

Addressing ongoing COVID-19 concerns

Due to the persistent number of COVID cases, Bishop McKnight has extended the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass beyond Nov. 27.

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Renovation plans presented for Cathedral of St. Joseph



Bishop McKnight hopes to make the cathedral “unmistakably Catholic” through project focused on beauty and hospitality

By Jay Nies

One of the first things people will notice upon entering the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City after its pending renovation will be a new crucifix.

It will rest atop a section of the tensile ring that has been holding the walls and crown-shaped roof together for over half-a-century.

“Christ on the cross, front and center!” stated church architect William Heyer. “The symbolism couldn’t be any better. He is what holds the Church together, and we’ll have a prominent reminder of that right above the altar.”

Mr. Heyer recently presented his designs for renovating and expanding the cathedral to deepen its Catholic identity.

About 50 people attended the presentation, while many others watched and asked questions via livestream.

The renovation will blend familiar elements with classical embellishments that will enhance the cathedral’s beauty, functionality, capacity for hospitality and uniquely Catholic identity.

“We want to make our cathedral more welcoming and conducive to prayer and worship,” stated Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, who commissioned Mr. Heyer to begin working on the designs last year.

The bishop pointed out that a Catholic church, and in a particular way a cathedral as the mother church of a diocese, is “an abode of God” and “a gateway to heaven.”

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An architect’s rendering suggests what the inside of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City will look like under a renovation proposal shared Nov. 9 with Cathedral parishioners and the people of the diocese.

— Copyrighted image by William Heyer, Architect

SSM Health, Quorum Health sign letter of intent to explore sale of Jefferson City hospital

Bishop McKnight affirms importance of the continuance of Catholic health care values; supports role of health care providers in living those values

As representatives of SSM Health and Quorum Health Corporation announced their intent to explore a sale of SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital–Jefferson City, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight looks forward to participating in the process, which will eventually require approval by the Holy See.

“Caring for the sick is a core element of our Catholic mission,” he said. “I am very much encouraged by the possibility of Quorum Health continuing the high quality of health care services in Jefferson City, honoring the legacy of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Mary and other pioneers.”

Having been informed Nov. 11 of the two entities’ deci-

sion to enter into a period of exclusive negotiation, Bishop McKnight said it will be essential the negotiations honor not just the history of Catholic health care in the area, but its continuation.

This can be accomplished by providing conscience protection for those who are employed at St. Mary’s, and in ensuring the Church’s mission to provide care for those in need is prioritized, he stated.

Since St. Mary’s is a Catholic institution in the Diocese of Jefferson City, Church law requires the local bishop to provide pastoral guidance in any transfer or sale, although he does not have direct or final authority.

“The Church is concerned first and foremost about the

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Thanksgiving Day drive-thru dinner, St. Anthony church, Camdenton

St. Anthony Parish in Camdenton plans to celebrate its 15th annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 26.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meals will be "heat and eat," and curbside pickup will be offered instead of the traditional dining in.

Curbside pickup will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the

parish hall (lower level) of St. Anthony Church, 1874 N. Business Route 5 in Camdenton.

As in the past, volunteers plan to provide delivery to those who are unable to pick up their own meal.

"Our dinner is offered free of charge to anyone in the community who would like to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with us," the event's organizers stated. "We welcome the homeless and the homebound, those who are unable to cook a holiday dinner, and anyone who might appreciate a friendly smile as they pick up their meal."

For a home delivered meal, call Joyce Robins at 573-317-

0121.

Volunteers must pre-schedule to help by Sunday, Nov. 22

For information or to volunteer, call Lisa Black-Schwandt at 573-216-0209.

Saturday Mass, J.C. St. Peter

The Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Peter Church in Jefferson City will be celebrated and live-streamed each Saturday at 4:30 p.m. until Daylight Savings Time begins again in the spring.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving services

Many local ministerial alliances organize ecumenical prayer services in the days leading up to Thanksgiving Day each year as a chance to pray as one faith community and take up an offering for local people in need.

These services are a long-standing tradition in some

parts of the diocese and offer a rare opportunity to gather and pray united with members of other Christian congregations.

This year's events are subject to change due to the pandemic.

Proper social distancing, the wearing of facemasks and adherence to CDC guide-

lines is necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19.

•**Edina** — Sunday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m., St. Joseph Church — Participation from other ministers and special songs sung by different church members; monetary collection to help the Ministerial Alliance of Knox County provide utility assistance; nonperishable food collection to benefit the Food Pantry of Knox County

•**Hermann** — Sunday, Nov. 22, 4 p.m., St. George School Gym — Facemasks required; collection to help the Hermann Area Ministerial Alliance

•**St. Patrick** — Sunday, Nov. 22, 6 p.m., Shrine of St. Patrick — Facemasks required; Pastor Rick Addison will be the speaker.

Administrative Assistant Needed



The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking a bilingual (Spanish/English) administrative assistant to support the Executive Director of Faith Formation and Hispanic Ministry as well as clerical support for our Vocations Department.

This individual will be expected to take minutes of meetings, compose letters, and will organize events in coordination with our Events Coordinator. It is essential that the candidate have the ability to translate both oral and written communications. Other duties include serving as back-up receptionist for the Catholic Center.

An energetic, welcoming disposition with a solid understanding of Hispanic culture and Catholic values is required. Final candidates will be asked to take a Word and Excel skills assessment.

Please send resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

Director of Religious Education & Youth/Young Adult Ministry



The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking a Director of Religious Education and Youth/Young Adult Ministry to administer the curriculum approval process within the diocese for parish-based religious education. The Director will provide direct support for, and development of, parish-based young adult leaders and youth ministers in the outreach, evangelization, faith formation and pastoral care of their youth. The Director will serve as a liaison between Newman Center campus ministers and the Chancery, as well as oversee the coordination of diocesan-supported youth ministry events at the diocesan, regional and national levels.

The Director of Religious Education and Youth/Young Adult Ministry will be expected to exercise diligence and oversight for the budget assigned to this ministry.

We are specifically seeking a bilingual candidate (English/Spanish) who has the capability of ministering across cultures with well-developed social media skills. A master's degree in catechetics, religious education, theology, or youth ministry is required.

Qualified candidates should email resume to: HRDir@diojeffcity.org



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Pray for deceased priests

Nov. 16 — **Fr. John B. Roettger**, St. Anthony of Padua, Folk (1961)

Nov. 17 — **Fr. J. Patrick Quinn**, Sacred Heart, Rich Fountain; and St. Alexander, Belle (1999)

Nov. 18 — **Msgr. Jerome O. Sommer**, PA, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Robert (2012)

Nov. 24 — **Fr. Frank A. Bussmann**, St. Peter, Fulton; and St. Jude Thaddeus, Mokane (2017)

Nov. 25 — **Msgr. Joseph T. Bugler**, St. Mary, Shelbina (1997)

Nov. 26 — **Fr. Leo A. Stamm**, St. Joseph, Martinsburg (1975)

Nov. 27 — **Fr. Vincent A. Linnebur**, Sacred Heart, Columbia (2007)

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Wednesday — at St. Joseph — "Culture of Death vs. Culture of Life"

Thursday — at St. Boniface — "Our Lady...Mother of God & Mother of the Church"

Administrative Assistant Needed



The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking an Administrative Assistant position in their Jefferson City office at 2207 West Main Street.

The **Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General** are seeking an accomplished Administrative Assistant to support their clerical needs. This individual must have excellent skills with Microsoft Office and the ability to prioritize and switch tasks as needed. This position is also responsible for training others, holds the key position for coordinating maintenance on office equipment and will serve as a back-up administrative assistant to the Bishop as necessary. Professionalism and confidentiality are essential.

Qualified candidates should email a resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

U.M. President Dr. Mun Choi visits Columbia Newman Center

By Jay Nies

The president of the University of Missouri sees the St. Thomas More Newman Center as a powerful resource not just for Catholics, but for the entire university.

It promotes service, builds authentic community, creates connections on campus and helps students persevere through graduation, according to Dr. Mun Choi, president of the four-campus UM system and chancellor of its flagship Columbia campus.

“It provides positive motivation, fellowship with others and an opportunity to think spiritually, beyond the material world and the mundane things that bring stress and concern,” Dr. Choi stated.

The university president visited the Newman Center, hub of Catholic ministry on the Columbia campus, on Oct. 30.

Joining him were Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, Father Daniel Merz, pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center parish, and Father Paul Clark, associate pastor.

Dr. Choi said he was struck by the contemplative environment at the Newman Center, especially in the chapel.

“My first impression was how peaceful and tranquil it is,” he said.

He was pleased to learn about the center’s purpose and mission.

“What really struck a chord with me was that students can go there to study but just as

importantly reflect on their work and their life and discuss it in a manner in which they won’t be judged,” he said.

“And obviously whenever I meet people of faith, I deeply appreciate the work they do for each other, the community and society at large, regardless of the faith of the people they are helping,” he added.

Bishop McKnight and the priests spoke with Dr. Choi while giving him a tour of the complex, which is a spiritual home for students and faculty as well as Catholic parishioners of all ages.

Dr. Choi was particularly impressed with the Wall of Saints, displaying images of canonized saints from all over the world.

“Being in that space and seeing portraits of Mother Theresa and other incredible people who devoted their lives to helping others can only have a positive impact on the work the students do and will pursue after they graduate,” he stated.

Here and beyond

Fr. Merz pointed out that students have the option of stating their religious affiliation when they apply to attend the University of Missouri.

Of those in the current freshman class who exercised that option, about one-third said they are Catholic.

“And there may be many more who chose not to answer,” said Fr. Merz. “So I think the Catholic Church has



Dr. Mun Choi, president of the four-campus University of Missouri system and chancellor of the flagship Columbia campus, visits with Father Daniel Merz, pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center, and Bishop W. Shawn McKnight in the Newman Center Chapel. — Photo by Troy D’Souza

a definite impact on the whole character of the university.”

He asked Dr. Choi if it would be possible to ask the students who answer the religion question for permission to share their contact information with representatives of their religious group on campus.

Dr. Choi said he liked the idea and would look into it.

Fr. Merz said the St. Thomas More Newman Center enjoys a good relationship with the university through an organization called the Association of Campus Religious Advisors (ACRA), with representatives of religious groups that minister on campus.

He said the Newman Center’s main purpose is to connect Catholic students, faculty and university staff members to Christ and the Gospel.

“We believe that makes them better students, better citizens, better people,” he said.

Students who encounter or re-encounter Christ carry their faith out into the workplace and ultimately transform the culture, “and our culture needs a lot of transforming,” the priest stated.

He said the Newman Center also plays an important role in helping students put the social teachings of the Church into practice by helping people in need.

He pointed out that the Church — and by extension, the Newman Center — proposes the Gospel to everyone but imposes it on no one.

He said the Newman Cen-

ter’s priests and staff have noticed increased stress and anxiety among students in these difficult times. The center is looking into hiring a full-time counselor/spiritual director to help students who are seeking those services.

man Centers throughout the world are named in honor of St. Cardinal John Henry Newman, a 19th-century churchman and convert to Catholic Christianity.

Cardinal Newman consistently championed faith formation and religious studies as part of a proper university education.

The Catholic Church declared him a saint in 2019.

Columbia’s Newman Center also bears the name of St. Thomas More, an English jurist who surrendered his own life in 1535 rather than betray the Catholic Church and the objective truth it upholds on marriage.

“Christ is our peace, Christ is our hope,” Fr. Merz noted. “We’re living in this country and are citizens of this country, but our hope lies well beyond this place.”

“So we’re always in tension between being called to pray for and support and build up

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Bishop McKnight’s Calendar

The following appointments are tentative, depending on the pandemic.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 15 USCCB National Collections meeting, noon, video conference, Catholic Center

Nov. 16 USCCB Region 9 meeting 9:30 am; USCCB General Assembly, noon, video conference, Catholic Center

Nov. 17 USCCB General Assembly, noon; USCCB Executive Session, 2 pm, video conference, Catholic Center

Nov. 21 Catholic Stewardship Renewal meeting, 10:30 am, Catholic Center

DECEMBER

Dec. 2 CCCNM Board of Directors meeting, noon, Catholic Center

Bishop McKnight’s November prayer intention for our Local Church

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Joyful Servants Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order canonically established in Jefferson City

A local community of people seeking to order their everyday lives with the Rule of St. Francis

By Jay Nies

A Franciscan understanding of joy is profoundly different from the world's.

"St. Paul tells us that 'we preach Jesus Christ crucified,' so your joy will be a crucified joy," Franciscan Father Pio Jackson told past, present and future members of the Joyful Servants Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order.

"It will be a joy that endures," said Fr. Jackson, spiritual assistant for the order's St. Clare Region. "It will be a joy that comes from the Holy Spirit."

This joy is inseparable from sacrificial service.

"So this is not about you," the priest asserted. "It's about the world that is crying out to hear the Gospel."

He pointed to St. Francis of Assisi's example.

"Remember that when he was lying on his bed suffering, blind, dealing with disease, he still had joy in his heart," the priest said.

In fact, it was while dying that St. Francis added a final line to his Canticle of Creation, "Be praised, My Lord, for our sister, bodily death."

Fr. Jackson presided at a

Sept. 26 Mass marking the canonical establishment of the Joyful Servants Fraternity as a self-sustaining entity.

About 45 people attended the mid-afternoon Mass in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

Lifelong process

Secular Franciscans are the largest branch of the Franciscan Order.

They are a community of Catholic men and women in the world who seek to pattern their lives after Christ in the spirit of St. Francis.

They do so according to the Rule of Life of the Secular Franciscan Order, with help and encouragement from fellow members of their local fraternity.

"Secular Franciscans," The Rule states, "should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church and in liturgical activity."

There are about 300,000 secular Franciscans throughout the world, including about 12,000 in the United States.

Membership is an answer to a calling from God.

"We don't seek members, we nurture vocations," stated Maureen Gray, a founding member of the Joyful Servants Fraternity.

The OFS, formerly known as the Third Order of St. Francis, is an official order within the Catholic Church, established early in the 13th century.

St. Francis wrote the first



Members of the Joyful Servants Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order gather with regional officers of the order in the Cathedral of St. Joseph after Mass on Sept. 26, the day the fraternity was canonically established.

— Photos by Jay Nies

Rule of Life for members of the order. That Rule has been updated since the Second Vatican Council but remains true to the vision of the founder.

It gives Secular Franciscans a concrete way to live out their calling to Franciscan life in a particular way — in their homes and families, at work, in their parishes and in the world.

"Our whole goal is to go from Gospel to life and from life to the Gospel," said Ms. Gray.

"If you have a question about how to do that, you ask, 'How did Jesus teach us to handle that?' You find it in the Gospels. It's all there!" she stated.

Members are single or married laypersons or diocesan clergy.

Led by the Holy Spirit, members strive for perfect charity in their own secular state.

They gather on a regular basis for prayer, ongoing formation, ministry and fellowship.

Secular Franciscans join a local fraternity — a living active Christian community — and become a spiritual family.

As brothers and sisters, they help one another in living out their shared calling to the Gospel life.

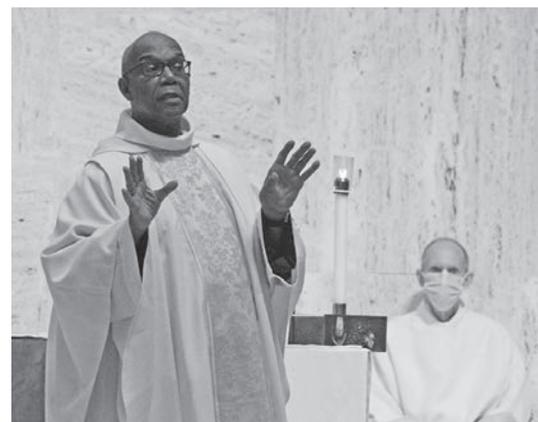
Conversion and conformity to His way of life is a life-

long process, carried out daily despite human frailty.

Strong and viable

The OFS has been active in Missouri for over 100 years, starting in St. Louis.

The order's St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity in Quincy, Illinois, which includes



Franciscan Father Pio Jackson, spiritual assistant for the order's St. Clare Region of the Secular Franciscan Order, preaches a homily about Franciscan joy, during a Sept. 26 Mass in the Cathedral of St. Joseph to celebrate the canonical establishment of the order's Joyful Servants Fraternity in Central Missouri. Seated is Deacon Joseph Puglis of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Columbia, who is the fraternity's spiritual assistant.

members from northern Missouri, was established in 1861.

"As a Canonically Established Fraternity, we are now officially part of all of that history," said Ms. Gray.

The Joyful Servants Fraternity began in 2006 with one professed member, under the sponsorship of the San Damiano Fraternity in Dardenne Prairie.

Ms. Gray had made her profession in Florida in 1978.

When she and her husband moved to Missouri, she began attending meetings in Springfield. She then began traveling to Independence for meetings.

"I had been going there for years when finally, they threw me out of the boat and told me I need to start something here," she said.

Sister Evelyn Peterman, now deceased, of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary agreed to help start a Secular Franciscan Fraternity in central Missouri.

Candidates usually spend three to five years in guided preparation and discernment before making their profession.

An OFS fraternity needs to have more than five professed members for longer than five years in order to receive official recognition from the Vatican and the local bishop.

Only then can the fraternity be canonically established.

Several professed members of the Joyful Servants Fraternity have moved through the years and become active in other fraternities.

"Yet, we have proven to be a strong and viable fraternity and an ongoing sign of Franciscan joy," said Ms. Gray.

Based at Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, the Joyful Servants Fraternity now has

12 professed members from Boonville, Camdenton, Columbia, Fulton and Rolla, as well as two candidates.

United in hope

Fr. Jackson pointed out that the Blessed Mother found favor with God in her lowliness.

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Summary of Vatican's McCarrick report cites lack of serious investigations of rumors

Points to need for transparency, says Bishop McKnight

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Although dogged for years by rumors of sexual impropriety, Theodore E. McCarrick was able to rise up the Catholic hierarchical structure based on personal contacts, protestations of his innocence and a lack of Church officials reporting and investigating accusations, according to the Vatican summary of its report on the matter.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight said the McCarrick Report shows how difficult it is for any closed system, even one divinely inspired, to handle charges of misconduct against anyone with power and authority.

He said it also points to the need for a protocol that ensures accountability.

"The report clearly shows a closed system depends upon the power of the accused, rather than the legitimacy of the accusations, in determining responses," said Bishop McKnight. "We need to move forward with the reforms recently enacted.

"Laity can and must assume an important role in assuring proper transparency and accountability of the hierarchy," he added.

The summary of the report stated that in choosing then-Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark in 2000 to be archbishop of Washington and later a cardinal, St. John Paul II likely overlooked rumors and allegations about McCarrick's sexual misconduct because of a long relationship with him, McCarrick's own strong denial and the pope's experience with communist authorities in Poland making accusations to discredit the Church.

But, in fact, rumors of McCarrick's conduct, especially knowledge that he had young adult men and seminarians sleep in the same bed with him when he was bishop of Metuchen, New Jersey, led the Vatican to decide it would be

"imprudent" to promote him when looking for candidates to become archbishop of Chicago in 1997, New York in 1999-2000 and, initially, of Washington in July 2000, the report said.

Two-year investigation

One hour before the release Nov. 10 of the "Report on the Holy See's Institutional Knowledge and Decision-Making Related to Former Cardinal Theodore Edgar McCarrick," journalists were given the document's 14-page introduction, which described the two-year investigation that led to the report's compilation and gave an "executive summary" of its findings.

In June 2018, the Vatican suspended McCarrick from ministry after an investigation by the Archdiocese of New York found credible a charge that he sexually abused a teenager.

McCarrick resigned from the College of Cardinals in July, and in February 2019, after a canonical process found McCarrick guilty of "solicitation in the sacrament of confession and sins against the Sixth Commandment with minors and with adults, with the aggravating factor of the abuse of power," Pope Francis dismissed him from the Priesthood.

In August 2018, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, former nuncio to the United States, called on Pope Francis to resign after claiming that he had informed Pope Francis of McCarrick's abuse in 2013 and that top Vatican officials knew of McCarrick's abusive behavior for years.

That claim led Pope Francis to initiate an investigation into how McCarrick was able to continue to rise through Church ranks despite the repeated rumors, anonymous letters, allegations and even settlements with alleged victims.

The report summary said, "No records support Vigano's account" of his meeting with Pope Francis "and evidence as to what he said is sharply disputed."

Until the allegations about child sexual abuse were made



Then-Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington faces the press in the shadow of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 24, 2002. U.S. cardinals met for a summit with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican April 23-24, 2002, as the sex abuse crisis unfolded in the United States. Cardinal McCarrick was a key spokesman for the bishops during the summit.

— CNS photo/Paolo Cocco, Reuters

to the Archdiocese of New York in 2017, "Francis had heard only that there had been allegations and rumors related to immoral conduct with adults occurring prior to McCarrick's appointment to Washington," it said.

"Believing that the allegations had already been reviewed and rejected by Pope John Paul II, and well aware that McCarrick was active during the papacy of Benedict XVI, Pope Francis did not see the need to alter the approach that had been adopted in prior years," the summary said.

Extensive interviews

The introduction to the report said it is based on documents found at the Vatican and the apostolic nunciature in the United States as well as interviews — "ranging in length from one to 30 hours" — with more than 90 witnesses in the United States, Italy and elsewhere. They included survivors, cardinals, bishops and former seminarians.

In a statement issued with the report, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, said the contributions of survivors were "fundamental."

The introduction of the report cautions survivors of abuse that certain sections "could prove traumatizing" and warns that some portions of the document are "inappropriate for minors."

of the World" (*"Vos Estis Lux Mundi"*), Pope Francis' 2019 document on promoting bishops' accountability and setting out procedures for handling accusations of abuse against bishops.

Denials believed

According to the summary, St. John Paul's decisions to name McCarrick bishop of Metuchen in 1981 and archbishop of Newark in 1986 were based on "his background, skills and achievements. During the appointment process, McCarrick was widely lauded as a pastoral, intelligent and zealous bishop."

The summary also said that, at the time, "no credible information emerged suggesting that he had engaged in any misconduct."

But in October 1999 Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York wrote to Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, then nuncio in the United States, summarizing allegations about McCarrick, then-archbishop of Newark.

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Official Decree On pastoral activities in the Diocese of Jefferson City after November 27, 2020

Whereas the case numbers of COVID-19 infections remain at their highest levels for many counties of Mid-Missouri; and

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

Whereas the Presbyteral Council has provided their advice with regard to the ongoing reality of the pandemic; and

Whereas the current DECREE governing pastoral activities during the pandemic expires on the 27th day of November 2020;

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

1. All dispensations, obligations and guidance of the

previous DECREE of 21 August 2020, originally effective until 27 November 2020, shall now be extended until further notice.

2. All the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City, and those who are present in the territory of the Diocese, are therefore dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice, provided that for days of precept they do one of the following:

a.) Prayerfully participate in the Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation Mass live streamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, the Vatican, or of any Mass of the day celebrated in communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

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.

c.) The faithful still have the obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy and "to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2185).

3. Parishes are highly encouraged to livestream Masses for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation to maintain a pastoral connection with their parishioners during and after the pandemic.

4. Celebrations of penance services, as well as other seasonal services that entail extra gatherings of the faithful apart from Mass, are to be avoided. Instead, parish priests are asked to make themselves more available, even on a daily basis during the last week of Advent, to hear the confessions of the faithful.

5. Whenever possible, the faithful should present themselves to their parish priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick before they depart for the hospital. Because of pandemic protocols at hospitals throughout the diocese, priests may not have access to patients at the hospital.

6. The Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] on December 24, 2020, may be celebrated as early as 3:00 pm to accommodate an ample Mass schedule for social distancing requirements. Whenever possible, every active priest of the diocese shall celebrate a Vigil Mass of Christmas at 3:00 pm with the faithful so as to minimize large numbers congregating at the most popular Mass of the season. The allowance for a 3:00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas is only for this year and not to be presumed for the future.

This decree is effective from 28 November 2020 and until further notice, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery
of the Diocese of Jefferson City
on this 11th day of November, 2020

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

Mrs. Constance Schepers, Chancellor

Nuncio clarifies Pope's statements presented in documentary film

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, sent the following letter on Oct. 30 to Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the bishops of the United States:

Your Excellency,

The Secretariat of State of the Holy Father has asked me to share with you, and through you with the members of the Episcopal Conference, the following observations in reference to certain remarks contained in the documentary film "Francesco," by director Evgeny Afineevsky, that have caused various reactions and interpretations in the last few days.

The Holy Father has directed that these observations be offered in order to permit an adequate understanding of his words.

More than a year ago, in the course of an interview, Pope Francis responded to two distinct questions at different moments that, in the said documentary, were edited and published as a single response without the necessary context, which has resulted in confusion.

The Holy Father, first and foremost, referred in a pastoral manner to the need, within the family, for a son or daughter with a homosexual orientation to never be discriminated against.

The following words are intended in this sense: "Las personas homosexuales tienen derecho a estar en familia; son hijos de Dios, tienen derecho a una familia. No se puede echar de la familia a nadie ni hacerle la vida imposible por eso."

The following paragraph from the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation concerning love in the family, "Amoris Laetitia" (2016), can shed light on those responses:

"During the Synod, we discussed the situation of families whose members include persons who experience same-sex attraction, a situation not easy either for parents or for children.

"We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while 'every sign of unjust discrimination' is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence.

"Such families should be given respectful pastoral guidance, so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God's will in their lives."

A subsequent question during that interview pertained rather to a local law of 10 years ago in Argentina, regarding "matrimonios igualitarios de parejas del mismo sexo" and to the opposition of the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires towards it.

In this respect, Pope Francis affirmed that "es una incongruencia hablar de matrimonio homosexual," adding that, in such a precise context, he had spoken of the right of these persons to legal cover: "lo que tenemos que hacer es una ley de convivencia civil: tienen derecho a estar cubiertos legalmente. Yo defendí eso."

During a 2014 interview, the Holy Father expressed himself as follows:

"Marriage is between a man and a woman. Secular States want to justify civil unions in order to regularize the various situations of cohabitation, driven by the necessity to regularize economic matters between persons, such as ensuring health care, for example.

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New shelter, outdoor altar in Montgomery City parish cemetery

By Jay Nies

A tight band of saints-still-striving trod softly above those at rest at St. Mary Cemetery in Montgomery City.

They joined Father Augustine Okoli for Mass on All Souls Day and to dedicate the recently completed shelter and outdoor altar.

“We are here because we believe in the power of the Resurrection,” Fr. Okoli stated. “All of

this — this shelter, this altar, everything around it — speaks to our belief in the power of the Resurrection.”

The substantial structure, with steel beams and columns and a concrete foundation, will accommodate outdoor Masses and burial rites in inclement weather.

Parishioners donated labor to build the shelter, the stone altar and a new pedestal for a life-size image of the Blessed Mother, along with other cemetery improvements.

Fr. Okoli — pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Montgomery City, St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg, St. Patrick Parish in Jonesburg and Church of the Resurrection Parish in Wellsville — noted that the project has been about three years in the making.

“And it came at a proper time, because God’s time is only the best,” he said.

In God’s hands

The priest reminded everyone of two questions and answers from the once-ubiquitous *Baltimore Catechism*:

“Who made you? God made you.”

“Why did He make you? To love Him and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.”

Fr. Okoli emphasized that in God, nothing is lost.

“That’s what Jesus tells us in the Gospel: ‘Everything that the Father gives to Me, I will raise on the last day!’” he said. “That is why we celebrate the feast of All Souls.”

He pointed out that the Church consists of three parts



LEFT: The new shelter and outdoor altar in St. Mary Cemetery in Montgomery City. **RIGHT:** Father Augustine Okoli offers Mass at the newly-built outdoor altar on Nov. 2, All Souls Day.
— Photos by Jay Nies

— the people who are in heaven, those who are living on earth, and those who have died and are being made ready for heaven.

“There’s always a connection among the three,” he stated. “We pray for all souls, especially those in purgatory, that through His mercy, God will open the gates of heaven to them and welcome them.”

At the same time, people in this life ask the saints in heaven to pray for them, “because we want to be like them!”

This deep connection is too much to understand fully in this life, “but Jesus tells us, ‘Everything the Father gives Me will come to Me,’” the priest noted. “And as St. Paul reminds us, ‘We walk by faith and not by sight.’”

Faith gives people the desire and motivation to keep moving toward God and having that reflect in actions that are pleasing to Him.

“That’s why we hear in the Book of Wisdom, ‘The souls of the just are in the hands of God,’” said Fr. Okoli.

“Even though sometimes through our sin, we forsake God, we run away from God, He is ALWAYS looking out for us,” he said.

“Making history”

Fr. Okoli prayed a blessing over the altar and sprinkled it with holy water.

“Through our adoration of Your Son present in the Eucharist, lead us to a closer union with the mystery of our redemption,” he prayed.

He also blessed the shelter and then re-blessed the entire cemetery.

He offered prayers for the faithful departed, especially those from Immaculate Conception Parish.

“May Your departed servants, for whom we have celebrated this Paschal Sacrament, pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace, through Christ, Our Lord,” he prayed.

He thanked the members of the cemetery committee — Brad Arens, Michael Auchly, Tom Benney, George Boes, Daryl Cobb and Janet Stumbaugh — who oversaw the building of the pavilion and other improvements.

“They did a wonderful job, and I believe this is the first of its kind in this area,” he said.

He said he considers it an honor to serve as pastor during such a great accomplishment.

“We’re making history!” he said.

Hope and comfort

Immaculate Conception parishioner and cemetery committee member Michael Auchley said the shelter and altar project took shape through lively discussions.

“Finally, we came to an agreement on what and where it should be, and we were all excited to move forward with this project,” he said.

Construction began last fall.

Board members and other parishioners helped pour the concrete and build the altar.

“There were a lot of donations of time and effort and energy that was put into making this happen,” said Mr. Auchley.

The shelter is a tangible manifestation of the parish’s concern for people mourning the loss of a loved one.

“Hopefully, for inclement-weather funerals, we have a nice and more comfortable spot to have the burial services,” he added.

It’s all part of an ongoing effort to “to provide a home for all of our past parishioners,” he said.

Not forgotten

This is the parish’s second cemetery.

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

The earliest parishioners were laid to rest in the Worland family cemetery, located due south and over a valley and a ridge from the present cemetery.

The parish purchased the current, larger site at 46-98 Old Williamsburg Road as the community continued to grow.

A recent addition expanded the cemetery by about one-third.

The cemetery board has recently undertaken the repair of headstones, the replacement of footings under those that were settling, and the regrading of entire sections of the cemetery to make it more level.

“We’ve been doing quite a

bit of upkeep and upgrading,” said Mr. Auchley.

There is a slightly larger than life-size statue of the Blessed Mother outside the pavilion, facing the front of the cemetery and Williamsburg Road.

Mr. Auchley’s father, William Auchley, now deceased, donated the statue in memory of William’s deceased mother and uncle about 20 years ago.

In its new location, the statue is now more visible from the road.

William Auchley and his late wife, Marion, were avid chroniclers and curators of Montgomery City and Immaculate Conception Parish history.

Their earthly remains are now at rest under a shade tree in St. Mary Cemetery.

“There are a lot of good memories, fond memories of everybody here,” said Michael Auchley.

Family reunion

Mr. Auchley said maintaining and beautifying the cemetery is important work.

“These are our relatives and this is our past and our history,” he said. “This is their final resting place and it’s gonna be my final resting place and the rest of my family, more than likely.”

“This is ‘eternal rest’ and ‘perpetual light,’ and it’s in memory and honor of them as we await the Resurrection, so that they have a beautiful place to arise from!” he said.

What will that day be like? “Joyful! An absolute celebration!” said Mr. Auchley. “What a wonderful reunion!”

CCHD collection slated for Nov. 21-22

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform the places where they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God.

In addition to making an impact nationally, those living in poverty in our own diocese are empowered through the 25-percent share of our collection that stays here.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic circumstances that are stressful for all and dire for many. For essential workers who must be on the job and away from home, there is increased danger of being exposed to the Coronavirus. This has been especially true for many migrant farm and factory workers.

Here in the Diocese of Jefferson City, the CCHD funded Rural Community Workers Alliance (RCWA) has helped organize workers to ensure that their health and safety are being prioritized, allowing them to continue the vital work that helps feed America.

During the pandemic, the RCWA has provided the tools and training necessary for workers to be proactive in advocating for the personal protective equipment, workplace modifications, and safety protocols that keep them safe and on the job.

In doing so, they ensure and enhance the inherent dignity of each person, a core tenet of our Catholic Social Teaching.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for individuals and families living in poverty across our diocese and the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help CCHD this year.

If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

QUESTION CORNER

Meaning of 'Few are chosen'

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. Jesus told many stories about God's willingness to forgive our sins — like the story of the prodigal son. But He also said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father" (Matthew 7:21).

And in the account of the king who gave a great banquet, but the invited guests declined to come, Jesus says at the end, "Many are invited, but few are chosen." How do we know if we are among the "few" or the "many?" (Louisville, Kentucky)

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Papal Audience November 11, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our catechesis on prayer, we have seen that Jesus prayed to His Father with *perseverance*. Three parables in Luke's Gospel emphasize how we too need to be constant in our prayer. The first parable, in which a man asks for help from a friend in the middle of the night and does not give up until his friend responds, teaches us the need to pray with *insistence*.

In the second parable, we see in the widow who persists in asking the unrighteous judge for justice, the importance of *patience*. The third parable, that of the publican and the Pharisee at prayer in the Temple, reveals that God responds to those who pray with *humility*. We see these three attitudes — insistence, patience and humility — reflected in the saints who persevered in prayer through moments of darkness when God seemed to be silent or absent.

May we continue to persevere in prayer conscious that we never pray alone, but with Christ Himself, in the power of the Holy Spirit. As St. Augustine succinctly puts it: Jesus "prays for us as our priest, he prays in us as our Head, and as our God He is the One to Whom we pray" (cf. CCC, 2616).

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. In this month of November, let us pray especially for our deceased loved ones, and for all who have died, that the Lord in His mercy will welcome them to the banquet of eternal life. Upon you and your families, I invoke the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!



Dedication prayer for Cole County Bicentennial Monument

Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, vicar general for the Jefferson City diocese, offered the following prayer Nov. 7 during the dedication ceremony for the Cole County Centennial Monument outside the County Courthouse in Jefferson City:

Almighty God and everlasting Creator, Whose greatness and insight has been witnessed throughout the history of the universe, we stand in awe of Your power and might during this quiet moment of prayer.

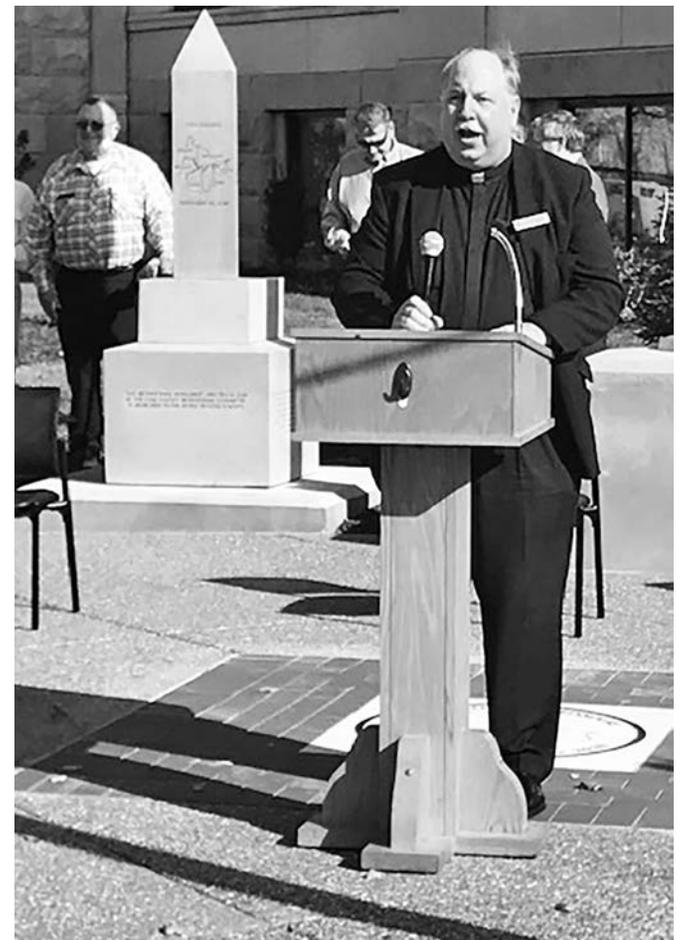
In humble adoration, we praise Your Most Holy Name. By Your infinite wisdom, You have guided our ancestors in good times as well as bad, in sickness and in health.

You have ordered their lives in times of peace and through periods when distrust between peoples erupted even into war!

By their perseverance, love and example, we continue to know of Your mercy and grace, and we are thankful.

Now we call upon You to continue to direct our steps and to order our lives, that they may be dedicated to Your praise and glory into the future.

Now, we are gathered in this place in our Capital City, by our courthouse, a place we would set aside to honor the heroes and heroines of our Cole County. Men and women who, in giving of themselves long ago, have endured separation from family and friends; have given of their time and skills; have placed respect for



Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky leads a prayer of dedication for the Cole County Bicentennial Memorial, visible in the background, outside the Cole County Courthouse in Jefferson City. The county was founded Nov. 16, 1820, nine months before Missouri became a state.

— Photo by Scott Sellner

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Faith at home is faith for others

By Laura Kelly Fanucci
Catholic News Service



Did you know that one of the most famous lines attributed to St. Teresa of Kolkata was never spoken by her?

“If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.”

What Mother Teresa actually said came from her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech in 1979:

“My prayer for you is that truth will bring prayer in our homes, and from the foot of prayer will be that we believe that in the poor it is Christ. And we will really believe, we will begin to love. And we will love naturally, we will try to do something. First in our own home, [then the] next door neighbor in the country we live, [then] in the whole world.”

Rather than telling us to go home, she was urging us to go out — to start where we are, but never to stay there.

Finding ways to give thanks

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP



An unexpected headline in the *New York Times* recently caught my eye: “A Disrupted Thanksgiving Leaves the Turkey Business Guessing.”

The article that followed discussed a question that is, according to the author, on the tip of everyone’s tongue — “Just how many whole turkeys will Americans cook this year for a holiday whose wings have been clipped by the pandemic?”

I don’t know if there was any pun intended, but I found the question quite amusing.

I can’t say that this has been the big question on my mind lately, but I have been thinking ahead and wondering what Thanksgiving and Christmas will look like this year.

Throughout the summer, social distancing regulations were relaxed throughout much of the country, but we are now seeing worrying signs of a COVID second wave.

In the world of long-term care, we still live in a virtual bubble with our elderly residents and essential staff, almost completely cut off from the outside world. Families, volunteers and our devoted lay associates — who provide companionship, entertainment and the little extras that make life more pleasant for our frail seniors — have all been barred from our homes since mid-March.

We try to take one day at a time, but

In a year when religious education is happening at home for many families, this truth is more important than ever. Faith at home is not faith for home alone. The call to love moves outward, not inward.

What happens within the walls of our homes cannot define our faith or limit our love, because we are always called to turn toward others and seek their good as we work toward the kingdom of God.

What’s more, as parents, grandparents or guardians, the faith we are trying to nurture within our children is not only about them.

As a white family living in the Midwest, for example, my husband and I do not experience racism as many of our friends and relatives do. But we are called to fight passionately against this evil.

As a middle-class family with food in our cupboards, we do not experience hunger or poverty like others in our community. But we are called to serve all who are suffering.

As a family with access to technology and two parents who can work from home, we do not worry about our kids’

we are always aware that even a single positive COVID test would send our residents back into isolation. Recently, some of them told me that they expect the holidays to be quite difficult this year since it is unlikely they will be able to spend time in close proximity with their loved ones.

Despite having minimal contact with the outside world, we remain mindful of those who have passed away due to COVID-19 and the thousands of loved ones who mourn their loss, as well as those who have lost their jobs or homes, those who struggle everyday to provide for their families and those who are risking their own lives for others.

What will Thanksgiving mean this year, in the face of so many challenges and so much loss? What will we find to be grateful for? How can we celebrate while our lives are still so thoroughly disrupted, and our wings and spirits remain clipped?

I find answers to these questions in the faces and example of our elderly residents.

Throughout these last months, we have marveled at how resilient our residents are in the face of daily inconveniences, constantly changing routines and countless unknowns. Although in many cases their bodies are frail, their spirits — and their sense of humor — have remained strong.

What is the secret to their resilience?

As members of the greatest and silent generations, our residents experienced

safety or supervision while they are distance learning. But we are called to care about the education of all children, not just our own.

Our Church defines the common good as shared efforts to “make accessible to each what is needed to lead a truly human life: food, clothing, health, work, education and culture, suitable information, the right to establish a family, and so on” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1908).

Now is the time for Catholics to pray, act and vote for the common good. As followers of Christ Who came to lay down His life for others, we cannot concern ourselves only with our inner circle or our own well-being.

Faith compels us to look outward, to see Christ in the least among us and to ask what the most vulnerable in our society need. How we pray, what we teach and how we serve are all ways that we form children (and adults!) to become people for others: Catholics called to the common good.

The *Catechism* reminds us that “the dignity of the human person requires the pursuit of the common good” (No. 1926). Our personal experiences, individual desires, or particular preferences are not ultimate. Instead, God calls us to move out toward those who are in need.

Seeking the common good is challenging and countercultural, but deeply Christian. We need it acutely in this time of widespread suffering.

Remember St. Teresa’s wisdom. She was not telling us to go home and shut the door behind us. She reminded us that home is where we start — and where we leave to serve our neighbors, strangers and even our enemies.

In uncommon times, we are still called to the common good.

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REFLECTION

There is a season

By Mark Saucier

You wouldn’t know it by the temperatures, but autumn is passing and winter is in its tow.

For those with lawns and gardens, it’s a busy time of raking, cutting, cleaning and winterizing.

One autumnal task is fertilizing. Experts recommend a high-nitrogen application that will heal the summer damage to the roots and provide them with food for winter.

We don’t know what this winter will be like. The woolly worm predicts a mild one, while the spoon-shaped persimmon seed foretells a lot of snow. The government’s meteorological service gives us an even chance for both.

But winter is more than weather. It is short days and long nights. This year, the darkness of the season will surely deepen amidst a COVID surge and the anxiety of a divided country.

Maybe we should be making autumn preparations to winterize the roots of our being. Maybe we, too, need to be healed and nourished for the winter.

Autumn warns us of the inevitable death in our world. Among the falling leaves and withered flowers, we might reflect on what is dying, or what should die in our own lives.

Admitting, accepting, and grieving now will give winter a chance to do its healing.

We might take advantage of winter’s isolation to spend more time in spiritual reading. As the squirrels gather their winter food, we can use autumn to prepare a list of titles we hope will nurture us.

We can dust off our Bible or find a Scripture app for our phone. We can chart a course for a winter journey with the Word.

We can form a circle of spiritual support, intentionally and honestly engaging with others in matters of the heart.

Hearing their stories and sharing our own, we will be encouraged and corrected as we try to navigate our way.

None of this, though, will be of much help, unless we have an intimacy with God, or at least an availability to God. This takes only three things: time, patience and silence.

Winter is built for all three, but we are not, at least not without practice.

In this daily prayer, void of our own words and needs, we are freed to feel the movement of God in our lives. It is here that the heart is healed and seeds of trust and thanksgiving are sown.

Maybe it was autumn when Paul wrote to the Colossians: “Keep your roots deep in Him, build your lives on Him ... And be filled with thanksgiving.”

RIP Sr. Alice O'Brien OSB, 75, formerly of Columbia monastery

Benedictine Sister Alice O'Brien, 75, who had been a member of the former Our Lady of Peace Monastery in Columbia, died on Oct. 17 in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

She had been a member of St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith since 2008.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated privately due to COVID-19, with Father Les Farley, chaplain of St. Scholastica Monastery, presiding.

Burial was in the monastery cemetery, next to her sister, the late Benedictine Sister Rose Maria Birkenfeld, and the late Benedictine Sister Rose Ashour, both of whom had lived in community with Sr. Alice in Columbia and Fort Smith.

"She was practical, generous and open-minded and much loved by all who had the good fortune to know her," recalled Benedictine Sister Barbara Bock, who lived in community with Sr. Alice in Columbia and Fort Smith and knew her for many years before that.

Solid foundation

Alice was born on March 9, 1945 in Amarillo, Texas, the third of five children born to John and Doris (Moore) Birkenfeld.

The family practiced their Catholic faith devoutly.

Alice attended Catholic grade school and high school.

That "enabled me to attend daily Mass as well as participate in regular liturgical celebrations," she recalled in a 2017

video profile. "... The teaching gave me a solid foundation in my faith, along with the good example of my parents."

Her sister, Sr. Rose Maria, entered religious life at St. Scholastica when Alice was 5.

Alice enjoyed visiting the monastery and in eighth grade began thinking about becoming a sister.

Her teacher, a Benedictine, advised her to finish college before discerning a call to religious life.

Wife and mother

Alice graduated in 1963, the year she met her husband. They fell in love and got married.

She was 17, and he was 19 and serving in the Air Force.

They had six children.

It was a difficult marriage and ended in divorce in 1984.

"I know that God was in charge of all these events, but it was difficult to see that at the time," she recalled in 2017.

She studied nursing while raising her children, eventually becoming a registered nurse and completing a bachelor's degree in health arts from St. Francis College in Joliet, Illinois.

"It was a struggle, and there were times I didn't go to Mass because part of me felt I did not belong there because I was divorced," she recalled.

Called to community

Alice worked for many years as a registered nurse and was active in St. Thomas Parish in

Elkhart, Indiana.

Her sister and her pastor encouraged her to seek an annulment — a declaration, based on evidence, that her marriage was not a valid sacramental union.

An annulment would free her to marry in the Church.

She became more involved in pro-life work, in her parish's Rosary society, and teaching religious education.

She began considering religious life again after her children were grown and she received an annulment.

She began visiting Sr. Rose Maria frequently and getting to know the rest of the Our Lady of Peace community.

"In my discernment, I investigated more communities, but the Benedictine values and charism had always attracted me," Sr. Alice recalled in 2017.

"I liked the ministries the sisters were involved in, the prayer life and the value of community," she said.

She was accepted as a Benedictine affiliate at Our Lady of Peace in 1999 and became a postulant on Aug. 3, 2000.

She brought with her an eagerness to learn, a love of prayer, a willingness to participate actively in community life, a love of gardening and an array of life experiences.

"I also brought a love of people and the Benedictine way of life," she recalled.



Sr. Alice O'Brien OSB (1945-2020)

"Freedom to grow"

While in Columbia, Sr. Alice served as vocation director and worked at a nursing home.

Sr. Rose Maria taught her courses in Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Sr. Alice became a novice in 2001 and made her temporary profession on Aug. 15, 2003.

She appreciated life in community, which reminded her of growing up in a large family — "with love and concern, as well as struggles."

She said one of her favorite aspects of monastic life was "the freedom to grow spiritually wherever God is calling me, and the ability to learn new things."

On March 17, 2008, she transferred to St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith and renewed her temporary profession on Aug. 15 of that year.

Her favorite volunteer activities were with the pro-life movement, and she loved her work as a nurse.

She professed final vows on June 24, 2011.

"All six of her children and I can't even tell you how many grandchildren were at the religious profession," Sr. Rose Maria, who died in 2017, recalled in 2011. "They came from all over. Of course, the grandchildren delight in telling people that their grandmother is a nun!"

Prayer and work

In the monastic community in Fort Smith, Sr. Alice served as an assistant in the infirmary, as a spiritual director, as assistant vocation director and as a formation director.

She also offered her talents

as a hairstylist.

She took classes through the Little Rock School of Theology and volunteered at Heart to Heart Pregnancy Support Center in Fort Smith.

She was well known for her Santa's Coffee Cake, candy cane cookies and crocheted angels and tops for hand towels, which were all popular items at the monastery's annual bake sale.

Sr. Alice balanced well her love and devotion for her children and grandchildren with her faithful commitment to her monastic duties as a member of the St. Scholastica community.

"Our monastic life is a quiet and holy one, a very rewarding life," she stated. "It consists of prayer and work."

Sr. Barbara met Sr. Alice while she was in high school in Amarillo and teaching in the parish religious education program.

"I recognized her zest and good zeal in the love for God, Church, family, religious community and friends, and for promoting life, especially for the unborn," said Sr. Barbara.

"She strived to get a good education in theology, nursing, and other areas and used her learning in her work and devoted care of others," she added.

Circle unbroken

Sr. Alice moved to the monastery infirmary when her health declined and then to Chapel Ridge Health and Rehab.

Preceding her in death were her former husband Daniel O'Brien; a son, Daniel; a brother, Charles Birkenfeld; and a sister, Sr. Rose Maria.

Surviving are three sons, Stephen, Christopher and Andy (Charda) O'Brien; two daughters, Tamara and Cynthia O'Brien; a daughter-in-law, Alene; her beloved grandchildren; brothers, Martin (Loretta) and Howard (Annette) Birkenfeld; nieces and nephews and members of her Benedictine Community.

The 2017 video titled "Sr. Alice O'Brien Vocation Story" can be found by searching **Youtube.com**.

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 mantle 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.

JOYFUL SERVANTS

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“So let that be part of your mission as a joyful servant,” the priest said.

He urged the members not to waste energy trying to be great.

“We have enough greatness out there!” he proclaimed. “We need the people who can be vulnerable, who can be small, who can be hidden, who are not afraid to be vulnerable, who are not afraid to be broken, who are not afraid to depend upon the providence of Christ and God’s Divine Mercy!”

He urged them receive the Body and Blood of Christ in full communion with the Church, and then allow themselves to be broken and given to others.

“Celebrate your oneness,” he said. “Celebrate what unites you: our hope in Jesus Christ. Remember that Christ is first, now and forever, the Joyful Servant.

Fr. Jackson then summoned each member and inquirer by name to

stand before the altar and receive a blessing.

He then placed his signature on the four canonical documents establishing the fraternity, with Ms. Gray and Nancy Singh, the fraternity’s minister, serving at witnesses.

Steve Geldmacher, minister of the order’s St. Clare Regional Fraternity; Franciscan Father Thomas Nairn, provincial minister of the Sacred Heart Region of the Order of Friars Minor; and Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of the Jefferson City diocese previously signed the documents.

Mrs. Singh proclaimed a section of the Secular Franciscan Rule: “The local fraternity is to be established canonically. It becomes the basic unit of the whole order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of

its members.”

“Amazing day”

The Mass was offered in memory of St. Evelyn Marie, who was the fraternity’s first spiritual assistant, and Kathleen Sibarius, who was a member.

Assisting Fr. Jackson at the Mass was Deacon Joseph Puglis of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Columbia, who is the fraternity’s current spiritual assistant.

Jan Parker, national minister of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States, led the singing.

Connie Shanks, the fraternity’s vice minister, and Ashley Kleiner, who became a candidate for membership that day, proclaimed the readings.

Mrs. Geldmacher also attended.

“For the Joyful Servants, this is an amazing day,” Mrs. Singh said

at the start of the Sept. 26 celebration. “It’s been a 14-year journey for us to get to this point. And it’s been an incredible journey.”

Living in the Word

At a simple reception after Mass, two inquirers who have been attending the meetings and studying The Rule became candidates.

They also received a simple wooden pendant of the Greek letter *tau*, a traditional symbol of the Franciscan order, to wear.

Together, they stated: “We ask to enter this fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, so that we may live more intensely and faithfully the grace and dedication of our Baptism by following Jesus Christ according to the teachings and example of St. Francis of Assisi.

“In this way,” they continued, “we intend to be of service to all through our secular state of life for the glory of God and



Maureen Gray, formation director for the Joyful Servants Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, presents a wooden tau pendant to Kate Saltzman as part of her acceptance into candidacy for the order. With them is Ashley Kleiner, who also became a candidate that day, Franciscan Father Pio Jackson and Deacon Joseph Puglis. — Photo by Jay Nies

to fulfil His plan of love on behalf of all people.”

Both will continue their studies and discernment for at least two years before having the opportunity to become professed members of the fraternity.

“To me, being a Secular Franciscan is a way to radically give my everyday life to God while continuing to live in the world,” stated Ms. Kleiner, one of the new candidates.

She said the Franciscan call-

ing is to live out the Gospel simply, as Jesus asked.

“The other Secular Franciscans give me hope because they challenge me to continually convert my life to God,” she said.

Kate Saltzman, the other new candidate, said she recognizes God working through the fraternity during these difficult times.

“We know that all people at all times are called to be joyful servants, whatever happens, be-

cause Jesus takes care of everything,” she stated.

God is in control

Connie Shanks, vice minister of the Joyful Servants Fraternity, said part of following Christ through St. Francis is knowing that Jesus loves her, no matter what she does or doesn’t do.

“He is in control and that all I have to do is surrender myself to Him and He will take care of everything,” she said.

Ms. Gray requested prayers for the members of the Joyful Servants Fraternity to remain strong in love and joy “as we serve our sisters and brothers in our local communities and in our fraternity, especially in these challenging times.”

Ms. Kleiner suggested also praying for health and faith — “and we as Secular Franciscans will continue to pray for and serve God’s children in mid-Missouri.”

Contact Ms. Gray at 660-882-3133 for information about discerning a possible calling to Secular Franciscan life in the Joyful Servants Fraternity.

DEDICATION

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others over their own safety; in the performance of vocations some have paid the price of loss; some have even given their all, even their very lives to the call to service.

To all of these humble and brave individuals we owe much gratitude. Yet, too often, we have failed to recognize or appreciate the bravery of everyone, their unselfish dedication to family, and even criticized the political or religious causes for which they have been formed.

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Pope names Abp. Pizzaballa as Latin patriarch of Jerusalem

Catholic News Service

Jerusalem
Pope Francis appointed

Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa as the 10th Latin patriarch of Jerusalem since the

restoration of the patriarchate in 1847.

In an Oct. 24 announce-

ment, the Apostolic Delegation of Jerusalem and Palestine said it welcomed the

appointment.

“Pope Francis, wishing to answer to the spiritual and pastoral needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, has provided it with a new Patriarch, as the Shepherd of the Latin community in the Holy Land,” the delegation said in its announcement.

Archbishop Pizzaballa has been serving as the apostolic administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem since July 2016.



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St. Joseph, Martinsburg: home of the buckeye rosary tradition

By Eddie O'Neill

While Ohio is popularly known as the Buckeye State, the Show-Me State has its own connection to this unique tree.

For more than 30 years, Jan Schaefer has been the creator of the annual buckeye rosary at St. Joseph Church and school in Martinsburg.

Her handmade prayer beads are raffled off each October in the grade school in honor of the month dedicated to the Rosary.

"I started in 1989 with the encouragement of the principal at the time, and the sisters of the Most Precious Blood," explained Mrs. Schaefer. "There is a buckeye tree on the parish grounds, and the kids each year at the school would pick up the nuts and then let me know to come and get them."

Mrs. Schaefer creates just one rosary a year out of the brownish-yellow nuts. It hangs in a prominent spot on a bulletin board for all to admire.

That rosary is then raffled off at the end of October to one lucky school kid.

"There is a tradition at the school in October where the students are asked to pray for someone," she said. "They then can put their name and the person they prayed for on a slip of paper and enter it into the raffle."

Mrs. Schaefer, who is a 1974 graduate of St. Joseph School, added that she usually tries to have the rosary finished and up on display at the school by the first week in October.

Principal Michelle Hombs said the students look forward to this tradition every year.

"The students like how our faith and something from nature, the buckeyes, are incorporated together," she told *The Catholic Missourian*. "They also enjoy picking up the buckeyes from our last buckeye tree in front of the parish's rectory."

Mrs. Schaefer's said it takes her anywhere from two or three days to two weeks to actually make the rosary, depending on what is going on in her own personal life.

"I pick out the smooth buckeyes and drill the holes



Third-grader Lily Bosworth, daughter of Julie Bosworth, displays the buckeye rosary she won this year as part of the annual Month of the Rosary observance at St. Joseph School in Martinsburg.

— Photo by Jan Schaefer

in them, and then I thread nylon cord through them with a big needle," she said. "If I sat down and did it straight through, it would take several hours."

As the Month of the Rosary came to an end, all 52 students in kindergarten through eighth grade gathered for the big drawing.

"After the name is drawn, the whole school prays for that student and the person the student had been praying for," said Mrs. Schaefer.

Mrs. Hombs is no stranger to this buckeye tradition. Not only is she in her fifth year as principal, she previously taught

at the school and was a student

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CATHEDRAL

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As such, it should be unmistakably Catholic.

"In this sacred place, God blesses us as we give Him our worship and praise," the bishop said. "We are the living stones of Christ's Church, His dwelling among people. But the living Church is housed in this abode of God.

"Here we come to worship God, together, as well as in individual devotional prayer," he stated.

The renewed cathedral will include a substantially larger gathering area — known as a narthex — fronting West Main Street, as well as an outdoor canopy and bell towers.

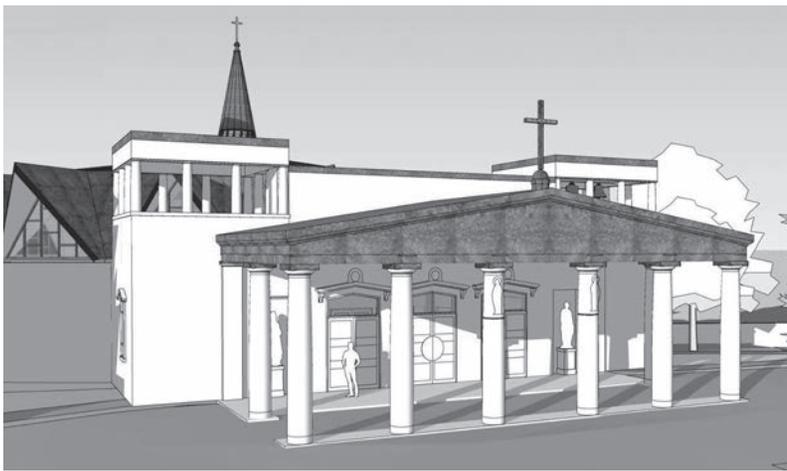
Symbols of St. Joseph will adorn the front of the canopy.

As was originally intended when the cathedral was built, bells will be placed in one of the towers.

The narthex will include additional rest rooms and an elevator to a renovated downstairs Undercroft, site of numerous parish and diocesan gatherings.

Signature elements of the mid-century cathedral, including its circular design, geometric windows, Douglas fir beams, terrazzo floor and white travertine marble, will be preserved.

A new altar, tabernacle, ambo, bishop's chair and bap-



An architect's rendering depicts the proposed portico, bell towers and new entrance to the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.
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tistry will be created for the reconfigured sanctuary.

New wood paneling and the cross for the new crucifix will be made from locally grown white oak.

New stained-glass windows will draw more sunlight into the cathedral. Each will depict scenes from the Old and New Testaments and saints of the Church, united under the theme of Acts of the Apostles 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

"Those activities correlate very strongly with the three-fold mission of Christ as

prophet, shepherd and priest — and the Church's corresponding mission of word, charity and liturgy," Bishop McKnight noted.

One window will depict Moses receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, Jesus's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, St. Peter preaching his first homily on Pentecost, and saints that have been declared doctors (teachers) of the Church.

New sculptures, mosaics, stenciling and other classical artwork will help define other areas of prayer throughout the cathedral, including shrines devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, St. Isadore the Farmer and his wife, Blessed Maria, and Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, who was a native of northeastern Missouri.

Colorful new Stations of the Cross will be painted on copper.

A new, custom-designed organ will be installed.

Artisans from as far away as Germany and Italy and as near as Chicago and Kansas City will create the artwork.

A ramp behind the sanctuary will offer easy access for priests, deacons and liturgical ministers who have impaired

mobility.

"This is a sensitive look at a beautiful building where we're enhancing not only its functionality but also its Catholic identity," Mr. Heyer stated.

He is working in collaboration with local architects from Architects Alliance Inc. of Jefferson City.

"With the help of the improvements and the beautification that we are proposing, we want everything within the space, all the architecture, all the shrines, the color of the mosaics, the sanctuary — we want all of it to make you fall in love with our Lord and with our faith and deepen your relationship with Him in every way," Mr. Heyer said.

Something to build on

Mr. Heyer, whose firm is based in Ohio, studied modern architecture at Pratt Institute in New York and has been charting and overseeing the construction, renovation and restoration of Catholic churches of all varieties since 1997.

"Our goal for all of them is to make them more beautiful and part of what we refer to as 'the timeless tradition of Catholic architecture,'" he said.

He believes church architecture must fundamentally serve and advance the prayer life of God's people and the building up of their faith.

"That's my goal, that's my vocation," he stated.

Bishop McKnight worked with Mr. Heyer in the early 2000s on plans to restore the historical main chapel at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, where then-Father McKnight was serving as director of liturgy.

"The work didn't actually take place until years later," Mr. Heyer said of his collaboration with the future bishop, "but a lot of his vision was incorporated into that project, and it turned out very well."

Bishop McKnight contacted Mr. Heyer in 2019, after assuming leadership of the Jefferson City diocese.

He wanted the architect to explore the Cathedral of St. Joseph, built in 1968 in a style now often referred to as Mid-Century Modern, and offer

suggestions for how it could be updated and beautified.

Specifically, the bishop hoped:

- to address maintenance issues and the need for repairs;
- to make the cathedral more recognizably Catholic and prayerful, inside and out; and
- to help make it a place where people can encounter the mercy of God, especially through hospitality.

Mr. Heyer said the bishop's vision could be fulfilled with proper respect to the materials and geometry that have been present all along.

"We do not intend to erase the character of the building but to respect it and improve it," he said.

"What we propose will change what is there," he noted, "but with great sensitivity to it and to the liturgical and architectural history of the Church."

Existing windows, mosaics, Stations of the Cross, sanctuary fixtures and other items will be preserved and given new life in other liturgical environments.

"Good bones"

Mr. Heyer applies the principles of classical architecture — including good proportion, propriety and economy — to all of his projects.

"These things are universal," he said.

Alert to details, he believes every element of a church must express an invitation to draw closer to God and enter into fuller communion as His people.

He believes church architecture should help people understand that their faith transcends numerous generations.

"Our churches don't tie us to the moment in history in which they were built but to centuries of what makes us Catholic," he said.

He is convinced that the Cathedral of St. Joseph "has good bones, the right bones that express the Catholic faith."

He intends to make better use of light, sound and the organization of peripheral space to create a more distinct and timeless experience of God's presence.

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RENOVATE

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He noted that the cathedral's original architect wanted to emphasize the altar and tabernacle by placing them in a recessed area of the sanctuary.

"We've now come up with some exciting ways of doing that without taking away from the geometry of the circular shape," said Mr. Heyer. "Engineers helped us figure out how to work around the tensile ring, which cannot be removed."

Hence the perfect location for the crucifix.

"Divine providence plays a big role in the work we do," said Mr. Heyer. "I couldn't have thought of that on my own. God thought of it."

A house of prayer

Mr. Heyer subscribes to an axiom often attributed to Sir Winston Churchill: "We shape our buildings, and afterwards, they shape us."

"When you drive by this cathedral and see the large, welcoming portico and hear the bells, I want you to want to go inside and discover more about our Catholic faith," he said. "I want you to want to go in there and learn more about Jesus. I want you to meet Him."

Bishop McKnight and Mr. Heyer worked with a renovation commission composed of Father Louis Nelen, pastor of the Cathedral Parish, Father Daniel Merz, chairman of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Father Jeremy Secrist, the bishop's delegate for pipe organs, and Cathedral of St. Joseph parishioners Julie Malmstrom, Millie Schell and Edith Vogel.

Mr. Heyer and the committee studied images of numerous altars, ambos, bishop's chairs and baptismal fonts from churches and cathedrals built across centuries throughout the world.

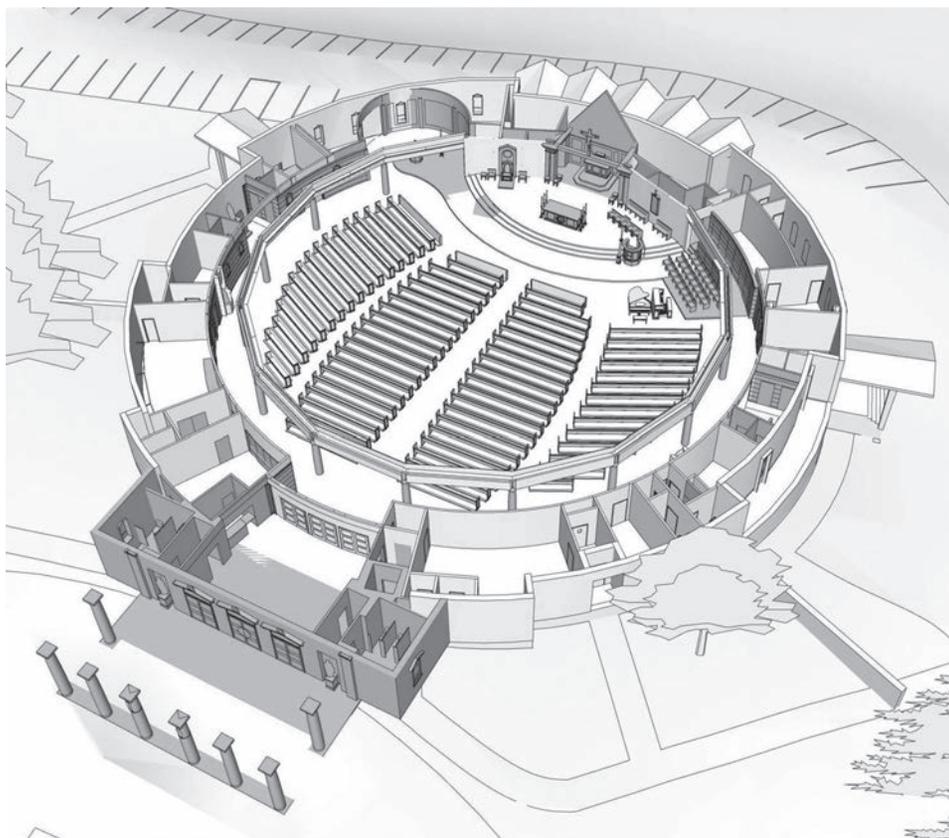
The Diocesan Liturgical Commission has reviewed and helped refine the current renovation proposal, followed by the priests of the diocese during their annual institute last month.

Fr. Nelen said renovations to the Undercroft, to be guided by Architects Alliance Inc.,

will take about six months from when they start.

Renovations to the cathedral proper will take about a year, once the Undercroft is completed.

Bishop McKnight said the diocese will be primarily responsible for paying for



A computer model gives a bird's-eye view of proposed renovations to the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

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the near and distant future.

Doorway to the eternal

Mr. Heyer said the purpose of every detail — from mosaics to woodwork to improved sound and light, to a more welcoming entrance — will be to make Christ's invisible presence more visible.

He said entering the cathedral through the expanded narthex will echo the ancient symbolism of passing over a threshold between the earthly realm and the eternal.

Approaching the altar will likewise be akin to ascending a holy mountain in order to be closer to

God.

"Every church is meant to be an image of Christ," he said. "Not just the Liturgy, not just the Eucharist, but everything in the church is in some way supposed to represent Christ."

An archived recording of Mr. Heyer's presentation can be found on the Diocese of Jefferson City's Facebook page.

Architect for renovation discovered timeless beauty in big city

Church architect William Heyer, who will oversee the renovation of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, discovered his vocation in crowded Catholic spaces.

He grew up in the Church and fell in love with his faith while studying in New York City in the late 1980s and early '90s.

"I was able to attend multiple services in beautiful churches that just awakened me to the beauty of our faith through art, architecture, music and Liturgy combined," he recalled.

Seeing people lined up for entire blocks to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Ash Wednesday and taking part in processions from crowded churches into the city's busy streets elevated his spirit.

His confessor at St. Agnes Church, located near Grand Central Station, turned out to be his first collaborator on a project involving sacred architecture.

"He asked me to work up some sketches for beautifying some shrines and other areas of the church," said Mr. Heyer. "It was through his inspiration that I really began to become more

interested in putting my architectural skills to work for something greater than myself."

He noted that St. Agnes operates one of New York's largest soup kitchens.

"If you watch long enough, you will notice people visiting the church every day who are homeless," he said. "Why are they there? Because they want to be close to God."

"The parish understands that money spent for God would be advantageous for all, and that includes the homeless people who wander over from Grand Central Station," he said. "They give them something to eat and something that helps them feel at home and close to God."

Mr. Heyer asked for prayers for the safety and wellbeing of the people who will carry out the Cathedral of St. Joseph renovation project.

He also asked for prayers to God to continue inspiring him to create designs that help lead people to heaven.

"And inversely, to keep that devil away from me!" he said.

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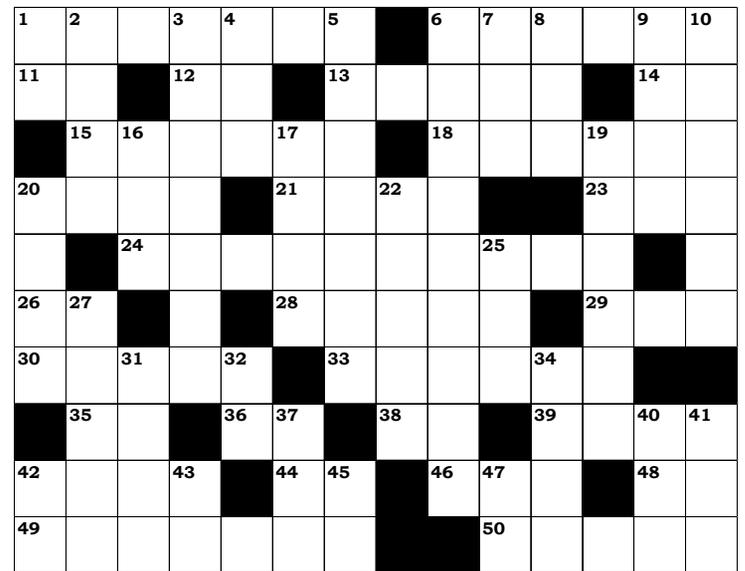
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By Father Don Antweiler
ACROSS

1. This puzzle features the three largest cemeteries in our State (each of which deserves its own puzzle!); a small notable cemetery near a parish in our _____, and a National Cemetery near a Mo. Civil War battlefield.
6. _____ with the famous multicolored coat is a major figure in the Old Testament (Genesis 37-50).
11. "_____ top of old Smokey..." —Appalachian folksong first recorded by Pete Seeger's The Weavers in 1951, followed by Burl Ives, Bing Crosby, Gene Autry and even Elvis Presley.
12. Not the NL.
13. The Civil War Battle of Wilson's _____ near Springfield led to the 1867 establishment of the eventual 18-acre Springfield National Cemetery to bury the Union dead. It contains 1,521 graves (832 known, 689 unknown). This includes a Confederate cemetery incorporated into it in 1911, perhaps a unique occurrence. It also is the grave of Orion Howe, one of the youngest recipients ever of the Medal of Honor — a heroic Union drummer boy, received at age 14.
14. St. John Paul _____ is said by some to have earned the title "The Great"; if so, he would be only the 3rd Pope in history to have achieved this title.
15. A type of cat.
18. "Jesus answered (Judas), '_____, do what you have come for,'" (Matthew 26:50).
20. A homemade knife in prison.
21. Patron saint of Norway.
23. _____ Flanders, Homer Simpson's neighbor.
24. Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis is 314 acres with 87,000 graves. It is

- non-denominational with a number of significant architectural monuments and _____. Burials include William Clark, Adolphus Busch, Eberhard Anheuser, Thomas Hart Benton, Wm. Burroughs, Susan Blow, Luther Ely Smith and many, many more.
26. Letters for overtime, as in a sports game.
28. A central open space for assemblies and markets in Greek cities.
29. "Moses then told Aaron, 'Take an _____ and put an omer of manna in it,'" (Exodus 16:33).
30. The _____ Disney Resort was the first Disney Park built outside the U.S., in 1983.
33. _____ Arafat was head of the Palestinian Liberation Org. from 1969 to 2004.
35. In the military, letters for unexploded ordinance.
36. Possible abbr. before a priest's name.
38. Nyet in New York.
39. "And people brought to him a _____ man who had a speech impediment..." (Mark 7:32).
42. Top, peak, highest point.
44. Stomach muscle.
46. Often precedes a maiden name.
48. UMC.
49. In St. Stephen _____ cemetery in little Indian Creek, Mo. are buried veterans from nearly every war in U.S. history, from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish-Am. War, WW I and WW II, Korean War, Vietnam War and the Iraqi War. The lone exception is the war with Mexico (1846-48).
50. If you peel it or chop it, it can make you cry.



- nor destroy it after birth," —from a letter attributed to Barnabas, written possibly as early as 70 A.D.
2. "Give him an _____ and he'll take a mile," —John Heywood, 1546 A.D.
3. _____ Catholic cemetery in St. Louis, founded in 1854 (470 acres); has over 300,000 burials, one of the largest cemeteries in the nation. Burials include Civil War Gen. Wm. Tecumseh Sherman, Dred Scott, Tennessee Williams, Dr. Tom Dooley, Auguste Chouteau, Archbishops Kenrick and Ritter, numerous bishops, clergy, sporting and literary figures, etc., etc.
4. Part of Jesus's cry from the cross (Matthew 27:46).
5. Study of the environment.
6. _____ Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis Co. on the banks of the Mississippi covers 331 acres with 188,000 graves; averages 17 burials every day; has veterans from every Am. war; 16,000 Union soldiers and Confederate POW's; 3 mass graves, many Medal of Honor recipients; grave site of Jack Buck; first burial in 1827 though only became a nat. cemetery in 1866; on Nat. Register of Historic Places.
7. "_____ the ramparts we watched..." —from our National Anthem.
8. A type of mask.
9. Maine is called the _____ Tree State.
10. There has always been speculation about what has been called the _____ or lost years of Jesus (age 12-30) — the period from His childhood to His public ministry which is not recorded in the NT.
16. Ready, _____, fire!
17. _____ Nostra; the Mafia.
19. Boost competitor.
20. Where you feed a one-armed bandit.
22. "...pay back your neighbor when _____ falls due," —Sirach 29:2 (2 wds.).
25. Letters for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, a division of the FAA that regulates drones.
27. "If only I can _____ his cloak, I shall be cured," (Matthew 9:21).
31. Call letters for Channel 8, the Univ. of Mo.-owned TV station in Columbia.
32. "Beware the barrenness _____ a busy life," —Socrates.
34. Paradise.
37. Mizzou-_____! Tiger cheer.
40. _____, *amas*, *amat*; from Latin 101.
41. "Plan to have _____ with or enjoy at least one event or moment every day," —Msgr. Don Lammers.
42. Short for air conditioning.
43. Comparative suffix.
45. A type of college degree.
47. Letters for Executive Order; a US Presidential directive.

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the place where we live and knowing that our true home is in heaven, not here," he said.

United in mission

Fr. Clark was impressed with Dr. Choi's understanding of the importance of people forming authentic relationships as part of their college experience.

The priest said one of the many blessings of ministering at St. Thomas More Newman Center parish is to witness the students' youthful hope in action.

"I don't think there's any denying the call to charity, the call to brotherly love, of service to our fellow human beings that pours fourth from our Catholic faith," he said.

He said the Newman Center has an incredible staff that is fiercely united in mission and devoted to finding new solutions to age-old challenges.

"It's incredible all the minds and experiences that are present



LEFT: Father Daniel Merz, pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center parish in Columbia; Dr. Mun Choi, president of the University of Missouri and chancellor of its Columbia campus; Bishop W. Shawn McKnight; and Father Paul Clark, associate pastor, pause for a photo during Dr. Choi's visit to the Newman Center. RIGHT: Bishop W. Shawn McKnight points out various saints on the Newman Center's Wall of Saints.

— Photos by Troy D'Souza



here," he said. "The variety and diversity of experiences — it's great!"

He was quick to acknowledge the influence of the Dominican priests who led the Newman Center from 2006 to this past

July.

He believes the university is right to expect its Catholic students to put the Gospel they profess into practice every day.

"We're confident that the authentic discipleship we see happening right now, the relationships we see being formed among students will bear great fruit, now and in years to come," he said.

Looking outward

Dr. Choi said he's impressed by the diversity of religious groups that maintain an organized presence on the UM campus.

From various Christian groups to a Jewish Hillel to an Islamic mosque, "their presence illustrates that people of different

faiths will be accepted and their presence here will be celebrated," he said.

He is convinced that these groups "greatly enhance the resilience of our students as well as their abilities to complete their studies."

"There's nothing more important for us than having our students graduate with a degree," he stated. "We see places like the Newman Center as be-

ing very important for that overall success."

He lauded the Newman Center's charitable outreach activities in the community, "which are very important for helping students see beyond themselves and understand the importance of giving rather than receiving."

"For all those reasons, the Newman Center is a wonderful institution for us at the university," he said.

UNIONS

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"This relates to various forms of cohabitation agreement, which I would not be able to list. The different situations must be examined and evaluated, according to their circumstances."

It is therefore clear that Pope Francis was referring to particular State provisions, and not certainly to the doctrine of the Church, which has been reiterated on numerous occasions over the years.

Grateful for your cooperation in this matter, I assure you of my good wishes and remain

Yours faithfully,
Archbishop Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio

FR. DOYLE

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A. First, as to the scriptural verse "Many are invited, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14): A common view among scriptural scholars is that the passage is not meant to forecast the relative proportion of those who will be saved.

Instead, it indicates in its context that relatively few of the Israelites of Christ's time would choose to follow Jesus and that His message would then be offered to the gentiles. (Some commentators also note that the relative harshness of the passage is a rhetorical and pedagogical technique on Christ's part to highlight the centrality of His teaching.)

But as to the crux of your question — how can we be sure that we're among those who will be saved?

The answer is that we can never be certain. All we can do is trust in Christ's teaching and make a decent effort to respond appropriately in faith and in conduct.

Personally, I am comforted by such passages as 1 Timothy 2:4, where Paul says that God "wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of truth."

I have always felt that, in the end, most people will make it to heaven. Otherwise, why would God have decided to create us all if the whole enterprise is destined for failure?

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

ROSARY

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in the early 1980s.

She has fond memories of this St. Joseph tradition and said many lessons come from the buckeye beads.

"Not only does it encourage the students to think and pray for others, it also gets them excited about our faith," she said. "It provides additional opportunities for our students to personally pray for those who are in need of our prayers. It is one of the things the students look forward to each year."

Mrs. Schaefer offered a sim-

ilar sentiment.

"The Rosary is a beautiful prayer and a great way to meditate on Jesus' life," she stated. "To me, when you pray the Rosary, you can think of so many things like family and difficult situations in your life."

It's just a good feeling to know that when you pray the Rosary, you can pray for the concerns of the world," she said. "As we know today, there is no shortage of prayers needed for the world in which we need."

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Nov. 22

Freeburg, Holy Family K of C Burger's country ham breakfast, 6:30-11:30 am, Holy Family School cafeteria

Dec. 8

Kirksville, Mary Immaculate School "Give Back" night, 5-9 pm, Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders

Dec. 12

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception School Saint Nick 5K Run/Walk, 8:30-10 am, for info or to register visit "ICS St. Nick 5K" on Facebook

Meetings & Conferences

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Holts Summit, 40 Days for Life closing rally, with speaker Stephanie Jacobson, 6 pm, RSVP to 573-821-5130

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Dec. 8-Jan. 26

Jefferson City, Free nutrition counseling, co-sponsored by Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, Tuesdays 5-6 pm, the LINC, to register, visit www.jcparksreg

ISTRATION.COM and search "nutrition"

Liturgical

Dec. 13

Westphalia, Patriotic prayer service, 6-7 pm, St. Joseph Church

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Dec. 6-10

Brunswick/Hurricane Branch/Indian Grove, Parish mission with Fr. Louis Gardiola, 6:30 pm each evening; Sun. & Thurs. at St. Boniface Church, Mon. & Wed. at St. Joseph Church; Tues. at St. Raphael Church

Health & Wellness

Nov. 16

St. Robert, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish hall

SR. CONSTANCE

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the Great Depression and World War II, as well as tremendous social and technological changes during their long lives.

These two generations are known for their resilience in surviving hardship, their strong work ethic and their sense of personal responsibility and self-sacrifice. The men and women of the greatest and silent generations have held on to strong values, gratitude and an appreciation for the simpler things in life.

The wartime Thanksgivings of their youth were marked by rationing and shortages of common ingredients such as sugar, meat and butter. Turkeys were in short supply on the home front because they were shipped overseas so that every member of the U.S. military

could have a hot Thanksgiving dinner, no matter where they were stationed.

Gasoline and tire rationing prevented people from traveling long distances by car and military personnel were given priority on trains, so family gatherings were surely smaller.

The traditional Macy's Thanksgiving Parade was cancelled as the famous giant balloons were shredded for scrap rubber, and even college and professional football were put on hold.

These were the youthful experiences of our seniors — surely, they will know how to find a silver lining and a way of thanking God for His blessings on this "disrupted Thanksgiving."

Surely, the words uttered by their president in 1943 will find an echo in their hearts: "May we on Thanksgiving Day and on every day express our gratitude and zealously devote ourselves to our duties as individuals and as a nation. May each of us dedicate his utmost efforts to ... bring[ing] new opportunities for peace and brotherhood among men."

We Little Sisters are so blessed to share our lives with these elders of the greatest and silent generations!

If you are lucky enough to have members of these generations among your family or neighbors, take some time this "disrupted Thanksgiving" to learn from them and share in their gratitude for the little things in life.

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

MCCARRICK

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The letter was given to St. John Paul, who asked Archbishop Montalvo to investigate.

The nuncio did so by writing to four New Jersey bishops, the summary said without naming the bishops.

The bishops, named in the full report, were Bishops James T. McHugh of Camden, 1989-1998; Vincent D. Breen of Metuchen, 1997-2000; Edward T. Hughes of Metuchen, 1987-1997; and John M. Smith of Trenton, 1997-2010.

"What is now known, through investigation undertaken for preparation of the report, is that three of the four American bishops provided inaccurate and incomplete information to the Holy See regarding McCarrick's sexual conduct with young adults," the summary said.

In response to Cardinal O'Connor's accusations, the report said, McCarrick wrote to now-Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, St. John Paul's secretary, claiming: "In the 70 years of my life, I have never had sexual relations with any person, male or female, young or old, cleric or lay, nor have I ever abused another person or treated them with disrespect."

"McCarrick's denial was believed," the summary said, adding that because of "the limited nature of the Holy See's own prior investigation, the Holy See had never received a complaint directly from a victim, whether adult or minor, about McCarrick's conduct."

"Though there is no direct evidence," the summary added, "it appears likely from the information obtained that

John Paul II's past experience in Poland regarding the use of spurious allegations against bishops to degrade the standing of the Church played a role in his willingness to believe McCarrick's denials."

In addition, McCarrick had a relationship with the Polish pope going back to his days as the cardinal of Krakow. The summary said, "McCarrick's direct relationship with John Paul II also likely had an impact on the pope's decision-making."

St. John Paul II "personally made the decision" to name him archbishop of Washington and a cardinal, it said.

Brought to light

The report also concluded that now-retired Pope Benedict XVI did not initiate a formal canonical process against McCarrick or even impose sanctions on him because "there were no credible allegations of child abuse; McCarrick swore on his 'oath as a bishop' that the allegations were false; the allegations of misconduct with adults related to events in the 1980s; and there was no indication of any recent misconduct."

However, after initially asking McCarrick to stay on in Washington for two years past his 75th birthday in 2005, the summary said, new details related to a priest's allegations about McCarrick's sexual misconduct emerged and Pope Benedict asked him to step down in 2006.

At the time, the summary said, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, then-prefect

of the Congregation for Bishops, told McCarrick "he should maintain a lower profile and minimize travel for the good of the Church."

"While Cardinal Re's approach was approved by Pope Benedict XVI, the indications did not carry the pope's explicit imprimatur, were not based on a factual finding that McCarrick had actually committed misconduct and did not include a prohibition on public ministry," the summary said.

Archbishop Vigano, while working in the Vatican Secretariat of State, wrote memos in 2006 and 2008 "bringing questions related to McCarrick to the attention of superiors," the summary said.

The memos referred to allegations and rumors about McCarrick's "misconduct during the 1980s and raised concerns that a scandal could result given that the information had already circulated widely."

The archbishop, the report said, noted that "the allegations remained unproven," but he suggested opening a canonical process to investigate.

Archbishop Vigano, who was appointed nuncio to the United States in 2011, was "instructed" in 2012 to conduct an inquiry into allegations by a priest who claimed he was sexually assaulted by McCarrick, the summary said.

Archbishop Vigano, it continued, "did not take these steps and therefore never placed himself in the position to ascertain the credibility" of the priest's claims.

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Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels

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Brookfield, Immaculate Conception

Robert & Mary Ellen Walsh, 60 years
Matthew & Louise Gladbach, 49 years
James & Deborah Tollerton, 43 years
Bill & Cherrie Paalhar, 45 years
William & Janice Allen, 40 years
Paul & Donna Barger, 35 years
Pat & Kathryn O'Kane, 33 years

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Deacon Dick & Nancy VonGunten, 63 years
Raymond & Irmengard, Kearns, 59 years
Rich & Kathy Hodits, 37 years
John & Janice Kelsey, 19 years

Centralia, Holy Spirit

Terry & Cathy Lenz, 50 years

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians

Wilfred & MaryAnn Kremer, 71 years

Hannibal, Holy Family

Harley & Evelyn Hirner, 69 years

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph

Harry & Pat Wilding, 61 years
Pat & Ginnie Boyle, 60 years

Jonesburg, St. Patrick

Michael & Kathleen Mohrmann, 55 years
Dave & Pam Roth, 55 years

Kahoka, St. Michael

Tim & Kim Seckman, 39 years

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Paulie & Lovella Schmitz, 62 years
Eldon & Jo Ellen Hays, 56 years
Jerry & Lysle Meyer, 52 years
William & Mary Mangini, 42 years
Dana & Sarah Delaware, 41 years
Dan & Celia Hagan, 40 years
Bob & Mary Jane Kiefer, 39 years
Jim & Betty Cox, 37 years
Heinz & Mary Lou Woehlk, 33 years
William & Trish Sexton, 32 years
Terry Mock & Nancy Bucher, 28 years

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Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake

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Marceline, St. Bonaventure

Charles & Cathy Defibaugh, 51 years

Marshall, St. Peter

Richard & Becky Brzuchalski, 50 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Charles and Rita Meador, 56 years
Dale & Peggy Wilburn, 49 years
Rick & Deb Robnett, 47 years
Brad & Theresa Shramek, 42 years
Tom & Delana Becker, 42 years
Clarence & Janis Deimeke, 41 years
Roger & Melanie Carr, 37 years
Daniel & Amy Brooks, 34 years
Burt & Dawn Miller, 13 years

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows

Mike & Kim Evers, 20 years

Milan, St. Mary

John & Beth Mino, 41 years
Brad & Mary Bohle, 28 years
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Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception

Richard & Shirley Arens, 63 years
Daryl & Nancy Cobb, 26 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph

James & Florence Fohey, 61 years
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Paul & Linda Hoehne, 55 years
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Wayne & Alice James, 49 years

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Eddie & Mary Lee Nanneman, 48 years
Larry & Norma Weimer, 47 years
Larry & Margaret Noll, 44 years
Jerry & Sharon Weimer, 38 years

Baptisms

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Julietta Smith**

Fulton, St. Peter — **Mason Owen Eastwood**, son of Dustin & Katlyn Eastwood

Indian Creek, St. Stephen — **Clara Jean Threlkeld**, daughter of Alex & Melissa Threlkeld

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Lennon Hayes Stallo**, daughter of Mandy & Brandon Stallo

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Waylon Scott Beshears**, son of Jordan & Amanda Beshears; **Blakelyn Kaylee Swaim**, daughter of Andrew & Kristy Swaim

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Mason James Holterman**, son of Brandon & Brooke Holterman

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — **Isabelle Grace Perry**, daughter of Gregory Perry & Kari Wilson

Marriages

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Lauren Wall & Justin Nowack**

Edina, St. Joseph — **Megan Poston & Dan England**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Bethany Rackers & Ethan Holterman**

Meta, St. Cecilia — **Aidan Humphrey & Kenny Dickneite**

St. Martin, St. Martins — **Alexandria Sporleder & Jeremy Geist**

Shelbina, St. Mary — **Macey Gough & Trace Windsor**

Birthdays

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Martha C. Flynn**, her 96th

Chamois, Most Pure Heart of Mary — **Marie Hackman**, her 99th on Nov. 7

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Margaret Primus**, her 99th on Nov. 2

Meta, St. Cecilia — **Florentine Hagenhoff**, her 93rd on Nov. 27

Russellville, St. Michael — **Therese Schepers**, her 91st on Nov. 25

Elections

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Lori Bruce, Lisa Mankin**, to the parish Endowment Fund Board

Initiations

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **Shane & Lacey Timbrook**, received sacraments of initiation on Sept. 26

Honors

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick — **the late Ellen Krueger**, with the parish's Annual Historical Preservation Award for her years of service as Publicity Chairman & Historian for the Shrine of St. Patrick, the grade school and high school, and the town of St. Patrick, during the parish's "Halfway to St. Patrick's Day" celebration on Sept. 13

Sedalia, Sacred Heart High School — social studies teacher **Jane McMullen**, with a Teach It Forward Outstanding Educator Award from the Sedalia McDonald's restaurant

Deaths

Precious Blood Sister Marie Frances Wiederholt, 93 — sister of Father Clarence Wiederholt, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese — on Sept. 11. She held master's degrees in philosophy & psychology & taught grade school & for 44 years at the college level. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 15.

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Robert D. Gerling**

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Helen Lipka, Patricia Ricket**

California, Annunciation — **Douglas A. Distler, Paul Hoellering**

Clarksville, Mary Queen of Peace — **Bob Rucker**

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Christine S. Green**

Edina, St. Joseph — **Paul "Tony" Webb**

Indian Creek, St. Stephen — **Carolyn Whelan**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Marjorie E. Dampf**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **John A. Bollinger, Richard Grothoff, Danny P. Vaughn**

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Mexico, St. Brendan — **Lara Caran, Mary Jo Cline, Barbara L. Hofer**

St. James, Immaculate Conception — **Kathy Courtois**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Geraldine Arnold, Andrew Simon**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **John A. Wansing**

Names for the People Page

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

Crossword puzzle answers

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Bringing the Rosary to life

Students at Holy Family School in Hannibal Missouri celebrate October as the month of the Most Holy Rosary by praying a Living Rosary on their school grounds.



— Photo by Elizabeth Devlin

For all the saints!



Third-graders at Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School in Columbia portray their patron saints as part of a class project for All Saints Day.

— Photo by Elaine Hassemer, principal

Saints in training

All Saints Day has a long tradition of being a fun-filled day at Holy Cross School in Cuba. It began with Mass, a Saints Parade, and games all centered on the saints!

— Photo from the Holy Cross Catholic Church Cuba Missouri Facebook page



Día de los Muertos



Three staff members of Hispanic heritage organized a Día de los muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration for the students at St. Patrick School in Rolla. The hallways featured decorations, artwork created by students, and altars constructed with pictures of loved ones who have passed away. Special to the school's heart were pictures of the late Father Charles Pardee, former pastor, and beloved former science teacher, the late Gail Drallmeier.



— Photos by Lesley Meyerott

Jesus tells the parable of the talents

By Joe Sarnicola
Catholic News Service

Before a wealthy landowner left for a long journey, he wanted to give instructions to three of his servants because he wanted them to take care of his money. He gave five talents, which were very valuable coins, to the first, two to the second and one to the third. Believing this was a wise distribution of the money, the man left.

The servant with five talents invested his money and bought supplies, which he was able to sell for a profit. By his efforts, he earned five more talents. The second servant did the same, also doubling his money. But the third servant dug a hole in the ground and buried his talent so that it would be safe.



After a long time the landowner returned and he again called for his three servants. The first servant said: "Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more."

"Well done, my good and faithful servant," said the landowner. "Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."

The second servant said: "Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more." And the landowner treated him as he did the first servant.

The third servant said: "Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter. So out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back."

The landowner became very angry and said, "You wicked, lazy servant! ... Should you not then have put my money in the bank so I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with 10."

When Jesus had finished

telling this story, He said, "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit upon His glorious throne. ... Then the King will say to those on His right: 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, a stranger and you welcomed Me, ill and you cared for Me, in prison and you visited Me.'"

Read more about it... Matthew 25

1. Why did the third servant bury his talent?

2. When was the kingdom prepared for the blessed ones?

Bible Accent

As members of the Catholic Church, we have the same beliefs as Catholics in other countries. The pope is our spiritual leader. A bishop is usually in charge of a local diocese, and a priest may be responsible for one or more churches.

The church has four qualities. 1) It is one in faith, sacraments and authority; 2) it is holy; 3) it is catholic, which means universal, with a goal to bring people together under God; and 4) it is apostolic, which means it is based on the actions and teachings of the apostles who followed Jesus.

The Church provides many

opportunities for us to learn about Jesus. We can go to Mass, hear readings from the Scriptures and listen to homilies; we can attend Catholic schools or religious education classes; and we can receive preparation for sacraments such as Eucharist and confirmation.

Essay

How are you using some of the talents and abilities God has given to you?

Saint Spotlight

Martin was born in Sabaria, which is a city in modern-day Hungary. He was forced to join the army at 15. Though he was not a Christian, he was a very compassionate person, and he did not want to be a soldier. On a bitterly cold winter day, Martin saw a poor man begging for coins. The man was wearing rags for clothing. Martin tore his own coat in half and gave one section to the beggar. That night while he slept, Martin saw Jesus wearing the coat half he had given to the beggar. When Martin awoke, he knew he had to be baptized and become a Christian. He eventually went to Gaul to live as a hermit on a piece of land given to him by St. Hilary. He was soon joined by others, and they founded a monastic community there. Martin traveled often to spread the Gospel of Jesus. Several miracles of healing have been attributed to his ministry. He died in 397, and we honor him on Nov. 11.



Puzzle

Which of the following statements are true, and which are false?

Chapter and verse references from the Gospel of Matthew have been provided to help you.

1. Emmanuel means "abundant harvest." (1:23)
2. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. (2:1)
3. John was a "voice crying out in the desert." (3:3)
4. The lamp of the body is the heart. (6:22)
5. Peter walked on water. (14:29)
6. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus. (17:3)
7. Jesus was betrayed by Philip. (26:14)



Answers: 1. F, 2. T, 3. T, 4. F, 5. T, 6. T, 7. F.

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Two new books poignantly illuminate painful journeys of refugees

After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America, by Jessica Goudeau. Viking Books (New York, 2020). 334 pp., \$27.

Dying to Live: Stories From Refugees on the Road to Freedom, by Danielle Vella. Jesuit Refugee Service and Rowman & Littlefield (Washington and Lanham, Maryland, 2020). 204 pp., \$26.95.

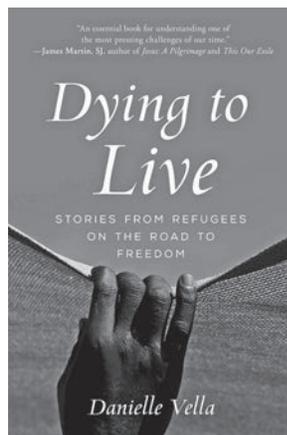
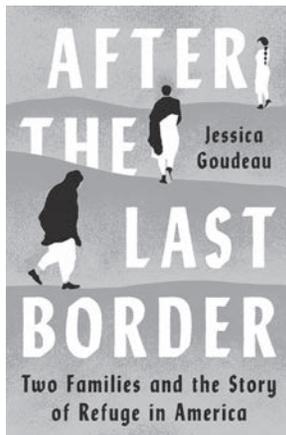
Reviewed by Regina Lordan
Catholic News Service

Two new books offer poignantly illuminating stories about refugees whose stories will undoubtedly resonant with readers.

After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America and *Dying to Live: Stories From Refugees on the Road to Freedom* describe in vivid detail all the stress, anxiety, pain, fear, hope and disappointment families face while journeying toward resettlement.

Their stories are impactful and bring to the forefront the deserved dignity and true humanity of every refugee life.

Often in American media and politics, the topic of refugees is handled numerically. Refugees are referred to in measurable phases to control and account for the ebb and flow of resettle-



ment.

Numbers are easy to divide, monetize, budget, stack and shelve away.

And author Jessica Goudeau in *After the Last Border* smartly harnesses this familiar quantification throughout her book to frame the two families she features within a historical context. But their stories cannot be shelved away. Her powerful writing simply won't let them.

Goudeau highlights the physically and emotionally draining trek of two remarkably brave matrons of refugee families, Mu Naw, a Karen Christian from Myanmar, and Hasna, a Muslim from Syria.

At age 5, Mu Naw experienced her first border crossing. A little girl, she ran with her family and fellow villagers from the ethnic cleansing of the Burmese junta.

She remembers her parents angry and battered.

Mu Naw's father suffered

pain through their panicked flee, his leg previously blown off by a land mine. Her mother is frightened and bitter.

This early memory is the first of many in her childhood observing panic-stricken, anxiety-ridden adults, makeshift homes in camps, and a broken family strained by the

stress of war.

Eighteen years later, Mu Naw, a young mother herself, eventually is resettled as a refugee in Austin, Texas.

Although the illusive American dream teases readers to believe her story ends there, it does not. The scars of trauma do not fade so easily, and her new city and community is not always welcoming and safe.

Her life gives witness to the deep wounds of war and resettlement and that evil and sin exist even in safe places.

Hasna's story contrasts from Mu Naw. By the time she reaches Austin, she is an older mother resettling with her husband and her teenage daughter, the youngest of her six children.

Her other children by that time were already dead or displaced, as nothing remained of her beloved grapevine-shaded, jasmine-scented home in Daraa, Syria.

At one time, Hasna welcomed her large and extended family to her large courtyard filled with begonias, lemon

Movie Ratings



Adults and Adolescents

Come Play (PG-13)
Pray: The Story of Patrick Peyton (PG)
The War With Grandpa (PG)
The Witches (PG)



Adults

Fishbowl (Not rated)
Honest Thief (PG-13)
Let Him Go (R)
On the Rocks (R)
Rebecca adults (PG-13)
The Trial of the Chicago 7 (R)
Yellow Rose (PG-13)



Morally Offensive

Borat Subsequent Moviefilm (R)
The Boys in the Band (R)
Kajillionaire (R)

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and olive trees. Her tiny, musty apartment in Austin by way of Jordan was a dismal reminder of a life forever gone.

Goudeau, who has written for *The Atlantic* and *The Washington Post* among others, gives these stories the platform they deserve, providing eloquent details that only a talented writer with intimate knowledge of her subjects can provide. Goudeau, who has worked with refugees for more than 10 years, is the co-founder of Hill Tribers, a non-profit organization that provides supplemental income for refugee artisans.

Unlike Goudeau, Danielle Vella in *Dying to Live* is much more raw, straightforward and blunt.

Frankly, it is a hard read for the unprepared. Vella intermingles throughout the book a weaving of quotes and firsthand accounts of devastating stories of kidnapping, abuse, horror, violence and death.

Not for entertainment, nor intended as a gentle nudge toward awareness, this is an alarm call of the realities that exist in the world.

Vella, who is the director of the International Reconciliation Program for the Jesuit Refugee Service, honors refugees by allowing them the space within these pages to share their experiences.

As the refugees recall their personal histories, they are shared through direct quotes, regardless of their harsh content or literary flow.

Take, for example, Habib. Drugged and kidnapped as a 10-year-old, he spent 15 years imprisoned in Algeria among other places. He shares how he was beaten, desperate to escape, and longingly anxious to find out what happened to his parents.

Salma, a mother from Syria, recalls the food shortages that nearly starved her family.

The lines of hungry civilians queuing outside the bakery had become neatly formed targets for bombing.

In the book she says, "Sometimes, my children came home with bread spattered with blood. ... They would give you just four flatbreads, but we had five children." Salma would disguise herself to return to the dangerous lines to get more bread to feed her family.

Like *After the Last Border*, *Dying to Live* does not console readers with happy endings of welcoming homes in Europe and the United States. In their new resettlements, these refugees also meet confusing new lives, isolation, racism and anxiety.

Yet in lieu of easily forgotten consolation, *After the Last Border* and *Dying to Live* instead imprint on readers the knowledge that refugees are not the quantifiably unnamed.

They are Mu Naw, Hasna, Habib and Salma.

Lordan, a mother to three young children, has master's degrees in education and political science and is a former assistant international editor of *Catholic News Service*.

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Hoffmann admitted to candidacy

Christopher Hoffmann (right), a seminarian from the Jefferson City diocese, was among the seminarians in the School of Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, who were admitted to candidacy for Holy Orders by Bishop Robert J. Brennan of Columbus, Ohio, vice chancellor of the Josephinum, during Mass in St. Turibius Chapel on Nov. 1, 2020. The Rite of Admission to Candidacy is a pivotal step in the journey to the ordained Priesthood. It is celebrated when a seminarian has reached a maturity of purpose in his formation and has demonstrated the necessary qualifications for ordination. In the presence of the bishop, he publicly expresses his intention to complete his preparation for Holy Orders and his resolve to fully invest himself to that end, so that he will serve Christ and the Church faithfully.



— Photo from the Pontifical College Josephinum

HOSPITAL

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obligation of our institutions to our mission,” Bishop McKnight explained. “Even if the hospital is sold, the mission of the Church — to care for the sick in mind, body and spirit — must continue. We have an obligation to uphold that mission, alongside the obligation to be fiscally prudent.”

While a Catholic institution is one way of supporting the mission of the Church, that mission can continue through the ministry of individuals who serve in the health care professions.

“I am grateful for all who work in health care, especially those who serve because of the values of our Christian faith,” the bishop said. “I look forward to continued collaboration in ensuring appropriate, high quality care to the people of Mid-Missouri.”

Common goals

Bishop McKnight’s statement came in response to the announcement from representatives of SSM Health and Quorum Health Corporation of their intent to explore a sale of SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital–Jefferson City and associated community medical group practices by SSM to Quorum Health.

By signing a Letter of Intent (LOI), the organizations have entered a period of exclusive negotiation regarding the hospital campus that was constructed in 2014.

Both parties will begin a due diligence process aimed at ensuring the long-term sustainability of high-quality care



SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital–Jefferson City.

in the region, with the goal of reaching a definitive agreement in the second quarter of 2021, they said in a joint statement.

“Quorum Health shares our desire to bring secure, sustainable care to this community,” said SSM Health Regional President Mike Baumgartner. “Our conversations with them thus far have been very impressive in terms of their dedication to supporting clinicians, hospital employees and the community. We have the best interests of our employees, providers and the community at heart, and we are confident that Quorum Health is a strong partner for continuing and deepening service to all.”

Quorum Health is a Tennessee-based health care system with 22 affiliated hospitals across the country, including several facilities in southwest Illinois.

The company specializes in operating hospitals in non-urban communities, caring for nearly 2 million patients annu-

ally through its hospital affiliates and clinical practices.

Quorum is passionate about improving quality and expanding access to services, while empowering local leaders to engage physicians and employees, according to the joint statement.

“We are honored to explore an acquisition with a system of SSM Health’s caliber,” said Quorum Health President and Chief Operating Officer Marty Smith. “It is clear from early conversations that our organizations share a deep commitment to providing high-quality care and strengthening the communities we serve. We look forward to learning more about the hospital and community as well as the dedicated teams of physicians, nurses and employees that are a vital part of both.”

Distinguished history

SSM Health is a Catholic, not-for-profit health system serving the comprehensive health needs of communities

Daily Readings

Sunday, Nov 15

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prv. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 Thes. 5:1-6
Mt. 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday, Nov 16

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, virgin
Rv. 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Ps. 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Lk. 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Rv. 3:1-6, 14-22
Ps. 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Lk. 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles; USA: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin
Rv. 4:1-11
Ps. 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Lk. 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov 19

Rv. 5:1-10
Ps. 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b
Lk. 19:41-44

Friday, Nov 20

Rv. 10:8-11
Ps. 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Lk. 19:45-48

Saturday, Nov 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv. 11:4-12
Ps. 144:1, 2, 9-10
Lk. 20:27-40

Sunday, Nov 22

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17
Ps. 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28
Mt. 25:31-46

Monday, Nov 23

St. Clement I, Pope and martyr; St. Columban, abbot; USA: Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, priest and martyr
Rv. 14:1-3, 4b-5
Ps. 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk. 21:1-4

Tuesday, Nov 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest, and companions, martyrs
Rv. 14:14-19
Ps. 96:10, 11-12, 13
Lk. 21:5-11

Wednesday, Nov 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr
Rv. 15:1-4
Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9
Lk. 21:12-19

Thursday, Nov 26

USA: Thanksgiving Day
Rv. 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a
Ps. 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Lk. 21:20-28
or, for Thanksgiving Day:
Sir. 50:22-24
Ps. 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11
1 Cor. 1:3-9
Lk. 17:11-19

Friday, Nov 27

Rv. 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Ps. 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a
Lk. 21:29-33

Saturday, Nov 28

Rv. 22:1-7
Ps. 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab
Lk. 21:34-36

The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for November:

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The hospital moved to its current location in 2014.

World Day of the Poor, Nov. 15 in Jefferson City

St. Peter parish in Jefferson City will observe the World Day of the Poor by distributing boxed dinners and first-aid/toiletry bags at four locations from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Distribution locations will include:

- Hamilton/Dulle Towers, 10 Jackson St.
- Immaculate Conception Church parking lot, 1206 E. McCarty St.
- Catholic Charities park-

ing lot, 1200 Linden Drive
•Salvation Army, 927 Jefferson City

Pope Francis in 2017 called for World Day of the Poor to be observed each year on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Pope visualized Christian communities seizing the occasion to “make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance.”

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Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.
We thank You for the beauty and fullness of the land
and the challenge of the cities.

We thank You for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

We thank You, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

—from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers.

Bishops' meeting online

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will convene its November General Assembly in a virtual format this year in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Traditionally held in-person in Baltimore, this year's General Assembly will be held virtually on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 16 and 17.

The plenary sessions will be livestreamed from noon to 4 p.m. central time on Monday and from noon to approximately 2 p.m. on Tuesday.

The livestream can be found at: usccb.org/live.

Registration is not necessary in order to view the livestream.

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40 Days for Life Closing Rally

DATE: November 14

TIME: 7 pm

The Closing Rally for the Columbia 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the St. Andrew Church Hall, 400 St. Andrew Drive, off Center Street in Holts Summit.

Members of Knights of Columbus Council 8400 will pre-

pare a fried chicken dinner.

Guest speaker Stephanie Jacobson will present a message about hope and share her uplifting story.

A silent auction will be held, and offerings will be accepted to help cover the cost.

The doors will open at 6 p.m.

RSVP to Kathy Forck 573-821-5130.

Anointing of the Sick ahead of a hospital stay

Due to hospitals' strict protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to seek the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation prior to going to the hospital.

Most hospitals only allow a priest to provide the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick if the patient has been placed on comfort care (hospice) or is nearing death.



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