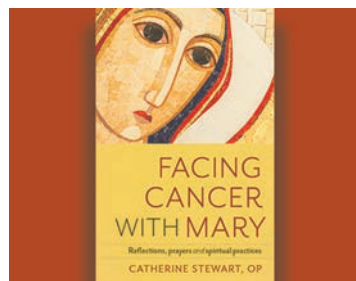


Sr. Catherine Stewart's cancer journey with Mary

Before becoming principal of Fr. McCartan Memorial School, Sr. Catherine Stewart OP wrote a book called *Facing Cancer with Mary*, from her own experience. **Page 10**



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Easter is a season for making God's mercy evident



Clark Yates, an eighth-grader at Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City, portrays Jesus after His resurrection, during a prayer service on Good Friday in Immaculate Conception Church. Students and faculty presented a live Stations of the Cross.

— Photo by Theo Tate, courtesy, the *Montgomery Standard*

Catholic Charities, Helias Catholic High School anticipating avenues of collaboration

By Jay Nies

Helias Catholic High School President and Principal Kenya Fuemmeler set the tone with a quote from Jesus:

“Truly, I tell you: whatever you did for these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me,” (Matthew 25:40).

She believes that message will come into clearer focus when Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) moves into its new headquarters and opens a food pantry near Helias Catholic this fall.

“How to tend to the needs of our neighbor — how to serve the least among us — is about to become an even more essential part of our identity,” Ms. Fuemmeler told the Helias Catholic faculty and staff during a March 22 staff development day.

Joining her at the podium was CCCNMO Executive Di-

rector Dan Lester, who gave a presentation on the agency's array of services and progress on “our little project down the hill.”

The new center, which was originally built to be the chapel and gymnasium for the former La Salette Seminary, is undergoing substantial renovation and expansion.

Contributions to Catholic Charities' “Open Hearts, Open Doors” campaign are covering the costs.

When completed, the facility will include a client-choice food pantry, an array of health and nutritional services and community meeting space, along with CCCNMO offices.

“This will hopefully be something we can get the entire community engaged in,” said Mr. Lester. “We certainly hope

By Jay Nies

Merciful like the Father.

Merciful like the Son.

“All of our past sins against God and one another have been nailed to the cross; so now is the time for us to practice the mercy we have received,” Bishop W. Shawn McKnight proclaimed in his homily for this year's Easter Vigil in the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

He described a polished stone inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which stands where Jesus died and was buried in the Holy Land.

People from all over the world visit the ancient church and venerate the place where Jesus's body was prepared for burial after He died on the cross.

“These devotional people are expressing outwardly their noted desire to tend to the body of the Lord today,” Bishop McKnight stated.

While this in itself is a laudable and holy act, people needn't travel all the way to the Holy Land to show reverence for Jesus's wounded, bleeding body.

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“Our sacramental expressions, as important as they are, do not replace our obligations as Christians to be agents of mercy by tending to the body of the Lord that still suffers and is in need of anointing here among us,” Bishop McKnight pointed out.

The bishop pointed to the women who comforted Jesus before His passion and death and who returned on Easter Sunday morning to anoint Him properly for burial.

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Starkenburg Spring pilgrimage

DATE: May 16
TIME: noon

This year's Spring Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg will be held on Sunday, May 16.

It will begin at noon with a Rosary procession, followed by outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Pilgrims will carry a replica of the "White Lady," an image that has been at the Shrine since 1852, in the Rosary procession and during Stations of the Cross.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Weather permitting, benediction will take place at the outdoor altar at 1 p.m., followed by an outdoor Mass at 2 p.m.

A light lunch will be available, with COVID restrictions, along with a country store and prize drawings.

Religious articles will be available for sale and will be blessed in the afternoon.

"We look forward to welcoming pilgrims from all over Missouri to our Spring Pilgrimage," said Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, pastor of St. George Parish in Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland. "We invite everyone to spend a refreshing, prayerful day in the pastoral environs of this beautiful shrine."

The Shrine of Our Lady of

Sorrows is located in Montgomery County, 2 miles north of the Katy Trail, on Highway P.

The street address is: 197 Hwy P, Rhineland, MO 65069.

The shrine is accessible to people with mobility impair-

ments.

The Shrine and St. Martin's Church Museum are open daily for visitors.

For more information about the history and other events at the shrine, visit historicshrine.com or valentinehall.org, or call 573-236-4390.

Pray for deceased priests

Apr. 21 — **Fr. Raymond W. Rau**, St. Anthony, Rosati (1978)

Apr. 22 — **Fr. William P. Kottenstette**, Chaplain, Kirksville Newman Center (2015)

Apr. 25 — **Fr. Jerome F. Bestgen**, St. Anthony, Rosati (1986); **Fr. John J. Vandenberghe**, service outside the diocese (1986)

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Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Applications accepted until the position is filled. Qualified applicants should submit resume and cover letter to Fr. Dan Merz, SLD, at frdan@comonewman.org.

Missouri's Catholic bishops urge lawmakers to fund Medicaid expansion in the state

By Jay Nies

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and his fellow Roman Catholic bishops of Missouri issued a statement April 13 calling on state lawmakers to allocate funding for the Medicaid expansion voters approved last August.

"We reiterate our support for the expansion effort and support efforts to fund this important program in FY '22," the bishops stated in their role as officers of the Missouri

Catholic Conference.

The statement's signatories include: Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of St. Louis; Bishop James V. Johnston Jr. of Kansas City-St. Joseph; Bishop McKnight; and Bishop Edward M. Rice of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

Medicaid is a federal program, administered through state governments, to pay for healthcare for people who have no other way to pay for it, including those whose employers

do not provide healthcare, individuals certified blind or disabled, pregnant and new mothers, children and the elderly.

Last summer, the bishops supported a statewide ballot initiative to amend the state's constitution, raising the income threshold that makes people eligible for Medicaid in Missouri. This threshold allows "the working poor," defined as individuals and families with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, to have access to healthcare.

For childless adults, the threshold is approximately \$17,770. Families' eligibility is determined by the number of children in the household.

Some state lawmakers have balked at allocating the state's 10-percent share of expanding Medicaid in the state because of the cost, although some studies have found Medicaid expansion to be a net gain for states.

Others have raised concerns about the money being spent to pay for abortions if Congress eliminates the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits Medicaid dollars from paying for abortions.

This state law does not undo the Hyde Amendment, which is federal legislation.

Missouri's Catholic bishops said that while funding abortion is a legitimate concern, it should not be construed so narrowly as to prevent the state from helping people who are working for low wages to receive the healthcare they need.

"We urge lawmakers to work toward legislation which protects the lives of the unborn and provides for the critical healthcare needs of the working poor," the bishops stated April 13. "These two goods are not opposed."

The bishops said that if the state government chooses not to pay for Medicaid expansion, it is morally obligated to create an alternative access to healthcare for the working poor.

The bishops also called on state and federal lawmakers to uphold the Hyde Amendment.

Here is the full text of the bishops' April 13 statement:

"In the fall of 2019, we expressed our support for the Medicaid expansion ballot

initiative, stating 'we offer our support for this effort because of the unmet healthcare needs of the working poor and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most though the Missouri healthcare system.'

"We reiterate our support for the expansion effort and support efforts to fund this important program in FY '22.

"We acknowledge legislators must use prudential judgment in their efforts to serve the human life and dignity of all. That judgment must be applied to the decision to expand

Medicaid in light of pro-life concerns that have been raised.

"The Hyde Amendment is a longstanding and bipartisan pro-life rider that prevents the funding of abortion in the Medicaid program. It is critical that this good law be maintained. Threats to eliminate it have been made by some politicians, including our current U.S. president and his administration.

"However, focusing solely on the aspects of Medicaid related to abortion, as funda-

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Bishop McKnight's Calendar

The following appointments are tentative, depending on the pandemic.

APRIL

- Apr. 17** Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 5:30 pm, Jefferson City
- Apr. 18** Confirmation Mass, St. Andrew Parish, 9:30 am, Holts Summit; Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2 pm, Jefferson City
- Apr. 20** Confirmation Ceremony, St. Francis Xavier Parish, 6:30 pm, Taos
- Apr. 21** National Association of Diaconate Directors Annual Conference, Keynote Address, 10 am, St. Louis; Confirmation Ceremony, St. Martin Parish, 6:30 pm, St. Martins
- Apr. 22** Finance Council Meeting, 11 am, Catholic Center, Jefferson City; Confirmation Ceremony, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Ozark, the Mission of St. Philip Benizi, 6:30 pm, Our Lady of the Lake Church, Lake Ozark
- Apr. 24** Confirmation Ceremony, St. Peter Parish, 10 am and 11:15 am, Marshall; Knights of Columbus State Convention Banquet, 7 pm, Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City
- Apr. 25** Confirmation Mass, St. Michael Parish, 9 am, Russellville; Confirmation Mass, Sacred Heart Parish, 2 pm, Eldon
- Apr. 27** Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate Board Meeting, 8 am, Virtual; Confirmation Ceremony, St. Boniface Parish, Brunswick and the Mission of St. Joseph, Hurricane Branch, 6:30 pm, St. Boniface Church, Brunswick
- Apr. 28** Confirmation Ceremony, St. Andrew Parish, 6:30 pm, Tipton
- Apr. 29** Confirmation Ceremony, St. Peter Parish, 6:30 pm, Jefferson City

MAY

- May 4** Missouri Province Bishops Meeting, 10 am, Virtual
- May 5** Confirmation Ceremony, Our Lady of Snows Parish, 6:30 pm, Mary's Home
- May 6** Confirmation Ceremony, St. George Parish, 6:30 pm, Linn
- May 7** Confirmation Ceremony, St. Joseph Parish, 6:30 pm, Martinsburg

Bishop McKnight's April prayer intention for our Local Church

Let us pray for a renewed understanding of our baptismal dignity as sons and daughters of God the Father, and a commitment to living in peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

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

Oremos por una renovación de nuestro entendimiento de nuestra dignidad bautismal como hijos e hija de Dios Padre y por nuestro compromiso de vivir en paz con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

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Spending a day with Our Lady of Guadalupe, praying for vocations

By Jay Nies

“Where are you going? Where are you headed?”

Those were the Blessed Mother’s first words to St. Juan Diego during one of her miraculous apparitions in 1531.

“That’s Mary speaking to you, too,” stated Catholic evangelizer Scott Watts, keynote presenter at the Jefferson City diocese’s 2021 Day of Prayer for Vocations.

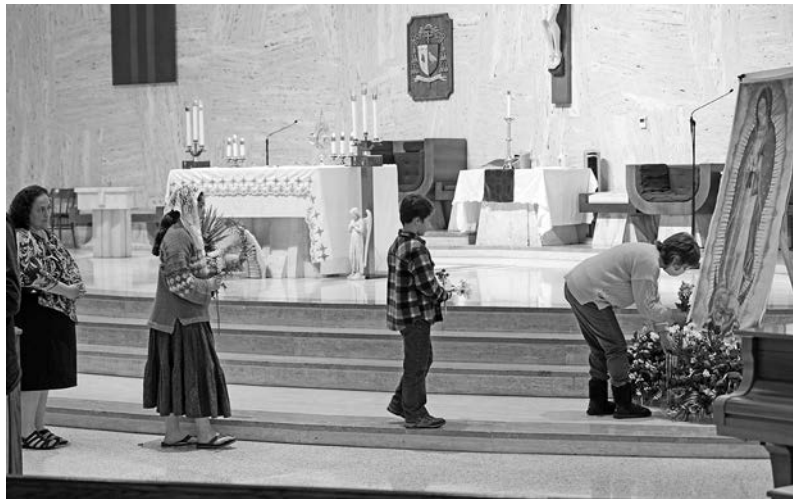
The theme for the event was “Encounter Jesus Under the Mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe.”

Mr. Watts is a Catholic convert, lay missionary for Hope of the Poor, and founder of Guadalupe Missions.

He spoke at length of Our Lady’s interactions with St. Juan Diego, and of the miraculous implications that resonate through the centuries.

More than 9 million indigenous people in present-day Mexico converted to Catholic Christianity within a decade of her apparitions to St. Juan Diego and the gift of her inexplicable image on his tilma.

Millions of people each year



ABOVE: Pilgrims to the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City place roses before a life-size reproduction of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe during a diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations on March 20. **BELOW:** People carry the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in procession before Mass.

— Photos by Jay Nies

now visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to see and give thanks to God for that tremendous gift.

Our Lady’s words to St. Juan Diego are as fresh and relevant today as they were nearly 500 years ago.

“My dearest child, where are you headed?”

“She asks this not because she doesn’t know, but because she is a wonderful mother who desires to have that conversation with you,” said Mr. Watts.

Her deepest desire is for people to see her Son, Jesus, more clearly and receive Him into their hearts.

“Whatever is in your heart right now,” said Mr. Watts, “whatever may be giving you pain or frustration, know that Our Lady wishes to bring you into a deeper encounter with her Son, the Divine Physician.”

He pointed out that St. Juan Diego was 57 years old when Our Lady spoke to him.

“So if you think it’s too late for you or that you’ve seen it all, open up your heart and let the Lord surprise you!” he said.

“Miracles are real”

Juan Diego had seen the vast and mighty Aztec civilization collapse within two years of the Spanish conquistadores’ arrival in 1519.

“He had seen war, famine and pestilence,” Mr. Watts noted. “He had watched family members and friends die.”

The conquistadores brought with them Franciscan priests. These missionaries preached the Gospel and prayed intently for it to take root among the heartbroken indigenous people.

Juan Diego and his wife were among the first converts. Each Saturday and Sunday, they walked nine miles from their home to the middle of the city, where the priests were stationed.

Juan Diego’s wife died with-

out having any children. He then moved in with his uncle, his last living relative, who was elderly and frail.

Juan Diego continued practicing his faith. He kept making the nine-mile walk.

That’s what he was doing on Dec. 9, 1531, when he heard birds singing on a barren hill at a time of year when nothing grew.

He followed the singing up the mountain, thinking he maybe had died and entered the afterlife.

“And there, in the midst of all of the pain and darkness he was experiencing, honest-to-goodness miracles happened!” said Mr. Watts.

“God wants to do that for you today,” the speaker asserted. “Trust that He desires to do that, that He can and that He will.”



A universal language

Mr. Watts brought with him full-size digital reproductions of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which had appeared on St. Juan Diego’s cloak in the presence of Bishop Juan de Zumárraga and his attendants.

Our Lady sent Juan Diego three times to tell him to build a house of God to be built on that hill.

Before sending him the third time, she told him to fill his tilma with the fragrant roses that were growing on the otherwise lifeless hill.

There had been nothing growing there the day before.

But the real miracle took place after Juan Diego opened his tilma and let the roses fall to the floor.

Our Lady’s image — in the form of a mestiza woman, pregnant with Jesus, and

adorned with Christian and Aztec imagery — faded onto the tilma.

“The bishop and his attendants all fell to their knees in tears, begging forgiveness from the Virgin,” said Mr. Watts.

The tilma was made of rough, brittle fabric that otherwise would have disintegrated in a few years. Yet, it remains intact nearly 500 years later.

The image is beautiful art overflowing with universal symbolism and ingenious cryptography.

Every aspect reveals something about Mary and about God, Whom she serves unreservedly.

“Before you even approach Mary, she is already listening, interceding, and she is leaning forward, moving toward you,” said Mr. Watts.

“Her Immaculate Heart burns with desire for us to open ourselves up to Him and let Him work miracles in our lives,” he said.

“Prayer changes everything”

Jacob Cegleninski, a student at the University of Missouri in Columbia, had previously heard Mr. Watts give a presentation at the St. Thomas More Newman

Center.

Immaculate Conception parishioner Jill Kliethermes told him about the event at the Cathedral.

He and his parents attended.

Two of his friends, Bethany and Alexia Baumgartner, dropped everything and travelled for over an hour to get to the Cathedral on very short notice.

They were not disappointed.

They stood next to an ordinary, full-size digital reproduction of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

They placed their hands below her mouth and could feel breathing. They placed their hands on her diaphragm and could feel her heartbeat and the heartbeat and kicking of Jesus in her womb.

Mr. Cegleninski’s reaction

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Shrine at parish near St. Louis honors first Black priest in U.S.

Holy Name of Jesus Parish draws attention to social justice, servant of God's 167th birthday

By Joseph Kenny

April 1 would be the 167th birthday of Father Augustus Tolton — and there are a few places in St. Louis where the 19th-century priest is remembered, including a new one just in time for his birthday.

Fr. Tolton, the first Black Catholic priest in the United States, lived a life of dedicated service and tireless ministry in addition to having endured great prejudice.

Because of his life of heroic faith, his cause for sainthood is now under way in Rome.

There's a new shrine to him at Holy Name of Jesus Church in north St. Louis County focused on an icon depicting Fr. Tolton, whose title in the canonization process is Venerable. It was set up earlier this year just in time for the celebration of his 167th birthday.

The shrine is in an area with other items calling attention to the parish's efforts for social justice and peace.

Highlighted is the parish's 2013 membership commitment in the North County Churches Uniting for Racial Justice and Harmony. Initially 114 parishioners committed themselves to the covenant displayed there.

Also displayed is a notice of the 2018 peace pole dedication representing the parish's commitment to work and pray for

world peace and social justice in our community.

In the parish bulletin, Father Michael Henning, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, wrote that Fr. Tolton's "life and works are now being considered in support of his canonization. As an African American priest, he faced discrimination both within our Church and our society."

Some of the other churches that commemorate Fr. Tolton include Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church in Ferguson, which has a large portrait of him, and St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Church in St. Louis, which has a statue of Fr. Tolton.

In 1887, Fr. Tolton met the Redemptorist community at St. Alphonsus Church and celebrated Mass for the School Sisters of Notre Dame in the convent chapel.

The St. Charles Lwanga Center has the icon framed on a table with prayer cards.

Fr. Tolton was born in 1854 in Brush Creek, near Monroe City, Missouri. It was part of what was then the Diocese of St. Louis, and is now in the Diocese of Jefferson City.

His parents were slaves who lived on adjoining farms owned by Catholic families.

Fr. Tolton was baptized Catholic at St. Peter Church in Brush Creek. His father joined the Union Army when the Civil War broke out. His mother took her three children across the Mississippi River to Quincy, Illinois, a free state where she was assisted by those sym-



Holy Name of Jesus Parish in suburban St. Louis has an icon of Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton, the first Black priest in America, installed in a shrine.

— Photo by Lisa Johnston, courtesy of the St. Louis Review

pathetic toward runaway slaves.

An Irish priest, Father Peter McGirr, recognized the talent of Augustus, who attended Mass when possible.

The priest invited him to attend the parish school taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Franciscan and diocesan priests helped tutor him when he expressed an interest in the Priesthood. But no seminary or religious order in the

country would accept a Black candidate at that time.

He was admitted in 1880 to the College of the Propa-

A song for Mother Tolton

By Shannen Dee Williams
Catholic News Service

March marked the 164th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Scott v. Sandford* (1857), which infamously denied the freedom petition of Dred, Harriet, Eliza and Lizzie Scott — an African American family held in bondage in antebellum Missouri.

Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, the high court's first Catholic, authored the majority opinion, which ruled that free and enslaved Black people were not citizens and declared that Black people "had no rights which the white man was bound to respect."

The U.S. Civil War and the ratification of the 13th, 14th, 15th and 19th Amendments eventually overturned the tenets of the Dred Scott decision. However, the anti-Black animus that guided Taney and the other supporting justices

gation of the Faith, a mission seminary in Rome, and was ordained there at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in 1886.

He became pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Quincy and later established St. Monica Church in Chicago.

Despite rampant racism and discrimination, he became one of the city's most popular pastors, attracting members of both white and Black Catholic communities.

On July 9, 1897, he died of heatstroke on a Chicago street at the age of 43.

The icon at Holy Name of Jesus Church first hung in Christ Light of the Nations School. Holy Name of Jesus Parish is involved in several areas of justice and social concerns. It takes part in the Room at the Inn program, has a strong Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference, hosts a faith and justice group that includes parishioners from St. Philippine Duchesne Parish in Florissant, and more.

Mr. Kenny is a staff writer for the St. Louis Review, newspaper of the St. Louis archdiocese. This article from the April 1 print edition is republished here with permission.

Icon of Father Tolton

Icons are not merely portraits, they are vehicles for prayer. The icon of Father Augustus Tolton, like all icons, does not have an exterior light source, but shows one who is illuminated from within.

Fr. Tolton, with the title Venerable through the canonization process, was denied admittance to American seminaries because of his race, but was accepted in Rome.

This turned out to be a blessing in disguise as the red tassel on his biretta was an honor reserved only for priests who studied in Rome.

In the icon, he is vested in a white chasuble which signifies not only his love of the Mass, but Easter joy and his immersion in the Paschal Mystery.

Fr. Tolton blesses the viewer with his right hand and even this silent benediction honors Christ; the three fingers joined recognize the Holy Trinity

while the two fingers raised declare the Humanity and Divinity of Christ in One Person.

Fr. Tolton's left hand rests over his heart, symbolizing his great and burning love for the People of God who he served in Chicago.

His fingers are slightly separated, symbolizing the prejudice and separation he and other African-Americans experienced, but which acts of love, service and forgiveness one day heal and join.

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago commissioned the icon. It was underwritten through the generosity of Martha and Howell J. Malham.

This print is one of a limited worldwide edition of 2,500, signed and numbered by the artist. One-half of the proceeds from the sale of this icon are being donated in support of Fr. Tolton's cause for canonization.

remains with the nation and Church today.

So, too, does the spirit of resistance that fought against such hateful attitudes and unjust laws.

As a historian who is Black and Catholic, I am often asked how I can keep the faith knowing that my Church's history includes people like Taney, who was also a member of one of Maryland's most prominent slaveholding families.

My answer is always the same: Martha Jane Chisley Tolton.

Many Catholics have heard of Martha Jane's youngest son, Father Augustus Tolton, the nation's first self-identified Black priest and one of six African Americans currently under consideration for sainthood in the Catholic Church.

However, there would be no Venerable Augustus Tolton

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Cross Catholic Outreach has become a recognized problem-solving partner of Christ-centered missions in the developing countries of the world, and one of its global priorities is to end water scarcity by undertaking major water projects in communities with urgent needs.

One of the ministry's most recent efforts is taking place in Nicaragua (see story on opposite page), if it gains support from American Catholics, the benefits to poor families there will be tremendous. Because each of its water projects is tailored to the area and its people, the specific tasks involved in this recent undertaking were explained by Cross Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar.

"Let me start with the situation we addressed. Local Church leaders came to us for help because families in Chinandega, Nicaragua, were getting deathly ill and suffering a lot of other hardships because they lacked a source of safe water," Cavnar said. "Most had been relying on shallow wells or collecting their water from rivers contaminated with human and animal waste, bacteria, and parasites. As terrible as those water sources are, they had to be used because there are no other safer options. Still, every time they took a drink or offered a cup to their children, they risked illness — even death."

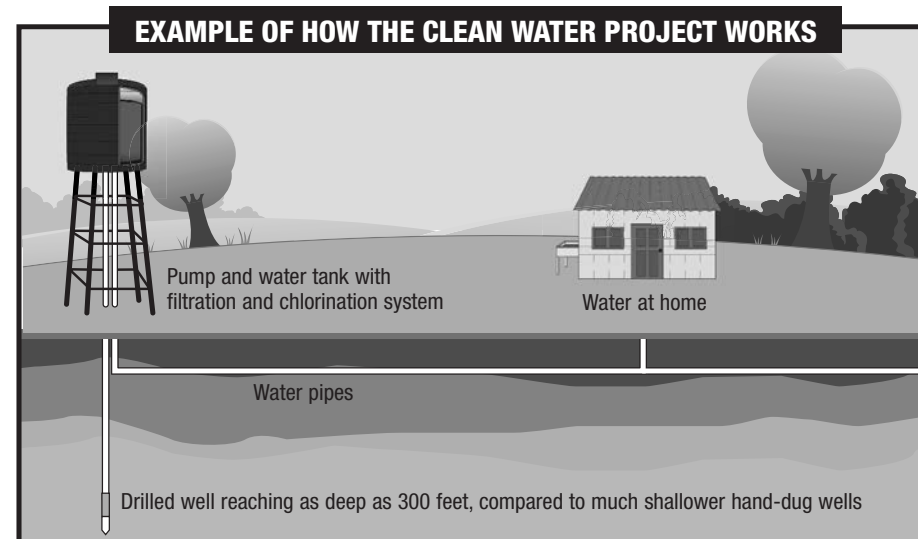
The water project Cross Catholic Outreach is undertaking in Nicaragua will be challenging, but Cavnar believes it will have a dramatic impact on the lives of the poor.

"This work will be done in the community of El Raisal, and it will directly benefit 70 families with a permanent solution to their struggles against thirst and waterborne illness," Cavnar said. "The first step will be to

use a professional crew to drill a deep well of about 300 feet. That's important because a shallow well — the kind most of the area's poor families have been using — is too susceptible to contamination. A deep well is necessary to reach clean, safe water and to draw from only that reliable source."

Once the well is completed, other equipment is needed to make the water easily accessible. For this project, an electrical pump and large water tank will be installed, along with a filtration and chlorination system to remove disease-causing contaminants.

"There's a huge public service part of the project too. Miles of PVC pipes must be laid in hand-dug trenches, so the community rallies to participate in that part of the job," Cavnar explained. "It's backbreaking work, but in my experience, the local men and women engage in it joyfully because they understand the amazing blessing this water will be for their families. Most walked miles to get unsafe water. Through this project, they will have a faucet right at their home!"



Teresa Camacho, one of Cross Catholic Outreach's international project officers, meets with workers operating a well-drilling rig to discuss the project's challenges.

Now that the project has been identified and a plan to handle its technical challenges is on the table, Cross Catholic Outreach is undertaking a U.S. fundraising drive to make it a reality. It is an appeal Cavnar is confident American Catholics will eagerly embrace, as they have in the past.

"We've managed scores of successful water projects all over the world, and I've always been humbled and gratified

by the way U.S. Catholics have risen to the challenge and generously sponsored the work," he said. "I think there are three things that appeal to them. First, they understand the importance of water. It is necessary for life. Second, they rightly want to support Church-based efforts to serve the poor because the Gospel calls all of us to that course of action. Third, they have safe water at their own fingertips, and they're grateful to God for that blessing. This is their chance to bless others with that benefit in the Lord's name."

Readers interested in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach water projects and other outreaches to the poor can contribute through the ministry brochure inserted in this issue or send tax-deductible gifts to: Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01650, PO Box 97168, Washington DC 20090-7168. The ministry has a special need for partners willing to make gifts on a monthly basis. Use the inserted brochure to become a Mission Partner or write "Monthly Mission Partner" on mailed checks to be contacted about setting up those arrangements.

Cross Catholic Outreach Endorsed by More Than 100 Bishops, Archbishops

Cross Catholic Outreach's range of relief work to help the poor overseas continues to be recognized by a growing number of Catholic leaders in the U.S. and abroad.

"We've received more than 100 endorsements from bishops and archbishops," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "They're moved by the fact that we've launched outreaches in almost 40 countries and have undertaken a variety of projects — everything from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless to supplying

safe water and supporting educational opportunities for the poorest of the poor. The bishops have also been impressed by Cross Catholic Outreach's direct and meaningful responses to emergency situations, most recently by providing food, medicines and other resources to partners in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala impacted by natural disasters."

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, supports this mission, writing, "What a joy it is to be part of the Lord's redemptive work and to manifest his

mercy on Earth by caring for our neighbors in need."

In addition to praising CCO's accomplishments, many of the bishops and archbishops are encouraged that pontifical canonical status was conferred on the charity in September 2015, granting it approval as an official Catholic organization. This allows CCO to participate in the mission of the Church and to give a concrete witness to Gospel charity, in collaboration with the Holy Father.

"Your work with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development is a strong endorsement of your partnership with the work of the Universal Church," Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco said. "By providing hope to the faithful overseas by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, delivering medical relief to the sick and sheltering the homeless, as well as through self-help projects, you are embodying the papal encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*.

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Church Leaders Appeal to American Catholics for Help in Ending Suffering Caused by Unsafe Water in Nicaragua

Families living in Nicaragua's remote Chinandega area have simple ambitions. They want to escape daily hunger, to have the steady income a good harvest can provide, and — perhaps most of all — they want easy access to a source of safe water.

This is because a source of safe, abundant water — something most Americans take for granted — impacts so many other areas of their lives. It is essential to their farms, their livestock, their children's education and their entire family's health.

"Unfortunately, what these poor people want most is incredibly difficult for them to obtain. Most of them have grown up struggling through the problems water scarcity creates, and they see little chance their children will escape the same plight," confirmed James Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, one of the key Catholic development ministries

each diocese.

"In the communities we visit, water is not available from a faucet at home or even from a community well in most cases. Instead, it is drawn from a more remote location — often a pond or muddy stream — and the water collected from these places can easily be tainted with animal waste, parasites, contaminants, or all three," Cavnar said. "Even in places like this, water solutions are possible, but they cost much more than these struggling families can afford, so unless the Church and concerned American Catholics step in to help, these poor communities will probably never have a source of safe, abundant water. They will continue to suffer, and so will every generation that comes after them."

The illnesses caused by unsafe water are an obvious part of the problem Cavnar describes, but he contends the impact of this hardship actually goes



working in this area of Nicaragua. "I think most Americans would be shocked to learn what these people go through to obtain a single bucket of well or river water, and they would be even more appalled to discover how unsafe that water is for them to drink. What they collect is often filthy, but they drink it anyway because they have no other option. Water is essential to life, and they can't survive without it."

Cross Catholic Outreach, the ministry Cavnar founded, actually seeks out these "worst case scenarios" and partners with the local priests, religious sisters and Catholic lay leaders to find solutions. This work takes his mission teams into some of the most remote, rural areas of

much further than one might expect. For example, adults who become sick from contaminated water often lose work hours and income, and their ill children have difficulty keeping up with classwork, if they are able to go to school at all.

There can even be dangers in collecting the water itself.

"Because a water source may be very remote, and the trek to reach it can be arduous, you'll often hear stories about people getting injured doing this chore. Water is extremely heavy too, so children and the elderly always struggle to carry it," Cavnar said. "In some countries we serve, there are threats from animals and people to contend

with as well. A young girl often leaves before dawn to reach a water source before lines form, and there have been cases where attacks or abuse have happened while she walks in the dark."

Along with all of these challenges, water scarcity becomes one of the key reasons children miss school. Because they are typically tasked with getting a family's water and they may need to take several trips a day to accomplish the chore, the loss of time and energy can easily lead to truancy.

"As you can see, water scarcity is a serious problem and it impacts families — especially children — in many

ways. That is why we have made it a priority to work with Catholic leaders in Nicaragua to provide a solution — an easily accessible source of safe water for poor communities like Chinandega," Cavnar said. "It's a challenging task, but we know it can be achieved if Catholic donors in the U.S. will join us in funding the work (see story on opposite page). The Church leaders are eager to get this project underway, but they can't accomplish it alone. It's a case where help from their Catholic brothers and sisters in America is needed, and we want to organize that support to bless them and the people they serve."

How to Help

To fund Cross Catholic Outreach's effort to help the poor worldwide, use the postage-paid brochure inserted in this newspaper or mail your gift to Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01650, PO Box 97168, Washington DC 20090-7168. The brochure also includes instructions on becoming a Mission Partner and making a regular monthly donation to this cause.

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QUESTION CORNER

Were the apostles baptized? / What should a homily be about?

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. I am a 90-year-old cradle Catholic, and there is something I have always wondered about. Is there anywhere in the Scriptures that mentions when the apostles were baptized? (Indianapolis)

A. There is nothing in the Scriptures that describes the apostles having been baptized by Jesus — but of course the Gospels provide only the broad outlines of the public life of Christ and not every detail.

I think that it would be safe to assume that Jesus did baptize the Twelve. Just before His ascension, Jesus makes it clear that baptism is a basic part of becoming His disciple; in the final words of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus commissions the apostles to "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

In John's Gospel (3:22), we read that, "after this, Jesus and His disciples went into the region of Judea, where He spent some time with them baptizing." So I take it as a logical conclusion that Jesus had first baptized His own apostles.

Q. We have a new pastor who is a fine and holy man, but his preaching on Sunday rarely ever mentions the Scriptures that have just been proclaimed. He does catechetical series on things like understanding the parts of the Mass, the liturgical year, our patron saint — as well as other topics that might be interesting to people who are new to Catholicism but are uninspiring to us who learned these basic lessons years ago. I thought that a homily was supposed to help us "break open the word of God." Am I wrong that Vatican II asked that priests and deacons preach homilies and not sermons? I try to read a Sunday reflection before coming to Mass, but I feel cheated when beautiful Scriptures are brushed aside in favor of a catechism lesson. (City and state withheld)

A. The reflection known as the homily is so integral to the celebration of the Mass that the *Code of Canon Law* requires that one be preached on Sundays and holy days of obligation and encourages it at every celebration of the Eucharist (No. 767).

And I agree with you: The homily should regularly be based on the scriptural readings for that day's Mass. That's not just my idea, but it accords with the direction offered in official Church documents.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* — the Church's "guidebook" on the celebration of the liturgy — says that the homily "should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or Proper of the Mass of the day and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners" (No. 65).

In 2012, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a document on the Sunday homily titled "Preaching the Mystery of Faith."

In that document, in a section called "The Biblical Foundations for the Church's Preaching Ministry," the bishops noted: "This very integration of the homily into the texture of the liturgy warrants the use of the Lectionary readings as the basis for the homily."

There might well be other opportunities for a catechetical series — perhaps a classroom setting after Mass — but that sort of "instruction" should not serve as a regular replacement for the homilist's reflections on the word of God.

Papal Audience April 14, 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer we now consider the Church herself as a great school of prayer. Our parents, who first taught us to pray, planted within us a seed that matures through our experience of the Christian life. Through the example of other men and women of faith, through our sharing in the life of our parishes and above all through the sacred liturgy, we not only develop our prayer life as individuals, but gradually come to appreciate the richness of the Church's patrimony of prayer and spirituality. Particularly at difficult moments in life, we come to realize the importance of prayer in strengthening our faith and hope. History shows the importance of communities of prayer — monasteries and religious congregations — for the spiritual renewal of the Church and of society as a whole. Prayer remains the wellspring of the Church's life and the true source of her strength in bearing witness to the Risen Lord. For this reason, Jesus insists on the need of His disciples to pray tirelessly and without ceasing. To pray and to teach others to pray, then, is essential for the Church's mission of proclaiming the Gospel, serving Christ in our brothers and sisters, and drawing all people into the unity of His kingdom.

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. In the joy of the Risen Christ, I invoke upon you and your families the loving mercy of God our Father. May the Lord bless you all!

Cole County COVID-19 vaccination site

The Cole County Health Department's COVID-19 vaccination site is operating by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the Capital Mall, 3600 Country Club Dr., between the two south mall entrances.

Register online at covid.vaccine.mo.gov or call 1-877-435-8411 to make an ap-

pointment.

It is open to any Missouri resident over 16 or 18, depending on the vaccine.

There is no charge to Cole County residents.

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The hand-me-down: a love letter that endures

By Christina Capecchi



There are echoes of Romeo and Juliet, but the ending is happier.

This story of forbidden love took place long ago on a Mediterranean island — 1870s Sicily, to be exact.

Elizabeth Lagudice was a beautiful noblewoman with dark curls and big eyes. Dona Elizabeth, as she was called, made a fabled mistake: She fell in love with a tailor.

She was enchanted by Matteo Parisi, the hardworking young man who made

dresses and evening coats for nobility. But because he lacked her social status, her parents did not approve of the match. And in a move that smacks of a Disney villain, they sequestered Elizabeth at home, hoping it would dissolve the attachment.

It did not.

Servants were sympathetic to the young couple, and they smuggled Matteo's finest threads to Elizabeth to use as the cutwork for her hope chest. Among the hidden fabric was an exquisite white bedsheet.

It was a love letter made of linen. Elizabeth held it close to her heart, and it kept the flame of love alive while they were apart.

The needlework expected of young Italian women of that era was tedious. Elizabeth labored over the bedsheet from Matteo for two years, it is estimated, cutting tiny holes and then delicately threading them together, all while dreaming of a future with the handsome tailor.

Eventually the two were reunited and married. They moved to Canada for a new beginning. Far from home and the aid of her servants, Elizabeth faced a steep learning curve. According to one story, she didn't even know how to do her own hair. But the love she and Matteo shared only deepened with time, blessing them with seven children.

They built a wonderful life together.

They were self-sufficient, practical — they slept on the linen bedsheet Elizabeth had embroidered — and happy.

In 1908 tragedy struck back home: Europe's most powerful earthquake shook Sicily, followed by a vicious tsunami, flattening the island and killing some 200,000 Italians. No one from Elizabeth's family survived.

The family estate had vanished, cementing her new life without noble status. She never looked back.

Time passed, and Elizabeth grew to be a content old woman. One day in 1965, her daughter Josephine, herself an old woman, uncovered the bedsheet

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How badly do we want to return?

By Greg Erlandson

Catholic News Service



What if you were a Catholic who had not seen a priest in 60 years? What if you had not seen a priest in one year?

Jesuit Father Anthony Corcoran was visiting an old folks' home

in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan when he met a man who had waited six decades to see a priest.

"Priest! I'm Polish," the old man yelled excitedly when he saw Fr. Corcoran. For those six decades, he had no contact with the Church. He had prayed the Rosary on his fingers. Now, he was begging for the sacraments.

A lot of us today in this country may not have seen a priest or attended Mass in person in almost a year. What will our level of excitement be when we have the opportunity to return? Will we return?

As our country considers what a post-pandemic society will look like, many priests and bishops are worried that their people might not all come back.

In a recent survey of a sampling of bishops, Francis X. Maier found that they predicted a 25% to 40% "permanent falloff in Mass attendance and parish engagement" after the pandemic recedes. If true, over time, this will mean less lay involvement, fewer marriages and baptisms, declining school enrollment and of course a decline in revenues supporting Church ministries.

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate reported recently that all sorts of sacramental and religious education efforts in Catholic parishes were very impacted by the pandemic, ranging from baptisms to funerals to Rite of

Christian Initiation of Adults.

Many parishes livestreamed Masses during the pandemic closures. It was a blessing then, but it may have a downside now. One priest told me that if people have grown used to sitting in their bathrobes and drinking coffee while watching Mass livestreamed, they might ask, "Why go back?" If the homilies are better on TV and the timing is flexible, it could be easy to justify.

Worse still, in the privacy of one's home, it might be easy to skip one week, and then two, and then more.

But all should not be doom and gloom. The Church has had two opportunities to break the mold with this pandemic. The first was the opportunity to respond creatively to the shutdown itself. Drive-by confessions, parking lot Masses, outreach to families in need, the quick reopening of schools — all are examples of parishes responding to challenging situations.

The anecdotes suggest such efforts varied from parish to parish, but I'm willing to bet that the parishes that made an effort to respond creatively will be rewarded by a better than average return of parishioners.

The second opportunity is coming up. We have all been starved for community and fellowship in this lost pandemic year. Our Catholic parishes can now respond to this hunger, but only if they make an effort.

The moment is arriving when parish and diocesan staff must use all the tools available to them to create a welcoming community, giving people a reason to come back as soon as they feel safe to do so.

It is also likely that people will want to retain parts of the pandemic lockdown that appealed to them: more time with family, more quiet and prayer time.

The Church can speak to that need too. From the pulpit and in its me-

dia, at the door of the church and in encounters with parish ministries, the church has a rare moment for a reset.

We need to embrace a new normal, one in which parishes don't just talk

about community but live it.

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REFLECTION

The arc of Easter

By Mark Saucier

I sat at one of the tables in the yard after our Easter brunch, watching a dozen kids flitting about, looking for hidden eggs and screaming like a miner discovering gold when they found one.

It was an incomparable day, the temperature in the 70s and the green of the newly lush grass highlighted with the colors of wild violets and daffodils.

Peonies popped out of their beds, curious of all the noise and merriment.

It was the first time we had all been together in over a year. There was energy in the air, not just of spring, or even of Easter, but the pure joy of reunion and the hope of much more.

As my mind lazed in the warmth of the sun, a line from Mary Oliver's "The Kingfisher" jumped from my memory.

"I think this is the prettiest world," she wrote, "so long as you don't mind a little dying."

At first, I was taken aback, fearful her words would be a buzzkill. The more I thought of it, though, the more I appreciated Oliver's insight.

Even in the bliss of this magnificent day, death had played a supporting role.

Our family does well at celebrating the high feasts, but this Easter was different. No doubt, COVID and its many attendant deaths contributed.

It had been a year of isolation, fear, sickness and grieving. We had been locked in our tombs.

Suddenly the rock was rolled away and we emerged into the light. It made the Easter story more real, more personal. In this new freedom, we could feel the glorious edge of Resurrection.

This Easter, Christ did not come out alone, but led us to a new day and a renewed life.

I have a friend who says, when times are tough, "It feels like Good Friday, but Sunday's coming." Sometimes, I think we need to flip that for the good times and remember that Easter Sunday wouldn't be here without Friday's death.

Death did not disappear that first Easter morning. It is still among us with its power and sting.

But it is a part of life, not its enemy. It tempers us, refines our vision, reveals our blessings, and stokes our gratitude.

I think of the pain and sacrifices we have had as a family, all the deaths we endured to enjoy this Easter Sunday.

I realize that, not only were they worth it, this day just wouldn't have been the same without them.

Fr. McCartan Memorial School principal's book, 'Facing Cancer with Mary,' nearly didn't escape her computer

By Jay Nies

Dominican Sister Catherine Stewart had emergency surgery on Aug. 6, 2014 — the Feast of the Transfiguration.

"I will never forget the transfiguration I experienced that day," said Sr. Catherine, principal of Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marceline and author of a book called *Facing Cancer with Mary*.

That day, her surgeon found a cancerous tumor and removed it, along with all but 18 inches of her large intestine, and diagnosed her with Stage IIIB colon cancer.

Then came an aggressive chemotherapy regimen.

"I started it on the Feast of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael — Sept. 29," she recalled. "I finished sometime in the middle of March."

All the while, she kept a prayer journal, jotting down reactions and reflections on what she was experiencing, feeling and observing.

"Some of it was art-as-prayer," she said. "I did some drawing along the way. Some of it was quotes that struck me. I put them into my journal and reflected on them."

She found meaning and motivation in walking back to health with Mary, who had followed her Son through joy and suffering and into eternal glory.

"Mary was a strong and courageous woman," Sr. Catherine noted. "She lived in darkness at times when she was unsure of where her journey was taking her. She grew in her relationships — small steps at a time."

"She lived in the present and tried to respond to the moment at hand, trusting that saying 'yes' in small, everyday ways would deepen her faith and assuage the doubts that lurked within," Sr. Catherine wrote.

Time and space

The treatments were successful.

Afterward, Sr. Catherine took the journal with her on a weeklong retreat, as an aid to giving thanks and reflecting on what she had endured with God's assistance.

Revisiting the reflections exhilarated her and filled her with gratitude.

"Oh my goodness! God has been so present!" she said.

"What a gift of grace!"

Almost instinctively, she began tying the ups and downs of her cancer journey to something as natural to her as her vocation: the Rosary.

"Part of our life as Dominicans is that we pray the Rosary every day," she noted. "I've been doing that since I entered the order."

It dawned on her that Mary had been a central part of her journey of healing.

"I just hadn't been deeply aware of it until I had the time and space to begin pulling it all together," said Sr. Catherine.

She also recognized parallels between instances in her treatment and recovery and the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

"For me, the cancer journey was well balanced," she noted. "There were moments of joy, of sorrow, of gloriousness."

Near the end of the retreat, she started writing.

"The idea was in my mind and I had been running away from it," she said. "But by Thursday, it was like, 'I might do this.'"

Once she started, she couldn't stop.

"It was more for myself," she recalled, "just to pull all the pieces and parts together so I could make sense of my own journey and where God had been present and where Mary had been present."

Two things

Sr. Catherine was glued to the TV with her 36 second-graders in Duluth, Minnesota, watching a U.S. schoolteacher blast off into space.

It was Jan. 28, 1986.

Before their eyes, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded, killing teacher Christa McAuliffe and the other six astronauts onboard.

"You could hear a pin drop," Sr. Catherine recalled.

Later on, one of the children asked her, "If you knew you were going to die, would have gone up in the Challenger?"



Dominican Sister Catherine Stewart, principal of Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marceline, holds a copy of her book, *Facing Cancer with Mary*.

— Photo from Dominican Life USA

"I remember looking back and saying, 'Yes. God only asks us to do two things in life. The first is to let people love us. My mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, aunts and uncles have all loved me."

"The second," she continued, "is to love other people. I have loved my dad and mom and grandparents and all of you."

The children were satisfied: "We've done all those things. We're ready to die, too."

Sr. Catherine's spontaneous answer and her students' response has stayed with her.

"God only asking two things of us: to love and to be loved," she said. "That's probably the heart of this whole book — that throughout this whole journey, I was loved and I loved others."

"Get it done"

Sr. Catherine holds a doctorate in curriculum and instruction.

She was serving as a professor of education at Blackburn College in Illinois when her cancer journey began.

She was already a published author.

She had written *Learning Centers: Saints*, a collection lessons and activities for teachers to share with their

students about holy men and women of the recent and distant past; and *Enriching Faith: Lessons and Activities on Prayer*, a collection of prayers and activities that can be shared with young people.

After finishing her Rosary manuscript, she sent it to a friend to show how fruitful her retreat had been.

Her friend read it and said, "You have to send this to your publisher!"

"No way!" Sr. Catherine answered. "It's too personal. There's way too much of me in it."

Her friend became persistent and then insistent.

Out of frustration, she finally sent what she had written to her contact at Twenty-Third Publications, which had published her previous two

books. They called back within three hours and said, "We want it. Let's get it done."

"So now I had to change my tune and say, 'Thank you very much,' but it's still kind of scary," she recalled.

"It took some time for me to realize that I needed to let go of my fear and let my cancer journey speak for itself," she said.

"It turned out to be more than fine," she stated. "Lots of people have been in contact with me about how much it has helped them."

"There will be gifts"


While praying the Rosary, Sr. Catherine tends to lose herself in the mysteries of each decade.

"Usually, I get lost in 'what are the annunciations of today?' or 'Who in our world needs to be visited today?'" she said.

She contemplates how the mysteries tie into the headlines or into the lives of people she knows.

"Some of them are revisiting cancer for second or third time," she noted. "A new 'annunciation' in their life is their third round of cancer. What

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Clark County parishes present a fresh start for new moms

By Eddie O'Neill

New moms in Clark County in the northeastern part of the diocese don't have to be worried about being overwhelmed these days, thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Michael Parish in Kahoka and Shrine of St. Patrick Parish in St. Patrick.

Over the past year, parish leaders developed a new ministry called A Starter Kit for New Baby.

The concept is simple: Moms who are served by the Clark County Health Department are given a gift basket.

It includes a mattress, blan-

kets, diapers, wipes and sleepers among other things.

There is also a card congratulating the mom "signed" by the Catholic churches of Clark County.

Gloria Allen of St. Patrick Parish is one of the leaders of this effort.

"Around a year ago, we had a meeting between our parishes on how we could reach out to our community and be more visible," she explained. "Someone mentioned this idea, and we loved it."

She does the shopping for the boy or girl baskets and said there is nothing she doesn't like

about this effort.

"It has been a delight to put these together," she said.

She added that the ministry is funded by the two parishes.

While the idea for the starter kits emerged about a year ago, it was delayed quite a bit due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It has picked up over the past several months, amid rave reviews from the local health department.

Mrs. Allen estimated that the parishes have given out around 12 baskets so far.

"I just took in six baskets, and I got a call that they will

"I know the items in the basket are useful and great for new moms. These are things all new moms need."

— Evelena Sutterfield, administrator, Clark County

need more soon," she added.

Evelena Sutterfield is administrator at the Clark County Health Department.

"Our WIC (women, infant child) participants are very, very appreciative of the baskets," she told *The Catholic*

Missourian. "I know the items in the basket are useful and great for new moms. These are things all new moms need."

Equally impressed has been Father Robert Fields, pastor of the Clark County parishes and administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Canton and Queen of Peace Parish in Ewing.

"It has been a great way for our (Clark County) parishes to work together," he said. "As well, it's be a great way for our Catholic churches to get our name out there and evangelize in our area."

Shrine of St. Patrick parish honors Msgr. O'Duignan's legacy

By Myrna Daughtry

Shrine of St. Patrick Parish in St. Patrick recently presented its 2021 Historical Preservation Award to the late Monsignor Francis O'Duignan.

As pastor of the parish from 1935 until 1957, he promoted the town of St. Patrick and spearheaded the construction of its iconic shrine.

The Longford, Ireland, native entered priestly formation at St. Patrick College in Carlow and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood there on June 12, 1927.

He was designated to serve in Missouri in what was then the Diocese of St. Joseph, which included all of northern Missouri.

Upon first arriving in the small village of St. Patrick in 1935, Father (later Monsignor) O'Duignan was struck by a community that was rich in tradition and rich in faith — the center where the light of faith that St. Patrick took to Ireland 15 centuries ago, still burned bright.

He began collecting the past history of St. Patrick, stating the ambitions and dreams of the founders and leaders down through the years.

He often spoke of how on many a summer's evening, he would sit on the front porch of the rectory, watching the lights of the unpretentious homes of the village being turned off while silence reigned supreme.

He would look out over the cemetery, with its tall Celtic monuments, and feel a calling



Photos and remembrances of the late Monsignor Francis O'Duignan, a priest from Ireland who spearheaded the construction of the Shrine of St. Patrick in St. Patrick adorn the shrine during a March 14 Mass in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day.

—Photo by Myrna Daughtry

to carry on building a community with the foundation left by them, dedicated to St. Patrick and the glorious heritage of Irish faith.

He realized that the small farming community would be unable to raise all of the funding needed for building what would be known as the Shrine of St. Patrick.

With assistance from local Postmaster John N. Kirchner, Fr. O'Duignan developed the special cachet stamping with the words, "St. Patrick, Mo. — The Only One In The World," to be placed on every piece of mail that passed through the St. Patrick Post Office.

Fr. O'Duignan also enlisted the help of the St. Patrick High School typing classes to process over 3,000 letters yearly to send throughout the United States to people of Irish descent, asking for donations to build the Shrine.

To this day, 85 years later, the cachet is still applied to the

special pictorial cancellation envelopes that are processed at the St. Patrick Post Office.

In July 1938, he made a pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick, the sacred mountain in Ireland where St. Patrick prayed and fasted 1,500 years before.

He paused to catch his breath on the rocky slopes of the mountain, where a small group had gathered.

"I come from St. Patrick," he told them, quickly adding: "Not from St. Patrick in heaven, but from the now-world-famous village of that name in Missouri."

He had come there with thousands of other pilgrims to pray where beloved St. Patrick had prayed and to ask for the saint's blessing for his work in far-off Missouri.

He was one of 22 priests who offered Mass in the little oratory at the top of the mountain.

There on rocky Croagh Patrick, Fr. O'Duignan foresaw the fulfillment of his dream.

He brought home with him an altar stone that had been used on that holy mountain and a flagstone that had been worn down by the tread of pilgrims throughout the years.

He also brought a chalice from Lough Derg, the other great Shrine to St. Patrick in Ireland.

He would place all three items in the shrine in St. Patrick upon its completion in 1957.

Of his visit to the gravesite of St. Patrick, Fr. O'Duignan wrote: "As I knelt, with deep emotion, by his graveside in Downpatrick to ask his blessing on this great work, I came away with the conviction that his benediction was already on it and that he would bless all those who aided, in any way,

the creation of a national shrine in the only town in the world honored by his name."

Years later, he wrote down some recollections from his early days in St. Patrick.

He spoke of his fear of being sent to a parish where there would be little to do as he was always wanting to keep busy.

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The annual Catholic Home Mission Appeal will be taken up in parishes throughout this diocese the weekend of April 24-25.

The Catholic Home Mission Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses — dioceses in this country that are

unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship and service without outside help.

“The primary focus of funding includes evangelization activities, ministry training for priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers, and lay-

people,” Bishop W. Shawn McKnight wrote in a letter to the people of this diocese. “It also provides support to poor parishes across the country to help in their pastoral needs.”

About 40 percent of U.S. dioceses are classified as missionary territory.

This includes the Diocese of Jefferson City, which last year received \$70,000 in a grant from the appeal to help support the diocesan Hispanic Ministry Office.

The appeal also gives



grants to other dioceses in the United States for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

“Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States,” Bishop McKnight wrote. “Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year.”

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Vitae event in J.C.

DATE: May 4
TIME: noon; 6:30 pm

Don and Ruth Ann Schnieiders will host the Vitae Foundation’s 29th Annual Jefferson City Pro-Life Events on Tuesday, May 4, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, 415 W. McCarty St.

The lunch program will be from noon to 1:30 p.m., and the dinner program from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Jason Chaffetz, former congressman and current Fox News contributor, will be the featured speaker.

Cole County/Jefferson City health guidelines will be observed.

Proceeds will benefit Vitae Foundation to reach abortion-determined women with life-affirming messages.

Reservations for the lunch program are \$50 (\$20 tax-deductible).

Reservations for the dinner program are \$100 (\$70 tax-deductible).

Elected to Congress in 2008, Mr. Chaffetz rose to chairman of the U.S. House’s powerful Oversight and Government Reform Committee — only the fifth time in 100 years a three-term representative ascended to such a position.

He left Congress in 2017 and is a contributor on Fox News Networks and a Fellow at Harvard’s Kennedy School, Institute of Politics.

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House of Joseph

TOP: Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Father Paul Clark, vocation diorector for the Jefferson City diocese, gather with Phillip Novotney and Christopher Hoffmann, in the sanctuary of the chapel at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio. Mr. Novotney and Mr. Hoffmann are first-year theology students at the Josephinum. **BOTTOM:** Mr. Hoffmann proclaims a reading at a Mass offered by Bishop McKnight in the chapel during his recent visit to the seminary.



Missionaries of God's mercy

Catholic News Service

Rome

Pope Francis celebrated Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday at the Rome Church of the Holy Spirit, just a block away from St. Peter's Square.

The church is the Rome Shrine of Divine Mercy, a devotion begun by St. Faustina Kowalska and promoted by St. John Paul II.

Like the disciples, who experienced Jesus' divine mercy after the resurrection, all Christians are called to become missionaries, sharing the Gospel of God's love and mercy with others, Pope Francis said.

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GUADALUPE

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was one of comfort, contentment and gratitude.

"It was nice seeing 'Mom' again and bringing other people to see her, too," he said.

He emphasized the importance of everyone to continue praying for vocations.

"Prayer changes everything," he stated. "We are each called for a specific mission. We really need to spend time discerning what that vocation is.

"Everybody needs to be generous in answering the call they've been given," he added. "That's really how the world gets changed."

Mr. Cegleninski is grateful for everyone who helped organize the event.

"It's really stunning to see the miracles Our Lady organized that day, and I am truly blown away by the devotion, Scott, Bethany, Alexia and Mrs. Kliethermes had to Our Lady and the willingness of others like my parents to say 'yes' to invitations like this," he said.

He believes the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and all signs and wonders associ-

ated with her reveal a loving mother of a Son Who is eager to save.

"Understand that Mom, the Virgin Mary, loves us very much and is always listening and praying for us and waiting to bring our needs to Christ," he said.

Sowing wheat

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight closed the Day of Prayer by offering a Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

"We have meditated and reflected upon the mystery of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the mystery of the call each one of us has received by virtue of our baptism," he said.

Bishop McKnight pointed out that no one's vocation is to save the world.

"That is the vocation of Jesus the Christ," he said. "Rather, it IS our vocation, no matter what our state in life, no matter what our particular vocation is, to share in the work of redemption in some way."

This will always include



Keynote presenter Scott Watts and a participant in the March 20 diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations display how someone in the time of St. Juan Diego would have worn their *tilma* and been able to carry flowers inside it.

— Photo by Jay Nies

some kind of suffering.

It's a natural human tendency to try to avoid that.

"But we can never be fully happy unless we are like that grain of wheat that falls down to the earth and dies," said Bishop McKnight, echoing John 12:24.

"Because unless that grain of wheat dies, it cannot produce an abundant harvest," he stated.

The bishop pointed out that every vocation has its share of trials and difficulties.

Every one of them is a gift from God, bestowed by the

Holy Spirit at baptism for the purpose of building up God's Kingdom and leading all people to Christ.

"My brothers and sisters, we are about to celebrate and offer the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, the Bread that is Christ Himself, Who gave His life for the sake of the world, Who shed His Blood so that our sins might be forgiven, that we might be RESTORED in our relationship with the Father in heaven, Who glorified Him in the mystery of the cross and in His resurrection."

Bishop McKnight thanked everyone who helped prepare for the Day of Prayer for Vocations, and all who came to spend time in prayer.

"We need vocations," he said. "We need MORE of ALL vocations. And of course, that includes more vocations to the ministerial Priesthood."

Visit Hopeofthepoor.org or Guadalupemissions.org for more information about Mr. Watt's ministry, to purchase an image or to contribute to his work.

ROSARY

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does that look like? What does that feel like?"

She said there's no sense asking "why" when dealing with cancer.

"There are no answers," she said. "You just say, 'We're walking through this together, and there are gifts that will be given. I don't know what they are yet. I don't know when I will see them. But I know they will be there.'"

She often thinks of a book she read a long time ago: *The Father is Very Fond of Me: Experiences in the Love of God*, by Edward J. Farrell.

"That has been my go-to be-

cause the Father was very fond of Mary," said Sr. Catherine. "And Mary is very fond of me, and so is the Father. Those are the relationships that get me through everything."

Same words

Sr. Catherine said it has been humbling to hear back from cancer patients and fellow survivors who have read her book.

"It's been a gift to me to hear how God can work in so many different ways through the same words," she said.

In that way, it's sort of like Sacred Scripture.

"We all hear the same

words," she noted. "But the way it comes into our heart and the way we choose to push it back out can be so different."

Facing Cancer with Mary has now been published in several languages throughout the world.

"What I've found really interesting is how different countries use different covers," she said. "All of them depict Mary, but they're very different."

"I can pick out my name in the other languages," she added.

The publisher of one of the foreign editions asked her to include reflections on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

"Those five reflections are more about survivorship, and 'five or six years later, what is it like to be the survivor now that you've been through the first part?'" she said.

"Very real"

Sr. Catherine reread the book last November, after testing positive for Stage I lung

cancer.

Her doctors reassured her that this was not a recurrence of her previous cancer.

She had the tumor surgically removed and didn't need any chemo or radiation.

"So I got to visit again with Mary in this very special way," she said.

This time, as a principal, she had the children at Fr. McCarran praying for her.

"In their own way, they dealt with it," she said. "They don't talk about it too much. And neither do I, they don't need to go there."

Hands folded

Sr. Catherine said suffering has taught her to be aware and grateful of the here-and-now and "and how important it is to be present in the present."

She turned to one of her favorite passages in the book. Pertaining to the Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation of Jesus, it speaks of profound gratitude.

"Periodically, my own hands are folded in prayer as I asked God to bless all of those who took care of me — those who emotionally supported me, those who prayed for me, and those who visited me. Simultaneously, I also believed that those who had gone before me also presented me to God for healing. I was adamant in my belief that my dad, grandparents, aunts, uncles and some very close friends who had died from cancer also begged God for my complete recovery.

"But most of my encounters with God at this time were through others. As I chatted with other cancer patients, I found that many of them had the same experience. Praying was difficult, if not impossible, because it was hard to concentrate.

"Like Simeon, I was filled with gratitude!"

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COLLABORATE

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it's something the Helias community will be engaged in and connected to."

"A real opportunity"

Ms. Fuemmeler predicted countless encounters with Christ through the interaction of Helias Catholic students and the clients of Catholic Charities.

"Every student at Helias will serve in some capacity in this building," she said.

Mr. Lester noted that Helias Catholic students, faculty, alumni and families stepped up to help with emergency food-distribution sites organized during the pandemic by Catholic Charities and The Food Bank for Central & North-east Missouri.

"Now, we want to build that relationship," he said. "We hope all of you will see this opportunity as an extension of your classroom."

He noted that the area around the new center has a statistically high concentration of people with low incomes, who qualify for public assistance, and who don't have access to reliable transportation.

"When I look at that, I see a real need and opportunity to provide services in a place that's easy to access," said Mr. Lester.

"We aren't going to stop at just serving the people in that neighborhood," he stated. "But we want to start by focusing on being good neighbors to the people right around us."

Care and compassion

Mr. Lester gave an overview of the services CCCNMO provides and is in the process of developing.

He noted that in the past four years, CCCNMO has gone from 12 to 27 staff members involved in many different programs, including refugee resettlement, immigration legal services, long-term disaster response, and community health and nutrition services.

"Since our founding, we've resettled more than 4,000 refugees," he said. "Since 2018, more than 1,000 disaster survivors have come to us for assistance.



Dan Lester, executive director of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, speaks to the faculty and staff of Helias Catholic High School about opportunities for collaboration between the school and Catholic Charities after its new headquarters and charitable outreach center is completed later this year.

— Photo by Jay Nies

"We've contributed more than \$85,000 to parish charitable endeavors in the past couple of years," he said.

"Starting in May 2020, we've provided more than 16,000 meals to homebound and low-income seniors through our senior food box program.

"It's not always about the numbers, but they can help paint a picture for us," he said.

Catholic Charities' disaster response has grown and adapted in response to the 2017 and 2019 floods in parts of the state and the 2019 tornado that damaged parts of Eldon, Jefferson City and nearby communities.

CCCNMO also provides grants to parishes throughout the diocese, helping with local efforts to address hunger and need.

"Proudly Catholic"

While helping and employing people of many faith traditions and backgrounds, CCCNMO takes its Catholic identity very seriously.

"We're proudly Catholic," said Mr. Lester. "We don't shy away from the Catholic part of being Catholic Charities. It's an important part of who we are and what we do."

Nonetheless, "we serve because of what we believe, not because of what others believe," he stated.

CCCNMO is affiliated with Catholic Charities USA, which ties it to Catholic Charities affiliates throughout the country.

Fruitful discussion

Mr. Lester asked the teachers and staff members to discuss ways to incorporate the work of Catholic Charities into their lesson plans and activities.

They spent time brainstorming in small groups and writing down their ideas.

Their suggestions included: tying service at Catholic Charities into the senior service class and activities; adding a service component to summer school, providing opportunities for school staff to

volunteer at the food pantry once or twice a week; enrolling children of Catholic Charities clients into academic and sports camps free of charge; and encouraging upper-level Spanish students to volunteer as tutors for Spanish-speaking immigrants.

Other ideas included forging partnerships with Catholic Charities through clubs and extracurricular activities; offering a Catholic Charities class with an outreach component; having students and young gardeners help with common gardening for food; and getting students' siblings involved.

"Hands and feet"

Ms. Fuemmeler said He-

lias Catholic is committed to working long-term with Catholic Charities.

"We don't know what it will look like yet, but we know we're going to be part of it," said Ms. Fuemmeler.

She said the main goal will be for everyone in the Helias community to "become the hands and feet of Christ," serving neighbors and growing in capacity for mercy and social action.

She said it will be important to set measurable goals — "whether that means helping to staff the food pantry, providing tutoring services, or maybe collaborating with our social-justice class to work on advocacy."

She said all of this will open up numerous opportunities for learning, service and discipleship for Helias students.

"I'm really excited about us becoming better members of our community, and for people from all walks of life to be better served by the Church."

To contribute to Catholic Charities' "Open Hearts, Open Doors" renovation, visit cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give or send a check payable to "CCCNMO" to P.O. Box 104626, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4626.

For information about the ongoing renovations and opportunities to collaborate with the ministries of Catholic Charities, contact Cristal Backer, at 573-635-7719 or cbacker@cccnmo.org, or visit cccnmo.diojeffcity.org.

MEDICAID

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mental as that is to the moral principle of the dignity of all human life, reduces legislators' work to a false dichotomy. Healthcare policy is complex and healthcare decisions involve many facets.

"A vote for or against Medicaid or Medicaid expansion should not be interpreted as a decision between being pro-life or pro-choice. We urge lawmakers to work toward legislation which protects the lives of the unborn and provides for the critical healthcare needs of the working poor. These two goods are not opposed.

"As we stated in 2019, 'there are still many Missouri citizens who lack access to affordable healthcare coverage that is so necessary for hu-

man flourishing.' We encourage the Missouri General Assembly to fund expansion of this program so the working poor and others who are eligible can access the healthcare they need and deserve.

"If the General Assembly chooses not to fund Medicaid expansion, we believe they have a moral obligation to provide an alternative means of providing access to healthcare for the working poor. Indeed, we are our brother's keeper as we follow the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 25:42-45.

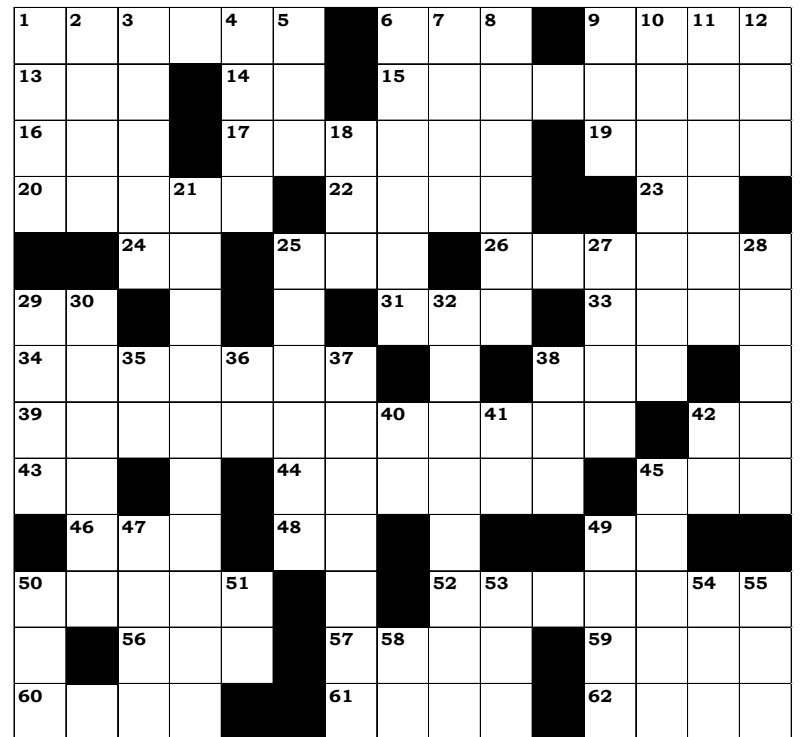
"We pray for you our legislators as you engage the virtue of prudence in your deliberations on these important issues."



By Father Don Antweiler

ACROSS

1. We ____ are part of nature's "day shift." We are adapted for life in bright light. We share this feature with most birds and some small mammals, like most squirrels, for ex.
 6. "It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose your ____," —Harry Truman.
 9. Car rental company.
 13. ____ creek without a paddle (2 wds.).
 14. Chemical letters for gold.
 15. A white grape variety of vino from the Rhine region of Germany.
 16. His insult really ____ to me!
 17. Another special adaptation is the presence of fewer "cones" and more "rods" on the ____ of the eye. Cones pick up colors and details and require bright light. Rods are useful in dim light to detect shapes, movements and shades of grey.
 19. "...he was ____, and has been found," (Luke 15:24).
 20. "We have met the ____, and he is us," —from the comic strip "Pogo" by Walt Kelly, from 1948-1975.
 22. Another special adaption is sharp hearing. Night prey animals such as mice, rabbits and ____ have large ears for acute hearing.
 23. Short for Lincoln Univ.
 24. Juan's yes.
 25. Short for United States Navy.
 26. Those whose whole career has been in the military are sometimes referred to as ____.
 29. ____ and behold!
 31. "These are the times that ____ men's souls," —from Thomas Paine's "The Crisis"; written at the nadir of the Am. Revolutionary War.
 33. I saw an ____ in the newspaper that I thought worth passing on.
 34. Ungrateful person.
 38. She will know all the ____ and outs of the situation.
 39. Two night predators—owls and bats—have specialized, adapted hearing faculties. For sharp hearing, an owl's face is built like a satellite dish enabling it to catch a mouse in total darkness. A bat's phenomenal ____ ability is well known.
 42. Gunfight at the ____ Corral.
 43. Letters for sodium.
 44. "My grandma told me never, ever, ever to use soap on my face. But I do use ____," —Natalia Kills.
 45. "Resplendent and un fading is Wisdom, and ____ is readily perceived by those who love her," (Wisdom 6:12).
 46. Laugh out loud, in text.
 48. International internet code for Denmark.
 49. Letters for Barnes and Nobel; national bookseller.
 50. The actress had a real ____ for the dramatic.
 52. "I felt by ____ comfortable when suddenly such a beast (wolf) started its dolorous tirade scarcely a rifle's shot from me. However one soon becomes accustomed to the sound, for as soon as the wolf scents a human being, he takes to his heels," —Gert Goebel, memoirs of a German immigrant in Mo., 1830s-1880s (2 wds.).
 56. Anti-black, anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish hate group established after the Civil War in the South.
 57. "...like doves we ____ without ceasing," (Isaiah 59:11).
 59. Green pod plant, "slimy" when cooked, higher than average nutritive value.
 60. A trick.
 61. ____ tide; Christmas time.
 62. By a ____ of strength, Samson brought down the house.
- ### DOWN
1. One special adaption of nighttime mammals are very large eyes (e.g., the ____ eyes of an owl vs. the small eyes of a hawk).
 2. "I can see how it might be possible for the man to look down ____ the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God," —Abraham Lincoln.
 3. In contrast, "night shift" animals have sensory abilities that allow them to travel, feed and find ____ in very low light.
 4. After she finished her sad story, there was ____ a dry eye in the place.
 5. Legal Freedom suits where slaves could and did ____ for their freedom, were common in St. Louis law courts before the Civil War with at least 300 between 1814-1860. The most famous was Dred & Harriet Scott against their owner. They lost in a U.S. Supreme Court decision that helped ignite the Civil War.
 6. Writer Agatha Christie's *Murder on the ____ Express* featuring the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot was one of the most popular of her many famous mysteries.
 7. "I can remember the first ____ festival in Hermann in 1848 very well. A six-pounder thundered greetings and well wishes over hills and valleys. Even visitors from St. Louis, ladies and gentlemen, had arrived on steamboats," —Gert Goebel.
 8. "Stay with us, for it is ____ evening and the day is almost over," (Luke 24:29).
 9. "____ we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us," —the wizard Gandalf, from J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*.
 10. "In the Lord's garden are...not only the roses of his martyrs. In it are also the lilies of the virgins, the ivy of wedded couples, and the ____ of widows," sermon by St. Augustine on the Feast of St. Lawrence.
 11. When I moved to Missouri's bootheel area from California I was surprised when my real estate agent suggested I ____ my house for earthquakes!
 12. Beetle is usually on ____.
 - Snorkel's radar for some-thing (abbr.).
 18. Football scores.
 21. Another special adaptation for many nighttime mammals is called eyeshine. A ____ reflective layer behind the eye makes objects at night seem brighter (2 wds.).
 25. "There is no greater agony than bearing an ____ story inside of you," —St. Louis-born poet Maya Angelou.
 27. The character Huckleberry ____ was based on a boyhood friend of Mark Twain's—Tom Blankenship—who, like Huck, was the son of a town drunk.
 28. While the scented ____ from the censer at Benediction bothers some, it is considered by others to be the odor of sanctity.
 29. He put a ____ on his house to help pay gambling debts.
 30. The nurse was ____ at the hospital ER every other weekend (2 wds.).
 32. "God created man as a ____ being who can initiate and control his own actions," —*Catechism of Cath. Ch.*, #1730.
 35. Letters for General Hospital, daytime soap opera since 1963.
 36. Mt. Rushmore pres.
 37. In the Catholic Church, the ____ of salvation refers to God's creation and management of the world, particularly through Christ and His Church (see *Catechism of the Cath. Ch.*, #s 1092, 1095, 1168).
 38. Charged particle.
 40. ____ last he has gone away.
 41. Moon of Jupiter.
 42. Uh ____, I made a mistake.
 45. "Many consider whiskey to be an excellent panacea for ____ bites. The wound is washed with whiskey, the patient is given hot strong coffee with whiskey until he is thoroughly intoxicated. Then he is put to bed & covered well," —Gert Goebel.
 47. The dominant trees in Ozark forests.
 49. "____ good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow," —Helen Keller (2 wds.).
 50. "____ from justifying complaints about our own time, past events teach us how much we have to be thankful for," —from a sermon by St. Augustine.
 51. Rural King (____) calls itself America's Farm and Home Store; has over 120 stores in 13 States, including 3 in Mo.
 53. "Never hesitate to give and when you do give, never grumble, then you will know the ____ who will repay you," —letter of Barnabas, written sometime between 70-132 A.D.
 54. Gun club (abbr.).
 55. Short for the day of the Hebrew Sabbath.
 58. Letters for Oklahoma Univ. in Norman, Okla.; over 30,000 students.



Mass in Brush Creek

DATE: April 25
TIME: 1 pm

Mass will be offered in St. Peter Church in Brush Creek at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 25.

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

It is located at 14690 Gentry Road, off of Sheil Lane, south of Route J in rural Ralls County.

O'DUIGNAN

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Upon his arrival he saw many opportunities—he went to the federal Works Progress Administration (WPA) office in Hannibal and lobbied for road improvements. Thanks to him and Joe Hunolt, the area received immediate attention for road improvement to Derahs, Williamstown and Kahoka.

He stated further that with the generous help of Dick St. Clair, the St. Patrick High School was recognized by the

State of Missouri, and enrollment doubled in size, providing a good solid education.

He also mentioned that in those days, when few people went to hospitals when they were sick, he covered all parts of the parish on sick calls and would often call on non-Catholic families as well.

Msgr. O'Duignan later served in Marceline, Jefferson City, Brookfield and Jonesburg before retiring to San Diego, California, in 1977.



He passed away there on June 3, 1991. His earthly remains are at rest in San Bernardino, California.

The St. Patrick community will be forever grateful to Fr. O'Duignan for his vision, dedication, and perseverance in building the beautiful Shrine of St. Patrick.

Monsignor Francis O'Duignan (1901-1991)

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Visit the diocesan EVENT CALENDAR at diojeffcity.org/events.
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Fill out the ONLINE FORM at diojeffcity.org/event-listing.

Fundraisers & Social Events

Apr. 23

St. Clement, St. Clement Parish fried chicken dinner, 4-8 pm, K of C Hall

Apr. 24

Eldon, Sacred Heart Parish Santa's Workshop Rummage Sale, 8 am-4 pm, parish hall;
Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows Parish dance, with music by Shiloh, 6:30-11 pm, school gym

Apr. 25

Martinsburg, St. Joseph breakfast, 7:30-11:30 am, K of C Hall

May 1

Jefferson City, Pregnancy Help Center of Central Missouri Bubbles & Bounces 5K Walk/Run, 8:30-11 am, Memorial Park pavilion, for info or to register visit friendsofphc.org; **Macon**, Immaculate Conception School yard sale, 7 am-1 pm

May 2

St. Anthony, St. Anthony of Padua carry-out chicken & roast beef dinner, 11 am-3 pm; **Vienna**, Visitation drive-thru chicken dinner, 11 am-5 pm, K of C Hall

May 4

Jefferson City, Vitae Foundation Pro-Life Event with keynote speaker Jason Chaffetz, luncheon event noon-1:30, dinner event 6:30-9 pm, Capitol Plaza Hotel, for info or to register visit vitaefoundation.org and click on the "Events" tab

May 7

Holts Summit, St. Andrew drive-thru chicken dinner, 3:30-6:30 pm

May 9

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

17-20 Junio

Sedalia, Cursillo de Hombres, Sagrado Corazón, llamado a Luis Osvaldo Diaz al 660-829-5213

29 Julio-1 Agosto

Sedalia, Cursillo de Mujeres, Sagrado Corazón, llamado a Luis Osvaldo Diaz al 660-829-5213

Meetings & Conferences

Apr. 17

Sedalia, Sacred Heart Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 4-8 pm, for info or to register visit gogremlins.com/hall-of-fame

Apr. 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

Jefferson City, Nutrition counseling class, co-sponsored by Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, 5-6 pm, The Linc, for info email RJennings@cccnmo.org

Apr. 22

Moberly, Randolph County Right to Life "Be The One" celebration of life banquet, featuring speaker Terry Beat-

ley, Moberly Municipal Auditorium, for tickets call Therese Sander 660-651-9748

May 12

VIRTUAL, Catholic Charities refugee resettlement program orientation, 5:30-6:30 pm, for info or to register, contact Diana Twombly at 573-442-7568 or dtwombly@cccnmo.org

Liturgical

Apr. 18

Columbia, Celebration Mass for Fr. Augustus Tolton, 11 am, St. Thomas More Newman Center

May 9

Laurie, May Crowning of Mary and Mother's Day Mass, 10:15 am, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

May 16

Starkenburg, Spring Pilgrimage, with Rosary procession, Stations of the Cross, confessions, Benediction, and Mass, noon-3 pm, light lunch available with COVID restrictions, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows

Youth & Young Adults

Apr. 21

Jefferson City, "Purified" chastity presentation for teens & parents with Jason Evert, for 6-8 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, to register visit diojeffcity.org/purified-tickets

Jul. 18-22

Henley, Camp Siena for high school girls, for info visit diojeffcity.org/campsiena

Aug. 2-6

Jefferson City, Ancient Rome "Summa Camp" for grade school students, 7:30 am-5 pm, St. Peter Interparish School, to register email mrehagen@heliascatholic.com

Health & Wellness

Apr. 19

Rich Fountain, Blood drive, 1:30-6:30 pm, Sacred Heart School

Apr. 25

Jefferson City, Blood drive, 8 am-noon, Immaculate Conception Parish's Kertz Hall

May 3

Freeburg, Blood drive, 1-6 pm, American Legion Hall

Principal - Helias Catholic High School



Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, Mo., a four-year co-educational diocesan high school serving more than 750 students, is seeking a dynamic, mission-driven leader to become its next Principal.

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Candidate is expected to assume the responsibilities of the position in July 2021. To apply, visit diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools.

President - Helias Catholic High School



Since 1956, Helias High School in Jefferson City, Missouri has been committed to excellence in Catholic education. The successful candidate for President of Helias Catholic High School will be passionate in advancing the mission of Catholic education, by delivering excellence through the school's spiritual, academic and co-curricular activities. Experience in business financial management and confidence in leading the school's philanthropic efforts will be essential. The President leverages external and internal influence for the long-term viability of the school. The President serves on and is supported by an Advisory Council and reports directly to the Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

A demonstrated capacity for strategic planning and institutional leadership can be attained through various career paths, including education, non-profit management or work in the corporate or public sector.

Partners in Mission has been retained to conduct this nationwide search and qualified candidates are encouraged to contact Michael Furey, Partner, Partners in Mission School Leadership and Search Solutions, LLC, 124 Sycamore Drive, Westwood, MA 02090, Office (877) 738-4810, Mobile (570) 730-2655, email mikefurey@partnersinmission.com.

Position Openings - Chancery Office



The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City has the following positions open in the Jefferson City office at 2207 West Main Street:

Administrative Assistant — Opportunity for experienced, self-motivated, dependable and hardworking administrative assistant. This is a great fit for someone who enjoys variety within their work day, creative thinking and problem solving. Organization, team mindset and attention to detail is a must. Candidates are encouraged to apply through indeed.com and complete Word and Excel assessments.

Associate Director of Stewardship — Supports the Stewardship Office through comprehensive communications and development programs, ensuring an integrated development strategy involving all entities of the diocese. Through personal contact, print and non-print media and technology, the Associate Director, under the supervision of the Stewardship Director, is instrumental in assisting the bishop in his mission to teach and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. The primary focus of this position is to assist the Director of Stewardship in working toward moving the diocese to a tithing model. In order to be successful, the candidate must be a practicing Catholic with excellent communication skills. He/she will be an inspiring leader and will facilitate discussions that lead to an increased knowledge and understanding of the activities and roles of the diocesan and parish organizations. The qualified candidate will have at least a bachelor's degree in communications, marketing or non-profit management and knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church and comprehension of basic theology. Candidates are encouraged to send a letter of interest and resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

Anniversaries

Argyle, St. Aloysius

James & Mary Jane Steinman, 51 years
Allen & Connie Falter, 44 years
Leroy & Lisa Wieberg, 33 years

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul

Bill & Stephanie Young, 52 years
Kelly & Marilyn Elliott, 46 years
Russell & Cheryl Imhoff, 45 years
Dean & Mary Skelton, 41 years
Tony & Cindy Wesselman, 41 years
Eddie & Patty Smith, 40 years
Chris & Vicki Zeller, 39 years
Frank & Theresa Young, 36 years
Pete & Heidi Selenke, 27 years
Gary & Ginger Hook, 26 years
Larry & Linda Grissum, 25 years

Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels

Jim & Irene Buechter, 51 years
Steve & Beverly Vineyard, 30 years

Camdenton, St. Anthony

Sam & Cindy Beckman, 52 years
Ray & Susan Carey, 50 years
Robert & Marcetta Gustin, 42 years
Kevin & Melynda Connelly, 37 years
Fate & Julie Johns, 37 years
Dan & Donna Douglas, 35 years
Tyler & Cathy Becker, 28 years
Tom & Linda Panel, 23 years
Kris & Rhonda Franken, 18 years
Cesar & Minnie Chaparro, 16 years

Cuba, Holy Cross

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Freeburg, Holy Family

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Patrick & Kathy Bliss, 25 years
Scottie & Misty Bastion, 19 years
Gary & Rosalyn Welschmeyer, 12 years

Kahoka, St. Michael

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Koeltztown, St. Boniface

Robert & Mary Huhn, 45 years
Brian & Lynne Brandt, 24 years

Marceline, St. Bonaventure

Jerry & Joan Main, 68 years
John & Marjorie Krumpelman, 50 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Kenny & Audrey Schafer, 49 years

Milan, St. Mary

Daniel & Margaret Hatcher, 43 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph

Ted & Theresa Hudson, 65 years
Joe & Veronica Thomas, 41 years
Greg & Carolyn Foster, 39 years
Roger & Tammy Foster, 37 years
Ted & Susan Lantz, 36 years
Bruce & Carolyn Foster, 34 years
Kirt & Debbie Malone, 31 years
Dwayne & Becky Goodwin, 24 years
Luke & Christie Mahsman, 18 years

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart

Bob & Jean Fick, 38 years
Dale & Tammy Pope, 36 years
Eric & Roxie Mebruer, 19 years
Brian & Edie Reichel, 19 years

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick

Ed & Tammy Riney, 54 years
Dan & Myrna Daughtry, 48 years

Salisbury, St. Joseph

Leroy & Wilma Weimer, 40 years

Taos, St. Francis Xavier

Norman & Brenda Forck, 48 years

Unionville, St. Mary

Ed & Shirley Brockmeyer, 38 years

Vienna, Visitation

Mark & Joyce Weidinger, 46 years
Shane & Kelly Backues, 27 years

Warsaw, St. Ann

Deacon Chris & Patsy Wickern, 47 years

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels

Bob & Karla Nanneman, 48 years
Charlie & Theresa Morrison, 38 years
Melvin & Tammy Sartain, 38 years
Dan & Debbie Minshall, 36 years
Stephen & Connie Meissen, 35 years
Eric & Kasie Stallo, 24 years

Birthdays

Edina, St. Joseph — **Bruce Normile**, his 90th on April 9

CAPECCHI

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in a trunk. It was spotted and yellowed, but after being laundered and bleached, it came out beautifully — the Italian love letter, fully intact.

Then came a brilliant idea: to turn it into a christening gown. Elizabeth's great, great grandson Michael was the first to wear it, baptized at 1 week old. His siblings wore it later and then the next generation, stitching the family together in a sacramental way. It enabled them to preserve their heirloom and their heritage.

The gown reminds the family that love trumps all. It's a sign of hope, that a young woman could embroider for years and years, overcome opposition and finally marry the man of her dreams.

"It speaks to the determination of people who have not always had a lot," said Michael's mother, Beth, who was named after the Sicilian noblewoman

Deaths

Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga of Kampala, Uganda — home diocese of Father Boniface Kasita Nzabonimpa, administrator of St. Boniface Parish in Brunswick, St. Joseph Parish at Hurricane Branch & the Missin of St. Raphael in Indian Grove — on April 3. Funeral arrangements were pending at press time.

California, Annunciation — **Opal Mae M. Meyer**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Barbara Bulanda**

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Robert Kossmeyer**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Blanche Laffey**

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Dan Thronson**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Donald E. Donahue, Tim Owens**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Jerome A. Loethen**

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake — **Ronald G. Kinnison**

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **Herbert Lock**

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Richard F. Bax**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Brigadier Gen. (Ret.) James H. Baker, Henry F. Jacobs**

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick — **Anna Logsdon**

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Loretta K. Adams**

Vienna, Visitation — **James E. Redel**

Baptisms

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Sandra Graciela** and **Katherine Gabriela Oregal**

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Theo Juergensmeyer**, son of Ross & Sarah Juergensmeyer

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Laydon Alan Larue**, son of Dustin & Crystal Larue; **Beverly Kay Todd**, daughter of Kelsey & Vanessa Todd

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Carson Wade Heckemeyer**, son of Kyle and Amy Heckemeyer

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Ethan Thomas Buechter**, son of Keith & Lauren Buechter

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Laikyn Nicole Timmerman**

Marriages

St. Anthony, St. Anthony of Padua — **Josie Miller & Hayden Otto**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Dara Vint & Brandon Kliethermes**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Jessica Harris & James Moore**

Elections

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Ashley Wassmann, Richard Woodson**, to the School Advisory Board; **Jill Birch, Russell Gerling, Joe Herzog, Kelly Rohrbach, Dan Schuster, Tina Smith**, to the Parish Pastoral Council

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Ruth Ann Kuethe**, president; **Teresa Leicht**, vice president; **Donna Conduit**, treasurer; **Judy Doyen**, secretary, of the Parish Altar Society

Fulton, St. Peter — **Jordan Real, Lori Rhoades**, to the School Advisory Board

Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers. Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to editor@diojeffcity.org; faxed to 573-635-2286; or mailed to: *The Catholic Missourian*, 2207 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914.

Crossword puzzle answers

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Christina Capecchi is a writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

First Holy Communion retreat



Students from St. George School in Hermann and the St. George Parish School of Religion take part in a retreat at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg on March 19. Many of their parents attended the retreat, which was led by teachers Jamie Epple, Ruth Baumstark and Susan Chorley. Students learned about the Beatitudes, made different crafts and projects related to their First Eucharist day, took a tour of the shrine grounds, went to Mass led by Monsignor Gregory Higley, pastor, and enjoyed a special pizza lunch from the St. George School cafeteria.

— Photo from the St. George Catholic School - Hermann, MO Facebook page

Beautifying God’s holy acre



St. Mary of the Angels Parish’s seventh- and eighth-grade Parish School of Religion students spent part of a beautiful day in the St. Mary Cemetery in Wien March 20, picking up wind-scattered trash and cutting the cedar sprouts out of the fence.

— Photo from the St. Mary’s-Wien, MO Facebook page

“We adore You, O Christ ...”



Eighth-graders at St. Peter School in Marshall present the Living Stations of the Cross, an annual Lenten tradition at the school.

— Photo by Mary McCoy, principal



Scramblin’ for eggs in Swinkey



Children take part in Knights of Columbus St. Stephen Council 1971’s 13th annual Easter egg hunt after Easter Mass on Easter Sunday in Indian Creek. The Easter Bunny joined them for the first time this year.

— Photos by Sally Lemongelli



Right on target



The archery team from St. Martin School in St. Martins gathers after finishing with their season-best score of 3131 and finishing 18th out of 45 teams on March 22.

— Photo from the St. Martin Catholic Church & School Facebook page

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Thomas needs to see Jesus to believe

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala visited the tomb where Jesus' body was laid after He died on the cross.

But Jesus' body was gone.

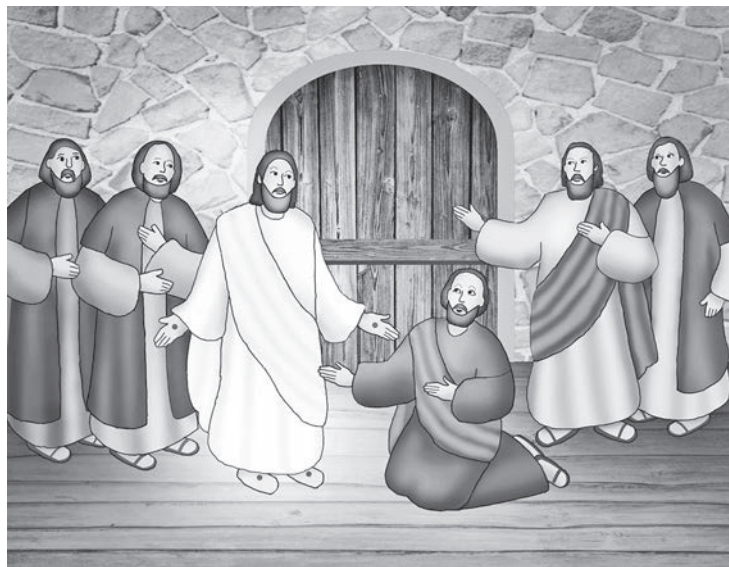
Mary rushed to tell Peter, who ran to the tomb with another apostle. All they saw inside were Jesus' burial cloths.

Peter and the other apostle went home while Mary stayed behind to weep.

As she was crying, she looked in the tomb and saw two angels. They wanted to know why she was so upset.

"They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid Him," she sniffled.

Suddenly, a man appeared behind Mary. It was Jesus, but she did not recognize Him at



first. When she did, she was extremely excited and happy to see Him.

"Stop holding on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father," Jesus told her. "But go

to My brothers and tell them, 'I am going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'"

Mary told the apostles all that she had seen and heard.

Later that evening, as some of the apostles were gathered in a locked room, Jesus appeared in their midst.

"Peace be with you," He said as He showed them the wounds in His hands and side.

As the apostles rejoiced, Jesus breathed on them.

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained," He told His friends.

Thomas was one of the apostles who was not there when Jesus appeared. When his friends told him they had seen Jesus, he refused to believe them.

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe," Thomas de-

clared.

A week later, Jesus again appeared to the apostles. This time, Thomas was present.

"Put your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side," Jesus told Thomas, "and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas looked at Jesus. "My Lord and my God!" he exclaimed.

"Have you come to believe because you have seen Me?" Jesus asked. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Read more about it...

John 20

1. Where did Jesus appear to the apostles?
2. What did Thomas say he needed to see to believe?

Bible Accent

Jesus appeared to His followers a few more times before returning to His Father in heaven.

For example, in Luke 24, we read that two of Jesus' followers were walking from Jerusalem to the nearby village of Emmaus. As they walked along, another man whom they did not know started walking with them.

This man was Jesus, but His followers did not recognize Him. The two men talked about Jesus' death and how His body was missing from His tomb.

After the trio reached Emmaus, the two men asked Jesus to eat a meal with them. It was not until Jesus blessed some bread and gave it to them that they recognized Him.

In John 21, Jesus appeared to seven of His followers, who were fishing in a boat on the Sea of Tiberias.

As the boat was coming to shore, they saw a man standing there. It was Jesus, but they did not recognize Him until he called out to Peter. Peter was so excited that he jumped into the water so he could get to shore faster.

After Jesus fed them fish and bread, He turned to Peter. He asked Peter to feed His lambs and tend His sheep, which meant He wanted Peter to watch over the faithful after Jesus returned to heaven.

Essay

What can you learn from Thomas' initial disbelief?

Saint Spotlight

St. Anselm was born in Italy in 1033. As a youth, he wanted to become a monk, but his father didn't approve, so he chose a secular life instead. He moved to France after his mother's death and continued his studies with her family. He joined the Benedictines in Normandy in 1060 and was elected abbot of his order in 1078. He became archbishop of Canterbury, England, in 1093, a post he held until his death in 1109. He was exiled twice due to conflicts with English monarchs. We remember this doctor of the Church on April 21.



Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them to form a sentence from the children's story.

doG droL yM nad ym

Sentence:

_____!



Answers: God, Lord, my, and, my, My Lord and my God!



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Vatican releases book recalling pope's prayer at start of pandemic

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

One year ago, Pope Francis stood in a rain-drenched, empty St. Peter's Square praying for God's comfort as the world began experiencing the growing severity of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Vatican is commemorating that event with a book of texts and images "encapsulating the meaning of that extraordinary moment of prayer," the Dicastery for Communication said in a March 24 press release.

The English version of the book titled, *Why are You Afraid? Have You No Faith?* is jointly published by the Vatican publishing house and Our Sunday Visitor.

The book includes Pope Francis' recent reflections about that evening and what was going through his mind.

He said he thought about "the empty square, people united at a distance," and about the sculpture in the square of a boat carrying migrants, which made him think how "we are all on the boat."

"The whole drama is in front of the boat: the plague, the loneliness, in silence," and he thought about how "everything was united: the people, the boat and everyone's suffering," he said.

Even though the square was completely empty of people due to the nationwide shelter-in-place order, he said, Jesus and Mary were present, which he wanted symbolized by displaying the "Miraculous Crucifix" from Rome's Church of St. Marcellus and the icon of "*Salus Populi Romani*" (health of the Roman people) from the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

And, he said, "I was in contact with the people. There

was no moment I was alone."

When asked what gave him strength and hope during the intense moments of the hour-long prayer and blessing, the pope said, "Kissing the feet of the crucified Christ always gives me hope."

"He knows what it means to walk, and He knows all about quarantine because they put two nails there to keep Him there," he said.

"Jesus' feet are a compass for people's lives, when to walk and when to stand still. The Lord's feet are very touching for me," the pope said.

The English edition can be ordered from OSV at: osvcatholicbookstore.com

Vatican Observatory launches podcast, new website

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Vatican Observatory fans and astronomy nerds will want to check out the observatory foundation's new podcast,

website and online store for the usual "merch" of hoodies, ball caps, tote bags and phone cases but also bright posters of the Horsehead Nebula, the Milky Way and other starry scenes.

People will find everything at vaticanobservatory.org and new content posted on social media:

- on Facebook at [VaticanObservatory](https://www.facebook.com/VaticanObservatory)
- on Instagram at [vaticanobservatory](https://www.instagram.com/vaticanobservatory)
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The Father (PG-13)
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Limited Adult
Audience

Cherry (R)



Morally
Offensive

Nobody (R)

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The podcasts are available on several platforms and they feature one of the pope's own Jesuit astronomers speaking with a notable figure in the world of space exploration or science.

For example, one episode features Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno — a planetary scientist, director of the Vatican Observatory and president of the foundation — speaking with U.S. astronaut Nicole Stott and her husband Christopher Stott of the International Institute of Space Commerce.

They talk about moon tourism and what living on or in the moon would look like

as well as a lot of personal anecdotes, including how their faith fits in with their love of science.

"The Vatican Observatory is one of the oldest active astronomical observatories in the world with its roots going back to 1582 and the Gregorian reform of the calendar," according to its website.

The observatory conducts astronomical research and public outreach to promote a "scientific understanding of our universe," it said. The website dedicated to the observatory's scientific activities is at: vaticanobservatory.va

The Vatican Observatory works with the Vatican Observatory Foundation to educate and engage the public about astronomy and dialogue between faith and science.

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MERCY

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Because Jesus identified Himself with the poor and the outcast, with sinners and those who mourn, “we have the opportunity to do as the holy women did whenever we tend to the lowly, the outcast, the impoverished, the sick and neglected, and the poor in spirit,” said Bishop McKnight.

One of the three priorities outlined in the diocese’s recently promulgated pastoral plan is for parishes — and consequently, individual Catholics, families and the diocese — to be universally recognized centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy.

This is important because all people are somehow wounded and in need of God’s healing, redemption and mercy.

“And we all need a compassionate Church,” Bishop McKnight asserted. “Even now, the light of God’s mercy is given to us through the preaching of Christ’s Gospel, in the celebra-

tion of the sacraments, and in the communal life of the Church where we support and tend each other.

“Our lives are different because of the mercy we have experienced in the Church!” he said.

Jesus’s resurrection rescues people from slavery to sin and the shadow of death, freeing them “to walk upright in the new life of God’s light of mercy with our fellow brothers and sisters in baptism.”

“This Easter, I pray that you and your families may find your own ways to be agents of Christ’s mercy to help your domestic church and your parish to be the centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy we are called to be,” the bishop stated.

To read the diocesan pastoral plan, titled “A Steward’s Journey: Our Call to Greater Communion,” visit diojeffcity.org/pastoral-plan.

MARTHA JANE

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without the devout faithfulness, extraordinary courage and spiritual leadership of “Mother Tolton.”

Born into Catholic slavery in the “Holy Land” of Kentucky in 1827, Martha Jane was given away as a wedding gift in 1849.

Martha Jane never saw her family again.

She also never forgot them. After her Catholic union to Peter Paul Tolton in Missouri produced children, Martha Jane named her first and second-born sons after her brother, Charley, and her father, Augustine, respectively.

Following the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, Peter Paul escaped slavery to join the Union Army to fight for his family’s freedom, since Missouri was exempted from the decree. However, he soon died in the war.

A turning point came in mid-1863, though, just six years after *Scott v. Sandford*. That year, Martha Jane liberated herself and her three young children, including 20-month-old daughter Anne, from Catholic slavery by fleeing to Quincy, Illinois.

In so doing, she rejected the legitimacy of a nation and Church that could justify destroying families and holding people in slavery. However, like many of the Church’s formerly enslaved, Martha Jane chose to remain Catholic and

fought to rid the Church of racism and exclusion.

While many narrations of Fr. Tolton’s fiercely contested journey into the Catholic Priesthood center on the few white nuns and priests who formally educated him, the surviving record is clear: Martha Jane was her son’s first and most dedicated champion.

Martha Jane not only nurtured and supported her son’s religious vocation, but also that of a young woman who eventually joined the historically Black Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore.

Martha Jane and Anne also remained at Fr. Tolton’s side after he began his ministry first in Quincy and later in Chicago where they served the city’s neglected Black Catholic community.

Martha Jane lived with her son, assisted in his evangelization work, which brought over 600 Black people into the faith, and eventually served as the sacristan at St. Monica’s, the city’s first Black Catholic parish.

Although white Church leaders refused to assign a Black priest to lead St. Monica’s after Fr. Tolton’s untimely death at age 43 in 1897, Martha Jane Tolton and Anne held the line.

Mother Tolton, as she was affectionately known by her son’s parishioners, served as the sacristan at St. Monica’s

until her death in 1911. Anne also supported the parish until her death in 1912 — underscoring the fact that Fr. Tolton’s ministry was always a family endeavor.

Mother Tolton’s journey is representative of the thousands of Black laywomen who kept the faith alive when most in the white-dominated Church sought to abandon Black Catholics.

In the face of often humiliating segregation and exclusion, these holy Black women of God organized Black missions and parishes; established Black Catholic schools; nurtured Black religious vocations; and brought hundreds of Black people into the faith (oftentimes singlehandedly).

Yet, most of these local and national “saints” remain hidden figures in Church history.

Let us pledge to rediscover and remember the lives and labors of the Black women, like Mother Tolton, who in the face of unyielding discrimination fought to make the Church in the United States truly Catholic.

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Daily Readings

Sunday, Apr 18

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Ps. 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 Jn. 2:1-5a
Lk. 24:35-48

Monday, Apr 19

Acts 6:8-15
Ps. 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
Jn. 6:22-29

Tuesday, Apr 20

Acts 7:51-8:1a
Ps. 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab
Jn. 6:30-35

Wednesday, Apr 21

St. Anselm, bishop and doctor of the Church
Acts 8:1b-8
Ps. 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a
Jn. 6:35-40

Thursday, Apr 22

Acts 8:26-40
Ps. 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
Jn. 6:44-51

Friday, Apr 23

St. George, martyr; St. Adalbert, bishop and martyr
Acts 9:1-20
Ps. 117:1bc, 2
Jn. 6:52-59

Saturday, Apr 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr
Acts 9:31-42
Ps. 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Jn. 6:60-69

The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for April:

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Sunday, Apr 25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 4:8-12
Ps. 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29
1 Jn. 3:1-2
Jn. 10:11-18

Monday, Apr 26

Acts 11:1-18
Ps. 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
Jn. 10:1-10

Tuesday, Apr 27

Acts 11:19-26
Ps. 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
Jn. 10:22-30

Wednesday, Apr 28

St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Ps. 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Jn. 12:44-50

Thursday, Apr 29

St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church
Acts 13:13-25
Ps. 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
Jn. 13:16-20

Friday, Apr 30

St. Pius V, Pope
Acts 13:26-33
Ps. 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
Jn. 14:1-6

Saturday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker
Acts 13:44-52
Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn. 14:7-14
or, for the Memorial:
Gn. 1:26-2:3 or Col. 3:14-15, 17, 23-24
Ps. Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-14, 16
Mt. 13:54-58

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Laurie shrine to hold pilgrimages, events

The National Shrine of Mary Mother of the Church in Laurie will host four Saturday pilgrimages featuring nationally recognized speakers this year, including one specifically targeted to young people.

•**May 22:** Dr. Gregory Mary Thompson, speaking

on “Mary Conceived Without Sin” and “Our Spiritual Mother and Mary’s Mantle of Protection, Against the World, the Flesh and the Devil.”

•**June 19:** Denise Bossert, nationally-syndicated author and presenter on EWTN’s “Journey Home” and “Wom-

en of Grace,” discussing “The New Evangelization Via Elizabeth and Mary.”

•**July 24:** the Shrine’s first Youth Pilgrimage, featuring Maggie Craig discussing courage.

•**Sept. 25:** Father William Korte, administrator of St. Jo-

seph Parish in Louisiana and the Mission of Mary Queen of Peace in Clarksville, speaking on “Model for All Women” and “Mary and the Sense of the Sacred at the Holy Mass.”

All pilgrimages begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and offer two sessions with the speaker.

The pilgrimages also include Adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

Lunch will be served.

A Vigil Mass is celebrated at 4:30 p.m.

Register by email at info@thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com, or call 573-374-Mary (6279).

The Shrine will host three other celebrations:

•**May 9:** Mother’s Day Mass at 10:15 a.m.; all women will receive a long-stemmed rose.

•**May 24:** Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Mass at 7 p.m. with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight presiding.

•**June 6:** Corpus Christi Mass and Eucharistic Procession.

With a seating capacity of 6,000 people for outdoor Masses, all attending can be as placed as far apart as they wish (far more than six feet).

Masked Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from St. Patrick Parish will bring the Eucharist to congregants in their seats, limiting contact with other persons.

The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church is located about 20 miles north of Camdenton and 17 miles west of U.S. Business Route 54 at the Lake of the Ozarks.

The Shrine honors mothers of all denominations and is known colloquially as the “Mother’s Shrine.”

The Mission of the Shrine is to provide faith-filled and joyful Eucharistic celebrations, family-oriented programs, pilgrimages and retreats for the spiritual enrichment of home life, and greater recognition of mothers through the Mothers’ Wall of Life.

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