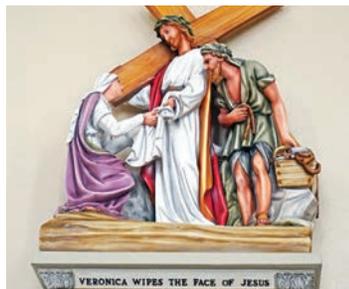


For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion ...

Restoration of the statuesque Stations of the Cross adds radiance and reverence to St. Joseph Church in Palmyra. **Page 4**



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Moving toward full communion with the Church



Drawn by the light of truth and goodness, candidates and elect are called to share that light with others

By Jay Nies

A great cloud of witnesses amassed within Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Columbia.

Seventy-six people from all over the diocese who are seeking Baptism at the Easter Vigil, and 88 candidates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion, along with godparents and sponsors, family and initiation team members took part in this year's Rite of Election and Continuing Call to Conversion.

"When everyone was singing — so many voices mixing together — it reminded me of all the people who have gone before me," said Debra Dimaria, who is preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter.

"Over 2,000 years is a long time, and I truly believe this is the Mother Church," she said.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight pointed out that wherever the bishop, priests, deacons and laypeople are gathered, the Church is fully present.

"We are the Church together!" he told the assembly.

The Rite of Election, held in dioceses throughout the world on the First Sunday of Lent, is a significant milestone toward becoming committed, active members of the Catholic Church.

The candidates and the elect have been preparing for several months — some for even longer — through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

The bishop spoke of the event's significance.

"You have been sent by your parish

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight speaks to candidates for Easter Sacraments during the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversation, held on the First Sunday of Advent in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Columbia. The event could not be held in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, which is undergoing an extensive renovation. — Photo by Jay Nies

CCCNMO to celebrate grand opening of Catholic Charities Food Pantry on March 25

Grand opening to include community resource fair, giveaways and activities for the whole family

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) will host a celebration marking the grand opening of the Catholic Charities Food Pantry, on Friday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The pantry is located at 1015 Edmonds St. in Jefferson City.

The grand opening celebration will include light refreshments, giveaways, food safety demonstrations and a community resource fair.

The resource fair will connect local agency partners with visitors to showcase services, with staff on-hand to enroll community members in benefits, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits.

SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital-Jefferson City will host an A1C clinic, where visitors can measure their blood glucose levels with a quick finger prick — a helpful stop for visitors who may have blood-sugar concerns, are experiencing prediabetes or already manage a type 2 diabetes diagnosis.

CCCNMO staff will also be present with tables showcasing their agency's counseling services, community services — including housing counseling, disaster and case management services — and additional health and nutrition programs.

Visitors may want to have their photo ID and a piece of mail verifying their address handy to enroll in community programs, and to set up their membership with the food pantry.

Additional partners scheduled to be present at the re-

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Beginning April 9, the Saturday Vigil Mass in St. Peter Church in Jefferson City will be at 5:15 p.m. This Mass is livestreamed.

Pray for deceased priests

Mar. 27 — Fr. Patrick L. Pierceall, St. Joseph, Palmyra (2016)
Mar. 31 — Fr. Joseph G. Lawlor, Missionary Service, Peru (2011)

Elementary School Principal

Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Springfield, Mo., is seeking an elementary school principal for the 2022-23 school year. Immaculate Conception has 507 students in grades K-8 and 56 preschoolers, all taught by 38 teachers. The successful applicant would be an individual with demonstrated skills in spiritual, academic and advancement leadership. Applicants for this position must be practicing Catholics in good standing and understand the mission and ministry of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

To download and submit an application, go to www.ic-parish.org, click on the "About" tab, and click "IC School." Deadline for applications is March 30.



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- ▶ **Payroll and Benefits Clerk**

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April 2 Mass, reception for Fr. George Kramer's 60th priestly anniversary

Father George Kramer, a priest of the Jefferson City diocese who served at parishes throughout the diocese and headed up the diocese's Ministry Formation program for many years, will celebrate his 60th priestly ordination on Saturday, April 2, beginning with Mass at noon in the St. Louis of France Parish Hall in Bonnots Mill.

A light meal and reception will immediately follow the concelebrated Mass.

To attend, please RSVP to Carol Haslag at 573-897-4231, Yvonne Hoerschgen at 573-619-1331 or Paulette Miller at 573-690-8676 by Friday, March 25.

Cards may be mailed to Fr. Kramer at: P.O. Box 8, Loose Creek, MO 65054.

11th annual Midwest March for Life to be held at Missouri State Capitol

DATE: April 20
TIME: 8 am

All are invited to the 11th Annual Midwest March for Life on Wednesday, April 20, at the grounds of the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City.

Open-air activities will be held on the Capitol South

Lawn.

More than 35 exhibitors will be present to display their life-affirming ministries.

Abby Johnson, well known pro-life activist and founder of "And Then There Were None," will be the keynote presenter.

Events will begin at 8 a.m. with the praying of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chap-

let led by Father Anthony Viviano, diocesan moderator of pro-life ministry for the Jefferson City diocese, and a prayer walk in the Capitol.

A pre-rally will be held at 9:15 a.m. The March will begin at 10 a.m., with the main rally following the March.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and priests will lead the March, followed by students of St. Stanislaus School in Wardsville carrying the banner. The school is being recognized as the most pro-life school that attended the March in 2021.

For information, visit: midwestmarchforlife.com

Stations of the Cross on Bishop McKnight's social media

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight is sharing an image of the Stations of the Cross over his social media platforms Every Wednesday and Friday during Lent.

It is part of the 111 Sacred Works of Art project he began earlier this year.

"I invite you to join me for this prayerful meditation in commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday," said Bishop McKnight. "May this assist all of us in growing closer to Christ during this season of Lent."

Follow "Bishop W. Shawn

McKnight" on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn or Twitter.

Administrative/Database Professional



The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, Laurie, Mo. is accepting applications for an Administrative and Da-

tabase Professional reporting to the CEO. This position manages the input and output of our Blackbaud database and oversees all administrative functions such as processing mail, maintaining corporate records, coordinating meetings, and greeting visitors. Must have general office and database experience. Training provided for Blackbaud. Ability to work well alone or as part of a team. Must be able to communicate effectively in both oral and written form. Salary commensurate with background and experience. Comprehensive benefit program included. Reply by March 31, 2022 to joeggubbels@gmail.com.

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

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Hospitality is a guiding principal in renovating the Cathedral

By Jay Nies

The woman was waiting on the sidewalk outside the Cathedral of St. Joseph when her husband pulled the car up.

He stepped out, helped her into the car, folded the wheelchair, lifted it into the trunk, drove around to the entrance of the downstairs Undercroft and reversed the process just in time for the reception to begin.

Next time they attend a wedding, ordination or funeral in the Cathedral, they'll simply take the elevator down to the Undercroft.

That's one of many ways the Cathedral will be more welcoming and hospitable to parishioners, pilgrims and guests after a yearlong renovation and updating is completed in early 2023.

"You never want anyone to not be able to come to the graces of God because of a physical obstacle," said Father Louis Nelen, pastor of Cathed-

ral of St. Joseph Parish.

"When you see it from the outside, beginning with the canopy over the front door, you will recognize that this is a sacred space, a place of welcome, a truly Catholic place, and it will be inviting to come in and visit," he said.

The renewed cathedral will have a substantially larger gathering area — known as a narthex — fronting West Main Street.

The narthex will include additional, larger rest rooms, as will the Undercroft, which is the site of numerous parish and diocesan gatherings.

Accessibility to both levels is being enhanced.

The Undercroft will be made more inviting and useful for large gatherings, including handicapped-accessible doors and a renovated kitchen.

"Plus, it will have a warmer



Construction workers from Sircal Contracting Inc. work on laying the foundations for an enlarged gathering space, known as a narthex, and sinking the shaft for an elevator to the Undercroft as part of major renovations to the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

— Photo by Jay Nies

atmosphere," said Fr. Nelen. "It won't look like an unfished basement anymore."

Upstairs, a canopy — known as a porte cochere — will allow people to be dropped off at the front doors while staying dry in any weather.

"This will be especially helpful for funerals," said Fr. Nelen. "When a hearse pulls up in the rain and you have all of these people standing there with umbrellas, you think about how much nicer and dignified it would be if you had a covered area for them."

Parishioners and visitors with any degree of hearing loss will rejoice at the installation of a new, improved sound system in the Cathedral. It will be equipped for use with individual assistive listening devices.

Off to the side, a ramp will offer easy access to the sanctuary for priests, deacons and lay ministers who use wheelchairs or have difficulty climbing the stairs.

The renovated Cathedral will be more family-friendly, including a private room for nursing mothers and their babies, and less-disruptive access to rest rooms during Mass.

Fr. Nelen said these and other improvements are an important part of the Cathedral Parish carrying-out its ministries to local parishioners and the people of the whole diocese.

"We want it to be a place where all can come and spend time in the presence of the Lord," he said.

People of all ages will find it easier to attend Mass or make a prayerful visit to the Cathedral

them, and this is one way we can show our appreciation for them."

It's what Jesus would do, the priest stated.

Fr. Nelen added that it's important for children to see adults coming to Mass and staying active in the life of the Church despite illness and other difficulties.

"You never know who you're inspiring just by being here," said Fr. Nelen. "And by working with the diocese to make the Cathedral as welcoming as possible, we are cooperating with God in the work of evangelization."

Since the Cathedral serves everyone in the diocese, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight welcomes lay Catholics to join their priests and deacons and contribute toward the cost of the renovation, as long as doing so does not reduce their regular, sacrificial support of their own parish.

Bishop McKnight asks for prayers for the health and safety of everyone, especially the laborers, during the renovation project.

Pope to consecrate Russia, Ukraine to Mary

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a penitential prayer service in St. Peter's Basilica March 25, the Vatican said.

On the same day, the Vatican said, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner, will carry out a similar consecration

at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

According to the Vatican's translation of the messages of Fatima, when Mary appeared to the three shepherd children in Fatima in 1917, she told them, "God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to

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Bishop McKnight's Calendar

MARCH

Mar 19 Confirmation Mass, Holy Rosary Parish, Monroe City, Mission of St. Frances Cabrini, Paris, St. William Parish, Perry, and St. Stephen Parish, Indian Creek, 10 am, Holy Rosary Church, Monroe City

Mar 21 Teacher in-service Mass and stewardship presentation, 9:30 am, Helias Catholic High School, Jefferson City

Mar 22 Vitae's 30th anniversary pro life event, 6:30 pm, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

Mar 23 Confirmation Mass, St. Cecilia Parish, Meta and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 6:30 pm, St. Cecilia Church, Meta

Mar 30 Confirmation Mass, Sacred Heart Parish, Rich Fountain and Holy Family Parish, Freeburg, 6:30 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Rich Fountain

Mar 31 Priests' Lenten Day of Recollection, 10 am, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, Starkenburg

APRIL

Apr 3 Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, 2 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral School Gym, Jefferson City

Apr 4 Catholic Rural Life Meeting, 10 am, Virtual

Apr 5 Very Reverend Deans Meeting, 11 am; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery; Confirmation Ceremony, Immaculate Conception Parish, 6:30 pm, Owensville

Apr 6 Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, Mission of St. John, Laddonia, and Sacred Heart Parish, Vandalia, 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Church, Martinsburg

Apr 8 Diocese of Jefferson City Real Estate Corporation Meeting, 10 am, Chancery

Bishop McKnight's March prayer intention for our Local Church

For the Universal Church; that her mission of salvation may be advanced in every place under the patronage of Saint Joseph.

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

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

Por la Iglesia Universal, que su misión de salvación avance en todos los lugares bajo el patronaje de San José.



Communal reconciliation services for Lent

Lenten is a good time for an examination of conscience and to receive the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's passion, death and reconciliation. Here is a partial list of Lenten communal reconciliation services in the Jefferson City diocese. Most services will include a short prayer service followed by individual confessions. Extra priests from neighboring parishes are typically present to help out. Additional services will be added to updated online versions of this article and to the diocesan calendar at diojeffcity.org/events as they are publicized.

Boonville — Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m., Ss. Peter & Paul Church
Brookfield — Sunday, March 27, at 3 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church
California — Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m., Annunciation Church
Camdenton — Sunday, March 27, at 4 p.m., St. Anthony Church
Columbia — Monday, April 4, at 7 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Eldon — Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church
Ewing — Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m., Queen of Peace Church
Hermitage — Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m., St. Bernadette Church

Jefferson City — Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church; Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m., St. Peter Church
Kirkville — Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m., Newman Center
Laurie — Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m., St. Patrick Church
Macon — Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church
Marceline — Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m., St. Bonaventure Church
Mary's Home — Sunday, March 27, at 3 p.m., Our Lady of Snows Church
Mexico — Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m., St. Brendan Church
Moberly — Sunday, April 3, at 4 p.m., St. Pius X Church
Monroe City — Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m., Holy Rosary Church
Palmyra — Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church

Pilot Grove — Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m., St. Joseph Church
Russellville — Wednesday, April 6, at 7 p.m., St. Michael Church
St. Clement — Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m., St. Clement Church
St. Thomas — Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m., St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Sedalia — Sunday, March 20, at 4 p.m., St. Patrick Chapel
Shelbina — Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m., St. Mary Church
Taos — Thursday, March 24, at 6 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Church
Tipton — Wednesday, March 23, at 7 p.m., St. Andrew Church
Warsaw — Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m., St. Ann Church

Restored Stations of the Cross in Palmyra church point to two mountaintop experiences with Jesus

"My Jesus, Lord, I take my daily cross. ... Remind me often that in carrying my cross, I carry Yours with You. And though I bear a sliver only of Your cross, You carry all of mine, except a sliver, in return."

— Clarence Enzler, "Everyone's Way of the Cross"

By Jay Nies

The newly restored Stations of the Cross in St. Joseph Church in Palmyra combine the radiance of Jesus's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor with vivid depictions of His suffering while carrying His cross and being crucified on Mount Calvary.

Dating from 1945, Palmyra's 14 statuesque Stations were recently restored, beautified and reinstalled in the church in time to meditate on the Way of the Cross on Ash Wednesday, throughout Lent and throughout the year.

"Christ is divine by nature," Father Matthew Flatley, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra and of Holy Family Parish in Hannibal, noted, "and we can share in a taste of His divinity by our participation into His experience and a desire to surrender to the exquisite mystery being given us, this

grace being made manifest."

The St. Joseph Parish Altar Society organized the restoration of the Stations, with parishioners sponsoring individual stations from 1 through 13, and many parishioners contributing to the restoration of the 14th, "Jesus is Laid to Rest in the Tomb."

"They were definitely brought to life with this repainting!" the curator of the parish's Facebook page proclaimed on Feb. 28, when the Stations were reinstalled in church.

Lent began two days later.

Brenda Wasser, a third-generation church artist, oversaw

Color photos of the Stations, including before-and-after comparisons, will be posted in *The Catholic Missourian's* online edition, cathmo.com. Select "Photo Galleries" from the "Multimedia" tab on the menu bar.

the restoration in the studio of Autenrieb Murals & Statue



A close-up image of the newly restored Fifth Station: "Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross," in St. Joseph Church in Palmyra. — Photo by Jay Nies

Restoration in Edwardsville, Illinois.

"We cleaned them and repaired a few broken fingers and gouges in the plaster," said Ms. Wasser. "We painted a variety of base-flat color onto each station and used an airbrush to shade the various colors. The details of all the faces are done by hand."

The final touch was the trimming of the robes of Jesus and Mary in 23-karat gold — hinting at Jesus's eternal glory even in the depths of His physical suffering and self-sacrifice.

In loving memory

Generations of St. Joseph parishioners have used this set of statuesque Stations to deepen their annual observance of Lent and meditate on the wondrous love and holy obedience that moved Jesus to give His life in order to save humanity.

For the faithful, the Stations of the Cross always point toward the Resurrection and the final victory over death.

Franciscan Father Thomas Rust, who was rector of St. Francis Solanus Church in Quincy, Illinois, originally blessed these Stations the af-

ternoon of Feb. 11, 1945, followed by the praying of the Way of the Cross, Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction.

Lent began on Feb. 14 that year, the final year of World War II.

"The Stations are the gift of the Carroll family and were presented to St. Joseph church in memory of their parents, Thomas and Margaret Carroll, and Harry Carroll, who died a year ago," stated a front-page article in the Feb. 7, 1945, edition of the *Palmyra Spectator* newspaper.

Longtime St. Joseph parishioner Jeff Buckman recently shared childhood memories of two brothers with the last name Carroll coming to Mass each Sunday and sitting in the back of church.

He believes their names were Leo and Joseph. Both are now at rest in St. Joseph Cemetery, as are Thomas and Margaret, who died in 1931, and other members of the family.

"Part of our faith"

Autenrieb previously repainted Nativity scene as well as the crucifix and three large

From ashes to the cross: Bp. McKnight points to a shift of focus

By Jay Nies

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight spoke of the challenge and the motivation of a proper observance of Ash Wednesday.

He articulated the meaning of the dark black ashes he was about to trace in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of Chancery employees while celebrating Mass the morning of the first day of Lent.

“We wear these ashes not to show forth our righteousness, but to acknowledge and manifest without doubt we are SINNERS!” he stated.

“Those are the people who belong in church on Ash Wednesday — SINNERS who recognize our need for Jesus Christ,” he said.

Bishop McKnight drew an important distinction between the only two days of the year on which Catholics in good health are obliged to fast and to abstain from flesh meats: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

“Today is more than abstinence and fast,” he said of Ash Wednesday. “Today and its penitential practices are about our need for compunction.”

On Good Friday, those same practices are oriented to-

ward Jesus — joining in His great Passion, anticipating His great, loving salvation.

The difference is what happens in the 40 days in between.

The bishop pointed out that from the standpoint of the readings for Mass, Lent actually has two parts.

During the first three weeks, the Gospel readings for daily Mass come from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

“That is because the theme of the first half of the Season of Lent is about my need for conversion, my need to repent,” said Bishop McKnight. “The focus is on us and how unworthy we are.”

During the fourth and fifth weeks of Lent and Holy Week, the focus of the Gospel read-



Father Boniface Nzabonimpa shows preschool and kindergarten students at St. Joseph School in Salisbury where the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from. On March 1, the day before Ash Wednesday, they observed him burning last year’s palms from Palm Sunday outside St. Joseph Church. He let them touch the ashes after they had cooled.

— Photo from the St. Joseph School-Salisbury Facebook page



recognize their need for His salvation,” Bishop McKnight noted, “so we put ourselves in that state so we can make sure we recognize what great need we have for His mercy.”

He cautioned against thinking that the penitential practices of Lent have anything to do with obtaining salvation on their own.

“Only Christ brings salvation,” he reiterated.

In the prayer of blessing of the ashes, the bishop acknowledged that God does not delight in the death of sinners but in their conversion.

“Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return,” he and Father Stephen Jones, who concelebrated the Mass, repeated while distributing ashes to each person.

ings turns away from sinful individuals and toward the person of Jesus — “that He alone can save us!” the bishop

proclaimed.

The two points of emphasis are clear and intentional.

“Jesus only saves those who

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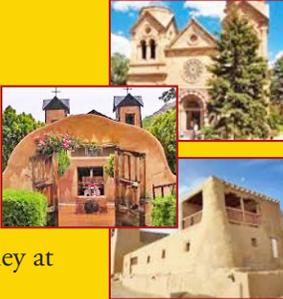
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Preacher: Eucharist assures believers that Christ is victorious

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Focusing on the meaning and importance of the Eucharist “with the horrors of war before our eyes” does not distract one from reality, but provides a broader perspective for understanding it, said Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher of the papal household.

The Eucharist is “the presence in history of the event that overturned forever the roles of victor and victim,” the cardinal said March 11 as he presented the first of his Friday Lenten meditations for 2022.

Pope Francis, who was concluding his private Lenten retreat, was not present for the cardinal’s presentation in the Vatican audience all, but he is expected to join cardinals and the heads of Vatican offices for the Friday sessions during the rest of Lent.

Explaining that he would focus his series on the Eucharist this year, Cardinal Cantalamessa said one of the few positive things to come out

of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions was that it increased people’s hunger for the Eucharist. And he praised bishops and bishops’ conferences around the world who are or are planning programs to deepen people’s understanding of and appreciation for the Eucharist.

Because the Eucharist is so accessible each week, and even each day, to so many Catholics, it always is at risk of “being taken for granted,” he said. So, “every small advance in understanding it translates into progress in the spiritual life of the person and of the ecclesial community.”

For Catholics, he said, the Eucharist “offers the real key for reading history. It assures us that Jesus is with us and not only intentionally, but really in this world of ours that seems to get out of hand from one moment to the next.”

In the Eucharist, the cardinal said, Jesus tells believers, “Have courage: I have overcome the world!”



A priest holds the Eucharist in this illustration. The Eucharist is “the presence in history of the event that overturned forever the roles of victor and victim,” Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher of the papal household, said March 11 as he presented the first of his Friday Lenten meditations for 2022.
— CNS photo/Bob Roller

Cardinal Cantalamessa looked in-depth at how the Liturgy of the Word — the first half of the Mass — is connected to the Eucharist and how both bring the real presence of Jesus into the “today” of the people at Mass.

“We are not merely hearers of the word, but interlocutors and actors in it,” he said. “It is to us, present here, that the word is addressed; we are called to take the place of the characters evoked.”

The Liturgy of the Word,

including the homily, the cardinal said, is the best means the church has for helping people experience anew the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist each time they go to Mass.

The 87-year-old cardinal, who has been a priest for more than 63 years, told his audience of cardinals, bishops, priests and laity that there are two general approaches to writing a homily.

“One can sit down at a table and choose a theme based on one’s own experience and knowledge; then, once the text is prepared, get down on one’s knees and ask God to infuse the Spirit into one’s words,” he said. “This is a good thing, but it is not a prophetic way.”

A prophetic homily, Cardinal Cantalamessa said, comes from working the opposite way: “first getting down on one’s knees and asking God what is the word he wants to make resound for his people.”

Airport chaplains offer sacraments, provide a listening ear to travelers

By Janet Jones
Catholic News Service

High Hill, Texas

Just about every kind of person can be found in an airport — from vacationers heading for a little piece of heaven to business people whose schedules seem like hell on earth.

The concourses are a limbo of sorts as people wait to get to their destinations.

If any travelers are carrying around too much emotional baggage, they might find an airport chaplain to lighten the load.

Father Charlie Samperi recalled a man who saw his priest’s collar and approached him because he was weighted down with the need for reconciliation.

The priest, pastor of St. James the Apostle Parish in Spring, Texas, said they found a quiet spot off the concourse where he heard this man’s confession. “He just unloaded, and it was a wonderful confession,” he said, adding that it had been a long time since the man had received the sacrament of reconciliation.

Father Samperi serves in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, which hosted a retreat for Catholic airport chaplains in mid-February. The retreat was held virtually the past two years because of the coronavirus pandemic, and the chaplains said they were happy for their own getaway and face-to-face time with colleagues from around the country.

Father Michael Zaniolo ministers at Mid-

way and O’Hare airports in Chicago and is the president of the National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains. He recalled being drawn to the ministry as a young priest while leading a group of boys in an exploration of the priesthood. To demonstrate the different types of ministry, he took them on a field trip to an airport. The priest serving as chaplain seemed to have had an effect on everyone, he said.

“I thought, ‘This is a great place to be a priest,’” he told The Catholic Lighthouse, newspaper of the Diocese of Victoria, Texas.

In the spirit of “synodality,” or becoming a listening church, it fits right in. “We literally are walking with these people,” Father Zaniolo said.

During his airport rounds, people who are fearful of flying will approach. “You give them a blessing and it’s like a burden has been lifted off their shoulders,” he said. “Within just a few moments, you can have an impact on someone.”

Deacon Alfred Mitchell who ministers at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, one of the world’s busiest, said he never knows how a day at the airport will go. The retreat, he said, offered participants quiet time to reflect as well as time to undergo training.

The chaplains took a field trip to tour the painted churches in the Diocese of Victoria Feb. 19. Bishop Brendan J. Cahill celebrated Mass for the chaplains at St. Mary Church in High Hill.

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CRS Collection, March 26-27: “Through prayer, ‘organizing hope,’ we reveal Christ’s love to those in need”

The following was written by the bishop of Gallup, New Mexico, who is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on National Collections.

Catholic Relief Services is a major beneficiary of an annual collection taken up each year on the Fourth Sunday of Lent — this year, the weekend of March 26-27.

In this diocese, contributions to the combined collection benefit: Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., and the Holy Father’s Relief Fund; the USCCB’s Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, and Department of Migration and Refugee Services; the Peter’s Pence fund; and the Franciscan Commissariat of the Holy Land.

Please give generously.

By Bishop James S. Wall

When we learn about the many ways that we can reveal Christ’s love and mercy to people in need, whether in our own neighborhoods or overseas, our immediate response should be prayer.

Our next response should be action.

The upcoming Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection delivers action through emergency aid to people in lands affected by disasters or war, assistance to migrants and refugees who are trying to adapt to the laws and life in the United States, pastoral ministries to those with specific cultural or occupational needs, as well as advocacy and education rooted in Catholic teaching to help suffering people build new lives and livelihoods.

Pope Francis calls this kind of action “organizing hope.”

“This is what is asked of us: to be, amid the ruins of the everyday world, tireless builders of hope; to be light as the

sun grows dark, to be loving witnesses of compassion amid widespread disinterest,” the Holy Father said in his homily on the 2021 World Day for the Poor.

“Unless our hope translates into decisions and concrete

hope.”

The CRS Collection reveals Christ’s love and organizes hope in the United States and worldwide through the generosity of the Catholic people of the United States.

It aids six Church organizations that protect human life and promote human dignity:

- Catholic Relief Services for international relief and development.

- The Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (CLINIC) for legal aid to immigrants pursuing paths to residency and citizenship.

- The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Office of Migration and Refugee Services for refugee resettlement.

- The USCCB Secretariat on Cultural Diversity in the Church for pastoral care of migrants, refugees, travelers, and Asian and Pacific Islanders.

- The USCCB Department of Justice, Peace & Human Development’s (JPHD) Committee on International Justice and Peace for advocacy on behalf of the powerless, and for JPHD’s education and outreach efforts to share Catholic social teaching and engage with diocesan and other Catholic leaders.

- The Holy Father’s Relief Fund through which the pope assists suffering people worldwide.

Your gift to this collection delivers real help and comfort to people worldwide.

Joined with that of Catholics across the United States, it

also educates the faithful about how to be “organizers of hope.”

Of more than \$8 million distributed from the collection in 2020, about three-quarters supported overseas disaster relief, international development, and assistance to migrants and refugees.

Nearly 25% went to education, advocacy and pastoral care; and less than 3% went toward program oversight and promoting the collection.

This makes it one of the most efficient and effective channels you could possibly choose for your gifts.

The Catholic Church is living the Gospel worldwide. We have boots on the ground amid headline-grabbing disasters and in the hidden places where millions of our neighbors are in crises that never make the news.

- In Guatemala, where a fungus has devastated coffee growers, CRS is helping family farmers learn techniques to protect and enrich their soil. Participants later report their best crops ever.

- Among those whom USCCB Migration and Refugee

Services assists are people who flee war, famine, and religious persecution on the other side of the world, as well as seafarers docked in U.S. ports and victims of human trafficking. The pandemic added new challenges to this ministry.

- CLINIC partners with community groups nationwide to help legal immigrants to the United States become U.S. citizens. Among those CLINIC assists are Catholic priests from other nations who face formidable immigration hurdles when they seek to serve parishes and outreach ministries in the United States.

The gifts of Catholic parishioners to the CRS Collection accomplish extraordinary good around the world and within our Church. They truly fulfill Pope Francis’ call for Catholics to “organize hope.”

To learn more about how the Catholic Relief Services Collection makes a difference visit us ccb.org/catholic-relief.

#iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.



CRS leader concerned by growing needs of refugees fleeing Ukraine

Catholic News Service

Baltimore

In response to more than 2 million refugees, primarily women and children, fleeing the conflict in Ukraine in recent weeks, the president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) said it is “alarming to see the scale of the suffering” in the region.

In a March 8 statement, Sean Callahan said CRS partners

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QUESTION CORNER

Friday abstinence for vegans / Parents and non-Church wedding

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. What do persons who don't normally eat meat do about the Church's rules on abstinence, such as on the Fridays during Lent? Nowadays, many Catholics are mainly fish eaters anyway, or they are vegans or vegetarians. What can they do to participate in the discipline of the Church? (New Middletown, Indiana)

A. Your question prompts a question in my own mind: What's the difference between a vegan and a vegetarian? On the off chance that any of our readers — like myself — might not have known this, here it is: Vegans eat no animal products at all, while vegetarians don't eat animals but may eat products that come from them such as dairy and eggs.

And yes, there are many of each: I've read that, at some point in their lives, more than 10% of Americans are vegans or vegetarians. So your question does have relevance, and the answer is simple: Pick your own penance.

In 1966, when the U.S. Catholic bishops lifted the rule of mandatory abstinence on Fridays throughout the year, this is what they said: "Since the spirit of penance primarily suggests that we discipline ourselves in that which we enjoy most, to many in our day abstinence from meat no longer implies penance, while renunciation of other things would be more penitential" (No. 20).

Vegans and vegetarians should choose their own sacrifice on the Fridays of Lent. How about refraining from your favorite meatless meal? And it doesn't even have to be food-related: Since Fridays are set aside for grateful remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus, how about taking an extra five minutes of prayer on Lenten Fridays to thank Jesus for dying on the cross?

Q. We just learned that our daughter is engaged. Her fiancé is not a Catholic and probably not a member of any religion. We raised our kids in the Church, and they always attended Sunday Mass. But our daughter has problems with some of the Church's teachings and has stopped going to Mass; now she is saying that she doesn't want to be married in the Church, particularly since she's horrified by the recent scandals.

We plan on speaking to her again about the importance of being married in the Church. We're having Masses said for that intention and have also asked some priest friends to pray for her. Should she persist, however, we do have some questions.

I feel that our not attending her wedding would rupture our relationship with her and probably sink any chances of her ever returning to the Church. But would it be wrong to participate in any way — such as by her dad's walking her down the aisle, or helping to pay for the wedding or giving her a gift?

She is our only daughter and this is heartbreaking for us, but we don't want to offend the Lord, even for the sake of our daughter. Any insight you could give would be appreciated — as would your prayers for her and for us. (Austin, Texas)

A. I am edified by your question — both by your clear love for your daughter and by your strong commitment to the Church. I assure you that I will add my own prayers for her happiness in marriage and for her eventual return to Catholic practice.

(As regards your daughter's horror at recent scandals, would it help if you told her that you yourself are equally offended, but that you are not willing to let this criminal and sinful behavior do even more damage by depriving you of the support you experi-

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Papal Audience March 16, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age, viewed in the light of God's word, we now consider the vital role of the elderly in handing on to new generations life's true and sustaining values. In the very first pages of the Bible, God entrusts to the elderly Noah the task of restoring the goodness of His creation, which had become corrupted by the spread of violence and wickedness. Jesus Himself speaks of the "days of Noah" in warning us of the need for conversion in view of the imminent coming of God's Kingdom, which brings mankind definitive salvation and spiritual renewal. In every age, as in the days of Noah, we can be tempted to accept sin and corruption as normal, to avert our eyes from the unjust suffering of the poor and the destruction of our natural environment. In our own day, these are the fruits of a materialistic, self-centred and spiritually empty culture of waste. The elderly, like Noah, can warn us of this danger and remind us of our God-given call to be guardians and stewards of His creation. May Noah's example and prayers inspire our elderly to appreciate this, their special charisma, and help to build a new "ark" of welcome, care and hope, for the future of our world and the dawn of the new creation.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's audience, especially the groups from Denmark, Jerusalem, Norway and the United States of America. May our Lenten journey bring us to celebrate Easter with hearts purified and renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Upon each of you, and your families, I invoke joy and peace in Christ our Redeemer.



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and staff inside Ukraine and in Moldova and Poland have "heard of children dragging bulky luggage, their faces wet from tears" and also have heard of "crowds huddling inside bus terminals for shelter, knee-deep in their belongings.

The weight of the trauma lives on the faces of young and old alike," he added.

Callahan also noted that CRS, the U.S. bishops' relief and development agency, has seen "tremendous acts of solidarity and generosity" from

countries receiving refugees and from those donating to CRS and Caritas partners that are providing food, shelter, relief items, counseling and information services to displaced people in Ukraine and refugees in Moldova, Poland and Romania.

"With all of this in mind, we join the pope in calling for an immediate end to the fighting," he said, adding that wars in Syria and elsewhere have demonstrated that "people will continue to suffer until there is peace."

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Small things this Lent

By Maureen Pratt
Catholic News Service



This Lent will be a little different from previous ones for me. Personal responsibilities will make it difficult to make “big plans,” such as setting aside significant times of fasting, major volunteer activities or going on retreat.

To be sure, my observance will include more prayer throughout these 40 days, and I will try to be more intent on listening to God’s will for me; there sure is much to work on in my life, inside and out!

However, as for actions to accompany personal, spiritual development, instead of a grand project or Lenten resolution, I most especially hope to be attentive to the little ways, the small things I can do to strengthen my relationship with God and the people around me.

Our world tends to focus (and report on) what is grand in the world, even when it comes to doing good things. Large gestures (millions of dollars given to causes), immense efforts (collective responses to widespread needs) — these often make the headlines.

This Lent, in my much more limited

corner of the world, I’m going to aim for action in the day-to-day, my immediate vicinity, where encounters with others and moments spent with God offer opportunities for growth and giving.

This focus on small things is inspired by St. Teresa of Kolkata, whose quote, “Don’t look for big things. Just do small things with great love,” is a favorite for many.

Her example of tending to the poor, one-by-one, of taking the moments of each day and filling them with seemingly minor, but beautiful, caring actions, is wonderful encouragement, especially today when it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the fast-moving complexities of daily life.

Small, within the context of faith, does not mean insignificant. Humility, patience, gratitude — these and other virtues can be strengthened through seemingly everyday activities.

The minutes spent waiting in line at the supermarket can be transformed into a time for helping someone else if we look for the need. Perhaps someone behind in the supermarket checkout line could benefit from us giving up our place to them. Or we might allow someone else to take the closer parking spot instead of darting ahead to secure it for ourselves.

Arriving for Mass a few minutes

early and gathering ourselves into a private and public space for prayer and worship, far from minor actions, prepares us to more fully hear God’s word and knit ourselves in closer fellowship with others.

Expressing gratitude to friends, even if time is short for long conversations, can be powerful encouragement — no small matter in a challenging world!

Last year, in a previous column, I described the complications I encountered when I wanted to give away many of the items I no longer needed. It seemed, at first, to be a small thing to do, but I soon learned how complicated it was.

Gathering items, finding someone to accept them, scheduling the crew — these turned out to be much more logistically challenging than I expected.

Yet, love in many ways emerged as the process came to a wonderful conclusion.

Similarly, although I hope to focus on small things this Lent, I do not expect the experience to be simplistic.

Reflecting on God’s presence during a hectic day takes perseverance, even courage, if the worldly noise around is deafening.

Reaching out to address a need nearby might create more scheduling “knots” that need untying — inevitable complications of being in the world, but not of the world.

However, great love, the not-so-secret ingredient in St. Teresa’s quote, cannot be underestimated. Through it, throughout Lent, small things bring warm light.

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“Don’t look for big things. Just do small things with great love.”
— St. Teresa of Kolkata

The wonders of science

By Father Eugene Hemrick
Catholic News Service



The latest exhibit in the Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building is called FUTURES. Among its presentations is the Virgin Hyperloop’s Pegasus pod, a train of the future.

“With speeds of up to 670 miles per hour, hyperloop travel is the first leap forward in mass public transportation in a century (will be the fastest means of land-based travel yet!). ... Distances that once took months to travel, and now take hours, will require just minutes. ... Are you ready to travel from NYC to DC in 30 minutes instead of four hours by car? Buckle up!” reads the Smithsonian’s website.

Marvels of science are advancing us into an exciting new age of increased comfortability, time reduction and costs. It also should make us wonder how much we appreciate God’s gift of our mind and its potential for developing knowledge.

On the excitement of new knowledge, Father Romano Guardini states

in *Power and Responsibility*: “In the act of knowing, the knower experiences the power that effects such penetration. He feels truth ‘dawn’ on him, a sensation which is succeeded by that of having ‘grasped’ it. Pride in his achievement follows. ... Nietzsche refers to this as the pride of philosophers.”

As wonderful as are scientific advances, are they accompanied with gratitude for God’s gift of wisdom and the belief “God’s will be done”?

The maxim “pride goes before the fall” still exists. With scientific advances comes responsibilities. We have entered an age of hyper-acceleration that can lead to disasters. Recall the advance of fast cars in which horrific accidents have occurred and led to increased new laws to minimize them.

Ironically, we live in an age that could lead to a restless age desiring greater speed. Could this cause us to lose our contemplative edge needed to take time to think more deeply and possess a sense of knowing how to wait? Could we be taking one step forward and two backward?

The more thoroughly we think through our advances, the more peaceful our future will be.

REFLECTION

Sure enough

Mark Saucier

It’s a wonder where a word will take you.

In a book I’m reading, the author briefly references “Dayenu,” a song sung at Passover, recalling the kindness of God in the Exodus.

Each short verse cites an act of God — the deliverance from Egypt, the manna in the desert, the gift of the Torah. After each, the response is “*dayenu*,” “it would have been enough.”

Any one of those would have been enough.

It’s a song of gratitude that we might all do well to sing, a reminder of the abundance of our lives, truly more than enough.

But not everyone can honestly sing “Dayenu.” Trapped in trauma, loss and desperation, their “enough” is not the exuberant thankfulness of one brought to the land of milk and honey, but more the despondence of Elijah we find in First Kings.

Elijah condemned the ruthless rule of Israel’s King Ahab and Queen Jezebel.

He called out the prophets of a false and loveless god.

With everyone out to kill him, Elijah fled to Judah and into the wilderness. Finally, under a solitary broom tree, the prophet cried out, “It is enough, now, O Lord, take away my life.”

I can understand that. Sometimes the pain, the grief and the relentless fear would drag anyone, even the greatest prophet, to their knees, begging for a merciful end because “it is enough,” and they can bear no more.

But then I see pictures of people in Ukraine, ordinary sinners and saints, raised on Resurrection and on Cossack courage.

You’d think they would be every bit as desperate and ready to surrender as Elijah, but they are not willing to utter his fateful “enough.”

I’ve seen a man looking for life in rubble that buried his wife and children. Or mothers ushering their children safely across the border and then returning to fight alongside their husbands.

What ineffable faith sustains these people? What allows them to have enough hope in tomorrow that they refuse to utter “enough” today?

And there, to the east, is the ice-hearted man who ordered the horror, deep in his delusion with no human concern for the destruction of a people he claimed as brothers.

I wonder if he demanded a blackout of the war, not just to insulate and control his citizens, but out of fear that, if he saw the brutality, the senseless loss of lives, the bombing of hospitals and homes, even he might have to say “enough.”

St. Louis archdiocese praying, preparing for “the most sweeping changes” in its history

By Jay Nies

The constant need for re-assessment, renewal and re-allocation in the Church is not unique to the Jefferson City diocese.

Archdioceses and dioceses throughout the United States are in various phases of discernment for bringing the way they minister into line with the people they now minister to.

“The model that fulfilled its mission in growing and evangelizing the Church during the last century has become archaic,” Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of St. Louis wrote to the people of his archdiocese on Jan. 25, the Feast of the Conversation of St. Paul the Apostle.

“Jesus is calling us to re-energize and reshape our efforts to share His saving message,” the archbishop wrote.

His letter marked the official beginning of the St. Louis archdiocese’s multi-year “All Things New” pastoral planning initiative.

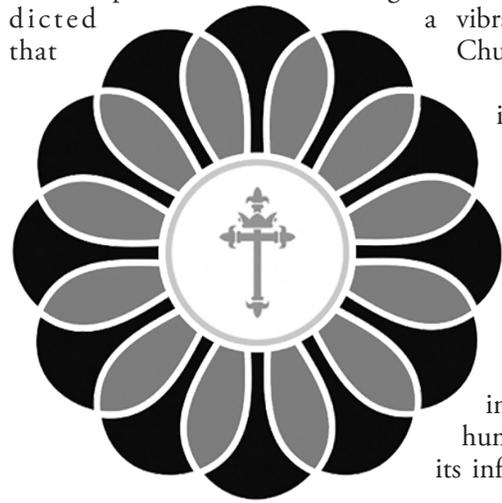
“All Things New” bears many similarities to the pastoral planning process being undertaken in the Jefferson City diocese in 2019-21, as well as the parish assessments that took place in 10 counties in the Jefferson City diocese in 2020-21. These processes will continue throughout this diocese in the future.

“All Things New” emphasizes evangelization and the re-focusing of all parishes, schools and diocesan offices and min-

istries onto the mission of directing people toward authentic discipleship.

“We will assess every aspect of our archdiocese and make the necessary adjustments to our ministries and supporting structures to reflect the needs of our communities for the next century,” Archbishop Rozanski wrote.

He predicted that



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the process will lead to “the most sweeping changes that the archdiocese has witnessed in its history.”

“‘All Things New’ seeks to enable a vibrant Catholic presence across every square mile of our Archdiocese by renewing the Church in its mission and proclaiming the Gospel, and securing a vibrant future,” he wrote.

Like the processes that

have been undertaken in this diocese, “All Things New” includes a structured process of prayer, listening and reevaluation of the local Church’s changing needs and resources.

The main goals are to renew parishes, schools and other ministry efforts with Gospel values; enhance the Church’s mission to people on the margins of society; and secure a vibrant future for the Church.

Core principles include unceasing prayer, a unifying vision for evangelization, and intentional stewardship.

“For the Church, evangelizing means bringing the Good News into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming

humanity from within and making it new,” states a brochure

introducing “All Things New.”

“Closer to 2050”

The St. Louis Archdiocese once encompassed all of Missouri. It previously took in the entire northern portion of the Louisiana Purchase.

Since 1956, the archdiocese includes the City of St. Louis and 10 surrounding counties in east-central Missouri.

Once an epicenter for Cath-

olic immigration and nearly ubiquitous Church engagement, the archdiocese historically referred to as Rome of the West recently recorded fewer than 500,000 registered Catholics for the first time in nearly 60 years.

“We all know that the Church of today is not the same that it was 50, 100 or 15-plus years ago, and yet we are still functioning in many ways out of the same mode of evangelization,” the “All Things New” website at allthingsnew.archstl.org states. “... We are closer now to 2050 than to 1950. We need to ask ourselves what our parishes, ministries and institutions need to look like in order to effectively share the faith in a way that is suitable and sustainable for our children and generations to come.”

“‘All Things New’ will assess the effectiveness of the Church in St. Louis in proclaiming the Gospel and will identify opportunities to build on our strengths and improve our ministry to bring about renewal within all parishes, schools and curia offices and agencies,” according to the brochure.

After a period of archdiocesan-wide prayer and extensive consultation with priests and laypeople, including an online anonymous survey for parishioners in the diocese, Archbishop Rozanski and a bevy of advisors will assemble a comprehensive plan for reorganization.

The plan, which will not affect the Jefferson City diocese, will certainly result in the consolidation of parishes, missions and schools in the St. Louis archdiocese and will affect the assigning of priests and the number of weekend Masses there.

Archbishop Rozanski will announce the full plan on Pentecost Sunday in 2023, with implementation beginning in the fall of that year.

“The final recommendation will be the product of more than two years of prayer, dis-

cernment, consultive work and numerous iterations,” the “All Things New” website states.

Father Christopher Martin, the St. Louis archdiocese’s vicar for strategic planning, told the *St. Louis Review*, newspaper of the archdiocese, that “All Things New” will be rooted in an encounter with the Lord and a desire to share the Good News with others.

He said the plan leads with the Church’s efforts to evangelize, while infrastructure considerations are secondary.

“When we have become a people of deeper prayer and united around our desire to make disciples, only then do we discern our infrastructure,” Fr. Martin told the *Review*. “We must allow ourselves to be inspired by the Holy Spirit with a vision for the future that’s so attractive that we are willing to give up what we know in order to obtain it.”

Here and there

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City noted that while the needs, challenges, opportunities and overall experience of being Church in this diocese differ in some ways from those of the St. Louis archdiocese, there are many parallels.

Among them are this diocese’s pastoral priorities of fostering an authentically Catholic spirituality of stewardship, developing a culture of co-responsibility, and encouraging parishes to become even more widely recognized as centers of charity and mercy.

With that in mind, said Bishop McKnight, “I invite the people of our Local Church to join me in praying for the people of our neighboring archdiocese as they discern and carry out this God-infused process of transformation.

“And I implore the Catholics of my own diocese to remain open to wherever God leads us as we continue to ascertain the future of the Church in central and northeastern Missouri,” he stated.

Cardinal Dolan’s mother dies at 93; he thanks God ‘for the gift she was’

Catholic News Service

Maplewood, Missouri

Shirley Jean Radcliffe Dolan, the mother of New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan and the matriarch of the Dolan family, died March 12 at age 93.

Mrs. Dolan had spent the last few years in an assisted living center near St. Louis. The cardinal delivered the news that his “dear mom” had gone “home to the Lord” in a March 12 Flocknote message to the archdiocese, his “spiritual family.”

He said he and his family — including his four siblings and Mrs. Dolan’s grandchildren and great-grandchildren and her sister, Lois — “thank

God for the gift she was, and for her long life.”

Cardinal Dolan returned to the St. Louis area to prepare to celebrate her funeral Mass March 16 at Immaculate Conception Church in suburban Maplewood.

It is the parish where Mrs. Dolan, born Dec. 6, 1928, was baptized, received her first Holy Communion, was confirmed, went to school and was married.

The cardinal’s late father, Robert, was raised in the same parish. He died in 1977.

Cardinal Dolan said he would offer a memorial Mass for his mother at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19.

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St. Rita's Circle: One Hundred Years and Counting

By Janet Walz

Bowed heads, low murmurs — it's almost like you've stumbled into a prayer group.

Well, most of the time.

The women of St. Rita's Circle at St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City do have their fun moments, and when they do, it eases the stiff fingers and tired eyes.

They are the quilters. And this year in December, they will celebrate their 100th anniversary.

A hundred years is a long time, but quilting has been around for centuries. The oldest known example is in St. Petersburg at the Russian Academy of Sciences — a quilted linen carpet found in a Mongolian cave.

In a museum in Florence, Italy, there are pieces of a quilted decorative covering which was found in Sicily and believed to have been made about 1360.

Back to Jefferson City: In the archives of St. Peter Parish, I found a fragile yellowed sheet of paper stating:

Rules of St. Rita's Circle — Organized Dec. 28, 1922

1.) Meeting every two weeks.

2.) Each member to pay 10 cents every two weeks whether they come to meeting or not.

3.) If a member is sick, a Mass is offered instead of flowers.

4.) Masses for a member of St. Rita's Circle at death offered by circle.

5.) 1 Mass offered by St. Rita's Circle if a husband, father, mother, child, sister, brother, and father and mother-in-law die. (relative of a member of St. Rita's Circle).

Monsignor Joseph Selinger, who was pastor of St. Peter Parish from 1904-34, was present at the organization meeting of the Circle, and the name St. Rita's Circle was suggested by him.

In this organizational document forming St. Rita's Circle, there is no mention of what activities the members would engage in or what the 10 cents was to be used for, but the "1st Report of St. Rita's Sewing Circle, dated

Jan. 1, 1926 — 70 meetings" showed that the total receipts were \$503.15 and disbursements were \$485.51, including items labeled "Plants," "Sister Ann," "School Fund," "Milk Fund," and one that puzzled me, "Mdse. & Vanilla."

That same report stated that "4 pr pillow cases, 19 towels, 36 aprons, 4 dresser scarfs, 2 children's dresses and bloomers, 1 clothespin bag, 1 sofa pillow, and 1 table cover" were donated to "bazaars and socials."

In 1926, boys and girls under the age of 2 wore dresses and bloomers — it was a lot easier to change a diaper that way. What a busy group!

But, vanilla? I found out that the Circle would buy vanilla and other items from a wholesaler, resell them at retail, then donate the proceeds to the Church.

So, in the early days, quilting was not the only activity of the St. Rita's Circle. They did a wide range of sewing of all kinds, and became entrepreneurs in retailing.

A time to sew

An article by Estelle Lamers in the June 15, 1973, edition of *The Catholic Missourian*, pointed out that in the past, St. Rita's Circle charged "\$3 for quilting an entire quilt."

The price, however, had gone up by 1973: "\$15 to \$25" per quilt and extra charges for marking and binding.

The circle averaged "one quilt per month."

Today, the price for quilting a quilt is \$1 per hour per quilter. Each quilter writes down the number of hours she works, and the bill is based on those quilter hours.

What do the quilters of St. Rita's Circle do with all that money? Although the "Rules" of the club do not specify how the proceeds are to be spent, over the years their earnings have gone toward a wide variety of causes.

Among these the needs of the priests, other parishes, schools, orphans, families and the St. Mary's Hospital Auxil-



Members of the St. Rita's Quilting Circle at St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City display an example of their handiwork.

— Photo from the St. Peter Parish website, saintpeterjc.org/quilting-groups

ary.

In recent years, though, the money earned is given to the pastor of St. Peter Parish to be used where he sees a need.

For many years in the recent past, St. Rita's Circle met once a week, from early morning until mid- or late afternoon.

Each person would bring things for lunch, and it was as much a social outing as it was a fundraiser.

Monsignor Joseph Vogelweid PA, who led the parish from 1934-69, often visited to have lunch with the ladies — he loved their pies!

Today, the ladies of St.

Rita's Circle almost exclusively work on quilting. They meet in the Quilt Room (also known as the Scout Room), but because of parking limitations and other activities, they sew from about 3 p.m. until about 5 p.m.

Also, now, there is usually no snacking in order to protect the quilts.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, all activity in the Quilt (AKA Scout) Room was curtailed, and when they did get back to it, all the quilters wore masks at first and took extra precautions to avoid spreading the virus.

St. Rita's Circle is now back

in action and welcomes any and all who would like to join them.

More members needed

In today's world, quilting is not high on most people's list of activities. There is a serious need of volunteers to continue creating the quilts that are indeed works of art.

St. Rita's Circle welcomes everyone.

If you have little or no experience with a needle, they will help you learn. If you have a few hours during the week which you would like to fill with something worthwhile, give them a call.

Besides St. Rita's Circle, there are two other quilting groups at St. Peter Parish: St. Ann's and the Sew-N-Sews.

For more information, contact:

•St. Rita's Circle: Marcia Schweiss, 573-896-4402

•St. Ann's: Betty Schrimpf, 573-636-6482

•Sew-N-Sews: Helen Cline, 573-893-5335 or 573-619-1495

Congratulations to the quilters of St. Rita's Circle in this, their 100th year, and we wish you many more productive and fulfilling years.

Lent is a time to wake up, pray more, care for others, pope says

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Lent is a good time to ask God's help in throwing off any spiritual "drowsiness" that dulls a person's prayer life and attentiveness to the needs of others, Pope Francis said.

"It is a period in which God wants to awaken us from our inner lethargy, from this sleepiness that does not let the Spirit express itself," he said March 13 before leading the Angelus prayer with thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Looking at the Sunday Gospel reading, which recounted the transfiguration of Jesus, Pope Francis pointed out that the story says that Peter, James and John "had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw His (Jesus') glory and the two men standing with Him."

It wasn't the last time the disciples would snooze at an important moment, the pope said; it would happen in the Garden of Gethsemane.

"This somnolence in such important moments is surprising," he said. But it is possible

that initially they, too, were praying like Jesus was, "until tiredness prevailed."

Pope Francis asked people to reflect on whether they also are afflicted by an "ill-timed slumber," especially in the evening when they had tried or promised to pray.

Lent is the time to ask God for help in being wakeful in prayer, he said, because "keeping the heart awake does not depend on us alone: it is a grace and must be requested."

The Gospel story, he said, speaks about Jesus' face changing appearance and His clothing being "dazzling white" just before the disciples wake up.

It is possible, he said, "that it was the light of Jesus that reawakened them. Like them, we too are in need of God's light, which makes us see things in a different way: it attracts us, it reawakens us, it reignites our desire and strength to pray, to look within ourselves and to dedicate time to others."

During Lent, the pope said, "ask the Holy Spirit to bring us out of this slumber that prevents us from praying."

STATIONS

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statues in St. Joseph Church. Ms. Wasser said her company had restored “quite a few” Stations of the Cross sets like the one in Palmyra.

“They all usually have fairly similar figures but not always exact,” she noted. “The bases for this set are unique — we have never encountered this style before.”

She is convinced that at some point, the figure of Christ in the 12th Station, “Jesus Dies on the Cross,” was broken and replaced with a smaller figure.

The spears held by the images of the guards are also not original.

“Other than that, the set was in fairly good condition,” she noted.

The Altar Society announced the restoration project in early May of 2021. The

society sponsored one of the Stations, and parishioners were invited to contribute whatever they could for the last one.

Sponsors for all of them stepped forward within a week.

“It was an honor to be able to help with the restoration of the Stations,” one of the sponsors recently stated. “They are so much a part of our faith tradition as well as a part of our individual faith journeys.”

“Being able to provide assistance so others may use them as a part of their spiritual walk with Christ is part of our faith as well,” the sponsor stated.

“No end to understanding”

Fr. Flatley recently spoke to parishioners about the beautiful and sacred Catholic tradition of “Walking the Stations of the Cross” throughout

Lent.

He reflected on this immersion into the experience of the “Via Dolorosa” — the Way of Grief.

“Can we ponder both the physical and spiritual meaning of this?” the priest asked.

“Jesus Christ ... fully human, fully



The newly restored Eighth Station, “Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem,” is seen from the stairs leading up to the choir loft in St. Joseph Church in Palmyra.

— Photo by Jay Nies

divine — this is an article of faith,” he noted. “To believe this, we must move beyond the rational mind and surrender into the mystery of Christ.”

He pointed to a passage from Luke 9, proclaimed at Mass on the Second Sunday of Lent this year.

“We heard the extraordinary Good News about the Transfiguration, when the Divine nature of Christ shone through His human nature,” the Fr. Flatley noted. “This helps us to believe.”

Pondering the excruciating human experience of the suffering Christ freely accepted therefore challenges the faithful also to consider the spiritual meanings of His Way of the Cross.

“Here, the Covenant — both old and new — is coming to fulfillment,” said Fr. Flatley. “We try to understand the human suffering, and we must also try to understand the unveiling of divine love being revealed.”

“Then we are called to ponder the centuries of theological reflection, seeking to understand ever more deeply,” he said.

He challenged everyone to keep in mind: “Mystery does not mean that we cannot understand something, it means there is no end to the understanding.”

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Pope Francis on Ukraine: 'Stop this massacre'

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Appealing again for an end to the war in Ukraine, Pope Francis said those who invoke God to promote or justify violence "profane his name."

"In the name of God, I ask: Stop this massacre," the pope said March 13 at the end of his Sunday Angelus address.

With thousands of people gathered under the bright sunshine of a Roman spring to pray the midday Marian prayer, Pope Francis turned their attention to Mariupol, Ukraine, a city named in honor of Mary; it has been besieged by Russian troops for two weeks.

The city, he said, "has become a martyred city of the heart-wrenching war that is

destroying Ukraine."

"Before the barbarity of the killing of children, of innocents and unarmed civilians, there are no strategic reasons that hold up," the pope said. The only thing to do is "to stop the unacceptable armed aggression before it reduces the cities to cemeteries."

"With pain in my heart, I unite my voice to that of ordinary people who implore an end to the war," he said. "In the name of God, listen to the cry of those who are suffering and stop the bombings and attacks."

Negotiations to end the war must begin seriously, he said, and the humanitarian corri-

dors agreed upon to evacuate civilians and to bring basic necessities to people in besieged towns must be respected and secure.

With the U.N. Refugee Agency reporting March 13 that almost 2.7 million refugees had fled Ukraine since Feb. 24, Pope Francis thanked all the individuals and agencies in the neighboring countries who have welcomed them, and he encouraged continued generosity.

He also asked Catholic parishes and religious orders around the world "to increase moments of prayers for peace."

"God is the God only of

peace, he is not the God of war," he said. "Those who support violence profane his name."

Pope Francis led the people in the square, including several carrying Ukrainian flags, in a moment of silent prayer that

God would "convert hearts to a firm desire for peace."

After the Angelus, the Vatican used the pope's English-language Twitter account to send, in 10 tweets, his entire appeal in Russian and Ukrainian.

FR. DOYLE

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As to your participation in her wedding ceremony: You have explained to your daughter, and will again, your strong preference that she be married in the Church and your disappointment should she not be. But I agree that your absence from the ceremony might well eliminate any chance of her ever coming back to the sacraments.

So long as she understands your feelings and your regard for the faith in which you raised your children, I think that you and your husband could participate in the wedding ceremony in the ways you mention.

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INITIATE

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community to this special celebration in which the bishop personally and formally accepts you as elect and candidates for the Easter Sacraments," he stated in his homily.

The RCIA is a restoration of the catechumenate, the communal process through which people were prepared to become Christian in the early Church.

As part of the Rite of Election, Bishop McKnight compiled the signatures of those seeking Baptism into the Book of the Elect.

"My dear catechumens, by your signatures in this book, you have pledged to accept God and your desire to join His Holy Church," the bishop said. "I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil."

He urged the elect and candidates to spend the rest of Lent pursuing repentance and deeper conversion, with the support of the whole Church.

"God is always faithful to those He calls," the bishop told those gathered. "Now it is your duty, as it is ours, both to be faithful to Him in return and to strive courageously to reach the fullness of truth, which your election opens up before you."

"The best thing"

The Rite of Election is usually held in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, but major renovations are taking place there now.

So from the ambo of spacious Our Lady of Lourdes Church, parish representatives summoned the catechumens and candidates by name.

Accompanied by a godparent or sponsor, each came forward to greet the bishop.

"It was so neat to see all the other people who are going through what we've been going through for the past year," said Carla Brown, who is preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City.

Her husband, Steve, and their two children hope to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

"They're very excited," she said. "It means something to all three of them, being bap-



The elect, who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil (top), and candidates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion (bottom) gather with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight in the sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Columbia on March 6, the First Sunday of Advent, following the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion.

— Photos by Jay Nies

tized at the same time."

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, both raised in churchgoing families, had drifted away from their faith community a few years

"They stood out to us as role models," Mrs. Brown noted. "You can tell their faith is very important to them."

The Browns' daughters, who are in eighth and second grades, were interested in going to a different school. The family talked it out and settled on Immaculate Conception School.

"So Steve and I started thinking to ourselves, what better way for us to get involved in a church?" said Mrs. Brown.

They admired the families who always found time for Sunday Mass, even on "soccer weekends."

"We didn't really understand that until we got involved in RCIA," she said. "Now, it makes sense to us to

go every Sunday. And wherever you go, you can always find a Catholic church to visit."

The couple immediately felt at peace when they went to their first Mass at I.C.

"The people were just so open and seemed very caring," said Mrs. Brown. "We knew where we belonged, and we knew that it was time."

They've enjoyed gathering with their parish RCIA group and learning the fundamentals of being Catholic.

They're fascinated by all of the history.

"I can't even tell you how much we've enjoyed this," said Mrs. Brown. "It's been the best thing for us."

"Something I wanted"

Working as a nurse, Debra

Dimaria has seen enough pain and dysfunction to make anyone question their faith.

"We're all made in God's image," said Mrs. Dimaria, who is being initiated into St. William Parish in Perry.

"I think the devil works on us to keep us from seeing that in ourselves and others," she stated. "When you can recognize that spark of God in someone, even in someone who's living a crazy life, it's a real gift."

Mrs. Dimaria grew up in a devout family in Southern Missouri and as a child knew only two Catholics — a teacher and her son.

"They seemed very exotic to me," she recalled.

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

ago, feeling it wasn't where they belonged.

"We didn't know where we belonged, so we didn't go anywhere," said Mrs. Brown.

The couple has several friends who are Catholic.

Pope Francis speaks with Russian Orthodox patriarch

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill spoke via video conference about the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and the hopes for a peaceful solution, the Vatican said.

In a statement released March 16, Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said the meeting “was motivated by the desire to show, as shepherds of their people, a road to peace, to pray for peace so that there may be a cease-fire.”

Both the pope and the patriarch agreed that “the church must not use the language of politics, but the language of Jesus,” Bruni said.

“We are shepherds of the same holy people who believe in God, in the Holy Trinity, in the holy mother of God: that is why we must unite in the effort to help peace, to help those who suffer, to seek ways of peace, to stop the gunfire,” the pope said, according to Bruni.

Speaking about the importance of the negotiations between Russia and Ukraine, the pope told Patriarch Kirill that “those who pay the bill for the war are the people, it is both the Russian soldiers and the people who are being bombed and die.”

Bruni said the pope also told the Russian Orthodox patriarch that as shepherds, both have a “duty to stay close and help all people who are suffering from the war.”

“There was a time when we spoke, even in our churches, of a holy war or a just war. Today we cannot speak like that. The Christian conscience of the importance of peace has developed,” the pope said.

The Vatican spokesman said Pope Francis

and Patriarch Kirill agreed that the Catholic and Orthodox Churches are called “to contribute to strengthening peace and justice.”

“Wars are always unjust, because the ones who pay are the people of God. Our hearts cannot help but weep before the children, the women killed, all the victims of war. War is never the way. The Spirit that unites us asks us as shepherds to help the people who suffer from war,” the pope said.

The Moscow Patriarchate also released a statement, saying the two religious leaders had “a detailed discussion of the situation on Ukrainian soil” and that “special attention was paid to the humanitarian aspects of the current crisis and the actions of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church to overcome its consequences.”

“The parties stressed the utmost importance of the ongoing negotiation process, expressing the hope that a just peace can be achieved as soon as possible,” the statement said.

Since the conflict began in late February, the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church found themselves at odds with regard to Russia’s attack on Ukraine.

Although he expressed hope for a peaceful resolution, Patriarch Kirill, a staunch ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, has supported Russia’s actions.

His support for the attack on Ukraine has led to several Russian Orthodox churches announcing that Patriarch Kirill would not be prayed for during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Furthermore, more than 280 Russian Orthodox priests around the world signed an open letter condemning the attack on Ukraine.

CHAPLAINS

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He said he sees the chaplains as ministers who truly love others “without any exception.”

“You are striving to get us to go beyond making any exceptions, finding people where they are ... people who work at the ticket counter, business people traveling eight months a year who want someone to talk to, where people may often feel forgotten,” Bishop Cahill said.

“We are constantly trying to see who’s in the shadows, who may feel forgotten, and who I can be present to and listen to, to bring them the heart of Jesus, and, as we come to realize, to experience the heart of Jesus through them,” he added.

The chaplains said some airports offer Masses during the week and distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday for travelers who cannot make it to church. Chapels are often shared with

other faiths that provide chaplains as well. Between formal services, they simply visit with anyone who wants a clergyman to talk to.

Deacon David Reiser, chaplain at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, in North Carolina, said their motto is, “We loiter with purpose.”

Sister Joanna Okereke, assistant director for Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers at the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, described the retreat as enriching and refreshing.

“We share experience, dialogue on the way forward especially on how to improve our ministry of pastoral care,” said Sister Okereke, a member of the Congregation of Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus.

Sister Okereke works with the bishops’ Subcommittee

on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers, which has the responsibility for outreach and welcome to people of other nations and “people on the move.”

Besides people who travel by air, her office is concerned with seafarers, circus and carnival workers, Roma and Irish Travelers, migrant farmworkers, race car drivers, people in tourism and truck drivers.

Jones is editor of The Catholic Lighthouse, newspaper of the Diocese of Victoria.

FOOD PANTRY

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source fair include United Way, the Cole County Health Department, the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri, Skill Up, and Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA).

Several table spaces are still available for local agencies to participate in the resource fair by contacting Lori Stoll, Food Programs Coordinator, at 573-635-7719.

Light refreshments

and samples of meals and healthy snacks that can be made from ingredients within the pantry will be available in the demonstration kitchen. The kitchen will also host food safety presentations and tips throughout the event.

“Understanding food safety is important, because using best practices in small ways can keep families safe and help people stretch their food dollars,” said Ms. Stoll.

The Catholic Charities Food Pantry opened its doors to community members six weeks ago, welcoming locals to set up their membership and test the inventory and online ordering systems. Within that soft-launch period, 240 households have shopped the pantry to bring over 18,000 pounds of food home to feed their families.

CCCNMO is a proud partner with The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri, who generously provides food to partner pantries at no cost.

The pantry and all Catholic Charities’ health and nutrition services programming receives support from the Community Health Improvement Services program of SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital.

Support for the agency’s innovative use of SmartChoice online inventory and ordering software has been provided by the United Way of Central Missouri’s Community Support Grant program.

“Knowing that we’ve served over 600 neighbors in these households who are struggling with food insecurity since opening the pantry is very rewarding,” CCCNMO Executive Director Dan Lester stated.

“In assessing the needs of our community with partners like the United Way and The Food Bank,” said Mr. Lester, “we knew that access to healthy, nutritious food that meets the needs of our community members across the lifespan was a critical gap that we could help fill, and we are eager to do so.”

CCCNMO, an entity of the Diocese of Jefferson City, responds to the needs of people in 38 counties regardless of faith, culture or situation.

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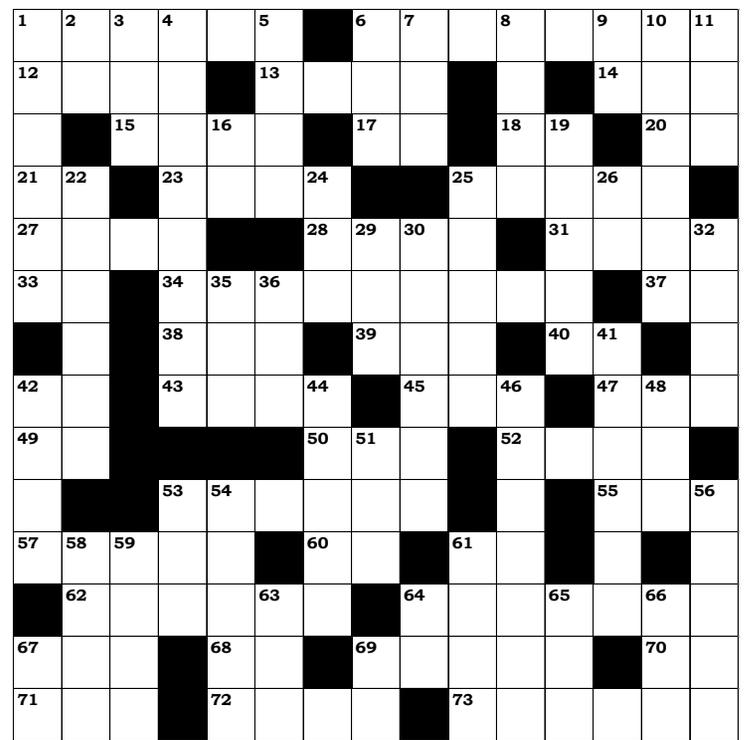
1. Paris, France has its counterpart in Paris, Missouri in ____ County.
6. Milan, Italy has its counterpart in Milan, Missouri in ____ County.
12. A type of code?
13. "You're so ____, you probably think this song is about you..." --#1 hit by Carly Simon in 1972.
14. ____ Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates on the Persian Gulf; a city with a gleaming skyline of towers and shopping megacenters.
15. Pot starter in poker.
17. "I declare there is ____ enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book," —*Pride and Prejudice*; Jane Austen
18. Abbr. for pound.
20. Stomach muscle.
21. Abbr. for "in other words."
23. Salem, MA., witch trials city, has its counterpart in Salem, Missouri in ____ County.
25. Athens, Greece has its counterpart in Athens, Missouri in ____ County.
27. Currency in Germany, France and Italy.
28. Napoleon's exile island off Italy's coast.
31. "Can a fig ____, my brothers, produce olives, or a grapevine figs?" (James 3:12)
33. Abbr. for a golden ager.
34. Odessa, Ukraine, major city on the Black Sea, has its counterpart in Odessa, Missouri in ____ County.
37. Abbr. for recreational vehicle.
38. Parent/school org.
39. Dir. from Sedalia to Centralia.
40. Letters after the name of a Jesuit (Society of Jesus), such as Father Helias.
42. Letters for Associated Press; news agency since 1846.
43. A type of sandwich.
45. Prefix for angle or age.
47. "...he shall pierce his ear with an ____..." (Exodus 21:6).
49. Letters for Union Electric (____) of St. Louis; was merged in 1997 to become Ameren Corp., the biggest

source of electric power in Mo.

50. ____ Speedwagon; 1970-80s rock band; sold more than 40 million records; had 13 top-40 hits.
52. Rudolph had a shiny red one.
53. Versailles, France has its counterpart in Versailles, Missouri in ____ County.
55. Prefix for cock or nut.
57. "It is not for the man who is buckling his ____ to boast as though he were taking it off," (1 Kings 20:11).
60. "Burnout comes from working too hard ____ tasks that matter too little," —Paul Dudziak quoted in *The Art of Walking on Water*.
61. "Yes" said Fernando.
62. Montreal, Canada has its counterpart in Montreal, Missouri in ____ County.
64. "As the ____ finds a home and the swallow a nest to settle her young..." (Psalms 84:4).
67. 3 to Caesar.
68. Comparative suffix.
69. Flora or factory.
70. Little Rhody State (abbr.).
71. Lion's den prophet to his friends, perhaps.
72. "When they sow the wind, they shall ____ the whirlwind..." (Hosea 8:7).
73. Palmyra, Syria has its counterpart in Palmyra, Missouri in ____ County.

DOWN

1. Vienna, Austria has its counterpart in Vienna, Missouri in ____ County.
2. There are 5 active (normal background level) volcanoes in this northwestern State, including Mt. Hood (abbr.).
3. Letters for the 3-million-member National Education Assn.
4. Cairo, Egypt has its counterpart in Cairo, Missouri in ____ County.
5. "At least the law no longer recognizes a difference between people of different races, and ____ if such nonsense may still haunt the minds of some of the former slave owners, all such prejudices will probably die with our present generation," —*Longer than a Man's Lifetime in Missouri*, memoirs of a German immigrant, 1830s-1880s; Gert Goebel.
6. Mortal or original.
7. A card game.
8. At the game, when there was a ____ in the action, he hustled to the snack bar.
9. More U.S. Presidents were born in this State than in any other (abbr.).
10. Of the 3 rub-a-dub-dub men, one was ____ (2 wds.).
11. He wore his pencil down to a ____.
16. *Adoro ____ devotee*; Eucharistic hymn written by St. Thomas Aquinas in the late 1200s.
19. Amsterdam, Holland has its counterpart in Amsterdam, Missouri in ____ County.
22. Traditionally, one of the seven continents.
24. Green, black or herbal.
25. The engaged couple couldn't find a company to ____ their wedding reception.
26. B&O or Short Line on a Monopoly board.
29. A type of soap.
30. Warsaw, Poland has its counterpart in Warsaw, Missouri in ____ County.
32. "If a man chooses ____, and its attendant pain and suffering and death, the man alone is to blame, and not God," —*Dear and Glorious Physician*; Taylor Caldwell.
35. "All ____ the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink..." (1 Corinthians 10:3-4).
36. "____ be it from you to do such a thing..." (Genesis 18:25).
41. Carthage, Tunisia, North Africa, ancient home of St. Augustine, has its counterpart in Carthage, Missouri
42. Human energy field said to exist around a human body.
44. Liver or spleen.
46. The ____ Jones movies (*Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Temple of Doom*, etc.); all-star Harrison Ford.
48. Faith and begorra, God bless the ____ lad!
51. "If the dead are not raised" 'Let us ____ and drink, for tomorrow we die,' (1 Corinthians 15:32)
53. ____ and Pop stores (i.e., small businesses), are crucial to the health of a community.
54. "The future belongs to my children. Shall I not strive now for a world of law and ____ and justice for them, when I am ashes with my father?" —*Dear and Glorious Physician*; Taylor Caldwell.
56. ____ bed is the smallest size bed made for adults, 38" by 75" (2 wds.).
58. Letters for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults; the conversion process into the Catholic Church.
59. The 7th most common street name in America.
61. Junk email.
63. Before, poetically.
64. Internet country code for Sierra Leone.
65. In medicine or psychiatry, short for Road to Recovery.
66. Gold in Peru.
67. You might need one to buy liquor.
69. Short for Papa Pontifex, a title sometimes used by Popes.



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FUNDRAISERS/SOCIAL EVENTS

Mar. 18

Camdenton, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Columbia**, K of C Newman Center Council #7231 drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center parking lot; **Edina**, K of C fish fry, 5:30-7 pm; **Fulton**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Hannibal**, K of C fish fry 4:30-7 pm; **Hermitage**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-6 pm, St. Bernadette Parish Hall; **Holts Summit**, K of C fish fry, 3:30-7 pm, St. Andrew Parish's Veit Hall; **Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C Council #1054 drive-thru fish & shrimp fry with baked fish option, 4:30-7 pm; **Jonesburg**, St. Joseph Parish fish fry, 11 am-7 pm, Parish Hall; **Kirkville**, K of C fish fry, 5:30-7 pm, Mary Immaculate School cafeteria; **Lake Ozark**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm, Bestgen Hall; **Laurie**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Patrick Church lower level; **Montgomery City**, K of C & Immaculate Conception Home & School fish fry, lunch dine-in/carry-out 11am-1 pm, dinner drive-thru/dine-in/carry-out 4:30-6:30 pm; **Rolla**, K of C fish fry 5-7 pm, St. Patrick Parish Hall; **Russellville**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Michael Parish Hall; **St. James**, K of C fish or shrimp fry, 4-7 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish Hall; **St. Robert**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Robert Bellarmine Fellowship Hall; **Salisbury**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Shelbina**, K of C fish or shrimp fry, dine-in or drive-thru, 5:30-6:45 pm, Fr. Buhman Center; **Wardsville**, Wardsville/Osage Bend K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm, St. Stanislaus Parish gym; **Warsaw**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm

Mar. 20

Bonnots Mill, St. Louis of France Parish chicken dinner, noon-6 pm; **Fayette**, St. Joseph Parish pancake & sausage breakfast, 8 am-noon; **Westphalia**, St. Joseph Parish drive-thru chicken dinner, 11 am-6 pm

Mar. 24

Rolla, Pregnancy Resource Center of Rolla's "Banquet for Life," 6:30-8:30 pm, Havener Center, for info or to register visit supportmyprc.com/banquet/

Mar. 25

Argyle, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **California**, K of C & Annunciation Parish Ladies Sodal-

ity curbside fish fry, 4-6:30 pm; **Camdenton**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Fayette**, K of C carry-out fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Joseph Parish Hall; **Hannibal**, K of C fish fry 4:30-7 pm; **Hermitage**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-6 pm, St. Bernadette Parish Hall; **Holts Summit**, K of C fish fry, 3:30-7 pm, St. Andrew Parish's Veit Hall; **Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C Council #1054 drive-thru fish & shrimp fry with baked fish option, 4:30-7 pm; **Jonesburg**, St. Joseph Parish fish fry, 11 am-7 pm, Parish Hall; **Kirkville**, K of C fish fry, 5:30-7 pm, Mary Immaculate School cafeteria; **Lake Ozark**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm, Bestgen Hall; **Laurie**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Patrick Church lower level; **Loose Creek**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm, Immaculate Conception School; **Montgomery City**, K of C & Immaculate Conception Home & School fish fry, lunch dine-in/carry-out 11am-1 pm, dinner drive-thru/dine-in/carry-out 4:30-6:30 pm; **Rolla**, K of C fish fry 5-7 pm, St. Patrick Parish Hall; **St. James**, K of C fish or shrimp fry, 4-7 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish Hall; **St. Martins**, St. Martin Home & School fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm, school gym; **St. Robert**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Robert Bellarmine Fellowship Hall; **St. Thomas**, K of C fish fry with gluten-free options, 4:30-7 pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center; **Sedalia**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Taos**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Warsaw**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm

Mar. 25-26

Pilot Grove, St. Joseph Parish garage sale, 8 am-2 pm

Mar. 26

Centralia, Holy Spirit Parish garage sale, 8 am-noon; **Mary's Home**, Our Lady of Snows Shiloh Dance, 7-11 pm

Apr. 1

Camdenton, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Chamois**, Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish seafood buffet, 4-7:30 pm; **Edina**, K of C fish fry, 5:30-7 pm; **Fulton**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Hannibal**, K of C fish fry 4:30-7 pm; **Hermitage**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-6 pm, St. Bernadette Parish Hall; **Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C Council #1054 drive-thru fish & shrimp fry with baked fish option, 4:30-7 pm; **Jonesburg**, St. Joseph Parish fish fry, 11 am-7 pm, Parish Hall; **Kirkville**, K of

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Apr. 2

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Spring Fling, 10 am-2 pm

Apr. 3

Vienna, K of C breakfast, 7:30-11 am

MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

Mar. 19

VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 am, to RSVP email MidMoNFP@gmail.com

Mar. 22

Jefferson City, 30th Annual Pro-Life Event, with keynote speaker Abby Johnson, luncheon event noon-1:30, dinner event 6:30-9pm, Capitol Plaza Hotel, for info or to register visit vitae-foundation.org/events

Mar. 25

Columbia, "God in the Barren Spaces: Ministering with Music to the Whole Community," sponsored by the diocesan chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, 6:30-8:30 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, for info or to register email jeffersoncitymo@npm.org

Mar. 26

Columbia, Guitar and vocal coaching with Jaime Cortez and Lynné Gray, sponsored by the diocesan chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, 9 am-noon, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, for

info or to register email jeffersoncitymo@npm.org

Apr. 4

VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 pm, to RSVP email MidMoNFP@gmail.com

Apr. 5

VIRTUAL, Marriage Prep Facilitators' morning refresher, 10:30-11:30 am, for info or to RSVP email faithformation@diojeffcity.org

EVENTOS DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

19-20 marzo

Marshall, Retiro de Inicio, San Pedro, para más información visite diojeffcity.org/renovacion-carismatica

25 marzo

Marshall, Veneración de un Santo: Reliquias de Mons. Óscar Romero, 12-6 pm, Parroquia San Pedro

26 marzo

Columbia, Taller para Guitarristas, 9 am-12 pm, Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, diojeffcity.org/eventos-diocesanos

Sedalia, Encuentro de Discípulos, 8 am-4:30 pm, Escuela de Sagrado Corazón, ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com, 316-530-1004

27 marzo

Sedalia, Kermes, 9 am-9 pm, Iglesia de San Patricio, para más información llame Oswaldo Diaz 660-829-5213

28 marzo

Lake Ozark, Planificación Familiar Natural-Familia de las Américas, 6-8 pm, Parroquia Nuestra Señora del Lago, diojeffcity.org/natural-family-planning

2 abril

Marshall, Planificación Familiar Natural-Familia de las Américas, 9 am-12 pm, Parroquia San Pedro, diojeffcity.org/natural-family-planning

5 abril

VIRTUAL, Sesión de Capacitación para Facilitadores de Preparación Matrimonial, 5:30-6:30 pm, envíe un correo electrónico a faithformation@diojeffcity.org antes del lunes anterior si planea asistir

FAITH FORMATION & SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Mar. 19

Alton, IL, "Finding Freedom from Discouragement: Practi-

cal Guidelines from St. Ignatius of Loyola," with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, 9 am-3:30 pm with virtual option, St. Mary Church, for info or to register visit stmarysalton.com

Mar. 22

Jefferson City, "Cookies, Coffee & Catholicism," featuring Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series, 6:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall

YOUTH

Apr. 23

Jefferson City, "With Great Power" Confirmation Retreat, 10 am-4 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/confirmation-retreat-2022

Jun. 19-24

Camdenton, Camp Macca-bee (session 1) summer adventure camp for high school-aged young men, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-macca-bee

Jun. 26-Jul. 1

Conway, Camp Siena summer camp experience for high school-aged young women, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-siena

Jul. 10-13

Conway, Camp Lolek (session 1) summer camp for junior high boys, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-lolek

Jul. 13-16

Conway, Camp Lolek (session 2) summer camp for junior high girls, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-lolek

Jul. 17-22

Camdenton, Camp Macca-bee (session 2) summer adventure camp for high school-aged young men, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-macca-bee

HEALTH/WELLNESS

Mar. 22

Loose Creek, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, Loose Creek Community Center

Mar. 24

Jefferson City, Adult/child/infant Heartsaver CPR class, 5:30-9 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall, for info or to register visit icangels.com/upcoming-events

Anniversaries

Argyle, St. Aloysius
Mike & Leanne Schaben, 47 years

Fayette, St. Joseph
Steven & Eula Kempf, 44 years

Freeburg, Holy Family
Gary & Pam Storey, 44 years
Dale & Kaitlin Struempf, 11 years

Jonesburg, St. Patrick
John & Bridget Cobb, 18 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph
Darren & Michelle Hombs, 28 years

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception
Terry & Vicki Parker, 50 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph
Frank & Connie Burch, 42 years
David & Janice Kroeger, 34 years
Chuck & Susan Chambers, 32 years
Duane & Judith Martin, 31 years

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart
Dennis & Virginia Fick, 49 years
Rick & Peggy Brune, 40 years
Troy & Beth Boehm, 24 years
Patrick & Dana Bexten, 23 years
Tony & Tina Sesti, 16 years

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick
Mark & Deanne Whiston, 48 years

Vandalia, Sacred Heart
Danny & Tina Hubert, 27 years

Vienna, Visitation
Ken & Carol Menges, 48 years

Birthdays

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Bernice Schmitz**, her 99th on March 21

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Doris Dennis**, her 98th on March 22; **Sybil Schreiner**, his 94th on March 29

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Viola Cassmeyer**, her 90th on March 8

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Clarence Mebruer**, his 93rd birthday on March 10

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Martha Strobe**, her 97th on March 27

Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers.

Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to editor@diojeffcity.org or mailed to *The Catholic Missourian*, 2207 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914.

Baptisms

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Skylar Snodgrass**, daughter of Jamey & Melanie Snodgrass

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Harper Ann Smith**, daughter of Sam & Brooke Smith

Canton, St. Joseph — **Camden William Brod**, son of Brandon & Stacey Brod; **Dane Joseph Fisher**, son of Hank & Kellie Fisher

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Marve Lammert**, **Hayes Madison**, **Lucilla Sullivan**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Castiel John Reeves**, son of Bradley & McKenzie Reeves

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Isaac Matthew**, **Jacob Benjamin** and **Zachary Thomas Kauffman**, sons of Wayne & Angela Kauffman; **Chase Parker** and **Reagan Ann Linnenbrink**, children of Kyle & Brittany Linnenbrink

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Stella Bea Knazik**, daughter of Jared & Hilary Knazik

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Cashton Everett**, **Joplyn Jade** and **Willow Ann Smith**, children of Chad & Sheila Smith; **Waylon Knox Fennewald**, son of Levi & Brittany Fennewald

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Savannah Jo Massman**, daughter of Travis & Alicia Massman

Marriages

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Raven Kirk & Michael Duncan**

Elections

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Melissa Becker**, **Ed Gladden**, **John Hagenhoff**, to the Parish Pastoral Council

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Brenda Buschjost**, **Dennis Meyer**, **LeAnn Meyer**, to the Pastoral Council

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Shannon Lage**, president; **Joan Doerhoff**, vice president; **Sarah Tucker**, secretary, of the School Advisory Board

Honors

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Nancy Robinson**, parish director of religious education, with the St. Anne's Stewardship Award. She was instrumental in starting and running Children's Liturgy during the 10 a.m. Mass every week and the Adopt-A-Highway project on Highway 124. She also helps organize and execute the annual parish dinner.

Deaths

Gerald Merz, 80 — Father of Father Daniel Merz, pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia — on March 15. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on March 21 at 10 a.m. in St. Clement Church in St. Clement. Burial will be in St. Clement Cemetery.

George H. Seifert Jr., 71 — father of Jake Seifert, director of development for the diocese, and wife of Patricia Seifert, a member of the Helias Catholic High School faculty — on March 12. A celebration of life was to be held on March 17 at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Hartsburg.

Camdenton, St. Anthony — **Richard E. Oakes**

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Kay Overfelt**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Rose Ann Anderson**, **Marlin Rogers**

Columbia, St. Thomas More Newman Center — **Mary Harbour**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Eunice Regalado**

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians — **Douglas W. Stiefferman**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Joseph Knollmeyer**, **Eileen Morabito**, **Delmar E. Picker**, **Geraldine A. Stockman**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Barbara L. Carel**, **Mary A. Menke**, **Pamela K. Wheeler**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Lorraine LoPiccolo**

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake — **Marge Bellmer**

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **David C. "Craig" Bent**

Rosati, St. Anthony of Padua — **Joan Ott**

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

St. Clement, St. Clement — **Larry Dean**, **Art Meyer**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Joseph B. Huhn**

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Herbert J. Kroll**

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Virgil E. Prenger**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Richard Wolfe**

Vienna, Visitation — **Victor J. Renkemeyer**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **David B. Nichols**

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Roger "Toby" Weber**

CONSECRATE

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you is done, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace."

Warning of "war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father," Mary told the children, "to prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart."

Some groups have continued to argue that Mary's wish was never fulfilled or that it was never done properly because the pope consecrated the world and not "Russia." The Vatican, however, has insisted St. John Paul II did so in 1984 when he led the world's bishops in the consecration of Russia and the world. The late Sister Lucia dos Santos, the last surviving visionary and the one who received the instructions for the consecration, had said that it was properly performed.

At his Sunday recitations of the Angelus since Russia invaded Ukraine Feb. 24, people have been showing up in St. Peter's Square with signs asking the pope for the consecration of Russia or of Russia and Ukraine to Mary.

The Fatima message promised: "If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated."

But, the message continued: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world."

Sacraments of Initiation

Laurie, St. Patrick — **Becky Wilke**, who came into full communion with the Catholic Church on Feb. 19

Crossword puzzle answers

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Sending Valentines



For Valentine's Day, students of Mary Immaculate School in Kirksville and the Mary Immaculate Parish School of Religion created Valentines with promises to pray for homebound parishioners, nursing home residents and others who could use a little extra TLC these days. — Photo from the Feb. 20 Mary Immaculate Parish bulletin

Keeping the end in mind



About 60 teens from St. Bonaventure Parish in Marceline, St. Joseph Parish in Salisbury and St. Mary of the Angels Parish in Wien take part in a youth retreat on Feb. 13 in the Wien parish hall. "The main focus of the retreat was the fact that we already know the end and to stay focused on that," stated Joe Bertsch, religious education director for St. Mary of the Angels Parish. "We know the score from the beginning of the game. We know that Christ has conquered the world and if we stick with Him, we shall realize our eternal salvation in the end." — Photo from the Feb. 20 St. Mary of the Angels Parish bulletin

Words to remember



Members of the St. Joseph School Speech Team in Westphalia display their ribbons from their final regular speech meet of the year, which also included Holy Family School in Freeburg, St. George School in Linn, Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek and the host school, St. Patrick School in Rolla. — Photo by Marsha Stegemann

My heart belongs to Daddy



Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School students in Columbia and their fathers enjoy the festivities during their Daddy Daughter Dance in Columbia. — Photos by Elaine Hassmer, principal

Happy to help

Morgan Murphy, treasurer of the Visitation Inter-Parish School Student Council in Vienna, presents a check to Todd Jeremy, a firefighter with the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. The department was in desperate need of help to pay for repairs to its ladder truck. The school held a "jean donation day" to help. The 38 students and 6 staff members raised \$405.



Joshua leads Israel into the Promised Land

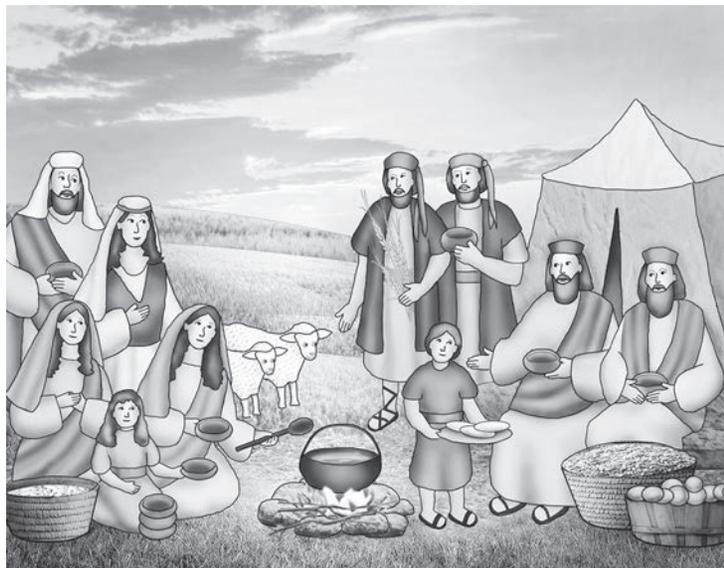
By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

After Moses died, God chose Joshua, son of Nun, to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land.

Joshua readied the people to cross the Jordan River and into the land that was to be their new home. He told the people to follow the priests who would be carrying the ark of the covenant.

He said that when the soles of the priests' feet touched the water of the Jordan, God would make the river stop flowing so the people could cross.

Once the people crossed the dry riverbed, God told Joshua to have one person from each of the 12 tribes of Israel take a large stone from the riverbed



and bring it to the place where they would make camp.

"In the future, these are to be a sign among you," Joshua said. "When your children ask

you, 'What do these stones mean to you?' you shall answer them, 'The waters of the Jordan ceased to flow before the ark of the covenant of the Lord

when it crossed the Jordan.' Thus these stones are to serve as a perpetual memorial to the Israelites."

Joshua then told the priests to come out of the riverbed, and the Jordan began flowing again.

The people camped in Gilgal on the eastern limits of Jericho, and Joshua set up the 12 memorial stones there.

Also at Gilgal, all the men who had been born during the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after leaving Egypt were circumcised.

"Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you," God told Joshua.

The Israelites celebrated the Passover while they were camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho and ate of the pro-

duce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain.

On that same day after they ate of the produce of the land, the manna God provided for them in the desert ceased.

After celebrating the Passover, Joshua was near the city of Jericho. He looked up and saw someone with a drawn sword in hand. He was the commander of the army of God.

God then explained to Joshua how to defeat the people of Jericho.

**Read more about it...
Joshua 3, 4 & 5**

1. Who led the people after Moses' death?
2. Where did the Israelites camp in the Promised Land?

Bible Accent

Before helping the Israelites cross the Jordan River, God helped them cross another body of water.

In Exodus 14, we read that after God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, He told Moses to have the people camp near the Red Sea.

God hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he would send his army to pursue the Israelites and enslave them again.

When the Israelites saw Pharaoh's army approaching, they were frightened. They cried out to God.

"Do not fear!" Moses said. "Stand your ground and see

the victory the Lord will win for you today. For these Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you have only to keep still."

"Lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea, and split it in two, that the Israelites may pass through the sea on dry land," God told Moses.

When it was dark, Moses did as God said.

God drove back the sea with a strong wind and turned the sea into dry ground. The waters were split, so when the Israelites crossed the dry ground,

there was a wall of water to their right and left.

Trivia

What happened to Jericho when a horn blew and the Israelites shouted? (Hint: Joshua 6:20)

Answer: The city's wall collapsed.



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Saint Spotlight



St. Magdalen Canossa was born into a noble family in Verona, Italy, in 1774. Her father died when she was 5, and her mother abandoned her after remarrying. Magdalen chose religious life over an advantageous marriage. She joined the Carmelites, but she left after learning the order's strict rules of enclosure would prohibit her charitable works. She began the Canossian Daughters of Charity in 1799 by bringing two poor girls into her home. The institute spread throughout Italy, and she helped found an order of priests and a third order for laypeople. Magdalen died in 1835, and we remember her on April 10.

Puzzle

Using the hints provided, fill in the blanks in the sentences about the Israelites in Jericho.



1. Everything in Jericho was under the _____. (Joshua 6:17)
2. Spies entered Jericho and brought out _____ and _____. (Joshua 6:23)
3. Joshua and the elders of Israel _____ their garments. (Joshua 7:6)
4. _____ sinned against God by taking spoils from Jericho. (Joshua 7:20)



Answers: 1. ban; 2. Rahab, her family; 3. silver; 4. Achan.

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Cookbook for Lent offers much more than just delicious recipes

The Lenten Cookbook, by David Geisser and Scott Hahn. Sophia Institute Press (Manchester, New Hampshire, 2022). 224 pp., \$29.95.

Reviewed by Nancy L. Roberts
Catholic News Service

Just in time for the penitential season of Lent, this beautifully written and illustrated guide features 75 delectable international recipes.

Ranging from breakfast dishes, soups and salads, to main dishes, breads and desserts, they honor distinctive Catholic Lenten traditions.

Eggplant salad, snow pea curry with prawns, spelt-nut bread and ginger broth with noodles are among many recipes that don't contain meat, eggs, milk products or alcohol.

The many full-color photos of various dishes are tantalizing.

All of the book's recipes are newly developed by David Geisser, an award-winning chef and former Pontifical Swiss Guard who has written several cookbooks including *The Vatican Cookbook*.

Here he includes many meatless dishes, such as cottage cheese frittata with cucumber and radish dip and lentil and eggplant moussaka.

There is even a list of substitutions for those who wish.

For instance, buttermilk can be replaced by adding 1

teaspoon of vinegar to any of the milk substitutes (such as plain soy, almond, rice or oat milks). For eggs, several substitutes include hydrated flax meal or chia seeds, 1/4 cup of applesauce and 1/4 cup of pureed silken tofu.

But this is much more than a cookbook.

Along with five variations for the Lenten hot cross bun recipe, we learn that they are traditionally eaten on Good Friday: "The cross etched on the top of the buns symbolically ties it to Christ's crucifixion, while the raisins often used in the recipe symbolize the spices used in the embalming of Christ's body for burial."

This is but a small sample of the engaging essays contributed by Scott Hahn, a well-known biblical scholar who has written or edited more than 40 books. Here he covers the history of fasting and its place in modern practice.

You may be surprised to learn that "fasting wasn't invented by Christians (or Jews, for that matter) but is a universal human practice that the Lord and His Church have sanctified."

And, Hahn writes, "Fasting does improve our relationship with the divine, but it's the loving, triune God of the Bible, not the cranky, man-made gods of ancient times, or even

the gods of fitness, to whom we must dedicate our sacrifices."

Historically, Christian fasting has been tied to particular days or seasons of the year and is "meant to be shared by entire Christian communities rather than invented by individuals to meet their own needs."

Today while the tradition of liturgical fasting has faded in many regions, in some locales it still has a powerful cultural impact.

Indeed, "in parts of the country with significant Catholic heritage, major fast-food chains promote fish sandwiches during Lent," Hahn observes. "This is a vestige of a real, living Catholic culture, one that transforms spiritual truths into embodied realities."

Both a cookbook and a guide to Lenten history and practices, this well-designed and edited book encourages personal spiritual growth through the rediscovery of Lent.

Occasional Scripture verses and quotes from the saints enrich it, along with inspiring reproductions of classic paintings such as Millet's "The Angelus" and Raphael's "Disputation of the Sacrament."

Any Catholic will find much of interest here.

Roberts is a journalism professor at the State University of New York at Albany who has written/co-edited two books about Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker.

Movie Ratings

 Adults and Adolescents	Home Team (PG)
 Adults	The Batman (PG-13) Death on the Nile (PG-13) Dog (PG-13) Don't Look Up (R) Marry Me (PG-13) Moonfall (PG-13) Uncharted (PG-13)
 Morally Offensive	Jackass Forever (R) Studio 666 (R)

Ratings are supplied by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Film and Broadcasting Office. Visit www.usccb.org for current reviews.

'CODA' wins big in International Catholic Film Critics awards

Catholic News Service

Philadelphia

"CODA" is an acronym for children of deaf adults. It could also stand for quality filmmaking, as the movie took home a slew of prizes in the International Catholic Film Critics Association's awards competition.

"CODA," in which a teen girl, both of whose parents are deaf, weighs the choice between staying home to continue helping her folks or leaving home to pursue opportunities, won the best picture award. It also won for best screenplay, written by Sian Heder, and best supporting actor in Troy Kotsur.

Winners were announced March 1.

"Belfast," Kenneth Branagh's portrait of a young boy growing up in the capital city of Northern Ireland, also took home three awards. It led films in nominations with its seven, while "CODA" received six nominations.

"Belfast" won the organization's Human and Gospel Values Award, which is awarded to the film that best reflects human and Gospel values as determined by the association's membership.

Other awards for "Belfast"

went to Kenneth Branagh for best director and Caitriona Balfe for best supporting actress, in a tie with Ann O'Dowd of "Mass."

Andrew Garfield won the association's award for best actor for his role in "Tick, Tick ... Boom!" Jennifer Hudson took the best actress prize for her portrayal of singer Aretha Franklin in the biopic "Respect."

Bruno Delbonnel was honored for best cinematography with "The Tragedy of Macbeth." Kris Bowers took home the prize for best original score with "Respect."

There was a tie for best documentary: "Summer of Soul," which highlighted performances from top acts playing at a summer-long music festival in New York City's Harlem district, and "The House That Rob Built," a Family Theater Productions profile of Robin Selvig, who took the helm of the University of Montana women's basketball team in the early 1970s and developed a powerhouse program using local talent.

Winners were chosen by instant runoff voting, in which the nominee with the fewest

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RCIA

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Seeing a Catholic church was always fascinating to her.

"Where I went to church, we didn't have a lot of ceremony and pageantry to focus you on the divine and the sacred," she noted.

In her 20s and 30s, she befriended a Catholic couple who inspired her.

"I admired their marriage and the way they interacted with their kids and how they were so devout about going to church on the weekend," she recalled.

"The devotion: that's what always stood out to me about Catholics," she said. "That's something I really wanted — something that really helps me focus."

Over time, she came to appreciate what Catholics believe about Christ being truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

She also longed for the stable rhythm of the Church's seasons, feasts and memorials.

"The seasons, the structure, the emphasis on family: it really binds everything together and makes your whole life part of the Church," she said.

Her husband John, a lifelong Catholic, was struggling with his faith after a tragic death in his immediate family.

"We were drawn together due to a mutual understanding of tragedy and his tremendous faith has really inspired me," Mrs. Dimaria noted.

Grateful for an occasion to reconnect and recommit, Mr. Dimaria attends the RCIA classes with her.

"He really enjoys it," said Mrs. Dimaria. "He went to Catholic school, and he says, 'I can't believe how much I'm learning here!'"

Inescapable conclusion

After months of reading, studying and listening, Braxton Kjos concluded that what the Catholic Church teaches is true.

"And when I decided it was true, I said, 'Okay, I'll do it,'" he said.

Raised in another Christian tradition, he enjoyed the insightful discussions he had with a Catholic uncle about why he's Catholic.

"One of the tipping points

for me was the Real Presence," said Mr. Kjos. "I was really convinced by the Eucharist and how it was such an early Christian belief that it is really Jesus's Body and Blood."

Mr. Kjos is grateful to his family for supporting him in his decision and throughout the initiation process.

"They've been great," he said.

"Bigger than us"

Lance and Ashley New have always believed.

"But it wasn't enough," said Mrs. New. "You can't just be at home, pray, and say, 'I believe in God' and have that be enough. You simply do not feel complete when you do that."

Mr. New once gave their oldest child a Bible and let him read the stories.

"His interest in God pushed us a bit further toward, 'We've got to get into a church,'" Mr. New recalled. "We knew it would be better for our family as individuals, getting that second family and being part of something bigger than us."

The couple decided to send their children to Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City.

"We knew we would become part of the parish in the future, but they mentioned something about, 'You can go ahead and start now,' and that worked for us," said Mrs. New.

She said being able to fully participate as Mass and in parish activities will be a source of great fulfillment.

"We love everything about it!" she said.

In God's time

Throughout the rest of Lent, the candidates and elect will take up the Scrutinies, a powerful prayer of the Church through which the strength of all that's good in a person is lifted up, and whatever keeps him or her from God is cast out.

"This period of purification and enlightenment prepares your soul by clearing from it all the enticements and attachments to sin, so that you can open yourselves up completely to the will of God and the gift of His Holy Spirit," said Bishop McKnight.

All Catholics are encour-

aged to keep the candidates and elect in prayer through these last, most intense weeks of preparation before they're received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

That night, the symbols of fire, light, water, oil, bread and wine will be highlighted in a Liturgy filled with some of the Church's oldest and richest traditions and rituals.

Neophytes, as newly initiated members of the Church are known after the Easter Vigil, will continue meeting regularly through Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after Easter.

That phase, called Mystagogia, is a time to "savor the mystery" of Easter and to experience a full and joyful welcome into the community.

Bishop McKnight noted that candidates and the elect will look to those who have already been initiated for an example of Christian renewal.

"Let us pray to the Lord for them and for ourselves, that we may be renewed by one another's efforts and together come to share the joys of Easter," he said.

With God's help

Toward that end, Mrs. Brown asked for prayers "for us to be able to show others that Christ is a major part of our life."

Mr. New requested prayers "for strength to continue through the times when we are tempted by Satan."

"There's a lot of temptation right now, and it's every place," he said.

Mrs. New asked for prayers for perseverance.

"Life can get very busy, and trying to stay the course can be really hard," she said. "So pray for us to keep going."

Mr. Kjos asked for prayers "for me to love Jesus more. That's all I'm concerned about."

Mrs. Dimaria requested prayers for all the elect and candidates to hold onto their enthusiasm for the rest of their lives.

"That this won't be a flash in the pan, that we live it every day," she said. "That's a hard thing but the most important thing, to actually live this and have it be foremost in our hearts."

Daily Readings

Sunday, Mar 20

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Ex. 3:1-8a, 13-15
Ps. 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk. 13:1-9

Monday, Mar 21

2 Kgs. 5:1-15ab
Ps. 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Lk. 4:24-30

Tuesday, Mar 22

Dn. 3:25, 34-43
Ps. 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday, Mar 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop
Dt. 4:1, 5-9
Ps. 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt. 5:17-19

Thursday, Mar 24

Jer. 7:23-28
Ps. 95:1-2, 6-9
Lk. 11:14-23

Friday, Mar 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF
THE LORD
Is. 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps. 40:7-11
Heb. 10:4-10
Lk. 1:26-38

Saturday, Mar 26

Hos. 6:1-6
Ps. 51:3-4, 18-21ab
Lk. 18:9-14

Sunday, Mar 27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Jos. 5:9a, 10-12
Ps. 23: 1-6
2 Cor. 5:17-21
Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, Mar 28

Is. 65:17-21
Ps. 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Jn. 4:43-54

Tuesday, Mar 29

Ez. 47:1-9, 12
Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn. 5:1-16

Wednesday, Mar 30

Is. 49:8-15
Ps. 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
Jn. 5:17-30

Thursday, Mar 31

Ex. 32:7-14
Ps. 106:19-23
Jn. 5:31-47

Friday, Apr 1

Wis. 2:1a, 12-22
Ps. 34:17-21, 23
Jn. 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, Apr 2

St. Francis of Paola, hermit
Jer. 11:18-20
Ps. 7:2-3, 9bc-12
Jn. 7:40-53

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for March:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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votes is knocked off the ballot until one entrant gets a majority of votes. Even so, this year's voting resulted in two ties, for best documentary and best supporting actress.

The honor for outstanding criticism among association members went to Father Peter Malone of Australia, a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart order and former president of Signis.

John Mulderig, Catholic News Service's (CNS) associate director for media reviews, was a nominee, as was Joseph McAleer, a CNS freelance movie critic.

A separate award for outstanding criticism among nonmembers went to Peter Bradshaw of *The Guardian*, a British newspaper.

The full list of nominees and winners is available at:

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