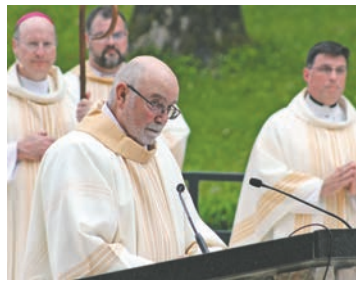


Honoring Jesus's mother as Mother of the Church

Bishop McKnight spoke of Mary's unique relationship with Jesus and His followers during Mass at the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church.

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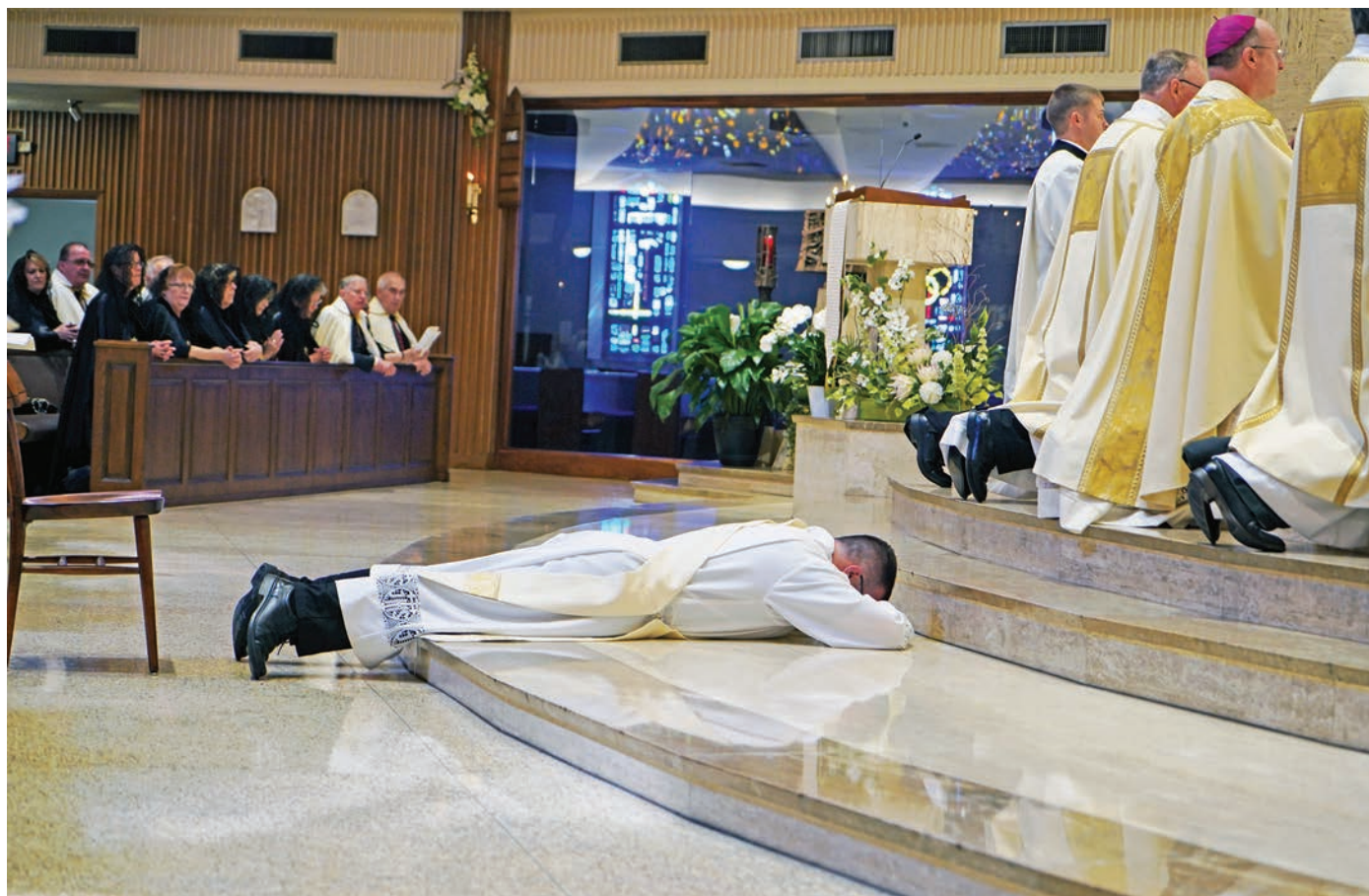
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Bishop ordains Fr. Derek Hooper a priest of the diocese



Father Derek Hooper lays prostrate before the altar in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in a gesture of obedience and total reliance on God, while the choir and congregation chant the Litany of Saints during his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood on June. 5.

— Photo by Jay Nies

By Jay Nies

God and His Church have accepted Father Derek Hooper's offer to lay down his life in priestly service.

"I give thanks to God for the gift of a priestly vocation," Fr. Hooper said on June 5, the day of his ordination as a priest of the Jefferson City diocese. "Through His grace and love, I was able to persevere in formation, and I know with His continued grace I will be the priest He desires me to be."

Hundreds of people gathered in the Cathedral of St. Joseph for the ordination of the first new priest of the diocese since 2019.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight presided and preached the homily.

Joining him at the altar were Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos; Fr. Hooper's brother, Father Gabriel Greer, a priest of the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas; Father Edward Pelrine, representing Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, where Fr. Hooper attended seminary; and numerous priests of the Jefferson City and Wichita dioceses, many of whom had a hand in Fr. Hooper's discernment.

Bishop McKnight told Fr. Hooper that God has great things planned for him.

"Your joyful service as a priest will help the whole Church witness Christ's resurrection in our day," the bishop said in his homily.

"By your fruitful ministry exercised in the key of pastoral charity, with a spirit and mindset of co-responsibility with the lay faithful, you will be an effective leader in faith," he said.

"Gratitude and generosity"

Fr. Hooper is a new link in an unbroken priestly lineage leading back to Jesus and His Apostles.

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Priests emphasize the Real Presence of Christ on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi

By Jay Nies

Jesus came into the world as Emmanuel: "God With Us."

"And He is still with us," Father Dylan Schrader reminded his parishioners at Mass on June 6, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ — known by many as Corpus Christi.

The pastor of St. Brendan Parish in Mexico was one of many throughout the world who led processions of the Most Blessed Sacrament out into their communities.

"It's a very humbling thing that we do: elevating the host, raising the monstrance high, so that we proclaim what we believe, not only in our secure church but out in public," said Father William Debo, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Rich Fountain and Holy Family Parish in Freeburg.

It was the first Sunday following Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's June 1 lifting of the general dispensation from at-

tending Mass in person on Sundays and holidays due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I don't think there could be a more fitting day for a homecoming than Corpus Christi," Fr. Debo said at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass in Rich Fountain. "What a wonderful day to be welcomed back to the Real Presence of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament!"

Fr. Schrader noted that Corpus Christi has been an official feastday of the Church since the 13th century.

It's an opportunity for people to renew and celebrate their belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament — a teaching that was difficult even for the people to whom Jesus first proclaimed it (see John, Chapter 6).

"We believe what the Apostles and the early Church taught:

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DATE: July 16-22

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, invite single women, ages 18-40, who are considering religious life, to attend a Monastic Experience July 16-22.

Organizers hope to give participants a more in-depth experience of the Benedictine way of life.

Attendees will experience the sisters' rhythm of prayer, work and recreation. There will be daily input on prayer, monastic life and discernment, as well as time for personal prayer and faith sharing.

There is no cost to attend. Participants must be fully vaccinated before attending. To learn more, please visit benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sister Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221, ext. 127, or vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

Pray for deceased priests

June 15 — **Fr. Lawrence E. Bray**, St. Peter, Marshall (1959);

Fr. Henry W. Wiesmann, St. Anthony, Rosati (1973)

June 17 — **Msgr. Patrick E. Gavan**, St. Brendan, Mexico (1964)

June 18 — **Fr. Philip M. Moriarity**, St. Mary of the Angels, Wien (2009)

June 19 — **Fr. Albert M. Brincat**, St. Theresa, Dixon (1994)

June 20 — **Fr. William D. Ludwig**, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Robert (1974); **Fr. Henry J. Reichert**, St. Andrew, Tipton; and Annunciation, California (2009)

June 21 — **Fr. Carlyle B. Green**, Assumption, Morrison (1963); **Fr. Ferdinand C. Bonn**, Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Ozark (2007)

June 26 — **Fr. Raphael J. O'Malley**, Church of the Resurrection, Wellsville (1987)

Wellness Case Coordinator



The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City has an opening for a part-time Wellness Case Coordinator.

The Wellness Case Coordinator serves as an advocate for priests and deacons within the Diocese of Jefferson City. This individual is responsible for educating priests and permanent deacons so that they can take care of their own health, and if needed, can act as an advocate and liaison between the priest/deacon and their medical provider(s).

This is a part-time, virtual position with some travel within the diocese.

The ideal candidate will be a RN, LPN or Nurse Case Manager with a Missouri state nursing license, or a social worker with healthcare experience.

Qualified candidates should send a resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

Denise Bossert to address June 19 pilgrimage in Laurie

DATE: June 19
TIME: 8:30am - 5:30 pm

Denise Bossert will give a presentation on "The New Evangelization via Elizabeth and Mary," during a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, on Saturday, June 19.

The pilgrimage will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the shrine, located at 176 Marian Drive, off Highway 5.

Mrs. Bossert, a daughter of a Protestant minister, is a convert to Catholic Christianity.

She converted in 2005 after reading books

Catholic writer and evangelizer

by Carmelite saints.

Her syndicated column, "Catholic by Grace," has been published in 63 diocesan newspapers.

She has also written for Catholic magazines and appeared on EWTN's "Journey Home" and "Women of Grace."

She is a Catholic travel writer and expert on biblical ties to the Holy Land.

Contact the shrine at shrinemothers@gmail.com or 573-374-6279 for information about the pilgrimage, or visit

thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com

Parish representatives being sought for Diocesan Women's Council

LeAnn Korsmeyer, diocesan director of parish and charita-

ble services, which includes the Office of Women's Ministry, submitted the following invitation:

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Throughout Scripture, we see how God placed women together in relationships to encourage one another and find a place of retreat. Just as God sent Mary to Elizabeth and Ruth to Naomi, He continues to place women together for mutual support, accountability and friendship. We especially know that Christ-centered friendships are vital to our growth and endurance as Christians.

The Office of Women's Ministry is in the process of forming a Women's Ministry Council. This is not to be confused with the National Council of Catholic Women, but instead this will be a stand-alone Diocese of Jefferson City Women's Council.

In each of the five deaneries, women will come together two times a year.

With a very organized agenda, we will discuss our hopes, vision and goals for the ministry.

Our women representatives will help guide, direct and implement women's ministry activities, programs and events within their respective parishes and deaneries.

As we become organized, we will focus our goals into an action plan which includes networking and sharing resources for women's ministries.

Each parish has an opportunity to be represented on the council by two women parishioners.

In particular, we need Spirit-led women who are strong in their Catholic faith, who have gifts of organization and hospitality and who will encourage other women to use the gifts God has given them to serve others.

If you are interested in serving as a representative from your parish, please contact LeAnn Korsmeyer, Director of Parish and Charitable Services at lkorsmeyer@diojeffcity.org or 573-636-9127, ext. 222.

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Bishop celebrates Mary, Mother of the Church on feastday at national shrine in Laurie

By Jay Nies

Jesus's sacrificial death on the cross made all who believe in Him eligible to call Him "my brother."

But only one human being throughout all history calls Him "my Son."

She is Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of His Church.

"Let us try to fathom the profound depth of God's love for us — not only giving us His Son but giving us His Son's mother as our mother also, as our spiritual mother," said Bishop W. Shawn McKnight.

He offered this year's first outdoor Mass at the altar of the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, in Laurie.

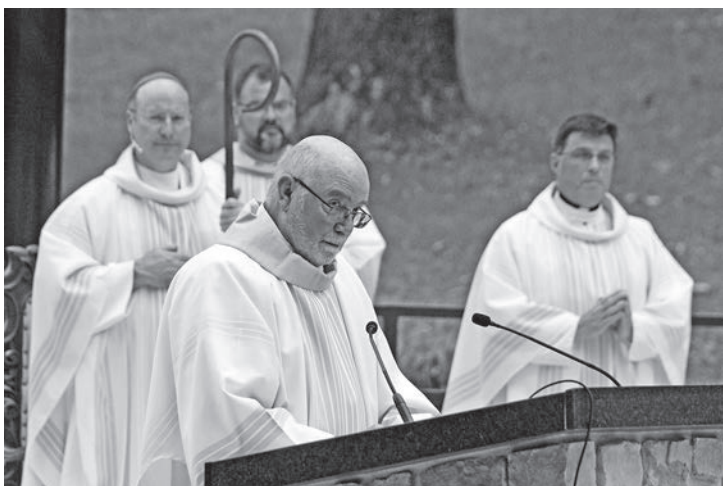
It was May 24, the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church — feastday of the shrine.

Pope Francis in 2018 called for the Blessed Mother to be honored each year under her ancient title of Mother of the Church on the day after Pentecost Sunday.

The Mass in Laurie drew about 120 people, including members of the Knights of Columbus and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

The bittersweet aroma of wildflowers and incense filled the valley, along with a hint of gentle rain.

Bishop McKnight pointed



LEFT: Deacon David Lovell proclaims the Gospel reading during a Mass at the outdoor altar of the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, on May 24. With him are Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, Rev. Mr. (now Father) Derek Hooper and Father John Schmitz. **RIGHT:** Bishop McKnight elevates the Most Blessed Sacrament during the Mass for the shrine's feastday.

— Photos by Jay Nies

out that referring specifically to Mary as Mother of the Church dates back at least to St. Am-

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brose of Milan in the fourth century.

"He was the first that we have evidence of having written down those very words, 'Mary, Mother of the Church,'" the bishop noted.

St. Ambrose rightly observed that since the Church is the Body of Christ, "then the mother of Jesus is also our mother."

Jesus said as much while dying on the cross, when He entrusted His mother to the beloved disciple, and by extension to the whole Church.

"And so we have that profound mystery," said Bishop McKnight, "the significance of what it means to be a mother and how we as human beings need our mother."

That mystery gives insight into how God wants to be worshipped and served.

While administering the Sacrament of Confirmation, Bishop McKnight often asserts that Fear of the Lord is probably the least understood of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

"The Fear of the Lord is not to be afraid of God," the bishop insisted. "In revealing the loving, merciful Father, Jesus taught us not to be afraid of God but to trust in His love."

The bishop asserted that a proper understanding of Fear of the Lord is akin to "fear of your mom."

"As children, we have a respectful fear of our mother, but not a fear out of someone who doesn't want what is good for you," said Bishop McKnight.

Rather, "it is a fear of disappointing someone who loves you so much," he said.

The same must be said of anyone who seeks to follow Christ and know the way of the Father.

"Fear of the Lord," said Bishop McKnight, "means not wanting to disappoint God the Father — Who loves us so much to give us His Son —

and Whose Son loved us so much, He'd even give us His own mother as our own!"

In doing so, Jesus joins His earthly family with His spiritual family, and they become one.

"What a profound mystery!" said Bishop McKnight. "You and I, having been baptized into the death and resur-

rection of Jesus, have become adopted sons and daughters of God the Father and therefore co-heirs with His Son, Christ the Lord."

The only appropriate human response to this great mystery is gratitude, expressed in everyday life by following

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Bishop McKnight's Calendar

JUNE


- Jun 13** Confirmation Mass, St. Mary Parish, Milan and Mission of St. Mary, Unionville, 2 pm, St. Mary Church, Milan
- Jun 14** Chair Board Meeting of The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, 1 pm, Virtual
- Jun 15** United States Conference of Catholic Bishops National Collections Meeting, noon, Virtual
- Jun 16-18** United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Plenary Meetings, Virtual
- Jun 27** 50th Anniversary Mass for Reverend John W. Groner, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 3 pm, St. Robert

Bishop McKnight's June prayer intention for our Local Church

In this year of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, may we grow in our appreciation of the importance of the vocation of fatherhood for the benefit of society and the Church.

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

En este año de San José, esposo de María y padre adoptivo de Jesús, que fortalezcamos nuestra apreciación por la importancia de la vocación de la paternidad para el beneficio de la sociedad y la Iglesia.



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Bishop urges 55 Tolton Catholic graduates to be light in the world

By Jay Nies

“What a year this has been!” Bishop W. Shawn McKnight stated as 55 seniors prepared to graduate from Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia.

“You’ve finally arrived at this moment,” he told them, “by God’s grace and also by the blood and sweat and tears not only of yourselves but the many who have invested in this institution, this Catholic high school that’s part of the mission of our Church.”

The Class of 2021 gathered with their families in the Tolton Catholic gymnasium on May 28 to give thanks to God and celebrate.

The seniors prayed for their parents, families, teachers and benefactors and for all who have died.



Father Michael Coleman blesses Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School’s newly graduated Class of 2021.
— Photos by Jay Nies

“We live for His Church. We live for others.”

He pointed out that God has a plan of hope for each of the new graduates, in terms of a vocation, a profession or a career.

“As we celebrate your work

He welcomed all the grandparents, relatives and friends who were present and those who were watching over livestream.

“Your love and support throughout the years have made this day possible for our

in need, bringing happiness to a group or workplace or simply being a good friend,” Mr. Seidt noted.

He reminded his classmates that obstacles foster opportunity.

“Use whatever setbacks you face as fuel to spring forward into the unknown,” he advised, adding:

“Success comes by waking up every morning and deciding to be the best version of yourself.”

Called to connection

Mr. Freeman said one of the Class of 2021’s most enduring accomplishments is the relationships each member built.

“The first and most important relationship we’ve built at Tolton is our relationship with God,” he stated.

He also thanked the teachers and all of his and his classmates’ families and relatives.

He thanked Dr. Everett for helping lead the school through the pandemic.

Mr. Freeman said he has no doubt that with the Lord’s help, “each and every one of us will continue to be a gift not only to God but to the world.”

Thoroughly blessed

Among the awards presented to the seniors were:

- The St. Paul Service Award to Jaclyn Sexaur, who documented 211 hours of community service during her four years at Tolton Catholic;

- The Fr. Coleman Award to Dylan Seidt and Hanna Hulshof, for exemplifying the spirit of Tolton Catholic;

- The Bishop Gaydos Award to Drew Freeman, and the school’s highest honor, the Fr.



“Our life is God’s gift to us,” graduating senior Drew Freeman noted. “What we do with our life is our gift to God.”

Bishop McKnight, in his homily during their Baccalaureate Mass, urged the graduating seniors to be instruments of Christ’s peace in a world that desperately needs the light of Christ.

The bishop reminded them that they have been baptized and confirmed. Through that outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they each are summoned to give prophetic witness to Jesus’s death and resurrection.

“As disciples of Jesus Christ, we live not for ourselves but for Him,” the bishop noted.

of these past four years,” the bishop told them, “we also eagerly await with excitement and wonderment what your futures have in store for you.”

Where to begin

Commencement took place about a half-hour after the Mass concluded.

The seniors reemerged in their blue gowns and mortarboards with gold tassels.

Dr. Daniel Everett, concluding his first year as president and principal of Tolton Catholic, lauded everyone’s patience and flexibility in the planning of the event around quickly changing circumstances relative to the COVID-19 pandemic.

graduates,” he said.

Dylan Seidt, one of two graduating seniors who addressed their classmates, spoke with urgency about what lies ahead.

“We are each entering a new chapter in our lives, seeking higher education, beginning military service, or pursuing new opportunities,” he said. “More important, we are about to enter a world that desperately needs us.”

Specifically, the world needs each of the graduates’ unique gifts, talents and resources in order for the human condition to improve.

“Changing the world starts by helping out just one person

He thanked Father Michael Coleman and Father Paul

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Clark, the school’s chaplain, for their guidance.

“You taught us the importance of having a relationship with God and how that can lead us to better relationships in our lives,” Mr. Freeman stated.

Tolton Award, to Dylan Seidt. Both awards are for exemplifying the school’s mission.

Dr. Everett also acknowledged Noah Manie, who has been sworn into the U.S. Marine Corps.

Bishop McKnight presented each of the diplomas.

After the students ceremonially moved their tassels from the left to the right side of their mortarboards, Fr. Coleman stepped forward to give them a blessing.

“I grieve missing most of the year with them,” Fr. Coleman, who has been recovering

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Fr. Mark Smith reflects on 25 years of Priesthood, looks ahead

By Jay Nies

Father Mark Smith often tells couples that their main calling in marriage is to do everything they can to get each other to heaven.

"My job as a priest is to do everything I can to help the whole parish get to heaven," said Fr. Smith, who recently noted his 25th priestly anniversary.

"My goal," he said, "is to help people fulfill what the *Baltimore Catechism* tells us is our life's purpose: 'to know, love and serve God in this life and to be happy with Him forever in the next.'"

Other people's efforts to do the same for him helped him recognize his priestly vocation.

The St. Joseph, Missouri, native originally came to this diocese to study chemistry at what is now the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla.

"I was going to get my PhD so I could join the faculty of a medium-size university, where I could do some research and some teaching," he said. "I looked forward to having a wife and three kids and a dog and a house on a half-acre lot."

He became active at the Catholic Newman Center in Rolla, where he and his friends cultivated their relationship with God together.

Shortly after he and his last girlfriend broke up, he was discussing the future with some friends at the Newman Center.

Father Charles Pardee, now deceased, who was the Newman Center chaplain, overheard them and said, "Make sure you include Priesthood in your possible plans."

Fr. Smith started thinking about it.

"It kept coming back to me and not going away," he recalled. "I got to the point where I was thinking about it every day."

Upon hitting a seemingly insurmountable roadblock in his studies, he breached the subject with Fr. Pardee.

"Fr. Charlie actually dissuaded me at the time, which was the best thing he could

possibly do for me under the circumstances," Fr. Smith recalled.

Fr. Pardee could see that Fr. Smith was leaning toward a decision by default.



Father Mark S. Smith

"That will never work with being a priest," Fr. Pardee told him. "It has to be freely chosen."

Fr. Smith waited a few months for the urgency to subside. He then felt much freer to consider the Priesthood again.

"The thought in my head was that I'm probably not the kind of person they want, but I'll give it a try," he recalled.

He researched several dioceses and religious communities before settling on the Jefferson City diocese, where he had first felt called.

At age 25, he applied to become a seminarian for the diocese and was accepted.

"Once I made the decision to explore it, I felt at peace," he said.

He studied philosophy at Conception Seminary College in Conception, then theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

"Everything seemed fine and at peace," he said. "I kept moving along and doing well and improving and becoming a more polished individual."

Switching from science to philosophy involved a shift in mindset but not in focus.

"Scientists are sometimes labeled as Godless atheists," he said. "Some are, but I'd like to think that for most of them,

including me and the ones I hung around with, there's this tremendous awe with what God has made."

He paraphrased Albert Einstein's assertion that scientists are just trying to figure out what God's thoughts are.

"Philosophy is looking at some of God's other thoughts," Fr. Smith added.

"Welcome!"

The future priest spent the summer of his acolyte year assisting at St. Peter Parish in Marshall.

When it came time to write the bishop a formal letter, asking to be ordained a transitional deacon, Fr. Smith paused.

"I stalled for about a month," he recalled. "Did I really want to be ordained?"

He spent a lot of time in prayer and in dialogue with his spiritual director.

He finally concluded: "I want to do this, no one ever said I shouldn't do this, I think I can do this — so I choose to ask to be ordained."

Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe, now deceased, of Jefferson City ordained him a deacon on April 28, 1995, in St. Patrick Church in Rolla.

While laying prostrate before the altar, tears of joy filled the lenses of his glasses and spilled out onto his vestments when he stood back up.

Fr. Smith spent that summer assisting the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, then returned to St. Louis to complete his studies.

On May 4 of the following year, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, Bishop McAuliffe ordained him to the Holy Priesthood.

Fr. Smith remembers lying prostrate on the cold marble before the altar and praying, "Here's what You've been preparing me for, Lord. Give me the graces to do what You need me to do."

Later, his fellow priests lined up to offer him a sign of peace.

Father Donald Antweiler gave him a hug and said, "Welcome!"

"That really made an impression on me," said Fr. Smith.

A storm moved through

Rolla the next morning during Fr. Smith's Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Patrick Church.

"I was quoting St. Paul in my homily when: Boom! There was this big clap of thunder," he said, "and then the church was pitch-black."

"I didn't really need that to make today memorable," he told the congregants, then continued preaching.

New beginnings

Fr. Smith spent that summer filling-in for priests throughout the diocese.

His ministries since then have been varied and fulfilling.

"I've tried to be of service to the whole of the diocese and the places and institutions the bishop has sent me," he said.

He has served as associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City; pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Fayette and director of Catholic campus ministry at what is now Central Methodist University in Fayette; associate pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia; and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg

and Church of the Resurrection Parish in Wellsville.

He spent two years studying canon law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

He then served as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk; and now as pastor of St. Peter Parish in Marshall, St. Joseph Parish in Slater and the Mission of Holy Family in Sweet Springs.

On July 1, he will become pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Boonville and St. Joseph Parish in Pilot Grove, with the St. John the Baptist Chapel in Clear Creek and the St. Joseph Chapel in Clifton City.

Joining him as associate pastor will be newly ordained Father Derek Hooper.

Cause and effect

As a priest, Fr. Smith especially enjoys teaching and helping people prepare for the sacraments and for initiation into the Church.

He often preaches homilies

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Crisis in Mozambique Leads Catholics There to Establish Outreaches to Help Orphans

The Association Cross Mozambique (ACM), a ministry to orphans and founded by Doroteia Balane and a group of other dedicated Catholic women, has become a lifeline to boys and girls victimized by poverty and the blight of the African AIDS crisis. (See story opposite page.)

From the time ACM first began ministering to the thousands of orphans and vulnerable children who live in the Maputo and Namaacha areas, its goal has always been ambitious. Rather than simply ensuring those boys and girls survive day by day, the Catholic ministry has worked to ensure each child is treated with unconditional compassion and is given the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

“What ACM does is incredible. They have become a lifeline to orphans and vulnerable children age 6 to 17 — kids who are at an extremely vulnerable point in their lives — and they have given those children a real chance at a better future,” explained James Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a major international Catholic ministry helping ACM with its programs. “When our ministry decided to make helping Africa’s AIDS orphans a priority, we sought out programs like this one and have been doing everything we can to support them. That is the best way to address the AIDS orphan crisis in Mozambique — by empowering the local leaders already doing great things in the country.”

Doroteia, the founder of ACM, certainly lives up to Cavnar’s positive impression of her. She has made incredible sacrifices to help the orphans in Mozambique and continues to look for new ways to reach those children in greatest need.

“I am so happy because I am doing a job I like, looking after people who are suffering and helping the children who need a mother,” she said. “Always I am

asking for God to give me a long life in order to use me to help people in need.”

To lift up destitute children and restore their hope, Doroteia and ACM take a holistic approach. Not only do they meet each child’s physical needs by supplying food, educational opportunities and preventive health care, but they also bless them spiritually through Bible study and prayer.

ACM starts its process by identifying those orphans and vulnerable children with the greatest needs. It then determines what services will best help each of them to prosper and grow. Once these boys and girls are enrolled in the program, a volunteer also makes weekly home visits to ensure the material and spiritual requirements of the children are being met.

In situations where the orphaned child is living with an overwhelmed extended family member or a sick parent, Doroteia and her team provide assistance and spiritual support to the entire family. By strengthening these families, Doroteia believes she can best fulfill the calling God has given her: to love others with the same compassion Christ has shown her.

“In addition to mobilizing Catholics in America to help Doroteia serve orphans, Cross Catholic Outreach wants to assist ACM with a special program it has developed to educate girls — a particularly vulnerable group in the country,” Cavnar said.

That particular project provides special boarding homes for at-risk girls who are struggling with a wide range of life issues.

“Sadly, Mozambique’s orphan problem is complicated by gender inequity. When these children are taken in by extended family members, the boys are frequently sent to school, while girls are left to do domestic work at home. As a result, more than half of Mozambique’s young girls can’t read or write,” he explained.



As it developed its outreaches to help orphans and vulnerable children in Mozambique, ACM discovered a special need among girls. Many were not being educated properly.

The Association Cross Mozambique solves this problem by providing at-risk girls in Maputo — the most populous city in Mozambique — with a quality Catholic education. These girls are given the opportunity to attend St. Joseph Institute, a Catholic boarding school run by the Franciscan Hospitaller Sisters in Inhambane on Mozambique’s southern coast.

“While living at the institute’s boarding facilities, the girls can learn and mature in a safe environment. And in addition to receiving a quality education, they are also blessed with nutritious meals, practical job skill training, mentoring from the sisters and spiritual formation,” Cavnar explained. “As the girls grow up and

eventually move out on their own, they will be equipped to get good jobs and raise families who love and serve the Lord.”

Readers interested in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach food programs 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. AC01707, 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 James 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. He writes, “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 shelter to the homeless, and through self-help projects, you are embodying the papal encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*.

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Catholic Woman's Dedication to Africa's Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Inspires Support From Sympathetic American Benefactors

Don't be surprised if Doroteia Balane is remembered as a mother to hundreds of children, or that the many boys and girls she has nurtured through the years eventually become important leaders in the country she calls home. That is because Doroteia has dedicated her life to serving as a caregiver of orphans. The kids she has helped — no longer a lost generation with little hope of survival — are now children of promise, finally able to achieve their God-given potential.

To appreciate just how significant Doroteia's sacrifices and mission are, you first need to understand why Mozambique is a country of orphans. With that knowledge, it is possible to see how a Catholic woman like her has come to play such a critical role in addressing one of the world's greatest tragedies.

Since its independence from Portugal in 1975, Mozambique has been battered by civil war and famine, but its greatest challenge came when the HIV/AIDS pandemic of the 1980s began to devastate the country's adult population, producing a tragic increase in orphans and street children that persists to this day. Were you to visit Mozambique in the past 10 to 15 years, you would have noticed a dramatic sign of this blight — a gap between the elderly and children; the absence of a significant adult population.

"I hadn't been aware of how extreme the problem was until I visited the country myself. What I saw there were children left to survive on their own. I found a young girl of 11 or 12 taking shelter in a patchwork shack, trying to play the role of mother to her younger siblings. It was heartbreaking," said James Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a respected Catholic ministry working to help orphaned children in Africa. "I was shocked by what I saw, and when I returned from that trip to Mozambique, I decided that caring for orphaned and vulnerable children would be a priority for Cross Catholic Outreach."

Traditionally, orphans in Mozambique and other African countries are taken in by neighbors or extended family members — typically grandmothers or aunts — and that approach has worked for many children from past generations. In modern times, however, the sheer number of lives lost to AIDS has stretched those caregivers beyond their limit. There are now too many orphans and too few caregivers to properly address the country's needs.

To address this problem, Doroteia founded a Catholic mission called Association Cross Mozambique and she now has a full staff dedicated to serving children in need. Her mission



ABOVE: Seeing an urgent need, Doroteia Balane stepped forward, founding a Catholic mission to help orphans in need.
BELOW: A little boy collects a food package Doroteia's ministry provides to families sheltering orphans in their homes.



also distributes food and has developed a special program to educate young girls who are often given fewer opportunities than boys. As someone who has grown up in Mozambique and worked among orphans for years, she is extremely effective in her mission and has already

helped transform hundreds of lives.

"That is why local Church missions run by Catholic women like Doroteia are so important in Mozambique right now — and why we should be doing everything we can to support them," Cavnar said. "They know these communities intimately and have developed wise plans to help. All they lack are resources. That is what limits the scope of their work. When we come alongside them, empowering them and supporting them financially, we can increase their impact in the community and make a huge difference in hundreds of children's lives."

Right now, supplying food to Doroteia's

programs and supporting her efforts with young orphaned girls (see story on opposite page) are two of Cross Catholic Outreach's priorities, and they are encouraging American Catholics to help them fund these important initiatives.

"When Doroteia Balane saw an extreme need in Mozambique, she didn't turn away from it, expecting someone else to address the problem. She stepped into the challenge and found solutions, sacrificing her own time and resources to help these children," Cavnar said. "Now it is our turn to step forward and get involved, and we can do that by empowering her with the funding and resources she needs for her mission."

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. AC01707, 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

Crucifixion & need for repentance / Raising children Catholic

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. I can understand that Jesus died on the cross to reconcile us with the Father, but why do we say that Jesus died to forgive our sins when we have to repent continually for those sins? (city and state withheld)

A. The Bible does say that Jesus has forgiven our sins; St. Paul tells us in Colossians 2:13 that “even when you were dead in transgressions ... He brought you to life along with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.”

But it is perhaps more precise to say that Jesus, by suffering and dying for our redemption, has simply opened for us the possibility of heaven — something we could not have done for ourselves.

The question remains, though, that if pardon for sin comes ultimately from Christ’s work on Calvary, how is it received by individuals? The answer is that Jesus wants us to do our own part in making amends for our sins, so our eternal salvation is not automatic.

Remember that Matthew’s Gospel (25:41) pictures Jesus at the last judgment saying to some, “Depart from Me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.” If the manner of our life has effectively been a denial of God’s teachings, we will be judged on that.

And if God had already forgiven all of human sin in a single act, it would have made no sense for Christ to bestow on the disciples the power to forgive sins when He told them (John 20:22-23) following the resurrection: “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Nor would it have made sense for Jesus, when teaching the disciples to pray the Our Father, to explain, “If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions” (Matthew 6:14-15).

Q. My question concerns Catholic sacramental marriage, which I always understood to include a commitment by the couple to do their best to raise their children in the Catholic faith. So is a marriage invalidated when the parents, not even one of them, do not fulfill their commitment to raise their children in the faith — especially when they do not make any effort whatever to bring the children to Mass or share their faith with them, even at an early age? (Baltimore)

A. You are correct in assuming that a Catholic marriage includes the commitment to raise children in the Catholic faith.

In fact, during the wedding ceremony itself, the priest asks the couple: “Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and bring them up according to the law of Christ and His Church?”

And even in a mixed marriage (where one of the spouses is not a Catholic), the Catholic party must pledge to continue to practice the Catholic religion and must also (in the words of Canon 1125.1) “make a sincere promise to do all in his or her power so that all offspring are baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church.”

But the failure later in marriage to carry-out that commitment does not affect the sacramental validity of the marriage itself.

A valid Catholic marriage results when, in freely consenting to marry, the couple has the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and to be open to children.

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

Papal Audience June 9, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider the importance of perseverance in prayer. Reflecting on St. Paul’s encouragement to pray unceasingly (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:17), the Church’s spiritual writers have questioned how it is possible to remain in a constant state of prayer. The Russian ascetic tradition developed the prayer of the heart, based on repeating the words, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner,” until they become like the air we breathe. The Greek monk Evagrius compared prayer to a flame burning perpetually in our hearts even as we carry out our daily tasks. Prayer thus becomes the backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning. If God can find time for each of us, surely we can find time for Him! The monastic tradition teaches the spiritual fruitfulness of balancing prayer and work. By maintaining that balance in our own lives, we too can grow in our union with God and keep the fire of divine love daily burning in our hearts.

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. I invite everyone to grow in a spirit of constant prayer, capable of uniting our daily lives and making them a sacrifice pleasing to the Lord. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!



100 candles for Msgr. McCorkle

Monsignor Louis McCorkle (seated), a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese, celebrates his 100th birthday on May 28 at Conception Abbey in Conception, where he is a resident of St. Stephen’s Infirmary. Pictured with him are Father Daniel Merz, pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia;

Carol Orscheln, who worked with Msgr. McCorkle for many years; Benedictine Abbot Benedict Neenan of Conception Abbey; and Monsignor David Cox, pastor of Mary Immaculate Parish in Kirksville and the Mission of St. Rose of Lima in Novinger. Msgr. McCorkle is the first priest of the diocese to reach the century mark.

— Photo
by Jerry Hays



Wise farming lessons instill order

By Father Eugene Hemrick
Catholic News Service



Have you ever reflected on why Christ employs agrarian images in His parables? For example, the smallest seed becoming a large bush, the curse of the fig tree, pruning a vine and burning weeds. This leads us to ask, What are some wise agrarian principles for coping with life's complexities?

The first principle is weeding to cre-

ate breathing space for plant expansion.

The need for fertilization is a second principle that generates healthy growth.

Timing is yet another critical process. As the Book of Ecclesiastes suggests, there is a time to sow and a time to reap — to strike while the iron is hot and give immediate attention when earnestly needed.

When these principles are summarized, the common denominator is order. As God created order to change chaos into orderly cosmos, so too are Christ's agrarian parables aimed at living a wholesome ordered life.

When applied to everyday life, these principles touch upon its very core.

Start small like God loves to do

By Laura Kelly Fanucci
Catholic News Service



How often do you think about how small you are?

Not your size or shape, but the fact that you were once tinier than the period at the end of this sentence. Or the truth that you are one of almost 8

billion people on the planet today. Or the mind-boggling statistic that you are among over 100 billion humans who have ever lived.

Each of us — no matter our age or accomplishment — is only a small speck in the span of the universe. Yet we are beloved by our Creator, known and cherished by God Who gave us life from the moment of our conception.

What does it mean that we all start small?

For seven years, I had the joy of taking part in a theological seminar on vocation across the lifespan. With an interdisciplinary group of scholars, we studied each phase of human development, from infancy through the elder years, to explore how God calls us at each stage of life.

During our meeting on childhood, I was pregnant and parenting two children. Yet I laughed with the delight of discovery when the theologian seated next to me started the meeting by saying, "This may seem obvious, but children are small! That matters."

Children's small size is the first reason we need families. Despite being a mother of many small children (and a child myself before that), I never pondered this truth until I read Maria Montessori's reflections in her essay "God and the Child":

"Let us imagine for a while that the world consisted only of adults, because man was born already developed and

mature; and because of this could dispense with parents.

"The most basic community, the family, which of all natural communities exerts a deeper and more lasting influence on the spirit of man, and which sets itself up both by means of, and because of the child with his many needs, would then have no more reason to exist."

Humans could have been created to start life as full-grown adults: strong, smart and independent. Instead, God designed us as the utter opposite: small, weak and needy. God loves to start small.

I believe that matters. As adults, we are called to reorient our lives around the smallest ones in greatest need of our care.

For the past two years, I have been training as a catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This approach to faith formation teaches adults the importance of honoring the youngest children's existing relationship with God. It also invites us to see how God is always working through what looks small: people, places and actions that work toward the coming of the kingdom, no matter how minuscule.

Jesus started His earthly life as an embryo. Bethlehem was a tiny town in the backwaters. Our own faith can feel like a mustard seed or a pinch of leaven. But God cares about one wandering sheep, one lost coin and one precious pearl.

Look what happens when a single seed falls to the ground and dies, Jesus told His friends. It bears great fruit, bringing forth wild abundance from the humblest beginning.

Two microscopic cells once combined to become you. You are one of the grains of sand promised to Abraham, one of billions of stars shown to our ancestor in the night sky thousands of years ago. But together — children and adults — we become bright lights in the darkness, each of us part of God's

Much of my priestly ministry deals with marriage problems. One major reason of the problems is a husband or wife dominating the other. Suffocation often leads to animosity and subsequent divorce.

As plant life needs space to expand and grow, so do couples need their private space to breathe. When each of them respects the other's space, marriage becomes much more blissful. However, as weeding is required for plant growth, so too is an earnest effort to weed out the tendency to dominate.

During the pandemic, cases of depression increased dramatically. To counter this, the principle of fertiliza-

tion is needed: The mind requires fertilization for strength to combat depression. Inspiring reading, friends and praying for wisdom are that fertilization for coping successfully.

In the farm community I served, we once experienced a heavy rain that drowned the fields and hindered farmers from planting. Lost time meant lost crops. Good timing is ever so important. When, for example, a friendship falls on rocky ground and a moment comes to say, "I am sorry," the principle of timing encourages us to jump on it.

This meditation on wise farming principles reflects why Christ employed them to enhance our life.

kingdom.

If you feel too small or insignificant to make a difference, fear not. If you long to teach the youngest ones in your life about the vast mysteries of faith, don't be daunted.

This is exactly how God loves to

start: small.

Fanucci is a writer, speaker, and author of several books including "Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting." Her work can be found at laurakellyfanucci.com.

REFLECTION

Rites of passage

By Mark Saucier

I was waiting for the plumber at one of our ministry houses and I decided to rest a minute on the front porch.

It was one of those perfect moments. A light rain was falling, the slightest breeze stirring, and the temperature was at that sweet spot where you felt neither hot nor cold.

Calmed by the quiet, I found myself thinking about porches.

I remembered reading Carlos Castaneda and his Yaqui shaman insisting he find the one spot on the porch that would make him feel happy and strong.

There was Phillip Gulley, a Quaker minister whose *Front Porch Tales* of struggles, love and laughter were first inspired and then retold from his own rural Indiana porch.

And a local pastor who made his front porch a holy place of prayer, counseling and hospitality during COVID.

I recalled childhood neighbors, sitting on their porches, seeking the cool of the evening, waving at the occasional car, but mainly sitting in comfortable silence.

The word porch came to English, through French, from the Latin *porta*, which meant passage.

A passage indeed, on many levels. Architecturally, the porch is a passage into the home, but used properly, it is also a passage of time, a passage unto others, a passage into self.

A porch is liminal space, a threshold over which we pass, leaving behind the immediacy and busyness of our daily world and entering a realm where we are invited to encounter and ponder the meaning of what we do and why we are.

It is a place of memory where we cannot help but replay moments of our lives, experience again the joy or the grief of those events, and honor them by recognizing their role in who we have become.

The porch is attentive to the now, as well, inviting us to see our many blessings. But it is also a fearless place that urges us to face the loss, the uncertainty or the failure that are the shadows of every age.

It is an extension of the home, a communal place where we might sit with family or friends, growing closer through slow words and long pauses.

From the porch, we look out on the world, greet it and invite it into conversation. Happily, the porch is seeing a resurgence in new homes. But that's just a roof, a floor and maybe a swing.

It will take time to make it a place where you can hear the whispers of God.

Holy Rosary Parish hosts Monroe City H.S. Baccalaureate

By Jay Nies

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

"Only ourselves!" Father Gregory Oligschlaeger told the graduates of Monroe City High School.

Fr. Oligschlaeger, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Monroe City and St. Stephen Parish in Indian Creek, preached the Gospel reading and gave the main address at the school's 2021 Baccalaureate celebration in Holy Rosary Church.

Thirty-nine of the 80 members of the Class of 2021 attended.

Fr. Oligschlaeger reminded the graduating seniors that they're a particularly talented, faith-filled group.

"God has prepared you for this moment," he told them. "He's giving you the power to go out into the world and do great things.

"So as you go forth from this place, don't be thinking, 'I can make a difference,'" the priest instructed. "It's, 'Christ will make a difference through me.'"

He noted that each of the students has a solid foundation of faith.

He told them to let that faith guide them and give them courage to make big decisions that will make a difference.

"God will help you and give you what you need, if you trust



Monroe City High School's senior Class of 2021 celebrates with blessings after their Baccalaureate celebration sponsored by the Monroe City Ministerial Alliance and held in Holy Rosary Church.

— Photo courtesy of the *Lake Gazette* newspaper

in His power, in the power of the Holy Spirit," he said.

Holy Rosary Parish hosted this year's event, which was sponsored by the Monroe City Ministerial Alliance.

Graduating seniors Clara Minor and Connor Pabst of Holy Rosary Parish gave student testimonies during the celebration.

Annamarie Quinn, a graduating senior from St. Stephen in Indian Creek, offered closing comments.

Several Holy Rosary and St. Stephen parishioners in the senior class sang in the choir.

Lifted up

Clara said she grew up in a "super tight-knit" Christian

family that gave her love and support.

"I had great parents who constantly made me feel loved, and I was even blessed with stepparents, who I call my bonus parents, along the way," she said.

Her life changed while she was attending her second Steubenville Youth Conference in 2018.

She sensed her calling while taking part in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with 5,000 other people — an activity she described as "You just soak up all of the grace that is being poured onto you."

"I was kneeling there with my hands up, praising our Lord and accepting all the gifts He was throwing at me, and then I had an urge," she said. "I had the urge to stand up and sing as loud as I could." She was afraid.

"But He wanted ME to stand up and praise him and inspire others," she said. "So without effort, He stood me up. I sang loudly. I lifted my hands up even higher and I praised his name."

She opened her eyes and noticed people around her also being drawn to their feet, emboldened by her example.

"I was so moved," she said. "I was inspired in so many ways."

From that time forward, she has felt called to be a youth minister, "to speak in front of youth and inspire them as a living."

"I trusted the Lord, which

has made decisions about my future a lot easier," she told her classmates. "Trusting the Lord in the future will make your lives easier, too. When in doubt, pray about it."

"Run to Him"

Connor said he grew up in a solid faith environment in his family and Catholic school, but he wasn't always as strong and passionate about his faith as he is today.

That changed in 2013 when he and his family moved in with their great-grandparents on a farm outside town.

"What I did not know was that they would become very important to me and become some of the most caring, inspirational, faith-filled people I know," he said.

His great-grandparents became some of his biggest supporters and role models.

"I got to watch, firsthand, two of the most faith-filled people I knew show me how to live my life for the Lord, just like they did," Connor said. "They taught me the importance of my faith, along with countless life lessons such as to always be kind to others, live life to the fullest, and of course glorify God in everything I do."

He took their deaths in 2016 hard, but came to realize that their illnesses were what God had used to draw his family there to help them.

"I will forever cherish the time I spent with them and do my best to make them proud," he said. "They gave

me the push in my faith that I needed."

He urged his classmates to appreciate the people around them who support them in their faith journey.

"And remember, everything happens for a reason," he noted. "I know it can be hard at times, but always trust the plan the Lord has for you in your life."

He reminded them that they're never alone.

"God is right there, fighting your battles with you," he said. "Run to Him. If you trust in Him and let Him take control, you will be amazed at what good He does in your life."

"This and every day"

Deacon Michael Long, who assists Fr. Oligschlaeger in Monroe City and Indian Creek, led the closing prayer.

He thanked God for the friends and happy memories the soon-to-be graduates had made over the past four years.

He offered up in prayer and thanksgiving the teachers, mentors, family and loved ones whose energy, skill and love had helped the students come this far.

"As this chapter on our life closes, so a new one begins," he prayed on the students' behalf. "We present ourselves like an open book before You. Come and inscribe Your words of life into our lives.

"Fill our minds with Your thoughts, fill our bodies with Your strength, fill our hearts with Your dreams, that we might eternally love and serve You this day and every day," he prayed.

Students then were invited to step forward to receive a blessing.

The Monroe City Ministerial Alliance is made up of pastors from local congregations, including: Holy Rosary, First Baptist Church, Monroe City Christian Church, Monroe City United Methodist Church, Our Savior Lutheran Church, and Promiseland Family Church.

Some of the information in this report came from an article in the Lake Gazette newspaper by Mandi Kindhart-White, editor/reporter.

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Sacred Heart H.S. dispatches its 'very best hope for the future'

By Jay Nies

Beethoven's Hymn to Joy accompanied Sacred Heart High School's graduating seniors out the front door of Sacred Heart Chapel.

"We've spiritually graduated," one of the 24 members of the Class of 2021 proclaimed.

They had given thanks to God during their Baccalaureate Mass on May 21, two days before graduation.

Father David Veit, pastor *in solidum* of St. Vincent de Paul Parish of Pettis County, presided at the Mass and preached the homily.

"We mark this time of prayer," said Fr. Veit. "We rejoice! We cry out with full voices in a full choir, to proclaim the Goodness of God."

Sacred Heart is the only Catholic school in the diocese that offers pre-kindergarten through high school.

"Even though it seems like a long time, especially those of you who started here in kindergarten, this really just the end of the beginning," Fr. Veit stated.

He urged the seniors to continue giving thanks for and relying on God's unconditional love.

"You're not trying to earn His love," the priest noted. "You don't have to earn His love! Just accept it and put it into practice by serving one another, by continuing to have a grateful heart that's being formed in you here and now."

He reminded everyone that God is fully aware of each of their strengths and weaknesses.

"Now He's telling you to act on that love: 'Follow Me. Tend My lambs. Feed My sheep.'"

At the end of Mass, Dr. Mark Register, president of Sacred Heart School, presented a diploma to Koyuke Miura, an exchange student from Japan and graduating senior, who was traveling back home the next day.

She cried as she accepted the diploma and her classmates' applause.

Ready ... set ...

Outside, several pandemic-weary seniors set their gaze on the future.

"I'm just ready to graduate and move on to the next step,"



LEFT: The graduating seniors of Sacred Heart High School in Sedalia listen to Father David Veit, pastor *in solidum* of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Sedalia, encourage them to keep turning to God for mercy and encouragement, during their Baccalaureate Mass on May 21 in the Sacred Heart Chapel. **RIGHT:** Students greet each other outside after the Mass.

— Photos by Jay Nies

said Jude Jenkins.

"I mean ... I'm going to miss everything, all the experiences," he quickly added. "A lot of memories were made here. But I'm ready to move on."



Koyuke Miura, an exchange student from Japan and graduating senior who was traveling back home the next day, greets a friend after Sacred Heart's Baccalaureate Mass.

He plans to attend State Fair Community College in Sedalia on an A+ scholarship, then complete a degree in business or marketing at a four-year college.

"A lot of my friends are going to State Fair," he noted, "so we'll still be together for the next two years."

He plans to stay true to his faith.

"My parents have always raised me Catholic, so I don't think it's going to be very hard," said Mr. Jenkins. "Just stay consistent and keep going to church."

Jeffrey Hollabaugh of Marshall attended Sacred Heart School for a few years, then went to St. Peter School in his home-

town, then returned for high school.

"I'm glad I came back. I love it," he said.

He plans to attend the University of Arkansas this fall.

"I'll be taking with me a lot of life lessons I learned on the golf course from my golf coach," he said. "Working with others and learning how to fight through frustrations — because golf is very frustrating, so you have to have a lot of patience with it."

He's confident that God will accompany him from this phase of his life through the next.

"I will stay Catholic," he asserted. "There are a lot of Catholic churches where I'm going, so I should be able to go every week."

He's grateful to all the people — parents, teachers, coaches — who have "done their part and sacrificed to help us get to this day."

He's looking forward to getting to have conversations with fellow Catholics in college, getting to know them and growing together in their relationship with God.

Sibling revelry

Veronica Vanegas started at Sacred Heart School in kindergarten.

She said that while her class has always been tight-knit, they reached a new level of unity during their eighth-grade mission trip.

That set the course for the rest of their time together.

She plans to continue her education at State Fair Community College, then transfer to a

four-year college.

She plans on remaining Catholic — "believing in God and what He did for all of us to save us."

She's grateful to the teachers for putting up with "a pretty goofy class" and helping each student become a better person.

Addie Hunsaker said spending 13 years with mostly the same classmates leads to "a very family kind of bond."

"It's like they're your brothers and sisters," she said.

It will be strange not to be together every day.

"A lot of us are going far, far away," said Miss Hunsaker.

She plans to study at State Fair for her two years of college.

She plans on taking ownership of the practice of her faith.

"It's easy to take going to church for granted when it's what everybody is doing," she said. "But it's definitely my choice now, and I think coming

"I think we'll all be these mature adults doing our jobs," she said. "But as soon as we get back together, we'll completely regress. It's high school again!"

All four asked for prayers.

"Stepping out of high school is going to be hard for us," said Miss Vanegas. "I know we can do it, but prayer will certainly help."

Mr. Jenkins suggested praying for him and his fellow graduates to find success and to find true satisfaction in life.

Mr. Hollabaugh asked for prayers for him and his fellow graduates to remain safe and "do good for the community."

Miss Hunsaker requested prayers for hope, courage and motivation.

"I can be sad, it can be hard to move away from friends and family," she said. "So the Lord giving us hope is what we need."

"And if there's a prayer for motivation, slip that in there, too," she said.

"Back at the beginning"

Memories and gratitude marked the school's commencement on May 23.

Dr. Mark Register, the school's president, pointed out that 21 of this year's 26 graduates have cumulative high school grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

All 26 have successfully completed one or more college courses. They leave Sacred Heart High School with a combined 390 credit hours of college credit.

So far, they have been offered a combined \$2.43 million in

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at it from a more relaxed point of view is going to help me pay better attention."

She lauded the teachers, administrators and clergy who "worked together and played their part to make our time at Sacred Heart very special."

She looked ahead to her class's 10-year reunion.

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Bishop on Memorial Day: Give clear witness to the Resurrection

By Jay Nies

Providing and maintaining a final resting place for those who have died is not just a Corporal Work of Mercy.

It's a powerful witness to Christian hope in the Resurrection.

"For us Catholics, it is very important that we show forth and manifest our belief in the Resurrection of the dead, not just in the words we use, but especially in our actions," Bishop W. Shawn McKnight told several hundred people gathered in the Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum in Jefferson City.

"How we take care of these sacred grounds is very important to our work at evangelization," he said.

The bishop presided and preached the homily at this year's Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery, which was adorned with many U.S. flags.

Father Louis Nelen, pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph parish, concelebrated. Deacon John Schwartze assisted them at the altar.

Bishop McKnight also



LEFT: Father Louis Nelen, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Deacon John Schwartze prepare to bless the new crucifix in Resurrection Cemetery in Jefferson City on Memorial Day. **RIGHT:** Bishop McKnight preaches the homily at Mass in the cemetery mausoleum, focusing on the Resurrection and the Communion of Saints.

— Photos by Jay Nies

blessed the new stone crucifix that marks the area of the cemetery set aside for priests, religious and bishops.

He pointed out that for Catholics in the United States, Memorial Day is like a second All Souls Day.

"As we celebrate this day as a nation and remember those who gave their lives in service of our country in the Armed Forces, we as Catholics naturally want to pray for all who

have died," he said.

That makes it a day for more than remembering.

"It's something present, it's praying for them, right now," said Bishop McKnight. "We can do something for them in praying for the happy repose of their souls."

He said Catholic cemeteries are part of how parishes are to be recognized as centers of charity and sanctuaries of mercy.

"They are an important part of us being the Church Christ wants us to be," he said. "It is here that people who grieve and mourn the loss of a loved one are met with compassion and the consolation of our faith."

It's important, therefore, for people who visit a Catholic cemetery to be able to recognize how ardently Catholics

believe in life after death.

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"Namely, in our understanding of the Communion of the Saints, we still have a relationship with those who have gone before us," he said.

He reiterated the universal

truth proclaimed and upheld by the Church that while all people experience death due to sin, all who have been redeemed by Christ's death will be raised up to the glory of His resurrection.

The bishop asked everyone to pray and contemplate daily how they can help proclaim the Church's hope and belief in the Communion of Saints and the Resurrection of the body.

"God," he prayed, "our shelter and our strength, You listen in love to the cry of Your people. Hear the prayers we offer

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New pavilion is an impressive addition to Frankenstein parish

LEFT: Our Lady Help of Christians parishioners showed great support for the development of the new pavilion. Stone used at the base of the pillars and around the building were matched as closely as possible to that used for the church and other buildings, along with the rock wall. **RIGHT:** Dead white oak trees from local wooded areas near



Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Frankenstein were cut by Gary Bonnot and used for the pillars and ceiling while the siding at the front of the pavilion came from a barn built in 1924. Sliding barn doors open to reveal an ADA-accessible restroom on one side, and on the other, an entry to a kitchen, which at some point will have a stove and a refrigerator.

— Photos by Neal A. Johnson

By Neal A. Johnson

The new pavilion on the grounds of Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Frankenstein will be a hub of fellowship and activity for the people of the parish and school.

This project officially began in July of 2020, with the pavilion and building completed last October.

The structure was dedicated on Oct. 12, 2020, as Father Colin Franklin, current pastor, and Father Daniel Merz, former pastor blessed the pavilion and those gathered.

“When we built this, the idea was to support the functions of the parish as well as the school,” said pavilion committee member Russell Troesser.

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COMMENCEMENT

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from cancer treatment, later said, “but I am so blessed to have this opportunity to send you off with Jesus’s blessing.”

Then, after a countdown, the new graduates tossed their mortarboards into the air.

Known and loved

Interviews with several graduating seniors indicated relief and gratitude for their time at Tolton Catholic.

Madeline Fallis said God made His presence known to her through the way everyone at Tolton Catholic made her feel welcome.

“All the teachers here know your name, which is pretty awesome,” she stated.

Miss Fallis plans to attend the University of Missouri this fall on the pre-med track in the Honor’s College.

She said she won’t be leaving God behind.

“It’s important for me to wake up every morning and pray and know how much God loves me and understand that He loves others, so I should spread love to other people, too.”

She asked for prayers for everyone in her class to be successful, to know how much God loves them and to be able to share that with the people around them.

“God has a plan”

Anthony Alcabasa said his main reason for coming to Tolton Catholic was to continue his friendships from Our Lady of Lourdes Inter-parish School in Columbia.

Mr. Alcabasa plans to study civil engineering this fall at the University of Missouri.

“I think we have a really good community here,” he said. “And it’s strong. It’s good to know everybody. I can name everybody here by their face.”

Joel Eborieme said it was a good decision to attend Tolton Catholic.

“I met some great people here,” he stated.

He believes the COVID pandemic helped motivate this year’s seniors to insist on making it a great year.

“We connected with each other and we’ve got each

other’s backs,” he said. “We really support each other.”

Mr. Eborieme plans to study business administration and computer science at DePaul University in Chicago this fall.

He said he’ll be drawing on the work ethic Tolton Catholic helped instill in him.

He plans to continue practicing his Catholic faith and growing in his relationship with God.

“I think getting into a good, small group, meeting people and becoming tight with them will probably help

me faith-wise,” he said.

So I will be going to Mass regularly and stay connected to the faith, he stated.

Mr. Eborieme and Mr. Alcabasa both asked for prayers for everyone in their class to

it.”

Something to build on

Abigail Mayhan is thankful to have spent the past four years at a school with great friends and teachers who care

be successful.

“I feel like success is different for every person,” Mr. Eborieme stated. “So I just want God to answer what everyone has in their own hearts.”

Mr. Alcabasa added: “God has a plan for us, so we need Him to help us find out what that plan is and follow through with

very much.

“They know what they’re doing,” she stated. “They know how to teach and they know how to connect with us.”

Miss Mayhan plans to become active at the Catholic Newman Center at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where she’ll be studying this fall.

She noted that she and her fellow graduates will likely face many new challenges in college.

“So please pray that we stay true to ourselves and to God and keep our heads on our shoulders,” she said.

In order to help God answer those prayers, she asked adults to be open and supportive when young people come to them with questions.

“And if someone is questioning their faith or their life choices, use your own experiences to help them,” she said.



PAVILION

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“We wanted to keep it close to the school because they use it and everything is tied together.”

From those voting, 77 percent voted in favor of building the pavilion, pavilion committee member Donna Backes stated.

There are 144 individuals and families at this time.

Support for the project went beyond area residents.

“We have a lot of people who have moved away but still want to support the church,” said Mrs. Backes.

Ballots for parishioners included one plan for just the pavilion and another for the pavilion with a bathroom.

Another aspect of the project was the addition of concrete between the pavilion and the school.

“That used to be all gravel and we wanted to make it easier for those who have a disability or are elderly and have trouble walking,” said Mr. Troesser.

The goal at the start was to raise 70 percent of the total project before the start of construction.

Fundraising efforts included Fifth-Fest and dances, along with donations from individuals, and a grant from the Schwartze Foundation.

“Estimates were a little low in 2019 when we got to 2020,” said Mr. Troesser. “I’m glad it’s done this year because everything keeps going up.”

Shaun Haslag Construction of Loose Creek built the pavilion using plenty of local materials.

Dead white oak trees from local wooded areas near the church were cut by Gary Bonnot and used for the pillars and ceiling while the siding at the front of the pavilion came from a barn built in 1924.

“It keeps a rustic look for the pavilion,” said Mr. Troesser. “We’ve got some touches yet to make but we’re in good shape.”

Sliding barn doors open to reveal an ADA-accessible restroom on one side, and on the other, an entry to a kitchen, which at some point will have a stove and a refrigerator.

“For rentals, we were thinking a stove would be nice so people who rent the pavilion can have everything in one place,” said Mrs. Backes, adding the kitchen in the school is close enough to allow for food to be prepared there and transported to the kitchen for events such as the parish picnic.

Two doors in the center of the wall open to make a sandwich counter available. Durable stone flooring was selected for its slip-resistant nature. “When it rains, we didn’t want to have to worry about people falling,” Mr. Troesser explained.

Stonework began in late November, Mr. Troesser noted, explaining some materials were delayed due to the pandemic.

Mrs. Backes noted the stone used at the base of the pillars and around the building were matched as closely as possible to that

used for the church, and other buildings, along with the rock wall.

“We tried to get it to blend in and I think it does pretty well,” Mr. Troesser added.

He said the plan moving forward is to add drop-down curtains so the pavilion can be enclosed.

“With COVID, the company that makes them got crazy on the price and lead time,” he stated. “Everything went up 30 or 40 percent while we were building this.”

Several individuals volunteered time to the project, including Eugene Voss.

“We appreciate everyone who offered support or help with this project,” said Mrs. Backes. “It’s a nice addition to the church grounds, and it will be well used.”

Mr. Johnson is editor of the Unterrified Democrat newspaper in Linn, which published a version of this article June 2 and gave permission for this version to be published here.

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CORPUS CHRISTI

From page 1

that the Lord Jesus, true God and true man, instituted the Eucharist as the Sacrifice of the New Covenant," said Fr. Schrader.

Moses, who was the mediator between God and the Israelites, sealed their covenant with God by sprinkling them with the blood of animals that had been sacrificed to Him.

"The new and everlasting covenant, which is the Church, is sealed not with the blood of animals but with the Blood of God's only begotten Son," said Fr. Schrader.

"Every time we come to the celebration of the Holy Mass, we renew that covenant experience, that bond in Jesus, our Savior," he said.

He reminded the people that the Eucharistic Sacrifice offered at every Mass is the exact same sacrifice as Christ's passion and cross.

"Not another sacrifice," the priest emphasized, "but that same sacrifice made present to us in an un-bloody manner — re-presented to the Father and made present to us in a mystical way."

In order for that to be true, Christ Himself must be truly present, just as He was at the Last Supper and on Calvary.

"So, during the celebration of Mass, through the words that Jesus gave us, the bread and wine are converted into the real Body and Blood of Christ," said Fr. Schrader.

That change occurs not only in the belief of the faithful but as an objective reality.

"After the Consecration, the bread and the wine have ceased to exist," Fr. Schrader explained. "And what we have present before us is Jesus, whole and entire.

"It is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, while only the outer appearances of bread and wine remain," he said.

This is an article of faith, based not on what can be seen, felt or tasted but on the authority of Jesus Christ, Who instructed His Apostles to "Do THIS in remembrance of Me."

"That is the essence of



LEFT: Father William Debo prays at one of three outdoor altars during a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Rich Fountain on June 5, the Vigil of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. RIGHT: Father Dylan Schrader processes the Most Blessed Sacrament into St. Brendan Church in Mexico after leading a procession to nearby Hardin Park on Sunday, June 6.

— Photos by Jay Nies



faith," said Fr. Schrader. "To believe something not because we perceive it ourselves directly, but because of the word of Christ, Who said, 'This is My Body, This is My Blood' — Who said, 'My Flesh is true food, My Blood is true drink.'"

A practical consequence of this belief is the obligation to give the Eucharist the worship and adoration that is due only to God.

"Because in reality, it is our Lord Jesus Christ, present among us," said Fr. Schrader.

Bread of Angels

Fr. Debo noted that the Israelites processed behind the Ark of the Covenant when they entered the Promised Land.

The ark contained some of the manna, the bread from heaven, that God had given His people to eat so they would not starve during their 40 years in the desert.

"The exact same thing can be said of the Eucharist we celebrate," said Fr. Debo. "It gives us sustenance, it allows us to survive, to live and move and have our being in Jesus Christ."

Fr. Debo implored his parishioners to examine their consciences and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly in order to receive Holy Communion worthily.

"We need to be asking ourselves, 'Am I prepared? Am I ready to receive the Lord? Am I free of mortal sin? Are my body and soul in communion, ready, willing and able to receive this precious gift?'" he said.

He warned against receiving

Holy Communion nonchalantly or indifferently, or while harboring grudges and resentment toward other people.

"St. Paul reminds us that if you bring your gift to the altar and remember there that you have a grievance against your brother and sister, then leave your gift there and run out into the streets and find that person and ask for forgiveness, and then bring your gift to the altar," Fr. Debo noted.

He reminded the people that repenting from mortal sin and seeking absolution in the Sacrament of Confession is still very necessary.

"If this does not happen, the person should not receive the Holy Communion," he said.

Calls for vigilance

Fr. Schrader likewise urged his parishioners not to take the Eucharist for granted.

"Rather, we need to step back and reflect on the practical things we can do in our own lives to foster greater love for the Holy Eucharist," he said.

Receiving Holy Communion should always be a conscious decision made with proper preparation, both physical and spiritual, he stated.

Fr. Debo and Fr. Schrader both emphasized the importance of being in a state of grace in when receiving Holy Communion.

Both pointed to the urgent message of 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 — "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks

the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the Body and Blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself."

They also spoke of fasting from food and drink, except water and medicine, for at least an hour before receiving Holy Communion.

They reminded the people to show reverence for the Blessed Sacrament by bowing before receiving Holy Communion, and answering "Amen!" in response to hearing

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"The Body of Christ."

Fr. Schrader pointed out that also genuflecting upon entering and leaving a church and maintaining a worshipful mindset while there helps a person strengthen his or her bonds with God.

"We all know that it's the little choices we make every day that build up our relationships," said Fr. Schrader. "If we're going to build up a relationship of greater love for the Blessed Sacrament, we've got to take care of the small things.

"We've got to be vigilant

and pay attention to these matters," he said.

Many happy returns

Fr. Debo predicted that for people now returning to Mass after the pandemic, receiving the Lord in Holy Communion will be a source of abundant joy.

He pointed out that while other forms of prayer at home and elsewhere are good and beautiful, "if what you're doing on Sunday does not look like 'Do THIS in memory of Me,' you're missing out."

"Let us remember while looking at the cross, looking at the elevated host today, Whose Blood and Body it is we receive and what a privilege it is for us to receive it," Fr. Debo stated.

"Let us remember that when we receive Jesus's Body and Blood in the Eucharist, the Blood of Christ flows in us and gives us new life," he said.

"Thy strength bestow"

Bells and hymns rang out from churches all over the diocese as priests carried ornate monstrances containing the Most Blessed Sacrament in solemn procession.

People followed with hymns, prayers and other acts of worship and honor.

The procession in Rich Fountain went to three temporary altars set up on the Sacred Heart Church property.

At each, Fr. Debo read a passage from Scripture in

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By Father Don Antweiler
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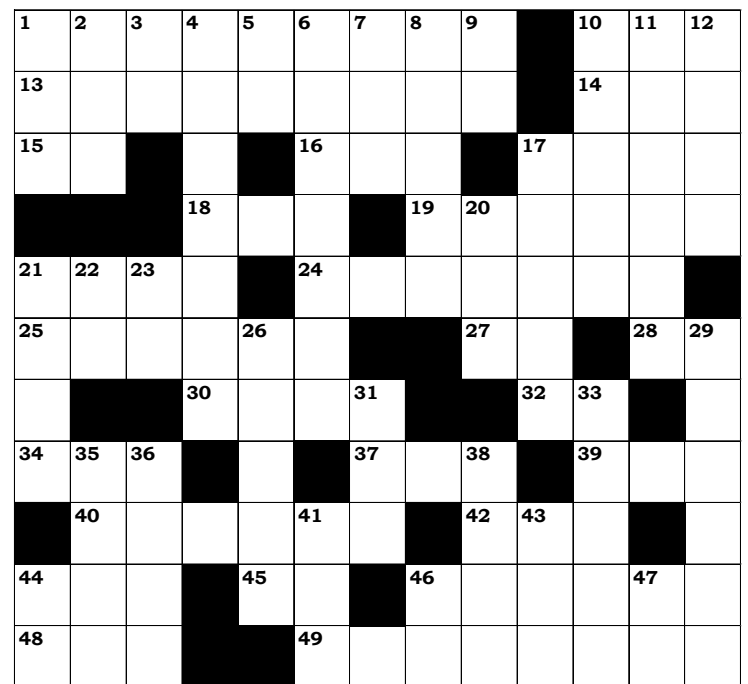
1. John S. Rollins was a lawyer in Columbia, Mo. and was elected to the Mo. Legislature in 1838 representing Boone Co. The first bill he drafted and introduced was to ____ & provide a location for a Univ. of Mo.
10. Short for Boy Scouts of Am.
13. "When we understand the other fellow's ____ and he understands ours, then we can sit down and work out our differences," —Harry S Truman.
14. Acronym for Lieutenant General; a 3-star General in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps and Air Force.
15. Abbr. for the 2nd book of the Bible.
16. Short life story.
17. "Then there appeared to them tongues as of ____,"

18. Origin of #1 DOWN (Genesis 2:22)?
19. "I would rather have (my pen) bent and dulled than well oiled in the closet, but ____," —Ernest Hemingway.
21. "How did Mary live (her) faith? She lived it out in the simplicity of the thousand daily tasks and worries of every mother, such as providing ____, clothing, caring for the house..." —Pope Francis, address at the recital of the Rosary for the conclusion of the Marian month of May 2013.
24. The competition to raise money for the bid for the university was ____, esp. between Boone, Callaway and Howard counties.
25. "I have given the command to sift the house of Israel among all the nations, as one sifts with ____..." —Amos 9:9 (2 wds.).
27. 6 pts. in football.
28. The tibialis anterior (____) muscle is on the outside of the shin and helps to invert the foot and helps maintain the arch of the foot.
30. Brand of root beer.

32. Letters for *Societe Anonyme*, the French equivalent of Inc. after a corporation's name.
34. Lower digit.
37. Part of a circle.
39. Taco Bell slogan: Live ____!
40. The \$117,921 raised by Boone Co. was the highest ____ and won the competition for the location of the new Univ. of Mo.
42. Muhammed ____ of boxing fame.
44. ____ Kappa is a fraternity founded in 1889 by Catholic students at Brown Univ. in Rhode Island after the other 9 fraternities on campus refused to admit Catholics.
45. Letters for Encyclopedia Britannica. The last edition in print, 32 volumes, was published in 2010. It is now exclusively online.
46. The 1997 movie "Titanic" was a mega-hit but the very highly-rated 1958 British docudrama "____ to Remember" remains the most harrowing retelling of the RMS Titanic's 1912 historic end," —Nick Schager, AV Club; rated 100% by Rotten Tomatoes (2 wds.).
48. "Come then my brothers and sisters, let us offer sacrifice...pouring out ____ treasury of hymns and prayers," —St. Ephrem the Syrian, deacon & hymnographer, d. 373 A.D.
49. For his efforts, Rollins was named "Father of the Univ. of Missouri." He was President of the Board of ____ of UMC for nearly 25 years. Rollins Street in the heart of the University is named in his honor.

DOWN

1. First lady.
2. Rollins's bill directed that the future University of Mo. be located in one of ____ counties in the middle of the State along the Mo. River: Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard or Saline.
3. "¿Cómo ____ llamas?" Spanish for "What is your name?"
4. Rollins's bill further specified that the county that raised the most money would be ____ the University.



5. Letters for British Petroleum, infamous for the largest oil spill in history from an explosion on an oil platform in the Gulf.
6. Cole and Howard counties each ____ hard for its county to be legislated directly as the location of the University but Rollins's proposal passed in the form of the Geyer Act in 1839.
7. 3 pm on a sundial.
8. Pig nose.
9. Abbr. for height.
10. Ignorance is ____, or so some say.
11. "Get up and go to the ____ called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul," (Acts 9:11).
12. German immigrants to central Mo. commonly drank beer "fresh" from brewing and close to room temperature. Fresh beer, not ____ or cold beer, was most desired. —from *Breweries & Saloons in Jefferson City, Missouri*.
17. For Boone County's bid, Rollins himself made a significant donation and put great effort in raising ____ from fellow Boone Co. residents.
20. The rich heiress was never sure if her suitors were more interested in her or her ____ worth.
21. For Catholics, there are only two prescribed days to ____ in the entire year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Even on those days, three small simple meals are allowed.
22. Bone.
23. British expression of surprise.
26. When Rollins learned that Howard Co. had donated land in the competition and then increased its appraised ____ to raise its bid, Rollins sold 222 acres of his own land to Boone Co. for \$25 per acre, which the county promptly appraised at \$75 per acre in its own competing bid.
29. As he got close to retirement, he took a closer look at his ____ and liabilities.
31. "The dead man ____ up and began to speak..." (Luke 7:15).
33. Mexican friend.
35. Hawaii's State Capital is on this island.
36. Arab ruler.
38. Pre-____ classes are often required for couples preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. The name refers to a town at which, at a wedding feast, Jesus worked His first miracle in the Gospel of John (John 2:1+).
41. Saturday Night Live on ____ has had a run of 46 seasons and counting.
43. "That brilliant lamp which was ____ for the sake of our salvation should always shine in us," —St. Chromatius, bishop and scholar, d. 407 A.D., from his treatise on the Gospel of St. Matthew.
44. The mailing address was simply ____ Box 15.
46. It calls itself the Natural State (abbr.).
47. 60 min.

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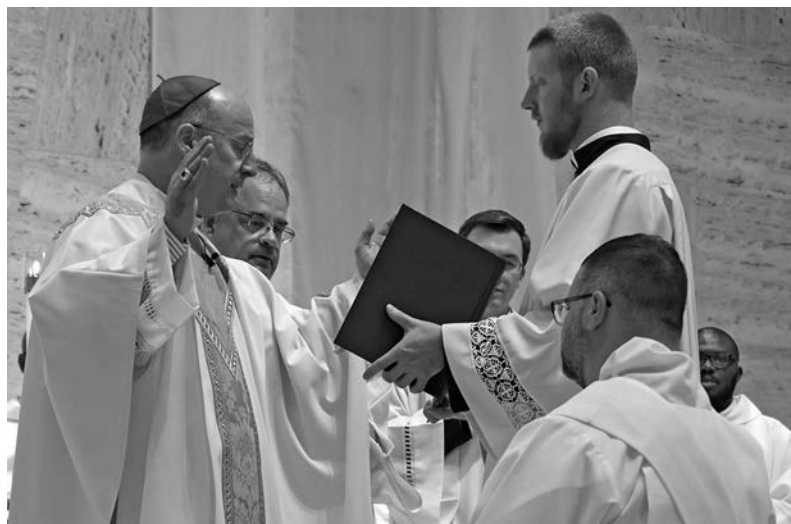
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LEFT: Soon-to-be ordained Father Derek Hooper listens to Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's homily at Fr. Hooper's priestly Ordination Mass on June 5. **CENTER:** Bishop McKnight prays over Fr. Hooper. **RIGHT:** Fr. Hooper's brother, Father Gabriel Greer of the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, gives him a hug after helping him put on his priestly vestments during the Mass. **BELOW:** Newly ordained Fr. Hooper stands with Bishop McKnight outside the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

— Photos by Jay Nies

FR. HOOPER

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"Your personal history is blended, joined and yoked in God's providence with the History of Salvation, as narrated in Sacred Scripture and lived out in the Church from one generation to the next until the end of time," the bishop reminded Fr. Hooper.

He implored the new priest to help heal the wounds of the Church and assist in rebuilding and strengthening people's confidence, trust and belief in the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

"You shall lay down your life for Christ and His Church to minister in the person of Christ, the Head of the Church, as a spiritual shepherd and coworker with the bishop, his priests and deacons," he said.

Bishop McKnight said that "with a supreme calculus and the skill of a divine mathematician," God is happy to use the experience Fr. Hooper acquired along his indirect path to Priesthood.

"You bring your personal history as a son and brother," the bishop noted, "as well as your varied professional experiences before your entrance into the seminary as an infantryman in the U.S. Army, an insurance clerk at a hospital, and as a graduate with a master's degree in business administration.

"And after moving to the Diocese of Jefferson City, you taught at Helias Catholic High School and served in the Cathedral Parish and the Parishes of St. George in Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior in

Rhineland."

Bishop McKnight urged Fr. Hooper to remain humble and avoid any tendency toward clericalism.

"Always be alert to any sense of entitlement," the bishop instructed, "and preserve the spirit of gratitude and generosity that you feel in your heart today as the motive for being a priest for Christ and His Church.

"Have as your aim always the salvation of souls, and the active engagement of the laity in the life and mission of the Church," he said.

"Rich and unfailing gifts"

Fr. Hooper publicly promised to carry-out the duties of a priest as a minister of Scripture and sacraments, to pray without ceasing, to work obediently and respectfully with the bishop, and to imitate Jesus, Who offered Himself up as servant and sacrifice.

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

In a gesture of humility, obedience, total dependence on God and total self-giving, the new priest prostrated himself before the altar as the choir, priests and congregation chanted the Litany of Saints.

"Pour out on this, Your ser-

vant," the bishop prayed, "the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the power of priestly grace, that he whom in the sight of Your Mercy we offer to be consecrated, may be surrounded by Your rich and unfailing gifts."

Fr. Hooper then knelt before the bishop, who silently laid hands on his head in the biblical act of bestowing the gift of the Holy Spirit.

One by one, the other priests also placed their hands on the new priest's head, signifying their prayers for strength and grace.

Fr. Greer, Fr. Hooper's younger brother, ceremonially helped Fr. Hooper put on his priestly vestments.

Bishop McKnight anointed Fr. Hooper's hands with the Oil of Sacred Chrism, sym-

bolizing the power of the priest to sanctify, with the words: "The Lord Jesus Christ, Whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, guard and preserve you, that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God."

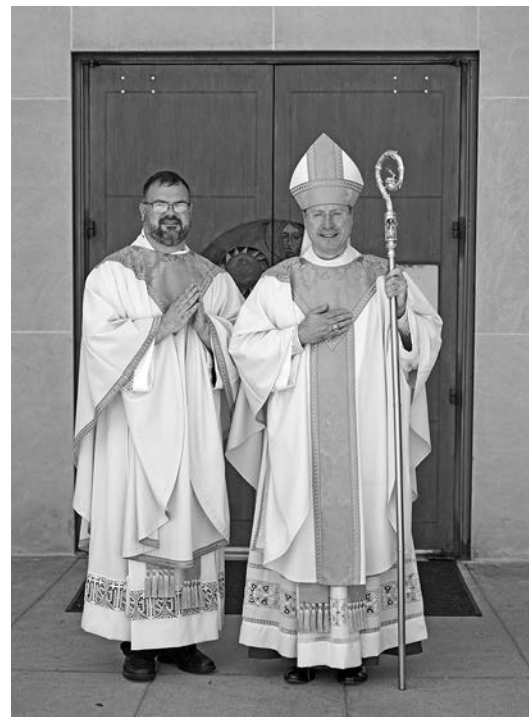
To the altar of the Lord

At the Offertory, after members of Fr. Hooper's family presented the bread and wine for the Mass, the bishop handed it to the new priest.

Kneeling before Bishop McKnight, Fr. Hooper accepted it as a symbol of his most

important duty: celebration of the Eucharist.

Following a sign of peace from the bishop and the other priests, Fr. Hooper remained in the sanctuary as a concl-



the readings.

Seminarians of the diocese assisted as altar servers.

Litany of thanks

Immediately after Mass, Fr. Hooper gave his first blessing to Bishop McKnight, then to Bishop Emeritus Gaydos; then to Mrs. Greer, his mother; and then to Fr. Greer, his brother.

In written remarks, Fr. Hooper thanked:

- Bishop McKnight, who invited him to continue his priestly discernment in this diocese;

- The priests of his home diocese and especially Father Michael Baldwin, who was his pastor Pittsburg, Kansas, for his kindness and example;

- Father Paul Clark,

diocesan vocation director, and Father Christopher Aubuchon, past vocation director, for their help, guidance and prayers;

- Father Stephen Jones and Kenya Fuemmeler, who welcomed him to teach at Helias Catholic High School;

- His parents, Cheryl and the late Don Hooper, for their unconditional support; and his brother;

- the rest of his family and friends for their example, prayers and support;

- Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, pastor of the Hermann and Rhineland parishes, whom

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

Fundraisers & Social Events

Jun. 11

Marshall, Daughters of Isabella rummage sale, 8 am-6 pm, K of C hall; **Montgomery City**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm

Jun. 11-12

Fulton, St. Peter Parish rummage sale, Thurs 5 pm-8 pm with auction at 6 pm, Fri 7 am-6 pm, Sat 7 am-noon, multipurpose building; **Jefferson City**, Cathedral of St. Joseph NCYC rummage sale, Fri. 7 am-3 pm, Sat. 7 am-1 pm, Undercroft

Jun. 12

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception parish youth NCYC rummage sale, 7-11:30 am, McCarty Plaza next to Save-A-Lot

Jun. 13

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Loose Creek**, Immaculate Conception Parish Picnic, 11 am-7 pm; **Russellville**, Brockman Strong Benefit breakfast, bake sale & live auction, 10:15 am-12:30 pm, St. Michael Parish Hall

Jun. 16

Jefferson City, St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary ice cream social, 11 am-6 pm, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital East entrance parking lot

Jun. 26

Russellville, St. Michael K of C Festival, with BBQ chicken/pork steak dinners dine-in, carry-out or drive-thru, 11 am-5 pm

Jun. 27

Bahner, St. John's Altar Society ice cream social, 5:30-9 pm; **Linn**, St. George Parish picnic (drive-thru or carryout), 11 am-7 pm

Jun. 29

Columbia, Vitae Foundation Columbia pro-life event & dinner, 6:30 pm, Hampton Inn & Suites, for info or to register visit vitaefoundation.org

Jul. 9

Montgomery City, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm

Jul. 11

St. Martins, St. Martin Parish picnic, 11 am-7 pm

Jul. 15-18

Hermann, St. George Parish rummage sale, Thurs. & Fri. 7 am-7 pm, Sat. 7 am-4 pm, Sun. 7 am-noon

Jul. 18

Indian Creek, St. Stephen Parish annual Swinkey Picnic, 11 am-5 pm

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

17-20 Junio

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

26-27 Junio

Marshall, Retiro de Parejas, Iglesia de San Pedro, favor de inscribirse llamado a Marcelino Chavez al 660-631-3748

29 Julio-1 Agosto

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

7-8 Agosto

Marshall, Retiro de Jovenes, Iglesia de San Pedro, favor de inscribirse llamado a Marcelino Chavez al 660-631-3748

PRIEST

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Fr. Hooper assisted as a deacon last summer; and all the priests of the Jefferson City diocese.

"I am thankful for everyone who has had an influence, been kind or prayed and supported me in any way during my years of formation," Fr. Hooper wrote.

"Please continue to pray that I become the priest that God wills me to be, and I will continue to pray for you all."

Bishop McKnight appointed him associate pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul parish in Boonville; St. Joseph parish in Pilot Grove, with St. John the Baptist Chapel in Clear Creek and St. Joseph Chapel in Clifton City, effective July 1.

He also has also begun serving as assistant master of ceremonies to the bishop.

Meetings & Conferences

Jun. 24

Jefferson City, Catholic Disaster Preparedness Training, 5-7 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, to RSVP call 573-635-7719 or email pmallinckrodt@cccncmo.org

Jun. 28 & 29

VIRTUAL, Catholic Disaster Preparedness Training, noon-1 pm, to RSVP call 573-635-7719 or email pmallinckrodt@cccncmo.org

Jul. 14

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@cccncmo.org

Liturgical

Jul. 25

Mexico, Sung Latin Mass, noon, St. Brendan Church

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Jun. 19

Laurie, "The New Evangelization via Elizabeth and Mary," pilgrimage with Denise Bossert, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for info visit thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com

Youth & Young Adults

Jul. 18-22

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

Jul. 24

Laurie, "Courage" youth pilgrimage with Maggie Craig, 8 am-5:30 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for info visit thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com

Jul. 31

Jefferson City, JP2 Young Adults Summer BBQ, 5-11 pm, Memorial Park Pavilion, for info email alloch92@gmail.com

MOTHER

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Mary's advice to "do whatever (Jesus) tells you."

"May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be our joy for all ages," the bishop prayed.

He then led the praying of the "Hail Mary" for all mothers, including those whose names are inscribed in the Mothers' Wall of Life at the shrine.

Joining the bishop at the altar was Father John Schmitz, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Laurie and the Mission of St. Philip Benizi in Versailles, and spiritual director of the Mother's Shrine.

Deacon David Lovell assisted them.

At the end of Mass, Fr. Schmitz thanked Bishop McKnight and everyone who helped bring the celebration about.



Children and adults gather for Mass at the Natinal Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, in Laurie May 24.

"May our Blessed Mother continue to shower her blessings upon all of us and honor all of our hard work to give honor to her and to give glory to her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ," Fr. Schmitz said.

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Anniversaries

Argyle, St. Aloysius

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Ralph & Juliana Loaiza, 30 years

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception

Everett & Bev Lineberry, 65 years
Bill & Betty Yaeger, 65 years
Larry & Emma Ludwig, 61 years
Carl & JoAnn Bunton, 51 years
Matt & Marcia Cunningham, 45 years
Terry & Debbie Hoyt, 45 years
Steve & Connie Huffmon, 43 years
William & Kathy Dorsey, 42 years
Dan & Nancy Jackson, 41 years
Michael & Cindy Severa, 37 years
Justin & Jana Keune, 26 years
John & Jane Schmitz, 26 years
Jason & Jonna Weydert, 26 years
Terry & Sherry Cooper, 21 years
John & Maggie Kremer, 19 years
Tom & Natalie Bennett, 17 years
Jim & Barbara Timmons, 13 years
Ryan & Andrea Switzer, 10 years

Canton, St. Joseph

Francis & Nancy Ellison, 50 years

Crocker, St. Cornelius

Dick & Joan Bales, 50 years

Fulton, St. Peter

Deacon John & Kay Neudecker, 49 years

Holts Summit, St. Andrew

Dennis & Margie Hagenhoff, 43 years

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception

Thomas & Phyllis Emmel, 44 years

Jonesburg, St. Patrick

Glenn & Joan Rucker, 61 years
Tom & Terri Lenzenhuber, 40 years

Kahoka, St. Michael

Michael & Andrea Brandon, 16 years
Paul & Alberta Germann, 15 years

Linn, St. George

Jerry & Debbie Backes, 33 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Donald & Jeanette Wortmann, 65 years
Norb & Martha Sutter, 54 years
Ken & Kay Robnett, 51 years
Tom & Marge Machens, 49 years
Brad & Becky Hoyt, 23 years
Kevin & Erin Oligschlaeger, 12 years

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows

David & Elvira Koetting, 55 years
Brett & Cindy McKenna, 15 years

Meta, St. Cecilia

Lawrence & JoAnn Wansing, 60 years

Milan, St. Mary

Jerry & Phyllis Staples, 64 years

Mokane, St. Jude Thaddeus

Dan & Pat Dickneite, 59 years
Scott & Tammy Clardy, 36 years
Coey & Pam Smith, 35 years
Alan & Jill Luebbert, 30 years

Russellville, St. Michael

Kenneth & Marilyn Davis, 51 years
Dennis & Pam Markway, 41 years
Ron (Joe) & Lori Brockman, 34 years
Todd & Sheri Koestner, 30 years
Joe & Sharon Koskie, 27 years
Scott & Karen Distler, 18 years
CJ & Danielle McKinney, 11 years

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick

Charles & Gloria Allen, 50 years
Francis & Nancy Ellison, 50 years
Keith & Judy Wheeler, 47 years
Kevin & Maria Shirey, 39 years
John & Erin Wheeler, 23 years
Lute & Cheryl Winkelman, 12 years

St. Martins, St. Martin

Joe & Margaret Schulte, 69 years
Larry & Shirley Schwarzer, 51 years
Dan & Wanda Schaefer, 40 years

Salisbury, St. Joseph

Bob & Veronica Marek, 60 years
Steve & Joan Kacvinsky, 54 years
Bob & Emogene Sturm, 50 years
Bob & Donece Henke, 48 years

Vandalia, Sacred Heart

Leo & Carolyn McBride, 69 years
Robert & Karolyn Green, 54 years
Eddie & Kathy Hoover, 53 years
Carl & Karen Daffron, 48 years
John & Sandy Scherder, 47 years
Joe & Debbie Salois, 41 years
Daryl & Debbie Hopke, 40 years
Stephen & LuAnn Nilges, 36 years
Mark & Terri Udelhoven, 30 years
Mike & Leila Cole, 28 years
Michael & Kim Trainor, 26 years
Curtis & Holly Delgman, 12 years

Vienna, Visitation

Jerry & Mary Jane Wieberg, 49 years
Tim & Ruth Barnhart, 42 years
Mark & Susan Brunnert, 34 years
Chris & Kristan James, 27 years
Joe & Kelley Edwards, 10 years

Westphalia, St. Joseph

Wilfred & Regina Kempker, 65 years

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels

Ollen & Jeana Bixenman, 61 years
Jim & Marilyn Bixenman, 50 years
Dale & Audrey Davis, 43 years
Jeff & Peggy Schneider, 39 years
Wayne & Mary Lou Burstert, 34 years
Todd & Bonnie Linebaugh, 31 years
Matt & Laurie Cupp, 27 years
Ron & Betty Fischer, 27 years
Brian & Jamie Sturm, 24 years
Kevin & Debbie Fischer, 19 years
Jerry & Tracie Moore, 17 years
Bryce & Danielle Fiala, 11 years
Luke & Alyssa Niemeier, 11 years

Birthdays

Belle, St. Alexander — **Fred Bethmann**, his 95th on June 10

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Alfred Schmitz**, his 90th on May 25

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Caroline Kraus**, her 95th birthday on June 6

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **George Henke**, his 94th on June 7; **Marie Rustemeyer**, her 94th on June 8; **Dorothy Young**, her 94th on June 11

Vandalia, Sacred Heart — **Kathleen Lowe**, her 92nd on June 4

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Adele Lueckenhoff**, her 93rd on June 17

Baptisms

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Jax Michael Sensenich**, son of Claire Sensenich & Kaleb Gardner

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Avery Narron, Miles Shankle**

Fulton, St. Peter — **Griffin Martin Jaeger**, son of Christopher & Jessica Jaeger

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Maryn Lynn Earl**, daughter of Jeff & Amy Earl; **Royce Austin Perry**, son of Landon & Kelly Perry

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Tyodus James Eiken, Kenzlie Catherine Nicole Thomas, Brock Daniel Forsythe**

Kirksville, Mary Immaculate — **Ellette Faye Hettinger**, daughter of Gabe & Stephanie Hettinger

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Casen Maverick Woods**, son of Kelly Schulte & Zachary Woods

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Bennett Allen Kempker**, son of Jerry & Kelsey Kempker

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Mia Kaylee Kliethermes**, daughter of Aaron & Beth Kliethermes; **Conley Ann Perry**, daughter of Brad & Kaitlin Perry

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Carter Schnaible**, son of Ed & Kylie Schnaible

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Hailey Grace Distler**

Vandalia, Sacred Heart — **Walker Crane**, son of Todd & Jordan Crane

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Maelin Stellee Kloeppel**, daughter of Jacob & Kelli Kloeppel

Marriages

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Anna Hasenbeck & Hunter Domsch; Paige Bange & Jacob McFarland**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Nicole Paden & Jacob Beck; Jessica Wieberg & Spencer Hoogveld; Elizabeth Tanner & Brooks Becker**

Linn, St. George — **Kate Jacquin & Matthew Eickhoff**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Andy Beck & Jessica Thompson**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Abby Rockers & Jesse Brown**

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Julie Thomas & Daniel Hoek**

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Natalie Johnson & John LePage**

Deaths

Florentine Schwartz, 98 — mother of Deacon Steve Schwartz, who assists the pastor of the Vienna, Brinktown and Argyle parishes and the Koeltztown chapel — on May 24. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Aloysius Church in Argyle, with Father Basil Tigga presiding, Father Anthony Viviano concelebrating and Deacon Schwartz and Deacon Michael Brooks assisting.

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Mary Ann Walsh**

Camdenton, St. Anthony — **Bob Dickemann**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Ebion Delima, Sarah Hanson**

Edina, St. Joseph — **Janet S. Moore**

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Mary Adkins**

Hermann, St. George Catholic Church — **Jane Burt, Earl Mueller, LeRoy Rood**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Ron Irvin, Edmund Lueckenotto**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Paul L. Laux**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Janice D. Heimericks**

Meta, St. Cecilia — **Helen Winkelman**

Mexico, St. Brendan — **Joseph P. Fennessey, Mary Ann Healy**

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Bernard Struempfl**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Betty Burford**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Ruth Barbour**

Vandalia, Sacred Heart — **Martha M. Deppe**

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — **Alan Noll**

Forgive me Lord.
Guide me Lord.
Protect me Lord.
Bless me Lord.
Thank you Lord.
Amen.

Crossword puzzle answers

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Tending to the garden



“Hail Marys” for people wishing to pray the Rosary. The prayer garden was constructed several years ago by parish members and continues to evolve. It is partially shaded and a fountain is placed in the summer for quiet meditation. Several memorials have been placed in the garden. The workers include: Gabbie Gordon, Jaylin Orr, Maddie and Sydney Wilbeck, Mary and Jana Keune and Betty Arp. — Photo by Betty Arp

That’s a wrap!



Eighth-graders at St. Pius X School in Moberly wrapped their desks and classroom walls in wrapping paper for a prank on their last day of school May 14.

— Photo from the St. Pius X School & Early Childhood Center Facebook page

“Blessed are you among women”



Eighth-graders at Holy Family School in Freeburg observe the Month of the Rosary with a May Crowning and Rosary Walk on the school grounds. Each student designed a shrine depicting one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. The eighth-graders led a decade of Rosary at each station.

— Photo by Angie Woodruff

Know, love and serve



Third- and fourth-graders Ethan Woodson, Bennett Atkinson, Caleb Rohrbach, Parker Richerson, Jack Widmer, Dawson Samer and Thomas Schuster, at Ss. Peter & Paul School in Boonville, recently attended altar server training in Ss. Peter & Paul Church.

— Photo by Theresa Krebs



Youth award

Callista Jacquin, a fifth-grader at St. Stanislaus School in Wardsville and member of St. Margaret of Antioch Parish in Osage Bend, displays the Youth Appreciation Citation she received from The Optimist Club of Jefferson City for showing devotion and generosity to others.



Into orbit!

Students of St. Martin School in St. Martins enjoy their “summer blast-off day” May 20, their last day of school, with slides, face painting and a “cake” walk with other activities and treats.

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

Jesus teaches the proper way to act

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

One day, Jesus went up the mountain, sat down and began to teach His followers many things.

He talked to them about the law, oaths, retaliation and anger. He also told them to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them.

Then Jesus began to teach about almsgiving.

“When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others ... But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father Who



sees in secret will repay you,” he said.

Jesus also talked about prayer.

“When you pray, do not be

like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them ... But when you pray, go to your

inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father Who sees in secret will repay you,” he said.

Jesus also reminded His followers not to babble and use many words like the pagans.

“This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one,” He said.

Jesus pointed out that one must be forgiving in order to be forgiven.

“If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly

Father will forgive you,” He said. “But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”

Jesus also told His followers about the proper way to fast.

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. ... But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to others to be fasting, except to your Father Who is hidden. And your Father Who sees what is hidden will repay you,” He said.

Read more about it...

Matthew 5-6

1. Where did Jesus go to talk to His followers?

2. What are two things Jesus taught His followers?

Bible Accent

In Luke 11:5, we read more about Jesus’ teaching on prayer.

“Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey, and I have nothing to offer him,’” Jesus said.

The answer was, “Do not bother me. ... I cannot get up to give you anything.”

“I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up ... because of his persistence,” Jesus said.

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

A father would not hand his son a snake if he asked for fish, Jesus noted.

“If you, then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” He said.

Essay

What is something that you have prayed for and why?

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Saint Spotlight



Saul was a Jew who was born in the first century in Tarsus, which is now Turkey. Saul persecuted Christians, and he was present at the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. One day, Saul had a dramatic conversion experience during which Jesus spoke to him.

After that, he believed in Jesus and began working with the apostles to spread the Gospel. He also became known as Paul. Paul made three missionary journeys that are recounted in the Acts of the Apostles. The New Testament also contains the letters that he wrote to the new Christian communities he had evangelized. According to tradition, Paul was beheaded near Rome during the reign of Emperor Nero. We remember Paul on June 29.



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Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them to form a quotation from the children’s story:

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Sentence:



Answers: daily, us, bread, today, give, our, Give us today our daily bread.

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You don't have to leave home to benefit from Catholic travel guide

Monuments, Marvels and Miracles: A Traveler's Guide to Catholic America, by Marion Amberg. Our Sunday Visitor (Huntington, Indiana, 2021). 475 pp., \$27.95.

Reviewed by Mitch Finley
Catholic News Service

There are well over 500 Catholic holy sites in the United States, and you can learn about them from this new book.

Author Marion Amberg did an enormous amount of research locating and learning about each one.

She organized the 50 states into seven regions — Northeast, mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Midwest, Mountain West, Southwest and Pacific West — and then wrote a brief description of holy sites in each state, including addresses, websites and phone numbers that travelers can use to plan a visit to each site.

For example, writing about northern Vermont, Amberg included an account of the origins of a “tiny stone chapel” built by Werner von Trapp — a son of Georg and Maria von Trapp — close by the Trapp

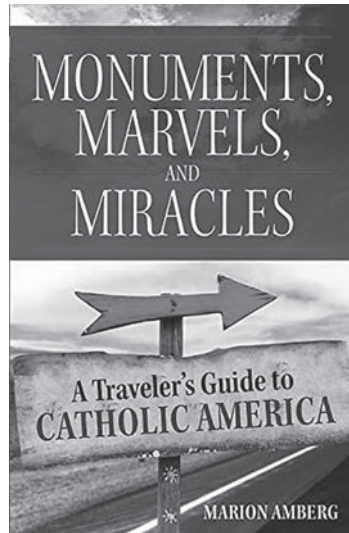
Family Lodge, near Stowe.

Each state's section of the book opens with a colorful map of the state with each highway and road identified by its official number and with each sacred site identified with the number of its section of the book.

Without a doubt, there are Catholic shrines, museums, churches, monasteries and other sites that didn't make it into this book. In fact, this reviewer identified two of them in his own region.

The fact is that there are so many Catholic sacred locales that it would be nearly impossible to include them all. Still, you're not likely to find a more complete resource than this one if you want to include Catholic holy places in your vacation plans this year or for years to come.

Each of the sites Amberg



writes about includes wonderful informative stories. One example: “Santo Niño de Atocha Chapel in Chimayo (New Mexico) has an endearing tradition: the practice of offering baby shoes to Santo Niño (the Christ Child).

According to lore, Santo Niño wanders the countryside at night healing the sick, wearing out His shoes along the way. In both petition and gratitude, the faithful keep Santo Niño shod. Severiano Medina built the quaint 1857 adobe in thanksgiving for healing received.”

Finally, you don't need to actually pack up a vehicle and drive for hundreds of miles to benefit from this book. On the contrary, armchair travelers will find it an ideal resource for enjoying Catholic holy places without ever leaving home.

Monuments, Marvels and Miracles: A Traveler's Guide to Catholic America may well be the best book of its kind ever written, and it will make a delightful gift for both lifelong Catholics and those new to Catholicism.

Thank you, Marion Amberg!

Finley is the author of more

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Spirit Untamed (PG)



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Adults

Cruella (PG-13)
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Finding You (PG)
Here Today (PG-13)
Monster (R)
Profile (R)
A Quiet Place Part II (PG-13)
Those Who Wish Me Dead (R)



Limited Adult Audience

Separation (R)



Morally Offensive

Mortal Kombat (R)
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than 30 books of popular Catholic theology, including *The Rosary Handbook*, and *What Faith is Not*.

Author wins Christopher Award for book on two refugee women

Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

Not many first-time book authors win prizes for their initial work. But Jessica Goudeau is one of them.

Goudeau won one of the Christopher Awards' prizes in the “books for adults” category this year for her maiden voyage in authoring *After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America*.


In her nonfiction work, Goudeau examines the cases of two women, separated not only by thousands of miles but also by decades as each finally made her way to the United States, and the struggles and triumphs recorded by each woman once they had made their way to Austin, Texas, where Goudeau herself lives.

“I've been friends with former refugees for over a decade,” Goudeau said in an interview with Catholic News Service.

“I had no intention of writing about them until the rhetoric shifted the way it did, in 2015.”

At that time, she added, “the governor of Texas (Greg Abbott) began talking about refugees in ways that have nothing to do with the refugees I know.”

Goudeau also said: “Part of what I wanted to do was show the stories of people who came at very different times in the U.S.”

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SACRED HEART

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college scholarships and plan on accepting just over a \$1 million.

“Clearly, an environment of accomplishment and positive peer pressure was present, and these young people have taken great pride in their work in the classrooms,” said Dr. Register.

Class President Kaytlin Kempf said she and her classmates had been looking forward to this day since they were little.

“But we will miss what we could not wait to finish,” she said.

Some, including her, might be “daydreaming, reminiscing about the past or trying to hold back the tears,” she said. “But this time is not to dwell in the past, it’s the time to start our future.”

Valedictorian Kelsey Hudson likened graduation to the end of one good book and the start of another.

“The adventures we’ve gone on are stories in themselves,” she stated. “There are so many things we have been through and so much more we will do in the future.

“Next year, we will be back at the beginning of a new story, in a completely new environment,” she noted. “We are now

going to be the new characters in other people’s stories.”

She reflected on 13 years of learning and growing in faith.

“Without Sacred Heart, my story would be completely different, and I would not have the relationship with God that I have right now,” she said.

She said she has faith that she and all of her classmates will find the paths that are best for them.

She thanked her teachers for helping her and her classmates learn things “that will help us during all of our future adventures.”

Salutatorian Megan Wingerter reminded her classmates that their learning is far from over.

She urged them not to forget the time they spent together.

“Walking across this stage is a great accomplishment for each and every one of us, and we should be proud to represent Sacred Heart as the Class of 2021,” she stated. “I’m so glad I got to be a part of the Sacred Heart Class of 2021 and share in all these great memories.”

“Our best hope”

Keynote speaker Marsha

Turner, an English and social studies teacher at Sacred Heart, described the young men and women seated before her as “extraordinary and exceptional.”

She complimented them for dignity and grace with which they responded to the pandemic protocols and privations of the past 15 months.

“We all celebrate you today,” she said. “Your success in every area — academic, athletic, artistic — are truly outstanding.”

She called them “our very best hope for the future.”

“Your standards, your faith, your integrity — from your parents, your priests, your teachers — all of you are our very best hope for the future,” she said.

She urged them to stay true to their faith and integrity, and cautioned them to be careful with how they use words, “the swords of the 21st century.”

She marveled at how quickly the graduating seniors had grown up.

“Here they are, looking so distinguished in caps and gowns — ready to take on the world and tackle the next challenge in their lives,” she said.

FR. SMITH

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that challenge his listeners to examine and work on their relationship with God.

“Most of my preaching includes a message that also applies to me,” he said.

He believes his scientific background helps him develop helpful analogies in his teaching and preaching.

“I’m naturally curious and like to analyze and discover,” he said. “Whenever someone comes to me with an issue, I like to say, ‘Let’s dig down to the base here and see what’s going on.’”

Sweet anointing

Fr. Smith kept the piece of cloth that he dabbed his hands with after they were anointed with Sacred Chrism at his ordination.

He occasionally retrieves the cloth, and the fragrant aroma takes him back.

“I wouldn’t trade these past

25 years for anything,” he stated. “It has been wonderful. I look forward to as many years as the Lord sends me.”

He is grateful to his fellow priests who have taught and mentored him and given him fellowship and support.

“You’ve truly helped me know the Lord, and you’ve helped me try my best to show the face of Christ, to be the face of Christ, to all people,” Fr. Smith told his fellow priests in March.

He now asks for prayers for God to send him the gifts he needs to become the best priest he can be, and for him to be open to receiving those gifts.

He urges parents and other adults to be straightforward in encouraging young people to consider serving the Lord for the rest of their life.

He pointed to the story of Eli and Samuel, how Samuel heard God calling his name,

and how Eli told him to respond, “Speak, Lord! Your servant is listening.”

“Too often, we flip that around and say, ‘Listen, Lord. Your servant is speaking,’” said Fr. Smith. “We need to be asking God what He wants of us.

“That’s the only way to a truly fulfilling, peaceful life,” he said.

RESURRECTION

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for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins, and grant them the fullness of redemption.”

At the end of Mass, as the people sang “America the Beautiful,” the bishop, Fr. Nelen and Deacon Schwartz led the people in procession to the new crucifix in the cemetery.

Inscribed in the base of the crucifix are the words: “In memory of those who served us so well.”

He invited everyone to consider how Jesus had transformed the cross from an instrument of death and despair, into the means and perma-

nent reminder of His mercy and eternal salvation.

The bishop urged everyone present to follow Christ more fully by joyfully accepting their own crosses each day, and by keeping watch for the Sign of the Cross in the heavens, heralding the Final Judgement.

“May the cross be our comfort in trouble, our refuge in the face of danger, and our safeguard on life’s journey, until You welcome us to Your heavenly home,” he prayed.

He then sprinkled the new crucifix with holy water.

Daily Readings

Sunday, Jun 13

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez. 17:22-24
Ps. 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
2 Cor. 5:6-10
Mk. 4:26-34

Monday, June 14

2 Cor. 6:1-10
Ps. 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4
Mt. 5:38-42

Tuesday, Jun 15

2 Cor. 8:1-9
Ps. 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a
Mt. 5:43-48

Wednesday, Jun 16

2 Cor. 9:6-11
Ps. 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9
Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, Jun 17

2 Cor. 11:1-11
Ps. 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8
Mt. 6:7-15

Friday, Jun 18

2 Cor. 11:18, 21-30
Ps. 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mt. 6:19-23

Saturday, Jun 19

St. Romuald, Abbot
2 Cor. 12:1-10
Ps. 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Mt. 6:24-34

The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for June:

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Sunday, Jun 20

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb. 38:1, 8-11
Ps. 107:23-26, 28-31
2 Cor. 5:14-17
Mk. 4:35-41

Monday, Jun 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
Gn. 12:1-9
Ps. 33:12-13, 18-20, 22
Mt. 7:1-5

Tuesday, Jun 22

St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop; St. John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs
Gn. 13:2, 5-18
Ps. 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Mt. 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, Jun 23

Gn. 15:1-12, 17-18
Ps. 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Mt. 7:15-20

Thursday, Jun 24

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
Is. 49:1-6
Ps. 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
Acts 13:22-26
Lk. 1:57-66, 80

Friday, Jun 25

Gn. 17:1, 9-10, 15-22
Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mt. 8:1-4

Saturday, Jun 26

Gn. 18:1-15
(Ps.) Luke 1:46-50, 53-55
Mt. 8:5-17

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Catholic Charities World Refugee Day

DATE: June 19
TIME: 5-8 pm

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri will host World Refugee Day 2021 from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, at MU Healthcare Pavilion, 1701 W. Ash St. in Columbia.

This event honors the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees worldwide forced to flee their homes under threat of persecution, conflict and violence, while celebrating with refugee and immigrant families within the local community by way

of this resource fair and festive event.

For information about helping to sponsor the event, visit ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give, choose "Refugee Services 2021" from the drop-down menu and type "WRD" in the comments section.

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EUCHARIST

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which Jesus refers to Himself as the Bread of Life and offers His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins.

Fr. Debo offered prayers for all who have not entered into the fullness of belief in the Catholic Church; for all people who have died; for heroic families that live the witness of Jesus's sacred presence in the Eucharist; and for plentiful vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

The processions concluded back in church, with the priests blessing their congregations by making a Sign of the Cross with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance.

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