ science, geology, biology & introductory botany).
14. Simon of Cyrene was made to help Jesus carry the cross to Calvary. Intriguingly, this son of his was known by name in the early Christian community (Mark 15:21).
16. "Though most commonly made with grapes, \_\_\_\_ was also produced from pomegranates, and possibly from dates,"—*Harper's Encyclopedia of Bible Life*, p. 44.
18. As a \_\_\_\_ Salyer spent much time exploring the 600 acres of farmland and streams, which his grandparents worked. Though no one in Salyer's family expected to go beyond 8th grade, his unusual intellect and restless driving passion to understand the natural world around him were already in evidence.
19. Anger.
20. Prophet to David (1 Samuel 22:5).
21. "When she could hide (Moses) no longer, she took a papyrus basket...and placed

it among the \_\_\_\_ on the river bank," (Exodus 2:3).

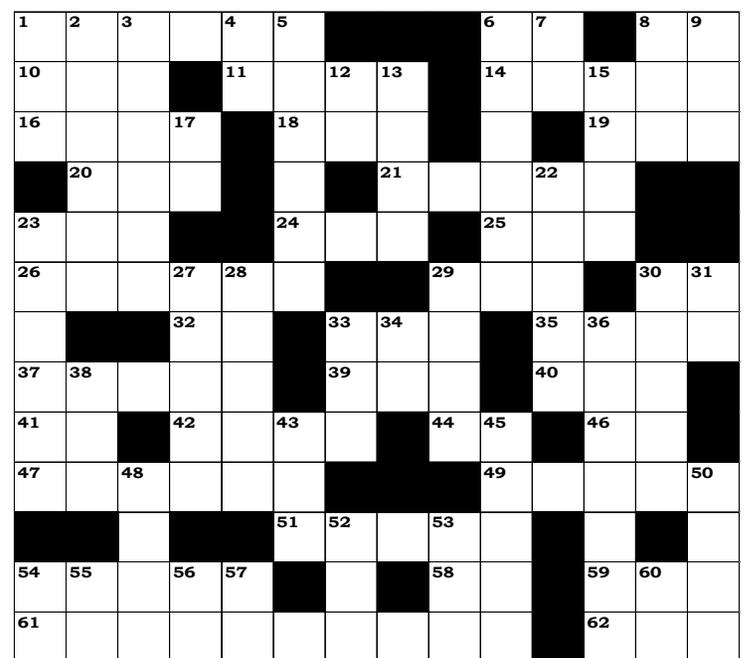
23. The St. Louis Blues made big news in *The Hockey News* (\_\_\_\_) magazine/online by winning in 2019 their first Stanley Cup.
24. By age 14, Salyer was not only funding his education through hunting & trapping, he was observing up close and personal much natural & wildlife info/experience. He was grateful that his high school principal "turned a blind \_\_\_\_" when he had to leave school early to check his trap lines.
25. Word used derisively when something stated is all too obvious.
26. For Salyer, a small scholarship and his own trapping & selling furbearing animals from his grandparents' place made it possible to \_\_\_\_ Lexington's Central High School.
29. Letters for The Big Apple.
30. "\_\_\_\_ are here before You, O Holy Spirit..."—from "The Prayer of the Council Fathers" as they gathered for Vatican Council II, originally composed by St. Isadore of Seville.
32. \_\_\_\_Bron James is widely considered to be one of the greatest basketball players in NBA history.
33. Ball holder.
35. Brand of Mason and canning jars.
37. Lower leg bone supporting most of the body's weight.
39. Ltd. in England; \_\_\_\_ in the U.S.
40. \_\_\_\_ Lanka.
41. "I am...wise enough to know that there haven't been any 'good \_\_\_\_' days' since Eden,"—Ron Brackin.
42. Central Methodist's curriculum in the 1920's was remarkably ahead of its time, esp. in the sciences. It included Greek, chemistry, zoology, anatomy, geology, even bacteriology embryology & genetics. It required a weekly 5-hour field \_\_\_\_ into the woods & streams around Fayette plus lab hours & science lectures.
44. The Sunflower State (abbr.).
46. Bone.
47. Central Methodist College was the home of Stephen's Museum. It is the 3rd \_\_\_\_ (1885) natural history museum in the State, with 250 species of birds and a mammal gallery. Salyer himself

regularly contributed to its collections.

49. "\_\_\_\_ and See"; Catholic hymn by Paul F. Page, which he said is based on Psalm 33.
51. "Ad \_\_\_\_ per Aspera"; State Motto of #44 ACROSS; literally means "To the Stars Through Difficulties" (i.e., great things are accomplished through hardships). The "difficulties" in this motto, adopted in 1861, refers to the border war between Mo. and this State leading up to the Civil War.
54. \_\_\_\_ as a peacock.
58. Hi, in Lisbon.
59. A bit of the grain the Quaker Co. uses for its breakfast product.
61. Salyer's story gives striking insights into the opportunities for science ed. in rural Mo. in an era of economic \_\_\_\_ & low high school graduation rates. "All this happened in Lafayette & Howard Counties, the heartland of Mo.'s Little Dixie,"—from "Science in Little Dixie—the Mo. Boyhood of John Clark Salyer II," *Mo. Historical Review*, Vol.112.
62. St. Scholastica, St. Clare of Assisi, or St. Teresa of Avila.

### DOWN

1. "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are \_\_\_\_" (Luke 10:2).
2. Two wrongs don't make \_\_\_\_ (2 wds.).
3. Salyer's parents were hard-working but had little formal schooling. His grandparents were unschooled \_\_\_\_ farmers renting from and working for the area's upper class land-rich Bradley family.
4. Prefix for cape or teem.
5. KC newspaper man Edwards helped create the image of Jesse James as a Robin Hood figure who \_\_\_\_ from the rich to give to the poor, an image that is a myth.
6. "Deacons must be dignified, not deceitful, not addicted to drink, not \_\_\_\_ for sordid gain," (1 Timothy 3:8).
7. Letters referring to the Univ. of Mo.
8. Junkyard dog.
9. Hired as Dir. for Wildlife Refuges, Salyer famously spent 6 weeks driving 18,000 miles personally as-



sessing & recommending to buy 600,000 acres of land for suitable wildlife refuges, putting to good \_\_\_\_ the \$2 million FDR's Works Progress Ad.; considered a singular achievement.

12. Moon of Jupiter.
13. "...It is good...to proclaim your love...with the ten-stringed harp, with melody upon the \_\_\_\_," (Psalms 92:4).
15. In 1931, after graduate school in Michigan, Salyer married and, focused as ever, he & his wife spent their honeymoon seining the Little Niangua River in Hickory Co., gathering data on \_\_\_\_ populations, sending 5,500 specimens in formaldehyde by train for research.
17. Mr. \_\_\_\_, a talking horse in a TV sit-com broadcast from 1961-1966.
22. In 1934, Salyer, a largely unknown wildlife biologist in a fledging field, was hired as head of a newly conceived national waterfowl refuge system; he is credited with almost singlehandedly selecting the habitats that saved America's \_\_\_\_ and geese.
23. In the army, a \_\_\_\_ must not be visible on any part of the body that is exposed while in uniform.
27. After high school, Salyer applied to Central (Methodist) College in Fayette, considered an \_\_\_\_ school. Though he scrimped and also got a small scholarship, again trapping nearby streams & the Mo. River area funded his education.
28. "A bit of science distances one from God, but much science \_\_\_\_ one to Him..."—Louis Pasteur, 1822-95, French microbiologist, discovered the principles of vaccination, fermentation and pasteurization (a process that bears his name).
29. In 1947, Salyer hired the first female to work in the Fish & Wildlife Serv. She said he "stuck his \_\_\_\_ out when he asked me."
30. "He took me by the \_\_\_\_ and held me hard," Shakespeare's "Hamlet," Act 2, Scene 1.
31. Comparative suffix.
33. What you leave for a waitress.
34. Prefix for try or tail.
36. Conservationists Jay Darling & Aldo Leopold were impressed with Salyer's honest bluntness, restless drive and ethical evaluations of environments degraded by sewage, \_\_\_\_ and industrial pollution.
38. "Minds that are \_\_\_\_ at ease are agitated by both hope & fear,"—Ovid, major Roman poet, 43 BC-18 AD.
43. I'll give \_\_\_\_ shot! (2 wds.)
45. "...the Immaculate Virgin, preserved from all \_\_\_\_ of original sin..."—*Catechism of the Catholic Ch.* #966.
48. Rain or tear.
50. Catholic radio and TV.
52. Bro's sib.
53. Short for down under hopper.
54. Abbr. perhaps stamped on a bill that is settled-up.
55. Prefix for fuse or treat.
56. Abraham's ancestral homeland.
57. Prefix for ceased or composed.
60. Chemical symbol for gold.

ANSWERS on page 19



## OFFICIAL DECREE

### on pastoral activities in the Diocese of Jefferson City during the COVID-19 pandemic and after Sept. 11, 2020

*Whereas, the Department of Health and Senior Services of the State of Missouri and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Federal Government continue to recommend the observance of social distancing and the use of facemasks when in gatherings; that persons 65 years of age and older, as well as those with certain medical conditions, avoid public gatherings as much as possible; and the practice of frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizers; and*

*Whereas, the common good demands that the public health requirements and recommendations of the state are to be observed whenever possible; and*

*Whereas, having received the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council to extend the current norms with regard to the pandemic;*

*I therefore declare, as the Diocesan Bishop, the following:*

1.) All the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City, and those who are present in the territory of the Diocese, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until 27 November 2020, provided that for days of precept they do one of the following:

a.) Prayerfully participate in the Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation Mass livestreamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, the Vatican, or any validly celebrated Mass.

b.) Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, and recite the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.

2.) Parishes are highly encouraged to livestream Masses for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation indefinitely.

3.) Those who are symptomatic for COVID-19 are not permitted to enter church properties, in accordance with national, state and local health directives. All are asked to check their temperature at home before going to church.

4.) Those who are 65 years of age or older, and those with medical conditions, are highly encouraged not to go to Mass, especially when it is likely that there will be a large number of the faithful in attendance or if social distancing and the wearing of facemasks are not observed.

5.) Those who do not attend Mass on Sundays are encouraged to attend Mass on a weekday if it would be easier to observe the proper social distancing and other health recommendations.

6.) The celebration of Weddings outside of Mass may take place outdoors on the grounds of and in proximity to the parish church or chapels, according to the judgement of the Pastor, Parochial Administrator, or Parish Life Collaborator.

7.) Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Parish Life Collaborators, and the Presidents and Principals of Catholic schools are strictly obliged to follow the public health requirements, directives or orders of local government officials for gatherings of the faithful, including for the celebrations of Mass, Weddings and Funerals, other liturgies, devotions, school and catechetical activities, social events, sports activities and meetings.

8.) All other public health recommendations of state authorities should be followed whenever possible, especially with regard to singing in church, according to the judgment of the Pastor, Parochial Administrator, Parish Life Collaborator, President or Principal. Consultation with

the Bishop, Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia, local Dean, Liturgy Commission Chairman, or Superintendent is recommended.

9.) The use of facemasks upon entering the church, during the celebration of Mass except when in place in the pew, during the Communion procession, and upon leaving the church is required. If social distancing cannot be maintained in the pew, then the wearing of facemasks is obligatory even in the pew.

10.) The offertory procession, the sign of peace, and Holy Communion from the chalice shall continue to be suspended. One or more stationary collection baskets are to be used rather than baskets passed or taken up by ushers. Where it has been the practice, the holding of hands during the Our Father must not be done.

11.) Communion ministers are to sanitize their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion, and they must use facemasks during the distribution of Holy Communion.

12.) Those who persist in their desire to receive Holy Communion on the tongue may do so but only after those who receive Holy Communion in the hand, or in a Communion line designated solely for Holy Communion on the tongue. Communion ministers must purify and then sanitize their fingers after distributing Holy Communion on the tongue to each household.

13.) High-use areas within the church must be sanitized before each service, including the pews used by the assembly, restroom facilities, door handles, push plates, and knobs. It is advisable to have entrance and exit doors propped open

during high-traffic volumes before and after Mass.

14.) Hymnals and other books are to remain stored for the duration of the pandemic. No materials may be left in the pews or adoration chapels. The faithful are encouraged to bring their own missals, hymnals and devotional books.

15.) Holy water fonts shall remain empty.

16. Hand sanitizer should be made available throughout church and school facilities.

*This decree is effective from Sept. 12, 2020, and until Nov. 27, 2020, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.*

Given at the Chancery this 21st day of August, 2020.

*Shawn McKnight*

**Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.**  
Bishop of Jefferson City

*Constance Schepers*

**Mrs. Constance Schepers**  
Chancellor

### 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.**

## Things To Do

### Fundraisers & Social Events

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

Aug. 29

**Taos**, K of C drive-thru fish & shrimp dinner, 3-8 pm

Sep. 6

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

Sep. 12

**Rolla**, Pregnancy Resource Center of Rolla walk/run for life, 10 am, Lions Club Park, for info call 573-368-5700

Sep. 13

**Belle**, St. Alexander parish pro-life breakfast, 7-11 am; **Folk**, St. Anthony of Padua

parish fall festival, with drive-thru dinners only, 11 am-6 pm

Sep. 19

**Bonnets Mill**, St. Louis of France parish "Drive-Thru for Education" 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 [jaclynsmith@gmail.com](mailto:jaclynsmith@gmail.com); **Taos**, K of C drive-thru fish & shrimp dinner, 3-8 pm; **Wardsville**, Wardsville/Osage Bend K of C barbecue, 11 am-5 pm, St. Stanislaus School cafeteria

Sep. 20

**Russellville**, St. Michael parish fall drive-thru dinner, 11 am-6 pm

### Meetings & Conferences

Aug. 26

**Virtual (Zoom)**, "Building a Quality Volunteer Ensemble" presentation by Kate Basi, from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Convention, 7 pm, for info email [npmjefcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjefcitydio@gmail.com)

Aug. 31

**Westphalia**, "The Miracle of Fatima" presentation by Barb Ernster, 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Church

Sep. 2

**Virtual (Zoom)**, "The Sacraments: Assessing Our Parish Celebration of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation" presentation by Michael Ruzicki, from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Convention, 7 pm, for info email [npmjefcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjefcitydio@gmail.com)

Sep. 9

**Virtual (Zoom)**, "Choosing Liturgical Music of Theological Savvy" presentation by Emily Strand, from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Convention, 7 pm, for info email [npmjefcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjefcitydio@gmail.com)

### Liturgical

Aug. 28

**Novinger**, Traditional Latin Low Mass in honor of the feast day of St. Augustine, 4:30 pm, with the Rosary recited at 4:10 pm, St. Rose of Lima Church

Sep. 12

**Holts Summit**, National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, 10 am Mass, followed by a brief prayer service at the St. Andrew Memorial Stone, St. Andrew Church; **Novinger**, Traditional Latin High Mass in honor of the feast day of The Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Terce

chanted at 10:30 am with Mass following, St. Rose of Lima Church

### Health & Wellness

Note: For a limited time, the American Red Cross will test all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an additional health service to donors.

Sep. 9

**Taos**, Blood drive, 2:30-6:30 pm, St. Francis Xavier parish hall

Sep. 15

**Hermitage**, Blood drive, noon-5 pm, St. Bernadette parish center

**Submit events online at:**  
[diojefcity.org/event-listing](http://diojefcity.org/event-listing)

## Charismatic Retreat in Belleville and online

King's House Retreat and Renewal Center in Belleville, Ill. will hold an in-person and online Charismatic Retreat from Friday to Sunday, Aug. 28-30.

The theme will be "For Such a Time as This!"

The center has many new guidelines and regulations to maintain a safe and comfortable environment.

All talks and praise and worship sessions will be livestreamed from King's House.

Zoom retreatants will be able to ask questions and participate.

Call (618) 397-0584 or visit [kingsretreatcenter.org/events](http://kingsretreatcenter.org/events) to register.

## VEIT

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And then I read our Holy Father's message to young people on July 26, the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. He asked the young to perform "a gesture of tenderness towards the elderly, especially the loneliest, in their homes and residences, those who have not seen their loved ones for many months."

"Dear young people," he said, "each one of these elderly people is your grandparent! Do not leave them by themselves. Use the inventiveness of love, make telephone calls, video calls, send messages, listen to them and, where possible, in compliance with the healthcare rules, go to visit them too. Send them a hug."

Taking up our Holy Father's challenge, the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has

launched a campaign entitled "The elderly are your grandparents." It invites young people to be inventive and do something concrete for older people who are vulnerable to loneliness. The campaign is associated with the hashtag [#sendyourhug](https://twitter.com/sendyourhug).

Let's evaluate our own attitudes and behaviors during this difficult time, asking ourselves if we are sensitive to how our actions might adversely affect the wellbeing of others, and if we could do more to safely reach to the most vulnerable.

Let's get inventive and find ways to make sure that our elders never feel marginalized or forgotten, no matter how long the pandemic lasts!

*Sister Constance Veit is the director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.*

## Second Sunday prayer service for our nation in Westphalia

St. Joseph parish in Westphalia will hold a patriotic prayer service at 6 p.m. on one Sunday of each month, in St. Joseph Church, 125 E. Main St. in Westphalia.

Dates include Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 13.

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.

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

## DOYLE

From page 8

I agree with our letter-writer that, over the past several decades, this practice is followed less widely.

I also agree that more people should observe it; it serves as an important reminder of the reverence we owe the divine and reflects an interior

desire to honor Jesus, Who died on the cross to redeem us.

*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.*

## BOSSERT

From page 9

ing the ball in the end zone. But something good happened in me. I love the way the shelves are so organized, and cans are streamlined to yield the quickest packaging and most positive experience for the clients. My husband and I fulfill the order, together. We exchange smiles and maneuver the narrow aisles.

I don't have to be great at it; I just have to show up. Some may say it is such a little thing, this one more thing of food pantry service. And it is. I see other people doing a hundred different "little things" in parish ministries, and they never brag, but if I can add one little thing, I can add one more little thing, and I can aspire to be a saint. It all begins with one more thing.

So what's your next one-more-little-thing?

## Anniversaries

**Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians**  
Ray & Wilma Laughlin, 60 years

**Freeburg, Holy Family**  
Joe & Irma Richter, 63 years  
Richard & Lucille Welschmeyer, 56 years  
Joe & Meg Poettgen, 54 years  
Jay & Mary Locker, 41 years  
Steve & Jane Bauer, 40 years  
Matt & Tricia Burkhardt, 13 years

**Hannibal, Holy Family**  
Gary & Martha Tucker 51 years

**Hermann, St. George**  
Calvin & Caroll Scheidegger, 57 years

**Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph**  
Paul & Margaret Oligschlaeger, 55 years  
Dick & Peggy Hronick, 46 years

**Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception**  
Walter & Janet Valentine, 50 years  
Jerry & Jackie Jenkins, 35 years  
Clayton "Bud" & Barbara Hill, 25 years

**Jefferson City, St. Peter**  
Dale & Joyce Amick, 50 years

**Kahoka, St. Michael**  
Charles & Peggy Alber, 62 years  
James & Shirley Neves, 61 years  
Bruce & Melody Uhlmeier, 48 years  
Joe & Linda Richardson, 44 years  
Ron & Ivonne Weigand, 18 years

**Kirkville, Mary Immaculate**  
Mark & Joetta Kruger, 50 years

**Linn, St. George**  
Don & Christy Brandt, 55 years  
Wayne & Betty Wilson, 55 years  
Rodney & Bonnie Kliethermes, 40 years

**Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception**  
Dennis & Caroline Hentges, 50 years

**Mexico, St. Brendan**  
Joseph P. & Evelyn Fennessey, 64 years  
Deacon Louis & Alice Leonatti, 49 years

**Milan, St. Mary**  
Juan & Deb Coronado, 25 years  
Marcos & Honoria Castro, 21 years  
David & Kathleen Hauser, 16 years  
Cody & Haley Weter, 14 years

**Moberly, St. Pius X**  
Ted & Theresa Sander, 50 years

**Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception**  
John & Joanne Scott, 68 years  
Marvin & Lucille Griesbauer, 59 years

## Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers. Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to [editor@diojeffcity.org](mailto:editor@diojeffcity.org); faxed to (573) 635-2286; or mailed to: *The Catholic Missourian*, 2207 W Main St, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914.

**Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart**  
Bob & Ann Boehm, 49 years  
Tom & Diane Rackers, 47 years  
Maurice & Clara Kremer, 45 years  
Garry & Chris Reichel, 45 years  
Greg & Bert Fick, 32 years  
Allen & Amy Frank, 25 years  
Ralph & Linda Fick, 23 years

**Russellville, St. Michael**  
Mike & Loretta Broker, 56 years  
Robin & Judy McFarland, 52 years  
Dave & Carol Trimeloni, 49 years  
Martin & Mary E. Hummel, 44 years  
Dave & Karen Phillips, 44 years  
Mike & Marlene Kirchner, 37 years  
Jeff & Linda Jansen, 33 years  
Randy & Rhonda Briot, 30 years  
Chuck & Anne Brennecke, 28 years  
Ken & Sharon Murphy, 13 years

**St. Martin, St. Martins**  
Johnny & Linda Reichel, 52 years  
Deacon Edwin & Donna Schepers, 29 years

**Salisbury, St. Joseph**  
Richard & Carlene Hartmann, 56 years

**Tipton, St. Andrew**  
David & Martha Bestgen, 25 years

**Vienna, Visitation**  
Vic & Joan Stratman, 42 years

**Wardville, St. Stanislaus**  
Steve & LeAnn Korsmeyer, 38 years

## Marriages

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Shantel Smith & Jerry Dooling**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Courtney Kolb & Jared Bashore**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Hannah Smith & Darius Brondel**

St. Clement, St. Clement — **Angela Noellsch & David Goddard**

Shelbina, St. Mary — **Rachelle Butner & Shane Smith**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Hayden Dillon & Trenton Pace**

## Elections

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Terri Haake**, president; **Brad Shimmens**, vice president, of the parish pastoral council

Russellville, Knights of Columbus St. Michael Council 8916 — **Fred Kolb**, grand knight; **Scott Williams**, deputy grand knight; **Todd Koestner**, treasurer; **Galen Meller**, recorder; **David Keller**, financial secretary; **Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki**, chaplain; **Josh Meller**, chancellor; **Josh Anderson**, lecturer; **Brian Deschu**, advocate; **Doug Raithe**, warden; **Paul Buschjost**, Mike Broker, guards; **John Hummel**, **Rusty Anderson**, **Jim Call**, trustees

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Debbie Strope**, **Sarah Luebbert**, **Bob Schellmann**, new members; **Jackie Prenger**, president; **Mark Luebbering**, vice president; **Jan Carter**, secretary, of the parish pastoral council

## Deaths

**La Salette Father John Garvey**, 95 — who taught Latin, English, chemistry, civics, speech & religion at the former La Salette Seminary in Jefferson City in the 1950s & '60s — on May 28 in Bloomfield, Connecticut

**George R. Smith**, 79 — father of Father Mark Smith, pastor of St. Peter parish in Marshall and the Mission of Holy Family in Sweet Springs — on Aug. 6.

Bonnots Mill, St. Louis of France — **Dorothy J. Rustemeyer**

California, Annunciation — **Lee A.R. Murphy**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Suzanne Sullivan**, **William Wulff**

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Patricia Volz**

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians — **Agnes "Toots" M. Keilholz**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Marcella M. Gradel**

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Lindsay Greenwell**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Evelyn M. Dubbert**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Elizabeth J. Bernskoetter**, **Keith A. Wenzel**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Beatrice "Betty" J. Buschman**, **Bonnie E. O'Donnell**, **Donna Rice**

Linn, St. George — **Nancy A. Dill**, **Lisa A. Thomeczek**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Cletus H. Kempker**

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Sandi Anderson**

St. Anthony, St. Anthony of Padua — **Alice E. Stroyick**, **Rosemary C. Wieberg**

St. Martin, St. Martins — **Ray Brown**, **Jean E. Carel**

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick — **Doreen Schutte**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Kenneth Opfer**

Steelville, St. Michael — **Joan Kempf**

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Agatha E. Peitzmeyer**, **Donald B. Prenger**, **Coty Veltrop**, **Patricia Wickers**

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Leo Schaefer**

## Birthdays

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians — **Caroline Starke**, her 96th

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Lucille Orscheln**, her 90th on Aug. 30

Russellville, St. Michael — **Mary Ann O'Neill**, her 90th

## Baptisms

Boonville, Ss. Peter and Paul — **Isabelle Hollowell**, daughter of Seth & Lindsey Hollowell; **Cooper, Maximus** and **Nolan Reimund**, sons of Dustin & Breanna Reimund

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Carolina Balsler**, **JayLynn Fossum**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Dani Rayne Allen**, daughter of Cameron & Jennifer Allen; **Cole Alan Holterman**, son of Glen & Danielle Holterman

Hermann, St. George — **Tate William Timmerberg**, son of Edward & Abbey Timmerberg

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Cora Rose Ames**, daughter of Heidi Ames; **Trent Ford**; **Jane Laura Grellner**, daughter of Garrett & Cassidy Grellner

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Waylon Otto Forck**, son of Michael & Rory Forck; **Boston Matthew Plassmeyer**, son of Craig & Whitney Plassmeyer

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Marshall, St. Peter — **Sarai Orellana**, daughter of Misael & Graciela Orellana

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Parker Jo Adrian**, child of Travis & Jessica Adrian; **Adrian Morris Akin**, daughter of Jacob & Jennifer Akin

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Payton Marie Fick**, daughter of Derek & Kelly Fick

Russellville, St. Michael — **Stella Jean Anderson**, daughter of Joshua & Hannah Anderson

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Shaylee Mae Buechter**, daughter of Justin & Britni Buechter

## Initiations

Fulton, St. Peter — **Dustin Eastwood**, who was baptized and received the sacraments of initiation on July 11

## Crossword puzzle answers

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## Do as the Romans do



Latin students from Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City and adult volunteers create an experience of ancient Rome during "Summa Camp" for children. The five-day slate of activities was held in the St. Joseph Cathedral School gymnasium/performing arts center and the outdoor facilities. "Summa" is Latin for "great." It was a fun and interesting way for kids to cap-off their summer, with activities aimed at teaching and engaging them in the life and culture of ancient Rome. Proceeds from the camp will benefit the trip a group of Helias Catholic students plans to take to Italy next summer. — Photo by Vickie Lueckenotte

## Cool, cool summer



Children of St. Joseph parish in Edina live it up during the week-long Totus Tuus parish-based Catholic summer experience for young people. Three groups of Totus Tuus missionaries visited parishes throughout the diocese this summer

to lead the events aimed at helping young people learn more about God and grow in His love. "You guys, it has been such a blast having your kids this week!" missionaries from the group stated. "We have had a group of amazing missionaries who exude a genuine passion and love for Christ and His Church."

— Photos from the St. Joseph Catholic Church - Edina, MO Facebook page



## Something sweet and cool



Ellie and Zeke Bonar, ages 8 and 5, who are students at St. Peter School in Marshall, operated a lemonade stand outside their house this summer to raise money for their school. "At St. Peter, we work hard to instill the idea of service within each and every student," stated Principal Mary McCoy. "You can imagine how my heart felt when I was notified that these two students would like to donate the proceeds from their lemonade stand to St. Peter School! What a tender reminder of God's love and His presence within our hearts every day."

— Photo by Becky Bonar

## Pope to young people at Medjugorje: 'Let Mary inspire and guide you'

Catholic News Service  
Vatican City

Let Mary inspire and guide young people today, Pope Francis told participants at the annual International Youth Festival at the Marian shrine in Medjugorje.

Mary will always be "the great model of the Church" because she is

ready to follow Christ with vitality and docility, he said in a message to those attending the festival Aug. 1-6 in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

He said, "her 'yes' means getting involved and taking a risk, without any guarantee besides the certainty of being the bearer of a promise," and her example continues to show the beauty in freely entrusting oneself completely to the hands of God. "May her example captivate and guide you!" he said.

The pope's message was read at the festival Aug. 1.

Though it was the 31st edition of the annual festival, it was the first time a papal message was sent to the event after it became an officially approved Church festival in 2019.



Pilgrims are pictured in a file photo surrounding a statue of Mary on Apparition Hill in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

— CNS photo/Matko Biljak, Reuters

That approval came three months after Catholic pilgrimages to the site in Bosnia-Herzegovina were authorized by the pope.

Pope Francis said in his message that Mary is the mother watching over her children who are journeying through life, often tired and in need, but yearning for that light of hope that never goes out.

Young people can discover "a new way to live, different from the one offered by a culture" where everything is temporary, nothing is definitive "and the only thing that matters is enjoying the present moment."

"Do not be afraid!" he said. "Christ is alive and desires that each of you live."

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# Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael as followers

By Jennifer Ficaglia  
Catholic News Service

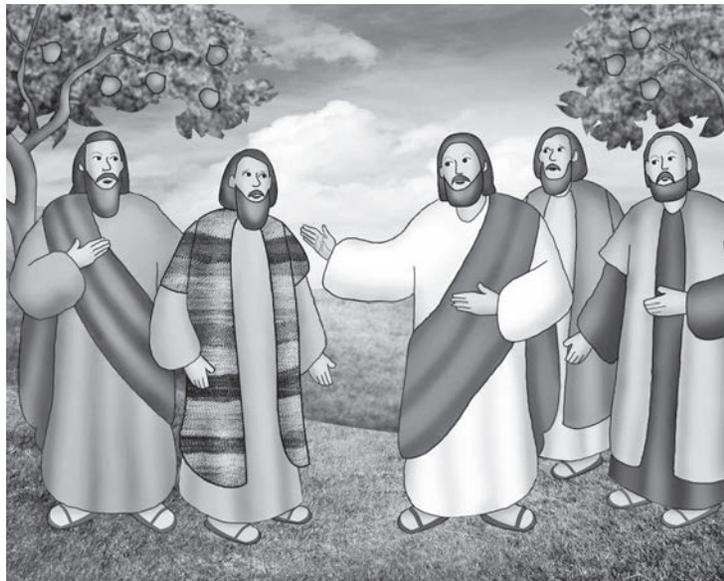
John was baptizing people in Bethany across the Jordan when he saw Jesus walking toward him.

“Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world,” John exclaimed as Jesus approached. “He is the One of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because He existed before me.’ I did not know Him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that He might be made known to Israel.”

The following day, John and two of his disciples were in the same place. Jesus again walked by.

“Behold, the Lamb of God,” John said.

John’s two disciples heard and followed Jesus.



“What are you looking for?” Jesus said as He turned and saw the men.

The men wanted to know where Jesus was staying, so Jesus brought them there.

Andrew was one of the two disciples of John who had followed Jesus. He left to find his brother, Simon Peter, and bring him to where Jesus was staying.

“We have found the Messiah,” Andrew told his brother.

The next day, Jesus went to Galilee, where he found Philip.

“Follow Me,” Jesus said.

Philip, in turn, sought out his friend, Nathanael.

“We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth,” Philip said.

“Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Nathanael asked skeptically.

“Come and see,” Philip urged.

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him.

“Here is a true child of Israel,” Jesus remarked. “There is no duplicity in him.”

“How do You know me?” Nathanael asked in surprise.

“Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree,” Jesus replied.

Nathanael was amazed.

“Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel,” he exclaimed.

“Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?” Jesus asked. “You will see greater things than this.”

He added, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

### Read more about it...

#### John 1

1. Who asked his brother to follow Jesus?

2. Whom did Jesus see under the fig tree?

## Bible Accent

John the Baptist was not the only person whom some people mistook as the prophet Elijah returned to earth.

In Matthew 16:13, we read that Jesus and the apostles went into the region of Caesarea Philippi.

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Jesus asked his friends.

“Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets,” they replied.

Jesus looked at the apostles. “But who do you say that I am?” He wanted to know.

The apostles looked at each other.

Then Simon Peter spoke up. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” he said.

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah,” Jesus replied. “For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My heavenly Father.”

“And so I say to you,” Jesus continued, “you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

## Saint Spotlight



In the late 10th century, St. Guy of Anderlicht was born into a poor rural family near Brussels, Belgium.

Despite being poor and at one time homeless, he had great faith and shared what little he had with others in need. His devout life impressed a parish priest, who made St. Guy a church sacristan. St. Guy hoped to raise money for the poor by investing in a business scheme, which ultimately failed. To repent for his unwise decision, he made a seven-year pilgrimage on foot to Rome and Jerusalem. Exhausted and sick from the journey, St. Guy returned to Anderlicht, Belgium, where he died in 1012. We remember him on Sept. 12.

## Trivia

Who sent John the Baptist to testify about Jesus? (Hint: John 1:6-7)

Answer: God

## Puzzle

Unscramble the letters in each word and arrange them to form a sentence from the children’s story.

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Sentence:



Answers: the found we Messiah have; We have found the Messiah.

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## New treatment of Galileo case destined to be a classic

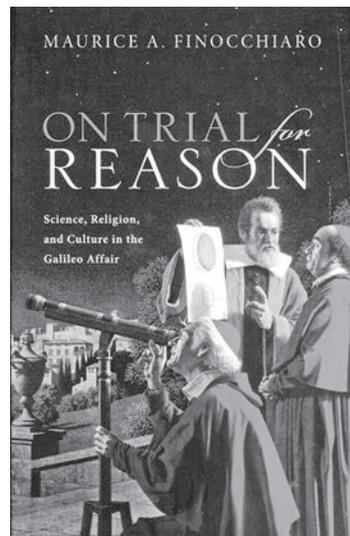
*On Trial for Reason: Science, Religion and Culture in the Galileo Affair*, by Maurice A. Finocchiaro. Oxford University Press (New York, 2019). 304 pp., \$32.95.

Reviewed by Nancy L. Roberts  
Catholic News Service

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) is the Italian astronomer, physicist, mathematician and engineer almost universally known as the father of modern science.

He also is famous for being convicted by the Inquisition for “vehement suspicion of heresy” in 1633, owing to his assertion the Earth circles around the sun.

Thus Galileo fell on the wrong side of Catholic teach-



ing, which then held that the planets all revolved around Earth. But evidence such as his observation that Jupiter's moons didn't rotate around

Earth led Galileo to a very different conclusion: The Earth and other celestial bodies all orbit the sun.

This view, which supported the earlier work of Copernicus, put Galileo in direct conflict with Church authorities. After his heresy trial, he was placed on house arrest for life.

The Galileo affair, as this conflict has come to be known, is usually viewed as a monumental clash between science and religion. Yet, like all dramatic historical events, over time it has been overlaid by a patina of myth that doesn't quite tell the whole story.

How, one wonders, did Galileo become a cultural icon, a symbol for that “perennial and universal problem of the relationship between science and religion”?

Maurice Finocchiaro, professor of philosophy emeritus at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, is singularly well-equipped to take us down a less traveled but much more nuanced pathway of understanding.

His earlier books featured both Galileo and Copernicus as subjects and here he also shows the same balance and attention to cultural nuances.

He enlightens us, first, by an engaging depiction of the intellectual and philosophical setting of Galileo's time. With lucid explanations and clear illustrations, he paints a picture of the early 16th-century

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	The Burnt Orange Heresy (R) The Rental (R)
	Palm Springs (R) Summerland (PG) Yes, God, Yes (R)

Ratings are supplied by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Film and Broadcasting Office. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for current reviews.

worldview.

Among several different types of objections to the concept that the Earth circles the sun were those based on theology. One drew from Scripture to claim “the idea of the Earth moving is heretical or at least erroneous because it conflicts with many biblical passages which state or imply that the Earth stands still,” Finocchiaro writes. “For example, Psalm 104:5 says that the Lord ‘laid the foundations of the Earth, that it should not be removed for ever’; and this seems to say rather explicitly that the Earth is motionless.”

Yet another objection was based on the idea of divine omnipotence. In this view, Finocchiaro explains, “since God is all-powerful, He could have created any one of a number of worlds, for example one in which the Earth is motionless; therefore, regardless of how much evidence there is supporting the Earth's motion, we can never assert that this must be so, for that would be to want to limit God's power to do otherwise.”

Other objections included those based on the empirical, such as the intriguingly named

objection from the deception of the senses. It went like this: because one cannot actually perceive the Earth's motion around the sun, then this must not exist, because the senses are generally known to be reliable.

Ultimately, as Finocchiaro shows, “the Church came to recognize that Galileo was right not only about the Earth's motion, but also about the limited authority of Scripture.”

These points were made in Pope Leo XIII's 1893 encyclical, “*Providentissimus Deus*,” which asserted the authority of Scripture on matters of faith and morals, but not on science.

Later, during the period 1979-1992, Pope St. John Paul II's “rehabilitation” of Galileo praised the scientist for demonstrating that religion and science are actually “in harmony and not incompatible.”

The author concludes that Galileo's model of critical thinking is an exemplary legacy. He takes us there by way of an interesting, authoritative journey through the history of science and philosophy.

Enriched with a detailed bibliography and index, *On Trial for Reason* is destined to become the classic treatment of this subject.

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## ST. GEORGE

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She prays for her students to “grow in their love for Jesus and in their belief in themselves, and become the best person that they can be in all ways.”

### Teach what you practice

Mrs. Grellner grew up in a devout Catholic family in northern Missouri, where there aren't nearly as many Catholics as in Osage County.

Her ties to St. George are through her husband, who is an alumnus.

“When I graduated from college, I was going to sign the first contract that was offered,” she

recalled. “It was St. George.”

She pointed to the dedication of seventh-grade teacher Bob Marinowski, who has been on the faculty since 1969.

“He's a true blessing,” she said. “He knows his Church history and he can relate to the kids.”

“Mr. M” is now teaching grandchildren of some of the people he once taught.

“And if he keeps teaching for a couple more years, he's going to get the great-grandkids,” Mrs. Grellner noted.

Tina Eisterhold recently joined the St. George faculty, teaching art and fourth-grade math, science and language.

“This gives me an opportunity to teach and practice my religion,” she said. “It has allowed me to renew myself as a teacher and really get back to my basics as a Catholic.”

She is praying that the pandemic doesn't create a new, permanent definition of “normal” for children.

“I want them to be able to get back to being the kids they are,” she said. “Yes, wash your hands and maintain a proper distance for a while. But children shouldn't have to be fearful all the time.”

## DECREE

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from throughout the diocese.

“We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic so that we can return to worshipping the Lord as one people under one roof,” Bishop McKnight stated.

“Until then, I implore those who are fit to attend Mass in person to follow all of the health directives from the state and their local health departments,” he said.

He further counseled the faithful to stay in touch with and actively assist people who are still most affected by the pandemic and the resulting social isolation, especially those who are elderly, infirm or homebound.

“This is part of our obligation as followers of Christ,” said Bishop McKnight. “God wants people to recognize not only our parishes but also us as individuals and families as centers of charity and mercy.”

### For the good of all

Further directives regard-

ing social distancing and suspension of several aspects of the Mass remain in effect least through Nov. 27.

The decree states that people who are infected with COVID-19 are not permitted to enter church properties.

All are directed to check their temperature at home before going to church.

People who come to church for Mass and other activities must practice social distancing, use facemasks, and otherwise observe health measures that promote the common good.

All people over age 2 must wear facemasks upon entering the church, during the celebration of Mass except when in place in the pew, during the Communion procession, and while leaving the church.

Facemasks must also be worn in the pew in the event social distancing isn't possible.

“Some of the priests on the Presbyteral Council remarked that it is becoming more difficult to observe social distancing in the pew because more people are returning to Mass on Sundays,” said Bishop McKnight. “This new decree establishes that facemasks must be worn at all times when moving about in the church,

and in the pew if six feet of distance cannot be observed.”

He said that this is a worthwhile sacrifice and an act of Christian charity.

“While it might not be comfortable, we can offer this discomfort up as a penance and as an act of solidarity with people who suffer from chronic health issues,” he said.

### Further precautions

The Offertory Procession, the Sign of Peace, and reception of Holy Communion from the chalice remain suspended until further notice.

High-use areas in churches, including doors, pews used by the assembly, and restroom facilities are to be cleaned with disinfectant after each liturgy.

Hymnals and other books are to remain in storage for the duration of the pandemic.

Holy water fonts are to remain empty.

Hand sanitizer should be made available throughout church and school facilities.

People who are age 65 and over or are otherwise at increased risk for contracting COVID-19, as well as people who live with or take care of people at increased risk, are encouraged not to attend Mass in situations where proper so-

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, Aug 23

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is. 22:19-23  
Ps. 138:1-3, 6, 8  
Rom. 11:33-36  
Mt. 16:13-20

### Monday, Aug 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
Rv. 21:9b-14  
Ps. 145:10-13, 17-18  
Jn. 1:45-51

### Tuesday, Aug 25

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, priest  
2 Thes. 2:1-3a, 14-17  
Ps. 96:10-13  
Mt. 23:23-26

### Wednesday, Aug 26

2 Thes. 3:6-10, 16-18  
Ps. 128:1-2, 4-5  
Mt. 23:27-32

### Thursday, Aug 27

St. Monica  
1 Cor. 1:1-9  
Ps. 145:2-7  
Mt. 24:42-51

### Friday, Aug 28

St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church  
1 Cor. 1:17-25  
Ps. 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11  
Mt. 25:1-13

### Saturday, Aug 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
1 Cor. 1:26-31  
Ps. 33:12-13, 18-21  
Mk. 6:17-29

### Sunday, Aug 30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer. 20:7-9  
Ps. 63:2-6, 8-9  
Rom. 12:1-2  
Mt. 16:21-27

### Monday, Aug 31

1 Cor. 2:1-5  
Ps. 119:97-102  
Lk. 4:16-30

### Tuesday, Sep 1

1 Cor. 2:10b-16  
Ps. 145:8-14  
Lk. 4:31-37

### Wednesday, Sep 2

1 Cor. 3:1-9  
Ps. 33:12-15, 20-21  
Lk. 4:38-44

### Thursday, Sep 3

St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church  
1 Cor. 3:18-23  
Ps. 24:1bc-6  
Lk. 5:1-11

### Friday, Sep 4

1 Cor. 4:1-5  
Ps. 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40  
Lk. 5:33-39

### Saturday, Sep 5

1 Cor. 4:6b-15  
Ps. 145:17-21  
Lk. 6:1-5

### 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.

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

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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cial distancing is not taking place, or where masks are not being used.

People who do not attend Mass on Sundays are encouraged to consider attending on a weekday if it would be easier to observe the proper social distancing and other health recommendations.

### Time in the desert

Bishop McKnight urged

the faithful to continue longing for the day when all may partake freely of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in person.

“We are people whose destiny is defined by the Holy Eucharist,” he said. “When the time comes, we all must return to active participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the source and summit of our lives as Christians.”



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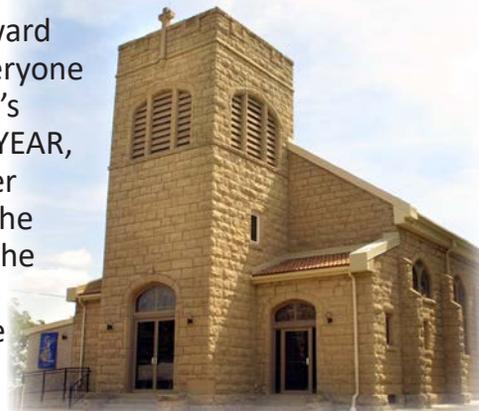
After careful consideration, it was decided to cancel our annual Labor Day Weekend 2020 Parish Picnic.

Preparing food to serve nearly 4,000 meals in a single day is no small feat and there are many parishioners, community members and extended family members who come together to accomplish this, for which we are very thankful and appreciative.

It was concluded that the year 2020 offers too many unknown obstacles, and we do not want to risk the health of our parishioners or our many, many guests who come from miles away to fill our small town on the Sunday before Labor Day.

Although this decision does cause financial repercussions for our Parish and our Parochial School, we are attempting to put the wellness of our parishioners, community and guests first; and pray that, as always, God will continue to **Bless Us All** and see us through this unprecedented time in our history.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in Mary's Home NEXT YEAR, on September 5, 2021, for the Our Lady of the Snows Parish Mary's Home Picnic!



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Father Kevin Drew, pastor of St. Joseph parish in Trenton in the Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese, will be the celebrant.

He will offer a Low Mass at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28. The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Mass.

He will celebrate Solemn High Mass on Saturday, Sept. 12. Terce will be chanted at 10 am, with Mass following.

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