

## Planning to celebrate 20 and 150 years

El Puente Hispanic Ministry in Jefferson City is turning 20, and the congregation of sisters that founded it is turning 150. Let the celebration begin!

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## St. Stanislaus Church renewed, rededicated



By Jay Nies

The bishop and priest raised their eyes and hands toward heaven, gathering the prayers of the people and imploring the Father to receive them.

“Truly this is an exalted place,” Bishop W. Shawn McKnight prayed, “where the sacrifice of Christ is ever offered in mystery, where perfect praise is rendered to You, and redemption flows forth for us.”

They stood before the ornate new altar the bishop had just blessed with holy water and consecrated with the Oil of Sacred Chrism.

“Here,” Bishop McKnight continued praying, “the faithful drink of Your Spirit from the streams that flow from Christ, the spiritual rock, through Whom they, too, become a holy oblation, a living altar.”

All around them, familiar and timeless aspects of St. Stanislaus Church in Wardsville had been refurbished and augmented with things that are new and equally timeless.

African mahogany that had scarcely begun to grow when the church was built in the 1920s had been fashioned into an impressive altar, pulpit and repository for the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Vibrant hues and stenciling summoned forth the intensity of the near-century-old stained-glass windows.

“What we wanted to do was complement and highlight what was there,” stated artist Barbara Niekamp, who designed the new sanctuary fixtures and devised the color scheme.

Newly painted murals of the Divine Mercy and of the Blessed Mother with her Child now adorn the space between the rough-cut stone walls and heavy-timber vaults of the ceiling, along with

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight consecrates the new altar in St. Stanislaus Church in Wardsville with the Oil of Sacred Chrism. Assisting him is Deacon Alan Sims of the Wardsville parish and Father Louis Nelen, pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph parish in Jefferson City, serving as master of ceremonies. — Photo by Jay Nies

## Bp. McKnight: Recommendations in report from state attorney general to receive careful review

A letter to the faithful from Bishop McKnight can be found on Page 3.

*Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of the Diocese of Jefferson City issued the following statement Sept. 13 upon the release of a report on clergy sexual abuse by the Missouri Attorney General:*

“I look forward to a careful review of the report released by Attorney General Eric Schmitt today. It is my sincere hope the report assists the Catholic Church in Missouri in achieving our goals of accountability and transparency, while respecting the legal standards for privacy of all af-

ected by the report.

“In providing unfettered access, we wanted to understand if there were any cases of abuse of which we were unaware and/or that when warranted, had not been reported to law enforcement. Second, we wanted this investigation to help restore trust in the Catholic Church.

“I will take into consideration the recommendations from the report on how we can improve our efforts to keep our children safe and in healthy environments.”

The Diocese of Jefferson City’s list of credibly accused clergy and religious is available online at:

<https://diojeffcity.org/safe-environment/>

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## Seeking Christ for Our Nation

The next "Seeking Christ for our Nation" Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday, October 1**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. George Church in Linn.

## Pray for deceased priests

Sept. 23 — **Fr. Joseph J. Wilberding**, St. Boniface, Brunswick (1980)

Sept. 28 — **Fr. Joseph P. O'Rourke**, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Anthony (1973)

Sept. 30 — **Fr. Herman J. Mayer**, St. Lawrence, St. Elizabeth (1959)

Oct. 1 — **Fr. Kenneth M. McDonnell**, St. Joseph, Fayette (1981)

Oct. 2 — **Bishop Joseph M. Marling, C.P.P.S.** (1979)

Oct. 3 — **Msgr. Herbert J. Farischon**, St. Joseph, Palmyra (1979)

Oct. 4 — **Msgr. John C. Mahoney**, St. Patrick, Clarence; and St. Michael, Hager's Grove (1991)

Oct. 5 — **Msgr. John P. Flood**, St. Patrick, Jonesburg (1991)

## Volunteer Ombudsman Needed

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# El Puente 20th, CCVI sisters 150th anniversary celebrations in J.C.

**DATE: September 29**  
**TIME: 1 pm**

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will help celebrate the 20th anniversary of El Puente Hispanic Ministry and the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

He will preside at a bilingual Mass at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, in St. Peter Church, 216 Broadway St. In Jefferson City.

A reception will follow in Selinger Hospitality Centre, located next door to the church.

All friends of El Puente and of the sisters are invited to attend.

For planning purposes, please call (573) 635-2540 to

RSVP.

Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, the congregation that founded El Puente in 1999 to help serve the growing population of Hispanic Catholics in the Jefferson City and California areas, has a long and fruitful history in the Jefferson

City diocese.

Sisters from the congregation have served in 10 parishes in the diocese, mostly as Catholic educators but also in various other areas of ministry.

Several sisters of the congregation are from parishes in this diocese.

## St. Joseph in Edina 150th anniversary

**DATE: September 28**  
**TIME: 11 pm**

St. Joseph parish celebrate its 175th anniversary.

He will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m. in the church, located at 509 N. Main St.

Lunch will follow in the St. Joseph Retreat Center yard near the church.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will visit Edina on Saturday, Sept. 28, to help St. Jo-

## K of C pilgrimage to Laurie shrine

**DATE: October 6**  
**TIME: 10 am**

The Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Mary

Mother of the Church, in Laurie, on Sunday, Oct. 6.

The pilgrimage will honor mothers and family life.

All Knights of Columbus, mothers, and children are invited to attend.

Coffee, donuts and registration will be from 10 to 11 a.m.

Stations of the Cross and the flag-raising will begin at 11:15 a.m., followed by the Rosary, Crowning and Mass at 11:45 a.m.

Lunch (\$10 per person) will be served at 1:15 p.m., followed by closing and Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Members of the Fourth Degree are invited to serve in the honor guard.

The shrine is located on the grounds of St. Patrick Church, 176 Marian Way off of Highway 5 in Laurie.

Please make lunch reservations to Rick Purdon at (573) 372-6418 or [RNS7691@gmail.com](mailto:RNS7691@gmail.com).

## Fr. Tolton Catholic H.S. open house

**DATE: September 25**  
**TIME: 6-8 pm**

Father Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia will hold an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Faculty and students will be available to talk about academics, faith, community and activities.

The school is located at 3351 E. Gans Road.

For questions, write to Admissions Director Laura Sasser at [lsasser@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:lsasser@toltoncatholic.org).

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

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# Bishop McKnight's letter to Catholics regarding the Missouri Attorney General's report

*Bishop W. Shawn McKnight issued the following letter on Sept. 13, 2019, to be distributed to parishes the weekend of Sept. 14-15:*

**Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City,**

On Friday, the Missouri At-

torney General issued a report based on a 13-month investigation on clergy sexual abuse of minors in the four Roman Catholic dioceses of Missouri.

The report is more than 300 pages long and involved a review of records of more than 2,000 priests serving in

Missouri since 1945.

It provides a list of 163 priests who had reports of an offense against a minor under Missouri Criminal Law, and it reports that the Attorney General will refer 12 priests now removed from ministry to local prosecutors for criminal investigation and possible prosecution.

Whether any prosecutions will result from these referrals remains to be seen, but, as with any investigation by law enforcement, the Diocese of Jefferson City will be fully cooperative.

The report finds that since 2002, when the US bishops enacted the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, "the four dioceses in Missouri have implemented a series of reforms that have improved their response to, and reporting of, abuse. This report recommends additional reforms to strengthen oversight and protect victims from future abuse."

It is my sincere hope this report assists the Church in achieving our goals of accountability and transparency, while respecting the legal standards for privacy of all affected by the report.

Let me be clear: we must understand sexual abuse, whether by clergy or others, is still a present reality in society. This requires a proper vigilance and the necessity to follow through with safe environment protocols to ensure our children and youth grow and flourish in a healthy Church environment and a societal culture that protects the vulnerable.

To all survivors who suffered clergy sexual abuse in the Diocese of Jefferson City, and to their friends and family members, I offer you an apol-

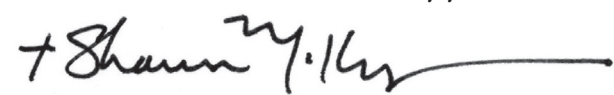
ogy from the depths of my heart.

My staff and I are carefully reviewing the report and its recommendations. I am grateful for what each of you do to make our communities safe, healthy and holy places, and for your encouragement and support of these efforts.

We can only be a holy people, a people who are better together, if we have confidence in our priests and if you trust me as your shepherd.

May Mary, the Immaculate Conception and our Mother, intercede for us as we strive to follow her Son and Our Lord, Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

## Historical Adair church homecoming

**DATE: September 29**  
**TIME: 1:30 pm**

The Friends of St. Mary in Adair will host their annual homecoming on Sunday, Sept.

29, in old St. Mary Church.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by Mass at 1:30 p.m.

All proceeds will go toward further restoration and maintenance of the 1905-vintage church, located about 12 miles east of Kirksville or 10 miles west of Baring on Highway 11 in Adair County.

Address correspondence to: Friends of St. Mary's Church of Adair Missouri Inc., c/o Rita Ludden, 817 E. McPherson, Kirksville, MO 63501, or call (660) 665-9338.



### Bishop McKnight's Calendar

**SEPTEMBER**

**Sept. 22** First Mass of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Pettis County, 10:30 am, Heckart Performing Arts Center at Smith-Cotton Public High School, Sedalia

**Sept. 23-25** Chair the Grant Allocations Meeting of Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions, El Paso, Texas

**Sept. 26-27** Vespers and Mass, Ordination and Installation of Bishop William M. Joensen, St. Francis of Assisi Church, West Des Moines, Iowa

**Sept. 28** Mass, 175th Anniversary of St. Joseph Parish, 11 am, Edina

**Sept. 29** Mass, 20th Anniversary of Hispanic Ministry of El Puente and 150th Anniversary of founding of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas, 1 pm, St. Peter Church, Jefferson City

**OCTOBER**

**Oct. 1-2** Installation of Very Reverend Steven P. Beseau as Rector/President of Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio

**Oct. 4** Missouri Catholic Conference Board of Directors Meeting, 6 pm, Bishop's Residence, Jefferson City

**Oct. 5** Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly, 9am, Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City, with Mass at 2:30 pm, St. Peter Church, Jefferson City

**Oct. 6** Confirmation, Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 2pm, Frankenstein

**Oct. 7-11** Diocesan Priests' Institute, Lake Ozark

**Oct. 13** Mass and Ordination of Permanent Deacons, 2 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City

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

For first responders; that God's holy angels may watch over and protect those who place themselves in harm's way to serve their neighbors.



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## Summoned to holy orders on Oct. 13, future deacons reflect on their call to ministry

By Jay Nies

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has summoned five men of the Jefferson City diocese to become permanent deacons.

He plans to ordain them during Mass at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

Four of the men and their wives have been preparing for the diaconate since 2015. Another entered formation more recently.

### Summoned to service

"I'm a servant who is working for the Kingdom of God to flourish."

That's how Pedro de Jesus Almazan sees his calling to the diaconate.

He grew up in El Salvador

and has been Catholic all his life. He now works at ConAgra at Marshall.

He and his wife Norma are members of St. Peter parish in Marshall.

He first began thinking about being a deacon "to better serve my community."

He said he's eager to focus on evangelization — leading people to Christ through a personal encounter with Him.

One of the best ways he can think of to do that is to visit with families one-on-one and talk to them about the importance of the sacraments.

He asks for people to pray an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" for him and his fellow candidates as they prepare to begin their ordained ministry.

### Leading people back

Having experienced a powerful conversion himself, Jeronimo Chinchilla Cordón believes the best way to lead others to Christ is to start with the people he already knows and spread out from there.

"The opportunity is that I know my community and that I know where the need for God is," he said.

Baptized as a child in Honduras, he came to the United States in 1995 and experienced a spiritual conversion here in 2012.

He sought and received the other sacraments of initiation in 2013.

He and his wife Blanca have two children and are members of St. Mary parish in Milan.

He emphasized that he and his fellow deacon candidates from Latin America are being ordained "for service not only to Hispanics but for the whole community."

He is convinced that there are numerous opportunities to lead people to Christ just by visiting those who don't go to Mass or actively practice their faith.

"In other words, to evangelize the baptized," he said.

He hopes that beginning there, God will bring about a change in people and lead them toward a better future.

Mr. Cordón said he began discerning his call to the diaconate "because I believe that is the call, and that there are many people who need to know about God."

He asks for prayers for fortitude and for continued guidance from the Holy Spirit for

him and his fellow deacon candidates.

### "God is with me"

Edwin Omar Pacheco thanks God for allowing him to be born and raised in a Catholic family.

He now hopes to be able to lead other people to a personal encounter with God.

He is convinced that with God's help, he will do well in his ministry as a deacon.

"I am a person with limitations and errors," he acknowledged. "But I also consider myself a person of faith; and I believe that God is with me — and if He is with me who is against me?"

He plans on being of

service to others in whatever ways the bishop has in mind for him.

He asked for prayers "not only for me, but for the other companions and their families."

### Knocking on doors

Santos Abel Rubio strives to be a humble servant of the Lord, seeking things of heaven and not of this earth.

"Where the need is, there I want to be," said Mr. Rubio, who goes by Abel.

He grew up in El Salvador. He and his wife Maria have three children and are members of St. Peter parish in Marshall.

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**Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has summoned Pedro de Jesus Almazan, Jeronimo Chinchilla Cordón, Edwin Omar Pacheco, Santos Abel Rubio and Juan Enrique Castro Palos to become permanent deacons for the Jefferson City diocese. He plans to ordain them during Mass at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.**

"I have been a Catholic all my life, although in my adolescence and youth I didn't practice," he noted. "But I had my encounter with God in the year 2000, through the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.


Mr. Pacheco was born and raised in El Salvador — specifically in Canton San José Capulín in the Jurisdiction of Santa Rosa Guachipilin, Municipality of Santa Ana.

He and his wife Clelia Guadalupe Gomez de Pacheco have five children.

He works in the Con-Agra meat-processing plant in Milan.

He first began thinking about being a deacon because it is a way to serve God and others.

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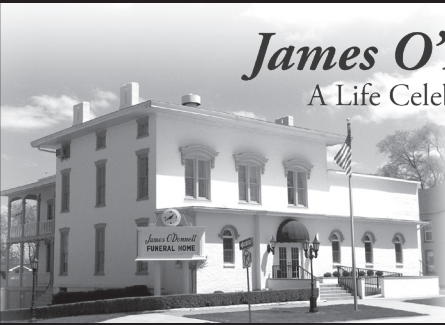
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**Colleen Carroll Campbell  
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**DATE: September 26  
TIME: 7 pm**

Award-winning Catholic author, journalist, former presidential speechwriter, and mother of four, Colleen Carroll Campbell, will give a talk and sign copies of her new book, *The Heart of Perfection: How the Saints Taught Me to*

*Trade My Dream of Perfect for God's*, on Thursday, Sept. 26, in Columbia.

It will start at 7 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Newman Center Chapel, 602 Turner Ave.

The talk is open to all.

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**“Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”**

# J.C. native Sr. Kathleen Wegman SSND, diocesan official, has been living out her calling in community for 50 years

By Jay Nies

They sat outside McDonald's, eating fish sandwiches.

The young woman had something to tell the young man she had been dating the last couple of years.

They had thought about getting married, buying a home and having children.

She had recently told her parents that God might be calling her to be a School Sister of Notre Dame, and she had to find out for sure.

Both parents approved, but her father advised her to break the news to her boyfriend as soon as possible.

"So I was in this terrible turmoil," Sister Kathleen Wegman recently recalled. "You know you can't have both, and you know God isn't calling you to both."

The call to religious life was a like a magnet. She knew she wouldn't be satisfied until she at least gave it a try.

"I've got to enter the School Sisters to get God off my back," she told the young man.

That was over 50 years ago, and God has not relented.

"The longer I was in religious life, the more I knew that it fit me," she said. "It was only in this way that I could be my best self. I could be who God created me to be."

## "Accept me, O God"

Sr. Kathleen — a Jefferson City native, graduate of St. Joseph Cathedral School and Helias Catholic High School, former chancellor for the Jefferson City diocese and current diocesan Director of Pastoral and Charitable Services — recently celebrated the 50th of her profession as a School Sister of Notre Dame.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos presided at the Mass in the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

"Sister Kathleen Wegman, we are all so honored to be able to join with you, giving thanks to Almighty God for your 50 years of dedicated service to Jesus Christ, His Gospel and His Church, in the community of the School Sisters of Notre Dame," said Bishop Gaydos.

Sister Debra Marie Sciano SSND, provincial leader of the congregation's Central Pacific Province, led Sr. Kathleen and fellow SSNDs in attendance in renewing their vows:

"My God, You call me to be one with You, and send me to proclaim Your love through my life. Consecrated by You, I offer myself totally to You for the service of Your kingdom. I renew my vows to live forever, consecrated celibacy, Gospel poverty and apostolic obedience in community, according to the Constitution of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Accept me, O God, as You have promised, that I may live and in Mary's spirit, do whatever You tell me. Amen."

Bishop McKnight presented her a framed apostolic blessing from Pope Francis and thanked her for all the help she has given him.

Said Bishop Gaydos: "Well



done, good and faithful servant! But you've got a lot of work yet to do."

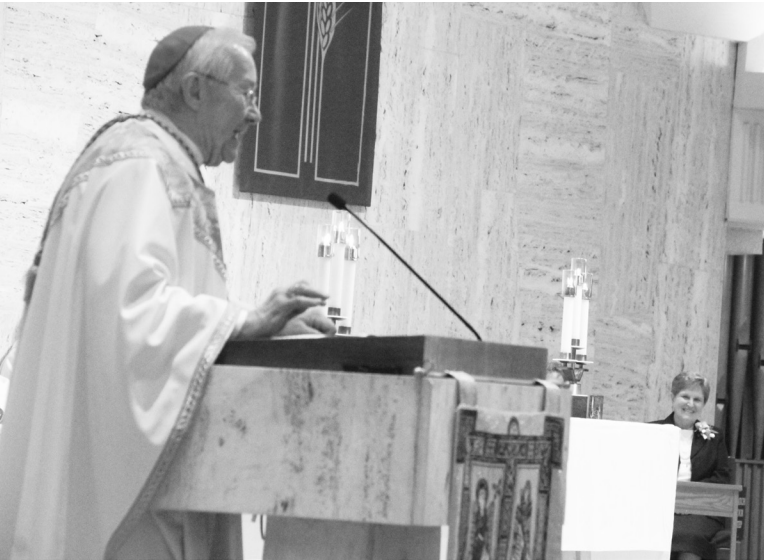
## Domestic church

Sr. Kathleen said she discovered her calling to religious life in the context of community — beginning with her family.

She is the first of five children born to Leroy and Dorothy Wegman, who are both deceased.

"I was baptized and grew up in the faith," she said. "Once you fall in love with Jesus Christ and become His disciple, there's no turning back."

She believes her family was



**ABOVE:** Sister Kathleen Wegman SSND listens to Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos, who led the Jefferson City diocese from 1997-2017, preach the homily at her golden jubilee celebration on Sept. 14. **BELOW:** Sister Debra Marie Sciano SSND, provincial leader of the congregation's Central Pacific Province, and Sr. Kathleen enjoy a moment of levity during the celebration.

— Photos by Jay Nies

the cradle of her vocation and prepared her well for life in community.

"I was formed in the family to be a good community member," she said. "I was formed in the family to reach out to those in need."

Her family community often grew whenever an aged member of her extended family would lose a husband or wife.

"My dad and mom would bring us together and say, 'You girls will have to share a room for the next few years because Aunt So-and-so or Uncle So-and-so were coming to live with us,'" Sr. Kathleen recalled.

"So we learned to care for the elderly," she said. "We also learned respect for the dead, visiting cemeteries regularly and praying for those who had gone before us."

"Those were shaping moments," she said. "It's like God was preparing the soil, like you till the earth to plant a seed."

"That's what I believe happened to me."

## Formed by missionaries

Being the first of her siblings to start at what is now St. Peter Interparish School made Sr. Kathleen homesick and reduced her to tears every day.

Her first-grade teacher, Sister Marie Jerome (now known as Sister Rita) Reisch SSND, would not give up on her.

"My dad would drive up the alley of St. Peter's, and Sister was right there every day, waiting to literally pull me out of the car," Sr. Kathleen recalled.

"Looking back, I see not only the huge persistence she had but also the belief that I had potential and that she wanted me in her classroom," said Sr. Kathleen.

The Wegmans were living within the boundaries of what is now Cathedral of St. Joseph parish when it was founded in 1958.

They automatically became members of the new parish. Sr. Kathleen transferred to St. Joseph Cathedral School in fifth grade.

Her new teachers, Sisters of Mercy from Ireland, were missionaries to the United States.

"I remember being in awe that someone would leave their country to come teach us," said Sr. Kathleen. "They left home and came to a new country with a different culture, with all the difficulties that come with that."

Her ongoing encounter

with mission continued at Helias Catholic.

"The SSNDs at Helias, in addition being terrific teachers and mentors, had such a great missionary spirit," she recalled. "We learned about all the countries the School Sisters of Notre Dame served. Honduran sisters would come and visit the school."

In them she saw the universality and inclusivity of the Catholic Church.

"Their world was so large," she said. "And in all of those encounters, my vocation was formed."

## "The Role of Community"

She has been thinking a lot about community lately and the role it has played in her answering her religious calling.

"That day in August 1967 when I stood in what was then St. Joseph Church, I was called forth from that community and sent by the community," she said.

She believes that for anyone living a vowed life — whether that be in religious life or marriage — that vow is given in and supported by the whole Church.

## "Teach the child"

Sr. Kathleen entered a period of formation as a postulant and later a novice with the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) in St. Louis in 1967.

She learned to discern God's will for her through prayer and study, through the community of sisters who were in charge of her formation and through her classmates.

She majored in American studies at Notre Dame College in St. Louis, then got sent to teach upper-grade math.

"That's not what I was trained to do," she noted. "But you know, you teach a child, not a subject. That's how I

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# Notre Dame in LaGrange absorbed into St. Joseph in Canton

**Parishioners' difficult decision part of efforts to enhance unity, viability of the Church in the area**

By Jay Nies

As part of an effort to solidify the Catholic presence in northeastern Missouri, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight issued a decree folding the Notre Dame mission in LaGrange into neighboring St. Joseph parish in Canton, effective Aug. 23.

He did so in response to a written request signed by Father Robert Fields, canonical administrator of the parishes in Lewis County and pastor of the Clark County parishes; Sister Jane Weisgram SSND, parish life collaborator for the Lewis County parishes; and the members of the Notre Dame pastoral council.

The diocesan Presbyteral Council reviewed the request on Aug. 20, 35 years and one day after the dedication of the current Notre Dame Church building.

Based on several factors, most notably the spiritual wellbeing of all the faithful, the Presbyteral Council unanimously advised Bishop McKnight to grant the request.

All patrimony of the Notre Dame mission "will be assumed by the St. Joseph Catholic Parish," he wrote in the Aug. 23 decree.

The Notre Dame mission had 25 registered families.

At last count, the average weekend Mass attendance at Notre Dame was 52.

St. Joseph Church is seven and a half miles from LaGrange.

## "Way marks in the wilderness"

The Notre Dame mission dates back to 1865, when local Catholics bought land to build their first church building.

Named in honor of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, that church was completed and blessed in 1867.

Throughout its history, the congregation remained a mission of St. Joseph in Canton, which by 1900 was also maintaining missions in Alexandria, Lewistown, Monticello, Wayland and Williamstown.



**The former Notre Dame Church in LaGrange was built in 1983. As part of an effort to bring strength and unity to the Church in Northeastern Missouri, the Notre Dame mission has been combined with neighboring St. Joseph parish in Canton, and this building will be sold.**

Father John O'Shea, who became pastor in 1883, wrote of riding for hours over the rough roads between the parishes and missions.

"Make ye way marks in the wilderness," he would say, echoing Jeremiah 31:21.

A new church, incorporating some of the bricks and windows from the old, was completed in 1949 and given the name Notre Dame, which is Latin for "Our Lady."

That church was damaged in flooding of the Mississippi River in 1973. The building was repaired while parishioners went about planning to build on higher ground.

A new, multipurpose church building and parish hall was completed in 1983 and dedicated on Aug. 19, 1984.

Parishioners at the Notre Dame mission organized catechetical programs for children and annual social events to raise money and fellowship.

Sunday Mass continued in Notre Dame Church until the summer of 2018, following an intensive process of ascertaining the vitality and long-term viability in each of the parishes and missions in the diocese.

Father Christopher Aubuchon, who was serving as pastor at that time, offered the final weekend Mass in Notre Dame Church.

He remembers that Mass well.

In his homily, he talked about it being a turning of a page in the lives of the people

of the Notre Dame parish family.

"We talked a lot about the importance of unity and community and how we can become better and stronger together through this transition," he recalled.

He said it was important for people to acknowledge their sense of loss before God and one another.

"Grieving is healthy, and it comes in many forms," said Fr. Aubuchon. "You can have anger and denial and sadness and sometimes all of these at once."

But while acknowledging that grief with compassion, it's important also to recognize the benefits of enhanced unity and community in keeping with the bishop's vision of being better together.

He encouraged the people of Notre Dame to remain focused on the future and what's best for everyone collectively, especially future generations.

"This building is not the heart of the parish," he reminded them in his homily. "Christ and His Church and the people of God and the truth are at the heart."

Fr. Aubuchon emphasized the importance of keeping the memories of Notre Dame alive.

"You take those memories with you and teach them to your children and grandchildren and pass that down as you become part of another parish and share your gifts and talents and wisdom and even the grief of saying goodbye to this place," he said.

Upon reflection, the people decided to hold onto the memory of that moment rather than organize a last Mass in the church this year.

## Honor the legacy

Bishop McKnight, Fr. Fields and Sr. Jane urge everyone who was a part of the Notre Dame mission to become active in another parish and continue to grow in their relationship with Christ.

"I urge everybody to continue practicing their faith and to become active wherever they may be," said Fr. Fields.

"The best way I can think of to honor the great legacy of Notre Dame in LaGrange is to continue practicing your faith, going to Mass and immersing yourself in the life of

the Church," said Bishop McKnight.

Some of the former Notre Dame parishioners now go to Mass at St. Joseph in Canton or Queen of Peace in Ewing.

Others go to Mass at St. Joseph in Palmyra or one of the parishes in Quincy, Illinois.

"Please don't pass up any opportunity to expand your vision, grow in holiness and preach the Good News to one another and the people, especially those within the territorial boundaries of your parish," said Bishop McKnight.

Sister Jane, who was appointed parish life collaborator for Canton, Ewing and LaGrange last summer, said she admires how the people of Notre Dame are handling the transition.

"Even with the greatest of difficulty, they made this decision and did what needed to be done," she said.

Along the way, many experienced a sense of loss, some sadness and some anger.

"They loved their mission deeply and still do," she said. "But they are handling it very admirably."

She said they're now hoping for at least part of their former church building to be put to use for the benefit of the greater community.

"This is a very tight community," she noted, "and these are very community-minded people."



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## QUESTION CORNER

## Explaining original sin / 'Leave and cleave' in marriage

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



**Q. How do I explain original sin to a fallen-away Catholic? (He won't accept anything from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.) He asked me, "Why are people born thousands of years after the fall held accountable for something they didn't do?" (Arlington, Virginia)**

A. Your friend is not the first one to misunderstand the concept of original sin. In 2018, Rodrigo Duterte, the president of the Philippines, created a furor when he called God "stupid" because of original sin — for allowing others, he said, to be stained by something in which they were not involved.

The key, of course, is that we are not really "stained" by the sin of our first parents; instead we are simply deprived of what would otherwise have been ours — namely, the absence of suffering and death.

Actually, the Catechism of the Catholic Church — which unfortunately your friend chooses to reject — explains it well. It says that "original sin is called 'sin' only in an analogical sense: it is a sin 'contracted' and not 'committed' — a state and not an act" (No. 404).

Further, the catechism explains, "original sin does not have the character of a personal fault in any of Adam's descendants. It is a deprivation of original holiness and justice, but human nature has not been totally corrupted. ...

"Baptism, by imparting the life of Christ's grace, erases original sin and turns a man back toward God, but the consequences for nature, weakened and inclined to evil, persist in man and summon him to spiritual battle" (No. 405).

I don't pretend that original sin is an easy doctrine to comprehend, and in fact the catechism itself acknowledges that "the transmission of original sin is a mystery that we cannot fully understand" (No. 404).

The way that makes sense to me (which I have used in instructing converts) is that, because of the failure of our first parents, we have been born into a world surrounded by sin and selfishness, which makes it more difficult for us to be good.

If my grandfather squandered away a fortune that would otherwise have been passed down to me, I would have lost out even though I had not been personally responsible. That, in my simple way of looking at things, is like original sin.

**Q. My husband and I have struggled since being married with the concept of "leave and cleave." He seeks his family's advice for every decision we have to make. Their opinions are valued over my own, even when I am in staunch disagreement. We attended Christian counseling, which proved to be fruitless, and he refuses to talk to a priest about marriage. (He doesn't believe that priests can advise on marital problems, never being allowed to marry themselves.) I am struggling with staying in this marriage, because he is clearly not willing to make any changes. I admit my own flaws and work to correct them. If he will not accept God as No. 1 and his wife as No. 2, is this a valid reason to annul our marriage and be divorced? (Columbus, Ohio)**

A. The concept of "leave and cleave" takes its origin from God's statement in the creation narrative (Gn 2:24) that, in marriage, "a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife."

That doesn't mean, of course, that a man or woman must abandon contact with one's own birth family; but it does mean that the

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## Papal Audience

### September 18, 2019



#### Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, we now reflect on how St. Peter and the Apostles respond with courage to those who wanted to stop the spread of the Gospel. Strengthened by the experience of Pentecost the Apostles become the "megaphone" of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the saving word of God which cannot be silenced.

In the midst of the Sanhedrin, which feels threatened by the Apostolic preaching, a different voice is heard. The highly regarded doctor of the Law, Gamaliel, demonstrates the "art of discernment." Filled with prophetic wisdom, he invites the leaders of the people not to give in to haste, but to wait for developments over time. This kind of discernment is valuable for the Church because it invites us to be farsighted, to contemplate events and not to make hasty judgments.

Discernment is an art that does not provide standardized solutions. It is an exercise of spiritual intelligence carried out by the children of God who learn to see traces of the Father's presence within history. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us acquire the habit of discernment in order to learn that both time and the faces of our brothers and sisters are messengers of the living God.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially those from England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Canada and the United States of America. In particular, I greet the members of the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons present in Rome for their annual meeting. Upon you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of the Lord. May God bless you!

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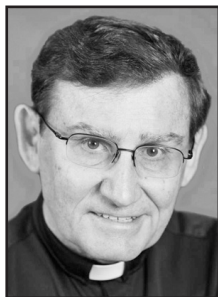
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## Humility: The mother of all virtues

By Father Eugene Hemrick  
Catholic News Service



Every time we visited relatives, my mother would admonish us, “Know your place!” adding, “Don’t be a showoff, practice humility!”

St. Gregory the Great and St. Augustine considered humility the pivotal virtue upon which all other virtues depend.

In the book *Sacred Signs*, Father Romano Guardini points us to the ulti-

mate place humility should possess in our hearts: “When a man feels proud, he stands erect, draws himself to his full height, throws back his head and shoulders and says with every part of his body, I am bigger and more important than you.

“But when he is humble, he feels his littleness, and lowers his head and shrinks into himself. He abases himself. ... But when does our littleness so come home to us as when we stand in God’s presence? He is the great God who is today and yesterday. ...

“To appear less presumptuous, to be little and low as we feel, we sink to our knees and thus sacrifice half our height,

and to satisfy our hearts still further we bow our heads and diminished stature speaks to God and says, Thou art the great God, I am nothing.”

Simply put, we know our place in acknowledging that without God we are nothing.

Humility is at the very heart of docility: an essential quality of prudence.

Philosopher Josef Pieper observes in the book *The Four Cardinal Virtues*: “No man is altogether self-sufficient in matters of prudence; without ‘docilitas’ there is no perfect prudence. ... (‘Docilitas’) recognizes the true variety of things and situations to be experienced and does not cage

itself in any presumption of deceptive knowledge.

“What is meant is the ability to take advice, sprung not from any vague ‘modesty,’ but simply from the desire for real understanding (which, however, necessarily includes genuine humility).”

Simply put, we are to be humble seekers of the truth and avoid being know-it-alls.

The mottos, “One nation under God” and “In God we trust,” echo through our U.S. Capitol, reminding us that humble faith in God is at the basis of being a great nation.

Simply put, humility is knowing God’s place in our success.

## Thoughts on humility

By Effie Caldarola  
Catholic News Service



I grew up near a small town that had a big Labor Day weekend celebration. For a farm kid, it rivaled Christmas for excitement. There were carnival rides, barkers

hawking games, a big parade, an alumni dance at the local ballroom, contests of all kinds.

The streets were closed to traffic, and people spilled out of the pubs that overflowed with revelers. No Knight of Columbus missed his chance to flip a pancake.

Eventually, I moved far away but every Labor Day would bring memories.

So, since I live in Nebraska now, I decided to head out to the Labor Day parade in the old hometown.

You know that Thomas Wolfe novel, “You Can’t Go Home Again”? There’s a reason that title has worked its way into the American lexicon. Labor Day sure wasn’t what it was when I was 12.

However, I did experience one of those little God moments that St. Ignatius speaks of — the idea of finding God in all things, sometimes unexpectedly. That Sunday’s readings had focused on humility, a hard virtue to define.

Jesus said not to hide your lamp under a basket, and we know a lack of self-esteem is not true humility. Yet, we live in an uncomfortably self-promotional age.

Publish something? Receive an award? Broadcast it on Twitter and Facebook. Move up in the company? Announce it on LinkedIn. Traveling? Be sure that Instagram shot is flattering. Tout your accomplishments.

Where does humility fit in?

At the parade, we found a shady

spot and an old friend joined us. He unexpectedly provoked some thoughts about humility.

Our family farms had been close, and as kids we all spent much time together. Unlike me, after college he returned to our small hometown, married, had a large family and worked in a local bank until he became the president. After many years, he recently retired, and was enjoying 15 grandchildren, including an adorable baby he brought over to meet me.

I told him I was a little disappointed in the celebration, and that I’d be really disappointed if I found no old friends, or even anyone who recognized me.

Then he told me a story. After retiring, he went back to the bank one day to open a new account — probably for the adorable grandchild on his lap.

A young woman who was a new hire assisted him, and before the bank manager could come out to greet him, the clerk asked, “And have you ever had a prior relationship with us?” She had no clue he was until recently the bank president.

He found it funny; she was ultimately quite embarrassed.

Then, he reminded me of some men who were very prominent when we were kids — the grain elevator owner, the oil company guy, the big shots who became mayor or held court at the golf course.

“You know,” he said, “if you walked down the street right now and mentioned them, these people wouldn’t know who you were talking about.”

On the drive home to the city, I looked at the corn waving in the breeze, awaiting the harvest. I thought of how small each of us is in the universe and how briefly, like the grass of the field, we live. The important things have nothing to do with recognition or honors or fame.

Maybe this knowledge is at the heart

of humility. In this mystery of faith, we’re loved by God in this moment, this transient and beautiful gift. To be hum-

ble is to accept that and to be present to each fleeting moment, to each ordinary grace-filled, God-filled moment.

### REFLECTION

## I stand at the door ...

By Mark Saucier

Guilt is a great recruiter, even on a sunny Saturday in September.

There were other things that I preferred to be doing, but I hadn’t helped much lately. So there I was, standing outside of a Walmart, like some poorly timed Santa without beard or bell, begging food for the hungry.

It was awkward. I thought of my own infrequent forays into the store. I wanted to get in and get out, not shop for someone else’s Ramen noodles and certainly not to have my charity checked at the door.

I didn’t know how strong to make my pitch. I thought it might be easier if it was more self-evident. Maybe post a few Scripture quotes like Isaiah’s “Share your food with the hungry,” or Jesus’ “I was hungry and you gave Me to eat.”

Maybe if I had looked the part, had skipped the buffets or wore some mendicant’s robes, people would rush to save me with peanut butter and spaghetti sauce.

As time passed, with one lone item in my cart, I realized that I would be more embarrassed by a poor performance than I would by hawking the need for food. I began to engage approaching shoppers.

At first, it was with those I thought sympathetic. I quickly discovered I was not good at that. Many well-dressed “sure bets” passed by empty-handed, while others I had dismissed, surprised me with their generosity.

My appeals made some so uncomfortable that they would pull out their phones, pretending a call as they passed. Others were so intent in looking away that they almost missed the doorway.

I wanted to be an invitation, not a judgement.

I realized that some were the working poor, eligible for the food we were collecting.

I appreciated those who said, “Thanks, but not today.”

I sympathized with the woman carrying an infant and herding two toddlers when she gave me that, “You’ve got to be kidding!” expression.

I smiled a “Maybe next time” to those who confessed on the way out that they had forgotten.

It could have been the heat, but something changed. Every shopper was a reflection of myself, an image of goodness and weakness, knees scraped by life’s falls, pockets of anger, frustration and fear, yet arms outstretched for another.

For a moment, I thought I was seeing all of us through the eyes of God.

In the end, food was piled around me. It was nothing I did. I was just there to learn.

# Tipton faith community seeks God's healing, guidance at interfaith prayer service in St. Andrew Church

By Jay Nies

"... And let it begin with me."

The bells of St. Andrew Church in Tipton rang out as Christians of many stripes concluded the closing hymn.

About 70 people gathered the evening of Sept. 3 for an interfaith prayer service organized by the Tipton Ministerial Alliance for an end to violence.

A local response to national headlines of senseless shootings, it was a time to pray for victims of violence, their families, survivors, and first-responders.

Those who gathered prayed for guidance and implored God to bring peace and healing to a wounded country and world.

"Together, as people of faith, we need to take a step back and look at the shape that our country is in," said Father Anthony Rinaldo, pastor of St. Andrew parish and of Annunciation parish in Tipton. "We love this country, and we are all horrified by this senseless violence."

He said the service was not about the instruments of violence or about being "pro-" or "anti-" anything, "but the fact that

we are becoming comfortable with it, that we are easing into a place where each of these is just another incident."

He asked everyone to unite their hearts in prayer "to ask God what we should do and how we should go about it."



**LEFT:** Kevin Wilson, branch president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Tipton, preaches the sermon during a Sept. 3 Interfaith Prayer Service for an End to Violence, sponsored by the Tipton Ministerial Alliance, on Sept. 3 in St. Andrew Church. **RIGHT:** People from various local congregations pray the "Our Father" together. **BELOW:** Father Anthony Rinaldo, pastor of St. Andrew parish and of Annunciation parish in California, welcomes the people to St. Anthony Church. — Photos by Jay Nies



## Rest for the weary

Leaders and members of other Christian congregations followed Fr. Rinaldo to the pulpit.



"We call on You, gracious and holy God, in this hour to gather us in Your love," Pastor Susan McCollegan of Fortuna United Methodist Church prayed the Invocation.

"We ask that You would make each of us an instrument of Your grace and peace," she

continued. "Weave us into a community that lives into Your power and tenderness.

"Bless each of us and our differences and strengthen our courage to stand together as a community who sees every person as Your beloved child, who's worthy of love and respect," she prayed.

Karen Wilson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints sang an old hymn: "Oh, how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day. So, when life gets dark and dreary, don't forget to pray."

Roy Steele from Cornerstone Christian Church gave thanks to be living in a country where people are free to call upon God for help and inspiration.

He proclaimed two related Scripture passages: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1 John 4:11)

"Good and wise words," said Mr. Steele. "But where did John get these? From our Lord and Savior Himself."

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this, all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35-35)

## "He'll speak to our hearts"

Kevin Wilson, branch president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, gave the sermon.

He said his heart leapt up

inside of him when he heard Fr. Rinaldo's and Pastor McCollegan's idea to hold an interfaith service.

"The sooner the better!" he said.

He believes there are many tangible things people can do to address the growing violence and alienation in this country.

He said it's important to be kind to people — showing common courtesy, smiling, looking people in the eye, offering encouraging words and just listening.

"And if someone divulges that they're struggling, ask them what you can do," he

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suggested.

He said it's important to put God's love into practice among family members, friends, acquaintances and strangers.

"If we truly love one another, we won't violate the other commandments," he said.

He spoke of respecting other people and their beliefs and learning to disagree without being disagreeable.

He suggested seeking out opportunities to perform random acts of kindness and service.

"If we prepare our hearts,

we'll know what the Lord wants us to do," he said. "He'll speak to our hearts what this random act of kindness needs to be."

He encouraged parents to set an example for their children about how to be resilient and loving

and "to stay on the narrow path of righteousness."

Finally, he urged everyone to turn to God in prayer as the first resort, not the last.

"The glorious day will come when we'll be free of all of these trials and all of these tragedies, these cares and these burdens of the world, when we're at rest in His holy place," he said.

## "Encounter and unity"

Pastor Andrew Hake of Tipton United Methodist Church led the praying of the "Our Father."

Fr. Rinaldo led the assembly in a "Prayer for Peace in Our Communities," from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Fill us with Your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others," he prayed. "Strip away pride, suspicion and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

"Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of Your holy will," he prayed. "Flood our path with Your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity."

Mike Kelley of Tipton United Methodist Church gave the benediction.

"Lord," he prayed, "we need to have Your love deep in our hearts, so that we may spread that to others in such a way that it becomes such a groundswell that there is no more need for services like this."

People lingered in fellowship long after singing the closing hymn, "Let There Be Peace on Earth."



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## Dorian recovery work shows 'we are your brother's keeper'

By Tom Tracy  
Catholic News Service

Miami  
As catastrophic as Hurricane Dorian was, the characteristic optimism of Bahamians will help soften the painful recovery to come, according to

a hurricane-preparedness volunteer in Nassau.

"There was nothing we could have done to prepare (for Hurricane Dorian), but when you talk to me again five years from now, I will be happy to tell you we will be back on our feet

again because we are very resilient people," said Basil Christie, a former religious education director for the Archdiocese of Nassau in the Bahamas.

Now a retired insurance executive, he said he regularly assists the Catholic Church with hurricane preparedness and recovery. He spoke by phone Sept. 10 with the Florida Catholic, Miami's archdiocesan newspaper.

Christie is a native of the Bahamas and for the past 15 years in his retirement, he has traveled to the country's many islands to coordinate and promote volunteer hurricane preparedness programs and

follow-up recovery efforts after many lesser hurricanes touched parts of the nation.

He estimates that each year at least some part of the Bahamas has suffered hurricane damage and that although the country has high building code standards, Dorian's 200-mph wind gusts and considerable storm surge means those building codes will have to be revisited.

"Normally the maximum wind is 110 mph and restricted to the southern islands," he said.

Also, in previous years, hurricane winds blew off roofs, but Dorian blew homes off their foundations on the Abaco and Grand Bahama islands, "so it is

a different situation," he added.

"There are lessons to be learned from this: Our building code needs to be augmented, and we will need better shelters," Christie said, adding that so many families have stories of watching family members get washed out to sea in the storm.

Donations for recovery efforts in the Bahamas can be sent to Catholic Relief Services here:

<https://support.crs.org/donate/hurricane-dorian>  
and to Catholic Charities USA at <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/RTKRvQ?vid=1snqm>.

## J.C. Interfaith Alliance to host CCCNMO director

DATE: October 3  
TIME: 7 - 8:30 pm

Dan Lester, executive director of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) and diocesan chairman for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will address the Capital Area Interfaith Alliance on Thursday, Oct. 3.

It will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 300 of Young Hall at Lincoln University.

He will discuss the interfaith work the Jefferson City diocese offers in the area of social ministry.

He plans to illustrate how the agency's social ministries serve people of all faith backgrounds.

There will also be time for questions and answers.

## Fr. Clark to address 40 Days for Life kickoff rally in Columbia

DATE: September 24  
TIME: 6 pm

The opening rally for the Columbia 40 Days for Life Fall 2019 Campaign will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Flanagan Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive, near Stadium Boulevard and I-70 in Columbia.

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served.

Father Paul Clark, diocesan moderator for pro-life activities, is scheduled to address the participants.

A candlelight vigil will follow on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 7 p.m. to kick off the 10th year of prayer on the sidewalk.

Call Kathy Forck at (573) 821-5130 for information.

## Benedictine autumn monastic experience

DATE: October 18 - 20

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in North-western Missouri invite single women, ages 18 to 40, who are interested in learning more about religious life to take part in an autumn monastic experience Oct. 18-20 at our monastery in Clyde.

It will be a chance to experience the daily rhythm of life at the monastery in Clyde, in-

cluding the singing of the divine office, daily Mass, time in personal prayer and opening your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer.

There is no cost to attend.

More information can be found at [www.benedictinesisters.org](http://www.benedictinesisters.org).

To register, contact Benedictine Sister Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221, ex. 127, or e-mail [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org).

## NPM to meet to plan for Advent

DATE: September 26  
TIME: 7 - 9 pm

The Jefferson City Diocesan Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will hold an evening of planning for the Advent Season.

This free event will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, in St. Andrew Church, 400 St. Andrews Drive in Holt Summit.

The discussion will include the liturgical documents used for planning and the Scripture readings for the four Sundays of Advent.

People may attend in person or attend remotely with others from their deanery via Zoom.

For information, call (573) 645-6579 or e-mail [npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com).

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## Maryknoll sister from Jefferson City served for 46 years in Hong Kong

**Sr. Marie Corinne Rost, 102, was a musician and teacher**

Maryknoll, New York  
Jefferson City native Maryknoll Sister Marie Corinne Rost died on Sept. 1 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Maryknoll, New York.

She had been a Maryknoll Sister for 82 years and celebrated her 102nd birthday in July.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 6 in the Main Chapel at the Maryknoll Sisters Center. Burial was in the Maryknoll Sisters Cemetery on the Center grounds.

Sr. Marie Corinne was born in Jefferson City, on July 29, 1917, a daughter of Louis Henry and Euphemia J. (Dudenhoeffer) Rost, and given the name Anna Marie.

She attended St. Peter's High School — predecessor of Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City — and graduated in 1935.

From 1935-37, she studied at Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas.

From her home parish of Immaculate Conception in Jefferson City, she entered the Maryknoll Sisters Novitiate in Maryknoll, New York, on July 5, 1937.

At her reception, she received the religious name, Sister Marie Corinne.

She made her first profession of vows on Jan. 6, 1940, at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Maryknoll and professed final vows on the same date in 1943 in San Juan Bautista, California.

From 1939-42, she studied at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart in New York and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music.

In 1942, she was assigned to San Juan Bautista in Central California, there she served as a catechist and was involved in pastoral ministry until 1943.

She then worked from 1943-45 at a group home for Asian children in Los Angeles.

Sr. Marie Corinne received her first overseas mission as-

signment to Hong Kong in 1946.

For the next 36 years, she taught in the Primary and Secondary Sections of the Maryknoll



**Sr. Marie Corinne Rost MS (1917-2019)**

noll Convent School in Kowloon, Hong Kong.

She also served as the school's piano teacher from 1947-55 and taught music, religion and English in the Primary Section until 1967.

She was then appointed as principal of the Maryknoll Convent School Primary Section and served as supervisor of the Secondary Section from 1967-77.

While serving as supervisor of the Secondary Section, she also gave private English and piano lessons from 1977-83.

She returned in 1983 to Maryknoll, New York, where she worked in Congregational Service in the Research and Planning Office until 1985.

She went back to Hong Kong in 1986 to do pastoral work at St. Joseph parish. She also was engaged in religious education and

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# Mass for the Sacred Heart in Westphalia was a precursor to things to come in Mexico

By Jay Nies

For hundreds of years, the Roman Catholic Liturgy was, in the words of one historian, “the one changeless ceremony in a world of change.”

With the world now seeming to change more quickly than ever, Mass in Latin in the Extraordinary Form seems all the more timeless and transient.

“Whenever we come to Mass,” stated Father Dylan Schrader, “we are in the presence of a mystery that looms larger than ourselves — something beyond our control because it is first of all an action of God’s and not our own.”

Fr. Dylan Schrader, pastor of St. Brendan parish in Mexico and the bishop’s delegate for Mass in the Extraordinary Form, was preaching a homily during Mass in Latin on June 28 in historical St. Joseph Church in Westphalia.



**Father Dylan Schrader elevates the Most Blessed Sacrament during a Mass in Latin in the Extraordinary Form in St. Joseph Church in Westphalia.**  
— Photo by Jay Nies

It was the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Fr. Schrader sung the Mass in Latin, using the ritual form of 1962.

He pointed out to the congregation that “the use of Latin,

the ceremonial movements, and the fact that the priest and people face together in offering the sacrifice all highlight the otherworldliness of His sacrifice.”

Joining Fr. Schrader at the altar were Bishop W. Shawn McKnight; Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, vicar general; Father Anthony Viviano, pastor of the Westphalia and Folk parishes; and Father Nicholas Reid, a priest of the diocese who is serving as an Air Force Chaplain.

Using printed worship aids, about 200 people, including several children, joined the choir in chanting the hymns and responses in Latin.

It seemed that every word and gesture had a precise, deliberate meaning.

The gradual mixing of polyphony and chant, the radiant heat of the candles and incense, the flickering light and gentle, methodical rhythm of this celebration of the Mass embellished it with ethereal transcendence.

At the end of Mass, Bishop McKnight led the Litany to the Sacred Heart and the praying of the Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### “To increase the glory”

Venerable Pope Pius XII (+1938-1958) served as Christ’s vicar before the Second Vatican Council.

“*Mediator Dei*” (“The Mediator of God”), Pope Pius’s 1947 encyclical letter on the Sacred Liturgy, offers a good explanation of the Church’s then-cus-

tomary use of Latin in the Mass.

“The use of the Latin language, customary in a considerable portion of the Church, is a manifest and beautiful sign of unity, as well as an effective antidote for any corruption of doctrinal truth,” the late Pontiff wrote (#60).

The focus, Pope Pius noted, is always on Christ and on conforming oneself to His sacrifice: “All the elements of the Liturgy ... would have us reproduce in our hearts through the mystery of the Cross the likeness of the Divine Redeemer ... to increase the glory of the Eternal Father.” (102)

### “Something God does”

Fr. Schrader has been offering Mass in Latin one Sunday afternoon per month at his parish.

Beginning in October, he will offer Mass in the Extraordinary Form at noon every Sunday in St. Brendan Church, 615 S. Washington St. in Mexico.

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

For him, the Extraordinary Form offers “a keener sense of the Priesthood as being one that mediates between God and the people.”

“And it highlights that the Mass is a solemn sacrifice,” he said.

It clarifies for him that the Mass is not something the priest or the congregation does, “but is something that God does.”

It presents a sense of transcendence.

“With all the ceremonies and ritual actions, it becomes clear that this is not something that the community just invented for itself,” he said. “It’s something we have received, that has been handed down to us through the Apostolic Tradition of the Church.”

Nonetheless, Fr. Schrader noted, both forms of the Mass are equally licit and legitimate.

“It is two different forms of the same rite,” he said.

### Extraordinary Form

In 2007, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI addressed the diversity of liturgical expression within the Latin Church.

In “*Summorum Pontificum*,” a personal edict (known as a *motu proprio*), he affirmed that the Roman Rite of the Church has multiple expressions, among which are an “Ordinary Form” (the way of celebrating Mass in its revised form following The Second Vatican Council) and an “Extraordinary Form” (the way of celebrating Mass in 1962, prior to Vatican II).

“Pope Benedict saw these forms as different ways of celebrating the same faith,” said Fr. Schrader.

Today, many of the faithful, including a significant number of young people, are interested in experiencing traditional elements of the Roman Rite, such as those highlighted in the Extraordinary Form of the Mass.

Fr. Schrader said that it is not a desire for division, nor is it a rejection of legitimate developments “but is instead an appreciation of our Roman liturgical heritage.”

He pointed to Pope Emeritus Benedict’s statement: “There is no contradiction between the two editions of the Roman Missal. In the history of the Liturgy there is growth and progress, but no rupture.”

### “Something profoundly beautiful”

Dave and Pam Grothaus both grew up in Jefferson City, moved away for about 40 years and then moved back.

They are now members of St. Peter parish.

Mr. Grothaus acknowledges that neither of them had a firm grasp of the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith when they got married.

Their journey back involved about 20 years of “dipping your toe in, learning bits and pieces

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## Mass times for Mexico parish

Here is the new weekend Mass schedule for St. Brendan parish in Mexico, effective Oct. 6:

•Saturday: 5:30 p.m. in English.

•Sunday: 9 a.m. in English, noon in the Extraordinary Form in Latin. 4 p.m. Mass/Prayer in Spanish.

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served as a private English tutor until 1995.

In 1996, she returned to California to the Maryknoll Sisters retirement home in Monrovia, where she did volunteer work and English testing until 2003.

She fully retired at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Maryknoll, New York, in 2004.

A vespers service was held

for her on Sept. 5, in the Chapel of the Annunciation at the Maryknoll Sisters Center.

Preceding her in death were two sisters, Cay and Bernice, and three brothers Louis (who was a Maryknoll Father), Joseph and John.

A short memorial video can be found online at:

[www.maryknollsisters.org/media-center/videos/](http://www.maryknollsisters.org/media-center/videos/)



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## DIACONATE

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Mr. Rubio studied until ninth grade in El Salvador and completed his high-school equivalency in the United States.

He now works with his brother in lawn care.

His parents have been Catholic all their lives but he never accompanied them.

God caught up with him as an adult.

"I had my personal encounter with the Lord when I was 26 years old in a New Life Retreat in the Spirit of Charismatic Renewal in Marshall in June of 2006," he said.

He first felt called to be a deacon because of a great need for ministry in Spanish-speaking communities in this diocese.

Active in evangelization since his conversion experience, "I have seen many Catholic families who do not approach the sacraments, and if they go, they go with fear that they will not be understood," he said.

He hopes to serve as a bridge between people and the Church and to help as Catholic families who don't go to the Church draw closer to the Lord.

His greatest hope is "that God may find that His people and the people grow closer to Him."

He's eager to continue evangelizing, specifically to "go knocking on doors of Catholic and non-Catholic families and proclaiming to them of the Word of God."

He asks for people to pray an "Our Father" each day for him and his family.

### "Something else in mind"

It came as a surprise to Juan Enrique Castro Palos when Bishop McKnight asked him to consider being a deacon.

"It's something I never considered before," said Mr. Castro, who goes by Enrique. "Then this call came forth and I began to discern."

It took him some time to realize that this is what God is calling him to be.

"It's something I know I don't deserve," he said. "I feel very humbled to be able to respond to it and continue to serve the Church in whatever ways God has planned for me."

Mr. Castro is the diocesan director of intercultural and marriage ministries.

He coordinates the diocese's outreach to Hispanic, Korean and Filipino Catholics, while serving as a resource for marriage preparation, marriage enrichment and natural family planning.

The oldest of seven siblings in his family, he grew up in Aguascalientes in Central Mexico.

"Since I was little, I've always felt God's presence and been conscious of that presence," he said. "He's always filled me with a desire to serve people. I feel good when I'm with other people and trying to make a difference in their lives."

Mr. Castro moved to the United States at age 18 to study music at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, focusing on classical guitar and conducting.

Sensing a possible call to Priesthood, he enrolled in St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana in order "to really discern what God wanted for me."

He completed master's degrees in philosophy and theology.

It was a great experience, but after a few years, he realized that Priesthood was not what God wanted for him.

"But He did have something else in mind," said Mr. Castro.

He came to the Jefferson City diocese in 2011 to coordinate ministry to the growing communities of Hispanic Catholics in central and northern Missouri.

A year later, he met his wife, Cristhia. They got married and now have two children. They are members of St. Peter parish in Jefferson City.

Mr. Castro is amazed at how God is already using him to draw people closer to Christ.

"Andrew brought Peter to Jesus so that he could be the leader that Jesus wanted him to be," he said. "I believe that we are not called to be the protagonists, but to be Andrews who empower and bring others to Christ so that He can call them to be and share the

best of them."

He's eager to serve the people and help the bishop carry out his vision for the diocese.

"I just want to be part of spreading the Gospel," he said. "I just want to be an instrument of the mission of the Church."

He's adamant that the call to the diaconate should not undermine or interfere with his primary vocation to be a husband and father.

"I believe that the diaconate is also a call to be a better husband, to be a man of the family, to be a better father," he said. "It's a way that God strengthens that first vocation."

He believes the diaconate "is also a way that we as a family can respond together to God's call to serve others."

He noted how Jesus in Luke, Chapter 9, spoke of keeping the hand on the plow without looking back.

"The person with the hand on the plow doesn't see anything but plain terrain ahead of him," said Mr. Castro. "He doesn't know what fruit is coming about."

"It's the same with the diaconate. You cannot plan what's ahead of you. But with God's grace, you will produce good fruit. So you break the ground and know that God will do the rest."

Mr. Castro believes young families present a great opportunity for leading people to Christ.

"We tend to see young families as a generation we stand a chance of losing," he said. "But they actually offer us a great opportunity to look at new ways of evangelization, new forms of ministry."

Locally, the Church is changing and becoming more diverse.

"With these young families, that gives us an opportunity to think about our catholicity, to be a really Catholic Church, a universal Church," he said.

Mr. Castro asks for prayers for him and his fellow deacons and deacon candidates to remain open to God's grace, "so that we are open to doing His will and open to serve the people of God."

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here and there, and pulling back," he said.

They discovered Mass in Latin in the Extraordinary Form while living in Florida.

Right then, according to Mrs. Grothaus, "we fell in love with it."

"There is something profoundly beautiful about it," she said. "You can immediately see that something very important is going on at the altar."

The majesty and wonder, the smoldering incense and timeless music — "that's what drew me in," she stated.

"For anyone struggling with belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, this is tells you He's here!" she said. "You can feel it! There's no question about it."

Husband and wife are both pleased to be able to go to Mass in English and in Latin.

But something about the Mass in the Extraordinary Form fills Mr. Grothaus with awe every time.

"To be honest," he said, "it feels like you're transcending this earth."

"... into the supernatural," Mrs. Grothaus added.

She encouraged anyone who has not been to Mass in Latin "to just go and be silent and be there as if they're in Adoration."

She suggested finding a place near the back of church the first few times while learning.

"You'll find that you're going to want to educate yourself more, and you're going to emerge a different person," she said.

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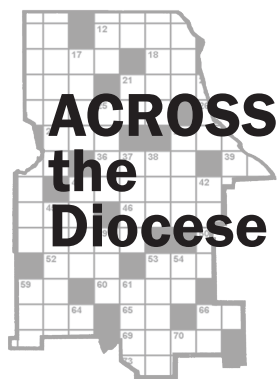
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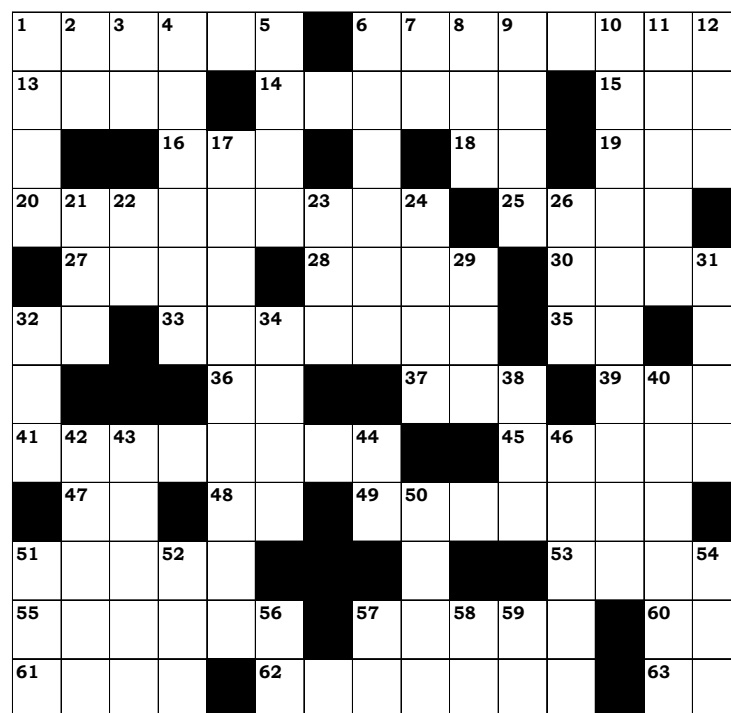
By Father Don Antweiler

### ACROSS

1. Missouri can easily lay claim to some of the best trout fishing in the U.S., remarkably so since trout are not \_\_\_\_ to Missouri.
6. This city is Missouri's fourth most-populous and the fastest growing in the State.
13. Last word in Church.
14. Sophisticated fiddle, perhaps.
15. Suffix for be and build.
16. \_\_\_\_ Guevara, Marxist revolutionary; major figure of the Cuban Revolution.
18. A \_\_\_\_ PAP machine is an aid for sleep apnea.
19. The four marks of the Church are: \_\_\_\_, holy, catholic and apostolic.
20. Mass.
25. A for \_\_\_\_ sign is what a realtor might put in a client's front yard.
27. Sound from a brooder house.
28. Buenos \_\_\_\_ compadre!
30. 45th Vice President under Pres. Bill Clinton.
32. Opening.
33. A steady supply of cold water is necessary to grow trout. Four of Mo.'s trout hatcheries are located at naturally occurring cold-water \_\_\_\_\_. A fifth pumps up cold water from the bottom of Lake Taneycomo.
35. King of Bashan (Numbers 21:33).
36. Often the first State for presidential campaign stops because its political parties begin so early to caucus to determine support for candidates, including presidential candidates.
37. The third oldest city in the U.S. is not on the eastern seaboard. It is Sault \_\_\_\_ Marie in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, founded in 1668 by Fr. Jacques Marquette as a Mission.
39. Anger.
41. In a 1941 novel called Storm, the storm was given the name Maria. The novel's success was one factor for WW II military meteorologists giving storms \_\_\_\_ names. This continued until 1979 when men's names were also put in the rotation.
45. Church niches.
47. In 1925, the most destructive tornado on record touched down in Annapolis in this State. Roaring through three States, it left almost 700 people dead and nearly 3000 injured.
48. 14th letter of the 26.
49. The trout hatcheries in Missouri are \_\_\_\_ Spring near Lebanon, Maramec Spring near St. James, Montauk near Salem/Licking, Roaring River near Cassville, and Shepherd of the Hills near Branson.
51. Trout are stocked in 100 \_\_\_\_ of spring-fed streams across southern Missouri and in select small lakes in major population centers.
53. Former Russian ruler.
55. In addition to Missouri's State fish hatcheries, the Neosho National fish Hatchery is the \_\_\_\_ (1888) operating federal fish hatchery in their 70-hatchery system. It provides trout for Lake Taneycomo and restoration efforts for Lake Sturgeon and Paddlefish.
57. Good smell.
60. Pope John Paul \_\_\_\_ canonized 483 persons, more than the combined total of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries.
61. New York Stock Exchange letters.
62. Missouri's five cold-water trout hatcheries produce 1.6 million fish a year, critical because there is very little \_\_\_\_ trout reproduction in the State.
63. "\_\_\_\_, the Lord empties the land and lays it waste; he turns it upside down..." (Isaiah 24:1).

### DOWN

1. The official nick \_\_\_\_ for Kansas City, Missouri is City of Fountains.
2. "This is what you (Moses) shall tell the Israelites: I \_\_\_\_ sent me to you," (Exodus 3:14).
3. Namas \_\_\_\_; a Buddhist greeting indicating genuine respect and good will.
4. Raising trout from egg to a length of 12 \_\_\_\_, the size



used to stock streams, is a two year process.

5. "Then there shall be loud wailing throughout Egypt, such as has never been, nor will \_\_\_\_ be again," (Exodus 11:6).
6. "Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you greetings, as does Mark the \_\_\_\_ of Barnabas," (Colossians 4:10).
7. "Just the good \_\_\_\_' boys, never meanin' no harm..." --from the theme to TV's "Dukes of Hazzard," by Waylon Jennings.
8. Ad \_\_\_\_; to speak on the fly, without preparation.
9. Les Etats \_\_\_\_; the United States in Paris.
10. Mo. Conservation Commission's 160 \_\_\_\_ and hatchery personnel have a long 75-year history of hatchery innovation and high scientific standards.
11. As young boys in summertime, we would jump into the stream with our \_\_\_\_ tubes and have a splashing great time.
12. "Old \_\_\_\_ comes on suddenly, not gradually as is thought," --Dickinson; see # 42 DOWN
17. "The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for \_\_\_\_," --The Catechism of the Cath. Ch. #1718.
21. Delivery company.
22. Letters for Common Era, often used instead of A.D.
23. \_\_\_\_ Amin; former Ugandan tyrant.
24. The purchase of daily trout \_\_\_\_ and annual trout permits covers much of the year-to-year cost of raising trout.
26. "A long time \_\_\_\_ in a galaxy far, far away..." --Star Wars.
29. Fast flier.
31. Christmas and New Years have them.
32. He spoke \_\_\_\_ the cuff.
34. After 40 days and nights, Noah must have been glad to see the end of it.
38. Suffix for cesar.
40. Surveys show Missourians spend 14 million days fishing for trout each year, generating \_\_\_\_ sales alone of \$104 million annually, having an overall annual economic impact of \$187 million.
42. \_\_\_\_ Dickinson; major Am. Poet, d. in 1886.
43. A parent best \_\_\_\_ his/her child in the ways of faith by modeling what they say.
44. \_\_\_\_. (Elwyn Brooks) White; Am. Author of children's books (e.g., *Stuart Little* and *Charlotte's Web*); d. in 1985.
46. Part of a flower.
50. A color described as eggshell, cream, or linen.
51. Second day of the wk. according to the calendar.
52. Very wide shoe.
54. The \_\_\_\_ Grande.
56. Only State with more caves than MO.
57. It seemed like a good idea \_\_\_\_ the time.
58. Surgical site in a hosp.
59. Home State of #42 DOWN.

## DOYLE

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new spouse needs to be the most significant human relationship in one's life.

As for your husband's reluctance to speak with a priest, I share some of his same discomfort; as a priest, I have often felt unqualified and referred a couple to a professional marriage counselor, usually a layperson. (I do have a preference for Catholic counselors, because I want the assurance that marriage is viewed as a permanent commitment.)

As to whether your current situation might justify an annulment in the church's view, I cannot say without more information.

Remember that annulments are not easy: For an annulment, one must be able to go back to the time of the marriage and show that, from the outset, there was some fundamental problem (emotional immaturity on one or both sides, for example, or a radical disharmony of values) substantial enough to indicate that this particular marriage could never have lasted.

You and your husband are better off speaking first with a trained counselor and trying to work your issues out.

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# WARDSVILLE

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prayers and Scripture:

“Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.”

“Create a pure heart for me, O God. Renew a steadfast spirit in me.”

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love is everlasting. His mercy endures forever.”

The tabernacle now stands out prominently, as do the decades-extant crucifix and images of the Blessed Mother and the Beloved Disciple.

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### “New Jerusalem”

“In a very real sense, this church building speaks loudly of our faith, especially its beauty and as a place of quiet prayer and devotion,” Bishop McKnight stated when he came to Wardsville to bless and rededicate the renewed structure.

The work was completed almost exactly 150 years after the death of Jesuit Father Ferdinand Helias, the Flemish missionary who first celebrated

the sacraments in what is now the Wardsville parish.

“You have built an altar worthy of the One Whom it represents,” Bishop McKnight stated in his homily, “worthy of the liturgical action that takes place

on it and around it, and worthy of the legacy of this sacred edifice, which stands as a beacon, thrusting its graceful steeple heavenward at the crossroads of highways connecting communities across the area.”

He reminded the people of their shared history as a parish, going back to Jesuit missionaries and to the celebration of Mass in a humble former Baptist church in the 1880s.

The current church was completed in 1925 and restored in 1928 after a massive fire.

Bishop McKnight emphasized that “a church is not primarily a building but the people of a parish.”

Nonetheless, “this church building, with its sacred images and beautiful Romanesque architecture, remind us of the New Jerusalem, the Church of Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God,” he said.

Nourished and strengthened in word and sacrament, the people are sent forth to make God’s presence known every day through acts of sacrifice, mercy, charity, praise, thanksgiving and steadfast discipleship.

“My dear people,” said Bishop McKnight, “God wants to accomplish many good things in this very community today, in this very parish. He wants to bless Wardsville and the people in the surrounding territory through your parish as a vibrant, joyful community of faith.”

### Like the dewfall

Joining the bishop at the altar was Father Ignazio Medina, pastor of St. Stanislaus parish and canonical pastor of St. Margaret of Antioch parish in Osage Bend, assisted by Deacon Alan Sims.

The cantor and congrega-

tion chanted the Litany of Saints while the bishop consecrated the altar to Christ, using Sacred Chrism and an abundance of smoldering incense.

Parishioners Glen and Betty

Jo Rackers and Patricia Carrender then came forward to help Deacon Sims and Fr. Medina place the altar cloth on the altar.

See ST. STANISLAUS, page 23

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



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## Fundraisers & Social Events

**Sep. 20**

**Laurie**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Patrick parish

**Sep. 21**

**Camdenton**, St. Anthony spaghetti dinner, 6-8 pm; **Laurie**, St. Patrick free "Pray & Play" event for families, featuring a prayer service followed by ice cream social and games, 2:30 pm; **Marceline**, St. Bonaventure St. Ann's Altar Society/K of C "Block Party," 9 am-8 pm, Ripley Park & K of C Hall

**Sep. 22**

**Centralia**, Holy Spirit fundraiser dinner, 11 am-1 pm, multi-purpose building; **Columbia**, "Fairy Tales and Far Away Places" concert to benefit Down syndrome, 1:30-3 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, for info visit [facebook.com/events/358658015027842/](https://facebook.com/events/358658015027842/); **Frankenstein**, Our Lady Help of Christians fall festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Fulton**, St. Peter Fall festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew parish brunch & pie auction, 10 am-noon Veit Hall; **Lake Ozark**, K of C country breakfast, 8-11:30 am, Bestgen Hall; **Montgomery City**, Immaculate Conception parish Harvest festival, 11 am-4 pm

**Sep. 25**

**Columbia**, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School open house, 6-8 pm

**Sep. 26**

**Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C Council chicken dinner to benefit Boys & Girls Club, 4:30-7 pm, 1822 Tanner Bridge Rd

**Sep. 27-28**

**Boonville**, Daughters of Isabella rummage & bake sale, Fri. 7 am-6 pm, Sat. 7am-1 pm

**Sep. 28**

**Hannibal**, Holy Family "Good Neighbor Project" Autumn Auction, 6 pm, K of C Hall; **Loose Creek**, Immaculate Conception parish outdoor dance fundraiser, 7:30 pm

**Sep. 29**

**Adair**, St. Mary Church Homecoming, lunch at 11:30 am, Mass at 1:30 pm; **Loose Creek**, "Voices from the Past" cemetery tour, 11 am, Immaculate Conception Cemetery; **Vienna**, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish Fall sausage & chicken dinner, 11a m-6 pm, Koerber Hall

**Oct. 2**

**Jefferson City**, St. Peter Ladies

Sodality game night, 6:30-9 pm, Selinger Hospitality Center

**Oct. 4**

**Hermann**, St. George School fish & chicken fry, 5-7 pm

**Oct. 5**

**Camdenton**, St. Anthony parish craft fair & salad luncheon, 9 am-3 pm; **Sedalia**, "Bazaar on the Beach" St. Vincent de Paul dinner auction, 5-10 pm, Sacred Heart School gym, to register visit <https://one.bidpal.net/bazaar2019/welcome>

**Oct. 5-6**

**Jefferson City**, Cathedral of St. Joseph NCYC rummage sale

**Oct. 6**

**Argyle**, St. Aloysius & St. Boniface fall festival, 11 am-8 pm, K of C Hall; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew fall festival, 11 am-5:30 pm; **Linn**, St. George Harvest Festival, 11 am-7 pm; **Martinsburg**, St. Joseph Oktoberfest, 10:30 am-5 pm; **Morrison**, Assumption parish Fall dinner, 11 am-4 pm; **St. Thomas**, St. Thomas the Apostle parish 150th Heritage Celebration, Mass at 10 am, opening ceremony 11:30 am, activities until 6 pm; **Sedalia**, St. Vincent de Paul bazaar, 11 am-3pm, Sacred Heart School gym

## Meetings & Conferences

**Sep. 22-Nov. 24**

**Laurie**, Financial Peace University 9-week course, Sundays 1-2:30 pm, St. Patrick Church, for info call (573) 371-9906, to register visit [fpu.com/1094445](https://fpu.com/1094445)

**Sep. 25**

**Westphalia**, Jon Leonetti presentation, 6:30-8:30 pm, St. Joseph School, for info call (573) 291-3556 or (573) 694-6319

**Sep. 26**

**Columbia**, "The Heart of Perfection" book signing and talk with Colleen Carroll Campbell, 7 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center; **Columbia**, Cursillo School of Leaders, 7 pm, Flanagan Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes parish; **Holts Summit**, Planning Music for Advent, presented by the Jefferson City Diocesan Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, 7-9 pm, St. Andrew Church, for info call (573) 645-6579 or email [npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com); **Starkenburg**, "Be The Change You Wish To See," women's ministry gathering, 6:30 pm, Valentine Hall, for info visit [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/](https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/)

## Submit events online

In the interest of time and accuracy, *The Catholic Missourian* has moved to a simple online process for submitting events for the Things to Do page.

To have an event considered for publication in Things to Do and in the diocesan online events calendar, go to [diojeffcity.org/event-](https://diojeffcity.org/event-listing)

[listing](https://diojeffcity.org/event-listing) and follow the directions.

The process is straightforward and user-friendly.

Events submitted for display advertising will be automatically included in Things to Do, as will items that have been previously submitted.

**Sep. 28**

**Columbia**, "Care for Creation" program on composting, bee keeping and pollinator gardening, 1-4 pm, Sacred Heart parish activity building, to RSVP text (573) 356-4053

**Sep. 29**

**Boonville**, "Be The Change You Wish To See," women's ministry gathering, 6 pm, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, for info visit [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/](https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/)

**Oct. 1**

**Moberly**, Area Ultreya for Cursillo, 6:30 pm, St. Pius X parish undercroft, for info visit [diojeffcity.org/cursillo](https://diojeffcity.org/cursillo); **Jefferson City**, SOS-Signs of Suicide Trusted Adult Trainings, sponsored by the Anne Marie Project and In A Flash, 1-3 pm and 6-8 pm, to RSVP call (573) 644-4965 or email [annemarieproject.org@gmail.com](mailto:annemarieproject.org@gmail.com)

**Oct. 5**

**Jefferson City**, Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly, 9 am, Missouri State Capitol, for info visit [mocatolic.org](https://mocatolic.org)

**Oct. 6-9**

**Chicago, IL**, International Catholic Stewardship Council annual conference, Sheraton Grand Hotel, for info visit [www.catholicstewardship.com](http://www.catholicstewardship.com)

**Oct. 7**

**Jefferson City**, Jefferson City metro area Ultreya Mass & potluck, 7 pm, St. Peter Church

**Oct. 9**

**Palmyra**, "Be The Change You Wish To See," women's ministry gathering, 6 pm, St. Joseph parish, Farischoon Hall, for info visit [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/](https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/)

**Oct. 16**

**Shelbina**, "Be The Change You Wish To See," women's ministry gathering, 6-8 pm, St. Mary parish, for info visit [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/](https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/)

## Liturgical

**Sep. 21**

**Laurie**, "Pray & Play" free event for families, featuring a

prayer service followed by ice cream social and games, 2:30 pm, St. Patrick parish

**Sep. 29**

**Jefferson City**, 20th anniversary celebration of El Puente-Hispanic Ministry and the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Mass at 1 pm with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, with reception to follow, St. Peter Church, to RSVP call (573) 635-2540

**Oct. 1**

**Linn**, Seeking Christ for our Nation Mass, 6:30 pm, St. George Church

**Oct. 6**

**Mexico**, Mass in Latin in the extraordinary form, noon, St. Brendan Church

**Oct. 8**

**Starkenburg**, Second Tuesday Mass, noon, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows

**Oct. 13**

**Jefferson City**, "One Faith One Family" diocesan celebration of our Catholic identity & unity, multilingual Mass, potluck dinner & entertainment, 2:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, for info call (573) 635-9127 or email [khartman@diojeffcity.org](mailto:khartman@diojeffcity.org)

## Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

**Sep. 13-15**

**Belleville IL**, Women's Quiet Retreat, King's House Retreat Center, for more info or to register call 1-800-779-7909 or visit [kingsretreatcenter.org](https://kingsretreatcenter.org)

**Sep. 24-26**

**Belleville IL**, Women's Quiet Retreat, King's House Retreat Center, for more info or to register call 1-800-779-7909 or visit [kingsretreatcenter.org](https://kingsretreatcenter.org)

**Sep. 27-29**

**Belleville IL**, Women's Quiet Retreat, King's House Retreat Center, for more info or to register call 1-800-779-7909 or visit [kingsretreatcenter.org](https://kingsretreatcenter.org)

**Oct. 6**

**Laurie**, State Knights of Columbus pilgrimage to the National

Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, 10 am, for info or to register call (573) 372-6418 or email [RNS7691@gmail.com](mailto:RNS7691@gmail.com)

**Oct. 7-10**

**St. Louis**, White House Jesuit Retreat for women, for info visit [whretreat.org](https://whretreat.org)

**Oct. 11-13**

**Belleville IL**, Women's Quiet Retreat, King's House Retreat Center, for more info or to register call 1-800-779-7909 or visit [kingsretreatcenter.org](https://kingsretreatcenter.org)

**Oct. 13-19**

**Dittmer, MO**, Annual Intensive/Post Intensive Retreat on Centering Prayer, Il Ritiro Retreat Center, for info call (573) 864-1097, email [cocemo1@gmail.com](mailto:cocemo1@gmail.com) or visit [cocemo.org](https://cocemo.org)

## Youth & Young Adults

**Sep. 25**

**Columbia**, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School open house, 6-8 pm

**Oct. 11-12**

**Quincy, IL**, Great River Quest #87 weekend (for grades 8-10), Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University, for info visit [greatriverquest.org](https://greatriverquest.org)

## Health & Wellness

**Sep. 21**

**Jefferson City**, Fertility Care introductory session, 10 am, Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center, to RSVP call (816) 550-8789 or email [FertilityCare.Como@gmail.com](mailto:FertilityCare.Como@gmail.com)

**Sep. 24**

**Meta**, Blood drive, 2:30-7 pm, Citizens Civic League

**Sep. 26**

**Laurie**, Diabetes talk, 6-7 pm, St. Patrick parish's St. Leo Hall

**Oct. 12**

**Kirkville**, Creighton Model FertilityCare introductory session, noon, Mary Immaculate parish center, to register call 660-665-2466 or email [NEMOfertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:NEMOfertilitycare@gmail.com)

## Anniversaries

### Argyle, St. Aloysius

Charles & Carol Fisher, 43 years  
Mike & Tina Steinman, 39 years  
Jerry & Elaine Falter, 36 years  
Max & Stephanie Mengwasser, 22 years  
Noel & Susan Steinman, 21 years

### Boonville, Ss. Peter and Paul

Francis & Samma Brengarth, 71 years  
Bill & Irene Oser, 67 years  
Wayne & Norma Webster, 57 years  
John & Pat Davis, 56 years  
Earl & Mary Lou Day, 56 years  
Dallas & Flo Howard, 49 years  
Bill & Nancy Atkinson, 45 years  
Norbert & Marcia Imhoff, 43 years  
Jerry & Mary Ann Schuster, 43 years  
Dave & Betty Hatfield, 42 years  
Steve & Darlene Kraus, 41 years  
Glenn & Carol Jones, 40 years  
Ted & Martha Smith, 39 years  
Ralph & Rita Ellebracht, 38 years  
Robert & Lucille Horne, 36 years  
Vernon & Brenda Sharp, 36 years  
Robert & Stacy Snoddy, 35 years  
Mike & Carol Browning, 33 years  
Bruce & Cindy Gentry, 33 years  
John & Lori Twenter, 33 years  
John & Mary Ward, 32 years  
Kyle & Kathy Day, 31 years  
Brian & Toni Esser, 31 years  
Kevin & Claire Oser, 31 years  
Don & Tracy Monteer, 30 years  
David & Delinda Stratman, 29 years  
Clark & Tabitha Greis, 28 years  
Ray & Peggy Wright, 27 years  
Matthew & Tracy Young, 27 years  
Richard & Peggy Armentrout, 26 years  
Steve & Kim Gerlach, 26 years  
Brian & Janice Perkins, 26 years

### Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels

Ralph & Carolyn Kloeppel, 58 years  
Tom & Karen Campbell, 37 years  
Tommie & Carrie Roberds, 21 years  
Mark & Sandra Kloeppel 12 years

### Eldon, Sacred Heart

Paul & Carole Rooney, 57 years

### Freeburg, Holy Family

Francis & Mary Ann Wildhaber, 61 years  
Jim & Julia Wilde, 60 years  
Richard & Mary Hoffman, 49 years  
Dan & Linda Falter, 47 years  
Tom & Alane Wansing, 44 years  
Ralph & Anna Berhorst, 43 years  
Mike & Carleen Dickneite, 43 years  
Bernard & Ruth Welschmeyer, 39 years  
Darrell & Lori Bax, 29 years

## Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers. Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to [editor@diojeffcity.org](mailto:editor@diojeffcity.org); FAXed to (573) 635-2286 (please designate *The Catholic Missourian* as the recipient); or mailed to: *The Catholic Missourian*, P.O. Box. 104900, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4900.

Andy & Mary Plassmeyer, 28 years  
Lonnie & Terri Woodward, 27 years  
Daryl & Amy Haller, 21 years  
Dale & Beth Borgmeyer, 18 years  
Andy & Michelle Iven, 18 years  
Bryan & Marie Verslues, 17 years  
Bob & Judy Haller, 12 years

### Hannibal, Holy Family

Frank & Janef Janes, 50 years

### Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph

Jerome & Leona Schwartze, 67 years

### Jefferson City, St. Peter

Joe & Shannon Owens, 13 years

### Kahoka, St. Michael

Leo and Catherine Nichols, 66 years  
Paul & Dolores Tramel 63 years  
Alan & Judy Ludwick, 39 years  
Mike & Kari Bevans, 25 years

### Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Jim & Brenda Hale, 34 years  
Dave & Tina Schmeling, 30 years  
Kyle & Tabitha Shramek, 13 years

### Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception

Leroy & Betty Hanneken, 58 years  
Wayne & Pamela Korte, 50 years  
Mike & Marilyn Peveler, 44 years  
Jim & Bonnie Walker, 43 years  
Robert & Kimberly Dryden, 32 years  
Ty & Courtney Cothren, 16 years  
Matt & Sarah Speno, 14 years

### Palmyra, St. Joseph

Robert & Esther Hirner, 64 years  
James & Arlene Veit, 61 years  
Jon & Jane Wellman, 50 years  
Alfred & Gloria Jones, 49 years  
James & Harla Friesz, 44 years  
David & Elizabeth Bradley, 40 years  
Tim & Ruth Ann Wright, 32 years  
Daryl & Mary Kaye Caldwell, 31 years  
Curt & Lisa Jones, 22 years  
Phillip & Rose Mudd, 18 years  
Dan & Jaime Gard, 17 years  
Matthew & Brenda Swisher, 13 years

### Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart

Cap & Laura Luebbert, 58 years  
Dennis & Rhonda Bax, 37 years  
Chris & Rhonda Plassmeyer, 34 years  
Cap & Jessica Luebbert, 12 years

### St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence

Henry & Shirley Kemna, 50 years

### St. Martins, St. Martin

Ralph & Gerri Schaefer, 50 years  
Bernie & Marilyn Kemna, 45 years

### St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle

Roger & Eileen Volmert, 45 years

### Sedalia, St. Patrick

Richard "Dick" & Hermina "Mimi" Kraus, 60 years

### Taos, St. Francis Xavier

Jerry & Shirley Toebben, 47 years

### Tipton, St. Andrew

Terry & Marla Arnold, 40 years  
Paul & Debbie Martin, 40 years

### Vandalia, Sacred Heart

John & Mary Wallace, 45 years

### Vienna, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Bob & Shirley Huffman, 58 years  
Bob & Cheryl Eads, 38 years  
Scott & Dawn Breeding, 23 years

Larry & Sarah Buschmann, 19 years  
Chad & Cherie James, 14 years  
Tommy & Alyssa Haller, 11 years

### Wardsville, St. Stanislaus

Ronnie & Dana Staggs, 25 years

### Warsaw, St Ann

Charlotte & Jerry Simmons, 50 years

## Birthdays

Boonville, Ss. Peter and Paul — **Elsie Monnig**, her 99th on Sept. 24

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Filipe Regalado**, his 93rd on Sept. 11

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Liz Stratman**, her 90th on Sept. 2

LaGrange, Notre Dame — **Dorothy Elison**, her 95th on Sept. 20

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Bernice Swaim**, her 90th on Sept. 26

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Fred Evers**, his 90th on Sept 28

St. Anthony, St. Anthony of Padua — **Rosemary Wieberg**, her 90th on Sept. 29

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Betty Kemna**, her 98th

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Melva D. Arnold**, her 90th on Sept. 5

## Baptisms

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Leanna Catherine Avery Farr**, daughter of Darrick & Emily Farr

Marceline, St. Bonaventure — **Daniel Orin Jobson**, son of Jesse & Katherine Jobson

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Caroline Louise Freie**, daughter of Jaron & Elizabeth Freie

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Wyatt Howard Kirchner**, son of Zach & Erika Kirchner

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Sophie Nicole Grothoff**, daughter of Devin & Nicole Grothoff; **Gabriel Louis Nicolaescu**, son of David & Jessica Nicolaescu; **Jack Forrest Strout**, son of Patrick & Karen Stout; **Raylon Thomas VanderFeltz**, son of Justin & Madison VanderFeltz

## Marriages

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Kathleen Mctearnen & Dustin Bohr**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Alyssa Gates & Jeremy Evers**

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Kelsey Boehm & Derek Mengwasser**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Katie Struempff & Daniel Brenneke; Jade Wieberg & Matthew Moeller**

## Deaths

**Eamon Dolan** — brother of Father Patrick Dolan, who provides sacramental ministry for the Milan and Unionville parishes and the Hispanic communities of several parishes in northeastern Missouri — on Aug. 25 in Ireland. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 28 in St. Patrick Church in Trim, Ireland. Burial was in St. Loman Cemetery in Trim.

**David C. Elskamp**, 80 — brother of Father Frederick Elskamp, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese — on Sept. 4. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sept. 28 in St. Peter Church in St. Peter, Minnesota. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in St. Peter.

**Gregory W. Rollins**, 58 — brother of LeAnn Korsmeyer, women's ministry coordinator for the Jefferson City diocese — on Sept. 6 in Jefferson City.

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Robert Kintner**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Jean Danley**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Douglas E. Menke**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Dorothy Solomon Geisler, Rita Tebbe**

Rhineland, Church of the Risen Savior — **LaVerne Battocletti**

Sedalia, Sacred Heart — **Sherri Osborn**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Mary Ann Schreck**

Vienna, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary — **Louis A. Sandbothe**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Mary Kay Duckworth**

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Pat Baumhoer, Del-Fay J. Kever**

## Elections

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception parish pastoral council — **Beth Cobb**, president; **Mike Auchly**, vice president

## Crossword puzzle answers

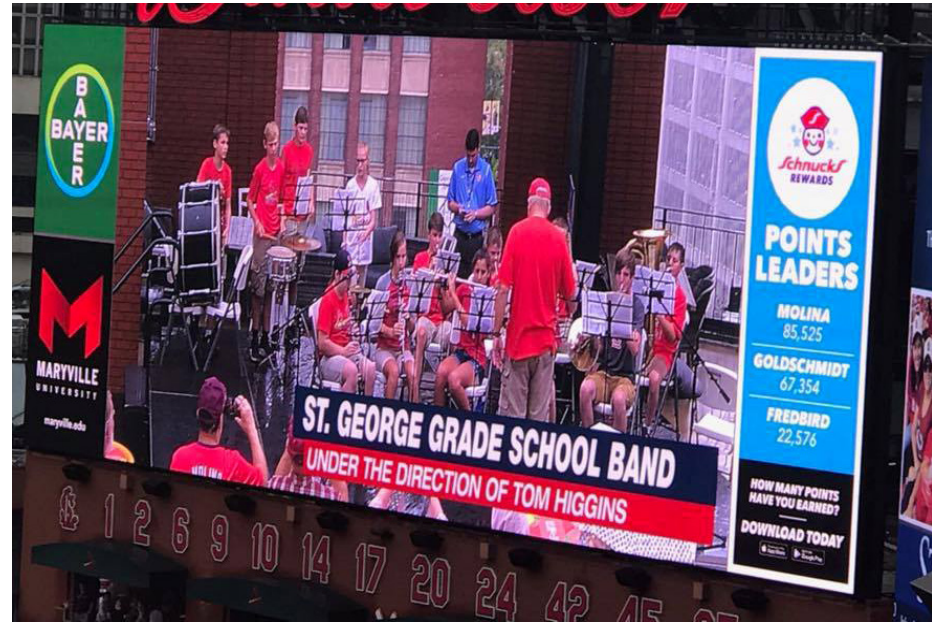
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## Patriot Day remembrance



Students of St. Stanislaus School in Wardsville display the heart-shaped flags they made, following an all-school Patriot Day Mass in remembrance of the 18th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York; Washington, D.C.; and rural Pennsylvania. — Photo by Angie Shelangoski, principal

## Take me out to the ballgame



Members of the St. George School Band from Linn appear on the scoreboard big-screen at Busch Stadium in St. Louis while performing on the field before a St. Louis Cardinals game Aug. 25.

— Photo from St. George Home & School Association's Facebook page

## “Legends never die”



Visitation Inter-parish School's float, “Legends Never Die,” took 2nd place in the religious category in the Maries County Fair. — Photo from Visitation Inter-Parish School's Facebook page

## A visit from a friend of the school



Pre-kindergartners at Holy Family School in Hannibal check out the police car of Cpl. McAdams of the Hannibal Police Department during his Sept. 16 visit to the school.

— Photo from Holy Family School's Facebook page

## Beginning with prayer



Students of St. Joseph School in Pilot Grove line up before the stairs of their school while Father Philip Kane, pastor of St. Joseph parish in Pilot Grove and the St. John the Baptist mission in Clear Creek, blesses the building for a new school year.

## Cell-free zone



Students at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City play the Uno card game during their lunch hour. Father Stephen Jones, president of the school, has declared the Helias Commons a “cell-free zone,” encouraging this kind of interaction.

— Photo by Father Stephen Jones

# Jesus tells the parable of the unjust steward

By Jennifer Ficaglia  
Catholic News Service

One day, Jesus told his followers a parable about a rich man and the steward who oversaw his estate.

The rich man found out that the steward was dishonest and had squandered his property.

“Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward,” the rich man angrily told the steward.

“What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me?” the steward wondered. “I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg.”

He quickly came up with an idea. It was a common practice for a steward to charge his master’s debtors more than what



was owed and keep the extra for himself. So he decided to gain favor with the rich man’s debtors by charging only what they actually owed. In return, the debtors would welcome

him into their homes after he lost his job.

The steward called in the rich man’s debtors one by one.

“How much do you owe my master?” he asked one debtor.

“One hundred measures of olive oil,” the man replied.

“Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for 50,” the steward said.

Another debtor owed the rich man 100 kors of wheat, but the steward told him to write a promissory note for 80.

When the rich man heard of this, he couldn’t help but praise the steward’s prudent actions.

Although Jesus did not want his followers imitating the steward’s dishonesty, he did want them to learn a lesson in the prudent use of worldly wealth.

“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also

dishonest in great ones,” Jesus said. “If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?”

Jesus said that a servant cannot serve two masters.

“He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon,” he said about earthly riches.

### Read more about it...

#### Luke 16

1. Why did the steward lose his job?

2. What were the debts owed to the rich man?

## Bible Accent

In Luke 16, Jesus told another parable about a rich man to show that people cannot serve both God and mammon.

In verses 19-31, we read about a rich man who wore fine clothes and ate the best foods.

Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, who was covered in sores. Lazarus would have gladly eaten scraps that fell from the rich man’s table, but the rich man ignored him.

There came a day when both the rich man and Lazarus died.

Lazarus was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abra-

ham, while the rich man went to the netherworld, a place of torment.

Far off in the distance, the rich man could see Lazarus with Abraham.

“Father Abraham, have pity on me,” the rich man cried. “Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.”

Abraham explained that there was a great chasm between Lazarus and the rich man that no one could cross. Abraham also said that the rich man received what was good in

his lifetime while Lazarus received what was bad.

“But now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented,” Abraham said.

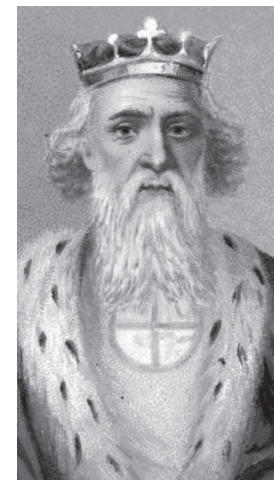
## Trivia

Jesus said it is easier for what to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God? (Hint: Matthew 19:24)

Answer: A camel.

## Saint Spotlight

St. Edward the Confessor was born in England in 1005 and was king from 1042 to 1066. Edward was a good king known for being patient, cautious and flexible. During his reign, England became a more peaceful and united country than it had been before he became king. Edward’s holiness was visible through his care of the poor and his generosity to the church. He also became known for his miracles. It is said that water in which he washed his hands was used to cure people of epilepsy and skin diseases. Edward died in 1066, and we honor him Oct. 13.



### Puzzle

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

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Sentence:

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## Filmmaker's documentary less on immigration than the 'human story'

By Mark Pattison  
Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

The linchpin of Marialuisa Ernst's upcoming documentary, "A Place of Absence," is that, each year, about 20,000 Latin Americans migrating to the United States seem to disappear.

But, as Ernst puts it, "it's not a really an immigration story. It's a human story."

At the heart of the story are mothers who themselves make an annual northward journey to learn the truth about what became of their missing children.

These mothers are "all religious," Ernst told Catholic

News Service in a telephone interview from New York City, where she — as producer, director and writer — is working in postproduction for the documentary.

"Maybe they're not Catholic all of them, but when saying that they keep up with their faith, hope and faith is all one has," Ernst said. "That's something nobody can take away from them. That's the only thing they have in that nightmare of experience they have."

One scene in "A Place of Absence" has a convoy of mothers covering the plaza of a Church in Mexico City with enlarged photographs of their missing

children.

"Nobody really knows about the people who didn't make it here," Ernst said. "They're kidnapped. Something happened to them." Other possibilities are that they died en route — perhaps even after crossing into the United States — or that they were murdered, or sold into sex slavery. Or, perhaps, they melted into the fabric of some city or village along the way.

Ernst knows well the in-between ambiguity the mothers face of not knowing the fate of their loved ones. Her uncle, Guillermo, was one of the thousands of Argentines who, to coin a new verb tense, "were disappeared" by the military junta in the 1970s during that country's "dirty war" against its own citizens. His bones were positively identified after being found in a mass grave dug up decades after the dirty war.

"When I was a child, I used to listen to his songs. There was a tape with the songs that my uncle had written and he was singing. I've listened to those lyrics all my life," Ernst said. "When we were able to find him — his remains — we had the song that he said he wanted to have sung at his funeral, having wrote, 'I'm coming back to my beloved land to rest. I've come after a long journey, the seed of a tree. When my leaves are blown by the wind, I'll sing a song of triumph.' We cremated his body and planted a tree where we planted the remains."

Originally, Ernst set out to

## Movie Ratings



Adults and Adolescents

The Angry Birds Movie 2 (PG)  
Dora and the Lost City of Gold (PG)  
Overcomer (PG)



Adults

Angel Has Fallen (R)  
The Art of Racing in the Rain (PG)  
Bennett's War (PG-13)  
Brian Banks (PG-13)  
Blinded by the Light (PG-13)  
Don't Let Go (R)  
The Farewell (PG)  
47 Meters Down: Uncaged (PG-13)  
The Goldfinch (R)  
The Peanut Butter Falcon (PG-13)  
Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (PG-13)  
Where'd You Go, Bernadette (PG-13)



Morally Offensive

Good Boys (R)  
It: Chapter Two (R)  
The Kitchen (R)  
Ready or Not (R)

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make a documentary focused on her uncle, and the pain her mother felt in not knowing her brother's fate, being able to neither celebrate nor mourn. Then Ernst learned of the mothers and their bus trips to seek their children, even after more than a dozen years of them going missing.

"They are raising awareness and searching for their kids," Ernst told CNS, "in brothels and migrant shelters. They search in jails and, because they are outspoken, they find strength in being together."

She added, "I was able to really witness what that pain was, how deep and ingrained, women and pain." But "they don't just sit and cry and home," Ernst said. "They create change."

Sometimes they find their children alive; Ernst said her documentary will capture one such mother's story.

More often than not, there is little, if any, progress toward learning the fate of a missing child. In one case, Ernst helped arrange for a visa for one mother to travel inside the United States and look for her adult son, whom she believed was dead and could be buried somewhere.

What the mother learned was that "there's no systematic

way or federal laws that say what you do when a body's found," Ernst said. "Each country has the power" to do with unclaimed bodies as it chooses.

In San Diego County, California, "they will throw the bodies on the back side of a cemetery that is closed to public access, and throw a brick and say 'John Doe' and 'Jane Doe,'" she said, and "cremating the bodies that don't have DNA" matches. But in Pima County, Arizona, "they have a database of the bodies found, so she gave her DNA and was searching there," Ernst added.

News articles from 2008 and 2011 suggested there were 40,000 unidentified decedents in the United States at any one time.

"A Place of Absence" is "also about the mother's love, or how love cannot have borders, and how humans can have each other," Ernst said. "In a way, I'm making this documentary, which is not issue-based, but more people-based. ... "You go on a journey with the mothers and you root for them," she added. "You understand what they're going through."

More about the filmmaker and her film can be found at her website, [www.aplacefilm.com](http://www.aplacefilm.com).

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## SR. KATHLEEN

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looked at it. Over the years, I always found myself focusing on the children before me.”

She professed temporary vows — stating her intention before God to live according to the virtues of poverty, chastity and holy obedience — in the summer of 1969.

She professed final vows in 1974.

### International community

Sr. Kathleen has served as a teacher, principal and diocesan elementary-school director in Missouri and Illinois and served for a total of sixteen years in provincial leadership for the former St. Louis province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

She taught in Nepal for a semester in 2000, and taught English in Japan's largest Catholic school from 2002-04.

She has lived and spent time in various cultures in the United States and many other countries, including Honduras, Guatemala, Peru, Japan, Nepal, Sierra Leone and Italy.

“Community life, both locally and within the broader SSND community, is foundational to we are as School Sisters of Notre Dame,” she noted.

She has spent time in some of the most far-

away and isolated regions of the world where there are SSNDs.

“And every time I touched down,” she said, “I would always ask God, ‘Please give me the grace to feel at home. Because if I cannot feel at home, I cannot be attentive to Your grace in this place.’

“God has never failed me in that,” she added.

### Full circle

“In many ways, I feel like I’m just getting started,” said Sr. Kathleen.

“That’s the beauty of experience,” she said. “You can look back and say, ‘How I wish I knew then what I know now!’ But you have to look back and say, ‘That’s where God wanted me and what He wanted me to learn in order to get me here.’

“Everything builds on that with life, with experience, with a relationship with God, with participation in the Church,” she said.

For her jubilee, Sr. Kathleen asks for prayers for faithfulness to God’s calling, and for the freedom and courage to say yes to wherever that may lead her.

“To the degree that I’m faithful to who I am, I am faithful to God Who called me,” she said.

## ST. STANISLAUS

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“May Your Holy Spirit come down upon this altar, we pray O Lord, our God, to sanctify the gifts of Your people, and graciously to cleanse the hearts of all who receive it,” the bishop prayed.

### “Look up”

What pleases Mrs. Niekamp, the artist, most about the completed restoration of St. Stanislaus Church is how much better people can now see what was already there in plain sight.

“Peaceful and focused on God,” she said. “Something that enhances but doesn’t detract.”

She said the new, brighter but more efficient lighting calls attention to the intricacy of the woodwork.

“I hear people say there’s a lot more detailing up around the ceiling that they didn’t notice was up there before,” she said.

The restrained use of gold leaf calls attention to certain highlights of the church without detracting from the overall simplicity.

“We didn’t use a lot, but adding a little bit of gold here and there reflects the light and helps give this place of worship the kind of prominence

it should have,” said Mrs. Niekamp.

She added some color and gold accents to the Christ in Majesty mural above the altar and to the geometric crosses at the base of each wooden beam.

She believes the six rectangular wall panels above the side arches near the ceiling at the front of the church “were blank spaces just waiting to be decorated.”

She seized the opportunity to highlight in words and images such virtues as penance and gratitude.

“We are grateful to God, Who is merciful,” she said. “We understand that we need to be ‘fixed,’ and that God is the source of the grace that fixes us. We depend on Him for that.

“So if your mind wanders while you’re at Mass or just praying here, you can look up and it will keep bringing you back to that,” she said.

### “A great witness”

Early plans called for buying an existing altar and reredos from a church that was no longer using it.

“But we couldn’t find anything that really matched the architecture,” said Mrs. Niekamp.

So she designed something that would.

John Verslues, a woodworker for Sircal Contracting and a member of St. Francis Xavier parish in Taos, was charged with conforming kiln-dried mahogany to Mrs. Niekamp’s agreed-upon designs.

He was at first intimidated with building something for such a holy purpose as the Mass.

“But the parish gave me leeway and the time it took to do it correctly,” he said.

He went to great lengths to make sure the seams and trim matched on all sides before Rainbow Painting and Decorating, which also repainted the church, applied the finish to the altar.

Mrs. Niekamp then helped adorn it with gold leaf.

“Barb’s design looks like it was made for this church, like it’s always been here,” said Mr. Verslues.

He said he finds it humbling to see the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered atop his finest handiwork.

He said he was impressed with the quality of the woodwork of the previous altar and sanctuary furnishings, which are currently in the safekeeping of local builder Kenneth Otke.

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, Sep 22

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Am. 8:4-7  
Ps. 113:1-2, 4-8  
1 Tm. 2:1-8  
Lk. 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

### Monday, Sep 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest  
Ezr. 1:1-6  
Ps. 126:1b-6  
Lk. 8:16-18

### Tuesday, Sep 24

Ezr. 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
Ps. 122:1-5  
Lk. 8:19-21

### Wednesday, Sep 25

Ezr. 9:5-9  
(Ps.) Tb. 13:2-4, 7-8  
Lk. 9:1-6

### Thursday, Sep 26

Ss. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs  
Hg. 1:1-8  
Ps. 149:1b-6a, 9b  
Lk. 9:7-9

### Friday, Sep 27

St. Vincent de Paul, priest  
Hg. 2:1-9  
Ps. 43:1-4  
Lk. 9:18-22

### Saturday, Sep 28

St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs  
Zec. 2:5-9, 14-15a  
(Ps.) Jer. 31:10-13  
Lk. 9:43b-45

### Sunday, Sep 29

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Am. 6:1a, 4-7  
Ps. 146:7-10  
1 Tm. 6:11-16  
Lk. 16:19-31

### Monday, Sep 30

St. Jerome, priest, doctor of the Church  
Zec. 8:1-8  
Ps. 102:16-23, 29  
Lk. 9:46-50

### Tuesday, Oct 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church  
Zec. 8:20-23  
Ps. 87:1b-7  
Lk. 9:51-56

### Wednesday, Oct 2

The Holy Guardian Angels  
Neh. 2:1-8  
Ps. 137:1-6  
Mt. 18:1-5, 10

### Thursday, Oct 3

Neh. 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12  
Ps. 19:8-11  
Lk. 10:1-12

### Friday, Oct 4

St. Francis of Assisi  
Bar. 1:15-22  
Ps. 79:1b-5, 8-9  
Lk. 10:13-16

### Saturday, Oct 5

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest  
Bar. 4:5-12, 27-29  
Ps. 69:33-37  
Lk. 10:17-24

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A piece of the wood from that altar contains a handwritten note from the priest who was serving at the parish in 1928.

“It’s an amazing testament to the history of this place,” said Mr. Verslues.

Fr. Medina and Bishop McKnight were quick to thank everyone who had a hand in the work of renewing the church.

“What a beautiful restora-

tion project this has been,” said Bishop McKnight.

Fr. Medina called it “a great witness of life and faith.”

Amazed at the strength and commitment of the St. Stanislaus parish community, Mr. Verslues asks God to continue drawing people to worship Him around this altar for many generations to come.

“When we do things like this, I think it brings people closer to God,” he said.

# Signs of Suicide (S.O.S.) Training in Jefferson City

**DATE:** October 1  
**TIME:** 1-3 and 6-8 pm

The Anne Marie Project, In A Flash, Coalition for Mental Health and the United Way Suicide (S.O.S.) Training for Trusted Adults on Tuesday,

Oct. 1, in Jefferson City. The training will be given twice —1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. — in SSM St. Mary's Health Plaza Conference Center, 2505 Mission Drive (take Elevator B to the Garden Level).

Given by the Coalition for Mental Health, this training is for all adults, teachers, parents and guardians who want to know more about the signs of suicide in order to save lives.

There is no charge, however, in-kind donations will be accepted to help with future trainings.

A light lunch and dinner will be available.

Seating is limited. Reserve your spot by indicating to Julie Gramlich which session you will be attending by Sept. 27.

Call (573) 644-4965 or e-mail [annemarieproject.org@gmail.com](mailto:annemarieproject.org@gmail.com).

## Lauren Murphy in Centralia

**DATE:** September 22  
**TIME:** 7 pm

Lauren Murphy, who has overcome traumatic brain injuries in through miracles of medicine and the power of prayers by her family and friends, will share her story at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22, in Holy Spirit Church, 404 S. Rollins St. in Centralia.

She and her mother will talk about how she overcame insurmountable odds to recover from the effects of being struck by a car while running.

Ms. Murphy ([murfphysdontquit.com](http://murfphysdontquit.com)) was not expected to survive, let alone walk or speak again.

She recently completed her 31st 5K run since her accident.

She will share five spiritual points in her talk: "Show up"; "Find your cheerleader"; "Kindness is free"; "Work hard" and "Never give up."

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