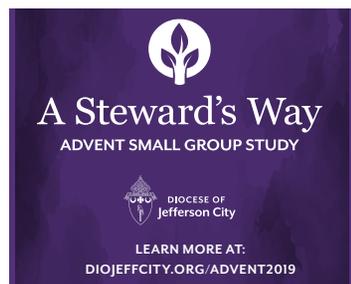


Called to focus on joy, gratitude this Advent

Bishop McKnight is urging Catholics throughout the diocese to take part in "A Steward's Way" this Advent to help prepare for new pastoral plan.

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St. Andrew Rosary Garden in Tipton: a dream fulfilled



The Rosary Garden outside St. Andrew Church in Tipton includes a paved walkway with embedded stones representing each bead, and information about praying the Rosary.

— Photo by Jay Nies

Fr. J. David Maher, retired priest of the diocese, to be laid to rest near family in Slater

By Jay Nies

Father David Maher wore his cross from Madonna House on his heart.

It symbolized that he had emptied himself, renounced all attachment to earthly possessions and learned to live and pray like the poor people of that secluded Catholic community in Ontario, Canada.

"I have to go out like the Prophet Jeremiah, and say, 'The Lord has been good to me. I'll be good to you,'" Fr. Maher stated in 2015, shortly after visiting the Madonna House community.

"I'm not a saint," he would tell friends who tried to puff him up. "God has some work left to do on me."

Fr. Maher, 74, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese, who had ministered in Marshall, Hannibal, Canton,

LaGrange, Kirksville, Taos, Jefferson City and California, died on Nov. 10 in Westphalia.

The concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was to be offered at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, with Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos presiding and Father John Groner preaching the homily.

Visitation with a Rosary service was to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 15 in St. Joseph Church in Slater.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, in St. Joseph Church.

Burial will be near his parents in the Slater City Cemetery.

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By Jay Nies

"A hundred little voices. One and two at a time."

That's how Virginia Johnson Shetler described the dedication of the Rosary Garden outside St. Andrew Church in Tipton.

Older and younger students of St. Andrew School stood two-by-two at each "bead" in the newly completed garden.

Each helped lead one of the prayers as the entire school asked Mary to intercede for them before the throne of Christ in heaven.

Father Anthony Rinaldo, pastor of St. Andrew parish and of Annunciation parish in California, blessed and dedicated the Rosary Garden in the presence of all the students and faculty.

"May God grant to us, His faithful people, that by praying the Rosary we may, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, seek to keep His joys, sorrows and glories in our minds and hearts," Fr. Rinaldo prayed.

The Rosary Garden is a 75-by-30-foot paved loop of decorative concrete embedded with polished black stones in the shape of beads and a cross.

Each bead is dedicated in honor or memory of someone with ties to the parish.

There are benches for resting and trees for shade.

Engraved stone plaques list the Glorious, Joyful, Sorrowful and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and the Corporal Works of Mercy.

In the center, surrounded by rose bushes, is a statue of the Blessed Mother, looking down at sheaths of corn.

Another nearby image of Mary de-

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Correction

An article about St. Anthony parish's new cemetery and columbarium in Camdenton included an incorrect pastoral assignment for Father Daniel Lueckenotte.

Fr. Lueckenotte is pastor of Holy Cross parish in Cuba, St. Francis Carocciolo parish in Bourbon and St. Michael parish in Steelville.

We apologize for the error.

Seeking Christ for Our Nation

The next "Seeking Christ for our Nation" Masses will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 19**, at 6 p.m. in Our Lady of the Snows Church in Mary's Home.

Pray for deceased priests

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Thanksgiving meals in Camdenton, Jeff. City, Montgomery City, Sedalia



Volunteers at St. Anthony parish in Camdenton serve meals on Thanksgiving 2018.

St. Anthony parish in Camdenton, Immaculate Conception parish in Jefferson City, St. Vincent de Paul parish in Sedalia and a family from Immaculate Conception parish in Montgomery City will serve free meals on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 28) for anyone in their communities who are in need of a good meal.

Camdenton

St. Anthony parish will sponsor its 14th annual traditional Caring & Sharing dinner consisting of turkey and all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall downstairs from St. Anthony Church, 1874 N. Business Route 5.

All are invited, especially people who are homeless, alone, who cannot afford the "holiday trimmings," and all who would enjoy sharing a free dinner in the company of others.

Volunteers will deliver meals to people who are homebound.

To request a delivered meal, call Joyce Robins at (573) 317-0121 by Wednesday evening,

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To volunteer to help with the meal, call Lisa Black-Schwandt at (573) 216-0209.

Jefferson City

Immaculate Conception parish will serve turkey and all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Kertz Hall, the cafeteria of Immaculate Conception School, located behind Immaculate Conception Church at East McCarty Street and Clark Avenue; and at Dulle/Hamilton Towers.

Deliveries will be available to people who are homebound.

To make reservations or request home delivery, call the parish office at (573) 635-6143 by Monday, Nov. 25. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Food donations, monetary donations and volunteers to help in the kitchen, deliver meals and help clean-up are greatly appreciated.

To volunteer or to donate money or food, visit

[www.icangels.com/
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dinner](http://www.icangels.com/community-thanksgiving-dinner)

Montgomery City

The Steffan family of Immaculate Conception parish will host the Montgomery City Thanksgiving Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the

Chancery closing

The chancery offices in the Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29**, for Thanksgiving.

Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Sturgeon St.

They will be serving a complete turkey lunch. Free-will donations will be appreciated but not required.

Sedalia

St. Vincent de Paul parish will serve its annual Thanksgiving Day dinner for people who homebound or elderly and anyone in need of a good meal.

Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall downstairs from the St. Patrick Chapel, 415 E. Fourth St.

Meal deliveries will be available. To request a meal, call the parish office at (660) 826-2062 through Nov. 17 and leave your name, address, phone number, and the number of meals needed.

Volunteers are needed to bake and donate cookies ahead of time and also at any time from 8 to 11:30 a.m. to help set up, fill, assemble and deliver the meals and clean up.

Call Mary Jo at (660) 596-4094 to volunteer.

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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MAKING CONNECTIONS

Bishop McKnight

Pastoral planning process: a time of discernment, discovery

This Advent, many Catholics throughout our diocese will be participating in a four-session program called “A Steward’s Way.”

We’ll be meeting in small groups in our parishes (and others will be meeting in our closed Facebook group) to reflect on our gratitude to God for the gifts of family and friends, our Church, our communities and our world.

Sounds like other faith-sharing small groups, right? But “A Steward’s Way” is unique, in that this is the beginning of a pastoral planning process for our diocese. How does sharing

one’s faith connect to pastoral planning? Pastoral planning is different from other kinds of planning processes which many may have experienced. Our focus is on discernment, that Christian discipline in which we attempt to listen to God’s dream for us, which guides us to make a discovery that can lead to future action.

Since we are Catholics, we want to center that discernment process within our parishes. The outcome of the diocesan pastoral planning process will be a discernment, a discovery, of what God wants for our parishes.

I believe these sentences from Pope Francis’ “Joy of the Gospel” are key to helping us hear God’s plan for our parishes: “The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the

pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be ‘the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters.’” (“Joy of the Gospel,” No. 28)

We can never assume that because our parishes have existed in one manner, they are always going to be that way. Instead, our parishes must adapt and change to meet the needs and hopes of our people, especially for future generations.

In my discernment which has led to me calling for this pastoral planning process, I have realized three foci on which we need to build this planning process:

- Creating a culture of co-responsibility between the clergy and laity, in accord with the Second Vatican Council’s teachings;
- Raising awareness of the spirituality of stewardship as essential for all disciples; and
- Increasing our parishes’ capacity as centers of charity and mercy.

Our Advent sessions will give us a deeper understanding of the spirituality of stewardship. As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

During Lent 2020, we will delve into our responsibilities in renewing our parishes so that, as Pope Francis reminds us, they are truly “the presence of the Church in a given territory.”

While our Sunday Liturgies are the source and summit of our worship, our parishes must also be centers of charity and mercy.

“This presumes that [the parish] really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few,” Pope Francis writes.

Nor can we have a cookie-cutter, one-size-fits-all ap-

but the only way we can be Catholic is by being together.

During Lent 2020, you’ll be invited to discern, along with other parishioners, what needs to change, what needs to be strengthened and what may need to be set aside so that your parish can be “nearer to people, ... environments of living communion and participation ... and ... completely mission-oriented.”

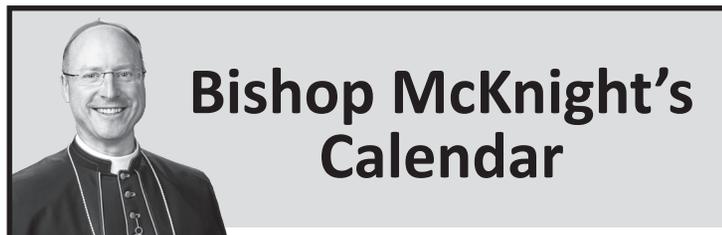
Your insights will be provided to your parish councils, who will bring this information to our Diocesan Pastoral Council in September 2020 and the priests of our diocese in October 2020.

I hope each of us find this

proach to what makes a parish “a center of constant missionary outreach.” It will require each of us, in prayerful discernment with one another, to discover what that means. Indeed, not only are we better together,

planning process to be fruitful, both for our own individual growth, but also in becoming a more active participant in one’s parish. Together, we will be a better Church, both now and for future generations.





Bishop McKnight's Calendar

NOVEMBER

Nov. 17 Confirmation Mass, 2 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Columbia

Nov. 18 Confirmation Mass, 7 pm, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Boonville

Nov. 19 Meet with Jefferson City Downtown Protestant Pastors and Father Jeremy Secrist, 11:30 am, Jefferson City; Meet with Whiteman Air Force Base Chaplains, 2:30 pm, Catholic Center, Jefferson City

Nov. 20 School Mass, 8 am, St. Martin Church, St. Martins; Planned Giving Council, 11:30 am, Central Bank, Jefferson City; Retirement Reception for Sister Kathleen Wegman, SSND, 3-6 pm, Catholic Center, Jefferson City

Nov. 21-24 National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

Nov. 25 Missouri Catholic Conference Winter Meeting of Board of Directors Conference Call, 1 pm, Catholic Center, Jefferson City

DECEMBER

Dec. 2 Capital Region Medical Center Board of Governors Annual Meeting and Dinner, 5:30 pm, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

Dec. 4 Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Board of Directors Meeting, noon, Catholic Center, Jefferson City

Dec. 7 Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, 10 am, Catholic Center, Jefferson City

Dec. 8 Visit to Moberly Correctional Center Protective Custody Unit and General Population followed by Mass and Sacrament of Confirmation, 8:15 am, Moberly

Bishop McKnight's November prayer intention for our Local Church

For all our deceased family and friends, and for all the souls in purgatory: that the Lord may have mercy on them, and may they see the face of God and live.

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

Por todos los difuntos de nuestra familia y amigos, y por todas las almas del purgatorio. Que el Señor tenga misericordia de ellos y que puedan vivir y ver el rostro de Dios.



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“Joy of the Gospel” is key to Advent groups, planning process

See Bishop McKnight’s “Making Connections” column on Page 3

By Jay Nies

The Church cannot exist for its own sake.

It must be constantly focused on awakening a desire in all people to know, love and serve God.

Pope Francis insisted on this, drawing heavily on the teaching of his predecessors, in a document he released shortly after becoming Pope six years ago.

Titled “Joy of the Gospel,” this apostolic exhortation offers a blueprint for Catholics throughout the world to live up to their covenant with their crucified and risen Savior.

In it, the Pope urges people to proclaim the fullness of the Gospel with hearts and lives overflowing with joy and gratitude.

Pope Francis also urgently summons the Church to turn outward toward mission, especially through prayer and worship, teaching and evangelizing, and encountering Christ by personally helping people who are in need.

Spreading the joy

Since being appointed to lead the Jefferson City diocese almost two years ago, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has sought inspiration from “Joy of the Gospel” in preparing for the Church’s future in these 38 counties.

He has emphasized unity and collaboration in carrying out the Church’s threefold mission in parishes: facilitat-

ing authentic worship of God; helping people encounter and get to know the Lord they serve; and giving meaningful help in God’s name to people in need.

The bishop often speaks of the need to proclaim the Good News to young people and families in new and relevant ways and draw them into active communion with the whole Church.

He has emphasized “doubling down” on the Second Vatican Council’s vision of an animated, motivated, properly formed laity united with the leadership of the clergy in governing parishes and incorporating God’s work into every aspect of daily life.

Within that context, he has identified three tasks that need special attention here:

- equipping parishes to thrive as centers of charity and mercy within the larger community of people residing within their territorial boundaries;

- cultivating a spirituality of stewardship and gratitude throughout the local Church, recognizing every spiritual and material blessing as a gift from God, bestowed for the purpose of drawing all people to Himself and building up of His Kingdom on earth; and

- ensuring proper and fruitful collaboration among the clergy and the laity, with shared responsibility and accountability to God and one another.

Finding the best way

Confident in the working of the Holy Spirit, Bishop McKnight is inviting all Cath-

olics to take part in a process of guided discernment.

“Think of it as the whole Church going on a retreat together,” he said.

He has directed the parishes to organize opportunities for small groups of parishioners to read, listen and

share their faith with one another in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

He has chosen the four-part “A Steward’s Way” study

series based on putting “Joy of the Gospel” into practice as a guide to these discussions.

As he states in his “Mak-

to draw insight from these groups into a revised pastoral plan for the diocese, guiding decisions and priorities for the next three to five years.

“I hope each of us find this planning process to be fruitful, both for our own individual growth, but also

in becoming a more active participant in one’s parish,” he wrote. “Together, we will be a better Church, both now and for future generations.”



ing Connections” column on Page 3, he wants these discussions to continue during Lent.

Afterward, he intends

Gratitude is the foundation for “A Steward’s Way” study series

By Jay Nies

While studying Pope Francis’s “Joy of the Gospel,” LeAnn Korsmeyer was struck by his notion that church buildings should never be sterile places.

“A church is better when it’s a little messy, because that means we’re using it for what it’s built for,” said Mrs. Korsmeyer. “The lights should be on and the chairs and the kneelers should be worn.

“And we need to be rising up, going out and doing the work God has in mind for us,” she said.

Mrs. Korsmeyer, diocesan coordinator for Women’s Ministry, previously a parish director of religious education and faith formation, helped compose the materials for the four-part “A Steward’s Way” Advent study program for the diocese.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight is encouraging Catholic men and women of all ages to take part in weekly study groups involving “A Steward’s Way” — not only in preparation for Christmas but also as part of the formulation of a new diocesan pastoral plan.

The program is based on “Joy of the Gospel,” Pope Francis’s apostolic exhortation on the New Evangelization.

“A Steward’s Way” is designed for small-group faith-sharing groups, but there is also an online version for people who cannot leave home.

Each session focuses on an aspect of gratitude — among family and friends, in the community, in the Church and in the nation.

Each includes an excerpt from “Joy of the Gospel,” along with discussion questions and a list of opportunities for putting what’s been discussed into action during the upcoming week.

“These are ordinary things you can do because you’re aware of God’s goodness, and you recognize the people around you who need help,” said Mrs. Korsmeyer.

Each session closes with a prayer of thanksgiving.

“Where our minds go, our actions follow,” said Mrs. Korsmeyer. “When we are in a state of gratitude, we act in gratitude.”

“A Steward’s Way” is geared toward applying “Joy of the Gospel” to three of Bishop McKnight’s key priorities for the diocese: increasing the capacity of parishes to be centers of mercy and charity; building up a spirituality of stewardship based on gratitude to God; and promoting more effective collaboration among the ordained and the laity.

“As part of His divine plan, God has created for us a place to nourish and grow stronger in our faith and then go out into the community and share those gifts,” said Mrs. Korsmeyer.

The foundation for “A Steward’s Way” began as a collaboration between Mrs. Korsmeyer and Carolyn Saucier, a specialist in adult faith formation who served for many years as diocesan associate director of religious education.

They worked together in 2017 on a program entitled “The Gift of Gratitude: Dedicating Ourselves to Thanks-Giving.”

Each session of “A Steward’s Way” is designed to stand alone but also to build on the others in promoting awareness, gratitude, action and unity.

“When we work in union, we are working as God’s family,” said Mrs. Korsmeyer.

“Our greatest joy and peace comes when we give of ourselves,” she said. “You have nothing to fear when you’re doing God’s will.”

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STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Columbia Catholic Hospital Ministry coordinator sees each patient as an encounter with Christ

By Jay Nies

Deacon Michael Berendzen entered the hospital room and introduced himself to a patient in his 20s.

Up went the young man's hands.

"Whoa! I'm atheist!"

"I'm sorry!" the deacon replied. "It says here you're Catholic."

After clearing up the mix-up, Deacon Berendzen said, "Well, I'll be around. Let me know if I can do anything for you."

That encounter — one of dozens Deacon Berendzen initiates on any given day — might or might not have been the beginning of something.

It's all up to God.

"It starts with showing up," stated Deacon Berendzen, coordinator for Columbia Catholic Hospital Ministry.

"Just being present is often more important than what we say or do," he said. "Being present opens the door to letting God work through us."

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight appointed Deacon Berendzen, who also assists the pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish in Taos, to the full-time Columbia position shortly after ordaining him to the permanent diaconate this spring.

His work is supported by donations to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA).

Deacon Berendzen and longtime hospital chaplain Deacon Gene Kazmierczak visit patients in five Columbia facilities: the University of Missouri Hospital (including

the Missouri Orthopedic Institute), Boone Hospital Center, Women's and Children's Hospital, Landmark Hospital and Rusk Rehabilitation Center.

These health facilities draw patients to Columbia from all over the diocese, the state and even other states.

"Wherever they're from, if they're Catholic and they're in one of these hospitals, they're one of our parishioners," said Deacon Berendzen.

He also coordinates the local priests who are on call for emergencies, as well as about 20 lay volunteers who take Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

But most of his time and energy involves one-on-one ministry.

"I visit patients Monday through Friday and weekends and nights as needed," he said. "I'm basically on call 24/7."

He works in partnership with the full-time chaplains and pastoral service departments at each of the hospitals he visits.

"We are guests in each of these, not employees," he noted.

Faith support

Deacon Berendzen's ministry is part of the Church's mandate to visit the sick and to comfort the sorrowing.

Bishop McKnight considers deacons who are involved in hospital ministry to be his personal representatives to people who are sick.

He also sees them as mediators between parishes and their infirm members and families.

"Our mission, our ministry is to be Christ's presence for those who are in those facilities, whether it's the patient, the family, the staff," said Deacon Berendzen.

He enjoys spending time and getting to know the pa-

tients and their loved ones.

"I try to bring a sense of humor to it," he said. "I recently had one family member tell me, 'Thanks for making us smile.'"

He is acutely aware of the importance of spiritual care in treating a patient.

"That includes their spirit, their soul, their faith, and their family when they're around," he said.

He has seen tremendous signs of faith from patients and families, "especially those who may be nearing the end of their earthly life."

"I see how their faith supports them at those times, and how it supports their family," he said.

He understands that his work is really God's.

"As part of my daily prayer, I ask the Lord to let me be the presence of Christ to those I come into contact with," said Deacon Berendzen.

"I also ask Him that I will recognize Christ in them," he stated. "He allows me to minister to them and allows me to be ministered to by them."

"It naturally flowed"

Deacon Berendzen previously served for seven and a half years as associate to the chancellor and as director of the diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection.

He was in diaconal formation for much of that time and was feeling increasingly drawn to hospital ministry.

"There's no question that in our life, we should be discerning and looking at the talents God has given us and how we are best using them," he noted.

In self-reflection and in conversations with other people, he realized that one of his strongest gifts is forging a relational bond with other people.

"I was open to whatever way God was wanting to use me," he said. "And it naturally

flowed, naturally pointed me toward this ministry."

Presence

Deacon Berendzen said the key to ministering to people in a hospital is to be attentive and



Deacon Michael Berendzen, coordinator for Columbia Catholic Hospital Ministry visits the chapel in one of five healthcare facilities in the largest city in the diocese.

fully present to them.

"I hear people say, 'I don't know what to say in a hospital,'" he said. "But it's not about you. It's about the patient and their family. You need to take your cues from them."

"If they would like to pray, we pray," he said. "If they would like me to contact someone, I do it. If it's as simple as getting a cup of water, I do it. If they would like to have a priest anoint them or hear their confession, I can arrange that."

Sometimes he is summoned to visit a patient who is Catholic but no longer actively practices their faith.

"I can listen to them, be present to them, hear what's in their heart and what their family is saying," he said. "I can also provide them some options for reuniting with their faith community."

For some, it's simply that they can't get to Mass anymore, so they fall out of touch.

"That's why it's important for every parish to have an outreach to homebound parishioners," he said.

"I really encourage anyone who is unable to leave home to get to Mass at their local church to stay in touch with their parish so someone can visit them and bring them Holy Communion," he said.

"We are all part of the same community, and we don't want to forget about them," he said.

He noted that people who can't get out, often have time to pray for the needs of the people around them.

"We have potential prayer warriors all over the diocese," he said. "By drawing on their ability to hold people up in prayer, we help them stay connected while we reap the benefits of their prayers."

If they are in pain, they can offer that up to God as part of their prayer, he added.

Plan ahead

Medical privacy laws restrict the amount of information hospital employees and volunteers can share without the patient's consent.

Therefore, Deacon Berendzen said it's important for people who are admitted to a hospital and want to receive pastoral services to notify their parish and the hospital's spiritual care department.

This can be done ahead of time or while the patient is in the hospital.

He suggested that those who are anticipating surgery or treatment for a major illness make arrangements ahead of time if possible to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

"There are spiritual benefits from receiving these sacraments," he said.

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"As each one has received a gift, use it to SERVE ONE ANOTHER as good stewards."

1 PETER 4:10



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Jefferson City

Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection to help break the cycle of poverty to be taken up Nov. 23-24

For nearly 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been the official domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic bishops.

Raising public awareness about poverty and its causes and working to break the cycle of poverty in the United States, the annual collection will be taken up in parishes throughout the diocese the weekend of Nov. 23-24.

More than 38 million people live in poverty in the U.S. This collection helps community leaders who work to expand access to affordable housing, health care, and education.

The collection also supports the development of worker-owned businesses, and advocates for changes to structures that keep people in poverty.

"The situation of the poor obliges us not to keep our distance from the body of the Lord, who suffers in them," Pope Francis said in his statement for this year's commemoration of the World Day of the Poor. "Instead, we are called to touch His flesh and to be personally committed in offering a service that is an authentic form of evangelization."

Near and far away

Bishop David P. Talley of Memphis, chairman of the CCHD Subcommittee of the

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, said the CCHD draws people together in working to address the root causes of poverty.

By taking part, "we uphold the dignity of those who live in poverty and empower them through dialogue and solidarity," he said.

This national collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's community and economic development grants, as well as its education programs aimed at raising awareness of poverty and fostering hope in communities across the nation.

Twenty-five percent of the money stays in the diocese to help with local efforts to disrupt the cycle of poverty.

With money from last year's collection, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight approved grants to eligible organizations that combat poverty on two distinct fronts.

•A \$10,000 grant to Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty's (MADP) will help pay for community and faith forums throughout the state, led by two men who have spent time on death row before being exonerated.

It will also help pay for MADP's spiritual advisor and pen pal programs as well as

event coordination expenses for the organization's racial justice reconciliation and remembrance programs.

MADP attempts to make Missourians aware of the cost, inequalities, arbitrariness and immorality of the death penalty.

The focus is the entire state, with particular attention to the Jefferson City central region.

The bishop's CCHD advisory committee believes this grant supports the organization's mission of seeking institutional change in the social, political and economic arenas where there is a disproportionate effect on poor and low-income people.

•A \$10,000 grant to Sedalia-based Open Door Service Center Inc.'s grant will help expand a Christian faith-based soup kitchen operation.

Operating Monday through Friday, the organization serves approximately 1,200 meals per month.

Open Door plans to use the money to help pay for an assistant kitchen manager/cook to lead the expansion of Open Door's service to weekends.

The Open Door kitchen began several years ago in a Salvation Army building, and then operated in the basement of St. Patrick Church in Sedalia.

A certified commercial kitchen on West Pettis Street began in 2018.

Open Door is an affiliate of The Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri.

Patrons live below the federal poverty level.

After careful consideration

Bishop McKnight approved the grants upon the recommendation of a diocesan CCHD advisory committee.

Committee members include: Father Francis Doyle, pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Columbia; retired Deacon Earl Horsefield, a member of Holy Cross parish in Cuba; Deacon William Seifert of Immaculate Conception parish in Jefferson City; Susan McAdams, a member of Immaculate Conception parish in Jefferson City; and Lesli Alvarenga, a

member of St. Peter parish in Marshall.

Grant requests were accepted in January through February of this year.

Both organizations that are receiving local funding affirmed that they have no organizational conflict with any Catholic moral or social teaching relating to the sanctity of life, and affirm that any money given them will only be used by their respective organizations.

For more information

Facts about poverty and success stories from groups supported through the annual CCHD collection may be found by visiting: www.pover-tyusa.org.

CCHD's annual report provides a presentation of the use of collection funds and the scope of its reach and impact, along with the CCHD newsletter "Helping People Help Themselves."

Finding helpful ways to break the cycle

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

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

In addition to making a national impact, we empower those living in poverty in our own diocese, because 25 percent of the funds we collect stay here.

For many people, a speeding ticket usually means a bit of embarrassment, a fine, or the inconvenience of appearing in court. But for those living in poverty, a speeding ticket can become a life-altering event.

In New Orleans, Donald lost his license years ago because he was caught speeding, could not pay the fine, and could not take off work to go to court.

Contempt of court citations and unlicensed driving tickets quickly compounded the initial fine. Donald was losing hope that he could clear the backlog, get a better-paying job, and support his growing family while living right above the poverty level.

Thanks to your generosity to CCHD, the New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice (NOWCRJ) was able to provide Donald with the support he needed to change his situation.

NOWCRJ hosted a clinic where Donald set up payment plans for his fines and got his license reinstated. Now Donald has a new job and has been able to save money to move into his own apartment. NOWCRJ is also working with the judicial system to reduce backlogs, expunge records, and change how penalties are issued.

With your contributions, our brothers and sisters across the country are breaking out of the cycle of poverty.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year.

For more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



W. Shawn McKnight

Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight
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Ecumenical community Thanksgiving services

In addition to Mass being available in many Catholic parishes on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 28), many local ministerial alliances organize ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer services in the days leading up to the holiday as a chance to pray as one faith community and take up an offering for local people in need. These services are a long-standing tradition in areas of the diocese and offer a rare opportunity to gather and pray united with members of other Christian congregations. Here is a partial list of ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer services that are scheduled in the diocese. **All services are at 7 p.m. unless noted.**

Bevier — Sunday, Nov. 24, 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church; preceded by free meal from 4-6 p.m. at First Baptist Church

Boonville — Tuesday, Nov. 26, Ss. Peter & Paul Church; preceded by a soup and sandwich supper in the downstairs hall at 5:30 p.m.; free-will offering to benefit the work of the Boonslick Ministerial Alliance

Brinktown — Sunday, Nov. 24, Holy Guardian Angels Church; free-will offering to benefit the Vienna Area Ministerial Alliance's Assistance Voucher Program

Chamois — Sunday, Nov. 24, 6 p.m., Chamois United Methodist Church

Laurie — Sunday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m., Laurie Care Center

Morrison (Pershing) — Wednesday, Nov. 27, Zion St. Peters United Church of Christ

Wien St. Mary of the Angels Christmas Friary Tour

DATE: Nov. 30, Dec. 7
TIME: 6 - 8 pm

DATE: Dec. 1 and 8
TIME: 2 - 4 pm

St. Mary of the Angels parish in Wien will once again host the "Old Franciscan Monastery Christmas Tour" two weekends in a row.

Guided tours of the church and 1876-vintage rectory, a former Franciscan friary, adorned in Christmas finery will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7; and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 1 and 8.

Each of the rooms will be decorated with different themes.

This year the Bishop's room which is sporting new carpet will be decorated in white, silver and gold. It will be filled with angels in memory of Sandy Brehm, who had Down Syndrome and was a blessing to her family and our parish. She carried the Christ child in the procession at Midnight

Mass for many years.

The second-floor parlor shelves will be lined with pictures of veterans from the parish as well as the missions once served by the Franciscans at Wien.

The second-floor hallway

colors. St. Mary's PSR students painted wooden ornaments red white and blue to put on the trees in the hallway.

The bathroom will be decorated in 1950s fashion, since that was the last period it was updated.

The bedroom and sitting room that were used by Father Clarence Wiederholt's mother when he was pastor will have pictures and history from the town of Wien, including picture frames made from old windows from the monastery.

Another room will be filled with items from the old Immaculate Conception mission church in Hamden.

A small bedroom will be decorated in honor of the Franciscan friars who lived in the monastery and helped build the church. It will include photos of some of the monks as well as a tree named Francis, dressed as a monk.

The housekeeper's suite, later used as the priest bedroom, has been decorated by St. Mary's Confirmation Class.



The St. Mary of the Angels Rectory in Wien, which served as a Franciscan friary from 1876 until 1914, will be decorated for Christmas during the Old Franciscan Monastery Christmas Tour.

has a memorial walk for the four young men from Wien who were killed in action in World War II, as well as two from the Hamden mission who didn't make it back from the Korea and Vietnam wars.

The rest of the hallway will be decorated with patriotic

Donna Cori Gibson concert in Linn

DATE: November 17
TIME: 3 pm

Internationally known Catholic recording artist Donna Cori Gibson (www.DonnaCoriGibson.com) will present "A Traditional Christmas" concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, in St. George Church, 611 E. Main St.

(U.S. 50) in Linn.

It will include Christmas favorites, classic carols, and meditations.

A chili supper will be held afterwards.

For information, call (573) 897-2293 or visit saint-george-parish.org.

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QUESTION CORNER

Does heaven pass away? / Mixed marriage & children

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Catholic News Service



Q. We all hope to spend eternity in heaven. However, Jesus says in Matthew 24:35 that “heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.” If heaven passes away, and earth will not provide a home for their glorified bodies, what will become of those who are saved? Where will they spend eternity? (Woodbridge, Virginia)

A. Scriptural commentators agree that, in its context, Matthew’s language that “heaven and earth will pass away” refers to the entire created universe — the earth and the firmament, our material world and all that it contains. Scripture is clear that people will outlast this material world, either in a state of eternal bliss in the presence of a loving God or in eternal misery.

Q. If a practicing Catholic marries a non-Catholic Christian, do they have to promise to baptize their children and raise them in the Catholic faith? (North Vernon, Indiana)

A. This is a very pertinent question — particularly at a time when, in some parts of America, as many as 40% of Catholics marriages involve ecumenical or interfaith couples — and the answer requires some explanation and historical perspective.

Under the old *Code of Canon Law*, both parties to a mixed marriage had to promise (in writing) that the children of the marriage would be baptized and brought up in the Catholic faith. Pope Paul VI, though — in his 1970 apostolic letter “*Matrimonia Mixta*” — modified that guideline somewhat, and his changes made their way into the current *Code of Canon Law* that was published in 1983.

The present state of Catholic Church law is as follows. Normally it is the bishop of the diocese of the Catholic party who gives permission for a mixed marriage to take place. To receive this permission, the Catholic party must pledge to continue to practice the Catholic faith and must also (Canon 1125.1) “make a sincere promise to do all in his or her power so that all offspring are baptized and brought up in the Catholic faith.”

The non-Catholic party doesn’t have to promise anything; he or she simply has to be made aware of the pledge that the other spouse has made. Neither spouse is required to sign anything in writing; instead, the priest — in requesting permission for the marriage — attests with his signature that the Catholic party has made the required pledge and that the non-Catholic spouse is aware of it.

None of this guarantees, of course, that things will work out as the guidelines envision. It might happen that, with the arrival of a child, the non-Catholic spouse reevaluates and objects to a Catholic baptism and rearing.

In such a situation, the Catholic partner may be forced to choose between the harmony of the household and the religion of the child. My view is that the wording of the pledge — to “do all in his or her power” — must be interpreted within the context of the marriage.

No one can be required to do what is practically impossible, and it is the sacred and lifelong commitment to a spouse that must prevail — although the Catholic partner should continue his or her own Catholic practice and do what is reasonable to share that faith with the children.

But this is exactly why a couple ought to discuss such a matter well before the marriage — preferably in a pre-Cana session with a priest. If the issue of the children’s religion forecasts future struggles and strife, one wonders whether the marriage itself is such a good idea.



Papal Audience

November 13, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, we now see St. Paul welcomed in Corinth by a devout married couple, Aquila and Priscilla, who, like the Apostle, were tentmakers by trade. These two spouses — full of faith in God and of generosity to oth-

ers — are a paradigm of Christian hospitality; in opening their house to the Apostle, they also embraced the Gospel he came to preach. As the meeting place of the early Christian community in Corinth, their home became a true “domestic church.” When Paul left Corinth for Ephesus, they continued to accompany him in his ministry, and later returned to Rome. As a model of Christian married life, Aquila and Priscilla also remind us of the many families who, by their faith and efforts to proclaim the Good News, have, in every generation, opened their hearts to Christ and made their homes places of fellowship and the worship of God in faith, hope and charity.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s audience, especially the groups from England, Denmark, Australia, Malaysia, and the United States of America. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you!

Music recital in St. Robert

DATE: November 22
TIME: 6 pm

Evelyn Horine, music coordinator for St. Robert Bellarmine parish in St. Robert, will give a recital in honor of the feastday of St. Cecilia, patron saint of musicians, at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, in St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 367 Old Route 66 in St. Robert.

Centering Prayer Introduction in Moberly

DATE: November 23
TIME: 9 am - 1 pm

Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri will hold an Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, in St. Pius X Church in Moberly.

Free-will donations will be appreciated.

To register, call Patty Lavezzi at (660) 269-9956 or e-mail pat_tylavezzi@yahoo.com.



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Prayers for the sick

By John Garvey
Catholic News Service



There is an old *New Yorker* cartoon that shows an angel bringing God a stack of petitions about wars, natural disasters and other calamities. God waves him off with a distracted, “Not now. I’m trying to help this guy make a free throw.”

I’ve been thinking lately about prayers for the sick. My brother Kevin died of leukemia when he was 13. In those days, childhood leukemia was basically a death sentence. You lived 18 months and then you died. That was what happened with my brother.

Mother and Dad took Kevin to Lourdes, France, the summer after he got sick. The pilgrimage did not cure his illness, but it helped him to bear it. He is surely in heaven today. And God worked

a miracle through his brief life.

Kevin was treated at Roswell Park Hospital in Buffalo, New York, about three hours from our home. He was sometimes there for weeks at a time, and Mother and Dad would stay at a hotel. But they noticed that some families, lacking the means to do that, slept in their cars or in hospital waiting rooms.

When Kevin died, Mother and Dad bought a house across the street from the hospital and set up a 501(c)(3) organization to care for such patients and their families. The Kevin Guest House was the first hospital hospitality house in America. Since it opened in 1972, more than 50,000 people have stayed there.

It became the inspiration for the Ronald McDonald Houses, begun two years later. Those have helped millions of families.

I think God answered our prayers for Kevin. Not by intervening in the natural order of things — though He could have done that, as He did with Naaman the Syrian. Rather, His love made Kevin’s

short life a grace for those who knew him and a gift for the countless sick people whose families can now afford to stay by their side.

Of course, we siblings who survived Kevin live in constant dread of blood cancers whenever someone complains of swollen lymph nodes. And this summer, one of our daughters was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma. She has been undergoing rounds of chemotherapy. And we have been assiduous about asking family and friends to pray for her.

It seems to be working so far. The PET scan last week showed the cancer in remission, and we have been rejoicing in a hopeful way.

Did God cure her? I’m not sure. But I am certain of one thing: From the time of her diagnosis, our daughter has been a model of Christian hope and courage.

She has three daughters of her own. Her biggest challenge has been helping them manage their fears. When she told

them the news, she said that God was going to keep them all really close to Him and hold their hands through the ordeal.

One of my sisters (the one closest in age to Kevin) saw the hand of God in all this. Think how important it is to us parents, she said, to raise our children in the faith. Think of the work we do to that end — praying, teaching, sharing the sacraments, sending them to Catholic school. What would you not give for the assurance of God’s help in this endeavor?

Nothing our granddaughters will see in their young lives can equal the lesson in faith they are getting from this experience. The woman they love and admire most is showing them what God’s grace means to her. That is testimony they are bound to believe. It’s an answer to a prayer.

Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America in Washington. Catholic University’s website is www.cua.edu.

It’s far harder to love

By Katie Prejean McGrady
Catholic News Service



The kid was tired, rubbing his eyes with tiny fists, lips quivering as tears began to well up because he couldn’t get comfortable. Who can, really? Airplanes aren’t designed for comfort, even if you

snag an upgrade.

Imagine being an infant surrounded by strangers while crammed into a middle seat in a metal tube barreling through the sky at 575 mph. I’d cry too.

I’ve flown with my daughter many times. As she has gotten older, squirmier and more aware of the limit placed on her, flights have gotten harder.

I knew how the mom holding that screaming little boy felt. She looked tired, nervous and almost embarrassed.

Would someone shush them, shoot them a dirty look as they slammed on their headphones? Would the flight attendant ask her to stand in the back, giving the passengers around her a reprieve? And would the baby ever stop crying?

It was the kind older lady next to them who saved the day, as she started playing peekaboo with the 1-year-old. She made him giggle, a sound that filled the plane with the joy that only a baby laugh can produce. She smiled at the mom and said, “I did this once. ... You’re doing great”; no condemnation, simply calm and comfort.

When we landed, a man asked the mom if he could carry her bags so she

could concentrate on carrying her son, who had finally fallen asleep. As she grabbed her stroller, the flight attendant helped her buckle the baby so she could put on her backpack and make sure she didn’t leave anything behind.

Airplanes and airports are places where the fullness of humanity is on display, both the good and the bad.

On that day, I saw the fullness of patience, kindness and charity as strangers rallied together to help this mom traveling alone with her son. A situation far from comfortable became a school of compassion. That airplane became a theater of the goodness of humanity, the love of which we are capable.

It’s easy to assume the worst about each other. It’s easier to ignore the people around us, those who may be in need, who place a demand upon us simply by existing. Why care about anyone else around me? That takes work, and work is hard.

The devil wants us to believe that the work we have to do for and with other people is too difficult to accomplish, so we should just never start. He lies to us and tells us we aren’t capable.

That lie, straight from hell, is precisely what Jesus came to cast out. That lie, that other people are too much work, is destroyed by the truth proclaimed by Jesus, that we’re not only called to serve others, but to love them. And in loving them, we proclaim the Gospel.

While we think that love means lofty gestures of grandiose goodness, it’s as the saint celebrated during October

REFLECTION

Turn of phrase

By Mark Saucier

Reading has always been for me a way of finding how others have marked the trail.

Their words often inspire my own.

But there are always too many for me, so I share these for your reflection.

“The love is from God and of God and towards God.” — *T.E. Lawrence*

“And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied, Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.” — *M.L. Haskins*

“For all that has been — Thanks! To all that shall be — Yes!” — *Dag Hammarskjöld*

“The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the full hearts of transformed disciples. The crowning evidence that He lives is not a vacant grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship; not a rolled-away stone, but a carried away church.” — *Clarence Jordan*

“This isn’t a kingdom for the worthy; it is a kingdom for the hungry.” — *Rachel Held Evans*

“I do not understand the mystery of grace — only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us.” — *Anne Lamott*

“The essential thing in ‘heaven and earth’ is that there should be a long obedience in the same direction, and has always resulted in the long run, in something that has made life worth living.” — *Friedrich Nietzsche*

“The task of life is not so much finding a path in the woods, but finding a rhythm to walk in.” — *Robert Lax*

“Images of Mary remind us of God’s favor. Mary is what it looks like to believe that we already are who God sees we are.” — *Nadia Bolz Weber*

“The hard thing when you get old is to keep your horizons open. The first part of your life, everything is in front of you, all your potential and promise. But over the years, you make decisions; you carve yourself into a given shape. Then the challenge is to keep discovering the green growing edge.” — *Howard Thurman*

“And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our own feet, and learn to be at home.” — *Wendell Berry*

“The fact that we live at the bottom of a deep gravity well, on the surface of a gas covered planet going around a nuclear fireball 90 million miles away and think this to be normal is obviously some indication of how skewed our perspective tends to be.” — *Douglas Adams*

At White Mass in Kirksville, medical school students advised to recognize the power of the faith they hold

By Maura Shimmens

Kirksville

Second-year medical student Brent Cunningham addressed his fellow seekers of healing knowledge who were gathered in Mary Immaculate Church.

"Welcome to the first of many," said Mr. Cunningham, organizer of Kirksville's inaugural White Mass.

Inspired by the yearly Liturgy for health professionals in the St. Louis area, the Catholic Student Association at A.T. Still University of Health Sciences (ATSU) in Kirksville sought to bring the celebration to the students who cannot afford to travel for the occasion.

The White Mass is traditionally celebrated on or around Oct. 18, feastday of St. Luke, patron saint of physicians.

"You may wonder why I am wearing red at a 'White Mass,'" said Monsignor David Cox, pastor of Mary Immaculate parish in Kirksville and the St. Rose of Lima mission in Novinger. "St. Luke was a martyr, whose feast was yesterday; you all are providing the white with your coats."

Each healthcare professional was given a medal of St. Luke upon entering the church, affixed to a safety pin in order for it to be pinned onto their coat.

Medical students wear pins on their coats to signify what organizations they are a part of. Members of the Catholic Student Association, now in its third year on campus, figured they should have a pin honoring their patron saint, as well.

Luke, a disciple of St. Paul, was a pagan who at first "did not understand the influence he would have," Msgr. Cox explained.

Paul had many physical ail-



Members of the Catholic Student Association at A.T. Still University of Health Sciences and of Mary Immaculate parish in Kirksville join Monsignor David Cox, pastor, in a group photo after the inaugural White Mass for medical professionals to be celebrated in Kirksville.

— Photos by Maura Shimmens

ments, so Luke helped take care of him not only spiritually but bodily.

Though he never met Christ himself, Luke came to believe through the witness of others. He most likely knew the Blessed Mother.

It's also said that he was a

ates the students' presence in the parish.

"The relationship between the medical school and the parish is a wonderful one," he stated.

He went on to thank a student in the congregation whose wife works at the parish school, and another whose daughter is currently a seventh-grader there.

Gift of faith

Msgr. Cox told a story about his experience with a surgeon who had made an impact on him.

The priest had been called into the operating room to give the last rites to

a dying patient.

When he entered, he found out that the doctor who had called for him was not Catholic or even Christian.

"But he realized that when he could do nothing else for

fession do."

Fourteen of the 20 or so students in the ATSU Catholic Student Association were present, along with four health professionals who are members of the parish.

The association offers men's and women's Bible studies and fellowship events, and sponsors "Theology on Tap" events where a common theme is ethics in medicine.

Group leaders hope they are laying a solid groundwork by adding this Mass to their schedule this year.

Students served as lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and song leaders and accompanists for the Mass.

"We want to celebrate Catholic health professionals and 'spawning' health professionals," Mr. Cunningham said. "Kirksville is the birthplace, per se, of many of those health professionals."

What better way to honor that than to celebrate with their faith community?

Ms. Shimmens is a student at Truman State University in Kirksville.

HOSPITAL

From page 5

Many coworkers

Deacon Berendzen asks for prayers as he continues his ministry and prepares to undertake additional studies toward becoming a certified hospital chaplain.

"Keep all of us who visit hospitals in prayer, that we would truly be led by the Holy Spirit, to be Christ's presence to all those we encounter," he said.

He stands in awe of the work and impressive legacy of all the people who are or were involved in the Columbia Catholic Hospital Ministry since its founding in the late 1970s.

"And we're also blessed with some very gifted and pastoral priests who share on-call duties and have been an incredible support and resource."

He said the Church owes a great debt of thanks to all the lay volunteers who visit the sick and bring them Holy Communion.

"Many of them have been doing that for years — bringing Christ on our behalf to people who are sick," he said.

Deacon Berendzen asks anyone in the Columbia area who would like to volunteer to bring Holy Communion to hospital patients to contact him at mberendzen@diojeffcity.org.



Members of the ATSU Catholic Student Association lead and accompany the singing at the White Mass in Kirksville.

something of a "renaissance man," an enthusiastic pursuer of a broad range of knowledge.

"As the Irish say, 'If that's not true, it oughta' be!'" Msgr. Cox chuckled.

The priest said he appreci-

Like Us On  **Diocese of Jefferson City**

Bishops, priests of this diocese concelebrate Requiem Mass for all those who ministered before them

By Jay Nies

Joyful but resolute, the priests processed into St. Pius X Church in Moberly.

They gathered at Christ's altar as ministers of His death and Resurrection, to beg for assistance for their fellow priests who have gone before them.

It was a Requiem Mass for the priests and bishops of this diocese who died since its founding in 1956.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight presided at the Nov. 8 Mass — offered during the Octave of All Souls — with Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos and nearly 40 priests concelebrating.

"We come here to pray for our departed priests, just as they prayed for us throughout our lives," said Father Philip Niekamp, pastor of St. Pius X parish, who preached the homily.

"We come together today because we are a people of the Resurrection, who believe that Christ came into the world not to condemn but to save," he said.

He noted that a man enters the Priesthood not through his own merit but in response to an inexplicable calling from God.

becomes something unique but also part of something greater," said Fr. Niekamp.

He noted that the constant offering of the Eucharist throughout the world is how Christ chooses to make His people one in Himself.

"Without the Eucharist, we are nothing," Fr. Niekamp asserted. "And without the priest, we don't have the Eucharist."

Each priest has his own unique gifts and foibles, but all share in the love of God and the love of His people.

That love, along with all the good the priest does with God's assistance, is of lasting benefit long after the end of his earthly journey.

"Through their actions," said Fr. Niekamp, "through their sacrifices, their offerings, their prayers, they helped us to be united with Christ, not only in His death, not only in His passion, but in His Resurrection as well."

"And that's what we remember today as we gather to pray for them."

It is a serious but hopeful undertaking, rooted in faith in Jesus, Who is compassionate, forgiving, loving and understanding, Who shows Himself



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos and priests of the Jefferson City diocese pray the Eucharistic Prayer during a Requiem Mass for departed priests of the Jefferson City diocese.
— Photos by Jay Nies

hearts out in prayer, that our brother priests who have gone before us might be remembered for their good deeds," said Fr. Niekamp, "that they might be forgiven for their faults and failures ...

"But most of all, that they might be united with the great High Priest, Jesus Christ, in the banquet of the Eucharist in heaven."

Into Paradise

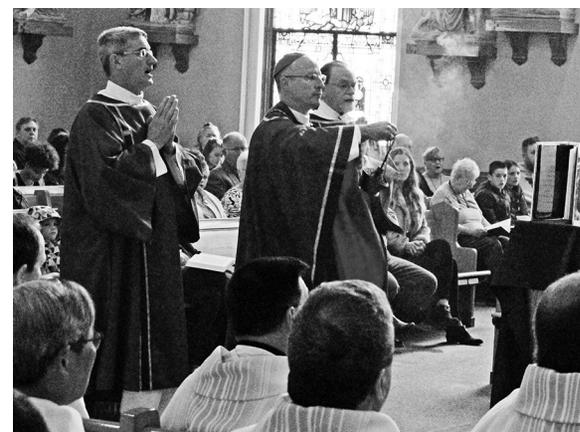
Joining the priests at the Mass was a near-capacity congregation of parishioners from St. Pius X and nearby parishes.

The sanctuary was adorned with candles. Before the altar stood the lighted Easter Candle and a book containing the deceased priests' names, along with the date of their priestly ordination, the date of their death and the place of their burial.

After Holy Communion, Bishop McKnight, Father Christopher Cordes and Father Dylan Schrader took turns reading aloud the names of the deceased priests in the order of their passing.

At several points throughout their reading, the choir and people sang out to the saints and martyrs in heaven: "Receive their souls, O holy

Bishop McKnight, "we lift our departed brother priests up in

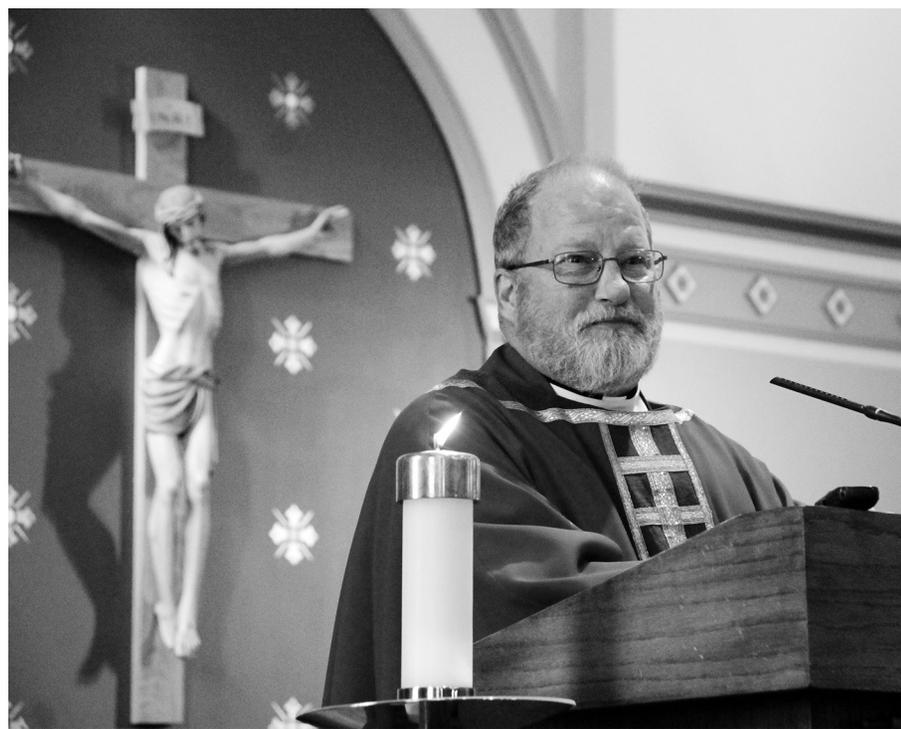


Bishop McKnight incenses the altar, standing before a book containing the names of the deceased priests of this diocese since its founding in 1956.

prayer and with our Christian hope, entrust them to the care of the saints and the angels on their journey to God."

Bishop McKnight thanked Fr. Niekamp and the people of St. Pius X parish for their hospitality and enthusiastic participation in the Mass.

After he gave the blessing, he and the priests processed out of the church while chanting the ancient "Salve Regina" ("Hail, Holy Queen"), which concelebrating priests traditionally sing at the end of a Funeral Mass for one of their own.



Father Philip Niekamp, pastor of St. Pius X parish in Moberly, preaches the homily during a Requiem Mass for deceased priests of this diocese.

"And by God's grace, by the imposition and by the consecration of his hands, (a priest)

in Scripture to be deeply perturbed at the death of a friend. "Today, let us pour our

ones. Present them now to God Most High."

"Confident in the love and mercy of God the Father," said

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

CCVI 150th anniversary **Encore of St. Faustina film in Columbia, Lake Ozark**

DATE: December 2
TIME: 7 pm

Immaculate Conception parish in Jefferson City will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, on Sunday, Dec. 1.

It will start with the 10:30 a.m. Mass and will continue with a reception in nearby Pleus Hall.

All are invited. RSVP by Monday, Nov. 25, by visiting: www.icangels.com/incarnate-word-150th-anniversary

A new film on the life of St. Faustina Kowalska, the Polish nun whose visions of Jesus led to the Divine Mercy devotion, will have a one-night-only encore showing on Monday, Dec. 2, on more than 700 screens across the United States.

It will show at 7 p.m. that evening at the Forum 8, 1209 Forum Katy Parkway in Columbia; the Eagles Landing Cine, 1300 Barred Owl Lane in Lake Ozark; and the Regal O'Fallon Stadium 14, 900 Caledonia Drive in O'Fallon.

"Love and Mercy: Faustina" is a docu-

drama that tells the remarkable true story of Faustina Kowalska and her experiences in 1931, when Jesus appeared to her as the King of Mercy.

Clothed in a white robe and emanating two large rays from His side, one white and one red, He asked Faustina to paint an image of Himself, along with the phrase "Jesus, I trust in You," and to spread the message of mercy around the world. This gripping new movie sheds new light on the vision of St. Faustina.

Aided by scientific analysis, the film reveals how the Divine Mercy image and the Shroud of Turin were compared to one

another to stunning conclusions. Dramatically recreated scenes between St. Faustina and her confessor, Father Michał Sopoćko, trace the story of the origins of the image and how the devotion to Divine Mercy was born and spread throughout the world. Shot in the U.S., Poland and Lithuania, the film is a compelling hybrid of dramatization and documentary-style storytelling that will leave viewers in awe of this spectacular account of divine friendship.

Tickets for "Love and Mercy: Faustina" are available online at www.FathomEvents.com and participating theater box offices.

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At pro-life dinner in Hannibal: Catholic communicator gives thanks for the gift of adoption

By Geri Graves and Jay Nies

“I am adopted.” Jill Alberti has uttered those three simple words, overflowing with awe and gratitude, hundreds of times.

“Those words mean my biological mom chose life!” said Mrs. Alberti, keynote speaker for the Hannibal Chapter of Missouri Right to Life’s (MRL) 2019 Pro-life Dinner.

About 70 people attended the Sept. 27 event.

Mrs. Alberti, a Catholic mother from the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, worked with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight while he was a pastor there.

She later served as director of parish communications for the Jefferson City diocese, which brought her into contact with the people of Hannibal.

She felt honored to share her story at the MRL event there.

“My parents raised me in an environment where my adoption was celebrated,” she said. “It was a gift. We prayed for my biological parents, who chose to give me life and place me in the arms of two people yearning for children they could not have.”

Her adoptive mother often told her that every child should be wanted as much as an adopted child.

Chosen, loved and affirmed, Mrs. Alberti frequently turns to God in thanksgiving for her adoptive family as well as the courageous woman who gave birth to her.

“My biological mom chose me,” she said. “She chose to open her heart to God and listen for His guidance. She



Jill Alberti, keynote speaker at the Missouri Right to Life Hannibal chapter’s pro-life dinner, talks about the joy of being adopted.
— Photo by DeAnne Wickens

chose to place me in the arms of two people who had a loving relationship and wanted to share their world with me.”

Mrs. Alberti testifies to the gift of her adoption at every opportunity.

“I am adopted,” she repeated several times. “I say this to doctors who ask for my medical history, my kids’ doctors as they fill in maternal back-

ground information, friends who inquire about my extended family, and strangers who ask who I inherited my curly hair from.

“It seems like a simple phrase to most,” she said. “However, it means so much more to me.”

It meant a childhood filled with love, laughter and hugs.

It continues to mean a

chance to live and thrive and work toward fulfilling God’s plan for her.

“I am grateful every time I have the opportunity to share my story at pro-life events, meetings, and fundraisers,” she said.

Action and vigilance

Missouri Right to Life Executive Director Susan Klein also addressed the gathering.

She thanked the people for their years of hard work to help protect the lives of innocent, pre-born children.

“You have helped women choose life and helped them with their needs as they have struggled through difficult situations,” she said.

“You have helped to educate people in your local communities about pro-life issues,” she

continued. “You have worked at fair booths, prayed on sidewalks, and donated your time and energy on many levels for garage sales, banquets, and other pro-life events.”

In addition, she said, through the efforts of many “the state Legislature brought us the most pro-life bill in the United States and in Missouri’s history.”

She noted that court battles are ongoing to defend the portions of HB 126 challenged by the abortion industry and to close the last remaining abortion clinic in Missouri.

All the while, “the good work of our pro-life legislators and pro-life statewide officials is saving babies and protecting women,” she said.

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FR. MAHER

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Voice of reassurance

Friends remember Fr. Maher as soft-spoken, self-effacing, deeply spiritual and fully committed to the priestly ministry he had been summoned to from the moment of his baptism.

Like one of his role models, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, who bore the wounds of Christ but kept them covered, Fr. Maher bore his sufferings cheerfully, even through the progression of Parkinson's disease.

"No matter what happened, Fr. Dave looked for the good in whatever another person was doing," observed Fr. Groner, a seminary classmate and long-time friend.

"He was a very kind and gentle man," said Mary Jo Hitz, who worked with Fr. Maher when he was pastor of St. Peter parish in Jefferson City.

"He was a happy priest who loved his vocation," said Pat Lehr, who worked with him at Mary Immaculate parish in Kirksville. "And we knew he loved us — in his words and smile, his laughter and hugs, his encouragement and deep acceptance, his faithful presence and even in his tears with us."

"He shared Christ's example of what He wants us to be," said Mary Jo Henke, a member of St. Francis Xavier parish in Taos.

"His voice was calming, loving," said her husband, Keith. "If we knew what Jesus sounded like, I think Fr. Dave would be pretty close."

Sacramental journey

Fr. Maher was born on April 7, 1945, in Kansas City, one of 10 sons of the late Vincent and Gabriella (Spellman) Maher.

Growing up two blocks from St. Joseph Church in Slater, he served at Mass often and rang the Angelus bell three times a day.

Sensing early in life that God was calling him to Priesthood, he attended St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Hannibal and continued at Conception Seminary in Conception.

On June 5, 1971, in St. Joseph Church in Slater, Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe, now deceased, ordained him to the Holy Priesthood.

"1971 was a good year for

me," Fr. Maher once recalled during a visit to his hometown. "I began my life as a priest that year, but I started out many years before that by serving here and being part of this community."

He ministered as associate pastor of St. Peter parish in Marshall for three years before the bishop sent him to pursue a master's degree in religious education from The Catholic University of America.

Upon returning, he served for 18 years as a member of the faculty and formation team at St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary high school.

For the last three of those years, he was also pastor of St. Joseph parish in Canton and the Notre Dame mission in La-Grange.

He was then appointed director of the Kirksville Newman Center, pastor of the St. Rose of Lima mission in Novinger and associate pastor of Mary Immaculate parish in Kirksville.

Fr. Maher then served as pastor of the Kirksville parish; then of St. Francis Xavier parish in Taos; then St. Peter parish in Jefferson City; then Annunciation parish in California.

Having been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, he retired from active ministry in 2013 and moved to Westphalia Hills Senior Living in Westphalia.

That became his parish. He continued offering Mass and administering the sacraments.

"Fr. Maher was such a comfort for the sick," Kelly Harden Meyer commented on the diocesan Facebook page. "His visits made a big difference in their lives."

"Be always little!"

Fr. Groner believes Fr. Maher's visits to Madonna House over the years helped focus his worldview and relationship with God.

"The simplicity of life, the giving up of everything, including yourself, to God — I think that influenced him a lot," said Fr. Groner.

Visitors to Madonna House receive a loaf of bread, a jug of water, a Bible and a small, secluded cabin with enough firewood to stay warm.

They read, meditate and

pray in silence.

Some who stay longer also help cultivate the land and keep the community running.

In the process, Fr. Groner noted, "you give up yourself for God. You surrender everything — riches, building yourself up, saying you're dependent on anything except God.

"I think that's the way Fr. Dave lived," he said.

Both priests once made a pilgrimage to Italy. There, they visited the monastery of St. Pio of Pietrelcina — commonly known as Padre Pio — who had not been declared a saint yet.

"Fr. Dave knew all about Padre Pio from his research," Fr. Groner recalled. "I think his example added to Fr. Dave's character and spirituality. Like, 'Don't build yourself up. You've got to be humble before the Lord.'

"And I think that whole idea of bearing the wounds of Christ but not letting them be seen — I would say Fr. Dave was like that," said Fr. Groner. "He bore a lot of pain and suffering, but he would never, ever complain."

He was also a "doggoned good computer genius" who in the early 1990s could assemble components into powerful machines and connect to what would come to be known as the Internet.

"He was way ahead of his time in computer technology, and he used it for the good," said Fr. Groner.

Vocation to love

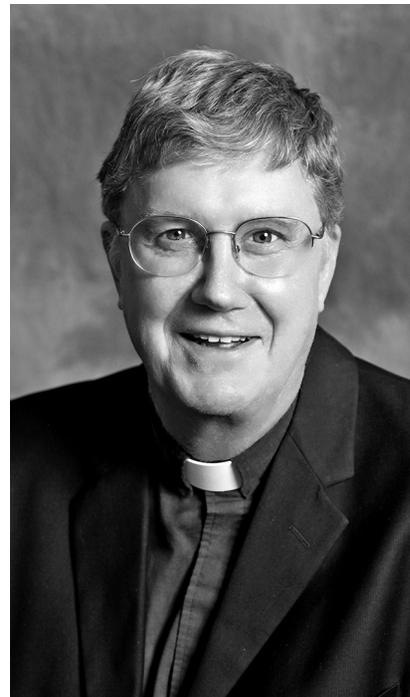
Fr. Maher arrived in Kirksville at a difficult time in Mary Immaculate parish's history.

"He helped us heal," said Ms. Lehr, the parish's director of religious education. "His joy and laughter healed us. His delight in life and serving in little ways healed us. Being around a happy priest was salve for the soul."

Fr. Maher quickly chose a quote from St. Thérèse of Lisieux to be the parish motto: "Our Vocation is Love."

"It appeared in our bulletin week after week, month after month, and it formed us in subtle ways over the years," said Ms. Lehr. "When all else

might be confusing, difficult or conflicting, we returned to our essential call: to love — yes, imperfectly, but with tenacity."



Father David Maher (1945-2019)

He was quick to acknowledge and even joke about his mistakes and shortcomings.

He was a master of appreciating people and helping them feel appreciated.

"He cherished the creative talents of others," said Ms. Lehr. "He loved music and art, literature and computers. He was a connoisseur of beauty and pointed it out in others as well as all that's around us."

"Keep bouncing back"

As soon as Fr. Maher arrived in Taos, Keith and Mary Jo Henke recognized his humility.

He brought calm and reconciliation to St. Francis Xavier parish during a time of tumult and discord.

"Coming from a big family, I think he was raised to be aware of others and to not want anyone to feel left out," said Mrs. Henke. "He brought what his parents taught him to his parish family."

In confession, he was fond of telling people that to be human means making mistakes.

He more or less advocated for having "a rubber posterior" in order to "just keep bouncing back up" and moving forward.

Mr. Henke's brother died of a sudden heart attack on April 7, 2009.

It was Fr. Maher's birthday, and the priest and his brothers

were celebrating in the rectory.

He dropped everything and went to the hospital.

"I can't think of a single thing Father said that night," said Mr. Henke. "It was just his presence. It was very comforting."

A bridge

Father Roberto Ike, administrator of St. Andrew parish in Holts Summit, pointed to a widening chasm among members of American society.

"And Fr. Dave was a bridge," stated Fr. Ike, a priest of the diocese of Okigwe, Nigeria, who lived for seven years in community with Fr. Maher in the Taos rectory.

"He harbored no prejudice against any human being," said Fr. Ike. "He loved God, and he knew that you cannot be a lover of God while not being a lover of the people He created."

He said Fr. Maher exemplified unity and reconciliation and was "an example of a man who genuinely worked to include everybody."

He said Fr. Maher embodied sincerity, honesty, genuineness and faithfulness, not only to his priestly calling but also to his interior relationship with God.

"He had the strength and disposition to accept things in life that he could not understand or change," said Fr. Ike, "because he believed that was how God meant for it to be."

In word and deed

Fr. Maher was a fearless traveler and an avid reader.

He loved his Irish heritage, especially its literature and culture.

He often prayed for the heavenly intercession of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.

"Fr. Maher was a hero to me as he truly embodied what I believe Jesus to be — kind, merciful, gentle, loving," said St. Francis Xavier parishioner Paula Sanning. "He preached the Gospel through his actions." Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother, Terry Maher.

Surviving are eight brothers: Patrick, Phil, Dennis, Paul, Bill, Dan, Tom and Bob Maher.

ROSARY GARDEN

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picts her kneeling down, arms outstretched to welcome Jesus as a small child.

A simple kiosk contains rosaries and pamphlets on how to pray the great Marian devotion.

"This sacred space is a gift from the parishioners of St. Andrew Church," a sign at the entrance reads. "A place for people of all faiths to pray and meditate upon the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary."

Dream by the river

Lifelong St. Andrew parishioner Mark Koechner, whose ancestors helped found the parish, was instrumental in bringing the Rosary Garden into being.

"Basically I had a dream," he said. "And I was very fortunate to have people around me to support the dream."

It started about eight years ago when he attended a White House Jesuit Retreat in St. Louis, the grounds filled with prayerful walkways and scenic vistas.

Amidst the beauty of his surroundings and the silence of the retreat, the idea came to him.

"I can't explain what came over me," he said. "It was like a dream. I went back to my room and drew the whole thing up and went about enjoying the rest of the retreat."

In his head, the project was already completed.

"Once I get an idea in my mind, I can see it in living color, complete," he said.

Back home, Mr. Koechner showed the drawing to his wife, Christine. She liked the idea.

So did Joann Koechner, his cousin, and other fellow parishioners.

So did Father Fred Elskamp, who was pastor of the Tipton and California parishes at that time.

Mr. Koechner started setting money aside each year to pay for the project.

He shared the idea with Fr.

Rinaldo when he arrived as pastor in 2016.

"He liked the idea," Mr. Koechner recalled. "But he wanted all of the people of the parish to be able to participate in it."

Mr. Koechner made a 3-dimensional drawing, had one of the stone pavers engraved and gave a short presentation at church.

He explained the significance of the Rosary Garden's location.

"I wanted the kids in school to see it while they were walking to and from church," he said. "It's also near some large trees, so it would be shaded and comfortable a lot of the time."

The idea caught on.

"We had a lot of people jump on board with this thing," said Mr. Koechner. "It took off. The parish embraced it and supported it very well."

So many people wanted to sponsor pavers in the garden,



A statue in the Rosary Garden depicts Mary welcoming Jesus as a small child.

the parish decided to add another row of pavers around the perimeter.

"The support from the parish community was just unbelievable," said Mr. Koechner, "including people living in town and people who used to live here and came and saw it or heard about it and wanted to be part of it."



Parishioners and friends of Father Anthony Rinaldo gather in the Rosary Garden outside St. Andrew Church shortly before the landscaping was completed this summer.

— Photo by Sandy Knipp

One family agreed to pay for the statues.

Fr. Rinaldo selected "Our Lady of the Harvest" for the center of the garden as a nod to the parish's agrarian character.

Mr. Koechner's wife chose the "Madonna and Young Child" image to emphasize Mary as a mother who welcomes all of God's children.

Something beautiful

Construction started last fall but ceased when winter weather set in.

"We did get our base down," Mr. Koechner noted. "It got a good winter on it, which made it nice and solid."

Local contractor Travis Kliethermes, who had helped restore the 120-year-old fence around the church property, was summoned to handle the concrete work.

"I told him when we started that it has to be extraordinary," said Mr. Koechner. "I said I want people to come to Tipton to see the Rosary Garden."

When it came time to add landscaping, he turned to Alice Longfellow.

"I told her we wanted roses for the Blessed Mother," he

recalled. "For the rest of the garden, we wanted something beautiful but low maintenance."

"We wanted something that catches the eye and makes people want to be here," he added.

Work progressed when weather permitted.

The last of the landscaping went in early this summer.

Dear children

Fr. Rinaldo invited the schoolchildren to attend a special dedication service in October, the Month of the Rosary.

As a spectator, Mrs. Shetler thought it was "really sweet" to see each of the children lead one of the Rosary prayers.

"Any time you get a chance for the whole school to come out and pray the Rosary together, in the light of day, I think that's pretty powerful," said Mrs. Shetler, who grew up in Tipton and graduated from St. Andrew School.

People driving by slowed down, rolled down their windows and listened to some of the prayers, she said.

She said seeing the names on the beads, including a grade-school classmate and several of her teachers, brought back happy memories.

"Sister Cecilia," she said. "Father Reichert. (Deacon) Peter Felotico, who was a deacon here when I was really

young. His wife was our first-grade teacher."

She recalled praying the Rosary with her classmates in grade school, usually during Lent.

"And now they have a wonderful set-up where kids can come and pray together or by themselves, whatever time of the year," she said.

A place to learn and pray

Mr. Koechner plans to help with ongoing maintenance of the garden, which he believes will not be expensive.

He's still amazed at how everything came together.

"God set this thing in motion with a dream, and so many people came and helped and made it work," he said.

At various times while driving by, he has noticed people seated on the benches or following the path of the rosary beads in the garden.

"What makes me feel really good is seeing kids up there, walking around and reading the mysteries," he said. "I don't know if the kids are Catholic or not, but we're always planting that seed when that happens."

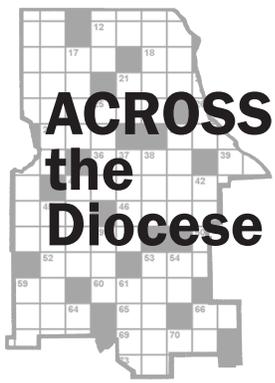
He hopes the next step for first-time visitors to the garden will be to drop into church to pray and meditate.

He is counting on them being welcomed by a loving community of believers in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

He's looking forward to more people discovering the power of Our Lady's intercession.

"I want this to always be a place where people can feel comfortable learning the Rosary and praying the Rosary," he said.

"If even one or two people who come here learn the Rosary or get back into saying it every day, whatever money we spent on this will have been well worth it," he said.



By Father Don Antweiler
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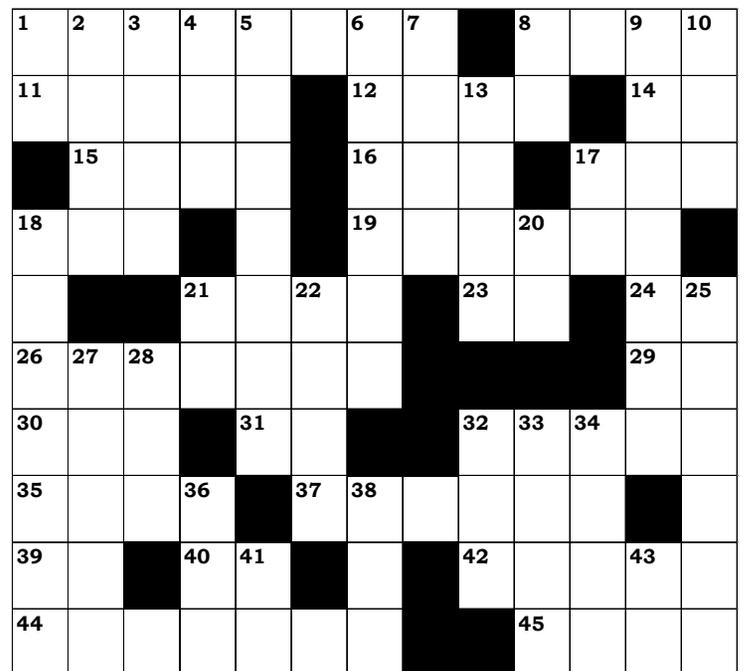
1. Missouri's Shannon County is one of the biggest in size (over 1,000 sq. miles) and one of the ____ in population (8,400 residents).
8. Ark man.
11. Cowboy ____ competition event.
12. There were many ____ and aahs at the beautiful fireworks.
14. Nein in Neuremburg.
15. Brand of spaghetti sauce.
16. She will ____ the day she said that!
17. "____ to Billy Joe" —1967 song by Billie Gentry.
18. Ending for most email addresses.
19. In Shannon Co., Round Spring (55 ft. deep) flows under a natural ____ as it pours 26 million gallons of water daily into the Current River. Blue Spring on

- the Current River (at 310 ft. deep, one of the deepest springs in the U.S.) pours out 165 million gallons daily.
21. Happy but dumb dog in Garfield comic strip.
23. Prefix for side or turn.
24. In football, letters for wide receiver, a pass specialist and usually fastest person of the team.
26. In terms of median household incomes, Shannon County is the ____ county in Mo.
29. "Et ____, Brute?" —from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.
30. Mischievous little demon.
31. Pablo's yes.
32. What's a little teasing ____ friends?
35. "...God will wipe away every ____ from their eyes," (Revelations 7:17).
37. Ozark National Scenic Riverways was the first U.S. National Park to protect a river _____. Created in 1964, it covers 134 miles (80,000 acres) of the Current and Jacks Fork rivers. At least two Mo. State parks were merged into the National Park.
39. The Mo. Dept. of _____. deals with all aspects of farming in the State.
40. Letters for the Univ. of Mo., the four-campus en-

- city with campuses in Columbia, Rolla, St. Louis and KC.
42. ____ Casino; small mountain 80 miles south of Rome where St. Benedict established the first and most famous Benedictine monastery in 529. Also where the iconic Rule of St. Benedict was composed, and the site of a famous WW II battle.
44. The Ozark Nat. Scenic Riverways has the ____ concentration of first-magnitude springs in the U.S., supplying 60% of the Current & Jacks Fork's water flow.
45. The Ozark Nat. Scenic Riverways includes two small bands of ____ horses, set free by Depression Era ranchers who couldn't afford to feed them.

DOWN

1. Grade level above Jr. in high school.
2. Muslim ethnic group in southern Philippines; insurgency in area since 1969.
3. Eve's squeeze.
4. Shannon county is named in honor of George F. "Peg-____" Shannon, a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.
5. The first new parish established in the newly created diocese of Jefferson City (1956) was Our Lady of ____ parish in Columbia (1958).
6. A non-dairy fruit and



- sweetened-ice dessert.
7. Shannon County is home to hundreds of (very) large and small springs; 300 recorded caves and several ____ caverns; a State Park; several historic sites; and the very popular Current and Jacks Fork float rivers.
8. The Norfolk Southern (____) railroad operates 19,420 miles of track and is a major transporter of coal.
9. Two sources of Catholic radio are CRN (Catholic Radio Network), ____ (Eternal Word Television Network). 2 wds.
10. Garden tool.
13. "So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an ____, through God," (Galatians 4:7).
17. "____, King of Bashan..." (Psalm 136:20).
18. The County Seat of Shannon Co. is Eminence, nicknamed the "canoeing ____ of the world."
20. "____ Colores"; (of colors); Spanish folk song widely used in the Cursillo movement.
21. Where surgery takes place in a hospital.
22. Extreme terrorist group.
25. Elk were introduced into Mo. in 2011 and have grown to 200 strong on the ____ 24,000-acre Peck Ranch Conservation Area in and around Shannon Co., just south of the Ozark Nat. Scenic Riverways.
27. "I am the Alpha and the ____..." (Revelations 1:8).
28. Grampa in Berlin.
32. Money machine.
33. It's the cat's ____! Old slang phrase meaning something outstanding; coined by American cartoonist Thomas Dorgan (1877-1929).
34. An ____MAX theater (different than IMAX) is a wrap-around five story domed movie screen with digital sound for a great immersion effect, as found for ex. at the St. Louis Science Center.
36. Slang for toupee or wig.
38. I shouldn't do it and ____ I think I'm going to do it.
41. Moi in Paris.
43. The letters ____ on an Accura sedan stands for Touring Luxury.

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Loose Creek parishioners share “Voices from the Past”

By Joan Backes

Pauline Bescheinen was excited to attend Immaculate Conception parish's second “Voices from the Past” cemetery tour.

It brought back happy memories of friends and neighbors for the lifelong Loose Creek parishioner, who is 98.

The Sept. 29 tour drew history enthusiasts and friends of the parish to the old cemetery behind Immaculate Conception School, with headstones dating back to the mid-1800s.

Costumed reenactors in period dress shared stories about relatives and ancestors who are at rest under the soft earth.

The event was a fundraiser supporting the parish's 175th anniversary history book and celebration, which is set for Oct. 10, 2020.

A parish committee has been working for over two years, collecting pictures and stories of early settlers and present-day families to tell how the parish and town have developed in tandem.

For the tour, nine families and individuals were selected to bring their history to life.

Their stories and the stories of 706 other families will be included in *The Growing of Loose Creek, Volume IV*.

Since 2017, the parish has put together a series of books, Volume I, II and III, telling of the parish and town history, not just in words but in hundreds of pictures.

The fourth and final volume will also include over 1,000 pictures of families, along with some parish history and color pictures of the church.



LEFT: Caroline Brandt Pearon portrays Wilhelmina Rehagen Sonnen Muehling Daube at Immaculate Conception parish's “Voices from the Past” cemetery tour in Loose Creek, although she is not related to her. **RIGHT:** Hubert John Backes gets into the spirit of the event.



— Photos from Immaculate Conception parish's Facebook page

New beginnings

The first person whose story was introduced at the tour was of Anna Maria Aretz Porth, whose brother first came to the United States in 1834, purchasing land near Loose Creek.

Frances Rustemeyer gave the story of the wealthy Porth family.

Arriving in Loose Creek as newlyweds in 1865 were Carl and Josepha (Schmitz) Orscheln.

Their history was given by their great-grandson, Larry Orscheln.

Peter “August” Backes settled in Loose Creek in 1851 with his parents. Being an adventurous soul, he went to California for the “Gold Rush,” eventually returning to get married and raise his family at Loose Creek.

His great-grandson Paul Williams gave his narrative.

Widows' might

The widow Wilhelmina Rehagen Sonnon Muehling

Daube outlived three husbands and four of her 10 children, living to be almost 99 years of age.

She depended on a widow's benefit from her husband, a Civil War veteran, to support herself in later life until her death.

Caroline Pearon described her life trails.

The last person to be laid to rest in the old cemetery was Louise Porting Lock, who was portrayed by her granddaughter Becky Hilkemeyer.

Her husband was killed in car accident in 1935.

She was a good cook and avid card player and made excellent homemade wine.

She had outlived four of her six children at the time of her death in 1974.

Portraying Maggie Muenks Haslag Dudenhoeffer, a lady who endured a lot of suffer-

ing in her short life, was Janice Haslag Muenks Backes, a distant cousin.

Mrs. Dudenhoeffer was the oldest of eight children and had seven children of her own.

She died at age 36 of a broken heart after losing her husband and six of those children.

Old family names

The Kliethermes family came to Loose Creek in 1855,

beginning with Theodore and his brother.

Theodore fought in the Civil War, took up farming, married fellow German immigrant Mary Meier and raised a large family.

Great-granddaughters Rita Linhardt and Joanie Backes presented Theodore and Mary's story.

Johann Krautmann, with his wife and children beside him, came to Loose Creek in 1842, buying land from the federal government and settling into life as a farmer.

Chris Boeckmann, a distant cousin told their story.

The Thora family was one of the earliest to come to Loose Creek in 1840.

Their son Henry's story was narrated by Glenn Robertson, who owns their farm now.

He told of the family who lived in a dirt-floored home and seemed to shy away from the outside world.

For information about purchasing any of the *The Growing of Loose Creek* history, contact Janice Backes at (573) 619-8149.



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Fundraisers & Social Events

Nov. 15

Sedalia, Sacred Heart School "Meet the Gremlins" fundraiser & spaghetti dinner for Project Graduation, 5-7 pm

Nov. 16

Camdenton, St. Anthony parish Crafty Ladies fabric & sewing supply sale, 9 am-2 pm

Nov. 17

Eldon, K of C breakfast, 8 am-noon; **Linn**, K of C breakfast buffet, 7:30-11:30 am, St. George parish hall; **Linn**, "A Traditional Christmas" free concert with Donna Cori Gibson, 3 pm, St. George Church, followed by chili supper in parish hall; **Morrison**, Assumption parish breakfast & bake sale, 8 am-noon; **Wien**, St. Mary of the Angels PSR annual breakfast for St. Jude Children's Hospital, 7:30-11 am

Nov. 22

St. Robert, Evelyn Horine recital in honor of St. Cecilia, 6-7 pm, St. Robert Bellarmine Church

Nov. 23

Loose Creek, Christmas extravaganza & porkburger sale to benefit Megan Boehm Memorial Scholarship Fund, 9 am-4 pm, Loose Creek Community Center; **Mokane**, St. Jude Thaddeus Ladies Sodality annual fall luncheon & bake sale, 10 am-2 pm; **Vienna**, Visitation Inter-parish School steak night & auction, 5:30 pm, Eagles Hall

Nov. 24

Argyle, K of C chicken dinner, 11:30 am-5:30 pm; **Freeburg**, K of C breakfast, 6:30-11 am

Nov. 28

Tipton, St. Andrew parish annual Thanksgiving festival, 11 am

Nov. 30

Starkenburg, Sounds of Starkenburg concerts, 1, 3:30 & 7 pm, St. Martin Church

Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Wien, Old Franciscan Monastery Tour at St. Mary of the Angels parish, Sat 6-8 pm, Sun 2-4 pm

Dec. 5, 6, & 7

Starkenburg, The Spirit of Christmas at Starkenburg concerts, 2:30 pm each day, St. Martin Church, with refreshments & country store in Valentine Hall

Dec. 6

Hermann, St. George School Christmas bazaar, 5-9 pm

Dec. 6-7

Columbia, Sacred Heart parish annual Christmas bazaar, Fri. 3-7 pm, Sat. 8 am-3 pm, Activity Building

Dec. 7

Fulton, St. Peter home & school trivia night, 6 pm

Dec. 7-8

Columbia, St. Thomas More Newman Center parish Christmas resale, 8 am-1 pm, Multipurpose Room; **Wien**, Old Franciscan Monastery Tour at St. Mary of the Angels parish, Sat 6-8 pm, Sun 2-4 pm

Dec. 8

Belle, St. Alexander parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Freeburg**, Holy Family parish fall supper, 11:30 am-6 pm; **Martinsburg**, St. Joseph parish breakfast, 8 am-noon, K of C hall

Dec. 15

Linn, K of C/St. Ann's Sodality breakfast buffet & bake sale, 7:30-11:30 am, St. George parish hall

Dec. 31

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows NCYC New Year's Eve dance

Meetings & Conferences

Nov. 16

Shelbina, Area-wide Ultreya for Cursillo & potluck, 6 pm, Fr. Buhman Center

Nov. 21

Columbia, Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program Orientation, 5:30-7 pm, 916 Bernadette Drive

Nov. 28

Columbia, Cursillo School of Leaders, 7-8 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Dec. 1

Columbia, Post-Cursillo Area Wide Ultreya, 3-5 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Dec. 3

Moberly, Area Ultreya for Cursillo, 6:30 pm, St. Pius X parish undercroft, for info visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

Dec. 5

Columbia, Area Ultreya for Cursillo holiday gathering, 6:30 pm light refreshments & cookie exchange, 7 pm Ultreya, Flanagan Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes parish, for info visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

Dec. 12

Columbia, Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program Orientation, 5:30-7 pm, 916 Bernadette Drive

Dec. 26

Columbia, Cursillo School of Leaders, 7-8 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Liturgical

Nov. 19

Mary's Home, Seeking Christ for our Nation Mass, 6 pm, Our Lady of the Snows Church

Dec. 1

Mexico, Mass in Latin in the extraordinary form, noon, St.

Brendan Church; **Novinger**, Sung Mass in the extraordinary form for the First Sunday of Advent, 6-8 pm, followed by reception, St. Rose of Lima Church

Dec. 3

Lake Ozark, Taize Prayer, 5:30-6 pm, Our Lady of the Lake Church; **Linn**, Seeking Christ for our Nation Mass, 6:30 pm, St. George Church

Dec. 10

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

Dec. 11

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

Dec. 17

Mary's Home, Seeking Christ for our Nation Mass, 6 pm, Our Lady of the Snows Church

Dec. 21

Mexico, Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form, 11:15 am, St. Brendan Church

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Nov. 18-21

St. Louis, White House Jesuit Retreat for women, for info visit wheretreat.org

Dec. 2

Lake Ozark, "Advent by Candlelight," women's ministry event, 6:30 pm, Bestgen Hall, Our Lady of the Lake parish, for info visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/

Youth & Young Adults

Nov. 21-23

Indianapolis, IN, National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), for info visit oymdiojeffcity.com/ncyc

Dec. 13-14

Quincy, IL, Great River Quest #88 weekend (for grades 8-10), Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University, for info visit greatrivertec.org

Dec. 21

Mexico, Young adult Day of Recollection, for ages 18-35, by the Institute of Christ the King, 10 am-4 pm, St. Brendan Church

Jan 22-25

Washington DC, Annual March for Life pilgrimage, for info call Kris Hartman at (573) 635-9127 or email khartman@diojeffcity.org

Health & Wellness

Nov. 16

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

Dec. 14

Kirkville, Creighton Model FertilityCare introductory session, noon, Mary Immaculate parish center, to register call 660-665-2466 or email NEMOfertilitycare@gmail.com



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tells us — little ways of love are often the ones that make the most difference.

St. Therese of Lisieux, dead before 25, tucked away in a convent with no YouTube channel or Twitter platform, no fame or fortune, no influence or prestige, tells us that in the end "it is love alone that counts."

In the end, it is our love that counts the most — our love that gives witness. It is our love for others that changes the world.

Jesus invites us to do the hard thing, because it is in doing so that we love as He loved, give as He gave and show the goodness of humanity to all who happen to be watching from their window seat.

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Anniversaries

Baring, St. Aloysius
Steve & Susan Blodgett, 40 years

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul
Bob & Doris Stoecklein, 65 years
Roy & Pearle Holliday, 61 years
Herman & Betty Gerke, 60 years
David & Phyllis Lauer, 57 years
Wayne & Sharon Lammers, 51 years
Joe & Linda Young, 51 years
Robert & Linda Horst, 46 years
Jack & Mary McCush, 46 years
Dale & Roz Gordon, 45 years
Randy & Lila Huebert, 45 years
Don & Jill Campbell, 43 years
Eddie & Paula Wiemholt, 42 years
Scott & Dianne Jackson, 40 years
Jerry & Debra Rapp, 40 years
David & Cindy Lang, 39 years
Tom & Cindy Larm, 37 years
Mike & Sharon Ivy, 31 years
Timothy & Susan Krumm, 28 years
Russell & Karla Lang, 27 years

Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels
Pat & Carrie Kleffner, 14 years

Eldon, Sacred Heart
Harold & Frances Veltrop, 50 years

Freeburg, Holy Family
Virgil & Aggie Struempff, 56 years
Keith & Karen Beck, 47 years
Steven & Nancy Maxwell, 47 years
Allen & Denise Gradel, 37 years
David & Patty Lauberth, 32 years
Norbert & Paula Fick, 25 years
Kenny & Laura Falter, 13 years
Scooter & Angie Woodruff, 11 years

Hannibal, Holy Family
Harley & Evelyn Hirner, 68 years

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception
Tim & Cindy McGrail, 35 years

Jefferson City, St. Peter
Joe & Betty Sandbothe, 65 years

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake
Robert & Susan Barker, 57 years
Gary & Karen Chaput, 16 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph
Charles & Rita Meador, 55 years
Tom & Delana Becker, 41 years

Milan, St. Mary
John & Beth Mino, 40 years
Brad & Mary Bohle, 27 years
Juvenal & Fernanda Osorio, 27 years

Montgomery City, Immaculate Conception
Richard & Shirley Arens, 62 years
Richard & Sheryll Shierhoff, 20 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph
James & Florence Fohey, 60 years
Gary & Judy Million, 60 years
James & Jane Church, 59 years
Paul & Linda Hoehne, 54 years
Charles & Patricia Wall, 54 years
Rich & Susie Wolfmeyer, 47 years
Rick & Pauline Jones, 41 years
David & Mary Miles, 41 years
Howard & Paula Kroeger, 40 years
Donald & Judy Fessenden, 38 years
Darrell & Nancy Neisen, 38 years
Randy & Susie Obert, 18 years
Craig & Meredith Illa, 12 years
Brock & Mary Beth Decker, 10 years

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart
James & Rita Krieg, 50 years
Jake & Bethany Neuner, 11 years

Russellville, St. Michael
Dave & Ruth VanLoo, 57 years
Walter & Marilyn Prenger, 50 years
Vernon & Nevelyn Higgins, 45 years
Jim & Karen Call, 40 years
Russ & Dona Anderson, 39 years
John & Catherine Hummel, 34 years
Darrell & Becky Taube, 34 years
Tom & Amy Schwartz, 20 years
Adam & Tracey Bieri, 14 years
Brian & Fay Schulte, 12 years

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul
James & Patricia Fall, 66 years
James & Patricia Farris, 62 years
Marvin & Elizabeth Meyer, 59 years
Stewart & Carole Salmon, 56 years
Charles & Viola Stetzenbach, 56 years
Ralph & Peggy Moriarty, 53 years
Don & Janie Utlaut, 50 years
John & Mirian Metcalf, 25 Years

Tipton, St. Andrew
Geoffrey & Heather Hunsburger, 15 years

Unionville, St. Mary
Bud & Betty Jacobs, 67 years

Vienna, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wayne & Alice James, 48 years
James & Vicki Sandbothe, 35 years
John Viessman & Kelley McCall, 29 years

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus
Tom & Mary Buschjost, 35 years

Honors

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Randy Timmerman** with the Notre Dame Club of Central Missouri's Barry O'Neill Award for "exemplifying the values of Notre Dame and Mid-Missouri Catholic schools"

Hermitage, St. Bernadette — **Deacon Kent Boettger** and **Margaret Hastings**, with Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Awards from the Hickory County Community Improvement Foundation

Birthdays

Chamois, Most Pure Heart of Mary — **Wilma Trachsel**, her 90th

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Ray Dudenhoeffer**, his 93rd on Nov. 10

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Lucille Krummen**, her 90th on Nov. 28

Russellville, St. Michael — **Therese Schepers**, her 90th on Nov. 25

St. Robert, St. Robert Bellarmine — **Pauline Gibson**, her 91st on Nov. 8

Westphalia, St. Joseph, **Frances Boessen**, her 94th on Nov. 6

Baptisms

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Wulfrick Cornell, Theodore Donna, Cal McAndrews, Kaysean Randy**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Jones Amos Allen**, son of Taylor & Tori Allen

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — **Daylin Marie Brandt**, daughter of Rick & Kerian Brandt

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **Blake William Jones**, son of Adam & Stacey Jones; **Quinlynn Noel Riney**, daughter of Zachary & Kayla Riney

Marriages

California, Annunciation — **Stacy Pierson & Matthew Scheidt**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Abigail Atwell & Jared Allen**

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Paige Kempker & Derek Boehm**

Elections

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — **Tessa Oswald, Melissa Threlkeld**, school board members

Deaths

Mark Gaydos — brother of Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos of the Jefferson City diocese — on Oct. 26 in St. Louis. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 2 in St. Stephen Protomartyr Church in St. Louis. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Fredericktown.

Marilyn A. Korte, 88 — mother of Father William L. Korte, administrator of St. Joseph parish in Louisiana and the Queen of Peace mission in Clarksville — on Oct. 29. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 6 in St. Michael Church in Steelville, with Fr. Korte presiding.

Agnes Mallers, 89 — sister of Father Fredrick Elskamp, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese — on Oct. 17 in Fulda, MN. The Mass of Christian Burials will be celebrated at St. Gabriel Church in Fulda, on Nov. 23, which would have been her 90th birthday.

Carl C. Willson, 76 — father of Mrs. Carla McDaniel, administrative assistant to the diocesan Vocations and Development Offices — on Nov. 3.

Sister Nancy Meade, 80 — formerly Sr. Marie Cecile, a Sister of St. Joseph who taught at Ss. Peter & Paul School in Boonville — on Oct. 14 in Concordia, KS. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 18, with burial in the Nazareth Motherhouse Cemetery in Concordia.

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Arlene Wildhaber**

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Mary Ann Kempf**

California, Annunciation — **Wanda L. Monroe**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Soe Meh**

Indian Creek, St. Stephen — **Jim Buckman**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Jacob M. Zagorac**

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — **Frank A. Smola**

St. Clement, St. Clement — **Robert "Bobby" Meyer**

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Louise E. Beck**

Shelbina, St. Mary — **Cathleen Hercules**

Steelville, St. Michael — **Jack Farmer**

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Matthew G. Lock**

Vienna, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary — **William B. Dresel**

Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers. Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to editor@diojeffcity.org; FAXed to (573) 635-2286 (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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Cause for celebration



Members of the 2019 Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School (OLLIS) eighth-grade volleyball team in Columbia present a check for \$850 to The Rainbow House, a nonprofit organization that touches the lives of local children through emergency shelter, advocacy, and homeless youth outreach every day. The money came from a fundraiser night the girls held at their last home game. This was part of a community service project they've been working on all season to help children their own age. They also made fleece blankets and collected toiletries to donate to The Rainbow House. "We had an amazing volleyball season," Rachel Mallett and Diahann Bieser, their coaches, stated, "but advocating a community service project was our true joy with our team." Pictured are: (front row) Gwen Howard, Sophie Holtmeyer, Christine Weru, Ashley Reinero (second row) Taylor Elliott, Rachel Tipton, Carley Bieser, Lauren Johnson, Claire Condict, Adelaide Devin (third row) The Rainbow House representative Alyson Brooks, Mary Kidenya, Cayleigh Neuner, Lucy Elfrink, Emma Mallett, Ella Lierheimer, and Penelope Heidi. Not pictured was team Audrey Rischer.

A time to give



The third-grade class of St. Mary School Glasgow presents a contribution to Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home near Harrisburg. They raised the money by holding a candy jar guessing contest at the school. While visiting the complex, they were given a tour of the office building and education center, one of the homes recently built for the children and the adults who care for them, and the horse barn.

— Photo by Erin Witte

RIGHT: Students of St. Clement School in St. Clement dress up as their patron saints on Nov. 1, the Solemnity of All Saints.

— Photo by Father Henry Ussher

A season to remember



Hermann's St. George Dragons A-team volleyball girls completed an undefeated 20-0 season with a first-place win in the Borgia volleyball tournament.

— Photo from St. George School's Facebook page

See you on the court



St. Patrick School in Rolla recently completed a successful volleyball season after not fielding a volleyball team for several years. The squad included one team of fourth- and fifth-graders and one team of sixth- and seventh-graders. The teams competed against the local homeschool team over the course of six weeks and hope to drum up enough participation and support to compete in the CMPAL in the future. The coaches are Tanya Harden, Jaymie Greenway and Elliott Bourne.

— Photo by Lesley Meyerott

For all the Saints!



Jesus details the days of the son of man

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

One day, the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come.

“The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed,” Jesus said, “and no one will announce, ‘Look, here it is,’ or, ‘There it is.’ For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.”

Afterward, Jesus described for His postles the days of the Son of Man.

“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,” Jesus told His friends. “There will be those who will say to you, ‘Look, there He is,’ (or) ‘Look, here He is.’ Do not go off, do not run in pursuit.



For just as lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be (in His day). But first he must suffer greatly and be rejected by this

generation.”

Jesus added that the days of the Son of Man would be similar to the days of Noah and also to the days of Lot.

“They were eating and

drinking, marrying and giving in marriage up to the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all,” Jesus pointed out. “Similarly, as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building; on the day when Lot left Sodom, fire and brimstone rained from the sky to destroy them all.”

“So it will be when the Son of Man is revealed,” Jesus said.

“On that day, someone who is on the housetop and whose belongings are in the house must not go down to get them, and likewise one in the field must not return to what was left behind,” he said.

He reminded His friends what happened to Lot’s wife

when she turned around to see the city of Sodom’s destruction: She turned into a pillar of salt and lost her life.

“I tell you, on that night there will be two people in one bed; one will be taken, the other left. And there will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken, the other left,” Jesus added.

“Where, Lord?” the Apostles asked.

“Where the body is, there also the vultures will gather,” Jesus replied.

Read more about it...

Luke 17

1. Where did Jesus say the kingdom of God is?

2. What did Jesus say the days of the Son of Man would be like?

Bible Accent

There are many places in the Bible where the phrase “son of man” can be found.

In the Old Testament, it often was used to refer to human beings. For example, throughout the Book of Ezekiel, God refers to the prophet Ezekiel as “son of man.”

In Daniel 7:13-14, the prophet Daniel referred to a “son of man” in describing his vision from God.

“I saw coming with the clouds of heaven One like a son of man,” Daniel said. “When

he reached the ancient of days and was presented before him, he received dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, his kingship, one that shall not be destroyed.”

A note in the New American Bible says some scholars believe “son of man” in this instance refers to the Messiah, while others say it could mean God’s people as a whole.

In the New Testament,

however, the phrase “the son of man” definitely refers to Jesus, Who used it to describe Himself.

“Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham,” Jesus said in speaking to the tax collector Zacchaeus in Luke 19:9-10. “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

Essay

How do you think Christians should prepare for the days of the Son of Man?

Puzzle

In the New Testament, there are many different titles given to Jesus. Match the title for Jesus with the Scripture passage in which the title appears.

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|---------------|--------------|
| Good Shepherd | John 6:35 |
| Emmanuel | John 1:29 |
| Bread of life | John 10:14 |
| Lamb of God | Matthew 1:23 |



Answers: Good Shepherd/John 10:14; Emmanuel/Matthew 1:23; Bread of life/John 6:35; Lamb of God/John 1:29



Saint Spotlight

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was born into a wealthy French family in 1769. She joined the Visitation nuns until the French Revolution, when she returned to her family. She entered the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1804, and she led a missionary trip to Missouri in 1818. There she founded the first free school west of the Mississippi River. Despite poor health and the hardships of frontier life, she succeeded in serving Native Americans and founded a school for them. She died in 1852, and we honor her on Nov. 18.



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'Harriet' is a long-overdue telling of former slave's bravery and heroism

By Sister Hosea Rupprecht
Catholic News Service

New York

"Harriet" (Focus) is a long overdue drama chronicling the exploits of the most famous conductor on the Underground Railroad, Maryland-born Harriet Tubman (c.1822-1913).

The film's greatest asset comes in the form of Cynthia Erivo, a veteran of the London stage who breathes spirit and pathos into the titular character.

Directed and co-written (with Gregory Allen Howard) by Kasi Lemmons ("Eve's Bayou"), "Harriet" celebrates life and reminds audiences of the price some of our forebears had to pay for the freedoms we



Cynthia Erivo stars in a scene from the movie "Harriet."

— CNS photo/Focus Features

enjoy.

As the action opens, Tubman — known to her family and owners as Minty — and her husband, John (Zackary

Momoh), are planning to start a family. But they want their children to be born free, which will only be possible if Minty herself is liberated.

Both John and Minty's father, Ben (Clarke Peters), are free laborers at a nearby farm. Since a previous owner had promised Rit (Vanessa Bell Calloway), Minty's mother, her liberty at age 45 but had never followed through, they petition her current owner, Edward Brodess (Mike Marunde), to honor the agreement — and include Minty, but to no avail.

When Brodess dies suddenly — an eventuality for which the God-fearing Minty had desperately prayed — his son, Gideon (Joe Alwyn), not only refuses to emancipate Minty, but threatens to sell her South. So she decides to run. Not wanting to risk John's freedom, she insists on going without

Movie Ratings



Adults and Adolescents

The Addams Family (PG)
Arctic Dogs (PG)
The Divine Plan (not rated)
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG)
Playing With Fire (PG)



Adults

Black and Blue (R)
Countdown (PG-13)
The Current War: Director's Cut (PG-13)
Harriet (PG-13)
Lucy in the Sky (R)
Midway (PG-13)
Motherless Brooklyn (R)
Terminator: Dark Fate (R)



Limited Adult Audience

By the Grace of God (not rated)
Gemini Man (PG-13)
Joker (R)



Morally Offensive

Jexi (R)
Zombieland: Double Tap (R)

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

him.

It's no spoiler to say that she made it over the Pennsylvania border to freedom in 1849 and, after connecting with abolitionists such as William Still (Leslie Odom Jr.) and Marie Buchanon (Janelle Monae), become involved in their activities.

Once Minty escapes and takes on the free name of Harriet (after her mother), the pace really begins to lag. Lemmons decided to keep the film family-friendly — so there are no bloody beatings like the ones witnessed in 2013's "12 Years a Slave." But along with that grim material, the tense moments that could have made this film worthy of its subject also are absent.

The repeated trips Tubman heroically made back into Maryland to gather her fam-

ily and other slaves quickly begin to feel repetitious. Some suspense is added to the story with the passage of the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850, legislation that forced Tubman to smuggle slaves all the way to Canada.

Despite its flaws, "Harriet" does give due attention to the role faith played in Tubman's life. A head injury suffered as a child caused her to have "visions," but she considered these as communications from God guiding her in her journeys. In one especially moving scene when things seem futile, steadfast Harriet insists that God will not let her band of travelers come to harm.

Given the significance of the history "Harriet" depicts, many parents may think it acceptable for teens, despite the elements listed below.

The film contains racial slurs and a few crude and crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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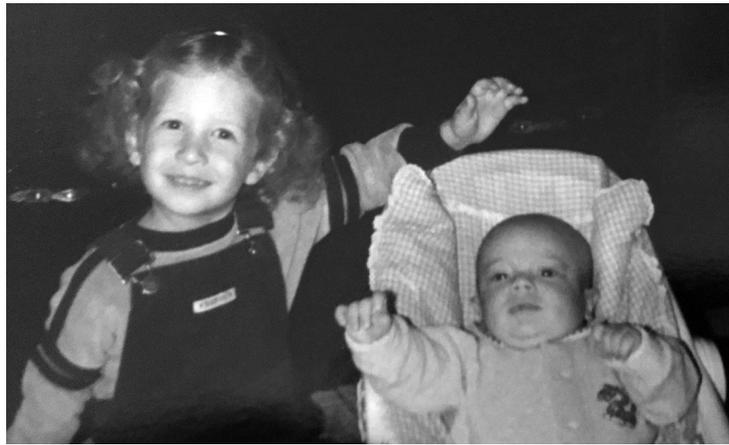
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Jill Alberti as a child welcomes her baby brother, Tyler Buser, after her parents adopted him on Oct. 13, 1982.

Archbishop Gomez elected president of USCCB; first Latino in post

By Dennis Sadowski
Catholic News Service

Baltimore

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles was elected to a three-year term as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) during the bishops' fall general assembly in Baltimore.

The native of Mexico was chosen Nov. 12 with 176 votes from a slate of 10 nominees.

Archbishop Gomez, 67, is the first Latino to be elected president. He has served as conference vice president for the past three years, working alongside Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, the outgoing president. His term as president begins when the assembly ends.

The Los Angeles prelate has been a leading advocate of immigrant rights, often voicing support for newcomers as they face growing restrictions being implemented by the Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies.

In subsequent voting, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron



Auxiliary Bishop David G. O'Connell of Los Angeles and Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), share a light moment after Archbishop Gomez was named the new president during the fall general assembly of the USCCB in Baltimore. — CNS photo/Bob Roller

of Detroit, conference secretary, was elected vice president.

He was elected on the third ballot by 151-90 in a runoff with Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services.

Under USCCB bylaws, after the election for president, the vice president is elected from the remaining nine can-

didates. The two top officers begin their terms at the conclusion of the fall assembly Nov. 13.

In voting for a new secretary, the assembly elected Archbishop Broglio, 112-87, over Bishop Daniel E. Thomas of Toledo, Ohio.

Archbishop Broglio will serve through the end of the term in 2021.

Immigration reform among priorities for new USCCB president

Catholic News Service

Baltimore

It will come as no surprise to anyone who has followed Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez that immigration reform is at the top of his priority list as the newly elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

"That's something I've been working on for almost 25 to 30 years," Archbishop Gomez told Catholic News Service during the U.S. bishops' fall general as-

sembly Nov. 11-13 in Baltimore.

On Nov. 12, the body of bishops elected him to lead them for a three-year term, and he is the first Latino to hold the USCCB presidency.

Archbishop Gomez has served as the conference's vice president since 2016.

As president, he succeeds Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston. His term begins at the end of assembly.

For the 67-year-old shepherd of the largest arch-

diocese in the U.S., Catholic teaching drives his advocacy for migrant rights, based on biblical principles of welcoming the stranger and upholding the dignity of immigrants and refugees as children of God.

In fact, the U.S. bishops have listed immigration reform and migration rights as a top priority for many years.

The bishops have sparred with the Trump administration over its policies for asylum-seekers at the border.

Daily Readings

Sunday, Nov 17

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Mal. 3:19-20a
Ps. 98:5-9
2 Thes. 3:7-12
Lk. 21:5-19

Sunday, Nov 24

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

2 Sm. 5:1-3
Ps. 122:1-5
Col. 1:12-20
Lk. 23:35-43

Monday, Nov 18

The dedication of the Basilicas
of St. Peter and Paul,
Apostles; St. Rose Philippine
Duchesne, virgin (USA)

1 Mc. 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57,
62-63
Ps. 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158
Lk. 18:35-43

Monday, Nov 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria,
virgin, martyr

Dn. 1:1-6, 8-20
(Ps.) Dn. 3:52-56
Lk. 21:1-4

Tuesday, Nov 26

Dn. 2:31-45
(Ps.) Dn. 3:57-61
Lk. 21:5-11

Tuesday, Nov 19

2 Mc. 6:18-31
Ps. 3:2-7
Lk. 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov 27

Dn. 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
(Ps.) Dn. 3:62-67
Lk. 21:12-19

Wednesday, Nov 20

2 Mc. 7:1, 20-31
Ps. 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15
Lk. 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov 28

Dn. 6:12-28
(Ps.) Dn. 3:68-74
Lk. 21:20-28

Thursday, Nov 21

The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
1 Mc. 2:15-29
Ps. 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15
Lk. 19:41-44

Friday, Nov 29

Dn. 7:2-14
(Ps.) Dn. 3:75-81
Lk. 21:29-33

Friday, Nov 22

St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr
1 Mc. 4:36-37, 52-59
(Ps.) 1 Chr. 29:10b-12
Lk. 19:45-48

Saturday, Nov 30

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE
Rom. 10:9-18
Ps. 19:8-11
Mt. 4:18-22

Saturday, Nov 23

St. Clement I, Pope, martyr; St.
Columban, abbot; Blessed
Miguel Augustin Pro, priest,
martyr (USA)
1 Mc. 6:1-13
Ps. 9:2-4, 6, 16b, 19
Lk. 20:27-40

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The concerts, always held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, will be at 1, 3:30 and 7 p.m. on Nov. 30.

"We invite everyone out to Starkenburg for this special holiday concert," said Monsignor Gregory Higley, pastor of St. George parish in Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior parish in Rhineland.

"We are so pleased to have talented musicians and vocalists return, and we are very blessed to have new vocalists

joining us in this joyous event," he said.

The concerts are free and open to the public.

A free-will offering will be taken up for the musicians and to benefit preservation of St. Martin's Church Museum.

Doors open one hour prior to each concert. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Organist Barry Bierwirth, vocalists Carrie Kirchofer-Tilly and Kampbell Hemeyer, and cellist Keely Uthlaut will all return to perform music of the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

Joining them this year will be fourth-grade Kinderchor vocalists Lily Engemann, Victoria Van Booven, Marissa Parr and April Langan.

Adding to the talented musical lineup this year will be the Cole Camp Männerchor, a men's chorus that was formed in 1990. The 16-man ensemble includes ages ranging from

the late 20s to 85, who will sing songs in German.

The Männerchor will perform four songs at each concert.

The historical Pfeffer Pipe Organ dates back to the 1880s. It is known by organists from all over the world as the oldest known continually used instrument from that 19th-century St. Louis organ-builder.

Mr. Bierwirth, a Hermann native, started playing the historical instrument at age 16.

He will render several solo pieces and will accompany the vocalists and some caroling during the popular sing-alongs.

Mrs. Kirchofer-Tilly's mezzo-soprano voice has been a highlight of the concerts for more than a dozen years.

Miss Hemeyer, a 16-year old from Hermann, will sing two solos. This is her seventh year performing at the Sounds of Starkenburg.

Ms. Uthlaut has been a favorite at the Starkenburg concerts since 2012.

St. Martin's Church Museum and Valentine Hall are located at 197 Highway P near Rhineland.

Latin Mass in Novinger

DATE: December 1
TIME: 6 pm

Mass in Latin the Extraordinary Form will be offered at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1, in St. Rose of Lima Church, 716 E. Washington St. in Novinger.

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