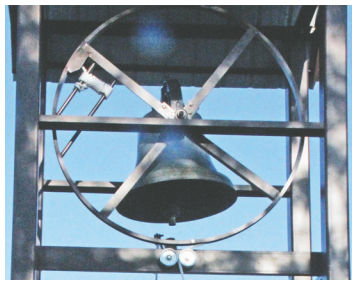


## Ringling out in Richland

Bishop McKnight blesses the new bell tower outside St. Jude Church in Richland, which summons parishioners to be as visible in the community as the bell is.

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## Crucial phase for 'Better Together' planning process



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By Jay Nies

The late Father Henry Reichert of Tipton once proclaimed, "The best song has never been sung. It's waiting out there for all of us to sing it and bring the Gospel to the world."

New verses will be composed this Lent as small groups in parishes throughout the diocese enter the next phase of discernment for the diocesan pastoral plan.

All parishioners are being encouraged to meet in small groups four times during Lent to pray, learn, discuss and listen.

In those 90-minute gatherings, they will consider how their parishes can better reflect the ideals set forth in the Bible, the documents of the Second Vatican Council, and Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, "Joy of the Gospel."

They will focus on the parish as "the presence of the Church in a given territory," not just for those who are registered and come to Mass.

They will assess how well clergy and laypeople in their parish carry-out their God-given roles in cooperation with one another, and the extent to which parishioners' relationship with God moves them to give back some of what they have in gratitude.

They will search for ways to make their parishes more welcoming and hospitable.

They will look at unmet needs in their communities and suggest concrete, sustainable ways to address those needs and help their parishes become known to all people as centers of mercy and charity.

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**Bishop W. Shawn McKnight speaks to more than 250 parish leaders about the next phase of the diocesan pastoral-planning process, which will include small, faith-sharing groups in parishes throughout Lent. The focus will be on co-responsibility among clergy and the laity, cultivating a spirituality of Catholic stewardship, and helping parishes to be known by Catholics and non-Catholics as centers of mercy and charity. — Photo by Jay Nies**

## Fr. Jones to be diocesan stewardship director; Fuemmeler to be Helias president, principal

**Both appointments by Bishop McKnight will take effect July 1**

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### Staff report

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has appointed Father Stephen Jones as director of stewardship for the Diocese of Jefferson City, a new position that will provide support to the 95 parishes in the diocese.

Kenya Fuemmeler, principal of Helias Catholic High School and interim diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, will succeed him as president of Helias Catholic while continuing to serve as principal.

Both appointments will take effect July 1, 2020.

Fr. Jones has been serving as president of Helias Catholic High School since 2013 and as administrator of St. Martin

parish in St. Martins since May 1, 2019.

He will continue in both of those roles until June 30.

He will then function in a role that is essential for bringing to fruition Bishop McKnight's plan for renewal throughout the Jefferson City diocese.

"As director of stewardship, Fr. Jones will assist me with promoting the Catholic vision of stewardship to all our parishes," Bishop McKnight stated.

This vision of stewardship is not principally oriented toward fundraising, but a spirituality of discipleship.

"Stewardship is the response of a grateful Christian disciple, who recognizes that all good things come from God," Bishop McKnight explained. "Intentionally committing

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## Death penalty Lobby Day and training in J.C.

**DATE: March 3**  
**TIME: 10 am - 4:30 pm**

Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (MADP) will hold its annual lobby day and training on Tuesday, March 3, in Jefferson City.

It will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in St. Peter parish's Selinger Centre and the State Capitol.

Training will begin at 10

a.m., followed by meetings with state lawmakers, from noon to 2:30 p.m.

It will conclude with the showing of the documentary, "In the Executioner's Shadow," at 2:30 p.m., with Rick Stack, the film's producer, and former executioner Jerry Givens.

Visit [www.MADPMO.org](http://www.MADPMO.org) or e-mail [info@madpmo.org](mailto:info@madpmo.org) for information.

## Mission in Holts Summit

Nationally-recognized speaker Father Sean Kilcawley, director of the Office of Family Life for the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska, will be lead a Lenten parish mission from Monday through Wednesday, March 2-4, in Holts Summit.

He will speak from 7 to 8 p.m. in St. Andrew Church, 400 St. Andrews Drive, off Center Street.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all of the sessions. The theme will be: "Theology of Love and Family Life."

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In addition, we are looking for a dynamic, faith-filled **Principal** with proven leadership skills for the 2020-2021 school year, effective July 1, 2020. Qualified candidates for this position must be a practicing Catholic with administrative certification or the ability to become certified, and must have teaching experience of a minimum of 5 years. Catholic school experience preferred.

Applications for both positions are available at [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org), scroll to bottom and select Schools Office, then click Job Opportunities.

## Pray for deceased priests

Feb. 27 — **Fr. James J. O'Sullivan**, Sacred Heart, Eldon (2004)  
Mar. 1 — **Fr. Lawrence P. Mullen**, St. Joseph, Edina; and St. Aloysius, Baring (1996)  
Mar. 3 — **Fr. Edward A. Doyle**, Immaculate Conception, Montgomery City (2019)  
Mar. 6 — **Fr. Thomas J. Gray**, St. Stephen, Indian Creek (1987)  
Mar. 7 — **Fr. Gerald W. Stockman**, counseling ministry (2016)

## "The Living Waters: Let Mercy Flow," with Basi, Cerneka, Johnson in CoMo

**DATE: March 1**  
**TIME: 7 pm**

Catholic composers Kate Basi of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Columbia will join Orin Johnson and Shannon Cerneka of Oddwalk ministries on Sunday, March 1, for "The Living Waters: Let Mercy Flow," a Lenten evening of prayer, Scripture, storytelling and music.

It will be at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive near Stadium Boulevard and I-70 in Columbia.

This event is free and open to all the faithful.

Organizers are planning an evening that is meditative, engaging, humorous, thought-provoking and above all, a true encounter with God.

"In a time when disagreements turn toxic and the pace of life is frenetic, it can be hard to recognize what our baptismal call means to our practical, everyday lives," Mrs. Basi noted. "This event will show how our faith touches every moment of life and how we Christians can take the heritage of our faith and apply that to the real-life moments when

peace, reconciliation, mercy, justice and truth are needed in our everyday lives."

Mrs. Basi, Mr. Cerneka and Mr. Johnson have been chosen

to give this same program for a national audience this summer at the National Association of Pastoral Musicians' annual gathering in Louisville, Kentucky.



## Official Decree

*Bishop McKnight made the following appointment, according to Canons 553 and 554:*

**Reverend Joseph S. Corel**, pastor and moderator, in solidum, of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Pettis County, to be the Vicar Forane (Dean) of the

Sedalia/Lake Deanery in the Diocese of Jefferson City.

*This appointment is effective immediately and until May 15, 2023, filling the vacancy of the unexpired term of the previous Vicar Forane.*

Given at the Chancery this 12th day of February 2020.

*Shawn McKnight*

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

*Constance Schepers*

**Mrs. Constance Schepers**  
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## 2020-2021 Incoming Kindergarten Registration & Parent Meeting

Saint Joseph Catholic School  
**WESTPHALIA**

[schooloffice@stjosephwestphalia.org](mailto:schooloffice@stjosephwestphalia.org)

**Thursday, March 5**

**5-5:45 pm**

*Come to the office if you need copies made  
Hand in all paperwork that was mailed  
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**6 pm**

*Parent meeting in Kindergarten classroom*

**Child must be 5 years old by July 31 to enter Kindergarten.** Bring copies of State birth certificate, immunization record, Social Security card, baptismal certificate, photo of student, parent's drivers license, and any divorce/custody paperwork. \$50 non-refundable registration fee, payable to: St. Joseph School Registration Fee.

For info, call the school office at (573) 455-2339.

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# MAKING CONNECTIONS

Bishop McKnight

## Being a ‘church living in the midst’ of her people

Now that I have reached my two-year anniversary as your bishop, I find myself grateful every day for the opportunity to be the shepherd for God’s people here in central and northern Missouri.

Your dedication to living as disciples of Christ has been edifying and consoling to me!

At the same time, I read these sentences from Pope Francis’ exhortation, “*Evangelii Gaudium*” (“The Joy of the Gospel”), and I ask, have we fulfilled this vision?

“The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish en-

courages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach” (No. 28).

While much good work is happening, we must be responsible stewards and consider what else needs to be done.

There are some indicators to suggest we can do more:

- Sacramental practice in our diocese has declined in the past 20 years, most precipitously in weekly Mass attendance. Since 2001, we have seen a 29-percent decline in Mass attendance, despite our general Catholic population remaining relatively flat.

- The social health index of our communities points to

many unmet needs in our communities: single-parent families; new arrivals, including refugees fleeing persecution; the workers in our prisons, the incarcerated and their families; the rise in suicides and bankruptcies for farmers.

- There is an unprecedented rise in the number of young people (and even the not-so-young) who claim no affinity to any organized religion.

- Our Church is often characterized as inward-focused, irrelevant and staid, and/or racked by abusive leaders and corruption.

Allowing the *status quo* to continue not only means we could be responsible for the demise of our Church, but also that we are refusing to embrace our baptismal call to be salt of the earth, a light to the world!

### Built on three pillars

Following up on our Advent series, “A Steward’s Way,” I am inviting every parish and every Catholic in our diocese to join in a pastoral planning process, “Better Together.”

By breaking open the Church’s teachings, especially those of the Second Vatican Council and Pope Francis, we want *each parish in the Diocese to be known as a place of charity and mercy, accomplished by clergy and laity working together, and by being grounded in a spirituality of stewardship.*

What does that mean, on a concrete level?

In the weeks leading up to Lent, I have been meeting with our pastors and parish council presidents, along with other parish representatives. We’ve been explaining the process for each parish to build a pastoral plan.

The themes of the pastoral plan come from my vision that we, as a diocese, are Better Together.

It will be built upon the three pillars of that vision:

- parishes as centers of mercy and charity;
- the co-responsibility of la-

ity and clergy; and

- a stewardship spirituality rooted in gratitude for God’s blessings.

How that vision is enabled in each parish will be discerned by each of you.

In the discernment process, to be conducted during Lent in the parishes and in a special Youth Summit for our high school-aged Catholics, you’ll be able to give insights to our pastors and pastoral councils.

The pastors and pastoral councils will use this information to develop a three-year pastoral plan for each parish in the diocese.

described in “*Evangelii Gaudium*?”

### “Seeds for a new harvest”

The discernment and planning process is grounded in the reality of our parishes. Each parish will have access to data specific to their parish and their communities, including social health statistics and sacramental participation trends.

“There is nothing more stubborn than facts” — the rural nature of our diocese, the presence of major state universities, the graying of those in our pews, and other realities will inform our plans.

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The process is also built to be fo-

These parish pastoral plans, with two or three goals or activities, will be provided to the diocese by July 1.

Pastors and parish councils will continue working on strategic and business planning to answer the details of “who, what, where, when and how” for these pastoral plans to be implemented.

The Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Presbyteral Council will then develop a diocesan pastoral plan. The diocesan pastoral plan will focus on how the diocese, through its Chancery, can build the capacity of the parishes to accomplish their parish goals.

By Advent 2020, each parish will be able to answer the question: What will be the two or three activities happening in the parish that will show people you are the kind of parish

cused outward, not inward. While information gleaned during the “viability and vitality” project will be available, we are not assuming this planning process will result in parish or school closures or mergers.

That may be discerned, but that should not be the final goal. By focusing on what we can do to be responsible adult Christians, stewards of our baptismal call to lives of mercy and charity, we can be the seeds for a new harvest.

This is not your typical regimen of Lenten small-group sessions.

I encourage those who have been engaged in weekly reflections on the Scriptures to realize that this work, of discerning God’s will for His people here in our diocese, is essential

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## Bishop McKnight’s Calendar

**FEBRUARY**

**Feb. 26** Ash Wednesday Mass, 8 am, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City

**Feb. 28-29** Leadership Roundtable Catholic Partnership Summit, Washington, DC

**MARCH**

**Mar. 1** Diocesan Rite of Election, 3 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City

**Mar. 4-6** Attend Conference on Called & Co-Responsible: Exploring Co-Responsibility for the Mission of the Church, University of Notre Dame, Indiana

**Mar. 7** Deliver Opening Remarks at Diocese of Jefferson City Women’s Conference: Walk in Her Sandals, 9 am, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City

**Mar. 8** Confirmation Mass for St. Stanislaus Parish, Wardsville and St. Margaret of Antioch Parish, Osage Bend, 2 pm, at Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City

**Mar. 9** Deliver Opening Prayer, Vitae Foundation 28th Annual Event & Dinner, 6:30 pm, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

**Mar. 10** Catholic Rural Life Board of Directors Conference Call, 10 am, Jefferson City

**Mar. 14** Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, 10 am, Catholic Center, Jefferson City; Closing Mass for Day of Prayer for Vocations, 5:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City

### Bishop McKnight’s February prayer intention for our Local Church

For those discerning a vocation: May they have the grace to hear the voice of God in their hearts, and may they experience the encouragement of the Church to respond with grateful hearts.

### Intención del mes de febrero del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Por aquellos que discernen una vocación: para que tengan la gracia de escuchar la voz de Dios en sus corazones y que se sientan alentados por la Iglesia para responder con un corazón agradecido.



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

## Communal reconciliation services for Lent

Lent is a good time for an examination of conscience and to receive the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Here is a partial list of Lenten communal reconciliation services in the Jefferson City diocese. The listings will be updated in the online edition of *The Catholic Missourian* at **cathmo.com**. Most services will include a short prayer service followed by individual confessions. Extra priests from neighboring parishes are typically present to help out. **All services begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise stated.**

<b>Argyle</b> – Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m., St. Aloysius Church	<b>Jefferson City</b> – Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cathedral of St. Joseph (part of the Day of Prayer for Vocations); Tuesday, March 31, Immaculate Conception Church; Wednesday, April 1, St. Peter Church	<b>St. Anthony</b> – Friday, March 27, 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony of Padua Church
<b>Boonville</b> – Thursday, March 12, Ss. Peter & Paul Church	<b>Lake Ozark</b> – Wednesday, March 25, 6 p.m., Our Lady of the Lake Church	<b>St. Elizabeth</b> – Sunday, March 15, 4 p.m., St. Lawrence Church
<b>Brunswick</b> – Wednesday, March 25, St. Boniface Church	<b>Laurie</b> – Sunday, March 22, 2 p.m., St. Patrick Church	<b>St. James</b> – Wednesday, March 25, 6 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church
<b>Camdenton</b> – Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Church	<b>Linn</b> – Thursday, March 12, St. George Church	<b>St. Martins</b> – Wednesday, March 25, St. Martin Church
<b>Chamois</b> – Tuesday, March 17, Most Pure Heart of Mary Church	<b>Loose Creek</b> – Thursday, March 5, Immaculate Conception Church	<b>St. Robert</b> – Sunday, March 29, 3 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church
<b>Columbia</b> – Monday, March 30, Our Lady of Lourdes Church; Sunday, March 31, St. Thomas More Newman Center	<b>Marshall</b> – Thursday, March 26, St. Peter Church	<b>St. Thomas</b> – Tuesday, March 31, St. Thomas the Apostle Church
<b>Cuba</b> – Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m., Holy Cross Church	<b>Martinsburg</b> – Monday, March 9, St. Joseph Church	<b>Salisbury</b> – Sunday, March 8, St. Joseph Church
<b>Fayette</b> – Tuesday, March 10, St. Joseph Church	<b>Meta</b> – Tuesday, March 24, St. Cecilia Church	<b>Sedalia</b> – Tuesday, March 31, St. Patrick Chapel
<b>Frankenstein</b> – Thursday, March 26, Our Lady Help of Christians Church	<b>Moberly</b> – Wednesday, March 11, St. Pius X Church	<b>Taos</b> – Thursday, March 26, St. Francis Xavier Church
<b>Freeburg</b> – Wednesday, March 4, Holy Family Church	<b>Osage Bend</b> – Wednesday, March 11, St. Margaret of Antioch Church	<b>Versailles</b> – Monday, March 16, 6 p.m., St. Philip Benizi Church
<b>Hermann</b> – Monday, March 2, St. George Church	<b>Owensville</b> – Wednesday, March 18, 6 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church	<b>Wardsville</b> – Sunday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., St. Stanislaus Church
<b>Holts Summit</b> – Tuesday, March 24, St. Andrew Church	<b>Rolla</b> – Tuesday, March 31, St. Patrick Church	<b>Westphalia</b> – Tuesday, March 10, St. Joseph Church
	<b>Russellville</b> – Wednesday, March 18, St. Michael Church	<b>Wien</b> – Thursday, March 12, St. Mary of the Angels Church

## 2020 Lenten regulations, admonitions for the diocese

As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 9, Holy Mother Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving, prayer and worship, "which express conver-

sion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* # 1434 & 1969).

In order to foster a greater spirit of penance, of reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, Catholics are reminded of the following obligations of fast and abstinence that are part the proper observance of Lent:

**1.) Abstinence:** All persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday are bound

to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 10).

**2.) Fasting:** Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting is generally understood to mean eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. But please note: when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges.

These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused.

Other forms of fasting, as

it regards to alcoholic drink, needless television, videogames, internet use and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

**3.) Almsgiving:** The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Therefore, all Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish, support of charities, and their generous response to the diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

**4.) Prayer:** In order to deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequent the sacrament of penance and reconciliation.

## Stations of the Cross with Donna Cori Gibson

**DATE:** March 8  
**TIME:** 3 pm

Catholic author, singer and inspirational speaker Donna Cori Gibson will give a concert

presentation of the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, in St. George Church, 611 E. Main St. (U.S. 50) in Linn. She will perform a song for each of the 14 Stations.

For information, call (573) 897-2293 or visit:

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# J.C. native Bro. Irenaeus makes solemn profession at Subiaco

Benedictine Brother Irenaeus Petree made his solemn profession of vows as a monk of Subiaco Abbey on Aug. 31, 2019, in the St. Benedict Abbey Church in Subiaco, Arkansas.

Luke Petree was born and raised in Jefferson City, the younger of two sons of J.D. Petree and Elaine Thompson, and stepfather of Deacon David Thompson.

He was a member of Cathedral of St. Joseph parish and was a pupil in St. Joseph Cathedral

School through sixth grade.

He graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1993. He worked in restaurants, bookstores and at other jobs before embarking on an eight-year career with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

He arrived at Subiaco Abbey as a candidate in the spring of 2015 and entered the one-year novitiate in September of that year.

On Sept. 8, 2016, he professed temporary vows, receiving the religious name Irenae-



**Benedictine Brother Irenaeus Petree (second from left), a Jefferson City native, professes solemn vows as a monk of Subiaco Abbey on Aug. 31, 2019, in the St. Benedict Abbey Church in Subiaco, Arkansas.**

us, after the second-century Greek Father of the Church.

In addition to the studies in his formation years, Brother Irenaeus worked in several areas in the abbey, especially in the production of peanut brittle and Monk Sauce, and as recycling coordinator.

During the past year, he has taken a full-time position in the Development Office and is often the first phone contact people have with the abbey.

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# Day of Prayer for Vocations to highlight St. Jude the Apostle

**DATE: March 14**  
**TIME: 8 - 5:30 pm**

By Jay Nies

St. Jude the Apostle asked Jesus on the night of the Last Supper, “Master, what happened that You will reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?” (John 14:22)

Jesus spent the rest of the evening explaining to him and the others that it would be their job, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to make Him known to the ends of the earth.

That responsibility continues to be handed down to every generation in the waters of Baptism and in a particular way through the ministerial Priesthood.

Hundreds of people will call upon St. Jude’s intercession during this year’s diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations, to be held on Saturday, March 14, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2305 W. Main St. in Jefferson City.

All are encouraged to spend part of the day praying for vocations, especially to the diocesan Priesthood for this diocese.

The featured speaker will be Dominican Father Patrick Tobin, former associate pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center parish in Columbia, who is now chaplain of the Dominican National Shrine of St. Jude in Chicago ([www.the-shrine.org](http://www.the-shrine.org)).

The day begin with Mass at 8 a.m.

Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place from 8:30 to 5:15 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A relic of St. Jude will be displayed in the chapel for private prayer from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

“You can use that as an opportunity to address him directly and ask him to assist you with his prayers,” Fr. Tobin noted.

Fr. Tobin will give a reflection at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will offer the closing Mass at 5:30 p.m.

## Hope and witness

St. Jude Thaddeus is one of Catholics’ most revered saints and called-upon intercessors.

He is often referred to as “the patron saint of hopeless or impossible cases,” but Fr. Tobin asserted that he is more accurately a patron saint of hope.

“For a lot of people, he is an embodiment of the supernatural hope that all Christians have, that we are co-heirs with Jesus Christ and that God has created a dwelling for us with Him for all eternity,” said Fr. Tobin.

In addition, St. Jude accepted the crown of martyrdom for preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ.

“So in the person of St. Jude, we really see two fundamental realities of our faith: the supernatural hope in salvation, and the need

to give witness and testimony to

ing confessions until you’re blue in the face, but nothing compares to actually being there in the confessional, hearing confessions.”

Likewise, he said, there’s no substitute for leading a retreat with college students who are experiencing a genuine encounter with the Lord in the sacrament of Reconciliation, or for offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

“You actually have to be in front of people, preaching and celebrating the Eucharist, and somehow tuning-out all the distractions so you can prayerfully engage in this participation in the Last Supper and in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus,” he said.

That’s what happened for Fr. Tobin in this diocese.

While at the Newman Center, he often called attention to the stained-glass image behind the sanctuary in the chapel.

“It depicts the meeting of heaven and earth, which is what happens during every Eucharistic Liturgy,” he said. “The veil between time and eternity becomes a little less obscure.”

## Intercessory prayer

Fr. Tobin completed a doctorate in chemistry, intending to teach, before enter-

ing religious life and dis-

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the Gospel,” said Fr. Tobin.

That makes St. Jude an ideal catalyst for a Day of Prayer for Vocations.

“And having a physical manifestation of him present focuses our attention on the fundamental truths of our universal Christian vocation,” said Fr. Tobin.

## “Heaven and earth touch”

Fr. Tobin ministered in Columbia for his first two years of Priesthood.

“It’s where I learned to be a priest!” he said. “Believe me, you can take as many seminars as you want on hearing confessions. You can role-play hear-

cerning a call to Priesthood.

His formators asked him when he applied to the Dominicans, “Can you be joyful and fulfilled in your vocation without ever teaching chemistry?”

“My answer was an unequivocal ‘yes,’” he said. “Because my chemistry studies formed me. Intellectually, I am deeply indebted to the training I received as a chemist for my problem-solving abilities.”

Fr. Tobin did get to teach chemistry after leaving Columbia, while also serving as a chaplain for six years at the University of St. Thomas in St.



**This icon of St. Jude the Apostle, painted by Benedictine Father Pachomius Meade of Conception Abbey, adorns St. Joseph Church in the iconographer’s hometown of Palmyra.**

Paul, Minnesota.

“I was the only priest in science and engineering,” he noted. “My nickname was ‘Father Doctor.’”

His Dominican superiors appointed him to his current post in Chicago in 2018.

“Basically, I’m in charge of celebrating the sacraments, preaching and praying for patrons and visitors to the Shrine of St. Jude,” he said.

He’s also carrying on the work of his classmate, Dominican Father Michail Ford, who preceded him at the shrine and is now ministering in Columbia at the Newman Center.

“He correctly intuited that changes in the world require a change from the destination mindset that waited for people to come to us, to being more mission-oriented and trying to reach more people ‘out there,’” said Fr. Tobin.

He’s been ramping up the shrine’s online and social media presence and inviting more people to turn to St. Jude as a worthy prayer partner in heaven.

“At the heart of the Shrine of St. Jude and devotion to St. Jude is intercessory prayer,” he noted.

Also at the shrine, Fr. Tobin

and fellow Dominicans are working on ways to use technological communication — which has contributed to the breakdown of relationships within society — to draw people together in prayer and face-to-face fellowship.

## Regarding relics

Fr. Tobin acknowledged that not everyone is comfortable using relics of saints as a catalyst for prayer and devotion — and that’s quite all right.

“The Church, in her wisdom, offers us a whole spectrum of ‘tools,’ if you will, to grow in our relationship with God,” he said. “She says to us, ‘Down through the centuries, we have found this to be a beneficial practice. If it helps you on your spiritual journey, go for it. If it doesn’t, try something else.’”

Last spring, hundreds of people stood in the cathedral to offer prayers to God in the presence of the heart of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.

It was a tangible reminder that all people, including saints, first exist in flesh and blood in this physical realm before God summons them to the next life.

“When I talk to people about the physicality of the faith and how relics fit into that, I remind people that we are not truly human in heaven until we have been united with our resurrected body,” said Fr. Tobin.

“We are actually deficient in that way from the time of our death and our particular judgment until the Second Coming of Christ, the Final Judgment and the Resurrection of the Body,” he said.

“That’s how integral the human body is to the human experience,” he said. “That’s true for the saints, and it’s true for all of us who want to be saints someday.”

The motto for the diocesan Vocation Office, which is sponsoring this Day of Prayer, is “Called to Sainthood.”

For information about the event, write to [followme@diocesanjeffcity.org](mailto:followme@diocesanjeffcity.org).

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# Fuemmeler will seek to continue building relationships with community as president, principal of Helias Catholic H.S.

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By Jay Nies

Kenya Fuemmeler is committed to keeping the “Catholic” in Helias Catholic High School.

“You should be able to tell from the moment you walk in the door that this place is Catholic,” said Ms. Fuemmeler, the school’s principal and newly appointed president.

That refers to much more than having a crucifix on the wall.

“It means being the hands and feet of the Church,” she said. “Our goal is for you to be able to recognize in every interaction with us that we are Catholic.”

Beginning this summer, Ms. Fuemmeler will be taking both the short and long view of that objective.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has appointed her president of Helias Catholic in addition to her current role as principal, effective July 1.

She will continue serving as part-time interim diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools until a new one is appointed, which is expected before the end of the current school year.

She has been principal of Helias Catholic since 2015.

As president, she will succeed Father Stephen Jones, whom the bishop has appointed to the newly created role of diocesan director of stewardship.

The school is in the process of hiring a new assistant principal to collaborate with Ms. Fuemmeler.

The principal’s primary role is to lead day-to-day operations at the school.

The president is charged with building-up and solidifying relationships between the school and the larger community, “in order to keep Catholic secondary education viable in this area for future generations,” said Ms. Fuemmeler.

## “The best version”

Bishop McKnight said Ms. Fuemmeler’s and Fr. Jones’s new roles reflect the success they’ve both had at Helias Catholic.

Fr. Jones has been the school’s president since 2015.

“His appointment comes from a position of strength because of the work that he, Ms. Fuemmeler and the whole leadership team have done to strengthen the position of Helias,” the bishop told the Helias Board of Directors and the Helias Advisory Council at a special meeting he called on Feb. 13.

“So now,” said Ms. Fuemmeler, “Fr. Jones can use his talents to promote stewardship, and I can help ensure the blue and gold vision of Helias continues to thrive and serve the community of Jefferson City for years to come.”

In just the past five years, the school’s enrollment has grown from 630 to 750 and is projected to reach 800 by 2022.

“That is a result of a concerted, team effort to continually promote our school,” said Ms. Fuemmeler. “It has also included some gracious donors out in the community who have helped us lower the tuition. We’re very grateful for that.”

She noted that Helias Catholic students consistently outpace the national average on standardized tests and other measures of academic success.

At the same time, a broad range of extracurricular activities helps them discover passions and talents beyond the classroom.

“We want to provide every student with the opportunity to succeed,” said Ms. Fuemmeler.

She said continuing to build-up the school’s endowment fund will be a key to keeping tuition affordable and advancing the school’s mission in the long term.

She pointed to the success of the school’s most recent capital campaign and the resulting growth and improvement of the facilities, including new science and art classrooms, a much larger chapel, more-functional administrative offices and the impressive Crusader Athletic Complex.

“There are signs everywhere that our community loves Helias,” said Ms. Fuemmeler. “But we can take none of that for granted. It’s essential that we continue to build-up those positive relationships.

“To do that, we have to be able to continually show that we are working to be the best school we can be for the sake of the Kingdom of God,” she said.

As principal, she spearheaded the creation of an accommodations program and an intervention team to help students of all learning abilities achieve success.

She also championed an expanded role for campus ministry at the school and the establishment of a school-wide “house system” to build-up community among students in all four grade levels.

“These are all part of what we’re doing to make sure students become the best version of themselves,” she said.

The school’s administration has been in ongoing discussions with Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri about how the Helias community can help with the transformation of the former Shikles Auditorium, located near the school, into a center of mercy and charity for people in need.

“Helias is excited to partner in the future with Catholic Charities regarding the community ministry of the renovated Shikles building,” said Ms. Fuemmeler. “This center of mercy and charity will create an opportunity for Helias students and staff to truly become the hands and feet of Christ in their local neighborhood.”

## Highest standards

Ms. Fuemmeler noted that Helias Catholic was founded on the charisms of the de La Salle Christian Brothers and the School Sisters of Notre Dame “and their mission to



Kenya Fuemmeler

educate boys and girls in an authentically-Catholic setting.”

That means maintaining excellence in a wide variety of academic and extracurricular offerings, as well as “infusing our entire curriculum with Gospel values” so that “our students graduate with a well-rounded education that is deeply rooted in faith,” she said.

“Building-up a community of faith is really, really important,” she stated. “We’re focused on getting our kids to heaven.”

She pointed to the steady presence of priests on campus

and the availability of Mass and the sacraments.

“That’s something we plan on continuing,” she said.

## “In greater measure”

As she prepares to take on more responsibility, Ms. Fuemmeler asks for prayers for “wisdom and guidance in all things” for her and the entire Helias Catholic community.

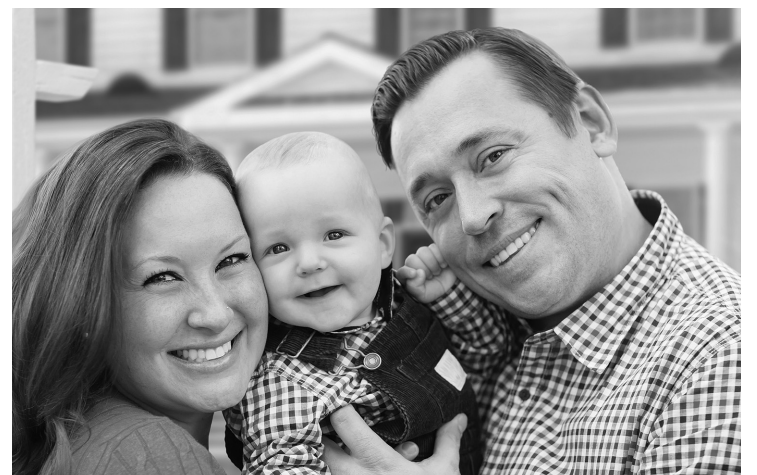
She’s grateful to all the teachers and staff who have helped maintain high standards of excellence while she and Fr. Jones have been carrying-out additional duties in the diocese.

“They are the ones moving the mission forward every day, regardless of who’s in charge,” said Ms. Fuemmeler.

She believes this is an exciting time to be part of the Church in this diocese.

“Bishop McKnight’s vision of a stewardship mindset will wind up permeating every fiber of our local Church, from parish life, to life in the classroom,” she said.

“We’re all being called to carry out our mission and calling in greater measure.”



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## QUESTION CORNER

## The Church and Alpha movement / Distributing to extraordinary ministers

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



**Q. A number of Catholic parishes here in my archdiocese have hosted programs on the Alpha movement in Christianity. I have found conflicting guidance as to the legitimacy/orthodoxy of this movement. Can you advise me as to whether it is approved for Catholic membership? (Tigard, Oregon)**

A. Alpha is a program of Christian evangelization first developed some 30 years ago at an Anglican charismatic parish in London. It consists of about a dozen interactive sessions in which participants discuss basic questions of faith — for example, “Who is Jesus?” and “Why and how do I pray?” — the goal being to bring them into a closer personal relationship with Christ.

Alpha is compatible with Catholic teaching, although it does not deal specifically with issues like the theology of the sacraments. (There is available a version called “Alpha for Catholics,” which supplements the basic program with teachings specific to Catholicism.) Since its inception, Alpha has been used in thousands of Catholic parishes in more than 70 countries.

Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron notes that “many parishes in Detroit have found Alpha a great tool for helping men and women hear the initial proclamation of the Gospel.”

Father Raniero Cantalamessa, the preacher to the papal household, is a “great friend of Alpha,” and Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna has said, “Alpha is for meeting Jesus. ... For me, the Christian life has something to do with simplicity, friendship, closeness and joy. That’s what I feel about Alpha, and I think that’s a sign that it works and that it’s given from the Lord.”

**Q. Our new pastor is very focused on making sure that everything at Sunday Mass is done strictly according to the rubrics. For example, when it is time for Holy Communion, he gives the host to each of the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, who must stand back from the altar; then the deacon gives the cup to each one.**

**Then the pastor passes out the ciboria one by one, and he and the deacon hand out the cups one by one. No extraordinary minister is allowed to pick up anything off the altar, so there is a lot of walking back and forth. All this, of course, takes time; sometimes we are almost finished with the Communion hymn before anyone in the pews has received Holy Communion. Is there some way to speed things up without violating the rubrics?**

**Also, if people come up to receive Holy Communion without holding their hands in the right way, the pastor stops and tells them what to do. That can be embarrassing; is there a better way to do that? (Richmond, Virginia)**

A. Actually, your pastor is following what is the prescribed procedure. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in its liturgy guide says: “After the priest has concluded his own Holy Communion, he distributes Holy Communion to the extraordinary ministers, assisted by the deacon, and then hands the sacred vessels to them for distribution of Holy Communion to the people.”

In a further explanation of that, the guidelines for the Archdiocese of Washington state that “extraordinary ministers should not take the sacred vessels from the altar themselves, but should be handed them by the priest or deacon.”

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## Papal Audience February 19, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Beatitudes, we now consider the third Beatitude: “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5). Scripture uses the term “meek” for the poor and the dispossessed of the land. Jesus’ statement that the meek will inherit the earth can thus seem contradictory. Yet the Lord tells us that the meek will inherit the earth. The Beatitude ultimately points us to the heavenly homeland promised to the children of God. For Jesus, the meek are those who have learned to guard the territory of their relationship with God and preserve His gifts of peace, mercy and fraternity. Sin can destroy this inheritance, for the hatred and division that flow from sin are destructive. Meekness, on the other hand, preserves this inheritance, enables it to grow and wins the hearts of others by love, kindness and friendship. By imitating the meekness of Christ, may we help to extend His kingdom and come to receive the inheritance promised to us by the Beatitude.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s audience, especially the groups from England, Norway, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam 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!



## Alberti to keynote Moberly banquet for Randolph County Right to Life

**DATE: March 19**  
**TIME: 6 pm**

Jill Alberti, former director of parish communications for the Jefferson City diocese, will be the keynote speaker at the Randolph County Chapter of Missouri Right to Life’s (MRL’s) Celebration of Life Banquet at

6 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, in the Moberly Municipal Auditorium, 201 W. Rollins St.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with the event getting under way at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Alberti will speak on MRL’s mission and will share her unique adoption story.

In addition, Missouri Right

to Life Executive Director Susan Klein will give a legislative update.

The ticket deadline is March 12.

For questions, special dietary needs, or further information, contact Therese Sander at (660) 651-9748 or Sarah Mefford at (660) 651-8327.

## Fr. Oligschlaeger: Lenten guidance

By Fr. Gregory Oligschlaeger

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26.

I encourage you and your family to practice at least one action in each of the three disciplines of Lent.

Add an element of **prayer** to your daily routine. Say a prayer each day as a family or do something extra in regard to prayer for Lent.

Take the mandatory days (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) for **fasting** seriously and add other frequent elements of fasting to your Lenten routine. Giving to God the things we give

up reminds us to think of God or others often in Lent.

Be specific in your **almsgiving**. Almsgiving needs to be something tangible that we give to the poor or needy. Come up with a specific gift you will give to another which comes from your money, clothing, food, or talents given in service to another. Also, receive the Sacrament of Penance and allow God’s grace to help and guide you.

*Fr. Oligschlaeger is pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Monroe City and St. Stephen parish in Indian Creek.*



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## Elders shape the future

By Sister Constance Veit, LSP



During February my thoughts turn to two of my favorite biblical figures, Simeon and Anna.

Simeon is described in St. Luke's Gospel simply as "a man in Jerusalem"

and Anna as an 84-year-old "prophetess." These two elders greet Mary and Joseph as they bring their newborn Infant to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. We celebrate this moment in Jesus' life, referred to as the Presentation in the Temple, on Feb. 2.

Simeon and Anna are not just two pious old people making a fuss over a baby. Each one had been waiting for the coming of the Lord for many years. Their whole lives were defined by their patient, prayerful waiting. When the moment came, they recognized Jesus as

the Messiah and testified on His behalf before all the people.

Pope Francis wrote, "When Mary and Joseph reached the temple to fulfill the law, Simeon and Anna jumped to their feet. They were moved by the Holy Spirit. This elderly couple recognized the child and discovered a new inner strength that allowed them to bear witness."

Simeon and Anna have an important message for our time. They represent the crucial role of older people who "have the courage to dream," as Pope Francis said. "Only if our grandparents have the courage to dream and our young people imagine great things will our society go on." Pope Francis believes that older people who dream are able to move forward creatively as they envision a future.

"Without the witness of their elders' lives, the plans of young people will have neither roots nor wisdom," he said. "Today more than ever, the future generates anxiety, insecurity, mistrust

and fear. Only the testimony of elders will help young people look above the horizon to see the stars. Just learning that it is worth fighting for something will help young people face the future with hope."

We Little Sisters are privileged to share our lives with many successors of Simeon and Anna — older people who have persevered in their faith through the years as they sought a better life for themselves and their loved ones.

Among them is a woman I know who poured her life-savings into the rehabilitation of a child stuck in the cycle of drug addiction, and who later sacrificed her own comfort to support three generations of her family members who were displaced after a hurricane ravaged their island home.

Another resident, a tiny woman in her mid-80's, divides her time between helping in our chapel and working in the parish founded by her priest-brother — the only Vietnamese parish in our diocese — helping with sundry tasks and taking Holy Communion to

the sick.

I recently attended Mass at this Vietnamese parish as part of our annual fundraising appeal and enjoyed seeing our resident in action. While she and many of the women of the parish wore their traditional Vietnamese tunics and flowing pants in bright hues and varied designs, most of the young people came to church in the jeans, yoga pants and baggy sweatshirts typical of American youth.

The Liturgy was completely in Vietnamese. I saw what a fine line these young people walk — with one foot planted firmly in the land of their parents and grandparents and the other in America.

I was touched to see that even the young people venerated our resident. As she scurried around the church attending to many details, she would give the young people a quick word of direction in Vietnamese or a charming smile of encouragement.

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## Light and darkness

By Brett Robinson  
Catholic News Service



The statues of the saints seemed to come to life, lit only by candles. It was our first Rorate Mass, held last Advent, and the church was adorned with candles (no electric light) in honor of Our Lady. The interplay of light and darkness echoed the anticipation of Advent as we awaited the Light of the World to dispel the darkness of sin.

It is moments like these that remind me of the many ways technology reshapes not just our physical surroundings, but our psychological experience as well. My 6-year-old son was haunted by the predawn Rorate Mass. The normally staid facial expressions on the statues seemed to change with each flicker of the candlelight. It was a healthy fear, I think, one borne of encountering something ancient and mysterious.

How many times can we say that we have this experience in our everyday lives? Or in the Liturgy for that matter? I would venture to say that those occasions are rare, but precious. And some of that has to do with our tendency to examine everything strictly under the light of reason.

I could have told my son not to worry, that the shifting statues were just an illusion. His eyes were just unable to focus properly under such low light. And this would have been absolutely true, in the rational sense.

But wasn't there another truth at

work in the church that day? One that transcended the light of reason and yet did not violate it. It was true that the Light of the World was mere days away from entering the world through Mary, and that the candlelit ritual was a sign of His imminent arrival.

The interplay of light and darkness in the church that day provided a cosmic commentary on the primordial tension between good and evil. The fact that the statues seemed to come to life under those primitive conditions illuminated the reality that Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, is the One Who gives light and life to otherwise dark and lifeless creatures.

Now I could teach my son these ideas by reading him the Gospel or telling him the story of salvation. But I couldn't create the conditions that brought that stunning reality to life on my own. Only the Church can do that. In her tradition, her wisdom and her liturgical patrimony lies an experience that transcends our rational and technological efforts to illuminate reality.

Next time you are on a screen (like right now perhaps), consider the source of light, both physical and spiritual. Screens shine on us from without, delivering all sorts of information and knowledge. As Catholics, our Baptism ignites a light from within that brings us to a glow when we are living in accord with God's will. That is the light that the world needs to see, the one that the darkness cannot comprehend.

*Robinson is director of communications and Catholic media studies at the University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute for Church Life.*

### REFLECTION

## Thankful thinking

By Mark Saucier

Over the past few weeks, I have spent hours poring over dated files and faded pictures from some 40 years of work.

There were black and white prints of people long gone, but suddenly and fondly remembered. There were photos of meetings and trips, of hovels and cathedrals, of human projects and natural beauty.

So much of little archival value, so many destined for the dumpster, but for a minute, they served both memory and mood. There was clarity, a sharpness of relief that brought to life not just that captured moment in time, but the context in which the subject had entered, and often affected, my story.

In the files were reams of writing of every ilk and stripe — letters, articles, reports and scripts. If viewed chronologically, one would hope that they would have shown some progression of thought, even some personal growth or transformative change in the author.

But these, pulled from alphabetized files, only served as pictures in prose, snapshots of some passing concern or urgency. Still, they offered points of a life in review, a litany of people, ideas and events who once called my attention or invited my thoughts. They, too, resurrected the past and reminded me not only of what I was doing, but a bit of who I was at some given time.

As I paged through the piles of previous work, an old German phrase came to mind: "*Denken ist danken*." It sounds like something you'd read on a bumper on the autobahn, but it belongs to the Pietists of the 17th century: "Thinking is thanking."

Pietism tried to reform the reform, urging people to live vigorous, intentional and holy lives. "*Denken ist danken*" was their hashtag to help achieve that.

Without even realizing it, I was doing this, albeit a little late. With each picture I pondered, and every line I reread, I was holding up something in my life, contemplating its depth in that moment, and its breadth over time.

Colleagues posing for a picture around a table or a 30-second radio spot was probably not considered significant, if it was considered at all. But all these moments have endured in me. These chips and shards of my past now compose the mosaic of who I am today.

Thinking of this, I can't help but be grateful for everything that has become part of my life — and for a patient God Who did not wait on my gratitude for this happen.

# Pope shares 'dreams' for Amazon region, its Catholic community

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Pope Francis said he dreams of an Amazon region where the rights of the poor and indigenous are respected, local cultures are preserved, nature is protected, and the Catholic Church is present and active with "Amazonian features."

In his apostolic exhortation "*Querida Amazonia*" ("Beloved Amazonia"), Pope Francis made no mention of the idea of ordaining married men to the Priesthood so that far-flung Catholic communities would have regular access to the Eucharist.

Instead, he said "every effort should be made to ensure that the Amazonian people do not lack this food of new life and the sacrament of forgiveness."

"A specific and courageous response is required of the Church" to meet the needs of Catholics, he said, without dictating what that response would be.

However, Pope Francis opened the document saying he wanted "to officially present the final document" of October's Synod of Bishops for the Amazon. The final document asked for criteria to be drawn up "to ordain as priests suitable and respected men of the community with a legitimately constituted and stable family, who have had a fruitful permanent diaconate and receive an adequate formation for the Priesthood, in order to sustain the life of the Christian community through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the sacraments in the most remote areas of the Amazon region."

Speaking about the final document, Pope Francis wrote that the Synod "profited from the participation of many people who know better than



**Pope Francis attends the final session of the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon at the Vatican in this Oct. 26, 2019, file photo. The Vatican on Feb. 12 released the Pope's apostolic exhortation, "*Querida Amazonia*" ("Beloved Amazonia"), which offers his conclusions from the Synod.**  
— CNS photo/Paul Haring

myself or the Roman Curia the problems and issues of the Amazon region."

Having a Church with "Amazonian features," he said, also will require greater efforts to evangelize, official recognition of the role women have and continue to play in the region's Catholic communities, a respect for popular forms of piety and greater efforts to inculcate the Catholic faith in Amazonian cultures.

In the document, Pope Francis did not mention the theft during the Synod of wooden statues of a pregnant woman, usually referred to by the media as "*pachamama*" or described as a symbol of life and fertility by synod participants.

But he insisted, "Let us not be quick to describe as superstition or paganism certain religious practices that arise spontaneously from the life of peoples."

The Pope devoted several long passages to the theme of "inculturation," the process by which the faith becomes "incarnate" in a local culture, taking on local characteristics that are in harmony with the

faith and giving the local culture values and traits that come from the universal Church.

"There is a risk," he said, "that evangelizers who come to a particular area may think that they must not only communicate the Gospel but also the culture in which they grew up."

Instead, he said, "what is needed is courageous openness to the novelty of the Spirit, Who is always able to create something new with the inexhaustible riches of Jesus Christ."

One of the characteristics of many Catholic communities in the Amazon, he wrote, is that, in the absence of priests, they are led and sustained by "strong and generous women,

who, undoubtedly called and prompted by the Holy Spirit, baptized, catechized, prayed and acted as missionaries."

While the idea of ordaining women deacons was mentioned at the Synod, it was not included in the bishops' final document.

In his exhortation, Pope Francis said the idea that women's status and participation in the Church could come only with ordination "would lead us to clericalize women, diminish the great value of what they have already accomplished and subtly make their indispensable contribution less effective."

Instead, he called for including women in roles "that do not entail Holy Orders," but that are stably established, publicly recognized and include "a commission from the bishop" and a voice in decision making.

**Additional Catholic News Service articles about the Pope's apostolic exhortation have been posted in *The Catholic Missourian's* online edition, [www.cathmo.com](http://www.cathmo.com). Click on the Search and type "*Querida Amazonia*."**

Peppered with poetry praising the region's beauty or lamenting its destruction, much of the document looks at the exploitation of the Amazon region's indigenous communities and poor inhabitants and the destruction of its natural resources.

"The Amazon region has

been presented as an enormous empty space to be filled, a source of raw materials to be developed (and) a wild expanse to be domesticated," the Pope wrote. "None of this recognizes the rights of the original peoples; it simply ignores them as if they did not exist or acts as if the lands on which they live do not belong to them."

The destruction of the forest, the polluting of the Amazon River and its tributaries and the disruption and contamination of the land by mining industries, he said, further impoverish the region's poor, increase the chances that they will become victims of trafficking and destroy their communities and cultures, which are based on a close and care-filled relationship with nature.

"The inescapable truth is that, as things stand, this way of treating the Amazon territory

spells the end for so much life, for so much beauty, even though people would like to keep thinking that nothing is happening," Pope Francis wrote.

Yet, he said, "from the original

peoples, we can learn to contemplate the Amazon region and not simply analyze it, and thus appreciate this precious mystery that transcends us. We can love it, not simply use it, with the result that love can awaken a deep and sincere interest. Even more, we can feel intimately a part of it and not only defend it."

## Pope adds year of missionary service to Vatican diplomats' training

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Pope Francis, adopting a suggestion made at the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon, has decided that every priest preparing for service in the Vatican diplomatic corps must spend a year in ministry as a missionary.

In a letter to U.S. Archbishop Joseph S. Marino, president of the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, which trains Vatican diplomats, Pope Francis said the year of missionary service should be added to the academy's curriculum beginning with students entering in the 2020-2021 academic year.

"I am convinced that such an experience could be helpful to all young men who are preparing for or beginning their priestly service," Pope Francis wrote in the letter released Feb. 17.

In a special way, he continued, mission experience would be helpful "for those who in the future will be called to collaborate with the pontifical representatives and, later, could become envoys of the Holy See to nations and particular Churches."

Currently students — all already ordained priests — usually spend four years at the academy in central Rome. They earn a license in Canon Law from one of the pontifical universities in the city and then a doctorate in either canon law or theology.

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# Richland church gets its voice back thanks to new bell tower

By Jay Nies

Much as the pealing strains of a brass bell summon the faithful to worship each Sunday, efforts to place that bell in a safe, new tower helped strengthen the bonds of an already tight community.

The people of St. Jude parish in Richland planned, worked and waited for about two years to hear their 700-pound bell ring out after the old wooden tower was deemed unsafe.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight offered Mass in St. Jude Church and blessed the new steel tower on Jan. 26.

“By this blessing,” he prayed with the Sign of the Cross, “accept this bell into Your service. May its voice direct our hearts toward You and prompt us to come gladly to this church to experience the presence of Christ, listen to Your word, offer You our prayers, and both in joy and in sorrow be friends to one another.”

Father John Groner, pastor of the Richland parish and of neighboring St. Robert Bellarmine parish in St. Robert, then cast holy water onto the steel structure.

Parishioner Dominic Pemberton tolled the bell as the names of deceased parishioners dating back to the parish's founding 48 years ago were read.

“People say they can hear that bell all around town,” parishioner Steve Bunch noted.

## Out of nowhere

St. Jude parish was founded in 1972 and includes parts of Pulaski, Camden and Laclede counties.

Mr. Bunch said no one seems to remember how this bell got to Richland.

Its inscription says it was cast in 1932 by the Henry Stuckstede Bell Foundry Co. in St. Louis.

Mr. Bunch searched newspaper archives in the local library to no avail.

The caption to a 1982 photo in *The Catholic Missourian* showing the bell in its wooden tower simply says the bell “was a gift to the parish.”

The wooden posts and braces were solid when they were set into place, but at least 35 years of exposure to the elements eventually took their

toll.

“One day, Dominic was out ringing the bell and I could see the tower moving,” Mr. Bunch recalled. “I asked him to hold off until I had a chance to take a closer look.”

Mr. Bunch used a drill at several heights to gauge the strength and density of the pillars.

“The drill went right through them,” he said. “Honestly, I don't know what was holding the bell up there.”

Parishioners searched for someone who could help them lower the bell and and yoke assembly — 1,000 pounds — to the ground and dismantle the tower.

The solution turned out to be close to home.

“Lo and behold, a fellow just around the corner at the main intersection in town has a tree-trimming service,” said Mr. Bunch.

That man, Jason Lobland, brought his equipment to the church. A day later, the bell was safely stored on the back of the property, along with plenty of firewood.

Fr. Groner and Mr. Bunch almost immediately set about planning for a more substantial tower.

“We had the bell there and we had the desire,” Mr. Bunch noted. “I've been involved in different facets of fabrication for most of my life, so I took it on as a challenge to make this work.”

## Heavy metal

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

Mr. Bunch started researching how bells are properly mounted and how they're supposed to ring.

“I got enough information to make a simple design,” he said.

The process involved input from many parishioners.

“The whole parish got together and we decided what

the tower was going to look like,” said Fr. Groner.

“It brought the parish community together,” Mr. Bunch stated. “We'd sit and talk things out. That unto itself was a good experience.”

He traveled to Jefferson City several times to confer with structural engineers at Delong's Inc., a steel fabricating company.

“They gave engineering advice on the thickness of the concrete and on the structure itself so that it would be built properly and hold up,” said Mr. Bunch.

Craig Buechter, a sales representative for Delong's and a member of St. Thomas the Apostle parish in St. Thomas said building the tower was a relatively small project for the company.

“It's not something we typically make,” he said. “We typically do things like buildings and barns. This was kind of a pretty job for us — a little more intricate.”

## High and mighty

Through research, Mr. Bunch determined that attaching a bell of that size and weight to a wheel 66 inches across would provide the proper leverage for ringing it.

He found someone in Richland who could fabricate the wheel and the proper bracing for it, and attached it to the bell.

Meanwhile, Fr. Groner and several parishioners discovered in the church attic the counterweighted hammer that was originally used to toll the bell in its previous location.

The long-awaited tower arrived in Richland in pieces, ready to assemble.

Mr. Bunch and two other parishioners dug holes to the correct depth and secured the



**Dominic Pemberton, a member of St. Jude parish in Richland, tolls the bell outside St. Jude Church on Jan. 26 in memory of parishioners who have died in the parish's 48-year-history. Bishop W. Shawn McKnight was present to bless the recently completed new bell tower during Sunday Mass.**

— Photo by Jay Nies

steel pillars in concrete.

Using 16-inch-long, three-quarter-inch bolts, they assembled the main structure one day and the protective canopy over the bell two weeks later.

The canopy matches the roof of the church.

## “Elegant reminders”

Bishop McKnight noted in his homily that the association of bells and churches dates back to antiquity.

“By the ringing of bells, Christian people have been summoned to church for important happenings,” he said. “The peal of bells expresses the joyful sentiments of the people, as at the end of a special Mass or wedding; and the distinct toll of a funeral bell intones our grief and sorrow over the loss of a loved one.”

He asserted that bells are tools of evangelization, extending the proclamation of the Gospel to wherever they can be heard.

“They are beautiful, elegant reminders of the pres-

ence of God and His assembly, the Church, in the community,” the bishop stated. “And their association with time-keeping reminds us that all time belongs to God.”

## It tolls for thee

Two things surprised Mr. Bunch the first time he tried the bell in its new tower — how loud and clear it sounds, and how easy it is to make it ring.

It had been very difficult to work the bell into motion on the old tower.

“You used to have to jump up and pull on the rope to get the bell moving,” Fr. Groner noted. “But now, an adult or even a child can pull it and it will ring.”

“It came out fantastic, absolutely fantastic,” said Mr. Bunch. “I think people are happy with it.”

Pulling on the rope attached to the wheel makes the bell swing back and forth in its yoke, the clapper striking the inside lip of the bell and producing a melodic tone that echoes off the faraway hills.

Pulling the other rope strikes the bell with the counterweighted hammer, creating a more subdued tone.

“Church bells are designed to have a pleasant sound to ring out the glory of God and let people know it's time to stop and pray,” said Fr. Groner.

“Even in times of sadness, their tolling reminds us of the abiding presence of the Lord in our life,” he said.

The bishop sent the people forth with a blessing: “In His mercy, may God grant that when He calls you to this church through the clear voice of this bell, you will listen attentively to His word.”

Several people took turns ringing the bell after Mass.

# Peaceful, prayerful, effective 40 Days for Life campaign to kick off with Feb. 25 rally in Columbia

**DATE: February 25**  
**TIME: 5:30 pm**

Chuck Raymond from Project Joseph and Linda Raymond from Silent No More will share their stories of loss and healing during the kick-off rally for the Columbia 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign.

It will begin with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. on

Tuesday, Feb. 25, in Flanagan Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive near I-70 and Stadium Boulevard in Columbia.

Afterward, attendees will caravan to Planned Parenthood, 711 N. Providence Road, for a short prayer vigil by candlelight on the sidewalk.

"We truly pray that this 40 Days for Life campaign will

mark the beginning of the end of abortion referrals in Columbia," said Kathy Forck, who coordinates the local effort.

Columbia is one of over 500 cities from coast-to-coast conducting simultaneous 40 Days for Life campaigns from Feb. 26 through April 5.

"We start this effort by drawing members of the community together to share the vision of 40 Days for Life and to pray for God's blessings on this effort," stated Mrs. Forck. "It is time to focus attention on the harm abortion has done to our city."

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, intensive campaign that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and 40 days of grassroots educational outreach.

Participants give special attention to prayer in the public right-of-way outside the abortion facility at Planned Parenthood, as well as various types of community outreach.

"We look forward to seeing what kind of transformation God will bring about in our city," said Mrs. Forck.

All prayer vigil participants are asked to sign a statement

of peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

The 40-day timeframe is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history where God brought about world-changing transformation in 40-day periods.

For information about 40 Days for Life in Columbia Mo, visit: [40daysforlife.com/columbiano](http://40daysforlife.com/columbiano)

For assistance or further information, contact Kathy Forck at [columbia40daysforlife1@gmail.com](mailto:columbia40daysforlife1@gmail.com) or (573) 821-5130.

## 2 events on helping teens deal with effects of childhood trauma

**DATE: February 27**  
**March 5**  
**TIME: 5:30 pm**

Josh Varner, M.S. Ed., a nationally-recognized expert on helping teens deal with childhood trauma, will lead two free educational events titled "Trauma-Informed Care: How to be their hero," from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 27 and March 5, in Jefferson City.

The Feb. 27 event will be in the atrium of SSM-St. Mary's Hospital, 2505 Mission Drive.

The March 5 event will be in the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center,

2207 W. Main St.

All who teach or have regular contact with teens are encouraged to attend.

Participants will:

- learn how many students are affected by childhood trauma and how to identify them;
- learn how the brain and body respond to trauma and how that affects student behavior; and
- leave with a "call to action" and be equipped with many specific tools that are easy to use to support their students.

The event's organizers noted that two out of every three students in the United States are living with the effects of some sort of traumatic event.

"When people experience trauma, it's normal and natural for them to have a hard time coping afterwards," stated Julie Gramlich, youth minister at Cathedral of St. Joseph parish and founder of the Anne Marie Project.

Mr. Varner has spoken at more than 100 schools about ways to help individuals overcome the effects of trauma.

He has worked as a social worker, school counselor and currently as a teacher serving students who are at-risk.

He understands the challenges educators are facing and equips them with tools that are easy to implement and that will have the greatest impact on their students.

The event is sponsored by the Anne Marie Project, SSM Health-St. Mary's Hospital and the United Way of Central Missouri.

For information, contact Julie Gramlich at (573) 644-4965.



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# St. Patrick's Day traditions continue at the Shrine of St. Patrick

**DATE: March 15**  
**TIME: 8 am - 2 pm**

Faith and ethnic pride will converge in the tiny town of St. Patrick in northeastern Missouri on March 15, during the Shrine of St. Patrick's annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

"If you cannot be in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day this year, a visit to the tiny town of St. Patrick, Missouri, this March 15 will be the next best thing," stated Father Robert Fields, pastor.

Mass will be offered at 8 a.m. in the shrine, followed by the presentation of the local Historical Preservation Award.

Mike Whiston will give a talk at 9:15 a.m., about the building of the shrine, which was completed in 1957.

A video of wedding photos taken at the shrine and a historical video of the parish will be shown continuously from 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Church.

Morning festivities will also include the Leprechaun 5K Run/Walk, Irish music, children's games, shrine tours and other events.

Fr. Fields will preside at the 2 p.m. closing ceremony with music by Judy Schmidt.

The special St. Patrick postmark and postal mailing will be available at the St. Patrick Post Office near the shrine.

"The day would not be complete without the offering of the special hand-stamped pictorial cancellation for St. Patrick's Day letters and postcards," said

Fr. Fields. "This tradition began in 1936 by Father Francis O'Duignan and John N. Kirchner, postmaster, as a way to raise funds for building the shrine."

This tradition remains an integral part of the March fundraiser, with letters being sent all over the world.

The parish was founded in 1833, but not until more than a century later, Fr. O'Duignan, now deceased,

arrived and began raising money to build the impressive shrine that stands there today.

Patterned after St. Patrick's Memorial Church of Four Masters in Donegal, Ireland, the Shrine has a round bell tower, a rose window, Celtic crosses and 37 stained glass windows made in Dublin and fashioned after the saints in the Book of Kells.

A flagstone from Croagh

Patrick, a holy mountain in County Mayo, was embedded in the floor so the priest

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## STEWARDSHIP

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some of our time, talent and treasure for the mission of the Church is an expression of our need to give back to God rather than our giving to a need."

The Office of Stewardship is a new function for the Jefferson City diocese; it will provide resources and services to the diocese's parishes and institutions as they implement a stewardship model.

"My work will entail traveling around the diocese, working with our pastors, preaching, teaching, relationship-building and mentoring," said Fr. Jones. "These are all things I am excited to do in supporting a vision and mission I believe to be true."

Parishioners will be asked to reflect on their gifts and talents and determine how they can use their resources — including a financial tithe — to serve their family, their parish and their community.

"I am passionate about

Bishop McKnight's vision for the future of our diocese in this area and am thankful for his trust in me to take on this role as we seek to live out the evangelizing mission of the Church," said Fr. Jones.

A new administrator will be appointed to St. Martin parish before July 1.

### Expanded role for Fuemmeler

Bishop McKnight appointed Ms. Fuemmeler president and principal of Helias Catholic upon the unanimous recommendation of the Helias Board of Directors after consultation with the Helias Advisory Council.

He called to mind her experience and success at Helias Catholic, in other schools and in the diocese's Catholic School Office; her strong Catholic faith; and her appreciation of her own Catholic education.

"Assisting parents in educating and forming young people in the faith is a sacred task entrusted to us by God," stated Bishop McKnight. "Ms. Fuemmeler has a proven record of servant-leadership both at Helias Catholic and in her interim role as superintendent of our diocesan Catholic schools. I have every confidence that with God's help, she will continue to lead successfully in her new, expanded role at Helias."

Ms. Fuemmeler became principal at Helias Catholic in July 2015 and has been serving concurrently as interim diocesan superintendent of schools since July 2019.

She attended St. Joseph parish elementary school in Salisbury and graduated from Salisbury High School.

She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana and a master of education degree from the University of Missouri.

She worked in the former Wellston School District near St. Louis from 2007-09, teaching social studies under the Teach for America program and serving as head coach of the track team.

For the 2009-10 school year, she was a learning specialist for the athletic department of the University of Oklahoma while a graduate assistant there.

From August 2010 to May 2013, she taught at Moberly High School and served as head coach of the girls' softball team and assistant coach of the track team.

She served as principal for the 2013-14 school year at Scotland County R-1 Junior/Senior High School in Memphis, Missouri.

Ms. Fuemmeler said she's honored and excited about the opportunity to lead Helias Catholic into its next generation of excellence and to help to shape its ongoing legacy.

She is grateful to Fr. Jones for hiring her as principal and for his help and cooperation throughout her first five years in the school's administration.

She remains committed to carrying-forward the mission of faith-driven excellence at Helias Catholic while ensuring its availability to even more people.



Father Stephen Jones

degrees in history and theology and master's degrees in divinity and sacred theology.

He was ordained in 2012 as a Catholic priest under the "Pastoral Provision" established by Pope St. John Paul II in 1983 as a means for former ministers of Protestant denominations to seek ordination as Catholic priests.

Fr. Jones served as a minister of the Episcopal Church for 10 years before entering the Catholic Church with his wife and children in 2010.

His own family's journey toward Catholic Christianity was itself an example of giving back to God without reserve or expectation.

Although Fr. Jones felt called to be a priest and to be Catholic, he did not know when he made his decision whether he would be able to serve as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church.

"It's in God's hands," he told *The Catholic Missourian* 2010. "If it's not to be, I am content to serve the Lord as a Catholic layman. As it is, I am very grateful to God for leading me here."

### Deeper commitment

Bishop McKnight said he's looking forward to working with Fr. Jones and Ms. Fuemmeler in their new roles in service to our local diocese.

"Their leadership and vision are a great blessing!" he stated.

While Fr. Jones will continue to assist with sacramental and pastoral ministry at Helias Catholic through the end of this academic year, other priests will be appointed to the school for the upcoming school year.

There is not expected to be any impact on the Mass schedule or other clergy support available to the Helias students, faculty and staff.

Fr. Jones has found these past eight years at Helias Catholic — seven as president — to be a time of great joy and fulfillment.

"I have been privileged to lead and work with an amazing group of students, teachers, staff and administrators to help the school live out its mission and vision," he stated. "I am more than confident that Ms. Fuemmeler will take our school to new heights while moving the school forward in a positive direction."

He acknowledged that leaving Helias, especially now that two of his children are students there, will be tough, "but the greater good takes precedence."

"I'm passionate about what the bishop needs me to do in the diocese," he stated, "and I think I have some skills and talents to help him accomplish that. And I have a great willingness to serve, to try to help build our diocese, help strengthen our diocese and help lead people toward becoming the saints God created us to be."

He said an important part of discipleship involves "being good stewards who give back from God's great gifts to us."

Fr. Jones asks for prayers for inspiration and success in his new position, for the diocese, for open hearts for pastors, and for the people "to be willing to explore the possibility of a deeper commitment to their faith, which will affect every aspect of their lives."

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## BETTER TOGETHER

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They will seek divine insight into what God wants their parishes to do and become.

“It starts with you,” stated Bishop W. Shawn McKnight. “Everyone, by virtue of his or her baptism, is called to participate in the life and mission of the Church.”

The bishop spoke to about 300 parish leaders at a Feb. 8 assembly in the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Those leaders — along with priests, deacons and parish life collaborators — will help organize and promote participation in the small, faith-sharing groups during Lent, with materials provided by diocesan staff.

“I’m not asking you to think about what you want,” he noted. “I’m asking you to discern through this process, ‘What is the will of God? What is God asking of us, here and now?’”

After completing each Lenten session, each small group will submit a report to the pastor.

In May and June, the pastors will meet with their parish pastoral councils to assemble a pastoral plan for the next three to five years for the parish.

Each parish’s plan will then be submitted to Bishop McKnight.

Then, with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, his priest advisors and the Chancery staff, the bishop will discern a pastoral plan for the diocese, geared toward helping the parishes carry-out their individual pastoral plans.

“It will be our job — my job as bishop, the job of the Chancery — to assist the parishes in fulfilling their specific plans for what they want to have accomplished over the next three years,” he said.

In that way, said Bishop McKnight, the diocesan pastoral plan will be “from the ground up, something that’s very much a part of the whole Church and not just from one individual’s perspective.”

### Seeking concrete solutions

The bishop emphasized that this pastoral planning process is not about closing parishes or raising money.

“I want to focus solely on what your parish should be doing,” he said. “Charity and mercy is the goal, and the way

we get there is through co-responsibility and the spirituality of stewardship.”

Each small group session will include prayer, passages from Scripture and the documents of the Church, questions for discussion, and simple, concrete questions about what needs to be done.

“One of the goals of this process is for each parish to identify an unmet social need within the territory of your parish and address it in a sustainable way,” said Bishop McKnight.

Father Jason Doke, diocesan moderator of the curia, said the simpler and more targeted the ideas that come out of the small groups, the better.

“These are concrete things, programs, that we can put in place in the parish, that are attainable and manageable and can be carried-out on a continuing basis,” he said.

Bishop McKnight said all of this will be an important part of restoring to parishes a sense of their responsibility to minister to all people and institutions within their territorial boundaries.

“The mission of the Church has to be carried-out in that territory, in and through the parish,” he said. “Because if the parish doesn’t do it, no one else will.”

He addressed concerns about why the planning process does not specifically address vocations, and why the people are being called to take part in the planning process when the bishop has the final say.

“Fulfilling the dream of developing a culture of co-responsibility and the spirituality of stewardship will not only accomplish the ultimate goal of parishes being recognized as centers of charity and mercy but will also bring new vitality to the parishes and will help us reach out to young people and promote vocations,” he said.

### Healing touch

Bishop McKnight emphasized that stewardship is not a Catholic fundraising scheme.

“That is the most pernicious lie and difficulty we have to deal with in implementing what the Second Vatican Council was calling for: full participation of

the laity in the life and mission of the Church,” he said.

“Stewardship,” he emphasized, “is about your whole self: How are you invested?”

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How are you responding to what God has given to you in terms of your time, talent and treasures, in terms of participating in the life and mission of the Church?”

Bishop McKnight pointed to Pope Francis’s renewed emphasis on the Church being mission-oriented.

He also referred to the Gospel According to St. Mark, in which Jesus’s most profound messages come through action and encounter.

“Sometimes, people need to be touched, as Jesus in the Gospel of Mark touched the leper and healed him,” said Bishop McKnight.

He asserted that the same kind of personal touch is what draws people into communion or back into communion with the Church.

That’s why the parish and diocesan pastoral plans must take into serious consideration the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, he said.

### Five paths

The attendees of the Feb. 8 gathering watched a video of Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, addressing the U.S. Catholic bishops at their fall meeting in Baltimore last November.

Bishop Barron talked about the growing segment of the U.S. population who say they are unaffiliated with any faith community. That group, commonly referred to as “nones,” includes a significant number of young people who have left the Catholic Church.

Bishop Barron offered and elaborated on five paths for parishes to engage and re-engage young people:

•Create opportunities to get involved in works of justice.

•Appeal to the universal human desire for beauty.

•Preach the Gospel boldly

and completely without

“dumbing it down.”

•Focus on helping people become missionary disciples in their own communities.

•Make effective use of new media and technology.

Bishop McKnight encouraged everyone who takes part in one of the faith-sharing groups to watch the Bishop Barron video, which is available at [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org).

### Healing touch

Fr. Doke said building a pastoral plan from the bottom up can be daunting and intimidating. But the materials provided for the Lenten faith-sharing groups offer an effective way to accomplish it, one step at a time.

“We’re breaking it down to: What are our strengths? Where do we need to grow? And how are we going to accomplish that?” he said.

To shed light on the process, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) is providing information about social vulnerabilities in each county of the diocese, to help determine un-

met needs.

CCCNMO Executive Director Dan Lester noted that most parishes are already committed to works of charity and mercy.

“Could we be doing more to break out and do more within the community?” he asked. “We can help you with the data, but you probably have a good idea of what the challenges are, what the needs are in your communities.”

LeAnn Korsmeyer, Director of Parish and Charitable Services, said the success of the planning process will depend on as many people as possible taking part in the small-group discussions and discernment.

“We all have something to contribute,” she said. “Everybody has a voice. Everyone has a story. Everyone has a need.”

She likened the parish leaders who were in the cathedral to trained warriors.

“You are here for a purpose,” she said. “I believe if you go back to your parish with the mission, with a ministry in mind, with something you know needs to happen, and you call on other people and ask them to be part of this pastoral process, to get behind the bishop and all he is planning and doing, we will see great things happen.”

*All the materials, including the small-group discussion booklets, answers to frequently asked questions, and Bishop Robert Barron’s video on ways to help young people stay Catholic, can be found online at [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org). Click on the “Pastoral Planning” button in the middle of the screen.*



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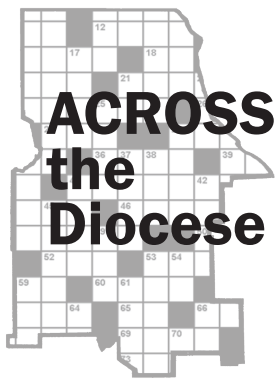


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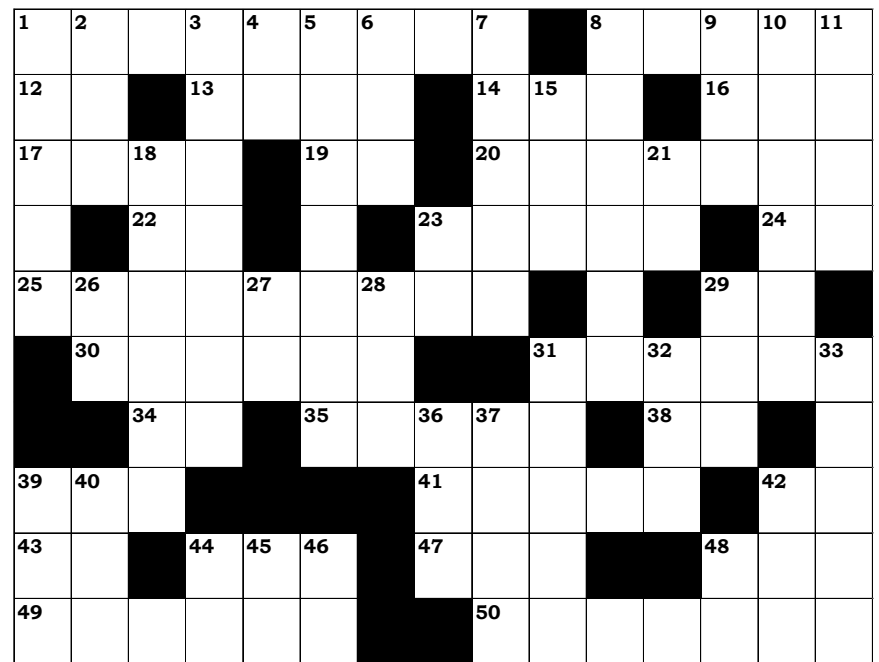
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By Father Don Antweiler  
**ACROSS**

1. Many Mo. towns abound in quirky facts, for ex. at Oak Hill Cemetery in Butler, Mo. is the world's smallest \_\_\_\_\_ as certified by Ripley's Believe it or Not. It lies atop the grave of a 14-year-old-girl named Linnie Crouch and measures less than six inches square.
8. Hen homes.
12. Letters for Oklahoma Univ. in Norman, OK.
13. Letters over the head of Jesus on the cross.
14. The Bulls and Mavericks belong to this org.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the ethnic group for whom the country of Laos is named.
17. Whiteman AFB near Knob Noster, Mo. houses the USAF Air National Guard 131 Bomb \_\_\_\_\_.
19. An interactive feature of KRCG TV-13, Jeff. City/Columbia, is Rod's Big \_\_\_\_\_ Fish.
20. Since 1947 at Macon, Mo., Lolli Alternative livestock auction specializes in cattle sales but also has a sale schedule for camels, zebras, \_\_\_\_\_, apes, African hoofstock and mini horses. Also taxidermy and Old West memorabilia.
22. Abbr. for "for example," from the Latin, "*exempli gratia*."
23. Lee and Wrangler.
24. When texting, the letters \_\_\_\_\_ mean oh! (i.e., surprised).
25. Devil's Elbow, Mo. is named for the \_\_\_\_\_ on the Gasconade River that literally created a constant log-jam for lumberjacks trying to feed the RR's need for 3,000 ties per RR mile in the Big Piney valley.
29. Home State of Walt Disney World (abbr.).
30. "You know, to be king you don't need a castle; to row back to shore can sure be a \_\_\_\_\_," —"A Jackknife to a Swan" by the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, 2002.
31. If a flower is not an \_\_\_\_\_

34. Abbr. for 5th Bk. of the Bible.
35. This small Miller Co. city was once a thriving RR town, then a Lake of the Ozarks gateway and now is the site of a Quaker's Window expansion and the newly homegrown Ice Cream Factory.
38. Prefix for rage or core.
39. Parent \_\_\_\_\_ and school org.



**DOWN**

41. \_\_\_\_\_ actor Steve McQueen spent childhood years in Slater, Mo. He is known for great films and a rebellious lifestyle.
42. Abbr. for *Societe Anonyme*, the French equivalent, after a company's name, to Inc. in the U.S. or Ltd. in the U.K.
43. Chemistry letters for gold.
44. Ash Wed. and Good \_\_\_\_\_ are obligatory days of fasting during Lent.
47. The growing number of services for pets includes the Veterinary Pet Insurance (\_\_\_\_\_) Co. to ensure the best health care possible for your dog or cat.
48. \_\_\_\_\_ Father...
49. In 2008, the Atchison Co. town of Rock Port, Mo., 1,300 residents, with four wind turbines on agricultural land within its city \_\_\_\_\_, announced itself to be the first 100% wind powered co. in the U.S.
50. "No school tomorrow! I get to \_\_\_\_\_!" cried the teacher (2 wds.).
1. "Which of you wishing to construct a \_\_\_\_\_ does not first sit down and calculate the cost..." (Luke 14:28).
2. Yes in Calais.
3. The County Seat of Mo.'s Texas County, the \_\_\_\_\_ county in size in Mo., is appropriately named Houston, Mo.
4. The country internet code for the country of Senegal.
5. "Double double toil and \_\_\_\_\_, fire burn and cauldron bubble," —the chant of the three witches from Shakespeare's "Macbeth," Act IV.
6. Olive or canola.
7. The game \_\_\_\_\_ in a tie.
8. "We fired our \_\_\_\_\_ 'til the barrel melted down, so we grabbed an alligator and we fought another round..." —"Battle of New Orleans" by Johnny Horton, 1959.
9. Bullfight cry.
10. Bribery, esp. in the music industry.
11. Just OK (2 wds.).
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Constrictor.
18. Near this Mo. town named for Las Vegas' State is the Osage Village State Historic Site, the site of a major Osage Indian village with 200 lodges housing 2,000-3,000 people.
21. State from which our Bishop, Bishop Shawn McKnight, hails from (abbr.).
23. Abbr. for the fourth gospel.
26. Letters for International Harvester machinery.
27. Letters on a car meaning Rally Sport.
28. Electric fish.
29. "It's kind of \_\_\_\_\_ to do the impossible," —Walt Disney.
31. A blacksmith's need.
32. Word on a birth, marriage, or death certificate perhaps.
33. "Take my yoke upon you and \_\_\_\_\_ from me..." (Matthew 11:29).
36. State agency that renews driver's licenses (abbr.).
37. Excuse me!
39. He's a pen \_\_\_\_\_ with someone he met while traveling in Europe with his family.
40. "*Benedictum fructum ventris \_\_\_\_\_*," (Blessed is the fruit of your womb) —from the Latin hymn "*Salve Regina*" ("Hail Holy Queen").
42. \_\_\_\_\_ *generis*; Latin phrase meaning unique, one of a kind.
44. Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Fo Fum, —from *Jack & the Beanstalk*.
45. \_\_\_\_\_. Rev. Msgr.
46. "People say nothing \_\_\_\_\_ impossible, but I do nothing every day," —A.A. Milne's *Winnie the Pooh*.
48. MFA, Mo. Farmer's Assn., is a co-\_\_\_\_\_ that started in Brunswick, Mo. in 1914.

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# Sr. Eleanor Krieg FSM, 93, was pharmacist, chaplain, musician

Rich Fountain native Sister Eleanor Krieg of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, 93, died on Feb. 11, at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Feb. 18 in the chapel at The Sarah Community.

Sr. Eleanor was a pharmacist, chaplain and lifelong musician.

Her quiet, gentle ways and willingness to serve endeared her to many.

Eleanor Frances Krieg was born June 5, 1926, in Rich Fountain, the third of four children (three girls, one boy) of Henry and Sibylla (Reinke-meyer) Krieg.

She learned to play piano and violin while growing up.

She entered the congregation then known as the Sisters of St. Mary on Aug. 9, 1943, and was given the religious name Sister Mary David.

She professed final vows on Feb. 11, 1949.

She earned her bachelor's degree (1953) and master's degree (1956) in pharmacy from



**Sr. Eleanor Krieg FSM (1926-2020)**

St. Louis College of Pharmacy; a bachelor's in theology (1964) from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana; and a certificate in Religious Formation (1972) through Saint Louis University in St. Louis.

She began working in the pharmacy in St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis in 1950. She continued serving as a pharmacist there from when she completed her studies until 1975.

From 1962 to 1969, she also served on the SSM Leadership Council in addition to her pharmacy work.

She served in formation and directed the associates (1969-75); from 1975 through 1978 and again in early 1981, she directed novices and led retreats.

From 1978 to 1980 she served as a pharmacist in Texas.

In 1981, she helped establish Mercy Hospice in Conway, South Carolina, then directed volunteers there until 1985.

She was provincial general and councilor (1985-87) dur-

ing reunification of the Sisters of St. Mary and the Sisters of St. Francis of Maryville.

The combined congregation is known as the Franciscan Sisters of Mary (FSM).

She served briefly as acting FSM secretary general.

In 1988, she returned to Mercy Hospice as chaplain for two years.

From 1990 to 1995, she co-directed Our Lady of Victories (skilled nursing) and St. Michael communities at the motherhouse.

She worked with patient re-

ords at Mercy Hospice (1995-2004), then served in FSM Archives (2004-10).

She moved to The Sarah Community, located on the campus of SSM DePaul Health Center, on June 24, 2010.

Her music was a gift to her community. She accompanied Masses and prayer services at the motherhouse, and after the Second Vatican Council spent many hours converting Latin hymns to English.

She played piano and sang at her parish in Myrtle Beach and at The Sarah Community.

She enjoyed reading, especially spiritual books and mysteries.

She loved belonging to the FSM community.

"It has been a good and enriching life," she once stated.

Surviving is a sister, Louise Fick of Westphalia, as well as nieces, nephews and many relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a sister, Marie Boes; and a brother, Clem Krieg.

Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery in St. Louis.

## CONNECTIONS

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to your role as a baptized Catholic. Therefore, please consider suspending your regular programming so you can fully participate in this process.

As we enter this discernment, let us continue to ask our patroness, under the title of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to intercede for us.

As Pope Francis wrote in "Evangelii Gaudium," our Blessed Mother is our model for evangelization:

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to the birth of a new world," (No. 288).

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II Corinthians 8:12 (Phillips)

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## Fundraisers & Social Events

**Feb. 21**

**Loose Creek**, K of C fish fry, 5:30-8 pm, Immaculate Conception School basement; **Eldon**, Sacred Heart parish fish fry for Special Olympics, 5-7 pm; **Westphalia**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm

**Feb. 22**

**Boonville**, Ss. Peter & Paul home and school auction & dinner, 5:30-10 pm; **Hannibal**, Holy Family School "Hats & Horses" dinner auction & fundraiser, 5-11:45 pm; **Hermann**, St. George parish shrimp boil, 5-9 pm, school gym; **Montgomery City**, Immaculate Conception parish Mardi Gras, 6 pm-midnight, K of C hall; **Rolla**, St. Patrick home & school trivia night, 6 pm

**Feb. 28**

**Camdenton**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Cuba**, Holy Cross parish fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **Eldon**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Fayette**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm, St. Joseph parish; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew K of C Lenten fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, K of C Hall; **Jefferson City**, K of C #12992 fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph Undercroft; **Jonesburg**, St. Patrick parish fish fry, 11 am-2 pm and 4-7 pm; **Lake Ozark**, K of C Council #9273 fish fry, 4-7 pm, Our Lady of the Lake parish hall; **Laurie**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Leo Hall; **Marceline**, K of C Council #9208 Lenten fish dinner, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Marshall**, K of C Council #1267 boiled shrimp dinner, 4-8 pm; **Morrison**, Assumption parish fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Rolla**, K of C Council #2627 & Ladies Auxiliary Lenten fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Russellville**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Michael parish hall; **St. Clement**, St. Clement parish fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **St. James**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Taos**, K of C Council #6430 fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Vienna**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm, Koerber Hall

**Feb. 28-29**

**Marceline**, Fr. McCartan Memorial School dinner theater production "School for Nerds," Fri. snack night 6:30 pm, Sat dinner night 6:30 pm, for info and tickets search School for Nerds at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

**Mar. 1**

**Frankenstein**, Our Lady Help of Christians parish CYO breakfast, 7-10:30 am; **Jefferson City**, Immaculate Conception parish Holy Name Society pancake & sausage breakfast, 7:30 am-noon; **Vienna**, K of C breakfast, 7:30-10 am

**Mar. 6**

**Camdenton**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Chamois**, Most Pure Heart of Mary parish seafood buffet, 4-7:30 pm; **Cuba**, Holy Cross parish fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **Eldon**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew K of C Lenten fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, K of C Hall; **Jefferson City**, K of C #12992 fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph Undercroft; **Jonesburg**, St. Patrick parish fish fry, 11 am-2 pm and 4-7 pm; **Lake Ozark**, K of C Council #9273 fish fry, 4-7 pm, Our Lady of the Lake parish hall; **Laurie**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Leo Hall; **Rolla**, K of C Council #2627 & Ladies Auxiliary Lenten fish fry, 5-7 pm; **St. Clement**, St. Clement parish fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **St. James**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **St. Martins**, St. Martin parish fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Sedalia**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Taos**, K of C Council #6430 fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm

**Mar. 6-8**

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**Mar. 8**

**Belle**, St. Alexander parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Fayette**, St. Joseph parish pancake & sausage breakfast, 8 am-noon; **Linn**, "The Way of the Cross," by Donna Cori Gibson,

3 pm, St. George Church, for info visit [church.saint-george-parish.org/St-George-Church](http://church.saint-george-parish.org/St-George-Church); **St. Thomas**, St. Thomas the Apostle parish ham & sausage breakfast, 8-11:30 am

**Mar. 9**

**Jefferson City**, Vitae Foundation 28th Annual Jefferson City Pro-Life Event, featuring keynote speaker Trey Gowdy, luncheon program noon-1:30; dinner program 6:30-9 pm, for info or to register visit [vitae.foundation.org](http://vitae.foundation.org)

**Mar. 13**

**Camdenton**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Chamois**, Most Pure Heart of Mary parish seafood buffet, 4-7:30 pm; **Cuba**, Holy Cross parish fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **Eldon**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew K of C Lenten fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, K of C Hall; **Jonesburg**, St. Patrick parish fish fry, 11 am-2 pm and 4-7 pm; **Lake Ozark**, K of C Council #9273 fish fry, 4-7 pm, Our Lady of the Lake parish hall; **Laurie**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Leo Hall; **Marceline**, K of C Council #9208 Lenten fish dinner, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Rolla**, K of C Council #2627 & Ladies Auxiliary Lenten fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Russellville**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Michael parish hall; **St. Clement**, St. Clement parish fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **St. James**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm; **Vienna**, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm, Koerber Hall; **Wardsville**, Wardsville/Osage Bend K of C fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm, parish gym

**Mar. 13-15**

**Jefferson City**, Helias Catholic High School spring musical "The Little Mermaid," Fri. & Sat. 7 pm, Sun. 2 pm, Miller Performing Arts Center, for info call 573-635-6139

## Meetings & Conferences

**Feb. 22**

**Moberly**, "Planning for the Triduum," for parish pastoral musicians, 8:30 am-noon, St. Pius X parish, for info call 573-645-6579 or email [npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com](mailto:npmjeffcitydio@gmail.com)

**Feb. 23**

**Mexico**, "40 Days & 40 Nights: The Power of Lent," with Chad Volmert, after 9 am Mass, St. Brendan Church

**Feb. 27**

**Columbia**, Cursillo School of Leaders, 7 pm, Sacred Heart parish library; **St. Thomas**, "Let's Talk Faith," women's

ministry program, 6:30-8 pm, St. Thomas the Apostle parish center, for info visit [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry)

**Mar. 7**

**Jefferson City**, "Walk in Her Sandals" women's conference with speaker Kelly Wahlquist, 9 am-3 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, for info or to register visit [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry)

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**Mar. 12**

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

**Mar. 16**

**Taos**, Jefferson City area Ultreya for Cursillo, 7 pm, St. Francis Xavier school cafeteria

**Mar. 31**

**Lake Ozark**, "Let's Talk Faith," women's ministry event, 6:30-8 pm, Our Lady of the Lake parish hall, for info visit [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/)

## Liturgical

**Mar. 1**

**Jefferson City**, Diocesan Rite of Election, 3 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph

**Mar. 3**

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

**Mar. 8**

**Linn**, "The Way of the Cross," by Donna Cori Gibson, 3 pm, St. George Church, for info visit [church.saint-george-parish.org/St-George-Church](http://church.saint-george-parish.org/St-George-Church)

**Mar. 14**

**Jefferson City**, Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations, beginning with Mass at 8 am, and opportunity for reflection, Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, confession and veneration of a relic of St. Jude the Apostle, Cathedral of St. Joseph, for more info visit [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org)

**Mar. 17**

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

## Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

**Feb. 22-23**

**Columbia**, "From Seeker to Sage: Journey to the Unknowable," pre-Lenten urban retreat sponsored by Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri, Holiday Inn Executive Center, to register visit [coc.emo.org](http://coc.emo.org)

**Feb. 29**

**Columbia**, Grand reunion of cursillistas and day of enrichment, 9:30 am-4 pm, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School, for info or to register, visit [diojeffcity.org/cursillo](http://diojeffcity.org/cursillo); **Columbia**, "Recognizing Christ in Our Lenten Journey: If you but knew the gift of God..." women's retreat, 8 am-noon, St. Thomas More Newman Center, for info visit [com.newman.org](http://com.newman.org)

**Mar. 1**

**Columbia**, "Living Waters --- Let Mercy Flow" Lenten evening of reflection, 7-8 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church

**Mar. 2-4**

**Holts Summit**, Parish mission with Fr. Sean Kilcawley of the Diocese of Lincoln Nebraska, 7-8 pm each evening, St. Andrew Church

**Mar. 6-8**

**Moberly**, Engaged Encounter Weekend, St. Pius X Church, for info or to register, visit [diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/](http://diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/) or call (573) 635-9127

**Mar. 19**

**Columbia**, "Acts 2:42: A Night of Dinner & Prayer," featuring dinner, praise & worship music, talk, and Adoration and Reconciliation, 6-8:30 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center

**Mar. 21**

**Columbia**, 28th Annual United in Prayer Day, with Fr. Matthew Flatley, 9 am-12:30 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, for info visit [cocemo.org](http://cocemo.org)

**Mar. 28**

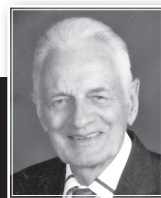
**Jefferson City**, Pre-Cana experience for engaged couples, 9 am-4:30 pm, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, for info or to register visit [diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration/](http://diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration/)

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John & Donna King, 65 years  
Jerome & Darlene Wirths, 60 years  
Larry & Rosemary Leathers, 54 years  
Danny & De Lammers, 49 years  
Joe & Dina Herzog, 37 years  
Jim & Janet Waibel, 33 years  
Leonard & Nene Imhoff, 30 years  
David & Cathy Maupin, 30 years  
Kevin & Jennifer Roth, 26 years

### Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels

Bernard & Jan Wenzel, 47 years  
Don & Donna Knapp, 45 years  
Daniel & Marita Wansing, 32 years

### Jefferson City,

#### Immaculate Conception

Dan & Sally Bernskoetter, 49 years

### Jefferson City, St. Peter

Clarence & Shirley Stiefferman, 65 years

### Koeltztown, St. Boniface

Arnold & Sandra Wulff, 40 years

### Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake

Luke & Melodi Graessle, 30 years

### Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Bob & Nancy Mette, 44 years  
Rodney & Cindy Shramek, 38 years  
Allen & Diana Sommer, 38 years  
Richard & Christine DeTienne, 26 years

### Montgomery City,

#### Immaculate Conception

Bill & Margie Cobb, 57 years  
David & Janet Cobb, 43 years  
Brad & Lynn Arens, 35 years  
Dale & Diane Quethem, 33 years

### St. Clement, St. Clement

Marcine & Elaine Niemeyer, 60 years

### Vienna,

#### Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ken & Peggy Neubert, 32 years  
Ethan & Erin Murphy, 16 years

### Wien, St. Mary of the Angels

Ollen & Jeana Bixenman, 60 years  
Ches & Peggy Niemeier, 60 years  
Philip & Sharon Weimer, 40 years  
Curtis & Terra Bixenman, 35 years  
Dan & Debbie Minshall, 35 years  
Todd & Bonnie Linebaugh, 30 years  
Bryce & Danielle Fiala, 10 years  
Luke & Alyssa Niemeier, 10 years

## Names for the People Page

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

## Deaths

**Paul Copenhaver**, 69 — longtime band director at St. Pius X School in Moberly — on Feb. 7. A celebration of life was held on Feb. 16 in the St. Pius X School auditorium in Moberly, with a private burial earlier.

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Helen Watson**

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians — **Betty Keilholz**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Timothy J. Steck**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Doris A. Rauschelbach**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **James H. Patten**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Beverly S. Haaf**

Linn, St. George — **Anna Marie Wibberg**

Macon, Immaculate Conception — **Jim Lyle, Frank Threlkeld**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Theresa Rush**

Mexico, St. Brendan — **Joy Baclesse**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Elizabeth Meyer, Steve Streb**

Slater, St. Joseph — **Richard V. Drummond**

## DOYLE

From page 8

All of this, of course, is to assure that the Eucharist is treated with the utmost reverence, and it doesn't concern me that this "takes time." But why not wait to start the Communion hymn until the people in the pews have begun to receive?

As for those who "grab" the host instead of receiving it in their open palm, I agree with you that there's a better way to

prevent that. Why not have the priest explain the proper manner from the pulpit occasionally, rather than single out any individual for attention?

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

## VEIT

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Our residents embody Pope Francis' dream of elders as "a choir of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise support the larger community that works and struggles in the field of life."

Although I am not yet a senior it won't be long before I am, and I am grateful for the example of our residents who, like Simeon and Anna, are teaching me how to assume the mantle of a wise elder in the believing community.

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

## Crossword puzzle answers

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## Baptisms

Brunswick, St. Boniface — **Camry Jane Widhalm**, daughter of Jason & Elaine Widhalm

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Savannah Gremore, Joseph Iliff, James Makowski, Rita Wendell**

Linn, St. George — **Mark David Wibberg**, son of Matthew Wibberg & Kelley-Marie Aubuchon; **Charlee Marie Backes**, daughter of Kevin & Holly Backes; **Madison Marie Lumpkin**, daughter of Bryan & Lisa Lumpkin

Marceline, St. Bonaventure — **Vanna Eileen Gauthier**, daughter of Bobby Gauthier & Rebecca Allen

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Mia Grace Kirkweg**, daughter of Lucas & Sarah Kirkweg

Mexico, St. Brendan — **Ember Constance Shaver**, daughter of Jason & Joanna Shaver

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Kloie Joyce Weimer**, daughter of Dean Weimer & Diane Westhues

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Georgia Rose Weiberg**, daughter of Ethan & Jessica Wieberg

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick — **Lander and Lisette Winkelman**, children of Lute & Cheryl Winkelman

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Charlotte Rose Luebbering**, daughter of Anthony & Courtney Luebbering; **Sophia Marie Nenninger**, daughter of Victoria Lackman & Nicholas Nenninger

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Eli Richard Prenger, Reid Bradley Verslues**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Kellen James Martin**, son of Kyle & Abby Martin

## Birthdays

California, Annunciation — **Dolores Bestgen**, her 98th

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Dorothy Tighe**, her 90th on Feb. 19

Linn, St. George — **Clarabelle Dorweiler**, her 99th on Feb. 20

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Mary Ann Lindenbusch**, her 92nd on Feb. 5

## Marriages

Brunswick, St. Boniface — **Christi Dowell & Scottie McKenzie**

## Elections

St. James, Immaculate Conception — **Craig Elsner, John Grgurich**, and **Patrick Prawitz** to the parish council

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# Mary Immaculate School Helps Lifeline PHC



Students at Mary Immaculate School in Kirksville hold up donated pajamas for Lifeline Pregnancy Help Clinic on Friday Jan. 31, Catholic Schools Week. — Photo by Betty Cox

By Carol Benevento

Kirksville

Mary Immaculate School celebrated Catholic Schools Week (CSW) with a service project to support Lifeline Pregnancy Help Clinic.

Three other projects in the parish and school also helped support the clinic.

Principal Ann Gray and the faculty and students donated new toddler-sized pajamas for the babies of Lifeline during CSW, held Jan. 26-31.

They collected over 85 pairs of pajamas.

Families also brought in bottles of shampoo and lotion for the moms Lifeline helps.

The kindergarten class held a mini service project during the week for Lifeline, donating socks for babies and toddlers.

Earlier this year, the school students made donations totaling \$270 to Lifeline, for their monthly fundraiser in January.

Mary Immaculate parish as a whole is currently participating in Lifeline's Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign to raise funds for Lifeline. Families fill baby bottles with spare change or larger donations.

Lifeline offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, education and more to help families and their unborn and young babies. They are located at 1515 N. New St. in Kirksville. Their phone number is (660) 665-5688. Text messages to (660) 851-4350.

*Ms. Benevento is a kindergarten teacher at Mary Immaculate School.*

# Living Rosary for CSW



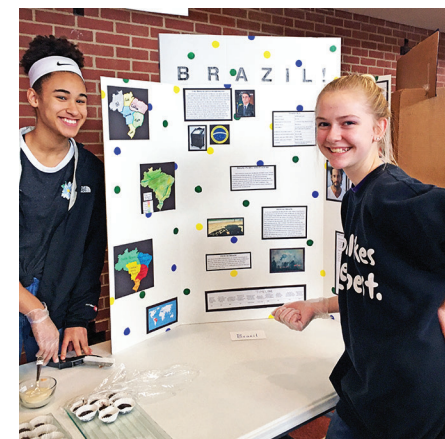
# Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

TOP: This sign greeted students and parishioners outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Columbia on Sunday, Jan. 26, the start of Catholic Schools Week. — Photo by Tricia Sexauer



LEFT: Students at Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School in Columbia decorate rocks during Catholic Schools Week. BOTTOM LEFT: Seminarian Christopher Hoffman teaches eighth-grade Religion class. BOTTOM RIGHT: Students take a trip around the world with displays in the parish hall.

— Photos by Elaine Hassemer, principal



# Angelic voices

Students at St. Andrew School in Tipton take part in one of the schools most cherished traditions for Catholic Schools Week: praying a Living Rosary in the school gym.

— Photo from St. Andrew School's Facebook page



Fifth-graders from St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City spread Christmas joy by singing carols to the residents of Heisinger Bluffs retirement community.

— Photo from St. Peter Interparish School's Facebook page

# Jesus drives out an unclean spirit

By Jennifer Ficaglia  
Catholic News Service

Jesus had asked Peter, James and John to go up a high mountain with Him while the rest of the Apostles remained behind.

Peter, James and John watched as Jesus was transfigured. His clothes became dazzling white, and afterward Elijah and Moses appeared and spoke with Him.

When Jesus and His friends came down the mountain, they saw quite a sight. A large crowd had gathered around the rest of the Apostles, and some scribes were arguing with them.

“What are you arguing about with them?” Jesus wanted to know.

Someone from the crowd answered.

“Teacher, I have brought to



you my son possessed by a mute spirit,” a man said. “Wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they were un-

able to do so.”

Jesus shook His head.

“O faithless generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring him to Me,” He said.

When the boy was brought

to Jesus, the spirit threw the boy into convulsions. The boy fell on the ground, rolled around and foamed at the mouth. The boy’s father said this had been happening to the boy since childhood.

“It has often thrown him into fire and into water to kill him,” the father explained. “But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

“If you can! Everything is possible to one who has faith,” Jesus replied.

“I do believe, help my unbelief!” the boy’s father cried out.

As the crowd rapidly closed around Him, Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit.

“Mute and deaf spirit, I command you: Come out of him and never enter him again!” Jesus said in a clear,

firm voice.

As the unclean spirit came out of the boy, it shouted and threw the boy into convulsions. After the spirit left him, the boy did not stir.

“He is dead!” people in the crowd exclaimed.

Jesus took the boy by the hand and raised him. The boy stood up.

Afterward, the Apostles took Jesus aside so they could speak to Him privately. They wondered why they were unable to drive out the unclean spirit themselves.

“This kind can only come out through prayer,” Jesus said.

### Read more about it... Mark 9

1. Who was possessed by an unclean spirit?
2. Why couldn't the Apostles drive out the spirit?

## Bible Accent

There are many places in the Bible that tell of Jesus driving out demons. One time, He was accused of using the power of demons to drive out demons.

We read in Matthew 12:22 that a blind and mute man possessed by a demon was brought to Jesus. Jesus drove out the demon, and the man was able to speak and see.

When the Pharisees heard what happened, they made an accusation against Jesus.

“This Man drives out de-

mons only by the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” they said.

Jesus pointed out that a house divided against itself cannot stand.

“And if Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself; how, then, will his kingdom stand? And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out?” Jesus said. “But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons,

then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

Jesus also said that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit — such as the sin of attributing to Satan what is the work of the Spirit of God — is the only sin that will not be forgiven.

“And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come,” He said.

## Puzzle

Unscramble the letters in each word and arrange the words in the correct order to discover a quotation from the children’s story.

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Quote:

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Answers: believe, my, help, do, I, un-  
-believe; I do believe, help my unbelief.

## Trivia

Jesus drove demons out of two men in the territory of the Gadarenes. Where did Jesus send the demons after driving them out? (Hint: Matthew 8:31-32)

Answer: Into a herd of swine.

## Saint Spotlight



St. John of God was born in Portugal in 1495. He was taken from his parents when he was 8 to live in Spain as an estate manager and a soldier. John became a Christian at about age 40. In 1538, he became renowned and respected for his hospital work, and he devoted himself to caring for and sheltering the needy. John died in 1550, and his followers were organized into the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God. We remember John on March 8.

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## Books offer spiritual nourishment during Lent, Easter season

Catholic News Service

Here are some new books that might be useful for your spiritual reading during Lent and the Easter season:

• *Sacred Space for Lent 2020*, by the Irish Jesuits. Loyola Press (Chicago, 2020). 98 pp., \$3.95.

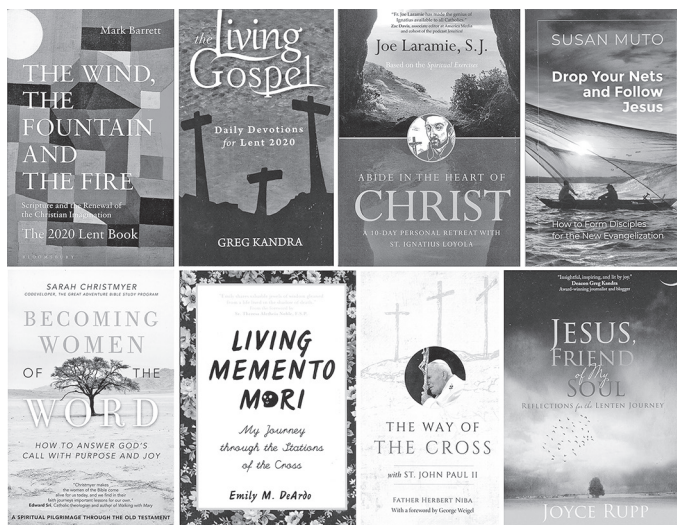
• *Jesus, Friend of My Soul: Reflections for the Lenten Journey*, by Joyce Rupp. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2020). 128 pp., \$13.95.

• *Messages of Trust for Lent 2020*, by Michael White and Tom Corcoran. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2019). 64 pp., \$1.95.

• *The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent 2020*, by Greg Kandra. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2019). 196 pp., \$2.25.

• *Living Memento Mori: My Journey Through the Stations of the Cross*, by Emily M. DeArdo. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2020). 128 pp., \$13.95.

• *The Wind, the Fountain and the Fire: Scripture and the Renewal of the Christian Imagination, The 2020 Lent Book*, by Mark Barrett. Bloomsbury Continuum (New York,



2020). 192 pp., \$15.

• *The Way of the Cross With St. John Paul II*, by Father Herbert Niba. Our Sunday Visitor (Huntington, Indiana, 2019). 96 pp., \$5.95.

• *Small Simple Ways: An Ignatian Daybook for Healthy Spiritual Living*, by Vinita Hampton Wright. Loyola Press (Chicago, 2019). 384 pp., \$14.95.

• *Drop Your Nets and Follow Jesus: How to Form Disciples for the New Evangelization*, by Susan Muto. New City Press (Hyde Park, New York, 2019). 156 pp., \$16.95.

• *Abide in the Heart of Christ: A 10-Day Personal Retreat With St. Ignatius Loyola*, by Joseph Laramie, SJ. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2019). 160 pp., \$14.95.

• *Holy Angels Prayer Book*, from the Catholic Treasury

Series, written and compiled by Mary Mark Wickenhiser, FSP. Pauline Books & Media (Boston, 2019). 176 pp., \$17.95.

• *2020: A Book of Grace-Filled Days*, by Amy Welborn. Loyola Press (Chicago, 2019). 408 pp., \$14.95.

• *Becoming Women of the Word: How to Answer God's Call With Purpose and Joy*, by Sarah Christmyer. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2019). 160 pp., \$15.95.

• *A Lenten Journey With Mother Mary*, by Father Edward Looney. Sophia Institute Press (Manchester, New Hampshire, 2020). 144 pp., \$14.95.

• *A Devotional Journey into the Easter Mystery: How Prayerful Participation in the Paschal Mystery Brings Life, Joy and Happiness*, by Christopher Carstens. Sophia Institute Press (Manchester, New Hampshire, 2020). 225 pp., \$18.95.

• *Encountering Mother Teresa*, by Linda Schaefer. Our Sunday Visitor (Huntington, Indiana, 2019). 288 pp., \$39.95.

• *Holy Handmaids of the Lord: Women Saints Who Won the Battle for Souls*, by

## Movie Ratings

	Dolittle (PG)
	1917 (R) Gretel and Hansel (PG-13) Jojo Rabbit (PG-13) Les Miserables (R) Marriage Story (R) The Photograph (PG-13) The Rhythm Section (R) The Turning (PG-13) Underwater (PG-13)
	Downhill (R) Parasite (R)
	Birds of Prey (R) The Gentlemen (R) The Grudge (R) Like a Boss (R)

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

Julie Onderko. Sophia Institute Press (Manchester, New Hampshire, 2019). 149 pp., \$14.95.

• *Saints at Heart: How Fault-*

*Filled, Problem-Prone, Imperfect People Like Us Can Be Holy*, by Bert Ghezzi. Paraclete Press (Brewster, Massachusetts, 2019). 174 pp., \$14.99.

## Children's book inspired by pastoral letter gives lessons in overcoming racism

Catholic News Service

*Everyone Belongs*, a new children's book published by the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism and Loyola Press, "is a book about recognizing the image of God in all people, valuing our differences, righting wrongs and forgiveness," said the ad hoc committee's chairman.

"It is my hope that *Everyone Belongs* will help families, schools and parishes engage in conversation and reflection about the dignity of every person made in God's image," Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, said in a statement.

The book is for children ages 5 to 12 and is aimed at helping young readers engage

in conversations about racism.

Inspired by the bishops' 2018 pastoral letter "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism," it allows young readers to reflect on the impact of racism in our society. Bishop Fabre oversaw the production of the book.

Released Jan. 21, the book can be purchased online at [LoyolaPress.com/EveryoneBelongs](http://LoyolaPress.com/EveryoneBelongs).

Additional education and prayer resources to accompany the bishops' pastoral letter on racism may be found at [usccb.org/racism](http://usccb.org/racism).

Illustrated by Kristin Soora, *Everyone Belongs* tells the story

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## Visiting the Angel of Charity at rest



Father Richard Frank and Father Brendan Griffey, priests of the Jefferson City diocese, pray at the marble sarcophagus of Servant of God Julia Greeley ([Juliagreeley.org](http://Juliagreeley.org)) in the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver Feb. 13. Ms. Greeley, who grew up in slavery near Hannibal before the Civil War and came to be known in adulthood as an Angel of Charity. The Denver archdiocese opened a sainthood cause for her in 2017.

## PROFESSION

From page 5

He also works in connection with Benedictine Brother Damien Cafaro in providing information about the abbey and offering monk-made products for sale at various events throughout the year in Arkansas and surrounding states.

In the profession ceremony, Brother Irenaeus stood in the sanctuary in the presence of Abbot Leonard Wangler and the Subiaco monastic community, his family, Oblates of the Abbey, and other friends.

He read the profession formula from the chart he had written and then placed it on the altar, where it would remain during Mass.

With raised hands, he sang three times in Latin the ancient profession formula from the Rule of St. Benedict: "Sustain me, O God, as you have promised, and I shall live, and do not let me be disappointed in my hope."

Then he lay face down on the sanctuary floor and a black funeral pall was placed over him as a sign of his transition to a new life.

He rose and was clothed with the choir robe, the insignia of a solemnly professed monk, and was embraced by all the monks as their new brother for life.

He would wear the robe for

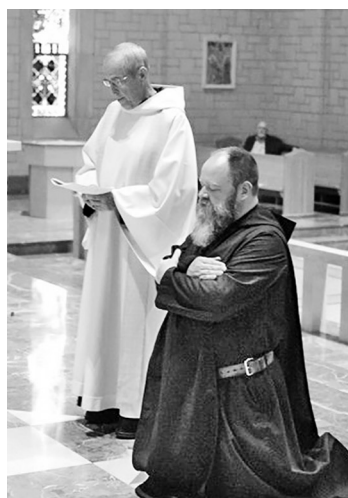


**TOP:** Benedictine Brother Irenaeus Petree stands with members of his family and Abbot Leonard Wangler of Subiaco Abbey in St. Benedict Abbey Church in Subiaco, Arkansas. **BOTTOM:** Brother Irenaeus kneels during his solemn profession on Aug. 31, 2019.

three days in imitation of the burial of Christ until a ceremony called *Aperitio Oris* (opening of the mouth), in which the Abbot opens the robe, which may then be removed, and grants the newly professed monk full rights as a voting member of the Abbey Chapter.

Subiaco Abbey is a Benedictine monastery of the Swiss-American congregation located in Arkansas.

It was founded in 1878 by



monks from St. Meinrad in Indiana and the Abbey of Maria Einsiedeln in Einsiedeln, Switzerland.

Today, the abbey is comprised of 35 solemnly professed monks and four members in formation.

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## Daily Readings

**Sunday, Feb 23**  
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
Lv. 19:1-2, 17-18  
Ps. 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Cor. 3:16-23  
Mt. 5:38-48

**Monday, Feb 24**  
Jas. 3:13-18  
Ps. 19:8-10, 15  
Mk. 9:14-29

**Tuesday, Feb 25**  
Jas. 4:1-10  
Ps. 55:7-11a, 23  
Mk. 9:30-37

**Wednesday, Feb 26**  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
Jl. 2:12-18  
Ps. 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17  
2 Cor. 5:20—6:2  
Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, Feb 27**  
Dt. 30:15-20  
Ps. 1:1-4, 6  
Lk. 9:22-25

**Friday, Feb 28**  
Is. 58:1-9a  
Ps. 51:3-6ab, 18-19  
Mt. 9:14-15

**Saturday, Feb 29**  
Is. 58:9b-14  
Ps. 86:1-6  
Lk. 5:27-32

**Sunday, Mar 1**  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
Gn. 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Ps. 51:3-6, 12-13, 17  
Rom. 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19  
Mt. 4:1-11

**Monday, Mar 2**  
Lv. 19:1-2, 11-18  
Ps. 19:8-10, 15  
Mt. 25:31-46

**Tuesday, Mar 3**  
*St. Katharine Drexel, virgin*  
(USA)  
Is. 55:10-11  
Ps. 34:4-7, 16-19  
Mt. 6:7-15

**Wednesday, Mar 4**  
*St. Casimir*  
Jon. 3:1-10  
Ps. 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19  
Lk. 11:29-32

**Thursday, Mar 5**  
Est. C:12, 14-16, 23-25  
Ps. 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8  
Mt. 7:7-12

**Friday, Mar 6**  
Ez. 18:21-28  
Ps. 130:1-8  
Mt. 5:20-26

**Saturday, Mar 7**  
*Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs*  
Dt. 26:16-19  
Ps. 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8  
Mt. 5:43-48

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

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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## EVERYONE BELONGS

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of Ray Ikanga, a boy whose family flees violence in their home country to come to the United States as refugees. The family moves into a new neighborhood, but Ray's excitement is interrupted when someone spray paints "Go home!" on their garage door.

Ray and his friend Sam recognize that something wrong has happened and they take the initiative to change the situation. Sam especially must find "a way to be brave," confront the spray-painter and stand up for his best friend.

"The story of Ray and Sam and their community shows us how to celebrate gifts from other cultures and welcome people into our communities," says educational material accompanying the book.

# CRS health official keeps close eye on coronavirus

Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

The coronavirus has the world's attention.

The disease, which surfaced in China last year, has infected more than 64,000 people and killed at least 1,383 by mid-

February.

It has spread to 24 countries and been labeled a global health emergency by the World Health Organization.

Suzanne Van Hulle, the global public health expert for Catholic Relief Services (CRS),

is paying particularly close attention to the spread of the virus, also called COVID-19, to ensure CRS staff members in Asia are safe.

She said she and other CRS officials are monitoring the situation on a daily basis to see

where new cases are showing up and would be willing to adjust programming so that staff members are not in contact with the deadly virus.

"We are tracking the outbreak closely," she told Catholic News Service Feb. 14 from

her Washington office.

CRS, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency, has programs across Asia but no staff members in China.

They have a regional office in Cambodia.

For now, they are encouraging employees to be vigilant about hand-washing and to monitor their own symptoms, particularly if they have been near anyone showing signs of the virus.

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Adults ..... \$11  
Students & Seniors (60+) \$9  
Children 13-18 ..... \$8  
Children 7-12 ..... \$5  
Children 6 & under ..... Free  
Carryouts.....\$9  
Family\* .....\$42

**Knights of Columbus**  
Council 2627 & Ladies Auxiliary of Rolla

\*Family pricing is 5 or more immediate members in same single-family household; not to exceed \$42 per visit. Dine-in only—not applicable to carryouts.



**K of C Council #1171**  
**2020 FISH FRY**  
**FEBRUARY 21**  
4:30-7 pm

K of C Hall, Hwy 63  
**Westphalia**

Adults \$11 — Kids < 10 \$5 — Kids < 5 free

Fried fish, spaghetti, buttered potatoes, baked beans, hushpuppies, coleslaw, applesauce, vegan black bean soup & dessert

Famous fried fish  
Homemade desserts  
Diet-sensitive menu

Good food, good company, good cause!

Proceeds to benefit St. Joseph School with portion to Special Olympics



## SEAFOOD BUFFET

Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish  
**CHAMOIS**  
**MARCH 6 & 13**

Buy a full-priced adult meal on March 6 and receive a \$1 off coupon for an adult meal on March 13!

All you care to eat - Served 4-7:30 pm  
SERVING FISH, FROG LEGS & SHRIMP  
Adults \$15 - Age 5-12 \$8 - 4 & under FREE

St. Martin Home and School

## FISH FRY



Where:  
**St. Martin Church Basement, Business 50 West**

When:  
**Fridays, March 6 & 20 - 4:30-7:30 pm**

Catfish, homestyle potato chips, mac & cheese, cornbread, coleslaw, green beans, applesauce & desserts

Adults \$11 - Seniors (65+) \$10  
Children 6-12 \$6 - Children 5 & under FREE

To-go orders available in school gym for \$11.  
For large to-go orders, call or text 573-619-7060 during serving hours.

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC PARISH SCHOOL

**St. Andrew K of C Council 8400**

## HOLTS SUMMIT

## Fish Fry

Fridays—February 28  
March 6, 13, 20 & 27

Served 4-7 pm

Adults \$11  
Age 6-12 \$5

USA RAISED CATFISH

Fish fillet, spaghetti, baked beans, baked potato, french fries, cornbread, slaw, dessert & drink

Carry-outs in separate building. Limit on fish.

ST. ANDREW CHURCH  
Use Center Street exit and follow signs

**RUSSELLVILLE**  
ST. MICHAEL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



## LENTEN FISH FRYS

Fridays  
February 28  
March 13 & 27  
4:30-7 pm

St. Michael's Parish Hall

Fried USA catfish fillets, coleslaw, potatoes, baked beans & dessert  
Mac & cheese & hot dogs available  
Adult carry-outs available

Adults \$11 • Children 6-12 \$5