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## An message from Bishop McKnight for Advent



An Advent wreath is depicted in a stained-glass window at Christ the King Church in Commack, N.Y.

— CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz

## \$2.2 million anonymous gift to pay for essential technology upgrades for local Catholic schools

By Jay Nies

The pandemic has highlighted the need for costly technology upgrades at all 37 Catholic grade schools and three Catholic high schools in the Jefferson City diocese.

Then came a light in the tunnel.

A group of donors who wish to remain anonymous has made a one-time, \$2.2 million gift to the diocese to help bring Catholic schools' technology up-to-par with that of their public school counterparts.

"The benefits are unlimited," said Ann Gray, principal of Mary Immaculate School in Kirksville. "This helps us stay competitive, giving families the option of choosing a Catho-

lic school where their children can receive a strong education in faith, service and academics."

Students of all ages will benefit.

Upgrades range from faster internet access to interactive TVs for in-school instruction, to new, age-appropriate wireless devices for students to use in class and at home if necessary.

"Teachers will be able to implement technology through their lessons, using their Smartboards, Chromebooks, and high-speed internet," said Jacob Akin, principal of Our Lady of the Snows School in Mary's Home.

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### Announces temporary postponement of launch of pastoral plan

### Offers ways for families to make the most of an unusual time

*Bishop W. Shawn McKnight presents the following message to the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City in anticipation of the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29) and the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Church:*

This Advent promises to be like none other.

With the pandemic raging, it is important to find ways to nurture our faith as we look forward to the great feast of the Incarnation, the Son of God becoming one of us.

Many of us will miss being with loved ones in person. Many will also miss the beautiful traditions of small faith groups, penance services, and in-person parish retreats held during Advent.

But perhaps God can use the effects of the pandemic, even the isolating effect of social distancing, for good.

What if we were able to take advantage of this shuttering of our busy lives to observe Advent as our Church has always encouraged us to do: a time of reflection, a time of quieting, a time of stillness, to make room for Christ in our daily lives?

Many parishes in our diocese have a beautiful tradition of forming small faith groups and parish retreats during Advent. This year, you are encouraged to consider meeting virtually or using your immediate household — what we Catholics call the "domestic church" — as a small faith group.

During Advent, many will have their

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## Chancery Closing

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## Official Decree of Appointments

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

**ADMINISTRATOR**

**Reverend Basil Tigga**, from associate pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City and Hospital Ministry, to administrator of St. Aloysius Parish, Argyle, with St. Boniface Chapel, Koeltztown, Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Brinktown, and Visitation Parish, Vienna.

*This appointment is effective December 1, 2020.*

**Given at the Chancery this 19th day of November 2020.**

*W. Shawn McKnight*

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

*Constance Schepers*

**Mrs. Constance Schepers**  
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## Sixth annual #iGiveCatholic Giving Day set for Dec. 1

Catholic News Service

New Orleans

The sixth annual *#iGiveCatholic* Giving Day, which will benefit nearly 2,500 Catholic organizations in the United States, takes place Dec. 1 this year. "*#iGiveCatholic* offers communities across the country an opportunity to participate in *#GivingTuesday* in a way that specifically supports and celebrates Catholic parishes, schools and non-

profit ministries," said Cory J. Howat, president of the *#iGiveCatholic* organization, which is based in New Orleans.

The *#iGiveCatholic* website, [igivecatholic.org](http://igivecatholic.org), has information about the dioceses,

parishes, schools and nonprofit ministries participating in this year's campaign.

Those interested in donating may search the website by diocese, organization name or cause — religion, education, poverty and hunger, etc.

## Pray for deceased priests

Dec. 9 — **Fr. Thomas L. Waickman**, St. Joseph, Louisiana; and **Mary Queen of Peace**, Clarksville (2010)

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Tuesday — at St. Raphael — "Holy Eucharist"  
Wednesday — at St. Joseph — "Culture of Death vs. Culture of Life"  
Thursday — at St. Boniface — "Our Lady...Mother of God & Mother of the Church"

### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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# Missouri's Roman Catholic Bishops issue statement on COVID-19 vaccines

Missouri's Roman Catholic bishops, in their role as officers of the Missouri Catholic Conference, issued the following statement on Nov. 20.

The statement's signatories include: Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of St. Louis; Bishop James V. Johnston Jr. of Kansas City-St. Joseph; Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City; and Bishop Edward M. Rice of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

"For most of 2020, the human family around the world has faced a pandemic that has impacted and disrupted our social, economic, political, and religious lives.

"As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, people have lost loved ones, homes, businesses, livelihoods, a sense of well-being, and the comfort and closeness of family and friends.

"As we head into the winter flu season, anxiety levels

remain high as the number of COVID-19 cases continue to increase in many parts of our state, nation and world.

"The prospect of a vaccine raises hopes, but the research involved in vaccine development also raises ethical concerns, which we wish to briefly address:

"The Catholic Church has long advocated for research into medical cures for diseases which utilize ethical means to bring about these cures. We renew our call for the scientific community to reject the use of fetal tissue from abortions for scientific discovery and medical research; instead, these *corpses* should be granted the same respect one would offer the remains of other human beings (1).

"In this arena, as in all others, noble ends do not justify unethical means.

"There are currently over 300 vaccines under develop-

ment, and we anticipate several will be approved and distributed for use in the near future. Fortunately, there are vaccines in line to be released soon that do not raise ethical concerns, even if some do.

"Regrettably, the existence and use of problematic cell lines derived from voluntary abortions performed in the past is an ongoing concern with respect to a number of areas of medical research today.

"The vaccines currently in development that utilize problematic cell lines, however, should not keep Catholics from seeking vaccination. Preserving one's health and that of others outweighs the remote association with past abortions which were neither desired nor intended by those now using the vaccines (2).

"It is our hope and prayer that the vaccines for COVID-19 in line for release will be safe, effective, and developed, produced, and distributed in an ethically acceptable manner.

"Everyone should have access to a safe and effective vaccine, and no one should have to face being inoculated with a vaccine derived in an unethical manner.

"Although it can be morally permissible to receive vaccines that were derived in an unethical manner, when equivalently safe and effective vaccines that don't rely on such cell lines are available, such alternatives should clearly be the preferred option.

"Catholics may in good conscience utilize vaccines, even those derived in an unethical manner, in order to protect themselves, as well as to avoid the serious risk to vulner-

able persons and to society as a whole resulting from remaining unvaccinated (3).

"At the same time, Catholics should keep in mind that they have a duty to make known their disagreement with using a vaccine derived in an unethical manner and to ask that the healthcare system and pharmaceutical companies make available ethically-derived vaccines (4).

"We call upon Catholics and people of good will to pray

and work for the continued development and distribution of safe and effective vaccines that are untainted by involvement or association with abortion."

(1). *Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction Donum vitae, I, 4; AAS 80 (1988), 83.*

(2), (3) and (4). *Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction Dignitas personae, No. 35.*



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## Use of Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 vaccines is morally acceptable, say bishops

Catholic News Service  
Washington, D.C.

While confusion has arisen in recent days over "the moral permissibility" of using the COVID-19 vaccines just announced by Pfizer Inc. and Moderna, it is not "immoral to be vaccinated with them," said Bishop Kevin J. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the US-CCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

They addressed the issue in a Nov. 23 memo to their

brother bishops.

"Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development or production," the two prelates said.

They noted there is a "relatively remote" connection in that "both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products." But it is "an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching," they said, to declare that this remote connection makes it "immoral to be vaccinated with them."

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

For the sons and daughters of the Church: that we may be the light of God's love for the world by our sacrificial gifts for those in need, especially the children of our world.



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## Bishop McKnight's Calendar

The following appointments are tentative, depending on the pandemic.

DECEMBER	
<b>Dec. 2</b>	CCCNM Board of Directors meeting (video conference), noon
<b>Dec. 7</b>	Missouri Catholic Conference Board of Directors meeting (video conference), 10 am
<b>Dec. 15</b>	Meeting of Deans of the Diocese of Jefferson City (video conference), 10 am; Presbyteral Council meeting (video conference) 1 pm



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# Russellville parish celebrates history, vitality, future

By Jay Nies

Sharon Murphy's fingers reverently unpacked a treasure — three coins, some squared-off nails and a tiny, broken bottle.

They're what remain of a time capsule that had been buried for nearly a century in the foundation of the old St. Michael Church in Russellville.

They sat forgotten in storage for another few decades until being rediscovered in time for the History Day to mark the 130th anniversary of St. Michael Parish's founding.

"If this ain't a miracle, I don't know what is!" said Mrs. Murphy, whose late husband Joe first found the items while salvaging foundation stones from the old church in 1988.

Mrs. Murphy addressed her fellow congregants in the parish hall that had served as the parish's house of worship from 1984 until the current church was completed in 2002.

"My kids were baptized here," said Mrs. Murphy, who with her late husband joined the parish in 1985 where her parents had brought her for religious instruction each week when she was a girl.

## Strength and adversity

Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, pastor, said St. Michael Parish has an interesting history and enjoys a good reputation among the priests of the diocese.

"I suspect that probably came to be because the parish had to



Members of St. Michael Parish in Russellville celebrate their History Day with displays of photos and items from the church's past.

— Photos by Jay Nies

go through the school of hard knocks," he said.

He recounted how the parish has not had a residential pastor for most of its existence, that it had been closed twice and that the parishioners had worked valiantly to reestablish it in 1984 after a 15-year hiatus.

"Those things that don't destroy you make you stronger," he said. "Those things that are tests, sometimes of faith or ability, strengthen your resolve. And that helps make a good parish better."

## Good neighbors

The parish's history committee worked for several months to organize the History Day celebration.

To facilitate proper social-distancing during the pandemic, they created six stations in separate areas of the parish hall,

each pertaining to history.

There were photos and historical artifacts from days gone by.

Participants, over half of whom had been born or moved to the area after the parish reopened in 1984, enjoyed coffee and warm muffins while perusing photos, ephemeral.

Several wore specially designed T-shirts that said, "Growing Together for 130 Years."

Each received a short, typewritten history of the parish, a transcript of longtime parishioners' recollections, and a colorful commemorative card depicting the 1890 and 2002 churches.

Mike Broker, who served as the first interim parish council chairman when the parish reopened, showed a video compilation from his archives.

It included interviews with longtime parishioners, some now deceased, and highlights from the 2002 church dedication.

"I shot little bits and pieces of activities, getting ready for barbecues, people working together," he said. "I asked people why they wanted to help build a new church and so on."

Located 14 miles southwest of Jefferson City in rural Cole County, Russellville is a growing bedroom community for the capital city.

Father Van der Sanden, an assistant pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, began a mission for 15 German Catholic families in a nearby settlement called Stringtown in 1860.

He offered Mass once every

six weeks in parishioners' homes, according to early 20th-century Church historian Father John Rothensteiner.

Fr. Van der Sanden in 1862 blessed a cornerstone for a church that never got built, although the Stringtown cemetery and a stone foundation still exist on a hill overlooking Route C.

Father John Schramm established what is now St. Martin Parish in St. Martins in 1885. Two years later, he founded a Catholic mission in Russellville and set the cornerstone for the first St. Michael Church, which was dedicated on Oct. 22, 1890.

The mission became a parish on Sept. 26, 1906, with Father Joseph Wehner as its first pastor.

Attended by priests from St. Martins, St. Michael Parish closed for four years in the 1930s. Father Edward A. Bruemmer, associate pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, brought Sunday Masses back to Russellville in about 1934.

He also brought School Sisters of Notre Dame from Jefferson City to catechize the children.

## Hope springs eternal

Priests from the La Salette Seminary in Jefferson City began serving the parish in the 1950s, alternating with associate pastors from St. Peter Parish.

While Father Norman J. Ahrens was pastor, Russellville parishioners built a brick parish hall near the old church.

Dwindling membership led to the shuttering of St. Michael Parish in February 1970. But

while becoming active in other parishes, Russellville's Catholics never gave up hope of being brought back together.

The local Catholic population continued to grow as the years went by. The pastor in St. Martins looked for a way to alleviate some of the crowding at his Masses. He and a group of Russellville-area Catholics in 1984 presented to Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe, now deceased, a proposal to reopen St. Michael Parish.

With his advisors' unanimous support, the bishop appointed 12 volunteers to an interim parish council, charging them with meting out boundaries and assembling a budget.

"We laid out a big map, and I circled everybody in the area that might make up this parish," recalled Mr. Broker, who served as the first parish council chairman. "We asked to have a priest offer Mass and take care of the sacraments, and we'd take care of the rest."

## On holy ground

The old church was too small for all the people who wanted to join the parish, so Masses would be celebrated in the parish hall.

Bishop McAuliffe offered the first Mass on Christmas Eve, with about 200 parishioners attending.

Thereafter, parishioner Tom LePage would drive his flatbed truck to the St. Martin Church each Saturday afternoon, load up about 100 chairs, take them back to Russellville and set them

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# U.S. Catholic bishops form working group to address conflicts between Biden policies, Church teaching

By Mark Pattison  
Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit will head up a special working group of the U.S. bishops to address issues surrounding the election of a Catholic president and policies that may come about that would be in conflict with Catholic teaching and the bishops' priorities.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic bishops, announced the establishment of this working group at the end of the public portion of the bishops' Nov. 16-17 meeting, held this year completely online.

Archbishop Vigneron is vice president of the USCCB. Other members of the working group will be USCCB committee chairmen in a number of areas where disagreement is expected between the Church and President-elect Joe Biden.

"We are facing a unique moment in the history of our country" with the election of only the second Catholic as president, Archbishop Gomez said. "This presents certain opportunities but also certain challenges."

While "the president-elect has given us reason to believe his faith commitments will lead to certain policies that we favor," Archbishop



**President-elect Joe Biden receives a national security briefing in Wilmington, Delaware, Nov. 17, 2020. The news media Nov. 7 declared Biden and his vice presidential running mate, Kamala Harris, winners of the Nov. 3 election. Biden is the second Catholic to be elected president of the United States.**

— CNS photo/Tom Brenner, Reuters

Gomez said — listing immigration, aid to refugees and the poor, racial justice, capital punishment and climate change among them — there also is the expectation that "he will support policies that are against some fundamental values we hold dear as Catholics," the archbishop said.

"This includes repeal of the Hyde Amendment, and his support for *Roe v. Wade*," he stated.

The 1973 Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision allowed legal abortion virtually on demand throughout the United States.

The Hyde Amendment forbids the use of federal funds to be used for abortions, with exceptions in cases of rape or

incest or to save the life of the mother.

The USCCB's quadrennial statement "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," Archbishop Gomez said, has "a preeminent priority of elimination of abortion."

He also listed "unequal treatment of Catholic schools," the Equality Act and the "restoration of the HHS mandate."

In 2011, under the Obama administration, coverage of contraceptives was added by the federal Department of Health and Human Services to a list of preventive services covered by the Affordable Care Act that employers would cover in their employee health plans without re-

quiring a copay.

"These policies pose a serious threat to the common good whenever any politician supports them," Archbishop Gomez said. "We have long opposed these policies strongly and we will continue to do so."

"When politicians who profess the Catholic faith support them there are ... problems," Archbishop Gomez added. "And one of the things it creates confusion among the faithful about what the Church actually teaches on these questions."

The HHS mandate included an exception for houses of worship and offered an accommodation for religious employers whereby they could ask a third party to cover contraceptives.

In separate cases, the family-owned Hobby Lobby Chain and the Little Sisters of the Poor won the right from the Supreme Court to be exempt from the mandate.

But the Little Sisters were still in litigation over it for years. A Trump administration policy exempted them from the mandate. It was challenged again in the courts,

and in July of this year, the Supreme Court again ruled in favor of the religious order.

Also serving on the working group announced by Archbishop Gomez will be the chairmen of the USCCB committees on doctrine and on communications.

Archbishop Gomez reminded his fellow bishops that after President Donald Trump was elected four years ago, there were "critical issues" that needed to be addressed.

"Then as now, the committee existed to address those issues and the goal was to emphasize our priorities and enhance collaboration," said Archbishop Gomez.

"Thank you, brothers for raising these concerns," he said to the committee chairmen who had initially raised these concerns to him, "and please stay tuned as this develops further."

The U.S. bishops were to enter into an executive session following the close of the public portion of the meeting.

*Contributing to this report was Dennis Sadowski in Cleveland.*

## In Washington, with new president, cardinal-designate hopes for dialogue

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

As Washington's new cardinal and with a Catholic soon to be living in the White House, Cardinal-designate Wilton D. Gregory said he hopes to collaborate where possible while respectfully pointing out where President-elect Joe Biden's policies diverge from Catholic teaching.

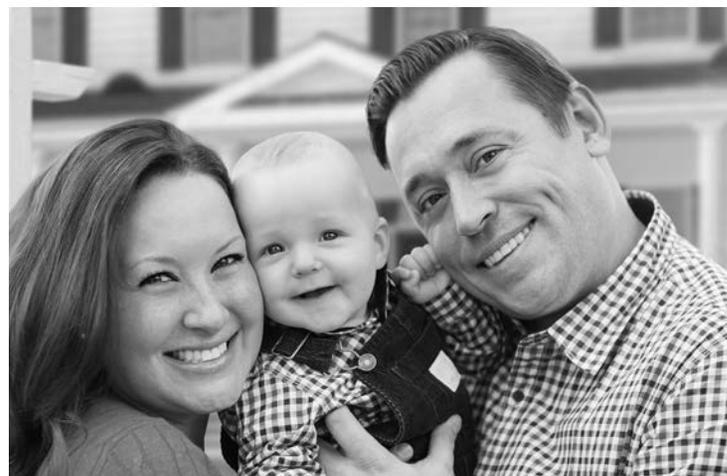
In a Zoom interview Nov. 24 from the Vatican's Domus Sanctae Marthae, where he is in quarantine for 10 days as a COVID-19 precaution, the cardinal-designate said he would not prevent the new president, who goes to Mass every Sunday, from receiving Holy Communion in the archdiocese.

"The kind of relationship that I hope we will

have is a conversational relationship where we can discover areas where we can cooperate that reflect the social teachings of the Church, knowing full well that there are some areas where we won't agree," the cardinal-designate said.

"They are areas where the Church's position is very clear," he stated, particularly its opposition to the president-elect's support for legal abortion.

In deciding when to collaborate and when to criticize, he said, "I hope that I don't highlight one over the other. I hope it's a real dialogue, because I think that's the mantra of Pope Francis — that we should be a Church in dialogue, even with those with whom we have some serious disagreements," he said.



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# Eighth-graders contemplate the road to eternity during Rosary pilgrimage to parish cemetery

By Jay Nies

They entered and left through the narrow gate.

In between, they participated in the Communion of Saints, sharing prayer and fellowship with those who had gone before them.

About 50 eighth-graders from St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City took part in an All Souls Day pilgrimage to their parish cemetery.

Father Jeremy Secrist, pastor of St. Peter parish, led them and several teachers in praying the Rosary together as they walked about a mile.

Upon arriving, they gathered around the burial place of Monsignor Joseph Selinger, who was pastor of St. Peter Parish from 1904-38.

Fr. Secrist talked to them about the Communion of Saints and of the need to remember and pray for those who had lived and died before them.

"I realize that cemeteries are oftentimes around this time of year places that are scary," he told them. "But I'd ask you to keep in mind that actually, cemeteries, along with churches, are the holiest ground you could be standing on.

"Because this ground, this place, has been consecrated or blessed, so that all of these people — some of whom might be relatives of yours — are resting here, and we pray in peace, awaiting the Resurrection," he said.

He pointed out that most of the headstones face east, the direction from which the Bible indicates Jesus will arrive at His Second Coming.

"All of these who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, are awaiting the return of the Lord," the priest said, "so that when He calls them forth from the grave, they will rise to meet Him."

The students spent some time quietly exploring the cemetery, including the burial places of some of their relatives and ancestors.

"As you go about, remember the people who are still in need of your prayers," Fr. Secrist



**LEFT:** Eighth-graders from St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City pass through the narrow gate into St. Peter Cemetery during a Rosary pilgrimage on Nov. 2, All Souls Day. **RIGHT:** The students gather with their teacher and Father Jeremy Secrist around the burial place of Monsignor Joseph Selinger, who was pastor of St. Peter parish for 34 years. — Photos by Jay Nies

told them.

### In loving memory

Cambri VanLoo felt surrounded by God's love during the procession to the cemetery.

"I knew God was looking down on us and watching over us," she said.

She found peace at the cemetery, as well.

"I saw many familiar last

the age of 50 or even younger," she said. "It reminded me how lucky we are to live in this modern age of medicine."

She said many people think of a cemetery as someplace creepy.

"To me, it is a place where we reflect on the lives who were buried there," she said.

This was her first All Souls Day visit to a cemetery.

"As Catholics, we believe that our souls go to either Heaven or Hell, and our remains stay on Earth after we die," she stated. "The souls that die in a right relationship with God enter purgatory after death to cleanse themselves from sin before entering heaven."

That's why it's important to pray for them, on All Souls Day and throughout the year.

"Our prayers themselves cannot free people from purgatory," she noted, "but we can speed up the process by praying for them."

### Merciful heaven

Payton Ratcliff wanted to visit the graves of those who had been there the longest.

"I figured that they have less family members that remember them," she said, "so I wanted to pray for them and hope their life was good."

Richard Mosha spoke of asking God to be merciful to the souls in purgatory and to help them find the right path.

"It is important we ask God to do this because sometimes even lost souls might need a little help every once in a while,"

he said.

Payton said it's important to keep the faithful departed in prayer.

"When you pray for the dead, it can connect you with Jesus in a lot of ways," she said. "It can show you how to become calm with giving your spirit to God."

"No matter what, everyone should be loved, living or dead," she added.

### Works of art

Sophia Abbott felt a cascade of emotions during the pilgrimage.

She found the cemetery, still resplendent with autumn color, to be quiet and peaceful — "a beautiful place to rest forever."

Yet, each grave has its own sad story to tell about passing from this life into the next.

"You could feel the quiet and gloom in the air," she said. "You could picture all the funerals and tears there."

She said each of the graves contains a work of art — "art that grew on with the person and gained color and life as the years went on and even in death their art continues in heaven."

"Each person is a work of art and never stops being that way, even in their eternal resting place," she said.

The graves themselves, while paved with tears and sadness, are also works of art and love.

"So while I was there, I made sure to remember to pray and thank God for the lives these people had," she said.

"It's nice to take it all in on a quiet day and remember that even in death, you never stop

being a beautiful creation of God and His own work of art," she stated.

### Awaiting the Resurrection

Seven of Sady Garner's relatives are at rest in St. Peter Cemetery.

Among them are her great-grandparents, Otto and Kate Kroeger; her great-grandparents, George and Mary Scheppers; her great-great aunt, Rose Anne Masters and her husband Frank Masters.

"Also buried with them is my cousin Corina Pfenenger, who died at birth," she said.

Foster Dunlap said he found the pilgrimage interesting. He saw gravestones of people who died long ago, and some with surnames he had heard before.

"This was a little weird to see due to their still being some relatives of theirs that are still alive," he stated.

He was surprised to hear Fr. Secrist talk about cemeteries as some of the holiest places.

He thought about how some of the people at rest in the cemetery are still in purgatory, awaiting heaven.

"It is important to remember those who have died and to pray for them, to try to help them be able to reach heaven faster," he said.

"We may be able to help them pray for us, too," he added.

### Carved in stone

Calen Jones beheld many interesting things.

"I saw some very cool gravestones such as a big statue of

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names of people I know," she stated. "This made me think about all of my relatives that have passed away that I don't even know about."

She called to mind her great-grandmother, who had recently passed away.

She's convinced that her prayers can help those who have gone before her reach the fullness of union with God.

"They may need some extra prayers to make it there," she said. "We need everyone to pray for all the people who have passed away."

### Let us assist them

Lauren Mathews and several friends drifted about the rows of weathered headstones, taking in the names and dates.

"We made the observation that several people died under

# Living Rosary Rally in Hermann nearly 70 years ago brought small town together to pray for peace

By Don Kruse

## Hermann

In times of great need for prayer, albeit because of war or worldwide spread of a virus, many turn to the Rosary and pray to the Blessed Mother Mary to intercede.

Pope Francis reminded us to pray the Rosary in the very early weeks of this current pandemic.

So was the case nearly 70 years ago when St. George Parish in Hermann conducted a Living Rosary Rally for world peace, welcoming both Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

It was a sight to behold, a public display of worship that brought one small town in Gasconade County together for one evening in May of 1952.

The rally was sponsored by St. George's Holy Name Society.

The war in Korea had been on the minds of all, with brutal battles raging throughout 1951.

Many from Hermann, draftees and volunteers, were engaged in the conflict while serving their country.

The spring of the following year, St. George Parish enlisted parish groups such as the Ladies Sodality and Knights of Columbus Council 1914 and the faculty of the grade school and newly-opened high school to organize a public Rosary Rally.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, who staffed the parish's schools, were telling the story of Our Lady of Fatima in religion classes and urging students to pray the Rosary.

Nearly every student, grade school through high school, wound up taking part in the Living Rosary Rally.

The local *Advertiser-Courier* newspaper ran a front-page story just days before the event, and again the following week after a most impressive event that started at what many refer to as "Catholic



Grade school and high school students from St. George Parish in Hermann participated in the Living Rosary Rally for Peace that was presented in May 1952 at the Hermann City Ball Park. The entire community came together to pray for peace during the Korean War.

— Photos from the St. George Catholic Church Photo Archives

Hill," the steep rise from the intersection of Fourth and Market streets.

Nothing before, in this

of City Park here last Sunday evening at the Rosary Rally for world peace, which began with a procession that wended

bleacher seating was said to accommodate crowds of Maifest parade judgments totaling 1,500 or more. For many years, the Maifest parades started downtown and ended at the ball diamond.

### Beads of light

The Living Rosary in that spring 68 years ago is still vivid in the minds of St. George parishioners who were of grade-school age at the time.

Jane (Elsenraat) Speckhals, now 80, said she was finishing up sixth grade and had the honor of saying one "Hail Mary."

"We were proud to do that, to be given such a prestigious position at that rally," she recalled. "Either a boy or girl would say one 'Hail Mary' or an 'Our Father,' and as you did that they would turn on the light or a

candle you were holding."

Altar servers and acolytes, wearing cassocks and surplices, carried candles in the procession — the smaller boys carrying the red glass lamp candles and the older boys the larger white ones.

One of the senior boys carried the cross.

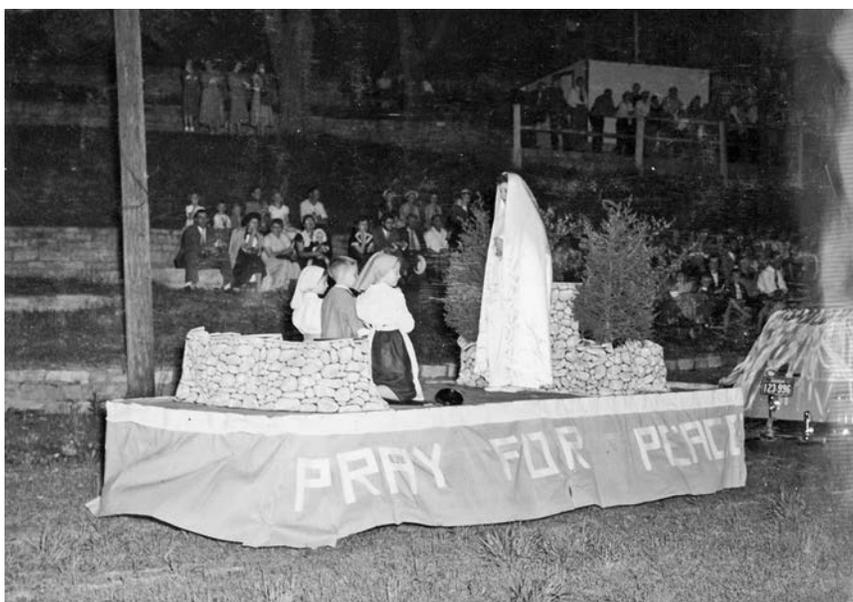
Visiting clergy from nine Catholic parishes in Central Missouri, as well as a priest and three Franciscan brothers from St. Anthony Friary in St. Louis, attended.

"The five-blocks-long candlelight procession," wrote Mr. Graf, "was made up of the V.F.W. color bearers and firing squad, school children in uniforms, Fatima float, servers, clergy and members, both men and women, of the parish, all marching to the military beat of field drums.

"The most striking scene in the long procession was the lovely float, which was decorated in a realistic scene of Fatima," Mr. Graf wrote. "Since the procession began at sundown, the light-flooded float created a thrilling effect."

He continued: "As a sign of special honor to the Fatima float, the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus marched on the sides throughout the procession and formed a guard at the altar when they arrived at the park.

"The procession was welcomed to the park by the melodious tones of the powerful Hammond Organ, which was furnished through the courtesy of the Aeolian Company of St. Louis. The volume of music produced by the organ, played by Sister Mary Anto-



This Living Fatima float was taken in procession from St. George Church in Hermann to the city ball park in the May 1952 Living Rosary Rally that drew Catholics and non-Catholics. Miss Peggy Heberle, a student at St. George High School, represented Our Lady of Fatima.

hilly Missouri River town of 2,500, compared to it.

The headline on Page 1, column 1, of the May 9, 1952, issue read: "About 1,000 Attend Hermann Rosary Rally for Peace."

The newspaper's editor at that time, J.J. Graf, a member of the largest Protestant congregation in town, gave a glowing report of what he witnessed.

He began: "A thousand candles lit the amphitheatre

its way from Fourth and Market streets to the park."

Hermann's lower city park ball diamond, often referred to as the amphitheatre, was a three-level seating venue and the only place in town that could hold such a large gathering.

It had been built prior to World War II with the help of federal funds that were available following the Great Depression of the '30s.

The ball park's permanent

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## QUESTION CORNER

## New marriage without death certificate / What is true forgiveness?

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



**Q. I am 69 years old and a new Catholic. My wife and I would like to restate our vows in a Catholic Mass. However, I was previously married 40 years ago for a short time. My first wife has passed away, but she had married again and I don't even know her marriage name. Our local deacon has told me that since she has died, there is no need for an annulment, but that I have to prove she is dead either by a death certificate or an obituary. But since it was so long ago, I can find neither one. I feel like I'm in a Catch-22 position. What can I do? (Covington, Louisiana)**

A. Not to worry. Fortunately, the Church's *Code of Canon Law* has already envisioned a situation such as you describe. Canon 1707 provides that the diocesan bishop can issue a declaration of presumed death, which would then free you and your new wife to repeat your marriage vows in the presence of a priest and at a Catholic Mass.

The bishop, however, could do so only after having done "appropriate investigations" and having reached "moral certitude" of the death of your first wife. That investigation would include gathering testimony from witnesses.

So think back to how you learned about the death of your first wife — who told you about it, where did you read it, how many people knew about it? And then try to contact witnesses — I would think at least two, other than yourself — who would be willing to speak to the bishop and attest to your first wife's passing.

**Q. Does it count as true forgiveness if you don't hate the person, if you pray for their well-being, yet purposely avoid them because you've seen enough to know that they won't change their ways (gossiping, etc.)?**

A. Forgiveness is essential to the Christian way of life. We have only to think of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Stoned outside the city of Jerusalem, he died praying for his executioners. He took his example, of course, from Jesus, who said from the cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Earlier, after giving us the Lord's Prayer, Jesus had said: "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you" (Matthew 6:14). So, a willingness to forgive those who have offended us is a Christian imperative.

At the same time, though, the Church does not dictate whom you have to "hang out" with. In your own case, I believe that you have done everything you are obligated to do: You do not hate the one who offended you, and you continue to pray for his or her well-being.

To continue to fraternize with that person may not only be unpleasant for you; it could also "pull you down" into the world of gossiping. You are justified, I would think, in keeping your distance.

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

## Papal Audience

November 25, 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now reflect on how constant prayer was the driving force of the missionary activity of the first Christians. St. Luke tells us that they "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Today too the Church's life is centred on prayer, which unites us to Christ, and inspires our witness to the Gospel and our charitable service to those in need. In prayer, we experience the life of the Risen Jesus Who, in the power of the Spirit, continues to be present to our world, especially in the Church's teaching and sacraments, and our efforts to advance His kingdom of reconciliation, justice and peace. The *Catechism* teaches that the Holy Spirit "keeps the memory of Christ alive in His Church" (n. 2625), and grants courage and conviction to all those missionaries, who, in our day too, face arduous journeys, dangers and persecution for the sake of the Gospel. Like the early Christians, may we learn, through the cultivation of personal and communal prayer, to be ever more closely united to the Triune God of love, and to bring that same love to the world around us.

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. As we prepare to embark upon our Advent journey, may the light of Christ illumine our paths and dispel all darkness from our hearts. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!

## Typhoons buffet the Philippines, affecting Fr. Dandi's mission work

Father Donardo "Dandi" Bermejo and his committed cadre of healthcare and aid workers in one of the poorest areas of the Philippines have been contending with the COVID-19 pandemic, deadly industrial pollution, and now nature's wrath.

"We were beset by at least three typhoons one after the other the past three weeks," he wrote in a Nov. 14 email. "The strongest was the last one, Ulysses or Vamco, which had a sustaining wind of 100 miles per hour."

Fr. Dandi and the people in Manapla, where his Works of Charity Center and St. Joseph the Worker Clinic for the indigent sugarcane plantation workers of the Negros Occidental region is headquartered, are safe due to their central location.

"But we did experience lots and lots of rain and very, very strong winds," stated Fr. Dandi, who served in the Jefferson City diocese for nine years and whose ministry receives support from The Missions of the Diocese of Jefferson City.

He noted that Vamco struck the main island of Luzon, in

the northern part of the Philippines, causing about 75 known fatalities and many more people missing or injured.

The latest typhoon also caused widespread flooding, landslides, submerged houses, the destruction of dams and water resources, the crippling of power lines, and the devastation of agricultural lands, affecting around 100,000 farmers and people involved in the fishing industry.

The typhoon also forced about 390,000 people to seek shelter at evacuation centers, many of whom have yet to return to their homes.

Caritas Philippines and the president of Ateneo de Naga University sought aid from domestic and international sources in response to the devastation.

As the death toll rose, Pope Francis offered prayers for Filipinos affected by destruction and flooding.

His prayer at his Nov. 15 Angelus address at the Vatican came as Filipinos appealed for help and their bishops urged them to support each other in the worst flooding since 2009.

Within three weeks, the

Philippines was hit by five storms.

"I express my solidarity with the poorest families who have been subjected to these calamities and my support to those who are trying to assist them," Pope Francis said.

The same day, World Day of the Poor, Bishop Broderick Pabillo, Manila archdiocesan administrator, said the calamities, which affected more than 2 million people in Luzon, called for people to help one another.

"We help not only with what is extra for us, but even with what we need, because others are more in need," Bishop Pabillo said.

All the while, the fight continues in Fr. Dandi's hometown to shut down a local distillery or compel its owners to address the sickening pollution they are causing to the air and drinking water.

Fr. Dandi asks for prayers as he and the people struggle with the pollution problems from the distillery, which are adversely affecting their health and wellbeing.

Catholic News Service contributed to this report.

# Post-election, march toward Thanksgiving with gratitude

By Effie Caldarola  
Catholic News Service



It was the day after Halloween and just two days until Election Day. As a nation, we were marking milestones in our long national COVID-19 trudge.

Taking a neighborhood walk, I was struck by how fast Halloween decorations disappear. Here, for instance, was a driveway where a giant inflatable ghoul had hovered menacingly. Now, he had apparently gone to wherever ghouls spend the off-season.

But, then, surprisingly, I found a minion still standing, wearing a witch's hat and an expression of abject terror. A minion is a little computer-animated comedy character, but this particular minion was anything but cheerful. When I mentioned this frightened inflatable to my daughter, she said, "Well, he's probably terrified about the election."

Ah, yes, Election Day. It seemed one thing united a divided nation: election apprehension. After the 2016 election, a priest friend told me he knew a psychiatrist who had to hospitalize a patient, so great was his postelection angst. Most of us weren't that emotionally nettled, but I noted that dentists are seeing tooth grinding, cracking and clenching spiking lately.

Everyone prepared for a long night, only to find the night dragging on to several days. The huge voter turnout underscored the fact that few of us were ambivalent. We are a nation of passionate partisans.

Now, amid increasing COVID-19 fears, we march on toward Thanksgiving with a new president-elect but no strong mandate for either side. How can we incorporate this most American of holidays into a journey of healing for our divided country?

All great spiritual writers tell us gratitude is a key to spiritual growth. Whining, anxiety and negativity are not.

So let's use this period — our national

festival of thanks, and then the joyous and expectant season of Advent that follows — to focus on gratitude.

My gratitude list includes appreciation for Americans, in record-breaking numbers, who made the effort to vote by mail, or like me, dropped their ballot at the county office. Or who stood in a long line in the midst of a pandemic to vote. Thanks to each one of you, whether you voted my way or not.

I am grateful that in these brutal times, good people still run for office, for positions great and small. I appreciate the people who worked on campaigns. I'm thankful for my friends who made phone calls for their candidates, including a relative who was occasionally cursed at for her efforts.

I'm thankful for those who mailed postcards to voters and those who displayed yard signs, including the ones with whom I disagreed.

Thank you to those brave citizens who volunteered, despite COVID-19, to work at the polls. Thank you to those

who counted votes, for days, sometimes in the midst of harassment or even threats. Thank you to poll watchers, observers and state officials who made this election a model of honesty and efficiency.

Thanks to voters who studied all the ballot issues right down to the local utility district elections.

Kudos to those who fought for more polling stations and greater voter access.

Democracy can't survive without a strong free press. To journalists, my deepest appreciation. For those Americans who kept an open mind, eschewed conspiracy theories and sought their news from many and credible sources? You are our civic backbone.

To those who refrained from making unkind, personal remarks on social media: bless you. To those — voter, candidate or office holder — who never, ever called anyone names, thanks.

For a future of hope and civility for our nation in the struggle ahead, we are grateful and ask God to bless us.

## To everything there is a season

By Moises Sandoval  
Catholic News Service



"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh."

During this terrible pandemic, Ecclesiastes 3 above is good counsel for us. Although its season already seems far too long, COVID-19 will pass.

Our hope and challenge are to learn from it and emerge better not just in terms of immunity but in terms of spirituality, moral strength and solidarity with our fellow human beings the world over.

Our country's terrible toll, the highest by far of any nation in the world, is due, in some measure, to our divisiveness and lack of concern and compassion for the disadvantaged. It is therefore a time to embrace all our fellow human beings worldwide, to take down our walls, whether virtual or of steel and concrete, and to accept that we can only overcome the virus if we work together.

Within our borders, we have to work for the safety of all, regardless of color or creed, immigrant, guest worker or citizen, free or in prison, poor or rich, with special care for essential workers who plant, till and harvest our sustenance

and the first responders, nurses, doctors and maintenance workers caring for the sick.

This indeed is a time to die and a time to grieve, but it is also a time to live as fully as we can during our time here, whether long or short. At Thanksgiving, we have much more to be thankful for than in ordinary times.

If we have a roof over our heads, we can, besides being grateful, lobby for those facing foreclosure or eviction. If our table has sufficient food, we can speak out for the millions going hungry and find ways to help.

If we know that our loved ones, scattered all over the country, are alive and well, we can empathize with the 545 children taken from their parents by immigration authorities at our southern border in 2018 who are still not reunited with parents who cannot be found.

As Pope Francis said in the documentary "Francesco," "It's cruelty, and separating kids from parents goes against natural rights. ... It is something a Christian cannot do. It's cruelty of the highest form."

The separations were the result of a policy of zero tolerance. Between October 2017 and May 2018, 2,700 children were taken from their parents while seeking refugee status at our southern border. A U.S. district judge stopped the practice, which is unlawful, and most were eventually returned, but not all.

In a recent article in the Jesuit magazine, *America*, by J.D. Long-Garcia, a se-

### REFLECTION

## Through a wide-angle lens

By Mark Saucier

In the first chapter of Genesis, five times God completed a day's work of creation and then recognized that it was "good." Light, land and living creatures were all good.

The sixth day was different. After creating man, "God saw all He had made and indeed, it was *very* good."

God stepped back, took a larger view, saw the fullness of His creation, and only then realized just how good, indeed *very* good, it was.

There may be a message in that for this Thanksgiving.

COVID ravages the country, leaving empty seats at many family tables. Children have had a year of normal childhood taken from them. Our nation is still dangerously riven.

Sometimes, it is hard to be thankful. We'll still try to pick the low fruit of people who love us, food to eat, and a roof over our heads, but for many, there is an unease in our soul and an uncertainty in our mind that subdues our gratitude.

It is natural. We cannot be grateful for everything, especially when it seems like the fates have conspired against us. But we can develop a deeper sense of gratitude that allows us to step back, see the bigger picture, and realize that even in dark times we are still so very blessed.

I have found that, above all, this demands humility on my part. I have to realize that it is not all about me, that I am not alone in whatever suffering I perceive, and that my portion of good is enough, perhaps even more, than I need.

A sense of humor is essential. If I take God seriously, especially as provider and sustainer, then I don't have to take myself seriously. I can wear my faith lightly and see the irony, the absurdity and even the comedy in otherwise tense times.

I can be, like Job, cautiously pessimistic, expecting that things will get worse, but open to the possibility that the tide will turn.

I need to slow down, deliberately pause. Bad news oozes from every digital pore while so many of the good things are missed in my blind distraction.

Every day has its moments of subtle grace and delight, but many can only be seen through the eyes of attention.

Finally, I must take it all to prayer, audibly voice my thankfulness for the life and light showered upon me.

God may not need to hear my words of gratitude, but I do.

## Priest at Solemn Requiem Mass urges all to remember, pray for the dead

By Jay Nies

“God doesn’t just want us to GET to heaven; He wants us to the kind of people who BELONG in heaven!”

He wants to transform people forever with His grace.

“He wants us to be saints!” said Father Dylan Schrader. “And if we’re not there yet when we die, by the grace of God, He cleans us up. He gets us ready.”

Fr. Schrader offered a Solemn Requiem High Mass in the Extraordinary Form in Latin the evening of Nov. 2, the Commemoration of All Souls, in St. Brendan Church in Mexico.

“These ceremonies of the Mass for the Dead are very old, very ancient,” he said. “They come from a culture very different from our own.”

Fr. Schrader and those who assisted him wore black vestments.

“Today, the color black signifies our grief, our mourning and our sadness in the face of death — a reality at which our Lord Himself wept,” said Fr. Schrader.

A simple catafalque draped in black, flanked by four candles, symbolized the graves of the people who have died in God’s good grace but still must undergo a process or purification before entering the fullness of God’s presence.

This is known as purgatory.

Catholics make a point of praying for the souls in purgatory, who cannot pray for themselves, on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November.

### In communion with the saints

Fr. Schrader pointed out that there are three states of the Church:

- the Church Triumphant, made up of all the saints in heaven;

- the Church Militant, made up of people in this life who battle the obstacles and temptations that obscure the vision of heaven that Christ makes available to them; and

- the Church Suffering, made up of those in purgatory who cannot pray for themselves.

Beginning with All Souls Day and continuing through November, the Church turns its attention to the Church Suffering.

Specifically, Catholics offer prayers “to assist those who have died who are still undergoing their final purification, who are still being loosed of the last vestiges of sin and prepared for entry into the Church Triumphant,” said Fr. Schrader.

While all who follow Christ look forward with joy to the



Father Dylan Schrader preaches about the “last things” during a Solemn Requiem High Mass on Nov. 2, All Souls Day, in St. Brendan Church in Mexico.  
— Photo by Jay Nies

Resurrection and life in heaven, “that doesn’t take away all the pain we experience at our losses,” he said. “So we are here in a special way to pray for all the faithful departed who are close to each one of us, the people whom in this last year we have lost.”

“Our prayers and our sacrifices can really help them,” he noted. “God can use those things to assist them in their preparation for eternal life.”

### Body and soul

All Souls Day is also an opportunity for the saints-still-striving to reflect on the mystery of death, judgement, heaven, hell and purgatory.

“Death consists of the separation of the soul from the body,” said Fr. Schrader.

“We human beings are really a union of body and soul,” he stated. “Death means the rupture of that union, so death is in a sense unnatural to us. And we know that. We recoil at the thought of death because it puts us into an unnatural state.”

At that point, the body also begins to return to the dust of the earth.

“But our immortal soul continues to live,” he said, “and it waits for the resurrection of our body on the Last Day.”

All who die immediately experience judgement.

“That particular judgement is a kind of illumination, where we can see who we really are in the presence of the Mystery of Christ,” said Fr. Schrader.

That judgement reveals each

person’s own final destiny: eternal life with God, or eternal separation from Him in hell.

Death puts an end to the opportunity to choose for or against God.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: “The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in Whom

alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.” (#1035)

“God has made us for union with Himself,” said Fr. Schrader. “And if we reject that, if we persevere in that rejection until the end, what is left of us? Apart from union with God, we have only eternal loss left.”

But until that time, there’s always hope, which is worth celebrating.

### “Saved as through fire”

Fr. Schrader noted that the essence of heaven is seeing God face-to-face — “to see the very reality of God, to behold infinite goodness, truth and beauty directly and forever.”

“That perfect union with the source of all good brings with it perfect joy and happiness,” he said.

But, as the Book of Revelation makes clear, heaven is a state of perfection, and nothing unclean can enter it.

“In other words, there is no place in heaven for even our smallest sins or our smallest attachments to sin,” said Fr. Schrader.

Although summoned to perfection, “just as your Heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48), most people do not attain that level of perfection in this life.

“So all who die in God’s grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified are assured of eternal salvation,” the priest stated. “But after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.”

Scripture makes frequent reference to purification by fire — not by the punishing fires of hell, but the fire of God’s love that purges away imperfection.

St. Paul uses the analogy of a temple in Chapter 3 of his First Letter to the Corinthians.

He reveals that whatever stands on the imperishable foundation of Christ will be tested by fire.

The fire will reveal whether the structure is built of precious metals and jewels, or of perishable straw and wood.

“If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a reward,” St. Paul writes. “But if someone’s work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire.”

“In either case, we’ll find salvation,” Fr. Schrader noted. “If our temple is perfect, then we are ready for heaven. If it’s not quite flawless, if it’s got Christ as the foundation but there is still some wood, hay and straw, Paul says we will suffer loss but be saved as through fire.”

### For us, the living

Fr. Schrader emphasized that death does not sever the relationship between the per-

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# R.I.P. Fr. Vincent Hoying C.P.P.S. — was a pivotal pastor in Sedalia

By Jay Nies

Twelve years ago, Precious Blood Father Vincent Hoying asked the people of this diocese to pray “that I get to Heaven! ... But not just yet!”

Fr. Hoying, 90, died on Nov. 17 at St. Charles Center of the Missionary Society of the Precious Blood in Carthage, Ohio.

He had served as pastor of the former Sacred Heart Parish in Sedalia from 1971-80 and as senior priest in residence there from 2003-08.

“It’s been a good ride,” he told a newspaper reporter in Sidney, Ohio, in 2018. “I was in the back seat and the Lord was the driver.”

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 23 at St. Charles Center in Carthage, followed by burial in the St. Charles Cemetery.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, in the Sacred Heart Chapel in Sedalia.

Fr. Hoying is credited with shepherding Sacred Heart High School through its darkest hour.

The school’s east gymnasium has borne his name since 2008.

He was known for his compassion and his easy-going style, which helped him share the Good News with people who may not have otherwise been open to it.

“His smile could melt an iceberg,” said Precious Blood Father Mark Miller.

“Kindness and gentleness were his trademarks,” Donita Shipman stated on social media.

“So caring and kind. Never met a stranger,” said Tina Mattingly.

“His help and council changed my life,” said Doug Benitz.

“He was instrumental in helping me become Catholic,” stated Barbara Heer.

“He is the reason I joined the Church,” said Michelle Stangel Gardner.

## “Glad to stay”

Fr. Hoying saw the Priesthood as “such a blessing.”

“It’s a privilege to be a part of so many people’s lives and to help people grow in their faith and on the road that

leads to Heaven,” he told *The Catholic Missourian* in 2008.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1930, in Anna, Ohio, a son of Charles and Agnes (Heckman) Hoying.

His followed his older brother, the late Precious Blood Brother Norbert Hoying, into the religious congregation known as the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

He went to high school at Brunnerdale Seminary in Canton, Ohio, graduated from St. Joseph’s College in Rensselaer, Ohio on Aug. 3, 1951, and made his temporary profession of vows on Sept. 8, 1952.

He spent most of his novitiate at St. Charles Seminary in Carthage, where he also studied theology.

“At first, I didn’t have much of an interest in the Priesthood,” he recalled in 2008. “But as time went by, it was like, ‘If the Lord needs me, I’m glad to stay. If He wants me to be a priest, I’ll do it.’”

On June 1, 1958, in St. Charles Borromeo Chapel in Carthage, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Cincinnati ordained Fr. Hoying and 12 classmates to the Holy Priesthood.

He served in parish ministry in Detroit, Michigan, and Hazard, Kentucky, before joining the staff of the Precious Blood Vocation Office at Del Bufalo Seminary in Liberty, Missouri.

He remained friends with many of the priests and brothers who joined the congregation with his guidance and encouragement.

## A great boss

Fr. Hoying didn’t think he was ready to lead a large parish when he was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart in 1971.

His provincial basically told him to “make a retreat and say ‘yes.’”

In Sedalia, he implemented some of the changes in parish governance called for by the Second Vatican Council.

He was pleased to find the parishioners supportive and very willing to pitch in and cooperate.

“In my third year, we added about 600 seats to our gym,” he recalled many years later.

“And then in ‘77 and ‘78, we renovated the church, inside and outside. The people rolled up their sleeves and got the job done.”

When the sisters who taught at Sacred Heart School were reassigned, he insisted that the grade school and high school would remain open with lay teachers.

His passion and perseverance generated a renewed energy among the community and recommitment to Catholic education.

He also spent many hours visiting hospital residents and never seemed to tire of it.

“He was a chaplain at heart and would have gone to the hospital daily if others did not,” said Precious Blood Father James Betzen, who served with Fr. Hoying in Sedalia and later succeeded him as pastor.

Fr. Miller, who also returned to Sedalia as pastor, said Fr. Hoying reserved a special place in his heart for people who were suffering.

“Many times, he would be late for dinner because he found too many people to visit in the hospital that afternoon,” Fr. Miller recalled.

Patients and nurses — Catholics, non-Catholics and people of no faith at all — always warmed up when he arrived.

Fr. Miller often referred to him as “Boss.”

“Not because he was my pastor but because he lived his life with authenticity and integrity,” said Fr. Miller. “He was a great mentor of mine during my first six years of ordained ministry.”

## “A good ride”

Fr. Hoying was reassigned to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1980.

He later served as a hospital chaplain in Cincinnati, followed by parish work in Centerville, Iowa, followed by a return to hospital chaplaincy in Toledo and Lima, Ohio.

He volunteered to come back to Sedalia in 2003 as senior associate priest in residence.



**Father Vincent Hoying C.P.P.S. (1930-2020) takes part in a Chapter Meeting of the Missionary Society of the Precious Blood in Carthage, Ohio.**

— Photo by Ruth Wright Mather

He enjoyed catching up with families from his days as pastor — and with their children and grandchildren.

He had a heart attack in 2007 and underwent triple-bypass surgery in Columbia. He spent seven weeks in cardiac rehab.

On doctor’s orders, he returned several months later to Carthage, where the seminary he attended had been converted into a retirement home for priests.

“No amount of words can describe the many moments of joy and love that the parishioners have so readily showered upon me and the other priests who have served here beside me,” he stated at that time. “It has been a ‘good ride’ for me.”

He continued to minister as a substitute priest for local parishes and was even appointed chaplain for the Precious Blood Sisters of Dayton, Ohio, in 2009.

The Sacred Heart Foundation inducted him into the Sacred Heart Hall of Fame in 2018.

“Fr. Hoying, a beloved priest and pastor, made a profound impact on the Sacred Heart community,” the foun-

datation stated at that time. “His dedication to the longevity of Sacred Heart School and its community is remembered by those who knew him.”

He kept serving the Precious Blood Community and the Church until only a few months before his death.

## “Fr. Vince Charming”

Dr. Mark Register, president of Sacred Heart School, said Fr. Hoying’s gentle nature and consistently nurturing ministry served as a spiritual lifeline for thousands of Pettis County Catholics.

“He was a true ‘God send’ to parishioners and school children alike,” said Dr. Register. “He will be missed but never, ever forgotten at Sacred Heart School.”

Debbie Bolin, a lifelong Sedalia parishioner and longtime campus minister at the school, was fond of calling him “Fr. Vince Charming.”

“You never could say ‘no’ to that sweet man,” she stated. “He could see more in you than you could ever see in yourself.”

She remembers how he prayed over her at a parish picnic before she went away to college.

After she graduated, he convinced her to come back to Sacred Heart to teach religion.

She couldn’t say no.

“He was a man filled with the Holy Spirit,” she recalled. “He always greeted everyone with a handshake or a hug.”

## “Glory be”

Parishioner and longtime Sacred Heart High School teacher Richard Bahner said the late priest could be “as gentle and as joyful as a child.”

At early Mass one weekday, Fr. Hoying shared a childhood recollection of learning to pray the “Glory Be,” a short but powerful benediction.

“He remembered saying to himself at the time, ‘Now that is pretty neat!’” said Mr. Bahner. “I recall how his face shone with the childlike grin

# U.S. Catholics lead in number of racially diverse congregations

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U.S. Catholics lead all

Christian faiths in the percentage of racially diverse congregations in their parishes, according to a new study published by Baylor University.

“Catholic churches on average continue to be more diverse than Protestant churches with 23% multiracial, up from 17%”

in 1998, when churches were first surveyed, the study said. The reason: “largely white congregations that are gaining more color,” the study’s author, Kevin Dougherty, an associate professor of sociology at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, said in a Nov. 13 phone interview with Catholic News Service.

Although studies do not exist for churches in other nations, few of them have the racial and ethnic diversity of the United States, Dougherty noted.



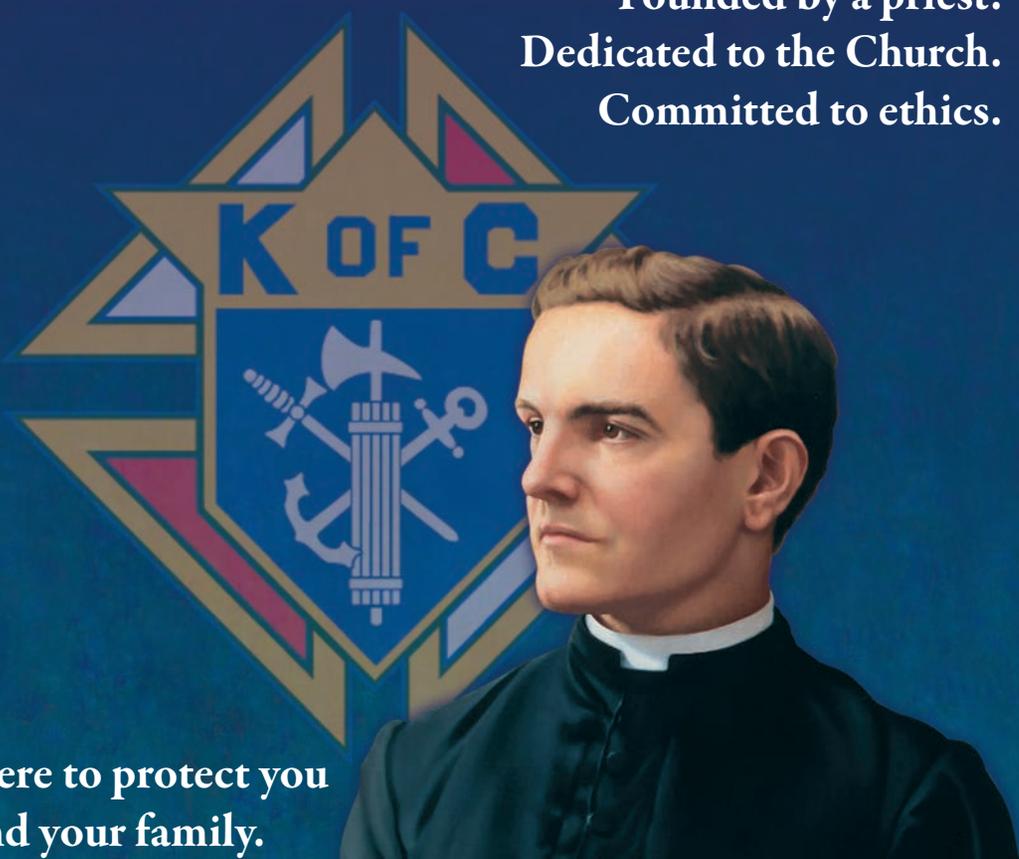
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**RIGHT:** Fifth-graders at St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City watch employees of the Renaissance Roofing Co. use a crane to lift the weather-beaten, 1883-vintage copper cross from the top of the steeple of St. Peter Church near the State Capitol the afternoon of Nov. 19, 2020. A new cross is being made of similar design and dimensions as part of major repairs to the roofs of the church and other parish buildings. A gallery of photos from this event has been posted in *The Catholic Missourian's* online edition, [www.cathmo.com](http://www.cathmo.com). Select "Photo Galleries" from the "Multimedia" tab on the menu bar. **BELOW:** Father Jeremy Secrist, pastor of St. Peter Parish, captured this image of the Capitol from the top of the scaffolding.





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# R.I.P., Fr. Reisinger — ministered for 3 decades in Pulaski County

By Jay Nies

Vincentian Father Walter Reisinger grew up in St. Louis but felt right at home among his Pulaski County parishioners.

“He poured out his life in service of his people,” said Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos. “He gave of himself, right until the end.”

Fr. Reisinger, 91 — who served as pastor of St. Theresa Parish in Dixon from 1982-2013 and also of St. Cornelius Parish in Crocker from 1992-2013 — died on Nov. 14 at the Apostle of Charity Residence at St. Mary of the Barrens in Perryville.

“Fr. Wally’ was a classic Vincentian,” said Bishop Gaydos. “He was going to do whatever was required to assist God’s people, in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.”

Bishop Gaydos went to Perryville last summer to visit friends from his seminary days.

Fr. Reisinger gave him the grand tour.

“Unassuming and simple, kind and funny, that was Fr. Wally,” Bishop Gaydos recalled.

## Learning to teach

Friends say Fr. Reisinger’s

Catholic upbringing and the Great Depression helped define his entire life.

He was born on Feb. 4, 1929, in St. Louis, the second of three children born to Nicholas and Reabel Reisinger.

“His Catholic education, from his first day of school through graduate studies, formed him into the man and priest he was to become,” his friends stated.

He entered priestly formation at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, where he was taught by priests of the Congregation of the Missions, also known as the Vincentian Fathers.

Founded by St. Vincent de Paul to help and teach the poor in rural France, the Vincentians later became known in the United States for their seminary work — at one time educating most of the priests who were ordained west of the Mississippi River.

“They were good priests and very good teachers,” Fr. Reisinger said of the Vincentians.

He decided to join them, entering their novitiate at St. Mary of the Barrens in Perryville, on May 18, 1946.

He completed the novitiate

in 1948 and continued his philosophy and theology studies there.

On May 29, 1959, Auxiliary Bishop Leo Byrne of St. Louis, future archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, ordained him to the Holy Priesthood.

## Teaching to learn

Fr. Reisinger taught at St. Francis Seminary in Bethany, Oklahoma, for three years, then for a year at St. John’s Seminary, Kansas City.

As a member of the faculty of St. Louis Prep Seminary high school from 1959-62, he taught many future priests of the St. Louis archdiocese, including Bishop Gaydos.

“He taught us typing, and he taught us chemistry,” Bishop Gaydos recently recalled.

Fr. Reisinger once quipped: “If I knew he was going to be my bishop someday, I would have given him better grades back in high school.”

“You must have passed me; they didn’t throw me out,” Bishop Gaydos replied.

Fr. Reisinger concurrently completed a master’s degree in education before joining the St. Mary of the Barrens Seminary faculty as a professor of math and science.

Assigned to teach calculus without ever having studied it, he signed up for a course at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, and taught as he learned.

He also ministered at St. Joseph Parish in Highland.

He moved into full-time parish work in 1972 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Perryville, first as associate pastor, then as pastor.

## Something different

American Vincentians started branching out after the Second Vatican Council. One plan called for sending small groups of Vincentian priests to rural areas to live in community and minister in nearby parishes.

Through an agreement with Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe, of Jefferson City, now deceased, such a community was to be established at Dixon.



**Father Walter Reisinger CM  
(1929-2012)**

Fr. Reisinger wanted to serve in a country parish, so he asked to be a part of that mission.

He got his wish, “and I’ve been very happy here,” he stated years later.

Plans originally called for a Vincentian brother who was an expert on farming to be sent to Dixon to advise local farmers, “but there’s really no farming in Dixon,” said Fr. Reisinger.

He brought a Vincentian tradition to the Dixon parish when he arrived: a necrology, or “prayer for those who have gone before us.”

“The parents, spouses and children put the names of their departed loved ones on a list, and on the anniversary of their death, we read their names before the Mass,” he once told *The Catholic Missourian*.

“On Nov. 2, the Feast of All Souls, we read the whole list.”

Fr. Reisinger asked for permission for his mother to live with him so he could take care of her. He did so until she died on July 6, 1998.

“The people bent over backward to be kind to her, and I thank them for that,” he said.

He saw himself as a pastor and a teacher, committed to his parishioners’ spiritual growth, knowledge of Christ and understanding of the faith.

He was fond of saying: “An informed Catholic is a good Catholic.”

He once wrote to ask the

Vincentian provincial for permission to buy a new car, stating that his current car was becoming a “little unreliable.”

It had 177,000 miles on it.

## A prayerful character

At 84, Fr. Reisinger returned to St. Mary of the Barrens as a senior confrere in residence.

“I’m especially going to miss the people,” he stated upon leaving Crocker and Dixon.

Convinced that God always has a plan and that there’s no such thing as luck or chance, asked for prayers for patience.

“Everything happens for a reason, but God doesn’t tell us the reason,” he stated in 2013.

“Pray for me to have the faith to see the will of God in my life and the courage and wisdom to accept it, especially as I get older and weaker.”

Fr. Reisinger spent the next seven years in the Vincentian Apostolate of Prayer, praying for benefactors and for the mission of the Congregation.

He loved going fishing at the seminary lake, and just as often could be found clearing brush, trees and shrubs from the lake property — beautifying the lake he loved.

He also walked around the grounds, collecting black walnuts from the seminary grounds, selling them in town and donating the money to the poor.

“Without a doubt, he was one of the characters of the congregation,” stated Vincentian Father Patrick McDevitt, provincial director of the Vincentian Western U.S. Province.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 20 in the chapel at St. Mary of the Barrens in Perryville.

“We gather to celebrate Fr. Walter’s life and to mourn his death, and to thank God for the love he brought into the lives of those he touched, and for his friendship and his faith,” Fr. McDevitt stated.

A livestream recording of Fr. Reisinger’s Funeral Mass can be found at:

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## TECHNOLOGY

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“The faster internet speeds will also help teachers with lesson-planning,” he added, “as we have shifted to provide all of our lesson plans online and digital so that they can be shared anywhere.”

Government-mandated stay-at-home orders and CDC guidelines for slowing the spread of COVID-19 this spring meant students throughout the diocese spent their entire fourth quarter learning from home.

Catholic-school administrators and teachers then set about evaluating their distance-learning efforts and planning for how to improve them if necessary.

“Much of our summer and fall has been focused on how we can quickly move to remote learning for one student or all students quickly while meeting the essential standards for each grade level,” said Kathy Coulson, principal of St. Brendan School in Mexico.

She said that has meant incorporating more technology into the school day, giving students another way to learn in the classroom while preparing them to use the same devices independently at home if needed.

“Providing all students with access to additional technology during the school day will make this easier for all grade levels so they no longer have to schedule it and share,” Mrs. Coulson added.

Schools can no longer view technology as a luxury.

It’s part of life.

“Technology is a tool that students use to learn and apply skills,” said Mrs. Coulson. “For its use to be truly effective, they have to be able to use it in a manner applicable to real-life scenarios.”

### No turning back

Debbie Reinkemeyer, principal of Holy Family School in Freeburg and Sacred Heart School in Rich Fountain, noted that technology has become a key component in the way that students interact with their teachers.

It’s not just for virtual or distance learning.

“It is the tool that the students use to receive assign-

ments and submit them to the teachers,” she said. “It is where they keep all of their information — not in binders and folders anymore.”

Also, when a student is absent, he or she can use a wireless device to see and hear the instruction that the teacher is providing, she said.

Mrs. Gray said making proper use of a variety of interactive education devices helps students in all grades learn better.

“These new technologies will not only improve our learning environment but help the teachers with flexibility, reusability and a variety of tools to make learning engaging,” she stated.

She said active learning is always better than passive instruction.

“Students will be able to work collaboratively on projects, brainstorm, work through experiments, create presentations, pull content from the internet and teach valuable life lessons and skills to use in their future vocations,” she said.

### One giant leap

Dr. Erin Vader, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, called the donors’ anonymous gift “a text-book — or maybe a Chromebook — definition of what it means to be a good steward.”

“You’re talking about people who understand that all they’ve been given is a blessing from God, and they want to share those blessings with other people,” she said.

“And they’ve done it in a way that not only impacts our schools but actually the next generation of Catholic Christians,” she stated. “Imagine what we could do in our Church if everyone gave to the extent that they are able the way these donors have. Imagine all the good we could do!”

The gift will allow Holy Family and Sacred Heart Schools to upgrade all of their technology, much of which is past its service life.

They will purchase Chromebooks for students in grades 1-8, iPads for students in preschool and kindergarten, new laptops for the teachers, and interactive TV screens in the



**Dr. Ayanna Shivers, mayor of Mexico, visits virtually with third-graders at St. Brendan School in Mexico Nov. 12 as they learn about local, state, and federal government.**

— Photo from the Saint Brendan Catholic School of Mexico, MO Facebook page.

classrooms.

“The new Chromebooks will be more efficient and will be used throughout the school day to aid in each student’s learning,” said Mrs. Reinke-meyer.

All of this will help teachers do their work more effectively and efficiently.

“Our teachers must have the equipment necessary to engage and interact with the students,” she said. “It is their responsibility to ensure that the students learn what they need in order to be successful at the next level.”

Our Lady of the Snows School will purchase more-specialized equipment for teachers and students at each grade level, and will make its internet service about 10 times faster.

Younger students who cannot type don’t get much use out of a machine with a keyboard, so the school is buying touch-screen iPads for them.

Faster internet will mean more students can use the devices for learning at the same time.

St. Brendan School will purchase Chromebooks for its seventh- and eighth-graders.

“This was important to our math teacher so that students could digitally create graphs and work with coordinate planes,” said Mrs. Coulson.

Younger students will receive touch-screen iPads.

All of this will allow students of all ages to move to remote learning on very short notice.

The school will also upgrade its wiring and Wi-Fi infrastructure and connect its two separate buildings to a single intercom system.

Upgrades at St. Martin School in St. Martins will include new laptop computers for the teachers, Chromebooks for most of the students, new touch-board screens in the classrooms and video cameras that will allow classes to be livestreamed for students at home.

The school will also buy a new internet server to connect to the new fiber-optic network that’s being built nearby.

All of this will minimize the time teachers spend trying to work with outdated or worn-out equipment.

“We will be light years ahead of where we were before and it will help the overall learning experience of our students and hopefully make life a little easier for our teachers,” said Father Jason Doke, pastor of St. Martin Parish.

### “Absolute gratitude”

This unanticipated gift has lifted a heavy burden from each of the schools.

“The reaction to the gift has been one of absolute gratitude and joy,” said Fr. Doke. “All of the teachers have been over-

whelmed by what this will mean for our school.”

“This is the work of God and I am thankful to the people who listened to His call,” said Mrs. Coulson. “Because of COVID-19, we have felt moments of darkness, fear, frustration and sadness. This gift was a great reminder that we are in God’s hands.”

The new technology isn’t just for math and science.

Mrs. Gray talked about ways Mary Immaculate School’s religious education programs will benefit from the upgrades.

She cited the ability to display religious art; use Google Earth for virtual visits to the Holy Land; praying the Rosary live with others; use the interactive resources for their religion series; finding ways to incorporate the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy into everyday life; and enhance the school’s Catholic identity.

“This is one true act of mercy,” said Mr. Akin. “God is working through His people. The donors that have given to the schools are working through God’s mercy and helping Him reach the little disciples in the Catholic Schools.”

### Shared responsibility

The principals cautioned that while this gift is substantial and enormously helpful, the costly work of education continues, and everyone has an important role in supporting it.

“Buildings must be maintained, boilers replaced, pavement resurfaced,” Mrs. Coulson noted. “Many of our schools work with a fraction of the faculty and staff truly needed because the expense of salaries, retirement and benefits is too great.”

“There is so much that goes into running a school,” she stated. “Providing this service to God and His people does bring a lot of joy, but it is with sacrifice and real concern about what may come tomorrow financially.”

The schools must continue looking ahead as technology continues to progress.

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By Father Don Antweiler

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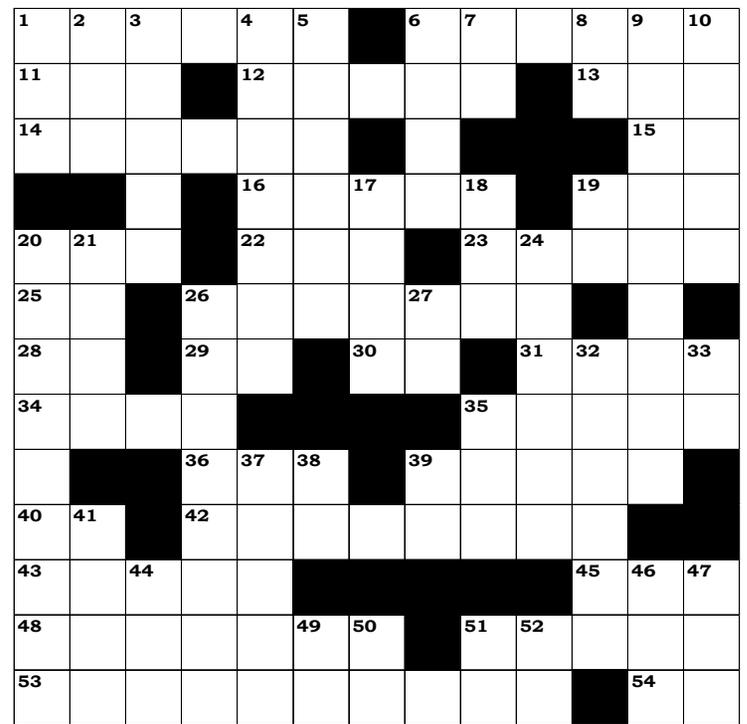
1. This puzzle features cemeteries, and one city, where a pair of prominent persons are buried. For ex., in St. Charles Borromeo cemetery in the city of St. Charles lie two founders of cities, the first being the fur \_\_\_\_ Louis Blanchette (d. 1793) who founded St. Charles, Mo. in 1769. It became a bustling Mo. river port, the jumping-off place for Lewis & Clark and the first State capital of Mo.
6. In Bellerive Heritage Cem. in Creve Coeur, Mo. (St. Louis Co.), is buried Stan the Man Musial (d. 2013), legendary St. Louis Cardinal for 22 seasons, widely considered one of the greatest & most consistent hitters in MLB history. A \_\_\_\_ spanning the Mississippi bears his name.
11. In 1898 Carl Schurz, former Union General, resented persons speaking of \_\_\_\_ "with a flippancy as if it were nothing more serious than a yacht-race or football match." Schurz was an anti-slavery U.S. Senator from Mo., the first German-born Am. in that body. From *Embattled Courage*, by Gerald Lindeman
12. Though there is a plant called poison \_\_\_\_, that species does not grow in Mo. but grows in swamps & bogs to the east & north of our State.
13. Portuguese colony in India for 450 yrs. It retains much of its Catholic heritage and architecture. 25% of the population is Catholic.
14. Upper rooms.
15. Abbr. before a physician's name.
16. Branson, Mo. was the final stop for two celebrities. One was Andy Williams
19. Toward the stern of a ship.
20. Pretending to be shy in order to be intriguing.
22. Pope Pius IX, called \_\_\_\_ Nono (Pious Nine), was the longest reigning Pope in history, 32 yrs., from 1846-1878.
23. Wife of Abraham who, childless at 90 yrs. old, was destined through a son to be a mother of nations.
25. In nuclear physics, half-life (abbr.).
26. The Naval Mobile Construction Battalions, better known as \_\_\_\_, are a military construction force meant to build anything, anywhere, under any conditions. With strength at 258,000, it is considered essential for military operations beginning in WW II to the present.
28. "\_\_\_\_' Man River"; song sung by Paul Robeson in the musical "Showboat," referring to the Mississippi river.
29. BU \_\_\_\_; MoDOT's "Buckle up, phone down" safety campaign.
30. King of Bashon (Numbers 21:33).
31. A section of New York City.
34. Site of Jesus's first miracle in John's gospel.
35. Belton, Mo.'s cemetery claims two names with different reasons to be remembered. One is Carrie Nation, a hatchet-toting Prohibitionist and suffragette (d. in 1911). Her efforts led to the Prohibition Amendment which backfired. In 1901 she est. in KC, Mo. the prototype of a battered women's shelter for children and \_\_\_\_ of alcoholics.
36. Genetic material.
39. "The sluggard imagines himself \_\_\_\_ than seven men who answer with good sense," (Proverbs 26:16).
40. Letters for Lincoln Institute, original name of Lincoln Univ. in Jeff. City.
42. I regard that scar as a \_\_\_\_ of my WW II years.
43. 8th son of Jacob (Genesis

(d. 2012), singer & TV variety show host; most famous songs: Moon River and Days of Wine & Roses. He was cremated and his \_\_\_\_ were scattered at his theater in Branson.

44. 3rd rock from the sun.
45. What St. Thomas Aquinas' English buddies might have called him.
48. The other noted grave at Mt. Moriah cemetery in KC is Walter Cronkite (d. 1981). Was face of CBS News from 1961-1981; called the Most \_\_\_\_ Man in Am.; reported on some of the 20th century's most memorable moments (e.g., WW II, Apollo moon landing, assassination of JFK).
51. "Jack fell down and broke his \_\_\_\_," —Jack & Jill nursery rhyme dating back to the 1700's.
53. Fish bait.
54. Nein in New York.

### DOWN

1. Defunct Mo.-based major airline.
2. "The clever cat eats cheese and breathes down \_\_\_\_ holes with baited breath," —W.C. Fields, comedian.
3. She ran an \_\_\_\_-craftsy gift shop.
4. The other city founder buried in St. Charles Borromeo cemetery is Jean Baptiste Point du Sable (d. in 1818). Born a slave in Haiti, he \_\_\_\_ to St. Louis and went farther north to found the city of Chicago, Ill. He later returned south to St. Charles, Mo.
5. In WW II the ruthless ruler of Russia, Josef Stalin, after years of mass purges/murders of his people, motivated the self-sacrifice of his people against the Nazis by a patriotic appeal to Mother \_\_\_\_.
6. That ongoing project at work has become the \_\_\_\_ of my existence!
7. Brand of soda.
8. Letters for Dollar General, a bargain variety chain store with a huge distribution center in Fulton.
9. In Bellerive Heritage Gardens Cem. in Creve Coeur Mo. is buried another legend: Chuck Berry, "the \_\_\_\_ of Rock & Roll." Beginning with "Maybelline" & "Johnnie B. Goode," he had huge hits and concerts from the 1950's through the 1980's. Inducted in Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.
10. 3rd rock from the sun.
17. The other entertainer rest-



- ing in peace in Branson is Boxcar Willie, a successful country & folksong singer whose signature persona was a RR \_\_\_\_, derived from a nickname. Was an Air Force veteran; inductee into the grand Ole Opry in 1981. Buried in Ozarks Memorial Park Cem.
18. Dir. from Kirksville to Hermann.
19. A former slave State bordering Mo. (abbr.).
20. One of two notable graves at Mt. Moriah Cem. in KC is Russell Stover (d. 1954). Candy magnate; chemist who revolutionized the \_\_\_\_ candy industry by creating a confection that hardened in contact with cold; most famous product: Eskimo Pie.
21. Ceramic pot.
24. Clare of \_\_\_\_ was the first female follower of St. Francis and his way of gospel poverty. Founder of the Poor Clares.
26. Least dense or thick.
27. Abbr. for *exempli gratia* (i.e., for example).
32. "So Pilate...handed Him \_\_\_\_ be crucified," — Mark 15:15 (2 wds.)
33. Bone.
35. The other notable name in Belton's cem. is Dale Carnegie (d. 1955). Influential educator and public speaker; developer of self-help programs in public speaking & salesmanship. Most famous for his still read book, *How to \_\_\_\_ Friends and Influence Peo-*
- ple.
37. This directional word is part of the name of two States.
38. Chemical letters for gold.
39. "\_\_\_\_ the People..." —beginning words of the U.S. Constitution.
41. Letters for Industrial Site Recovery Act, which requires the clean-up of certain businesses before their sale or end of operation.
44. *Ben-\_\_\_\_*; novel by Lew Wallace; 1880. It spawned a silent movie in 1925 and a blockbuster movie starring Charlton Heston in 1959.
46. "He who did not spare his \_\_\_\_ Son..." (Romans 8:32).
47. L - P
49. *Entertainment Weekly* (\_\_\_\_); mag. since 1990 covering film, TV music Broadway & pop culture.
50. "\_\_\_\_ not turn inward and live only for yourselves; join together rather and seek the common good," —attributed letter to Barnabas, written between 70 and 132 A.D.
51. Letters after a member of the Congregation of the Mission, the Vincentians, founded by St. Vincent de Paul in 1625. Historic home of the Am. Vincentians is Perryville, Mo. where they direct the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal.
52. Internet country code for the Republic of Serbia.

## ST. MICHAEL

From page 4

“Then after Mass we played Lazarus and asked everyone to ‘take up their chair and walk’ and hand them to the man with the truck, and he’d haul them back and put them away,” Mr. Broker recalled.

St. Martin Parish eventually donated a set of chairs to St. Michael Parish to keep.

The old St. Michael Church was eventually deemed unsafe and was demolished in 1988. Most of its furnishings were taken to the hall or put into storage.

The congregation had begun to outgrow the hall for Sunday Mass when Franciscan Sister Donna Eggering succeeded Sister Lois Martens of the School Sisters of Notre Dame as parish life coordinator.

Sr. Donna helped work toward building a new church.

On Christmas Eve of 2000, 16 years to the day after the parish reopened, Bishop John R. Gaydos, now retired, led the parish in breaking ground for a 7,200-square-foot, contemporary church building of brick, concrete and heavy timber.

He anointed the altar and dedicated the church in June 2002.

“This is truly a gate of heaven,” he said in his homily. “This is truly a place where God dwells in our midst. May this moment be a true moment of dedication for all of us participating in this ceremony, especially for you who are so generously committed to the work of St. Michael the Archangel here in Russellville.”

The parish is now within \$13,000 of paying off the loan on the church.

“We also built a new parish house, and that’s paid for,” said Mr. Broker. “We’ve made repairs to the hall and added onto it, with new bathrooms. And the Knights of Columbus built a cook house.”

Succeeding Sr. Donna were Deacon Robert and Mildred DePyper, followed by Sister Mary Rost of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

### “Giving and giving”

Msgr. Kurwicky said St. Michael Parish’s history is the like the history of every family.

“We have good days and bad days, we have sickness

and health, we have richer and poorer,” he said. “But we’re together until death do us part!”

He talked about the difference between parish viability and parish vitality — “the difference between being passive and active.”

“The Lord wants us to be active,” he said. “And we are very active. For our size, we do a lot!”

St. Michael parishioners also cooperate well with fellow Christians of the Russellville and Lohman Area Ministerial Alliance.

“We need to be thankful to God for that,” he said.

Dr. Leigh Lepper became Catholic in 2011, shortly before meeting her husband, Dan.

She became a member of St. Michael parish with him when they got married.

“And I fell in love with this parish,” she said. “It’s the most welcoming, wonderful group of people that there ever was.”

She said the people are enthusiastic about welcoming, community, outreach and especially the Eucharist.

“It’s a family,” she said. “People work together, we work hard, we do stuff. We’re working in the community and we’re bringing the Gospel to the people and it’s just delightful to be part of the history here.”

Having only one Mass each weekend helps tighten the bonds.

“And they keep right on giving and giving and giving of themselves,” she said.

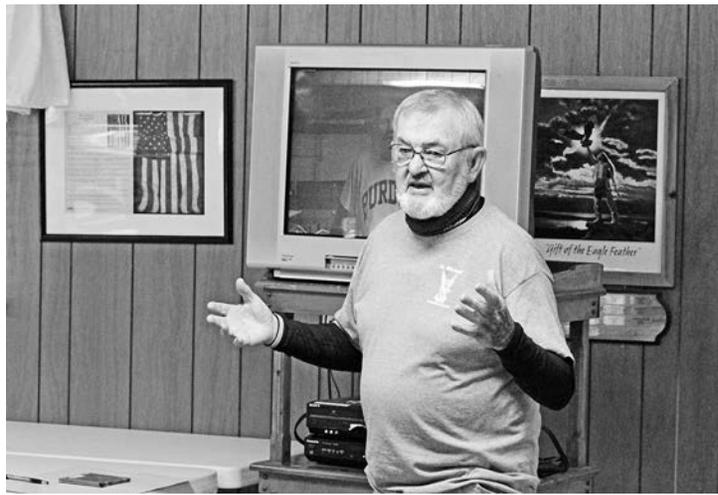
### “Blessing box”

Msgr. Kurwicky blessed the parish’s new Blessing Box during the celebration.

Parishioner Mike Kirchner and his brother Randy built the substantial, weatherproof outdoor cupboard at the Railroad Avenue entrance to the St. Michael Parish property.

The St. Michael Parish Outreach Ministry (POM) will stock the Blessing Box with nonperishable food and personal-care items for people in need.

“We will be advertising the Blessing Box to the community with direct emails to the local churches and reaching out to schools, as well as posting on Facebook,” the POM commit-



**Michael Broker shares experiences of helping reestablish St. Michael Parish in Russellville.**

tee stated.

The sign on it says, “Feel free to take what you need or to give what you can. Blessings are in

the giving and the receiving.”

### “Where we stand”

Mrs. Murphy’s late hus-

band bought the foundation stones from the old church because he loved building things out of brick and rock.

He donated the cornerstone back to the parish.

In the early 2000s, young volunteers from the diocesan CHRISTpower retreat incorporated the stone into the Marian grotto they built outside the church.

“That cornerstone is what Mary stands in the grotto,” said parishioner Jim Call.

“We stand on a foundation built by our ancestors and Christ is the cornerstone,” said Msgr. Kurwicky. “May we never forget where we’re from and where we stand.”

## DONATION

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“We keep planning ahead for the future and do what we can to be prepared and better off than we were the year before or even the day before,” said Mr. Akin.

He noted that Catholics are called to be good stewards of the Church’s great works, including its schools.

“Yes, we have received a ‘big donation,’” he said, “but our jobs are never done as there will always be other places to grow at our school.”

“These teachers have done so much to reach and assist with all students’ education during this time of uncertainty,” he said. “We owe them continued support — whether through additional donations, time, or talent — as we strive to do as Catholics supporting our faith and disciples of the Lord.”

“The whole idea is to give what you can when you can,” said Dr. Vader. “That’s the whole point of this gift. We should be inspired by it.”

### God’s work

Mrs. Gray called to mind Thomas Merton’s observation that “to be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything.”

“Some people make choices that change the world. Thank you to the anonymous donors for being among them,”

she said. “Your donation will change the lives of Mary Immaculate students today, tomorrow and for years to come.”

Mrs. Reinkemeyer said she has recognized God at work in the people who have risen up to help each other, especially during the pandemic.

“I see God in our teachers each day as they do all that they can to keep our students safe and help them learn,” she said. “I see God in our stu-

dents, who have been so cooperative and flexible in adjusting to changes that need to be made.

“I have seen God in our parents through their support for the schools and willingness to help in any way that they can. I see God in so many people who have supported our parishes and schools through these trying financial times.

“This wonderful gift is another way that God is working through others,” she said.

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## Things To Do

### Fundraisers & Social Events

Dec. 8

Kirkville, 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

Dec. 13

Bonnots Mill, Drive-thru LIVE Nativity, 5:30-7:30 pm

### Meetings & Conferences

Dec. 7

LIVESTREAMED, Viewing of "The Chosen" series, 6-8 pm, for info and the link, email [jimkemna@gmail.com](mailto:jimkemna@gmail.com) or call 573-694-3125

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 [jcparksregistration.com](http://jcparksregistration.com) and search "nutrition"

### Liturgical

Dec. 13

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

### Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Dec. 7-9

VIRTUAL, Advent retreat with Fr. Michael McAndrew, C.S.S.R., 7:30, livestreamed on [Facebook/diojeffcity](https://www.facebook.com/diojeffcity)

### Health & Wellness

Dec. 9

Loose Creek, Blood drive, 3-7 pm, Community Center

#### Planning an event?

To request an advertisement, or have your event listed in the Things To Do and diocesan website calendar, go to [diojeffcity.org/event-listing](http://diojeffcity.org/event-listing)



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## ADVENT

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children home — even college students. Take advantage of this closeness to pray together, to celebrate the rich traditions of our Church!

Get out that family Advent wreath — light the candles in the evening at dinnertime. Bless your Christmas tree. Spend time as a family together in prayer in front of your Nativity scene.

To support you in this, the Diocese recommends using a spiritual journal, such as the *Jesse Tree Advent Journal*, published by the Dominican Sisters of Mary.

It can be ordered from their Lumen Ecclesiae Press website or from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

All are also invited to join an online Advent retreat, led by Redemptorist Father Michael McAndrew.

(Fr. McAndrew gave the retreat in Spanish Nov. 23-25.)

The English-language retreat will be livestreamed at [facebook.com/diojeffcity](https://www.facebook.com/diojeffcity) at 7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 7-9.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' page ([uscbb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/](http://uscbb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/))

*advent*) has more resources, including prayers from the prayer book commissioned by the bishops, *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*.

#### Delay of pastoral plan

Furthermore, in recognition of how so many of us must focus on caring for those who are ill, supporting our health care professionals and being particularly supportive of our immediate family, the launch of the diocesan pastoral plan will have to be delayed.

A new date for the issuance of the diocesan plan will be provided in early 2021.

Be assured your priests, parish leadership and diocesan staff are continuing to work on the various elements of their individual parish plan.

However, we believe a formal issuance of a pastoral letter and diocesan plan should be postponed until we can give the proper attention to this important moment in the life of our local Church.

Many parishes have organized volunteers to assist those in need. If you know of someone who could use assistance, please reach out to your local

parish.

Let us continue to pray for all affected by the pandemic, especially those who have died, those who are ill and their loved ones, our health care professionals, our school teachers and administrators, and all "essential workers."

Please join Catholics throughout our diocese in

## DEPARTED

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Jesus," he said. "There was also a gravestone that looked like a mini version of the Washington Monument."

He was intrigued to find the burial places of priests who had died while serving at St. Peter Parish.

He paused at a section of babies that died anywhere from 6 months to 2 years old.

He peered into a mausoleum containing two coffins illuminated by sunlight through stained glass.

"Being there made me think about how I will have to deal with losing a loved one in the future," he said.

The weathered headstones reminded him of people who no longer have anyone on earth to pray for them.

"It's important for us to remember and pray for those who have died because they could need our help," he said. "We ask God to have mercy on each person so that they

succeed in the final judgment."

#### Not forgotten

The students gathered again around Msgr. Selinger's burial place to pray and receive a blessing from Fr. Secrist before walking back to school.

Lauren said going to the cemetery and praying the Rosary with her classmates was amazing and uplifting.

Payton said she felt really close to God during the pilgrimage.

"I'm very glad that I get to go to this school because I get the opportunity to pray with the Lord and focus on all the gifts," she said. "Walking field trips like this one give me the experience of always having God in my life."

"I felt satisfied after we were finished with our walk because we did something good," said Cambri. "I am happy that we got to have this experience."

praying to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our patroness,

for protection.

The prayer is given below.

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

### 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.

## Anniversaries

**Bonnots Mill, St. Louis of France**  
Kent & Susan Robinson, 18 years

**Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians**  
David & Mary Gabelsberger, 50 years  
Brad & Karen Gabelsberger, 15 years

**Freeburg, Holy Family**  
Virgil & Aggie Streumph, 57 years  
Keith & Karen Beck, 48 years  
Steven & Nancy Maxwell, 48 years  
Allen & Denise Gradel, 38 years  
David & Patty Lauberth, 33 years  
Norbert & Paula Fick, 26 years  
Jeremy & Lesley Knoll, 19 years  
Kenny & Laura Falter, 14 years

**Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph**  
Bernard & Jean Schanzmeyer, 68 years

**Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception**  
Felix & Joann Wulff, 50 years

**Kahoka, St. Michael**  
Don & Rosalie Clift, 58 years  
Calvin & Haydelisa Meier, 40 years

**Koeltztown, St. Boniface**  
Norbert & Dorothy Juergensmeyer, 70 years  
Greg & Margaret Sankey, 60 years

**Macon, Immaculate Conception**  
Dennis & Donna Stoecklein, 50 years

**Marshall, St. Peter**  
Dale & Linda McDaniel, 50 years

**Moberly, St. Pius X**  
Bob & Ginny Long, 68 years

**Mokane, St. Jude Thaddeus**  
Roman & Vicki Miller 50 years

**Montgomery City Immaculate Conception**  
Anthony & Michelle Mathews, 35 years

**Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart**  
Michael & Sarah Oliver, 14 years  
Jake & Bethany Neuner, 12 years  
Scooter & Angie Woodruff, 12 years

**St. Martins, St. Martin**  
Richard & Mary Heckman, 40 years

**Taos, St. Francis Xavier**  
John & Sharon Rackers, 50 years

**Vandalia, Sacred Heart**  
Jarred & Heather Jones, 21 years

**Vienna, Visitation**  
Don & Gloria Brunnert, 62 years  
Arthur & Connie Sandbothe, 39 years  
James & Vicki Sandbothe, 36 years  
John Viessman & Kelley McCall, 30 years

## Names for the People Page

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

## Baptisms

California, Annunciation — **Ava Benne**, daughter of Tyler & Alayna Benne; **Maddison Martinez, Sofia Martinez** and **Ayden Strange**, children of Fernando & Kaitlyn Martinez

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Brock Benson, Remi Jacob, Maiya Vann**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Natalie Rachelle** and **Noah Samuel Lensing**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Elias Charles** and **Lucas Alexander Cox**

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Gavin Carter Brooks**, son of Dane & Sonya Brooks; **Elijah Henry Westhues**, son of Henry & Melissa Westhues

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **Hesston William Tournear**, son of William Tournear & Emily Hess

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Josephine Mae Rackers**, daughter of Marc & Meghan Rackers

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Patrick Kell**, son of Adam & Kylie Kell

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Hattie Jeanne Kleffner**

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Ayame Evelyn Rehagen**, daughter of Dillon & Kana Rehagen

## Birthdays

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Pauline Whitten**, her 90th on Nov. 28

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Helen Schanzmeyer**, her 91st on Dec. 8

Vandalia, Sacred Heart — **Leo McBride**, his 90th on Dec. 3

Vienna, Visitation — **Victor Renkemeyer**, his 92nd on Dec. 4

## FR. HOYING

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that those who knew Fr. Vince remember so well.

“My heart warmed to realize what a deep and joyful relationship Fr. Hoying must have always had with his God,” Mr. Bahner said.

The priest was always proud of his hook shot, so it made sense when the school’s east gym was renovated in 2008 that it would be renamed in his honor.

“He was a mentor and friend,” said Fr. Betzen.

“Wonderful priest,” said Jim Da-

## Deaths

**Daniel L. Kramer, 77** — brother of Father George Kramer, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese — on Nov. 10. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 19 in St. Peter Church in Jefferson City, with Fr. Kramer & Father Jeremy Secrist concelebrating.

**Kenneth V. Wildhaber Sr., 89** — father of Deacon Kenneth Wildhaber, who assists the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City — on Nov. 16. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 23 in Immaculate Conception Church, with Father Donald Antweiler presiding. Entombment with full military honors was in the Resurrection Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum.

**Virginia Mary Taube, 87** — who served as housekeeper and cook at the Cathedral of St. Joseph Rectory from 1982-2007 — on Nov. 18. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 23 in the Cathedral of St. Joseph with Father Louis Nelen presiding.

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Irene L. Oser**

California, Annunciation — **Wanda J. DeMint**

Columbia, St. Thomas More Newman Center — **Gary Winter**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Ed Sanning**

Glasgow, St. Mary — **Betty Lucas**

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Michael R. Zerbonia, Sr.**

## Marriages

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Jessica Luscombe & Dustin Wassmann**

Hermann, St. George — **Kate Mertzlufft & Tyler Kottman**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Joseph H. Brauner, Robert D. Dellbringge, Agatha C. Maasen, Jeffrey M. Schnieders, Lynn Stout**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Harold W. LePage, Donald J. Scheppers Jr.**

Kahoka, St. Michael — **Allen Cameron**

Laurie, St. Patrick — **Mildred L. Holtmeyer**

Linn, St. George — **Gladys C. Fritchley, Janice A. Peters**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Jim Huesgen**

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — **Charlotte Little**

Osage Bend, St. Margaret of Antioch — **Anna E. Renterghem, Alvin Schmidt**

St. James, Immaculate Conception — **Roland Head**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Lois F. Luetkemeyer**

Vienna, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary — **Frances Schwartze, Lena “LaVaughn” Zimmer**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Jennifer Barbour, Joseph A. Kolb, Audie L. Hawkins-Schaeffer**

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — **Hilbert Nanneman**

## SANDOVAL

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senior editor, Sister Norma Pimentel, of the Missionaries of Jesus, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in Brownsville, Texas, said: “I was in the cells of the detention facility with children all around me crying, with their faces full of tears. And I’m there crying with them.”

So, even as we experience fear during this time, we need to see beyond our own troubles to the needs of others.

Only then will a time to weep turn into a time to laugh, and a time to mourn turn into time to dance. For now, though, social distance!

## Crossword puzzle answers

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# Salute to Veterans



**LEFT:** These five pre-school students at St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City are proud of their veteran parents. **RIGHT:** Students of St. Joseph Cathedral School display the Veterans Day artwork they created on Nov. 11.

— Photos from the St. Joseph Cathedral School Facebook page

# A beautiful day to pray



First-graders at St. Francis Xavier School in Taos pray the Rosary together on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

— Photo from the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School - Taos Facebook page

# One Homeless Night

Seventh- through 12th-graders in Our Lady of the Lake Parish's PSR program in Lake Ozark participate in their annual One Homeless Night on Oct. 31. Students in grades 7-12 created an outside community of cardboard box shelters on a parish family's land in Ulman. There, they experienced a night of campfire fellowship, contemplative prayer, a taco bar, hot chocolate, an outdoor movie, Piñata breaking, and "donuts at dawn." Mark Smetana, manager of the Helping Hands Homeless Shelter in Camdenton, was the evening's guest speaker who shared his experiences with the shelter stressing the huge need locally to help people who have limited resources. The shelter was at full capacity at the time and was predicted to be so for the foreseeable future. Monsignor Marion Makarewicz, pastor, also spoke to the group. Parishioners Chris and Joan Wolf sponsored the event.

— Photos from the Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Ozark, Missouri Facebook page



# Many thanks!

Young members of St. Clement Parish in St. Clement with their pastor, Father Henry Ussher, celebrate Clergy Appreciation Day outside St. Clement Church.



# Jesus describes how people will be judged

By Jennifer Ficaglia  
Catholic News Service

Jesus had just told His apostles some parables to remind them to always be prepared for His return at the end of the age.

After He was done, Jesus explained what would happen upon His return.

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit upon His glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him,” Jesus said.

He explained that He would separate everyone into two groups, much like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats in his flock.

Jesus said He would place the righteous people — the sheep — on His right.

“Come, you who are blessed



by My Father,” Jesus said He would tell the righteous. “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, naked and you clothed Me, ill and you cared for Me, in prison and you visited Me.”

Jesus said that the righteous

people would wonder when they had seen Jesus in need and had taken care of Him.

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of Mine, you did for Me,” Jesus said He would tell the righteous. Then Jesus said He would turn to the unrighteous people — the goats — whom He had placed on His left.

“Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels,” Jesus said He would tell the unrighteous. “For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, a stranger and you gave Me no welcome, naked and you gave Me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you

did not care for Me.”

“Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to Your needs?” He said the unrighteous would ask.

Jesus said He would remind them that what they did not do for one of the least ones they did not do for Him.

“And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life,” He said.

**Read more about it...  
Matthew 25**

1. How will people be separated for judgment?
2. Where will the righteous and unrighteous go?

## Bible Accent

There are many places in the Bible that talk about things that have been separated.

For example, in Genesis 1:6-8, we read that when God was creating the world, He made a dome in the middle of the waters to separate one body of water from the other.

In 1 Kings 11:9-13, we read that King Solomon didn't follow God's laws as his father, King David, had done. So God decided to punish Solomon by making his kingdom into two separate kingdoms, Judah and Israel. This happened after Solo-

mon's death, and the house of David ruled over Judah only.

And in Luke 16:19-31, we read the parable of a rich man who had a good life and a poor man named Lazarus who had a bad life. When Lazarus died, angels carried him to the bosom of Abraham, where he was comforted. When the rich man died, he went to the netherworld, where he was in torment. When the rich man asked for Lazarus to bring him water, Abraham replied that a great chasm separated the two sides so no one from the netherworld could cross.

## Trivia

What did Jesus say about judging others? (Hint: Luke 6:37)

Answer: Stop judging and you will not be judged.



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## Saint Spotlight



Juan de Yepes de Alvarez was born in Spain in 1542. He entered a Carmelite monastery in 1563 and was ordained a priest in 1567. He thought the Carmelites were too lax, so he joined with St. Teresa of Avila to reform the order. In 1568, he entered the first reformed house for men, taking the name John of the Cross. John encountered severe opposition and was imprisoned for nine months in a monastery cell. That's when he began writing poetry. “The Dark Night of the Soul” is his most famous work. After this death in 1591, he was recognized as cofounder of the Discalced Carmelites. We remember him on Dec. 14.

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## Puzzle

Using the hints provided, fill in the blanks in the sentences about goats and sheep.



1. Your \_\_\_\_ must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. (Exodus 12:5)

2. Go to the flock and get me two choice young goats so that with these I might prepare a dish for your \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 27:9)

3. King Solomon offered as sacrifice 22,000 thousand oxen and \_\_\_\_\_ sheep. (2 Chronicles 7:5)

4. Abel became a herder of flocks, and Cain a \_\_\_\_\_ of the ground. (Genesis 4:2)



Answers: 1. lamb; 2. father; 3. 120,000; 4. tiller.

## Pope, in new book, talks about personal 'lockdowns' that changed his life

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

While the coronavirus lockdowns and restrictions have interrupted people's lives and brought suffering on a global scale, every individual — including the pope — has or will experience traumatic interruptions in their lives, Pope Francis said in a new book.

"Illness, the failure of a marriage or a business, some great disappointment or betrayal," he said, are moments that "generate a tension, a crisis that reveals what is in our hearts."

In *Let Us Dream: The Path to A Better Future*, a book written with author Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis said he had experienced three "COVID moments" in his lifetime: lung problems that threatened his life when he was 21; his "displacement" in Germany in 1986 for studies; and when he was sent away to Cordoba, Argentina, for almost two years in the early 1990s.



**Pope Francis meets author Austen Ivereigh at the Vatican in October 2019. The pope collaborated with Ivereigh on the book, *Let Us Dream: The Path to A Better Future*. In the book the pope said he experienced three "COVID moments" in his lifetime: lung problems that threatened his life when he was 21; his "displacement" in Germany in 1986 for studies; and when he was sent away to Cordoba, Argentina, for almost two years in the early 1990s. *Let Us Dream* will be published Dec. 1 by Simon & Schuster.**

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*Let Us Dream* will be published Dec. 1 by Simon & Schuster. The section on what

the pope called his "personal COVIDs" was excerpted in Italian newspapers Nov. 23.

In those major moments of challenge and pain, Pope Francis wrote, "what I learned was that you suffer a lot, but if you allow it to change you, you come out better. But if you dig in, you come out worse."

Writing about his diseased lung, the pope said, "I remember the date: Aug. 13, 1957.

I got taken to hospital by a (seminary) prefect who realized mine was not the kind of flu you treat with aspirin. Straightaway they took a liter and a half of water out of the lung, and I remained there fighting for my life."

He was in his second year at the diocesan seminary and it was his "first experience of limit, of pain and loneliness," he said. "It changed the way I saw life."

"For months, I didn't know who I was and whether I would live or die. The doctors had no idea whether I'd make it either," the pope wrote. "I remember hugging my mother and saying: 'Just tell me if I'm going to die.'"

After three months in the hospital, "they operated to take out the upper right lobe of one of the lungs," he said. "I have some sense of how people with

## Movie Ratings



Adults and Adolescents

Come Away (PG)  
Come Play (PG-13)  
The War With Grandpa (PG)  
The Witches (PG)



Adults

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



Morally Offensive

Borat Subsequent Moviefilm (R)  
Divine Love (not rated)  
Freaky (R)  
The Life Ahead (PG-13)  
Unhinged (R)

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coronavirus feel as they struggle to breathe on ventilators."

One of the nurses, "Sister Cornelia Caraglio, saved my life" by doubling his antibiotics, he said. "Because of her regular contact with sick people, she understood better than the doctor what they needed, and she had the courage to act on her knowledge."

Pope Francis said he also learned the meaning of "cheap consolations."

"People came in to tell me I was going to be fine, how with all that pain I'd never have to suffer again — really dumb

things, empty words," he said.

Instead, he learned from a nun who had prepared him for his First Holy Communion and would come and hold his hand, how important it was to sit with people, touch them and keep words to a minimum.

The time in the hospital recovering, he said, gave him the time and space he needed to "rethink my vocation" and explore his longing to enter a religious order rather than the diocesan Priesthood. It was then that he decided to join the Jesuits.

## Orange County D.A.-turned-priest pens book charting path to holiness

Readers seeking a sure path to spiritual growth and peace during these turbulent times can find no better guide than Fr. Quan Tran's new book, *The Imitation of Mary*.

Fr. Tran, a Roman Catholic priest in the Diocese of Orange in California, worked as a deputy district attorney for over a decade before entering religious life, giving him an unusual perspective from which to exhort the faithful to model their lives after Mary of Nazareth.

As Los Angeles Archbishop

Jose Gomez wrote, "This book will help all of us in this uncertain and challenging time to take Mary as our model, learning from her how to say 'yes' to God's will and His plan of salvation and how to live in humble service to Jesus in every situation in our lives."

Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S., said Fr. Tran's book, "... reads like a spiritual retreat in which the Virgin Mary is our retreat director. The reader is drawn into reflection on God's light of grace brilliantly shining

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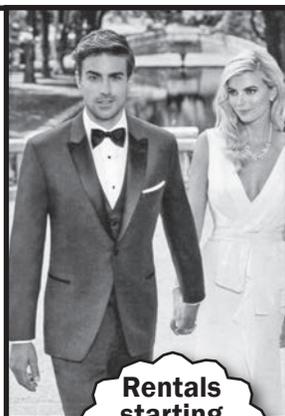
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## ROSARY

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nia, filled the whole town in the still of the night.”

### “Infinite Thy vast domain”

When the float featuring Our Lady of Fatima and the children forming the Living Rosary had taken their places on the ball field, the recitation of the beads began.

Each pupil representing one of the beads was provided a flashlight, which was turned on as each succeeding prayer was said.

Immediately after the Rosary, Franciscan Father Colman Borgard, pastor of St. George Parish, preached the sermon.

He preached about the meaning of the messages Our

Lady had given to three children during a series of apparitions in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

Since the Fatima scene held the place of honor in the procession, the Most Blessed Sacrament was brought to the park privately in the parish car, which was fittingly decorated for the honor with the papal colors, gold and white.

Franciscan Father Fergus Stevenson, assistant pastor of St. George, brought the Sacred Species from the car to the beautiful altar, where it was exposed.

“When the Solemn Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament was given, the VFW firing squad gave a three-gun

salute to the thrill of the crowded park,” the newspaper reported.

“After the benediction, the trustees of the parish with lighted torches accompanied Fr. Fergus with the Blessed Sacrament back to the church. The car moved slowly out of the stadium as more than a thousand devoted adorers sang the solemn ‘Holy God We Praise Thy Name,’ to bring to a fitting close the first Rosary Rally in Hermann.”

*Mr. Kruse is retired editor of the Hermann Advertiser-Courier, and a member of St. George Church and the Hermann Knights of Columbus Council 1914.*

## REQUIEM

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son who dies and love of Christ or other people.

“We remain connected to the faithful departed,” he said. “And Scripture instructs us that we are to pray for the dead.”

He pointed to the passage from the Second Book of Maccabees, in which a collection is taken up to offer sacrifice in the Temple for the soldiers who have died in battle. (12:43-46)

“It was a holy and pious thought,” the passage reads. “Therefore, he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.”

Fr. Schrader said the practice of praying for the dead presupposes there are people who can benefit from those prayers.

“We can help the dead by our prayers!” the priest stated. “We can also help them by offering up the sufferings we experience and by gaining indulgences on their behalf.”

Most effective is to have Masses offered on their behalf, “because the Mass is simply the best prayer that we have for them,” he said.

### Rooted in hope

At the Requiem Mass, Fr. Schrader, the cantors and schola offered many of the prayers in simple Gregorian chant, with minimal accompaniment.

Fr. Schrader, pastor of St. Brendan Parish and diocesan delegate for Mass in the Extraordinary Form, said the Requiem Mass is different from other Masses that are celebrated in Latin.

“The ceremonies are more subtle, more somber and in some cases even more ancient,” he said.

Although solemn, they are rooted in hope in the Resurrection and eternity in perfect union with God.

After the Mass, people handed out freshly baked “soul cakes,” which are small, sweet reminders to pray for loved ones and all others who have died.

An archived livestream of the Mass and be found at:

[facebook.com/stbrendanchurch](https://facebook.com/stbrendanchurch)

## BOOK

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through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A practical, must-read for Catholics seeking to grow in union with Christ, and imitating Blessed Mother’s faithful discipleship.”

*The Imitation of Mary* is the fruit of Fr. Tran’s ministry, Fullness of Grace, which is dedicated to helping Christians “grow in their spiritual life by better understanding supernatural grace and how to gain an abundance of God’s gifts by imitating the

qualities of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”

Fr. Tran identifies 12 essential qualities of Mary that merit supernatural grace.

He explains that, like any gift, these graces must be opened and used after being received.

As readers learn how to put these graces into action, they will acquire the temperaments, dispositions and qualities that are most pleasing to God — and will thus become channels of God’s grace for

others.

Fr. Tran also explains the following key points:

- The three major obstacles to living a life of faith;
- Seven ways to cultivate a rich devotion to Our Lady;
- What to do during a crisis of faith;
- The four levels of happiness — and how to acquire them; and
- The four effects that grace has on the soul.

*The Imitation of Mary* has received praise from numer-

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, Nov 29

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
Ps. 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
1 Cor. 1:3-9  
Mk. 13:33-37

### Monday, Nov 30

St. Andrew, Apostle  
Rom. 10:9-18  
Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
Mt. 4:18-22

### Tuesday, Dec 1

Is. 11:1-10  
Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Lk. 10:21-24

### Wednesday, Dec 2

Is. 25:6-10a  
Ps. 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Mt. 15:29-37

### Thursday, Dec 3

St. Francis Xavier, priest  
Is. 26:1-6  
Ps. 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  
Mt. 7:21, 24-27

### Friday, Dec 4

St. John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church  
Is. 29:17-24  
Ps. 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Mt. 9:27-31

### Saturday, Dec 5

Is. 30:19-21, 23-26  
Ps. 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Mt. 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for December:

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

### Sunday, Dec 6

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is. 40:1-5, 9-11  
Ps. 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14  
2 Pt. 3:8-14  
Mk. 1:1-8

### Monday, Dec 7

St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church  
Is. 35:1-10  
Ps. 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14  
Lk. 5:17-26

### Tuesday, Dec 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America) Holyday of Obligation

Gn. 3:9-15, 20  
Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk. 1:26-38

### Wednesday, Dec 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
Is. 40:25-31  
Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10  
Mt. 11:28-30

### Thursday, Dec 10

Our Lady of Loreto  
Is. 41:13-20  
Ps. 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab  
Mt. 11:11-15

### Friday, Dec 11

St. Damasus I, pope  
Is. 48:17-19  
Ps. 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6  
Mt. 11:16-19

### Saturday, Dec 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA)  
Zec. 2:14-17 or Rv. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Jdt. 13:18bcde, 19  
Lk. 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

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ous Catholic clerics and lay faith leaders, including Jesuit Father Robert J. Spitzer, President, Magis Center of Reason and Faith, who said: “Fr. Quan Tran has prepared for us a spiritual itinerary to imitate 12 qualities of Mary that open us to the Lord’s transformative grace in our

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4. Muscle aches
5. Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
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