

**Chicago pilgrims follow in Fr. Tolton's footsteps**

The co-postulator of Venerable Fr. Tolton's sainthood cause led a pilgrimage to the places of Fr. Tolton's birth, baptism, priestly discernment, and burial.

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## Boonville parish takes stock, turns focus outward



**Renewed emphasis on stewardship, spiritual apprenticeship and trying new things to engage young people, families, the community**

By Jay Nies

Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Boonville is in the middle of a substantial reconstruction project.

It has nothing to do with bricks and mortar, only the spiritual foundations.

"We're looking at radically transforming the parish," said Father William Peckman, pastor of the Boonville parish and of St. Joseph parish in Fayette. "We're looking far into the future, starting with a fundamental shift in how we view ourselves and our mission."

With help from people in the diocesan Chancery office, Ss. Peter & Paul parish is placing renewed emphasis on stewardship, spiritual apprenticeship, and the courage to try new things.

Ss. Peter & Paul is one of six parishes in the diocese that are taking part in the Catholic Coaching Cohort, with guidance from the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry and Religious Education, and the Wisconsin-based Parish Success Group.

Their five-year mission is to break away from a maintenance mindset and turn more fully toward discipleship and evangelization.

"We're going to be trying a lot of new things," said Fr. Peckman. "Some of them will work, some of them will not. But we will not be afraid to fail."

Parish leaders started the process about a year ago by thoroughly inventorying the parish's structures and procedures that are aimed at connecting with families and helping them raise children who love and serve the Lord.

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Members of the "Juvies for Jesus" high school youth group at Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Boonville make Christmas cards to send to the diocese's seminarians in this December 2018 photo. — Photo by Trish Lutz

## Newly formed St. Vincent de Paul parish is a move toward greater unity in Pettis County

By Jay Nies

One parish with three places of worship.

That is what the former Sacred Heart and St. Patrick parishes in Sedalia and the former St. John the Evangelist mission in Bahner have become.

At the request of the people, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight united all three into a new parish, known as St. Vincent de Paul.

"By joining the parishes together, the members of the Catholic Church in Pettis County now belong to a wider group of parishioners for the benefit of all," Bishop McKnight stated at the inaugural Mass for the new parish Sept. 22.

"The greater efficiency that comes with working together allows the Church to leverage the spiritual, financial and human resources throughout the whole county, such that the Church can provide a full range of better parish services that

everyone deserves to have," he said.

More than 700 people attended the inaugural Mass, celebrated in the Heckart Performing Arts Center at Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia.

The bishop's decision to combine the congregations came in response to a request from lay representatives of all three, along with Precious Blood Father Mark Miller, who was their pastor before retiring Aug. 1.

They made the request following a thorough review of the parishes' viability and vitality, as well as extensive consultation within all three congregations.

They requested that the new parish be entrusted to the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, after whom the first parish

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## Pray for deceased priests

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- Oct. 14 — **Fr. P. Brendan Lawless**, Immaculate Conception, St. James; and St. Anthony, Rosati (2013)
- Oct. 17 — **Fr. Richard L. Kaiser**, St. Thomas Seminary, Hannibal (1970); **Fr. Patrick Daly**, St. Andrew, Tipton (1993)
- Oct. 19 — **Fr. Terence J. Mullins**, St. Joseph, Edina (1964)

## MU Homecoming alumni choir Oct. 13

St. Thomas More Newman Center parish in Columbia is inviting alumni to sing in the choir for Mass during the University of Missouri Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 13. Light breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by 9 a.m. rehearsal and Mass at 11 a.m. Contact Kelley Burns at [kelley.burns@comonewman.org](mailto:kelley.burns@comonewman.org) for information.

## Project Homeless Connect volunteers

**DATE: October 18**  
**TIME: 9 am - 2 pm**

Project Homeless Connect is an annual event that provides a one-stop-shop for homeless individuals and families, providing access to the services they need to get connected with housing, employment, healthcare, and social services. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the 300 Block of East Capitol Avenue. Project Homeless Connect is an annual event that provides a one-stop-shop for homeless individuals and families, providing access to the services they need to get connected with housing, employment, healthcare, and social services.

**Volunteer Ombudsman Needed**

Want to make a difference in the life of a vulnerable adult? The Ombudsman Program is a network of volunteers who advocate, educate, and empower residents who reside in nursing homes. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer contact the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at 1-800-309-3282. For more information visit <http://health.mo.gov/seniors/ombudsman/>.

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## 2-day training in Columbia for starting St. Vincent de Paul conferences

**DATE: October 11 -12**

The Jefferson City diocese will hold two days of training for people interested in establishing local parish conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12, in Columbia.

The sessions will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive, near Stadium Boulevard and I-70.

The Friday session will begin at 9 a.m. The Saturday session will start with 8 a.m. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society ([www.svdpusa.org](http://www.svdpusa.org)) is a Catholic lay organization that leads men and women to join together and grow spiritually by offering person-to-person

service to people who are in need and suffering, in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The society's nearly 100,000 trained volunteers in the United States provided 12.5 million hours of volun-

teer service in 2018, helping more than 5.4 million people through visits to homes, prisons and hospitals, at a value of more than \$1.1 billion dollars.

Contact Deacon Louis Leonatti at (573) 581-7699 or [louisleonatti@gmail.com](mailto:louisleonatti@gmail.com) for information.

## Case Homecoming Mass

**DATE: October 9  
TIME: 3 pm**

The annual Homecoming Mass at old St. Anthony Church in Case will be offered at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, pastor of St. George parish in Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior parish in Rhineland, will preside.

The road to the church is located off Highway 94, about

6 miles east of Highway 19, in Warren County. A simple sign on the highway points to the road.

Volunteers restored and continue to maintain the little country church, which was last used for regular Sunday Masses in around 1975.

They recently repainted the exterior and installed new gutters.

## Organ and choral music

**DATE: October 20  
TIME: 5 pm**

St. Peter parish in Jefferson City will host a free concert featuring organist Horst Buchholz and vocal soloist MeeAe Cecilia Nam, on Sunday, Oct. 20.

The program will span four centuries of music for organ and voice, with works by Mozart, Saint-Saens, Dupre, Britten and others.

It will be at 5 p.m. in St. Peter Church, 216 Broadway St.

## Bishop McKnight to ordain five deacons

**DATE: October 13  
TIME: 2 pm**

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has summoned Pedro de Jesús Almazán, Jerónimo Chinchilla Córdón, Edwin Omar Pacheco, Santos Abel Rubio and Juan Enrique Cas-

tro Palos to be ordained permanent deacons for the Jefferson City diocese.

The Ordination Mass will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

All are invited to attend.

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


For the cessation of violence; that our communities foster a culture of life and peace by recognizing the dignity of every human being, made in the image and likeness of God.

**Intención del mes de octubre del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local**

Por el cese de violencia; que nuestras comunidades fomenten una cultura de vida y paz reconociendo la dignidad de cada ser humano, hecho a la imagen y semejanza de Dios.



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



### Bishop McKnight's Calendar

**OCTOBER**

- Oct. 4** Missouri Catholic Conference Board of Directors Dinner and Meeting, 6 pm, Bishop's Residence, Jefferson City
- Oct. 5** Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly, 9 am, Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City, with Mass at 2:30 pm, St. Peter Church, Jefferson City
- Oct. 6** Confirmation Mass, 2 pm, Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 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; Deacon Formation Team Appreciation Dinner, 5 pm, Bishop's Residence, Jefferson City
- Oct. 14** Missouri Bishops & Major Superiors Meeting, 8:45 am, Cardinal Rigali Center, St. Louis
- Oct. 22** Meeting of Deans of Diocese of Jefferson City, 11 am, Catholic Center, Jefferson City; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Catholic Center, Jefferson City
- Oct. 23** Confirmation Mass, 7 pm, St. Andrew Church, Tipton
- Oct. 24** Diocesan Excellence in Education Fund Board Meeting, 1 pm, Columbia; Mass with Knights and Dames of Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, 5:30 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbia, followed by Dinner
- Oct. 26** Mass, 100th Anniversary of Knights of Columbus Council 2044, 5 pm, Montgomery City followed by Dinner
- Oct. 27** Confirmation Mass, 2 pm, Mary Immaculate Church, Kirksville

### FALL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

**Monday, October 28  
Resurrection & St. Peter Cemeteries  
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All floral arrangements and decorations must be removed before this date, and should be done by a person designated by the family. Unauthorized persons found removing flowers and decorations from graves will be prosecuted.

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# Chicago pilgrims visit sites of Fr. Tolton's birth, baptism

By Jay Nies

They filled the heavens with sweet accord.

Pilgrims from Chicago sang "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" while gathered at the place of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton's baptism.

"It was his favorite hymn," Bishop Joseph N. Perry pointed out. "It was played by a band and sung when he arrived in Quincy after his ordination, and sung again at his funeral."

Bishop Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago and co-postulator for Fr. Tolton's sainthood cause, led 29 people on a pilgrimage to Quincy, Illinois, and Brush Creek, Missouri.

Fr. Tolton, born a slave on a northeastern Missouri plantation, was baptized as a baby in the old St. Peter Church in Brush Creek and grew up in Quincy.

Overcoming tremendous difficulty on account of his skin color, he eventually succeeding in becoming the Roman Catholic Church's first black priest in North America.

The Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith sent him back to the United States as a missionary. He ministered in Quincy and then in Chicago until his death in 1897.

His earthly remains are at rest in Quincy.

The Chicago archdiocese opened the sainthood cause for him in 2010.



**LEFT:** Pilgrims arrive and walk down the shady lane to St. Peter Church in Brush Creek. The church stands where Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, a candidate for sainthood, was baptized in 1854. **RIGHT:** Bishop Joseph N. Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago and co-postulator for Fr. Tolton's sainthood cause, leads Evening Prayer in St. Peter Church in Brush Creek.

— Photos from the Chicago archdiocese's Facebook page

## Symbols of hope

Bishop Perry, himself an African-American descendant of slaves, has been leading an annual Brush Creek pilgrimage for nine years.

The journey included stops at significant places in Fr. Tolton's life and ministry, as well as his burial place in St. Peter Cemetery in Quincy.

Bishop Perry was delighted to speak with Carl Thompson, who owns the farm where Fr. Tolton was born and where his family worked as slaves.

The pilgrims prayed Evening Prayer and sang hymns in St. Peter Church in Brush Creek, built around 1860 on the site of the plank church in which Fr. Tolton was baptized in 1854.

In the churchyard, said Bishop Perry, "we watched the

solemn posture of persons from our group and even the tears shed by several upon visiting the two cemeteries there at Brush Creek — one for area citizens, the other with unmarked graves of deceased slaves."

It reminded them of the thousands of former slaves who lived holy lives like Fr. Tolton but died without leaving much of a record of who they were.

"They were saints in what they endured; they were symbols of hope and good will; they were God's precious ones," said Bishop Perry. "We need to study their stories for the sake of the challenges that continue to plague us."

## "So blessed"

Bishop Perry believes the most stirring experiences the pilgrims had on their journey were the stops in Brush Creek and at Fr. Tolton's grave in Quincy, where they prayed together upon arriving and again before returning to Chicago.

They went to the old Elliot Farm in Ralls County, where Fr. Tolton was born, and visited with Carl Thompson, who now owns the property.

"We can't find anything here to tell you a saint was born here — other than that



we know he was!" Mr. Thompson told Bishop Perry and the rest of the pilgrims.

Not only was Fr. Tolton born on that farm, so was Mr. Thompson, 99 years later.

"I've been around Brush Creek my whole life," he said. "I started serving Mass at St. Peter's when I was in second grade."

The late Monsignor Edward Connolly, who was pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Monroe City for decades before retiring to Brush Creek, would tell the young altar server about the slave who was born nearby and grew up to be a priest.

Mr. Thompson shared with the pilgrims as many of those stories as he could remember.

"You could tell they were in awe just to be there," he recalled. "They inspired me just by how passionate they were about what they were doing."

Mr. Thompson has been Catholic his whole life, but only now is he starting to appreciate the depths of God's grace and the richness of the faith.

There has been some sickness and sadness lately in parts of his family, which he believes has drawn him and his wife closer to God.

"It seems to me that I've been busy all my life and maybe took my religion for granted," he said. "Sometimes, you need things like all of this to help you see what's really important."

He now considers with amazement that a likely saint once walked the same roads and worked in the same fields as he.

"How can I be so blessed as

to have been born and to have lived on that farm?" he said.

## "Peace and the Good"

The pilgrims also visited St. Francis Solanus College (now known as Quincy University), where Franciscan friars helped Fr. Tolton prepare academically for priestly studies and search for a seminary that would admit him.

Bishop Perry believes those Franciscans' eagerness to help is a testament to their order and its founder.

"St. Francis carries a reputation as a gentle and sensitive soul who had insights into the human hearts of others," the bishop stated.

Franciscans in the United States "have always demonstrated themselves to be unapologetic servants of the poor, from the *poverello* himself, the poor Francis," Bishop Perry added.

"There was no duplicity or anything harsh in him," he noted. "His Franciscan family is now well over 800 years old!"

## "Indiscriminate welcoming"

The prayer Bishop Perry composed in 2009 for Fr. Tolton's canonization points out that Fr. Tolton "labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical."

Likewise, said the bishop, "we also are living in times of great beauty and great contradiction."

"If we would move forward with the inspiration of the saints, we must do so with

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# Refugee advocates decry Trump administration's plan to lower cap on refugees for third year in a row

By Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

Refugee advocates — including representatives of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) — are opposed to the decision announced by the Trump administration Sept. 26 that it plans to admit no more than 18,000 refugees in the next fiscal year, the lowest number since the resettlement program was created in 1980.

“The U.S. must remain the beacon of hope to people who feel forgotten and abandoned by the world and maintain its status as a leader of refugee policy for all nations to follow,” said Dominican Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA.

A Sept. 27 statement by the organization said it “strongly opposes” the administration’s plans to “historically reduce the number of refugees welcomed into the United States” and urged it to “consider the refugee resettlement program’s mission to provide protection to those in need for humanitarian reasons.”

“The program should return to consistent refugee numbers rather than focus primarily on its use for partisan-based purposes,” the statement added.

The State Department released the refugee cap proposal and the White House issued a separate order saying states and



**Pope Francis attends the unveiling of a large bronze statue titled, “Angels Unawares,” by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz, in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican Sept. 29, 2019. The statue depicts a group of migrants and refugees on a boat.**  
— CNS photo/Vatican Media

localities must approve refugee resettlement in their regions before refugees can be sent to them.

A final decision on the number of refugees the U.S. will admit will be made after consultation with Congress.

Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Migration, called the current situation “the world’s greatest forced displacement crisis on record.”

“For our nation, which leads by example, to lower the number of refugee admissions for those who are in need is unacceptable,” he said in a statement Sept. 27. “Refugees

are among the most vulnerable people, fleeing war, religious persecution, and extreme targeted violence. Turning a blind eye to those in need with such callous disregard for human life would go against the values of our nation and fail to meet the standards that make our society great.

“We also have deep concerns about the forthcoming executive order permitting state and city officials to turn away refugees from their communities. We fear the collateral negative consequences, especially for refugees and their families, of creating a confusing patchwork across America of some jurisdictions where refugees are welcomed and others where they are not.

He said the bishops urged the administration and Congress to work together to restore U.S. refugee resettlement to normal levels.

## “Profound loss”

Dan Lester, executive director of CCCNMO, said they share the concerns of refugee advocates around the country and the world regarding the administration’s plans to decrease the number of refugees admitted to the U.S. for the third consecutive year.

He said the effect the new policy will have on local refugee resettlement efforts has not yet been determined, but “recent national reductions have led to fewer and fewer refugees being resettled in the Diocese of Jefferson City.”

Refugee and Immigration

Services of CCCNMO works under the auspices of the US-CCB, through a contract with the U.S. government, to help refugees begin their new lives here.

Mr. Lester said CCCNMO welcomed 229 new refugee arrivals in Fiscal Year 2016.

That number decreased to 159 in 2017; 128 in 2018; and 97 in 2019.

He noted that nationally, a number of agencies within the Catholic resettlement network have been forced to close due to the reduction in new arrivals.

He said CCCNMO and the Jefferson City diocese have a long and successful history of answering the Gospel call to “welcome the stranger” (Matthew 25), with thousands

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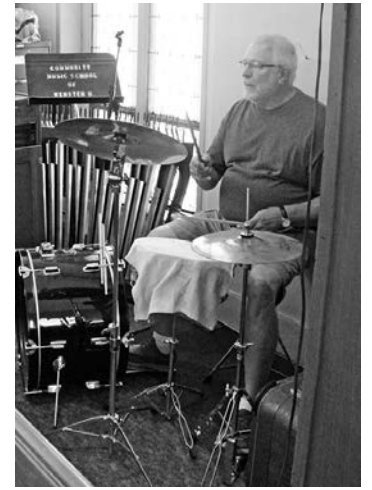
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**LEFT:** Members of the St. George parish choir in Hermann lead the singing at a Polka Mass the parish held in May of this year. **CENTER:** Sherri Gerlemann and Virginia Hall accompany the singing on guitar and accordion. **RIGHT:** Larry Landolt keeps the beat on drums. — Photos by Jay Nies

## Polka Mass tradition continues at St. George in Hermann

**DATE:** October 13  
**TIME:** 10:30 am

By Jay Nies

*"Jesus, we're not worthy ever, to receive You here today. Say the word, denying never. Make us pure again, we pray."*

Plaintive stanzas of contrition and thanksgiving envelop the altar of a hilltop church in Hermann.

Then it hits you: this is "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain!"

The lovesick ballad, recast with pious lyrics and a Slavic tempo, seems right at home in this place of grace, where generations of plainspoken immigrants once knelt in worship and sought redemption.

Before the final blessing, the people will have tapped their toes to an array of folk

compositions, ranging from the jovial "Let the Son Shine In" to the haunting "Beloved Mother" — a translated Polish Marian hymn reported to have brought tears to Pope St. John Paul II's eyes.

They will have responded to the principal parts of the Mass in cadences reminiscent of festivals and firesides of Northern Europe and the prairie frontiers of the American Midwest.

This is what's known as a Polka Mass, and it will be celebrated with requisite joy and reverence at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, in St. George Church, 128 W. Fourth St.

All are invited to take part in the Mass, which coincides with the Hermann Oktoberfest and the parish's annual Smorgasbord.

### Sing to the Lord

The Polka Mass is an uplifting celebration.

The happy-spirited slate of hymns and spirituals in the polka style encourages active worship and full participation from the congregation.

"It's really an upbeat Mass with really beautiful music and lyrics," said St. George parishioner Virginia Hall, who plays the accordion in the parish's Polka Mass ensemble.

"It's very fitting in our area," she said. "We do have a strong German heritage. Polka music is the background music for a lot of our festivals here."

The music ensemble also consists of Sherri Gerlemann on guitar and Larry Landolt on drums.

The parish choir, directed by Tim Engemann, leads the singing.

All the portions of the Mass that can be sung — "Lord Have Mercy," "Gloria," "Alleluia," "Holy, Holy, Holy," and the "Lamb of God" — are set to polka-style music.

Polka hymns are sung throughout.

The choir and ensemble will also play for about 10 minutes before the Mass begins.

"I think it's become a tradition here," Mrs. Hall said. "People wait to see what Masses we're going to play at, and plan to attend because

they enjoy them."

### "Unique mode"

"The Polka Mass," explains the liner notes of a record titled "Songs and Hymns from the Polka Mass," "consists of



**Tim Engemann directs the St. George choir during the May 2019 Polka Mass.**

Mass in the United States in 1972, in Lowellville, Ohio, with Bob Timko orchestra.

The late Father Frank Perkovich presided at the second Polka Mass in the United States, at the Resurrection Church in Eveleth, Minnesota, on May 5, 1973, accompanied by Joe Cvek and the Variable Orchestra (later known as the Polka Masters).

From that ensemble came most of the music that will be used for the Mass in Hermann.

### Strings and reeds

Mrs. Hall started taking accordion lessons at age 9 and played in a German accordion band as a teenager.

She kept playing through school and returned to Hermann in 1975 to work at the local hospital.

She still plays the original accordion her parents bought her in St. Louis when she was 11.

"Honestly, it never occurred to me to play an accordion in church," she said. "But it's amazing how well it works."

More than 20 years ago, choir members Harold and Pearl Schaumberg, both now deceased, presented her a recording titled "Songs and Hymns from the Polka Mass."

They encouraged her to learn the music.

the same basic worship service celebrated in the Roman Catholic tradition but utilizing a unique mode of music.

"Folk music, cherished by generations of Slovenian and Croatian people, has been specially arranged and adapted with hymn lyrics in English.

"These old ethnic melodies are presented in the polka and waltz stylings ... and are sung in reverence by the congregation and the choraleers.

"The result is a joyous, inspiring worship service with the most unusual music and orchestration presented in a manner of dignity which enhances the solemnity of the Mass."

Father George Balasko celebrated the first known Polka

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## Three professed as members of Secular Franciscan Order

By Jay Nies

The tight family of Secular Franciscans in the Jefferson City diocese has grown by three.

Deacon Joseph and Mary Ann Puglis of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Columbia and Rebecca Bouck of Our Lady of the Lake parish in Lake Ozark made their profession this summer in the Secular Order of Franciscans (O.S.F.).

They did so on July 27 in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

Steve Geldmacher O.F.S. of St. Louis, regional minister of the Secular Franciscans, on behalf of the Church and the order, received their profession into the Joyful Servants Fraternity (family).

Profession is the culmination of over three years of initial formation.

Each of the three new members promised to follow the *Rule of Life of the Secular Franciscan Order*, and to live out the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis of Assisi by means of that same rule.

### Path of lifelong conversion

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

There are approximately 12,000 members of the O.F.S. in the United States.

St. Francis himself wrote the first *Rule of Life* for members of the order. That *Rule* has been updated since the Second Vatican Council but remains true to the vision of the founder.

This *Rule* calls Secular Franciscans to live out their calling to Franciscan life in a particular way — in their homes and families, at work, in their parishes and in the world.

Members are single or married laypersons or diocesan clergy.

The brothers and sisters of the O.F.S., led by the Holy Spirit, strive for perfect charity in their own secular state.

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

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

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

Admission to the order does not require people to show themselves to be perfect imitators of Christ. Rather, conversion and conformity to His way of life is a lifelong process, carried out daily because of human frailty.

The *Rule of Life* and the support of the fraternity are of great assistance to Secular Franciscans seeking to follow Christ in the way they are called.

### A closer walk with Christ

Ms. Bouck said she has been profoundly humbled and blessed in making her profession as a Secular Franciscan.

"I am very thankful for those who helped and encouraged me on this journey," she stated. "I encourage anyone who has felt the call to the Secular Franciscans Order to visit our fraternity. I am so happy that I did!"

Mrs. Puglis said St. Francis is inspiring her to follow more closely in the footsteps of Jesus and bring His Gospel to life for her and for others.

"The humility of Francis goes against all that we see and hear in this world of ours," she stated. "He knew Jesus intimately, but did not let it go to his head."

### "God so loved"

Deacon Puglis, who assists the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, observed that common knowledge about St. Francis varies widely from person to person.

Some think of a "little bald friar with a bird on his shoulders — a lover of animals," said Deacon Puglis.

Other think of the "Make me an instrument of your peace" prayer that has been apocryphally attributed to him.

"Those who know Francis a little deeper will think about the Portuncula, the wolf of Gubbio, the first Nativity scene at Greccio, his daring encounter with a Sultan, and his *stigmata*," the deacon stated.

"Others will remember



Rebecca Bouck O.F.S., Mary Ann Puglis O.F.S. and Deacon Joe Puglis O.F.S., newly professed members of the Joyful Servants Fraternity of the Order of Secular Franciscans; Nancy Singh O.F.S., minister of the Joyful Servants Fraternity; and Steve Geldmacher O.F.S., regional minister of the St. Clare Region, gather near the altar of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

— Photo by Maureen Gray O.S.F.

the great love Francis had for Jesus, his service to the poor and lepers, his restoration of a Church, discovery of the Cross of Damiano, and his first female follower, Clare."

What struck Deacon Puglis when he was first exposed to Franciscan spirituality several years ago was St. Francis's understanding of the Incarnation of Jesus.

"St. John wrote in the third chapter of his Gospel that most-familiar quote: 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life,' (John 3:16).

Deacon Puglis pointed to a passage from the Franciscan formation manual:

"It is our belief as Franciscans that God's LOVE is what prompted God to send Jesus to earth to be with us. Sin is NOT what influenced God to send Jesus.

"Whether we had sinned or not," the manual continues, "Jesus would have come among us because God's love seeks to be with us. That love is made visible in the humanity of Jesus, the Christ. Only secondarily

truth of faith for Franciscans is that God's love finds expression in the Incarnation. God chooses to come among us BECAUSE God loves us. And Jesus shows us what that LOVE looks like in everyday life.

"Jesus is at the heart of ALL we are. Jesus IS the love of God made flesh."

Deacon Puglis said this understanding, which Franciscans refer to as Incarnational Spirituality, is one of the many reasons that his profession as a Secular Franciscan means so much to him.

### Family of families

The Joyful Servants Fraternity, based in central Missouri, is one of several O.S.F. fraternities that are active in the Jefferson City diocese.

The three recent professions bring the membership of this fraternity to 14 professed members.

Another five people are in the inquiry or candidacy stage of discernment.

The Joyful Servants Fraternity meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

did this love rescue us from our sin and unfaithfulness.

"Hence one theological

## Mass in Brush Creek

DATE: October 13  
TIME: 1 pm

Father Gregory Oligschlaeger, pastor of the Monroe City and Indian Creek parishes, will offer Mass in historical St. Peter Church in Brush Creek at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13.

The church stands where Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, the Church's first known black priest in the United States, was baptized.

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## QUESTION CORNER

## New Catholic needs annulment? / Communion chalice & health risks

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Catholic News Service



**Q. A neighbor of ours, age 66, just completed the RCIA program to become a Catholic. She has been told that she cannot receive Holy Communion or be confirmed until she secures an annulment. She was not married in a Catholic church and has been divorced for over a decade. She states that she has “no intention of getting married again.” Does she really need an annulment? (Columbus, Ohio)**

A. No. If she has no intention of marrying again, there is no need for her to have an annulment before she is received into the Catholic Church and able to share in the sacraments. If the time ever came, however, when she wanted to enter into a new marriage, she would first have to have that earlier marriage examined by the church.

Some Catholics think — mistakenly — that when two non-Catholics marry, that marriage doesn't “count” with the Catholic Church. That is untrue. So whether the first marriage of the woman in question was to a Catholic or to a non-Catholic, that marriage would still have to be declared null for her to enter a new marriage with the Church's blessing.

**Q. I've been wondering about this for a long time. Why, at Holy Communion, do we have to drink from the same chalice that everyone else has used? It seems to me to be a very unsanitary practice, with all the germs and diseases that are around. So my family and I do not partake of the Precious Blood of Jesus at Mass. Why can't Catholics offer Holy Communion in individual disposable cups, as some of the Protestant churches do? (Sherwood, Arkansas)**

A. Over the years, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has several times answered inquiries regarding the risk of disease transmission from a common cup.

As the American Journal of Infection Control has explained (October 1998), within the CDC there is a consensus that a “theoretic” risk might exist, but that “the risk is so small that it is undetectable.” And further, “no documented transmission of any infectious disease has ever been traced” to this practice.

Anne LaGrange Loving, a New Jersey microbiologist who has conducted a study on the subject, stated in a *Los Angeles Times* article Jan. 1, 2005, that “people who sip from the Communion cup don't get sick more often than anyone else” and that “it isn't any riskier than standing in line at the movies.”

Nevertheless, common caution should be observed: Ministers should clean their hands thoroughly before distributing the Eucharist, and the Communion chalice should be washed with soap and hot water after every service. Those currently suffering from an active respiratory disease should have the good sense to receive the host only, not the chalice, and a number of Catholic dioceses have actually suspended the use of the Communion cup during outbreaks of influenza.

As to the manner of reception, Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherans typically use a common Communion cup, while Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and evangelical congregations tend to pass out individual and disposable cups.

It seems to me that the common cup more closely carries on the tradition of the Last Supper and highlights our joint sharing in the eucharistic sacrifice. In Matthew's Gospel (26:27), for example, Jesus “took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is the blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgive-

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## Papal Audience

October 2, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, we now consider how a new stage in the spread of the Gospel occurs. The deacon Philip, prompted by the Holy Spirit, encounters a man whose heart is open to God. This foreigner, a high official of the Queen of Ethiopia, is reading a passage from the prophet Isaiah. Yet, without a guide, he is unable to understand its full meaning. Philip explains to him how the Old Testament prophecies reach their fulfillment in Christ. As a result, the Ethiopian professes his faith in Jesus, and asks to be baptized. From the baptismal waters he emerges no longer a stranger, but a member of the Body of Christ. The dialogue in this encounter reveals to us the key to reading the Scriptures: namely, Christ. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen all the baptized to follow the example of Philip in bearing witness to the saving power of the Gospel and bringing others to Jesus.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's audience, especially the groups from England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Botswana, Australia, China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Canada, and the United States of America. In a particular way my greeting goes to the seminarians of the Pontifical North American College and their families gathered for the ordination to the Diaconate to be celebrated tomorrow. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you!



## Voices from the Vineyard

By Father Joseph Joyce

Each of us could write a book on disappointments because there are so many in our lives. In Pakistan, I have found that disappointments abound more than I've experienced in any other country I've lived in as a Columban missionary.

Many electrical power cuts come suddenly; numerous appointments are made and not kept; classes and programs are requested and cancelled or changed at the last moment.

Unexpected political or religious protests take place that disrupt traffic and make it impossible to reach destinations; buses, planes and trains can be cancelled or delayed for hours on end. A favorite meal I was looking forward to turns out to be quite different. The list could go on.

For some time, I've been reflecting on my disappointments and asking myself what it is that helps me to cope with them.

Lowering my expectations is one. This has helped me to avoid being frustrated when things haven't work out as I had hoped. Acceptance of human limitations is another. It has helped me

to be more tolerant. A third is recognition of the fact that God has His own timing of things, and if something doesn't work out at a particular time, another opportunity will be provided. A fourth is to tell myself to let go. These have enabled me to live more peacefully and patiently most of the time.

I would add one more. I found it in a book by Redemptorist priest Denis McBride called *Waiting on God*. His references to people in the Bible, including Jesus, and in the modern world, who waited for the circumstances and events of God's plan to unfold, have given me a deep sense of peace and strength. He ends the book with these words:

*“It is still quiet at the back of the darkened sanctuary where the old woman sits huddled and waiting. The sanctuary light is still flickering. The old woman watches and she serves and she prays. Sometimes she is both faithful and hopeful. Sometimes she is not. But still she waits. The old woman's name is Church.”*

Columban Fr. Joyce lives and works in Pakistan. (<https://columban.org/>)



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## Prolife and the next generation

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP



For American Catholics, October is Respect Life Month and this year's theme is "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life."

In his letter introducing this theme Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, suggests that although attacks against human life seem to be growing more numerous and more callous by the day, "through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith."

Persevering in faith through good times and bad, in season and out of season — this is something the elderly can teach us a lot about! In what has become a trademark of his pontificate, wherever he goes, Pope Francis shares his desire for an alliance between the young and the old — he believes the very future of society depends on it!

"Today more than ever, the future generates anxiety, insecurity, mistrust and fear. Only the testimony of their elders will help young people look above the horizon to see the stars," he recently wrote. "Just learning that it was worth fighting for something will help young people face the future with hope."

Contemporary society tends to marginalize our elders, and in doing so, the Pope says, we lose the chance to learn the

secret that has allowed them to navigate their way through life's ups and downs. We miss out on the wisdom of people who have stayed the course over time.

But even as he tells young people to respect their elders, the Pope adds that they don't have to agree with everything older people say. He tells them they should have a critical spirit, only accepting what is good in the words and example of their elders.

"Pay attention to your elders ... they are our roots," he recently told a gathering of young people in Mozambique. But then he added, "Older generations have much to tell you and offer you. True, sometimes we elderly people can be overbearing and nagging, or we can try to make you act, speak and live the same way we do. That is wrong. You will have to find your own way but by listening to and appreciating those who have gone before you."

The Pope's words to youth in Mo-

zambique are refreshingly honest — and they give me pause as I realize that I am closer to my own golden years than to the days of my youth. Our Holy Father expects a lot of us! He is calling upon elders — and I include those well on their way to becoming the elder generation — to rise up and teach young people how to set their gaze above the horizon and to persevere in faith.

To do this we must be truly wise. But here is the catch: wisdom — the realization that we come from God and are going to God — does not come automatically with age. The experiences of a lifetime sow the seeds of wisdom, but they must be cultivated by prayer and reflection on those experiences in light of the Gospel.

So, for those of us soon-to-be-seniors, let's ask ourselves — while we still have time — if we seek wisdom and eternal

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## The emigrant's brave farewell

By Greg Erlandson

Catholic News Service



We talk a great deal in this country about immigration, too often in language that is hostile or fearful. What we don't talk about is emigration, the act of leaving one's home.

A year ago, I stood on the farm my great grandfather left in southern Sweden. Barely a man, he left parents and siblings and struck out with blind courage. He never returned to whom and what he had left behind.

My father-in-law left poverty in post-war France to find his fortune in America. He returned to France only once, unable to attend the funeral of his mother and siblings. In his later years, he looked back with some pain on the implications of his decision, at times questioning its cost and the toll it took on him, even as he saw his children flourish in his adopted land.

All of us are the heirs of bravery, men and women who took great risks to come to this country. Some came against their will. Others to seek their fortune. And many because they saw no other choice to support themselves and their family. Not all were as fortunate as our ancestors. They were brave too, yet the cost and the cruelties of emigration to this new land overwhelmed them.

A Polish poet once wrote that a man contemplates leaving his country with the same seriousness that he contemplates taking his own life. There is something dramatic about ordinary men and women turning their backs on the only thing they have known and making a leap of faith into the unknown without a net to catch them if they slip.

I saw a moving film this summer called

"The Farewell." The plot revolves around a Chinese-American family in New York that returns to China for a hurried wedding. The wedding is an excuse to bid farewell to the family matriarch who is the only one unaware that she has been diagnosed with a fatal cancer.

It is, among other things, an exploration of the sacrifices of leaving what one knows for what is unknown and demanding. For parent and for child, emigration to the new land comes at a high cost that is only articulated in the awkward and painful moments of a family reunion.

There is not regret, exactly, but perhaps a clearer sense of the price paid. The penultimate scene of the family waving goodbye to the grandmother they expect never to see again and heading to the airport is a tender acknowledgment of the cost of their courage.

"The Farewell" is a reminder of what people will risk to better their existence. Some of these dangers are physical. Some are psychological. Some thrive in their adopted land. Some do not. All are permanently changed.

One of the rich values of art is its ability to help us empathize in the plight of another. In a book or a painting or a film, we enter the life of another and see the experience through their eyes.

The political debates surrounding immigration will not abate anytime soon, and good people can disagree about how best we are to do our Christian duty to welcome the stranger and shelter the exile.

But "The Farewell" was a reminder of what that stranger, that exile, endures. And if we are unable to empathize with, and marvel at, the courage of that brave Swedish lad who fled drought and poverty 150 years ago, or the father and daughter who died in the Rio Grande seeking a better life, then it is we who are the poorest of all.

### REFLECTION

## Among women

By Mark Saucier

In August, she said she was feeling fine. In September, she died from the metastatic breast cancer she had lived with since 2002.

The death of Cokie Roberts was all over the news. A journalist for over 50 years, she easily moved between print, radio and television. She was a good reporter, hard as nails, but always with respect.

Her eulogies listed awards, honorary degrees, and books she wrote about women and their impact on this country. What we heard little about was her faith.

Cokie Roberts once confessed, "I am Catholic like I breathe." It was her core — a gift of her parents, nurtured in Catholic schools and strengthened by relationships.

A Jesuit friend, Father James Martin, recalled, "Cokie loved God, loved the Catholic Church, loved Catholic sisters especially. ..."

In fact, one of her last projects was a little video on the history of sisters in the U.S. With typical Robert's lightheartedness, it is titled "300 Years of Sister History (in 5 minutes)."

Less annotated history than a tribute to leadership and Gospel lives, it begins with the first Ursuline sisters arriving from France in 1727.

Growth was slow in a difficult time of anti-Catholicism, but by the Civil War, Catholic sisters made up 20 percent of all military nurses.

In those days, hospitals were for the poor. Congregations started hundreds of them, including the Mayo Clinic. The sisters had a truly vertical operation: they built the building, farmed the food, sewed the linens, and nursed the patients.

Catholic educated and someone who believed that there will always be prayer in schools as long as there is algebra, Roberts lauded the entrepreneurial spirit of women religious. Communities started finishing schools for the middle and upper classes, to finance free schools for immigrants and the poor.

No stranger to patriarchy, Roberts advised young female journalists, "Duck and file. Just do your work and get it on the air."

She may have learned that from sisters who were willing to share their faith by living on the margins. In the video, she cites trail-breakers who became probation officers, started low-income housing, and ran shelters for unwed mothers.

Even the dwindling numbers of nuns in the U.S. today couldn't dampen the energy of the narrator. My guess is that she felt that the commitment and adaptability of sisters have been so strong for so long that their positive effects will ripple into the future.

As another in debt to sisters, I hope so.

# Internationally recognized former NASA scientist to present in Jefferson City on climate change

**DATE: October 17**  
**TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

By Jay Nies

A Saint Louis University (SLU) professor of earth and atmospheric sciences will share the rostrum with a retired Catholic lobbyist for a presentation titled "Faith Response to Climate Change" on Thursday, Oct. 17, in Jefferson City.

It will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Pleus Hall of Immaculate Conception parish, 1208 E. McCarty St.

Dr. Jack Fishman, Ph.D., director of the SLU Center for Environmental Sciences, and Mike Hoey, retired executive director of the Missouri Catholic Conference, will be the presenters.

The event is free, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

It will include a short video on Pope Francis' "Laudato Si'," Pope Francis's encyclical letter "On Care for Our Common Home"; a presentation on basic science influencing climate change; a synopsis of Church teaching on care for creation; and a brief discussion about

what individuals can do to slow climate change.

There will also be a brief period for questions and answers.

Organizers urge attendees to come with an open mind and a spirit of collegial dialogue.

## "Unusual insight"

Both presenters are passionate about caring for God's gift of creation.

Dr. Fishman, a St. Louis native and atmospheric chemist by training, worked for NASA for 31 years, analyzing air-pollution measurements taken from space.

He joined the SLU faculty in 2011.

He is a widely published researcher and has written several science books for the general public.

He teaches a course at SLU on the faith and science of climate change.

"I built the course curriculum around the encyclical and the science that it's based on," he said. "I'm very blessed to have an unusual insight into these things and to be able to

teach what I know."

He welcomes healthy dialogue on the subject, having once been somewhat skeptical himself about man-accelerated climate change.

"I have to give about 30, hour-long lectures on this during the semester," he said. "I think I've heard and responded to every objection imaginable."

He also spent four years planning for the two-day St. Louis Climate Summit, a well-attended and highly acclaimed event held last year as part of SLU's 200th anniversary celebration.

World-renowned climate scientist Dr. V.R. Ramanathan, Ph.D., who was one of the Pope's chief advisors on "Laudato Si'," helped organize the summit, with Cardinal Peter Turkson, former president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, leading one of the discussions.

Videos of most of the 23 talks can be found online at: [www.ninenet.org/climate-summit-archive](http://www.ninenet.org/climate-summit-archive).

## Time and again

Dr. Fishman studied at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, under Dr. Paul J. Crutzen, Ph.D., a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences ([www.academyofscienc](http://www.academyofscienc)



Dr. Jack Fishman, Ph.D.

*es.va*), who with two other scientists received the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1995.

The pontifical academy, dating back to the 1600s and headquartered since 1936 in Vatican City with the blessing of the Holy See, exists "to honor pure science wherever it may be found, ensure its freedom and encourage research for the progress of science."

Dr. Crutzen conducted research with Dr. Ramanathan, who as a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences was one of Pope Francis's chief scientific advisors during the writing of "Laudato Si'."

Upon reading the encyclical when the Pope released it in 2015, Dr. Fishman im-

mediately recognized its potential for addressing the faith and science of climate change.

He also recognized the fingerprints of Dr. Crutzen and Dr. Ramanathan.

"I saw things in the encyclical that I was being taught back in the 1970s," he said.

## "The science is true"

Dr. Fisher wrote an article on this topic in the July 2015 issue of the *MCC Messenger*. It can be found online at [www.mocatholic.org](http://www.mocatholic.org), and click on News and Events > Publications > Messenger.

He urges everyone to read and learn about the science of climate change while avoiding sensationalism.

"Don't be an alarmist," he said, "but look at what people have discovered in even just the past several years."

"The science is true," he continued. "Educate yourself about what's happening to the planet. We're learning more about the ice caps melting and sea level rising and the temperature rising."

He insists that knowing what's happening isn't enough.

"As people of faith, we must also educate ourselves about what we can do, and then do it," he said.

# Contemplative Outreach seven-day retreat in Dittmer

**DATE: October 13 - 19**

The Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri (COCEMO) will hold its annual seven-day Intensive/Post-Intensive Retreat from Sunday through Saturday, Oct. 13-19, at Il Ritiro Retreat Center in Dittmer ([www.il-ritiro.org](http://www.il-ritiro.org)).

Both tracks of this retreat provide an opportunity to deepen the practice of Centering Prayer in an atmosphere of profound silence and community support.

The Intensive Retreat has up to six 30-minute Centering Prayer periods daily, along with the viewing of a selection of the Spiritual Journey video series by Father Thomas Keating.

The Post-Intensive Retreat will have up to eight 30-minute periods of Centering Prayer daily, without any additional activity or input.

Participants in both tracks will have the opportunity for interviews with the retreat staff if they so desire.

Previous participation in an Intensive Retreat is a prerequisite to attend the Post-Intensive track.

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## Deliberate, focused attention to prayer encouraged during Oct. 5-11 National Rosary Congress

Catholics traditionally observe October as the Month of the Rosary.

For the first time, the Diocese of Jefferson City will join with many dioceses across the country for the National Rosary Congress ([www.rosarycongress-usa.org](http://www.rosarycongress-usa.org)) the week of Oct. 5-11.

Parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the diocese are being encouraged to host Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, to encourage communal and private pray-

ing of the Rosary, especially for healing in the Church, for more vocations to the Priesthood and religious life, and for the moral conversion of the country.

Catholic schools are also being encouraged to offer special lessons on the Mysteries of the Rosary and to have the students pray the Rosary together in church.

The National Rosary Congress's organizers note that the Blessed Mother instructs the faithful to "pray with the

heart."

"To pray with the heart is a decision to set aside everything, to concentrate, and to persevere in a pure prayer," the organizers stated.

"Let's set our parishes on fire with a mission of love and consecrate our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

The National Rosary Congress website offers a variety of resources for parishes and families.

Suggestions range from seven full

days of Perpetual Adoration; praying the Rosary every hour; processions; and special Masses for youth, healing, consecrated life, and families.

"This is a good time to be with Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have lots to pray for," said Mary Markway, who is helping to coordinate the diocese's first observance of the Rosary Congress.

For information, visit the National Rosary Congress website or write to [marymarkway@embarqmail.com](mailto:marymarkway@embarqmail.com).

## Faithful gather to mourn for those lost to abortion

By Jay Nies

It was as close to the sidewalk as the babies could get.

The Memorial to the Unborn, which usually adorns a grassy area near St. Andrew Church in Holt Summit, had been moved temporarily to a concrete walkway near the door while repairs were being made to the building.

The stone memorial reminds people to pray for the millions of pre-born children who have been lost to abortion.

"I find it fitting today that God brought the babies to us

on the sidewalk," St. Andrew parishioner Kathy Forck, co-coordinator of the Columbia 40 Days for Life Campaign, stated during a local observance of the National Day of Remembrance for the Aborted.

40 Days for Life participants spend hours praying on the sidewalk outside the Columbia Planned Parenthood, where thousands of abortions were performed and where abortion referrals continue.

With the memorial in its temporary location, "God brought the babies to us today," said Mrs. Forck.

### Broken hearts

As part of the local observance, about 75 people gathered around the memorial, prayed, sang hymns and placed roses on top of it as a gesture of reparation for the victims of abortion.

Among those attending the service were Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, vicar general of the Jefferson City diocese; Father Paul Clark, diocesan moderator for pro-life ministry; Father Roberto Ike, pastor of the Holts Summit parish; and Father Richard Frank, a retired priest.

At a service lasting about an hour in church, the people sang hymns, listened to readings from Scripture and tried to comprehend the gifts from God that had been lost to abortion.

Fr. Clark noted that hearts that mourn the loss of life are broken, much like the love- and compassion-filled but wounded heart of Jesus.

"There is a beauty in that, because the broken heart can pour forth, can give, and is also open to receive," said Fr. Clark.

"May our hearts be strengthened to continue within this ministry, to continue not just our prayer but also to continue our action and our work," he said.

### Warming hearts

Msgr. Kurwicky spoke of the significance of every parish and Knights of Columbus council in the country having a Memorial to the Unborn.

He called to mind St. Teresa of Kolkata's assertion that "we need these cold stones, because we need to change the cold hearts into warm hearts."

Echoing the direction of the late Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, Msgr. Kurwicky said these memorials must also serve as a call to prayer for conversion of hearts, for an end to abortion, and for mercy for everyone whose lives have been touched by it.

"We have to pray for mercy," he said. "We have to pres-

ent ourselves not only as a strong force for life but also an approachable force for mercy.

"May the Lord give us the strength to do that," he prayed.

### "A precious gift"

Gunther Skaletz, a member of Our Lady of the Lake parish in Lake Ozark, spoke from his perspective as

a World War II survivor of a Nazi concentration camp.

"Life is not a commodity!" he proclaimed. "Life is a precious gift of God! He gives us life, and only He can take it from us."

Mr. Skaletz assured everyone present of the power of prayer.

"Without my daily prayers, I would not be standing here before you today," he said. "I am convinced that they are what kept me alive."

### Protection and mercy

Outside by the memorial, Msgr. Kurwicky reminded everyone that those who have been lost to abortion are "our brothers and sisters in Christ, who have never had a chance at earthy life but share in the heavenly life of our merciful loving Father."

He led the people in prayer "especially our smallest brothers and sisters, those in the womb."

"We remember those who are living and commend them to Your protection," he prayed. "We remember those who have

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## REFUGEES

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of refugees being resettled in Mid-Missouri by Diocesan and Charities services over the past 40 years.

"Refugees from around the world have contributed greatly to the community of Mid-Missouri and the Diocese of Jefferson City, bringing invaluable skills, talent, and resiliency to their new home," stated Mr. Lester. "Their participation in our workplaces, schools, churches and the community at large makes the Diocese of Jefferson City a better place for everyone.

"If we were unable to continue to welcome some of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters from around the world to this wonderful diocese, it would be a true and profound loss," he said.

### "Vulnerable people"

A breakdown of the proposed national figure of 18,000 will allow 5,000 people fleeing religious persecution, 4,000 Iraqis, and 1,500 Guatemalans, Hondurans and Salvadorans into the United States in the next fiscal year, which starts in October.

It also will allow 7,500 refugees from other countries to resettle in the United States, a senior Trump administration official told reporters Sept. 27.

The limit to the number of refugees accepted in the U.S. comes at a time when there are nearly 71 million displaced people around the world, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

A news release issued by the State Department Sept. 27 said the U.S. will likely receive more than 368,000 new refugees and asylum claims in the next fiscal year and it anticipates processing more than 350,000 individuals in new asylum cases.

The Trump administration has argued that the refugee limit does not affect asylum decisions since asylum claims are made when a person arrives in the U.S. and claims persecution, while refugees apply for admission to the U.S. from another country, but it has stressed that refugees and asylum-seekers draw on a pool of limited federal resources.

In the weeks leading up to the announcement of the cap, there was speculation the administration would "zero out" the program and no longer take in refugees.

"Catholic Charities recognizes the need to establish humane policies for accepting people into the country," said Sr. Donna. "Any policy, however, should include generous provisions for accepting refugees who cannot return to their homelands."

The Catholic Charities statement said it "stands ready to continue our long-standing partnership with the U.S. government's humanitarian refugee resettlement efforts" noting that it has "nearly 110 years of experience serving refugees and showing that our nation can be secure and compassionate in responding to vulnerable people."

## Rosary Rallies for Fatima anniversary

Public Square Rosary services, sponsored by members of a national Catholic organization known as America Needs Fatima ([www.americaneedsfatima.org](http://www.americaneedsfatima.org)), will include about 25,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States. They will coincide with the 102nd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun that was witnessed by many during Our Lady's 1917 apparitions in Fatima, Portugal.

The Rosary and other prayers will be offered for the reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of the United States. Participants are encouraged to bring a rosary and a lawn chair and an umbrella if necessary.

**All events will take place at noon on Saturday, Oct. 12, unless otherwise stated.**

**Argyle** — In the pavilion outside St. Aloysius Church, 1 Church Lane

**Linn** — Outside St. George Church, 611 E. Main St. (U.S. 50)

**Sedalia** — Outside the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 421 W. Third St.

**Boonville** — Hannah Cole Park, at the corner of Main and Morgan streets. (Rain location, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 722 Seventh St.)

**Owensville** — At the corner of Cuba Street and Highway 28

**Westphalia** — Between Neuner's Norton Room (the old Hilkemeyer store) and Westphalia Pizza Company, facing the street

**Hannibal** — Outside Holy Family School, 1113 Broadway

**Rolla** — Outside St. Patrick Church, 17 Saint Patrick Lane

## REMEMBRANCE

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died, and commend them to Your mercy.”

Fr. Clark led a prayer for everyone to receive the grace to be living witnesses to the sanctity and dignity of human life.

“May we live to see the day when all people who visit this site will remember abortion only as a thing of the past and may praise You forever for the victory of life,” he prayed.

They sang, “Hail Mary, Gentle Woman,” as people placed their roses on the stone.

## Rolla mission with Dr. John Rinaldo

**DATE: October 13-17**  
**TIME: 7 pm**

Dr. John Rinaldo Ph.D., a coach and trainer for the Parish Success Group, will lead a parish mission from Sunday through Thursday, Oct. 13-17, in Rolla.

Sessions will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. each evening in St. Patrick Church, 17 St. Patrick Lane, off U.S. 63.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Fellowship take place afterward until 9 p.m.

The theme will be “From Comfort to Commissioned: Leaving the Upper Room to Serve.”

All are invited and encouraged to attend any and all of the sessions.

Having served in various roles at the parish and diocesan levels, Dr. Rinaldo has dedicated his career to ministry in the Catholic Church, working with parishes and dioceses to grow their ministry.

“During this parish mission, we will explore how necessary it is to find comfort in the Upper Room,” Dr. Rinaldo stated. “At the same time, we will also discuss and strategize how we

are called to live out our faith outside the walls of our parish.

“The disciples loved the Upper Room,” he said. “They experienced the Last Supper with Jesus there, then returned there after Jesus’s death and resurrection to hide. We, too, love the Upper Room, which, for us, is our parish. Yet, we are called to leave the Upper Room.”

Childcare will be provided. Transportation will be available within Rolla city limits.

Call Jane Victor at (573) 426-2883 for information.

## Marceline parish mission with Fr. Peter Schavitz

**DATE: October 20-24**  
**TIME: 6:30 pm**

Redemptorist Father Peter Schavitz will lead a parish mission at St. Bonaventure parish in Marceline on Sunday through Thursday, Oct. 20-24.

It will include five consecutive evenings of prayer, singing and reflection in response to Fr. Schavitz’s preaching.

Sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. in St. Bonaventure Church, 409 S. Kansas Ave.

All are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of the sessions and to invite friends, especially people who no longer practice their faith.

Organizers say the mission will be an extraordinary preaching event.

“God’s Word is proclaimed through the Bible and through the life, learning and personal experience of the preacher,”

they stated.

The themes, symbols, topics and goals of the preaching and reflections and renewal is different each evening:

•Oct. 20 — “Salvation: God’s Dream for Our Happiness ... And Our Response.”

•Oct. 21 — “Jesus as Savior: Who is Jesus for Us?”

•Oct. 22 — “Sin, Reconciliation and Healing: Living the Life of Conversion.”

•Oct. 23 — “Eucharist: Nourishment for Our Strength in Our Journey Through Life.”

•Oct. 24 — “Mission: Our Calling to Go Out and Share in the Work of Jesus Christ and the Church.”

Snacks, drinks and fellowship will be available in the Fr. McCartan Memorial School Multipurpose Room after each session.

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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in Sedalia was named over 150 years ago.

All three church buildings will continue to function as worship sites for the united parish.

Sacred Heart School, which educates children in pre-kindergarten through high school, will retain its name and continue as a primary mission of the new parish.

### “That they may be one”

Parishioners representing the former St. John the Evangelist, St. Patrick and Sacred Heart congregations carried banners in the procession at the beginning of Mass.

In a stirring gesture, they carried the banners back out at the offertory. Another parishioner then brought forward the St. Vincent de Paul banner as part of the Offertory Procession.

“What we are celebrating today is not the end of three parishes,” Bishop McKnight insisted, “but the full flowering of a long effort by many pastors over the years to bring the Catholic Community of Pettis County into greater communion: ‘that they may be one,’” (John 17:21).

Joining Bishop McKnight at the altar were: Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos, who led the Jefferson City diocese from 1997-2017; Father Joseph Corel and Father David Veit, who serve together (“*in solidum*”) as pastor of the new parish; Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, vicar general for the diocese; and Fr. Miller.

Deacons of the new parish assisted at the Mass. Christopher Hoffman, a Sedalia native and seminarian for the diocese, kept the incense burning as one of the servers.

A choir and ensemble made up of liturgical musicians and vocalists from the various weekend Masses at the three worship locations led the singing.

### Strength in unity

“*Fortitudo et pax*” was the motto of Bishop Joseph S. Glass of Salt Lake City, Utah (+1917-26), who as a youngster attended St. Patrick School in Sedalia.

It means “fortitude and peace,” which is what it took to set this transition into motion: the fortitude to try something



**LEFT:** Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos, Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, vicar general; Father Joseph Corel, and Father David Veit, pastors *in solidum* of St. Vincent de Paul parish in Sedalia, pray the Eucharistic prayer at the inaugural Mass for the new parish on Sept. 22. With them are Deacon Nestor Montenegro (holding chalice); Father Joshua Duncan, master of ceremonies; and Deacon Arvol Bartok (right). Nearby is Precious Blood Father Mark Miller, former pastor, who also concelebrated. **RIGHT:** Parishioner Katelin Hladik presents the banner for the parish at the front of the offertory procession.



— Photos by Jay Nies

new, and the peace of knowing that God is in charge and will bless it with His grace.

St. John the Evangelist mission was founded in 1845. St.

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Patrick and Sacred Heart were founded in 1867 and 1882, respectively.

Before the new parish was created, Sacred Heart had 848 registered households. St. Patrick had 416 and was also serving an unknown number of immigrant families who were not yet registered. St. John the Evangelist had 33.

Talk of uniting the parishes to ensure the health of the larger Catholic community came in response to the diocese’s two-year process of helping parishes assess and work toward improving their vitality and long-term viability.

That process, one of the priorities in the diocesan pastoral plan adopted by Bishop Emeritus Gaydos in 2015, is a response to rapidly changing needs and realities in local communities and throughout the diocese.

The people who crafted this plan believe it will help the entire Pettis County Catholic

community grow in unity, holiness, strength and ability to minister and draw people into a deeper relationship with Christ.

It reflects the extensive collaboration that was already taking place among the three faith communities — especially in the areas of charitable endeavors, youth ministry, religious education, sacrament preparation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, ministry to and through the area’s sizable Hispanic population, and interparish support for Sacred Heart School.

### Turning outward

All three church buildings retain their names and continue to be locations for Mass, the sacraments, and external ministries to the community.

But they are part of one parish, under the guidance of a single parish pastoral council and parish finance council.

The committees and commissions of each community are being combined to serve the needs of the new, larger parish.

Priorities will include enhanced collaboration and outreach, especially to people in need, people who have fallen away from active practice of the faith, and those who have not yet heard the Gospel.

### Three and one

Bishop McKnight commended the Catholics of Pet-

tis County for their vision and courage, and encouraged other communities in the diocese to follow their lead.

He said continuing to have “three altars” within the parish should not be a source of division but of greater unity.

“Every parish has multiple groups that form the one community of faith,” he stated, “and our efforts at greater communion should not be directed

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## PARISH

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Parish leaders been taking an objective look at who is being ministered to, who is missing out, which of these efforts are effective and which are not.

"We're focusing on becoming much more responsive and responsible to all of our parishioners and to the larger community, as well," said Fr. Peckman.

This has caused them to an across-the-board reassessment of their approach to preparing people for all the sacraments.

"We're moving toward spiritual mentorship and apprenticeship, rather than just classes and programs and the like," said Fr. Peckman.

### Travel guides

Theresa Krebs has been serving as director of religious education and youth ministry at the Boonville parish for about two years.

With the rest of the diocese, Ss. Peter & Paul is in the process of moving the age for the sacrament of confirmation from juniors and seniors in high school to seventh grade.

Bishop McKnight will confirm about 42 candidates in November. Next year's class, which will be open to anyone



**LEFT:** Father William Peckman, pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Boonville and St. Joseph parish in Fayette, and Ss. Peter & Paul School third-grade teacher Melissa Nagel show her students around the sanctuary during a training for future altar servers. **RIGHT:** Children of Ss. Peter & Paul and surrounding parishes watch teenagers clash with light sabers this summer during Totus Tuus, a weeklong, parish-based summer experience for Catholic youth.

— Photos submitted by Ss. Peter & Paul parish



in high school who has not already been confirmed, will be even larger.

"We have some terrific youth leaders and a great confirmation team," said Mrs. Krebs. "We're blessed to have these adults who are really great mentors to the young people."

Beginning next year, the parish will do away with the service-hour requirement for confirmation preparation.

Instead, the candidates will

choose from a handful of parish groups and organizations to become connected with.

"All of those groups have several adults involved who will mentor them and help them get a feel for that particular aspect of parish life," said Fr. Peckman.

In addition, Mrs. Krebs teaches to all grades in Ss. Peter & Paul School the Virtues and Practice curriculum developed by the Dominican Sisters of Nashville.

Each age-appropriate lesson highlights a trait related to one of the theological virtues (faith, hope and charity), along with a saint, a prayer and a service opportunity.

Mrs. Krebs then mails a summary of each lesson to the children's parents, so those lessons can be reinforced at home.

Students at every level of school are also learning about and praying for vocations.

"It's very specific," said Mrs. Krebs. "We're praying that one girl in their class will discern to become a sister and one boy in their class will become a priest."

John DeLaporte, diocesan director of Youth Ministry and Religious Education, helped her develop a Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

program for children who have not yet received the sacraments of initiation or been instructed in the basics of the faith.

This year's class of six chil-

develop personal relationships in the faith and the Church and have them be there for each other as their kids grow," she said.

**Parishes throughout the Jefferson City diocese will soon begin the 2019 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. This annual appeal supports a multitude of diocesan ministries that assist parishes in their work of preaching, teaching and evangelizing, under the guidance of Bishop McKnight and the worldwide magisterium of the Church.**

Mrs. Krebs hopes that in addition to the grace that God imparts through the sacraments themselves, the preparation will help people and

their families stay active in the parish and continue to grow in faith and knowledge of God.

"We want them to continue to read and attend retreats and other encounter opportunities that are available through the diocese, and really stay engaged in their faith," she said.

### Something different

Traditional boundaries among families of Ss. Peter & Paul School, the Parish School of Religion and those children who are homeschooled are fading away.

"We emphasize that we're all families of the parish," said Mrs. Krebs.

All eighth-grade and high-school teens are encouraged to join the Sunday youth group and take part in a slate of local and diocesan activities.

About 50 young people attended a youth rally the parish

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### Mentors and apprentices

Ss. Peter & Paul parish works to pair each couple seeking marriage in the Church with an already married couple to accompany them through the early part of their marriage and hopefully beyond the baptism of their children.

"We're trying to cultivate those mentoring opportunities in the sacraments and throughout daily parish life," said Mrs. Krebs. "It's about people walking closely with other people like in the early days of Christianity.

"Our goal is to help them

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## POLKA MASS

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Mrs. Hall recalled having heard a mariachi band play folk hymns at a church in San Antonio, Texas, which had piqued her interest in ethnic music at Mass.

She and parishioner Harold Kruse, who had been a member of a traditional German band and a Country-Western band, learned the chords and melodies and asked their pastor for permission to include the songs at Mass.

Franciscan Father Ambrose German, now deceased, gave his blessing, which led to the first Polka Mass at St. George.

The tradition continued through the pastorate of Father William Debo and now with Monsignor Gregory L. Higley as pastor.

### From miles around

Polka Masses are celebrated at the parish once during Hermann's Oktoberfest and again during Maifest (the third weekend in May).

People come from all over to spend the day at these community celebrations with their abundance of traditional German music.

"Starting their day off at Mass with us helps put them in the mood for all of that," said Mr. Engemann.

For a while, the polka ensemble would accompany Masses at several nearby parishes in the Jefferson City diocese and St. Louis archdiocese.

"We pretty much stay put these days," said Mr. Engemann, "but we still get together two times a year at St. George."

He recalled that a group of Cajun dancers from Louisiana used to arrive in Hermann each July and would come to Mass at St. George in their full Cajun dress.

"We would have the Polka Mass for them," he said. "They filled the first six pews of the church. Some of them would even come back in October or at

Christmas to visit."

### People of goodwill

Near the end of 2011, the ensemble hit a roadblock: The revised English translation of the parts of the Mass meant that many of the arrangements no longer matched the Mass parts.

Choir member Donna Hebb accepted the challenge of setting the new liturgical texts to the same kind of polka-sounding music.

"It was quite an undertaking," said Mr. Engemann. "Thanks to her taking that upon herself, we can sing all of the Mass parts whenever we have the Polka Mass."

### Happy feeling in the air

The ensemble has taken to singing "Edelweiss," a gentle piece from "The Sound of Music," after Holy Communion.

While harmonizing the lyric, "Bless

my homeland forever," they pray for the United States as well as the countries from which their ancestors arrived.

Most members of the ensemble have their favorite song from the Polka Mass.

Mr. Engemann is partial to the rhapsodic "Under the Skies of Blue," although the more jovial "Let the Sun Shine In" seems to be most people's favorite polka hymn.

"We sing that as a recessionary," he said. "You see them kind of kick-up their heels and move and start clapping."

It was certainly the favorite of Pearl Schaumberg, who with her late husband Harold first introduced the Polka Mass to Mrs. Hall.

"They were both very adamant about continuing this tradition of the Polka Mass at St. George," said Mr. Engemann.

When she died a few weeks ago, it was only natural for it to be sung at her funeral, he said.

## Ss. PETER & PAUL

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held one evening last month.

To help parents and other adults grow in discipleship, the parish recently started spirituality groups for men and women and a support group for cancer survivors and people who are being treated for cancer.

"Like Father tells us, these things require all of us to work together as a family so we can support each other in various ways," said Mrs. Krebs.

She said the widely-accepted "industrial" model of promoting discipleship isn't working very well.

"We need to get back to mentoring each another in our journey toward discipleship," she said.

### Back to stewardship

Ss. Peter & Paul School Principal Alan Lammers, who grew up in the Boonville parish, can feel the momentum.

"I can't quantify it, but you can definitely feel it," he said. "Because there's concrete action that's being taken."

An important part of the process is to ask questions that make the whole parish uncomfortable — "things like, 'Are we serving God's people in the way God is calling us to serve them?'" he said.

He is convinced that the bishop's message about stew-

ardship has the potential to transform the diocese.

"Stewardship is not just about money!" Mr. Lammers insisted. "It's about how you live your life."

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"Once you realize that everything you are and everything you have is a gift from God, you don't feel like holding onto it so tightly, because it's not about you anymore," he said.

"You give of your time, your energy and, yes, part of your treasure because you can't help but not give."

### Cooperating with the Spirit

Ss. Peter & Paul has 673 registered families. The school has 182 students.

Deacon David Miller noted that the parish maintains a robust outreach to the larger community through the Boonville Ministerial Alliance and through ministry at the Boonville Correctional Center, a minimum-security state

prison located within the parish boundary.

As coordinator for Ss. Peter & Paul's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program, Deacon Miller believes that outreach is helping people in the area who aren't Catholic, want to be.

"They see people who are actually living out what they preach, and they want to be a part of it," he said.

Deacon Miller and eight other volunteers lead anywhere from five and 10 people through the RCIA each year, culminating with the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

"We're pleased to be cooperating with the Holy Spirit in that way," he said.

### Keys to conversion

Lifetime Boonville parishioner and current Ss. Peter & Paul parish pastoral council president Brian Lutz noted that helping a parish move from just surviving to thriving is hard work.

He has noticed the eagerness of many young people to serve as leaders and help move the parish forward.

He pointed to Bishop McKnight's dictum that "what we invite inactive Catholics to return to should not be the same as what they left."

Rather, said Mr. Lutz, "if

you see people living as disciples of Jesus Christ, you're going to want to be like them."

He said it's not about the quantity of converts but the quality.

"If the people who come into the Church here continue to grow in faith and want to be part of the life of the parish, then you have done your job," he said.

While leading that group with his wife Trish, Mr. Lutz has noticed more young people attending the group's events.

"They're coming because they want to come and because their parents are helping them make it a priority," he said.

He emphasized that while parishes that practice good stewardship often have the money they need, that will never be enough.

"It's about the fellowship and community and being the

best disciples of Jesus Christ we can possibly be," he said. "You can have all the money in the world, but if you don't have community, you're not going to have anything."

### From the beginning

Mr. Lammers reiterated that decisions must continue to be made "not on our terms but on the terms under which Christ would have us live our lives."

"It's not about us," he said. "It's about how we point to Christ and how we point to God."

The key, said Mrs. Krebs, to be ever-watchful for God's inspiration.

"It's not so much what I do but what the Holy Spirit does through me, through us, how we help people find what they need through the Church, what they're looking for, what they're yearning for," she said.

  
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**ACROSS**

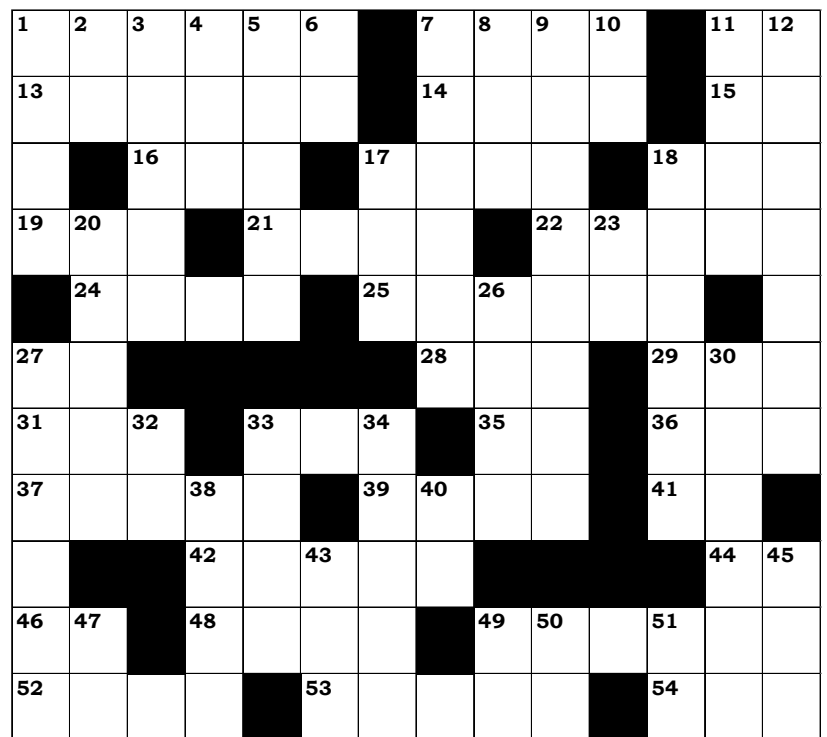
1. The name of our State and river comes from a tribe of native-Americans, the Missouria, meaning land of the \_\_\_\_ canoes.
7. From their village of 5,000 inhabitants overlooking the river (near Miami, Mo.), the Missouria and the French were able to control transportation/trade on the river. A Frenchman who married a Missouria woman was allowed to build a fort/trading \_\_\_\_ there in 1723. Its remnants are preserved in Van Meter State Park.
11. Letters for British Petroleum oil company.
13. No runs, no hits, no \_\_\_\_.
14. Where Peter is buried.
15. Abbr. for each.
16. The police sent out an \_\_\_\_ (all points bulletin) to be on the watch for a robbery suspect.
17. St. \_\_\_\_ of Cascia; a 14th cen. nun; along with St. Jude, she is called the saint of impossible cases.
18. A golfer's minimum goal.

19. He was an also-\_\_\_\_ in the final election.
21. Mother of Mary, traditionally.
22. Violators of the 8th commandment.
24. Paradise.
25. \_\_\_\_ year is technically 365 days, 5 hrs., 48 mins., 46 secs. (2 wds.)
27. Abbr. before a man's name.
28. Something for a waitress.
29. Although Robert E. \_\_\_\_ had surrendered, Richmond had fallen & Jefferson Davis captured, the Confederate army west of the Mississippi still remained actively in the field.
31. Moslem festival.
33. Clarence Cannon or Bagnell.
35. "\_\_\_\_, the angel's food is given, to the pilgrim who has striven..." —Sequence for Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ.
36. Prefix for thing, body or one.
37. The Missouria were a highly spiritual people worshipping a single \_\_\_\_, the Earth-Maker.
39. \_\_\_\_ Cave, also known as King's Cave or Boiling Springs Cave, in Pulaski Co. is 85 ft. wide, 250 ft. long & 33 ft. high. It was once briefly mined for the translucent white mineral for which it is named.
41. Abbr. for 12 months.
42. Multi-act popular theater featuring music, dance & comedy sketches. Popular

- entertainment esp. from 1916-1932.
44. Surgery site in a hosp.
46. Letters for Univ. of Mo.
48. The journalism student helped \_\_\_\_ MU's *Columbia Missourian* as part of his internship.
49. Turkey talk.
52. Missouria men were polygamous while women were allowed only one \_\_\_\_\_. However, women owned the lodge and were permitted to divorce their husband by throwing his possessions from the dwelling.
53. A French Swiss artist, Karl Bodmer, in 1832 painted a portrait of a Missouria \_\_\_\_ wearing a blanket, bead shell necklaces with ear piercings and earrings.
54. "Discard not an \_\_\_\_ friend, for the new one cannot equal him," (Sirach 9:10).

**DOWN**

1. The Missouria hunted bison and antelope on their summer trips on the plains; they ate wild turkey and \_\_\_\_ at home where they also grew corn, beans & squash; they fished for sturgeon; they lived in frame structures covered with bark or in earth lodges.
2. Abraham's ancestral home.
3. Both the Otoe and Missouria tribes were originally from the Great lakes area and by 1600 had migrated south to fertile farmland near the meeting of the \_\_\_\_ River with the Mo. near Brunswick, and also in northern Saline Co.
4. Cartoon cave man Alley.
5. Big cities are usually sur-



- rounded by what is called \_\_\_\_ sprawl.
6. Abbr. for teaspoon, as in a recipe.
7. The French \_\_\_\_ and missionary Fr. Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet in 1673 mapped a Missouria village at the Great Bend of the Mo. River in Saline Co.
8. Text letters for out of town.
9. In 1726, the French abandoned their fort near the Missouria village; the fierce enemies of the Missouria, the Sauk & Fox tribe, in 1730 ambushed and nearly annihilated the Missouria who had already been severely diminished by \_\_\_\_ and influenza. The survivors moved up-river and merged with their kinsmen, the Otoe, in the late 1700's.
10. Tea, in Madrid.
11. Statistically the odds of dying in a car accident: 1 in 84; drowning: 1 in 114; lightning strike: 1 in 80,000; dog attack: 1 in 208,000; black \_\_\_\_ attack: 1 in 3.6 million.
12. Cultivated as an herb, spice and vegetable and healthy to eat, it is often just used as a food garnish.
17. Genetic material.
18. In 1804, the combined Missouria/Otoe tribe of approx. 500 people were the first tribe to meet and \_\_\_\_ with Lewis & Clark as they made their way up the Mo. River.
20. Eagle's nest.
23. This State has more golf courses per capita than any other (abbr.).
26. Mackerel and sardines are said to be particularly \_\_\_\_ fish.
27. A T-shirt size.
30. "Aaron shall \_\_\_\_ in companies all the men of Israel...fit for military service," (Numbers 1:3).
32. 501 in Roman numerals.
33. She was a \_\_\_\_-in-the-wool Democrat, except when she voted Republican.
34. The Missouria called themselves the "People of the River \_\_\_\_."
38. On the Disney farm near Marceline, Mo., Walt spoke of his hours of inspiration and observation beneath an old cottonwood that he called his Dreaming \_\_\_\_.
40. Kool-Aid was invented in Hastings in this State in 1927 (abbr.).
43. Police slang for victim.
45. "Though your sins be crimson \_\_\_\_, they may become white as wool," (Isaiah 1:18).
47. This State was the first colony to have a printing press, newspaper and library (abbr.).
49. Letters for General Electric, descended from Thomas Edison's Electric Light Co., founded in 1878.
50. Milk \_\_\_\_ Magnesia; stomach soother.
51. \_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_; Baltimore & Ohio RR on a Monopoly game board.

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# Respect Life Mass, 40 Days for Life presentation in Westphalia

**DATE: October 16**  
**TIME: 7 pm**

St. Joseph parish in Westphalia will host its annual Respect Life Mass at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, in St. Joseph Church.

The special intention will be for a greater understanding of the sanctity of all human life.

The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Following Mass, Kathy

Forck, co-director of the Campaign, will talk about Columbia 40 Days for Life her experiences of praying

and advocating for life on the sidewalk outside the Planned Parenthood abortion referral facility in Columbia.

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## Fundraisers & Social Events

Oct. 4

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

Oct. 4-5

**Jefferson City**, Cathedral of St. Joseph NCYC rummage sale, Fri. 8 am-1 pm, Sat. 7 am-1 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.bid-pal.net/bazaar2019/welcome>

Oct. 6

**Argyle**, St. Aloysius & St. Boniface parishes fall festival, 11 am-8 pm, K of C Hall; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew fall festival, 11 am-5:30 pm; **Linn**, St. George parish Harvest Festival, 11 am-7 pm; **Martinsburg**, St. Joseph Oktoberfest, 10:30 am-5 pm; **Mexico**, K of C Fall Vocation Breakfast, 8-11 am, parish hall; **Morrison**, Assumption Fall dinner, 11 am-4 pm; **Palmyra**, St. Joseph Altar Society soup day & bazaar, 11 am-1 pm; **Rolla**, St. Patrick Oktoberfest, 11 am-6 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

Oct. 11

**Warsaw**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm

Oct. 12

**Camdenton**, St. Anthony bake sale, after Masses; **Laurie**, St. Patrick Fall Festival, 2-7 pm; **Mary's Home**, Our Lady of the Snows Fantasy Night, 6 pm; **St. Louis**, Annual St. Louis Rosary Run 5K run/walk, fun run and Marian procession, for info visit [rosaryrun.com](http://rosaryrun.com)

Oct. 13

**Belle**, St. Alexander breakfast, 7-11 am; **Brinktown**, Holy Guardian Angels Fall Dinner, 11 am-5:30 pm; **Frankenstein**, St. Mary School 5K, register 7 am, race 8 am, for info or to register visit [ourladyofhelp.wordpress.com](http://ourladyofhelp.wordpress.com); **Hermann**, St. George smorgasbord, 11 am-5 pm, parish basement; **Jefferson City**, "One Faith One Family" diocesan celebration of our Catholic identity & unity, including multilingual Mass, potluck dinner & multicultural entertainment, 2:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, for info call (573) 635-9127 or email

[khartman@diojeffcity.org](mailto:khartman@diojeffcity.org); **Sedalia**, Sacred Heart parish annual bazaar, 11 am-3 pm; **Shelbina**, Ray of Hope Pregnancy Care Ministries annual fundraiser, 11 am-1 pm

Oct. 18

**Mexico**, St. Brendan parish dinner auction, 5:30-10 pm

Oct. 19

**Hermann**, St. George School "Mommy & Son Bash," 3-7 pm

Oct. 19-20

**Camdenton**, St. Anthony cinnamon roll sale, after Masses

Oct. 20

**Eldon**, K of C breakfast, 8 am-noon; **Linn**, K of C breakfast buffet, 7:30-11:30 am, St. George parish hall; **St. Anthony**, St. Anthony of Padua fall festival, 11 am-4 pm; **St. Martins**, St. Martin Goblin 5K, 2 pm, for info or to register visit [facebook.com/723700454743170/?active\\_tab=about](https://facebook.com/723700454743170/?active_tab=about)

Oct. 23

**Sedalia**, K of C Family Night Buffet, 4-7 pm

Oct. 25

**Hannibal**, Holy Family CCW soup day, 11 am-6 pm; **Jefferson City**, Immaculate Conception soup, pie & quilt luncheon, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Oct. 26

**Camdenton**, St. Anthony parish soup dinner, 6-8 pm; **Cuba**, Holy Cross "Zombie Bash" 5K & 2K race with family after-party, benefitting the Mo. Special Olympics Training Center, noon-8 pm, K of C Hall

Oct. 27

**St. Elizabeth**, K of C fall fried chicken/sausage dinner, 11 am-5:30 pm, Community Center; **Monroe City**, Holy Rosary parish Fall Dinner, 10:45 am-1 pm, K of C Hall

## Meetings & Conferences

Oct. 5

**Jefferson City**, Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly, 9 am, Missouri State Capitol, for info visit [mocatolic.org](http://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, 7 pm, St. Peter Church

Oct. 8

**Jefferson City**, Women's ministry gathering with presentation on St. Nicholas Academy, 8 am, Oscar's Classic Diner

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/](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/)

Oct. 13-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](http://fpu.com/1094445)

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/](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/)

Oct. 17

**Jefferson City**, "The Faith Response to Climate Change" presentation, 6:30-8:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Pleasure Hall

Oct. 20

**Taos**, "From Water to Wine," women's ministry gathering, noon-5 pm, St. Francis Xavier Church, for info or to register visit [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/)

Oct. 23

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

## Liturgical

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. 9

**Lake Ozark**, Taize Prayer, 7:30-8 pm, Our Lady of the Lake Church

Oct. 12

**Linn**, Rosary Rally Event, noon, St. George Church; **Tipton**, Public Square Rosary Crusade, noon, St. Andrew Rosary Garden

Oct. 13

**Jefferson City**, "One Faith One Family" diocesan celebration of our Catholic identity & unity, including multilingual Mass,

potluck dinner & multicultural entertainment, 2:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, for info call (573) 635-9127 or email [khartman@diojeffcity.org](mailto:khartman@diojeffcity.org)

Oct. 16

**Westphalia**, Respect Life Mass, 7 pm, with Rosary prayed at 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Church

Oct. 17

**Loose Creek**, Seeking Christ for our Nation Mass, 7 pm, Immaculate Conception Church

Oct. 27

**St. Louis**, Mass of Celebration in commemoration of the Shrine of St. Joseph's 175th year, with Archbishop Robert Carlson, 11 am

## Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

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](http://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](http://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](http://cocemo.org)

Oct. 18-20

**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](http://kingsretreatcenter.org)

Oct. 19

**Jefferson City**, Pre-Cana marriage preparation, Alphonse J.

## DOYLE

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ness of sins."

As one Lutheran parish in New Mexico explains it, Jesus "could have easily blessed all the wine that was already poured in the various cups that were already on the table on the night He was betrayed. But He didn't. Instead He blessed the one cup to be given to many. The common cup fulfills this symbolism beautifully."

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

Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, for info visit [jccprecana.org](http://jccprecana.org); **Laurie**, Men's Fall Retreat, 9 am, Old St. Patrick Church on Hwy. O, for info call (573) 692-4126 or email [fboley@gmail.com](mailto:fboley@gmail.com)

Oct. 21-24

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

Oct. 24-27

**Moberly**, Fall Cursillo Weekend for men, St. Pius X parish, for info visit [diojeffcity.org/cursillo](http://diojeffcity.org/cursillo)

Oct. 25-27

**Kansas City**, Rachel's Vineyard retreat for those suffering the emotional pain of abortion, for confidential info call (816) 679-4973, email [rvkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:rvkcmo@gmail.com) or visit [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org)

## Youth & Young Adults

Oct. 11-12

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

## Health & Wellness

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)

Oct. 14

**Rich Fountain**, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, Sacred Heart School

Oct. 15

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

Oct. 26

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

### Anniversaries

#### Argyle, St. Aloysius

George & Bernice Schroeder, 54 years  
Jerry & Venny Groene, 45 years  
Dave & Donna Schwartz, 45 years  
Jerome & Ruth Wulff, 42 years  
Bill & Alice Wansing, 41 years  
Jim & Brenda Buschjost, 34 years  
Dale & Elaine Brandt, 31 years  
Darryl & Paula Schwartz, 29 years  
John & Jane Hoeller, 27 years  
Raymond & Dawn Wieberg, 27 years  
Anton & Krista Welschmeyer, 21 years  
Donald & Veronica Nilges, 20 years  
Travis & Chrissy Reichel, 17 years  
Shawn & Kelly Welschmeyer, 15 years

#### Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels

Roger & Karen Schulte, 34 years

#### Camdenton, St. Anthony

Bob & Estelle Faust, 62 years  
Kenneth & Loretta Figge, 53 years

#### Chamois, Most Pure Heart of Mary

Bernie & Marian Forck, 41 years

#### Eldon, Sacred Heart

Rick & Judy Corwin, 50 years

#### Fayette, St. Joseph

Tiano & Angie Mateu, 12 years

#### Hermann, St. George

Earl & Melba Mueller, 61 years

#### Holts Summit, St. Andrew

Richard & Jean Rackers, 60 years  
Ed & Anna Marie Winkelman, 60 years  
Danny & Carla Massman, 25 years

#### Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception

Loran & Karen Sue Prenger, 30 years

#### Jefferson City, St. Peter

Larry "Tuna" & Suzi Hentges, 40 years

#### Kirkville, Mary Immaculate

Joan & Roger Butt, 65 years  
Frank & Joann Eskra, 59 years  
Larry & Beverly Howard, 41 years  
Matt & Mary Wolken, 40 years  
David & Lynn Petre, 38 years  
Joe & Carol Benevento, 28 years  
James Hendler & Melissa Passe, 22 years  
Mark & Andrea Cahalan, 20 years  
Gary & Donna Hicks, 12 years

#### Marshall, St. Peter

Ted & Carol Wolfe, 49 years

#### Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Robert & Rita Oliver, 49 years  
Vernon & Joann Zerr, 47 years  
Steve & Carol Rohan, 17 years  
Justin & Nicki Poindexter, 11 years

#### Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows

Sylvester & Carol Evers, 50 years  
Greg & Christy Adrian, 40 years  
Brian & Megan Limbach, 20 years  
Travis & Jessica Adrian, 10 years  
Jason & Beth Evers, 10 years  
Justin & Ashley Musick, 10 years

#### Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception

George & Lorraine Boes, 50 years  
Mike & Jenidean Readey, 38 years  
Mike & Cecelia White, 17 years  
Mike & Jane Dorlac, 11 years

#### Russellville, St. Michael

Larry & Joanie Forck, 45 years  
Roy & Kathleen Meller, 42 years  
Brad & Judy Wilson, 38 years  
Doug & Brenda Voss, 35 years  
Clay & Michelle Randolph, 21 years

#### Salisbury, St. Joseph

Joe & Judy Fehling, 55 years

#### St. Martins, St. Martin

George & Barbara Mertens, 46 years

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

Margie & Alfred Kaiser, 46 years  
Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, 46 years  
Bob & Betty Ann Luebbering, 46 years  
Gilbert & Betty Schellman, 46 years

#### Vienna,

#### Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Anthony & Margaret Johnson, 53 years  
John & Paula Sansoucie, 44 years  
Edward & Tammy Lake, 31 years  
Keith & Angie Hayes, 28 years  
Chris & Brenda Feeler, 27 years  
Mark & Stephanie Buschmann, 25 years

#### Wardsville, St. Stanislaus

Tom & Diane Scheppers, 44 years

### Birthdays

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Elaine Gray**, her 97th on Oct. 9

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Evelyn Dubbert**, her 90th birthday on Oct. 11

Rosati, St. Anthony — **Frank Gnemi**, his 100th on Oct. 8; **Rosemary Wieberg**, her 90th on Sept. 29

St. Clement, St. Clement — **Marcella Bunten**, her 100th on Oct. 11

### VEIT

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values. Let's ask ourselves if we believe that anxiety about the future can be overcome. Let's ask ourselves if we are more focused on others than ourselves, if we believe that there is more joy in giving than in receiving, and if we try to show love not only in words but in actions. These are the lessons that millennials and Gen Z are waiting for us to teach them, even if they don't know it.

While we still have time let's follow the advice of Pope Francis: "Growing older

### Baptisms

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Charlotte Esbeck; Aidan Lammert**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Clara Joan Boehm**, daughter of Jesse & Jennifer Boehm; **Ileana Castro**, daughter of Eric & Enequina Castro; **Jack Fitzgerald Dickey**, son of Aaron & Samantha Dickey

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Owen Hunter Ambrose**, son of Elliott & Megan Ambrose; **Jaxten Caden Wilkins**, son of Jeffery & Kirsten Wilkins

Ladonia, St. John — **Henry Edward Troesser**, son of Christopher & Ashley Troesser

Linn, St. George — **Dallas Maree** and **Jett James Brandt**, children of Darren & Brittany Brandt; **Barret Alfons Dudenhoeffer**, son of Kevin & Jenna Dudenhoeffer; **Robert James Jaegers**, son of Jason & Julia Jaegers

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Austin Elizabeth Lepper**, daughter of Devin & Olivia Lepper; **Maelyn Rose Schwaller**, daughter of Adam & Jena Schwaller; **Ellie Monroe Schwartz**, daughter of Kenney & Myranda Schwartz

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Parker Lee Roth**, son of Andrew & Shena Roth

St. Anthony, St. Anthony — **Emersyn Rae Otto**, daughter of George & Taylor Otto

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Sawyer Lewis Rackers**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Nashlyn Jo Nolting**, daughter of Collin Nolting & Madalyn Smith; **Arison Brett Nolting**, son of Austin & Allison Nolting

### Elections

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Rich Harding**, president; **Jeff Guinn**, vice president; **Ashleigh Boyd**, secretary of the parish pastoral council



means preserving and cherishing the most precious things about our youth, but it also involves having to purify those things that are not good and receiving new gifts from God so that we can develop the things that really matter."

This is how we will teach the young to face the future with hope!

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

### Deaths

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Mary J. Bure**

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Anna M. Fleming**

Glasgow, St. Mary — **Evelyn Brucks**

Hermann, St. George — **Karen Witthaus, Pearl Schaumberg**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Frank Burcham**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Sydney Schrag, Regina A. Troesser**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Sally Chapman, Douglas W. Menke, Patricia Newman, Mary D. Pringer**

Laurie, St. Patrick — **Brian P. Wolff**

Linn, St. George — **Catherine A. Paschal, Cletus J. Scheulen**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Janet Bolzenius**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **James Koetting**

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **James Holtschneider**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Jesse Martin**

### Marriages

Hermann, St. George — **Beth Norwald & Cullen Bruckerhoff**

Laurie, St. Patrick — **Teresa Scanlan & Luke Burris**

Linn, St. George — **Olivia Pennington & Aaron Parkhurst**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **MaKayla Adrian & Caleb Holtschneider**

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Heather Schoenekase & Trent Borron**

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Olivia Hagenhoff & Nathan Scheulen**

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Erica Graessle & TJ Loethen**

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — **Megan Corbin & Charles Bania; Emily Binder & Nicholas Prevo**

## 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.

## Crossword puzzle answers

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# “The world is full of good people ...”



**LEFT:** Eighth-graders at St. Thomas the Apostle School in St. Thomas wear T-shirts displaying the quote they chose from St. Mother Theresa of Kolkata: “The world is full of good people. If you can’t find one, be one.” — Photo from St. Thomas the Apostle School’s Facebook page

# “Best selfie ever”



**RIGHT:** Father Henry Ussher, administrator of St. Clement parish in St. Clement, Sacred Heart parish in Vandalia and St. John mission in Laddonia posted his “best selfie ever this month” on St. Clement School’s Facebook page.

# Story time in Taos



Father Michael Penn, pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish in Taos, reads the story of *The Little Lost Lamb* to first-graders at St. Francis Xavier School. — Photo from the school’s Facebook page

# “Encourage one another”



The Holy Family parish high school youth group in Hannibal discuss their lesson on Hebrews 10:24-25. It reminded them to be faith-inspired friends to others, to promote unity in their local churches, and to consider the Church their second home. — Photo from Holy Family parish’s Facebook page

# In seventh heaven



**LEFT:** Student Council officers at St. Martin School in St. Martins serve 7up to their fellow students on the seventh day of their school year. — Photo from St. Martin School’s Facebook page

# Grandparents’ Day



**RIGHT:** Dozens of grandparents visited Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City to celebrate Grandparents’ Day. — Photo from Immaculate Conception School’s Facebook page

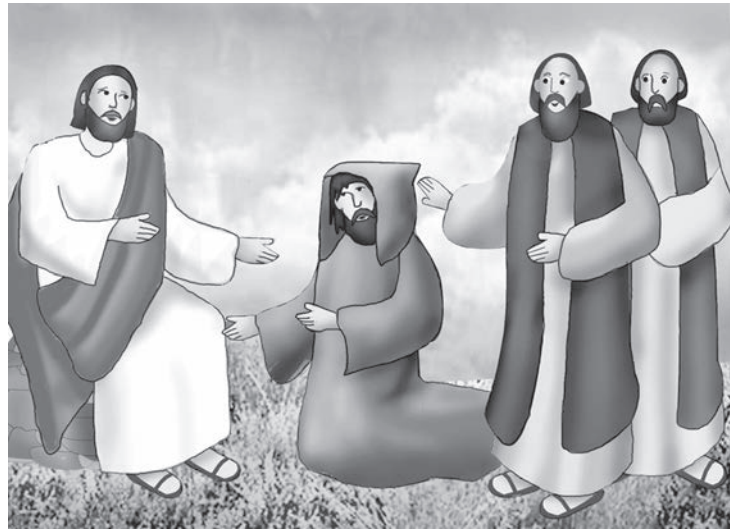
# Jesus cures 10 lepers

By Joe Sarnicola  
Catholic News Service

When Jesus was talking privately with His Apostles, one of them said to Him, "Lord, increase our faith."

Jesus thought for a moment before He said anything. He held out His right hand with His index finger over His thumb, with only a small space between them, indicating something very small. "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed," He said as He then spread His arms open wide, "you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

After He had given His friends time to think about what He had said, Jesus stood up and reminded them they



still had many miles to go before they would return to Jerusalem, and they would be passing through Samaria and Galilee along the way. The men picked up their traveling packs and began walking with

Jesus. Hours later, as Jesus and His Apostles approached the entrance to a small village, 10 lepers called out to Jesus.

"Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!"

Against the advice of His

friends, Jesus walked closer to the lepers so He could see their faces. The lepers, who often begged outside the village, did not allow people to get close to them, not wanting the disease to spread. Jesus gave them a command that followed the laws of Moses regarding lepers.

"Go show yourselves to the priests," He said. The lepers immediately obeyed Jesus, and as they headed into the village they all were healed of the leprosy. One of them, a Samaritan, turned around and praised God, then bowed down and thanked Jesus for the miracle.

Jesus asked him: "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Jesus reached His hand out to the

Samaritan. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Later that day, Jesus said to His disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.... As lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in His day."

Jesus looked at each one of His friends before He spoke again. Then He said, "Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it."

**Read more about it...  
Luke 17**

1. What did Jesus say about the mustard seed?

2. What did the Samaritan leper do that the other lepers did not?

## Bible Accent

The mustard seed that Jesus told His listeners about was very small, yet it could grow into a very large bush, producing oil and seasoning. Other plants could be eaten and used for other purposes. Aloe was used to clean and heal wounds and sores, and balm, an evergreen plant, was also used as a medicine.

Reed plants, such as bulrushes, were used to make pa-

per and writing instruments, and they could be used for weaving.

Myrrh, one of the expensive gifts the Magi brought to the baby Jesus, is the gummy extract of a rare bush that could produce either a spice or an oil. Frankincense, another gummy extract, gave off a fragrant aroma when burning. Oil made from olives was used for cooking, burning in lamps and as a lotion.

## Trivia

Jesus often told lessons by using stories. What is the special name we sometimes use for these stories?

Answer: Parables.

## Saint Spotlight



According to St. Gregory of Tours in the sixth century, Denis, the first bishop of Paris, was martyred with Rusticus, a priest, and Eleutherius, a deacon. The Italian-

born Denis and several other bishops were sent by the Pope to evangelize Gaul (France). Denis and his companions succeeded in spreading the Gospel from an island in the Seine, but were arrested during a persecution by Roman Emperor Decius. After a long imprisonment, they were beheaded and tossed into the river. Their remains were recovered and buried; a chapel built over their graves was replaced by the Abbey of Saint-Denis, now a basilica in a northern Parisian suburb. Denis is a patron of France, and of those suffering possession and headaches. We honor him on Oct. 9

## Puzzle

On the lines below, write the people, things and Bible verses from the lists that go together. Example: David, slingshot, 1 Samuel 17

People: Adam, Shadrach, Simon, Samson, Paul, Judas, Peter, Moses

Things: Garden, wind, silver, burning bush, blindness, furnace, haircut, net

Verses: Genesis 2, Judges 16, Acts 9, Exodus 3, Acts 2, Matthew 26, Mark 1, Daniel 3

PERSON / THING / VERSE:

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Answers: 1) Adam garden Genesis 2. 2) Moses burning bush Exodus 3. 3) Samson haircut Judges 16. 4) Shadrach furnace Daniel 3. 5) Judas silver Matthew 26. 6) Simon net Mark 1. 7) Peter wind Acts 2. 8) Paul blindness Acts 9.

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## The origins of evil are varied, but less so for the new show 'Evil'

By Sister Hosea Rupprecht  
Catholic News Service

New York

The questions of what makes people do evil things is explored in the new CBS series "Evil" from the husband-and-wife team of Robert and Michelle King, the creators of "The Good Wife" and "The Good Fight."

The show's genesis comes from many discussions the couple have had over the course of their 32-year marriage about what causes people to do evil things. Robert, a devout Catholic, believes original sin has a lot to do with it and Michelle, an agnostic Jew,

takes a more human-based, mental health approach.

"Evil" follows a team of three people tasked with exploring the Catholic Church's backlog of requests for exorcisms or investigation of possible miracles. The team includes David Acosta (Mike Colter), a seminarian — referred to in the show as a "priest-in-training"; Kristin Bouchard (Katja Herbers), a former Catholic and forensic psychologist who doesn't believe in the supernatural; and Ben (Aasif Mandvi), a blue-collar contractor who thinks science can explain everything.

Asked during an interview at a screening of the "Evil" pilot episode at the Sheen Center in New York City what they hoped the show would contribute to the cultural conversation about evil, Michelle King said, "It's less about content but more about the tone. I hope the show helps people speak to each other respectfully because the characters listen to one another even though

they don't have the same point of view. I hope the show encourages (respectful listening) because there's not as much listening that is helpful right now."

Robert King said he hopes the show will help people acknowledge that religion is part of the fabric of the universe. "The problem is that TV's cliché about religion is that it's somehow going to turn villainous," he said.





"That's not going to happen here." Michelle added, "In this show, for example, the second episode starts with prayer. That's going to be the fabric of this show. You're not going to see a mockery of religion because we won't have it."

The Kings, together with seven other writers, are careful to draw on the expertise of consultants from both the Catholic Church and the field of psychology.

During the Sheen Center event, Monsignor Donald Sakano, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York and a consultant on the show, talked about his visit to the set and some of the questions the writers had for him. One actor who plays a priest wanted to know about how to carry himself as a priest who is called upon to perform an exorcism.

Chitra Raghaven, the psychology consultant, actually got the writers to include comments about having to pay off student loans, even

## Movie Ratings

 General Patronage	Abominable (PG)
 Adults and Adolescents	Overcomer (PG)
 Adults	Ad Astra (PG-13) Angel Has Fallen (R) Bennett's War (PG-13) Blinded by the Light (PG-13) Don't Let Go (R) Downton Abbey (PG) The Goldfinch (R) The Peanut Butter Falcon (PG-13) Where'd You Go, Bernadette (PG-13)
 Morally Offensive	Hustlers (R) It: Chapter Two (R) Rambo: Last Blood (R) Ready or Not (R)

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

years after graduating, because that's reality for many in the mental health profession.

When asked why they named the show "Evil," Robert replied that "The Good Wife" — despite its seven-season run and award haul including several Emmys and a Peabody Award in 2010 — suffered from its title, saying that some men didn't want to watch a show called "The Good Wife." He said, "We wanted to have a provocative title but above all it's the subject matter that interests us." Smiling, he added, "But the show's not all about the bad stuff."

The Kings aim to offer viewers a show that defies genre labeling. As with "The Good Wife," "Evil" will cross genres, making the show anything but a typical procedural. It includes investigative elements with supernatural ones plus a bit of thriller-horror mixed in.

When asked why they chose to focus on paranormal or supernatural manifestations of evil rather than more real-life evil, Michelle said, "Stay tuned. It's all there. There's very much evil with a small

'e' such as an episode with an evil boss." Robert added, "The supernatural is interesting to people right now. We're not here to preach but to entertain. If the show can help people think more about what's happening in the daily news, that's all good."

Some Catholics may be wary of a TV show called "Evil," but Michelle voiced her hope that people will watch the show long enough to see how respectful it is. Acknowledging that some may find it disconcerting, Robert says, "There's a subset of people in religion who believe that any entertainment is not of God. I think when you look at the novels or short stories of Flannery O'Connor or Graham Greene, the bottom line is these are very holy people who are using entertainment to examine life and are willing to be challenging in their stories."

"Evil" airs from 9-10 p.m. central time on Thursdays on CBS.

*Sister Rupprecht, a Daughter of St. Paul, is a guest reviewer for Catholic News Service.*



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## PILGRIMS

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integrity and simplicity of heart as did the saints and the would-be saints," he said.

"One of these," he emphasized, "is Fr. Tolton, who offers a model for suffering, generous priestly service needed for these times."

"These times" are often punctuated by senseless acts of violence, especially in large cities.

While not excusing such behavior, Bishop Perry noted that people who are disenfranchised often turn to violence "when life turns miserable for them or structures are seen as not being there to assist their well-being."

Now as in decades past, they need to have the Good News preached to them with hearts filled with courage and compassion.

"We Catholics have within our hands and hearts an opportunity to show off the great

light of the Gospel — a summons that never loses its force,

### Prayer for the Canonization of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton

O God, we give You thanks for Your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of Your Son's passion and death. If it be Your Will, O God, glorify Your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now request through his intercession [mention your request] so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what You have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of Your Kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to You O God, through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

— Bishop Joseph N. Perry

precisely because we are believers and love and admire Jesus Christ," said Bishop Perry.

"The Tolton story is one that helps with the way we raise children and grandchildren and forge bonds among adults," he said. "Tolton was a pioneer with indiscriminate welcoming of everyone — black, white, whatever."

### In unceasing chorus

Bishop Perry is convinced that God continues to work through the intercession of His venerable servant from Brush Creek.

The bishop eagerly awaits the miracle that will eventually lead to the singing of Fr. Tolton's favorite hymn by faithful throngs in St. Peter's Square.

"Yes, truly, we hope such a magnificent rendition can be played at his beatification and canonization!" he said.

He hopes to lead another pilgrimage to Quincy and Brush Creek next year.

## UNITY

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at reducing the groupings that naturally occur."

Rather, the parish exists and manifests itself "in the multiplicity and diversity of charisms of the baptized."

"The larger the parish, the more important it is for the people to have a 'world' or group within the parish that helps them feel like they belong," said Bishop McKnight.

It's also important for each of these groups to identify with the larger parish community, he stated.

He urged the people to make a point of occasionally attending meetings and liturgical functions at worship sites other than the one closest to home.

### Mercy and charity

The bishop said naming the parish in honor of a saint known for his charitable attitude and deeds is appropri-

ate for a community that has demonstrated such a strong commitment to charitable outreach.

"It indicates your deliberate choice to continue this tradition, recognizing that what we do for the poor is done for Christ," said Bishop McKnight. "As the Church, we are all about helping and caring for people, both in their spiritual and material needs.

"Please do what you can to help the new parish of St. Vincent de Paul be recognized by everyone, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, as a center of charity and mercy where they can always find help," he said.

All of this will require a deliberate, conscious commitment to good stewardship on the part of all parishioners.

"As a steward," he said, "I am called to give God my attention in prayer; to serve Christ by serving the mission

of His Church; and to sacrificially offer the fruits of my labor by giving financially, not to a need but out of my need to give."

The bishop asserted that a parish's commitment to the spirituality of stewardship is most noticeable in its sacrificial commitment to the forming of its young people in the ways of faith.

"Handing on the faith to the next generation is not just the obligation of the parents, but also the responsibility of the whole parish," he noted.

### Celebrating oneness

On behalf of the entire parish, Fr. Corel thanked Bishop McKnight, Bishop Emeritus Gaydos and everyone who had a hand in bringing the Sept. 22 celebration about.

He said a great deal of work and discernment lie ahead for the vision of a unified parish to

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, Oct 6

TWENTY-SEVENTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
Hb. 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
Ps. 95:1-2, 6-9  
2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14  
Lk. 17:5-10

### Monday, Oct 7

Our Lady of the Rosary  
Jon. 1:1—2:2, 11  
(Ps.) Jon. 2:2-5, 8  
Lk. 10:25-37

### Tuesday, Oct 8

Jon. 3:1-10  
Ps. 130:1b-4ab, 7-8  
Lk. 10:38-42

### Wednesday, Oct 9

St. Denis, bishop, and  
companions, martyrs; St.  
John Leonardi, priest  
Jon. 4:1-11  
Ps. 86:3-6, 9-10  
Lk. 11:1-4

### Thursday, Oct 10

Mal. 3:13-20b  
Ps. 1:1-4, 6  
Lk. 11:5-13

### Friday, Oct 11

St. John XXIII, Pope  
Jl. 1:13-15; 2:1-2  
Ps. 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16  
Lk. 11:15-26

### Saturday, Oct 12

Jl. 4:12-21  
Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
Lk. 11:27-28

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

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

### Sunday, Oct 13

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
2 Kgs. 5:14-17  
Ps. 98:1-4  
2 Tm. 2:8-13  
Lk. 17:11-19

### Monday, Oct 14

St. Callistus I, Pope, martyr  
Rom. 1:1-7  
Ps. 98:1b-4  
Lk. 11:29-32

### Tuesday, Oct 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor  
of the Church  
Rom. 1:16-25  
Ps. 19:2-5  
Lk. 11:37-41

### Wednesday, Oct 16

St. Hedwig, religious; St.  
Margaret Mary Alacoque,  
virgin  
Rom. 2:1-11  
Ps. 62:2-3, 6-7, 9  
Lk. 11:42-46

### Thursday, Oct 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop,  
martyr  
Rom. 3:21-30  
Ps. 130:1b-6b  
Lk. 11:47-54

### Friday, Oct 18

ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST  
2 Tm. 4:10-17b  
Ps. 145:10-13ab, 17-18  
Lk. 10:1-9

### Saturday, Oct 19

Ss. John de Brébeuf and  
Isaac Jogues, priests, and  
companions, martyrs (USA)  
Rom. 4:13, 16-18  
Ps. 105:6-9, 42-43  
Lk. 12:8-12

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place afterward in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Two cakes were decorated with images of the three worship sites and Sacred Heart School.

Fr. Veit and Fr. Corel handed out St. Vincent de Paul prayer cards.

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## Women's Day of Reflection in Taos

**DATE: October 20**  
**TIME: noon - 5 pm**

St. Francis Xavier parish in Taos will host a Women's Day of Reflection on Sunday, Oct. 20.

It will be from noon to 5 p.m. in the St. Francis Xavier School cafeteria, 7307 Route M.

The theme will be "From Water to Wine."

Speakers will include: Millie Aulbur, Sister Claret Feldhake SSND, LeAnn Korsmeyer, Jeanne Livers, Mary Markway and Sister Mary Ruth Wand SSND.

"Please join us as we reflect on the transformation that takes place when we allow the Holy Spirit to use us as living vessels and extensions of God's love," the event's organizers stated.

The cost is \$20 per person. The registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 14.

For information or to register, contact Shelle Sandbothe at (573) 395-4401, ext. 1003, or [reled@sfxtaos.com](mailto:reled@sfxtaos.com).

## Bible study in J.C.

David Wurst of St. Peter parish in Jefferson City will lead a 10-part series of Bible Study Sessions on Thursday evenings in the Fr. Ahrens Room of the St. Peter Parish Life Center, 216 Broadway St.

It will include videos and discussions on the topic, "Genesis To Jesus," based upon Scott Hahn's book, *A Father Who Keeps His Promises*.

"The course centers on God's covenants and how they lead up to our salvation," Mr. Wurst stated.

The videos, led by Matthew Leonard and Scott Hahn, were filmed in the Holy Land.

Sessions will be from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31; Nov. 7, 14 and 21; and Dec. 5, 12 and 19.

An available workbook is helpful but not mandatory.

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