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Bishop McKnight will help celebrate the 75th anniversary of a parish whose mission is leading an eclectic mix of newcomers and visitors to Christ.

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## Missouri celebrates 200th anniversary of statehood



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By Jay Nies

By accident or by providence, the bells of nearby St. Peter Church struck a two-note countermelody to the coda of “The Star Spangled Banner.”

Dignitaries and rank-and-file Missourians were gathered around the steps of the State Capitol in Jefferson City to celebrate their bicentennial of statehood.

“This is the day the Lord has made! Let us be glad and rejoice!” Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, vicar general for the Jefferson City diocese, chaplain of the Missouri House of Representatives and pastor of St. Michael Parish in Russellville, proclaimed in the invocation, quoting Psalm 118.

It was the 200th anniversary of the day President James Monroe signed legislation recognizing Missouri as the 24th state in the Union.

Like all 73,049 days that came before it, it was a moment in history.

“It took all of us, every single Missourian for the past 200 years, to make us who we are and to bring us to this day,” Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul Wilson asserted. “It will take all of us to move Missouri into the future — our future — that will be as bright as we make it, together.”

Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, vicar general of the Jefferson City diocese and chaplain of the Missouri House of Representatives, joins Gov. Mike Parson and Missouri State University Adjunct Professor James T. Gibson on the steps of the Capitol during the Aug. 10 Statehood Day celebration marking Missouri’s 200th anniversary as the 24th state in the Union. — Photo by Jay Nies

## Catholic school educators reminded to seek God’s direction, promote discipleship

By Jay Nies

A mother recently noticed her son kneeling next to his bed, praying intently.

“I’m praying for Grandpa,” he told her. “My teacher said that when your loved ones die, you need to pray really hard to help them get to heaven.”

“That’s priceless!” Father Anthony Viviano told the Catholic school teachers and administrators of Osage and Maries Counties.

“What that teacher managed to instill is making a difference not only for that little soul but for the soul of his Grandpa, as well,” he said.

Fr. Viviano, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk, offered Mass and gave a reflection on Catholic educators’ unique and essential mission.

It was part of an Aug. 9 day of recollection and renewal in anticipation of a new school year.

Other presenters included Father Stephen Jones, diocesan stewardship director and former president of Helias Catholic High School, and Donna Cori, nationally renowned Catholic singer, songwriter and evangelizer.

It was the memorial feastday of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), a gifted teacher who entered the Church after losing her faith and regaining it through relentless pursuit of the truth.

“She was open to God’s plan,” Fr. Viviano noted. “When you seek the truth, you’re eventually going to find holiness and God’s will for your life.”

He reminded the educators that every person is called to be holy, with each being summoned to a specific place and mission.

“We need to continue to keep our minds open,” he said. “We need to keep asking, ‘How can I serve the Lord? What

### A place of promise

Dr. Gary Kremer, executive director of the Missouri State Historical Society, called to mind an assertion by 19th-century Missouri statesman Sen. Thomas Hart Benton that those who owned land and cultivated the soil were “the chosen of God” and their occupation “the most

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## Official Decree of Appointments

*The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, makes the following appointments:*

**CHANCERY**

**Reverend Dylan Schrader, PhD** to Latinist and Censor

Librorum, with continuing ministry as Pastor of St. Brendan Parish, Mexico, and Moderator of Religious Education.

**Mister Benjamin Roodhouse, JD, JCL** to Advocate in the Matrimonial Tribunal and Director of Canonical Services at the Chancery.

**Deacon Richard P. Teltorst** to Director of Catholic Cemeteries, and to continue with Nursing Home Ministry in Jefferson City.

*These appointments are effective September 1, 2021.*

**PRIEST**

**Reverend Paul M. Hartley**, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montgomery City, St. Patrick Parish, Jonesburg and Church of the Resurrection Parish, Wellsville, to med-

ical leave from July 31, 2021, until September 24, 2021.

**DEACONS**

**Deacon Ronald E. Deimeke** to parochial ministry at Immaculate Conception Parish, Montgomery City, St. Patrick Parish, Jonesburg and Church of the Resurrection Parish, Wellsville, to assist the pastor during his medical leave. This appointment is effective from July 31, 2021, until September 24, 2021. During this period, Deacon Deimeke's ministry at St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, the Mission of St. John, Ladonia, and Sacred Heart Parish, Vandalia is suspended.

**Deacon Chet L. Zuck** to parochial ministry at Our Lady of Snows Parish, Mary's Home, and to continue with ministry at Sacred Heart Parish, Eldon, effective September 1, 2021.

Given at the Chancery this 18th day of August 2021.

*Shawn McKnight*

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

*Constance Schepers*

**Mrs. Constance Schepers**  
Chancellor

## Concert to benefit Mary's Meals

**DATE: September 2**  
**TIME: 6 - 9 pm**

Nashville band Drop Dead Dangerous will perform the third annual free concert to benefit Mary's Meals from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, at Canterbury Hill Winery, 1707 S. Summit Drive in Holts Summit.

Donations will be accepted for Mary's Meals, an organization that provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every day they attend school.

The organization's goal this year is to feed 1,000 children, with \$21 feeding a child for an entire year at school.

Jefferson City Mayor Carrie Tergin plans to attend the concert and present a proclamation for "Mary's Meals Day" in Jefferson City that evening.

Contact Michelle Keller, regional coordinator for Mary's Meals USA, at [Michelle.keller@marysmeals.org](mailto:Michelle.keller@marysmeals.org) to reserve a table.

For information about Mary's Meals, visit [marysmealsusa.org](http://marysmealsusa.org).

## Where to donate to help agencies respond to the Haiti earthquake

Numerous organizations, including Catholic agencies, are accepting donations to assist with their emergency response to the Haiti earthquake.

•Catholic Relief Services: [crs.org](http://crs.org); by phone:

877-435-7277 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern; by mail: P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland, 21297-0303.

•Catholic Medical Mission Board: [cmmmb.org](http://cmmmb.org)

•Caritas Internationalis: [caritas.org](http://caritas.org)

•Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami: [ccadm.org](http://ccadm.org).

•Cross Catholic Outreach: [crosscatholic.org](http://crosscatholic.org).

•Food for the Poor: [food-forthepoor.org](http://food-forthepoor.org).

## Pray for deceased priests

Aug. 28 — **Fr. Thomas D. Sullivan**, St. Cecilia, Meta (1977)  
Sept. 2 — **Fr. Herman J. Striewe**, St. Joseph Home, Jefferson City (1966)

*Holy Family*

# PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 5  
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Chicken and Roast Beef Dinner  
with Real Mashed Potatoes  
Served 11:30 am-7 pm  
**CARRY-OUTS ONLY - \$13**

Outdoor & indoor (A/C) seating - no table service

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— Bishop Joseph M. Marling C.P.P.S., July 7, 1957

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## Administrative Assistant



The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant to support the Director of Parish and Charitable Services. This position not only provides administrative support, but is closely aligned with direct ministry; therefore, the individual will need to have a good knowledge of the Catholic faith in order to be successful.

In addition to excellent organizational and Microsoft Office skills, the ideal candidate will need to be available for occasional evening and weekend work, estimated to be approximately 12 times per year.

This is a full-time, year-round position.

The Diocese of Jefferson City offers a comprehensive benefit package including paid holidays, paid vacation and sick days; group health, dental and vision insurance; flexible spending account and matching 403(b) retirement plan.

Qualified candidates should apply on **Indeed.com** and complete the skills assessment.

# MAKING CONNECTIONS

## Bishop McKnight

### The moral responsibility to be vaccinated

Our world has been facing a health crisis for more than a year now, unprecedented in modern times.

More than 4.3 million people have died from the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, and we have seen a resurgence in cases in our diocese this summer.

We are all feeling fatigue and anxiety, especially over how this lingering pandemic will impact the learning environment of our students returning to school.

According to our national and state authorities, the most efficient way of stopping the spread of the virus is for enough people to be vaccinated.

Both Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and both President Donald Trump and President Joseph Biden have been vaccinated and encouraged all of us who are eligible to do so, as well.

I am concerned about the reports I am receiving from our healthcare professionals and our pastors, and I am troubled that allowing the virus to spread further will cause great harm to our communities.

I write again, this time with

urgency, to encourage each person who can get vaccinated to do so. Doing your part and accepting your responsibility is the quickest way to stop the suffering and return to our usual activities.

The moral aspects of the vaccine have been thoroughly examined by the Catholic Church. I want to state clearly the outcome of the Church's doctrinal and pastoral reflection on this matter: It is morally permissible and morally responsible to receive the COVID-19 vaccines currently available.

Pope Francis approved a statement from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which declared it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines, even those that are remotely connected with the grave sin of abortion. The Congregation states:

"[W]hen ethically irreproachable COVID-19 vaccines are not available (e.g. in countries where vaccines without ethical problems are not made available to physicians and patients, or where their distribution is more difficult due to special storage and transport conditions, or when various types of vaccines are

distributed in the same country but health authorities do not allow citizens to choose the vaccine with which to be inoculated) it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process."

To read the full document, visit [vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html) and search "vaccine morality."

Likewise, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB)

Committee on Doctrine and its Committee on Pro-Life Activities have written: "In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines."

(See: [usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines](http://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines)).

I am aware there are other opinions being presented, including by some priests, ethicists, and politicians. Nevertheless, all voices are not equal when it comes to matters of faith and morals.

As Catholics, we must hold the authoritative voice of our chief shepherds, the pope and bishops, to a higher level of consideration over other voices.

As Catholics, we are required to intensely scrutinize any opinion, using both reason and faith, that appear to be in opposition to official Church teaching or that undermine the common good and the unity of the Church. I would hold that with respect to any moral or doctrinal issue.

With respect to the issue of the COVID-19 vaccines, the chairs of the USCCB committees on Doctrine and Pro-Life Activities explain, in their rationale for approval of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19

vaccines, that the Church has accepted for many years the use of the rubella (German measles) vaccine.

"It is important to note that the making of the rubella vaccine (or that of the new COVID-19 vaccines) does not involve cells taken directly from the body of an aborted child," the archbishop-chairs wrote. "Cells taken from two abortions in the 1960s were replicated in a laboratory to produce two cell lines that can be reproduced again and again, indefinitely. To make

medically unfit for the vaccine.

Every person who becomes extremely ill with COVID-19 (the vast number of whom are unvaccinated) places an additional burden on the health-care system, which in certain cities, states and nations remains at or near critical levels of overload, and an additional burden on health care personnel who are valiantly confronting this crisis.

It is socially irresponsible not to consider this fact when making the decision about getting the vaccine.

**"I write again, this time with urgency, to encourage each person who can get vaccinated to do so. Doing your part and accepting your responsibility is the quickest way to stop the suffering and return to our usual activities."**  
— Bishop W. Shawn McKnight

Further consideration must also be given to our children who desire to be educated in-person. The

rubella vaccine, cells from these cell lines are stimulated to produce the chemicals necessary for the vaccine. It is not as if the making of the vaccine required ever more cells from ever more abortions."

(See the previous citation to access the full document).

The Church not only gives us permission to receive these vaccines, but she informs us that we have a moral responsibility to receive the vaccines when we are able to do so.

This is because each one of us is responsible for the common good, that is, for our good and the good of others.

We are especially concerned for the vulnerable members of our communities, such as children, for whom the vaccine is not yet readily available, and those with certain medical conditions which render them

emotional and mental health of illness and repeated periods of quarantine and lockdown should not be overlooked. For the sake of our youth and their education and formation, again, I urge you to accept your responsibility and to act for the common good.

However, no one should conclude that the Church is turning a blind eye to the evil of abortion. Church teaching on the matter is crystal clear. We can never compromise our principle that all human life is precious and to be protected.

The U.S. bishops directly address the concern of some that acceptance of the vaccine is not pro-life.

"Our love of neighbor should lead us to avoid giving scandal," the bishops state,

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**Bishop McKnight's Calendar**

**AUGUST**

- Aug 21** St. Pius X 150th Anniversary Mass, 5:15 pm, Moberly
- Aug 22** St. Brendan Catholic School 100th Anniversary Mass, 9 am, Mexico
- Aug 24** Hispanic Ministry Meeting, 10:30 am, Chancery; Catholic Rural Life Sustainability Committee Meeting, 2 pm, Virtual
- Aug 28** St. Clement Parish 150th Anniversary Mass, 4 pm, St. Clement

**SEPTEMBER**

- Sep 1** Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Board of Directors Meeting, noon, Virtual



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

As we begin this school year, may all recognize our shared mission to hand on our Catholic faith to the next generation.

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

Al comenzar este nuevo año escolar, que todos recordemos nuestra misión común de transmitir nuestra fe católica a las próximas generaciones.

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



## Rest in peace, Fr. James Calasara, 87, retired military chaplain

Maj. (Ret.) Father Man-sueto Tumaliuan (James) Calasara, 87, a retired U.S. Army chaplain and priest of the Archdiocese of Jaro in the Philippines, died on July 28 in Cape Girardeau.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 10 in the Soldiers Memorial Chapel at Fort Leonard Wood.

Burial with full military honors was in the Missouri

Veterans Cemetery in Waynesville.

Fr. Calasara had served as a base chaplain at Fort Leonard Wood and lived in retirement in Pulaski County.

He filled-in for priests in the Jefferson City diocese, including at St. Anthony Parish in Camdenton, St. Lawrence Parish in St. Elizabeth and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in St. Anthony.

He was a renaissance man, versed in many subjects and devoted to serving God with joy through his Priesthood.

"There were no dull moments with Fr. James. He was one of a kind!" said Anecita Alvizo, a member of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Boonville and Missouri state chairwoman of the National Federations of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA).

Fr. Calasara was born in the Philippines in 1934.

After ordination, he served in his diocese for several years, then became a chaplain of the Philippine Navy and the first Philippine Marine's Chaplain.

While working as a diocesan priest on the Island

of Guam, he joined the U.S. Army as a chaplain in 1981.

He retired from the military in 1996 with the rank of major. He was called back to active duty in 2002 during the War in Iraq.

He received several military honors, including the Army Commendation Medal (Two oak leaf cluster), and the National Defense Marine's Long Service Medal.

He enjoyed offering noon Mass in the Fort Leonard Wood chapel and joining his fellow priests in ministry.

"He would help out whenever he was needed for a penance service or anything like that. All you had to do was call and invite him," said Father John Groner, retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese, who ministered for 22 years in St. Robert and Richland.

Fr. Calasara was also a professional golf instructor and member of the U.S. Golf Association.

"He was basically willing to help anybody learn the fundamentals of the game," said Fr. Groner.

He created his own golf course near Dixon, calling it the "El Padre Golf and Country Club."

"He had something like eight acres, and he cut it with a push-mower," Fr. Groner noted. "He would keep it low enough that you could hit a golf ball and find it back."

Fr. Calasara was also the author of several books, including: *The Fighting Priest; Jones for Everyone; Holyland, Memories of a Pilgrim; Christianity in Poetry; and Who Founded Your Church?*



Father James T. Calasara (1934-2021)

Mrs. Alvizo said Fr. Calasara inspired many people in the Filipino-American community.

"We always invited him to every event, especially in our religious activities," she said. "His persistence, his ability to balance his priestly responsibilities, structured military life and having fun with all his friends taught us how to live our life to the fullest and appreciate every blessing we receive from God every day."

He could speak eight languages, loved the people of the United States and the Philippines, and possessed a devastating sense of humor.

"His jokes were incredibly funny!" said Mrs. Alvizo. "But most importantly, I admired his strong faith and determination to serve our Lord."

He often had a book in his hand.

"He did a lot of reading and a lot of studying," said Fr. Groner. "He loved studying languages. At the end of his life, he was learning Chinese."

Mrs. Alvizo said that Fr. Calasara lived as God wants all people to live: "having faith in God and doing whatever pleases our Lord."

Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos, who led the Jefferson City diocese from 1997-2018, said Fr. Calasara was "part of a long line of priests from the far reaches of the earth who have answered the call to Gospel ministry in our diocese over the years."

"We commend him to the Lord and rely on his continued prayerful support for our Local Church in the Communion of Saints," said Bishop Gaydos.

### Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Protection from the Coronavirus

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need.

We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Bring under your mantle of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

**V.** We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

**R.** Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

## RESPONSIBILITY

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"but we cannot omit fulfilling serious obligations such as the prevention of deadly infection and the spread of contagion among those who are vulnerable just to avoid the appearance of scandal."

(See the previous citation to access the full document).

Even while we know it is morally permissible and responsible to be vaccinated against the coronavirus for the protection of the vulnerable and the common good, we must always be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines, just like the rubella vaccine, do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research.

I join the Holy See and my brother bishops in begging biomedical researchers and pharmaceutical companies to redouble their efforts to create vaccines with no connection to abortion whatsoever.

For those who, after prayerfully and thoughtfully considering the Church's teaching in this matter, still determine they must decline the vaccine in conscience, I ask that they show respect for the guidance of Church authorities and that they discuss with their pastors how to

speaking prudentially about the matter for the sake of the common good and unity within our communities.

Furthermore, the Holy See states clearly that these individuals "must do their utmost to avoid, by other prophylactic means and appropriate behavior, becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent. In particular, they must avoid any risk to the health of those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or other reasons, and who are the most vulnerable."

(See the Vatican document: "Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines.")

Because of the confusion regarding vaccines, and out of the need for a consistent practice throughout the diocese, I have therefore issued a general decree which reserves to myself as the diocesan bishop the decision of whether or not to grant requests from Catholics who seek support for a religious exemption from vaccinations when they are mandated by legitimate authorities.

Pastors who receive such requests from their parishioners are directed to refer them to the Office of Bishop.

May St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Protector of the Holy Family, pray for us throughout this Holy Year.

## Sr. Francine Kohler SSND moves to Joplin, loved Columbia's diversity

By Jay Nies

Sister Francine Koehler of the School Sisters of Notre Dame was in the process moving to southwestern Missouri.

Then she fell, broke her elbow, lost her ability to drive and had to stay put for six weeks.

"It turned out to be a gift," she said.

Two sisters in Jefferson City opened their home and their hearts to her while she healed and got stronger.

It became an unplanned sabbatical for her.

"It was just a beautiful time," she said. "The sisters here took me most of the places I needed to go. I had no responsibilities."

She spent plenty of time outside, contemplating God in creation.

It reinforced for her the balance of working and praying, doing and being.

"Looking back, there's no other way I would have had so much time dropped in my lap," she said. "It did hurt, but I think that was part of the transformation, too."

With a grateful heart and clean bill of health, Sr. Francine commenced with her move to Joplin, where she now lives in community with Sister Julie Brandt, a School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) who previously served in the Jefferson City diocese.

Sr. Francine plans to work with Hispanic immigrants in Neosho, the latest stop on a road she has been traveling for over 25 years.

She previously served as director of faith formation at Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia from 2004-2010, focusing primarily on Hispanic ministry and outreach to immigrants.

She then carried out a similar role in Branson for seven years before returning to Columbia in 2017.

"Both times, I worked with Hispanics mainly," she said. "But Columbia is so diverse. You could be teaching English to people from the Congo or Sudan or Bosnia, all these places where people are coming to us."

She said even the Latino population in Boone County is particularly diverse.

"You have Hispanics from all over Central America and South America," she said. "You really have to work at picking up the regionalisms or idioms for each country."

She noted that Puerto Ricans are often bilingual and could help her whenever she got stuck.

She said she enjoyed working with volunteers at Sacred Heart to help newly resettled refugees get acclimated and help immigrants learn English and prepare for their citizenship test.

"I believe my time here broadened my cultural awareness and the need to reach out to people of all backgrounds in any way I could," she said.

### "A lot of sinking"

Sr. Francine grew up in a middle-class, Catholic family in St. Louis.

"My family taught me to have strong values and to challenge myself," she said.

She studied Spanish in high school and double-majored in Spanish and English in college.

While in formation to become a sister, she spent time on mission in California, working mostly with Spanish-speaking immigrants.

She also spent time studying in Bolivia and on mission in Honduras.

"That's when I really had to sink or swim with the language," she said. "I did a lot of sinking in the beginning."

It took about two years of immersion for her to become fluent in Spanish and lose her frustration with speaking it all the time.

She said the more places she visits, the more she appreciates the world's vastness and complexity.

"We (SSNDs) have sisters all over," she noted. "That has really broadened my perspective, my view, my acceptance."

She said being able to sit down and have a discussion with someone from a different background and culture makes a big difference.

"If you've never had that experience, if you never to get to know another person one-on-one, you tend to group them all together in the same way," she said.

### Consistent need

Upon returning to the United States, she saw numerous growing Latino populations that were in need of practical and spiritual assistance.

She has been helping to fill that need for over 25 years.

"Different parishes and different titles, but mostly focused on Hispanic ministry," she said.

Her circle of cultures and dialects has continued to expand.

"You hold onto what you've already learned and keep learning new things," she suggested. "The first things you learned stick with you."

Now she's adapting some more, as the culture in and around Joplin and Neosho is quite different from what she experienced in Columbia.

Working part-time, she's also learning to cut back when necessary.

While finding her niche, she plans on doing some interpreting for people at local hospitals and those seeking help from Catholic Charities.



Sister Francine Koehler SSND

"I'm looking forward to seeing what needs are awaiting me," she said. "But I'll put most of my energy into the Spanish-speaking communities."

### "Come to my assistance"

Sr. Francine also enjoyed living in community with Do-

minican Sister Karen Freund, who was serving as a spiritual director at St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia.

Sr. Karen recently returned to her motherhouse in Springfield, Illinois.

"I had four wonderful years and sharing charism and community with a Dominican sister," said Sr. Francine. "That was both of us our first experience of living with someone outside of our congregation. We loved it. I really miss her."

SSNDs and Dominicans both pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day.

"We don't chant it, but chanting it is a big thing for them," said Sr. Francine. "So I learned the chant and we chanted our Office every day together."

Sr. Francine now asks for prayers to be open to the newness in this transition, to recognize what needs to be done there and to have "the gifts to match the needs."

## 'Great American Family Music Concert' to benefit Down syndrome services

**DATE: September 12**  
**TIME: 2:30 pm**

The Basi Family — Christian, Kate, Alex, Julianna, Nicholas and Michael — will perform The Great American Family Music Concert to benefit Down syndrome services at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive near Stadium Boulevard and I-70.

The concert is free and open to the public. Free-will offerings will be accepted for the Step Up For Down Syndrome Walk, which provides support to families of children with Down syndrome in mid-Missouri.

"Come join us for a celebration of American composers from Scott Joplin to John Philip Sousa to Rachel Platten," the Basi family stated. "As a bonus, you'll get a peek behind the curtain on how a musical family of six prepares for a concert. Trust us, it's not as romantic as it sounds."

Mr. and Mrs. Basi, members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, have been involved with the Step Up For Down Syndrome walk since their daughter, Julianna, was born 14 years ago.

"Originally we were a small, ad hoc group of parents getting together," Mrs. Basi noted. "But the energy behind the group convinced

Down Syndrome Innovations, based in Kansas City, to fold us under their wing and now they provide services for families: social events for parents, social events for different age groups, child care for the social events, new parent breakfasts, educational conferences, and even teletherapy."

All of these services are funded through the Step Up For Down Syndrome Walk.

"We have a team called Basically Awesome, and the family concert is our primary offering," said Mrs. Basi. "We put together a fun program — part good music, part kids' participation, part comedy."

The Our Lady of Lourdes Parish choir puts on a reception afterward.

This year, Mr. Basi will play the "Maple Leaf Rag," and Mrs. Basi has a new version of "Shenandoah" for flute and piano.

Alex, age 16, is always a hit with the crowds who knew him when he was a baby, "because he's just that good a piano player," said Mrs. Basi.

"He's going to do some jazz. And then a few skits, poking fun at ourselves," she said.

For more information, visit Facebook and search "The Great American Family Concert."



# St. Ann Parish in Warsaw to celebrate 75th anniversary Sept. 26



**LEFT:** The current St. Ann Church, the second Catholic church building in Warsaw, was built in 1996 to accommodate the growing Catholic community in and around the Truman Lake area. — File photo **RIGHT:** Construction of the current St. Ann Church nears completion in November 1996. — Photo by Mahlon K. White, *Benton County Enterprise*

*St. Ann Parish in Warsaw will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 26.*

*An open house will begin at 2 p.m. at St. Ann Church, 30455 W. Dam Access Road.*

*The Rosary will be prayed at 2:30 p.m.*

*Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will offer Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on three parishioners at 3 p.m.*

*A meal will be served after Mass. All are welcome to attend. Please confirm reservations by Sept. 1 at [stannwar.org](http://stannwar.org), or contact Deb Blair in the parish office at [stannwarsaw1@gmail.com](mailto:stannwarsaw1@gmail.com) or 660-438-3844.*

By A Committee of St. Ann Parishioners

The late Leo I. Porter Sr.,

longtime St. Ann parishioner, called Warsaw, Missouri, “the heartbeat between Harry S Truman Reservoir and the headwaters of the Lake of the Ozarks.”

St. Ann Parish isn't quite as easy to describe.

“There's no book on a place like this,” a pastor stated nearly four decades ago. “We are mostly strangers who have come from somewhere else.”

But once they arrive, they become part of an eclectic family that was once very small.

Chris and William Hirsch arrived in Warsaw in 1855 to open a meat market, bringing their Catholic faith with them.

They were the only Catholics in town at that time.

Nearly a century later, Monsignor J. McCaffery, vicar general of what was then the Diocese of Kansas City, wished to build a Catholic church in every county.

On Feb. 10, 1944, the diocese bought a lot in the original town of Warsaw from Walter J. Button for \$600.

To prepare the community for what was to come, Bishop

(later Archbishop) Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City sent priests to Warsaw to do some street preaching.

Among the young preachers was Father Michael F. McAuliffe, future bishop of Jefferson City.

Ward J. Krudwig of Lebanon, Missouri, was contracted to build Warsaw's first Catholic church at the northwest corner of Jackson and Bolivar streets in 1945.

The Catholic Extension Society of America provided \$5,000 of the cost.

When completed, the wooden-frame building measured 30 by 60 feet. Eight pews were adequate for the eight men, 12 women and five children who made up the congregation.

Bishop O'Hara dedicated the church on March 3, 1946.

Precious Blood Father Urban Landoll offered the first Mass in the church a month later.

“The first Mass was said in a shell of a building resembling a cow shed, no heat, concrete floor, 7 am Mass only,” parishioner Kathleen White recalled in a letter.

Over time, this tiny mission church came to be affectionately known as “The Sheep Shed.”

Father B.J. Walton was appointed regular pastor of the Mission of St. Ann in May of 1946.

His residence was in Windsor, about 30

miles away. He had no car, so he travelled by bus.

Fr. Walton's resources were somewhat limited. He did not have a housekeeper. His rectory was unfurnished. The church was heated with a wood stove.

The Ernest Hirsh family took care of their pastor whenever he stayed overnight in Warsaw.

The men of the parish would take turns building the fire in the church stove each Sunday.

Fr. Walton taught John William Hirsch, the only young boy of the parish, to be an altar server.

Fr. Walton organized the Ladies Altar Society in 1946. All altar necessities were bought or made by the good ladies.

Church members purchased a gas stove for the church and installed it under Fr. Walton's supervision on Dec. 31, 1947.

That day was very snowy and cold. While trying to

return home to Windsor, Fr. Walton got lost in the snowstorm and died.

## Part of a new diocese

Father Joseph Lorenz was sent to Warsaw to serve as temporary pastor until Father James Holmes was appointed pastor in June of 1948.

Father John F. Hamilton became pastor in December 1950. He organized the first vacation Bible school for Catholic children in Warsaw. He became extremely ill and was taken to the hospital in April 1952.

Newly ordained Father James A. Schwartz then served the parish for two months until Father Walter J. Pilecki became pastor.

St. Ann became part of the newly formed Diocese of Jefferson City on July 2, 1956.

Father A.J. Brunswick of the Missionary Society of the Precious Blood was appointed pastor in January 1958.

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The original St. Ann Church in Warsaw was renovated and built onto several times before the current church was built in 1995.



# Bishops say U.S. government must urgently act to relocate refugees fleeing from Afghanistan

## Effect on local refugee resettlement efforts currently unclear

Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

Saying that a humanitarian crisis is developing in Afghanistan, the chairmen of two U.S. bishops' committees called on the U.S. government to "act with utmost urgency" to resettle thousands of Afghan citizens entering the country under special immigrant visas.

The U.S. government has said it would resettle up to 30,000 people who have applied for Special Immigrant Visas, or SIVs.

The flow of refugees has been fueled by the rapid takeover of the Afghan government by Taliban forces in the first half of August as the U.S. withdrew its military, which has been in the troubled country for nearly 20 years.

"The government's goal to relocate as many as 30,000 SIV applicants to the United States remains a monumental task that hangs in the balance," said Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville of Washington, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration, and

Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Illinois, chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace.

"We know that time is of the essence to help our brothers and sisters in need, and we call on our government to act with the utmost urgency, considering all available avenues to preserve life," the bishops said in a statement released late Aug. 17.

Describing videos and photos of the desperation of Afghan citizens as the Taliban swept into power Aug. 15 as "difficult to view," the chairmen expressed concern for all people requiring evacuation, "as well as Afghan women and girls, who risk losing opportunities gained over the last two decades and now face potential mistreatment."

The statement also said that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities and other agencies have been assisting the U.S. government in working with SIV applicants at Fort Lee, south of Richmond, Virginia.

"We will continue to work as long as necessary until those who are in harm's way are brought to safety," the bishops said.



Evacuees crowd the interior of a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III transport aircraft carrying nearly 700 Afghans from Kabul to Qatar Aug. 15, 2021.

— CNS photo/courtesy Defense One handout via Reuters

17 that the U.S. Catholic bishops' network of resettlement agencies throughout the country has been planning a response to a possible spike in the number of refugees.

CCCNMO Refugee Services serves as the only federally-authorized agency in Columbia and central Missouri to resettle refugees.

Ms. Moog told the station that Refugee Services has helped settle 37 Afghan refugees resettled in mid-Missouri since 2001.

Refugees often resettle where there are larger communities of people from their own country, she said.

Nonetheless, she told KMIZ-TV that CCCNMO Resettlement Services would be ready to travel to help with the process of resettling Afghani refugees if necessary.

[cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/refugee-services/](http://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/refugee-services/)

The statement closed with an offer to join with Pope Francis in praying for peace in Afghanistan, "that the clamor of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue."

## Local preparations

Samantha Moog, director of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri's (CCCNMO) Refugee Services, told KMIZ-TV news reporter Lucas Geisler Aug.

# Priest killed, one missing as Church assesses damage from Haiti quake

Catholic News Service

Les Cayes, Haiti

The magnitude 7.2 earthquake that struck Haiti collapsed the bishop's residence in Les Cayes, killing one priest, leaving one missing and injuring Cardinal Chibly Langlois.

Father Emile Beldor died of his injuries after the Aug. 14 quake. Father Jean-Antoine Coulanges is reported missing. Cardinal Langlois sustained arm and leg injuries; church sources say his life is not in danger.

Voice of America reported that 18 people, assembled for a baptism, were killed in Immaculate Conception Parish church of Les Anglais.

The Haitian civil protection service reported late Aug. 15 that nearly 1,300 people had been killed, more than 5,700 were injured and more than 30,250 families needed shelter. Those numbers were expected to rise as a tropical depression headed toward the island. The civil protection agency warned people to expect strong winds, landslides and flooding in addition to heavy rain and rough seas.

At the Vatican Aug. 15, Pope Francis ex-

pressed his condolences and closeness to the Haitian people.

"While I lift up my prayer to the Lord for the victims, I extend my word of encouragement to the survivors, hoping that the interest of the international community to help might move toward them," the pope said during his Angelus address. Leading pilgrims in praying a "Hail Mary" for Haiti, the pope prayed that the "solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy."

Bishop Joseph Gontrand Décoste of Jérémie also called on the international Catholic community for help to rebuild. The diocesan cathedral's roof was ripped off for the second time in less than five years.

"The population is desperate and beleaguered. They are sleeping outside under the trees, in open public spaces, to protect themselves from aftershocks arriving every few hours," Bishop Décoste told Vatican News a few hours after the earthquake struck, damaging road infrastruc-



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## QUESTION CORNER

Adam, Eve and evolution /  
Reading murder mysteriesBy Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service

**Q. How is one to accept the story of Adam and Eve, if one believes in evolution? (Louisville, Kentucky)**

A. There is no conflict between the biblical story of Adam and Eve and the acceptance of the scientific theory of evolution. The first human bodies may well have been the product of the ordinary evolutionary process. But a Catholic is compelled to believe that the first human souls were created directly by God.

So, concerning biological evolution, the Church does not have an official position on whether various life forms developed over the course of time. But if that was the case, then they did so under the impetus and the guidance of God. Furthermore, the observation of Pope Pius XII in his 1950 encyclical *"Humani Generis"* still carries weight:

"The faithful cannot embrace that opinion which maintains that ... Adam represents a certain number of first parents. Now it is in no way apparent how such an opinion can be reconciled with that which ... the documents of the teaching authority of the Church propose with regard to original sin, which proceeds from a sin actually committed by an individual Adam."

And so the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: "The account of the fall in Genesis 3 uses figurative language, but affirms a primeval event, a deed that took place at the beginning of the history of man. Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole of human history is marked by the original fault freely committed by our first parents" (No. 390).

**Q. I enjoy reading murder mysteries. I like seeing how the detectives work through the clues to solve their cases. Many of these stories contain graphic violence and sexual elements in these crimes. Is it a serious sin to read these types of stories? (When I ponder this, I recall that even the Old Testament has very similar instances.) (Wichita, Kansas)**

A. I suspect, by the fact that you even raise the question, that you are committing no sin in reading murder mysteries. The key question has to do with why you are reading these books. If you were reading them to glory in the violence or to focus on and take pleasure in the sexual descriptions, then that would certainly be a concern.

But you have told me that your interest, instead, is to guess and observe how the detectives will weigh the clues. Here is what you might do: If you are unsure about your motives in reading such mysteries, you might consult with a priest or a spiritual counselor to help you sort that out. But my guess would be that you are doing nothing wrong.

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

Papal  
Audience  
August 18, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Letter to the Galatians, we have seen how St. Paul teaches that faith in Jesus Christ brings a spiritual freedom that liberates believers from the demands of the Mosaic Law. For the Apostle, the Law served a "pedagogical" function; as a merciful gift of God, it demanded obedience to His commandments, while at the same time pointing to the reality of our sinfulness and need for salvation. With the coming of Christ and His redeeming grace, the Law finds its fulfillment in the Gospel message of new life and freedom in the Spirit.

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. May these tranquil summer days be for you and your families a special time of grace and spiritual renewal. God bless you!

Pope, cardinals say in ad campaign,  
vaccination is an act of loveBy Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

When each individual makes a small act of charity, like getting the COVID-19 vaccine, every gesture added together can transform the world, Pope Francis said in a global ad campaign.

"Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love — love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people," he said in a public service announcement released Aug. 18 in Rome.

The video message was part of a global effort by the U.S.-based nonpartisan, nonprofit Ad Council and the COVID Collaborative's "It's Up To You" campaign to increase people's confidence in COVID-19 vaccines by reminding them that the vaccines are safe, effective and save people's lives. The Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development also cooperated with the educational initiative.

The three-minute video in Spanish with English, Spanish and Portuguese subtitles features Pope Francis and six cardinals and archbishops from North and South America. Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is among them.



Cardinal Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, is pictured in a video for an ad campaign promoting COVID-19 vaccines throughout the Americas. He is among other Catholic leaders featured in the video. — CNS Screenshot/courtesy Ad Council

The "It's Up To You" campaign has been inviting "trusted messengers" to deliver "fact-based and life-saving information to populations hesitant about the COVID-19 vaccines, helping them to make informed decisions for themselves and their families," it said in a joint news release with the Ad Council.

Lisa Sherman, president and CEO of the Ad Council, said, "The role of trusted messengers to educate and inspire their networks is undeniable."

"We are extremely grateful to (Pope Francis) and the cardinals and archbishops for lending their voices and platforms to help people across the globe feel more confident in the vaccines," particularly to the world's 1.3 billion Catholics, she said in the news release.

It said 72% of the adult

population and 67% of Hispanic adults have currently been vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least one dose in the United States.

But COVID-19 cases are on the rise worldwide, especially in North, Central and South America. Some nations are still showing very low rates of individuals who are fully vaccinated, such as Honduras with only 5.5% of the adult population and El Salvador with 30%.

While access to vaccines is a challenge, "confidence in the vaccines also presents a hurdle," the news release said.

In his message, the pope said, "Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic,

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## Uprooting the weeds in our spiritual life

By Elise Italiano Ureneck  
Catholic News Service



I recently became a first-time homeowner. After renting for nearly three decades, I have immediately recognized the blessings of this status change.

For starters, my husband and I have the opportunity to put equity into something; we have space to expand our family and dream about our future; and our children will have a

place that they associate with the formation of their identity.

The challenges are also evident: the buck stops with us in terms of repairs and maintenance. Let's just say that it's been a steep learning curve for me when it comes to pest control, brands of dehumidifiers and gallons of paint needed per square foot.

But the greatest challenge so far has been our yard. In the three months that we have owned our home, my husband and I have weeded our gardens and flower beds more hours than we can tally. (We have since learned how much mulch is required to help in this eternal struggle.)

I don't mind the physical work. There is something satisfying about getting one's hands dirty and pulling up a weed by its roots. What has been demoralizing is that with just a little bit of rain, the weeds come back bigger and with stronger, longer and more sprawling roots.

All of this landscaping has me thinking about certain aspects of our Catholic faith. Naturally, the parable of the weeds and wheat has come to mind, namely how God permits the upright and the immoral to coexist until some future time.

I've been thinking a lot about how in ecclesial life today, many people are certain that they are the wheat and those

with whom they disagree on various points are the weeds, wishing they would be uprooted and allow the Church as they envision it to grow and flourish.

That in turn has led me to think a lot about the importance of careful self-examination and confession. Jesus makes it clear that the seed that falls on fertile soil can produce fruit "a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Going to confession is an essential part of preparing good soil. It's the act uprooting the weeds that continually threaten to choke out our good works and snuff out

See URENECK, page 18

## I found the treasure in a field

By Sr. Constance Veit, I.S.P.



In our mid-summer weekday Masses, we read a series of parables from the Gospel of St. Matthew. These stories were perfect for summer with their portrayal of Jesus and His disciples by

the sea and their images of farmers laboring in their fields.

One of these parables really caught my attention this summer. "The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Matthew 13:44).

As I meditated on these words a flood of emotions arose in my heart. We had recently celebrated the first-ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and I had been so happy to see our residents and their families enjoying themselves during our celebrations.

Sitting quietly in the chapel, the joy welling up in my heart served as an affirmation of my vocation. Ever since my days as a teenage volunteer in a home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, the elderly have been for me the treasure buried in a field — a precious treasure uniquely worth leaving everything else for and devoting my life to.

Over 40 years after my first encounter with the frail, memory-impaired residents of a nursing home, the elderly and our mission of hospitality to them are still my greatest joy.

How I wish that more young people would discover the joy and fulfillment that can be found sharing life with the elderly, like I did! And so, I make this appeal to young people: As the number of older persons in our population continues to grow at an exponential rate, I urge you to consider pursuing a religious vocation or a career at the service of our most vulnerable seniors! They are worth your effort and hard work, and they deserve

our attention.

As I reflected on the parable of the treasure buried in the field, I couldn't help dwelling on a specific detail — the treasure was hidden, perhaps even discarded. I think this also applies to the elderly, who all too often find themselves relegated to the margins of our frenetic lives.

In his homily on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis asked, "When was the last time we visited or telephoned an elderly person in order to show our closeness and to benefit from what they have to tell us?"

He continued, "I worry when I see a society full of people in constant motion too caught up in their own affairs to have time for a glance, a greeting or a hug. I worry about a society where individuals are simply part of a nameless crowd, where we can no longer look up and recognize one another. Our grandparents, who nourished our own lives, now hunger for our attention and our love; they long for our closeness. Let us lift up our eyes and see them, even as Jesus sees us."

Referring to the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, the Gospel reading for that day, Pope Francis compared the elderly to the leftover fragments of bread. "No person is ever to be discarded. ... Grandparents and the elderly are not leftovers from life, scraps to be discarded. They are precious pieces of bread left on the table of life that can still nourish us with a fragrance that we have lost, 'the fragrance of memory.'"

Our elders "protected us as we grew, and now it is up to us to protect their lives, to alleviate their difficulties, to attend to their needs and to ensure that they are helped in daily life," the pope said. "Let us protect them, so that nothing of their lives and dreams may be lost.... Let us covenant with them. Let us learn to approach them, listen to them and never discard them. Let us cherish them and spend time with them. We will be the better for it."

Recent demographic projections indicate that by 2030 roughly 31 million

Americans will be over the age of 75, and we will be facing a shortage of crisis proportions in the number of geriatric-trained caregivers.

Surveys cite two reasons why so few young physicians choose to work with older adults — geriatrics is one of the

least lucrative specialties in medicine and it is also one of the least glamorous.

The same survey that produced these findings did, however, include one positive finding. Among 42 medical special-

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### REFLECTION

## A messy kind of love

By Mark Saucier

We had two women graduate our recovery program last week.

One was simply bubbly, with a smile that would melt an iceberg. In another life, she might have been a teacher or a pediatrician.

Looking at her, you would never guess the hellish path drugs had taken her.

The other was older, but young for a grandmother. She wore a more serious look. You could only wonder what hardships had sculpted that stoic face.

But her eyes were different — deep, as if all the wisdom from her defeats were stored within them.

During the program, there was an opportunity for others to share something about their relationship with the graduates and encourage them to stay strong in the new life they had begun.

One resident of the house took her turn. She glowed as she spoke to the younger graduate, recounting the times that her smile and cheerfulness had lifted her from sadness.

The speaker turned to the other woman. She paused, exhaled and then said, "What can I say? You've been a mother, sister and friend. I came to the house a wreck and you just loved me through my mess."

Those words still echo: "You just loved me through my mess."

Life is messy. You can trace it back to the garden if you want, but to be human is to make a mess from time to time.

Of course, there are messes and then there are messes.

There are those lost jobs, wayward kids, overspending, and failed relationships messes.

And then there are the abused as a child, drugs by middle school, the street by 16 and arrested by 20 messes.

The Gospel is about the messiness of life. From birth in a pungent stable to an ugly execution on a cross, Jesus lived in the grit of life.

He loved his way through reeking fisherman, oozing lepers, bleeding women, adulterers, tax-collectors and a bunch of other sinners who had made a mess of things.

The unconditioned love of Jesus healed them, affirmed them, reminded them that they were lovable apart from their mess, that they had worth despite the knee-high muck and mire of their lives.

Jesus reminds us that God is not on the other side of the mess, waiting for us to come out clean. God is down in the mess with us, in the spilled paint and spoiled plans, wanting to love us through it.

One wise woman realized that this love depends on us.



## Pro Deo et Patria\* —

# A litany of events and Catholic influences on Missouri statehood

*This is the first of two articles celebrating the Catholic Church's role in 200 years of Missouri statehood and beyond.*

By Jay Nies, Philip R. Nies and Vandy Brennan Nies

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was not celebrated in the Americas until some 1,500 years after Jesus first commanded, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Yet, when the early European explorers did arrive at these shores by water, they brought Catholic priests with them.

Crucifixes firmly planted, they raised unleavened bread and repeated in Latin the words Our Savior once spoke to His closest friends: "*Hoc Est Enim Corpus Meum*" — "This is My Body."

They and subsequent voyagers would claim the land for kings, build settlements with churches at their centers, and wander ever more restlessly into the wilderness, bringing their faith with them.

They encountered people from the various ethnic groups who had inhabited these continents for ages before them.

With steadfast zeal, French and Spanish missionaries went out to win souls for Christ, re-evangelizing European settlers who had abandoned the practice of their faith, and proposing the Gospel to the native people who had not yet heard it.

The exotic stories, customs, rituals and spirituality of the light-skinned visitors resonated and in some cases harmonized with the sacred traditions of many of the native people.

So, too, did the missionaries' impulse to be friends, mediators and advocates for those they befriended.

The first Mass in North America to be inscribed in the annals of history was offered in 1494 in what is now St. Augustine, Florida.

Much later, English Catholics helped to settle what would become the Maryland colony.

Future generations of Catholic settlers and evangelists helped to bring life to the Church on the Missouri fron-

tier some two centuries later.

Some brought baptized but enslaved people with them.

### Come to the water

An ocean away, a continent that had once been at least nominally united by one Christian faith was on the verge of religious schism.

At the same time, nation-states were being created, formidable navies were being built, wars were being waged, and the balance of power was being capsized.

The quest to gain an economic and strategic advantage in the "New World" complicated and accelerated these developments.

Inland waterways were the primary arteries of transportation, commerce and defense in North America.

The first Europeans to set foot in present-day Missouri and lay eyes on the Father of Waters — known today as the Mississippi River — were led by a Spaniard named Hernando De Soto.

He and his expedition of about 720 men — including Catholic priests, brothers and monks — claimed the entire Mississippi River Valley for Spain in 1541.

Some 130 years later, French missionary Father Jacques Marquette joined an expedition to explore the Great River, which the native people had described to them.

The word Mississippi comes from the French *Messip* — a misspelling of the Algonquin name of *Misiziibi* (Great River).

Just south of a fur trading post that would become the seat of a great archdiocese, another vast river, which the native people referred to as *Pekitanoui* (now known as the Missouri), fed into the Mississippi.

In 1689, a group of explorers led by Robert Cavalier de LaSalle traversed the river from its source in present-day Wisconsin to the river's delta, claiming the continental moat and all that lay west of it for

their homeland.

De LaSalle named the territory in honor of King Louis XIV of France, a descendant of Louis IX, who had been declared a saint of the Church after his death on the way to

the Immaculate Conception.

"These three centuries (since then) have been a history of God's love poured out in this part of the United States, and a history of generous re-

sponse to that love," Pope St. John Paul II noted in his homily while celebrating Mass in St. Louis in 1999.

The first Catholic parish in what is now Missouri, in the town of Ste. Genevieve on the Mississippi River, was founded sometime between 1735 and 1750.

The first parish in St. Louis was founded on Feb. 12, 1764. The first priest to be recorded by history as baptizing and offering Mass in St. Louis was Father Sebastian Meurin.

During the Spanish possession, Catholic Christianity was the official religion of the entire Louisiana Territory, and only Catholics were permitted to settle there.

Canonically, the territory was made part of the massive Diocese of Quebec in 1680 and remained so for nearly a century.

Catholic historian Jesuit Father William B. Faherty wrote

of 1776 as a "year of destiny": "In the English colonies on the Atlantic seaboard, independence from Great Britain; in Spanish California, the start of the mission of San Francisco that became the city at the Golden Gate; in the French Midwest, the planting of the Church, with the installation of Father Bernard de Limpach, the Capuchin Franciscan, as first pastor of the Church of St. Louis IX of France, the fountainhead of Catholicism in the Middle West."

Canonical jurisdiction over the territory shifted to the Diocese of Santiago, Cuba, that year; then to Havana in 1787.

The Revolutionary War ended with the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

Six years later, Pope Pius VI designated Baltimore to be the seat of the new nation's first Roman Catholic diocese, and Bishop John Carroll became its first bishop.

In 1800, Spain ceded ownership of Louisiana to Emperor Napoleon I of France.

One historian noted: "The Spanish were of no mind to quibble when the tough little Corsican demanded the return of Louisiana. Administration of the middle valley remained with the Spanish, but the French gave the orders."

He sent diplomats to negotiate navigation rights on the Mississippi and for the purchase of New Orleans and the area along the river's banks.

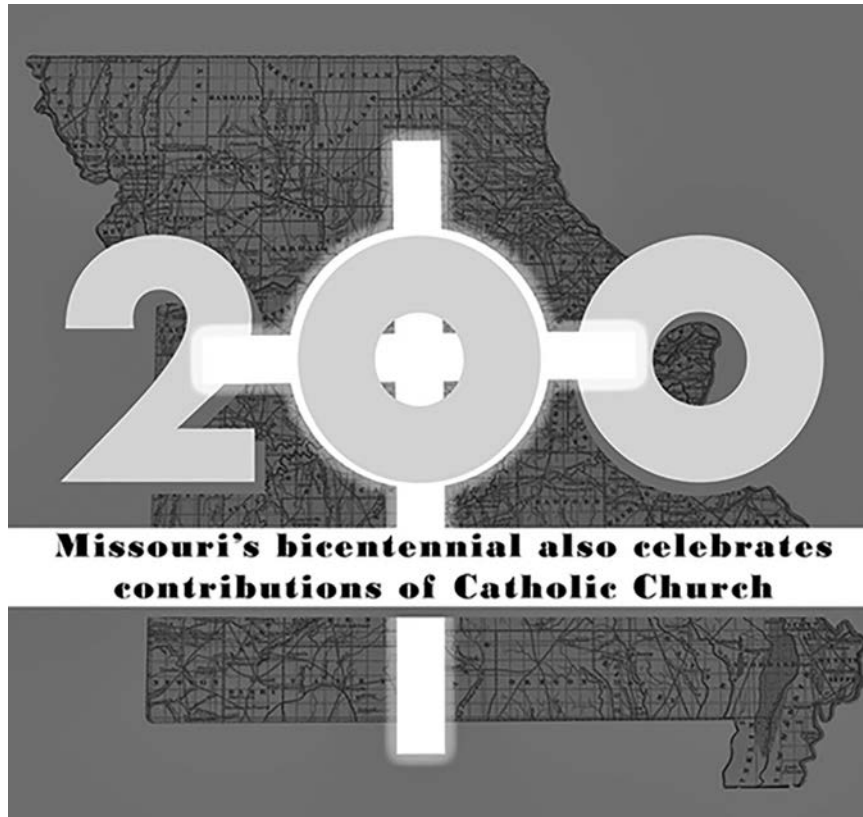
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— Graphic from the *St. Louis Review*

fight in the Eighth Crusade.

In a secret treaty on Nov. 13, 1762, France ceded the strategic yet still sparsely populated Louisiana Territory to Spain, although most of the people living in the territory retained their French customs.

Also through a treaty, France and Spain ceded to Great Britain all of their holdings east of the Mississippi River.

"Throughout North America, from the time of Columbus," noted the editors of a 1944 book titled, *Album of American History*, "Spanish and French priests intoned the solemn words of the Mass. It was heard on Florida beaches, along the Mississippi, in Canada, in California and in New Mexico. It was the one changeless ceremony in a world of change."

Just south of a fur trading post that would become the seat of a great archdiocese, another vast river, which the native people referred to as *Pekitanoui* (now known as the Missouri), fed into the Mississippi.

In 1689, a group of explorers led by Robert Cavalier de LaSalle traversed the river from its source in present-day Wisconsin to the river's delta, claiming the continental moat and all that lay west of it for

### From age to age

Missionary priests from Canada offered the first recorded Mass in Laclede's Village, later known as St. Louis, on Dec. 8, 1698, the Solemn-

*\*Latin for "For God and Country," the episcopal motto of Archbishop John J. Kain, who led the St. Louis archdiocese from 1895-1903.*

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## EARTHQUAKE

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ture and effectively cutting off the area from the rest of the country.

“We are in distress. We are counting on your solidarity, your proximity.”

“On this day when we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we ask

her to sow hope in the heart of a people so harshly tried by this powerful earthquake,” Bishop Décoste said.

Shortly after the news of the quake, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, urged people

to help by contributing to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the U.S. bishops’ relief and development agency. CRS works in Haiti and partners with Caritas, the international umbrella organization for the Church’s charitable agencies. He also offered prayers for those who had lost loved ones.

“We offer our prayers to Archbishop Launay Saturné, president of the bishops’ conference of Haiti, and to all those who tirelessly serve the faith communities in Haiti. We stand in solidarity with the Church in Haiti,” Archbishop Gomez said.

In just the Diocese of Jérémie, Caritas reported the total destruction of the parish church in Corail.

In Les Cayes, next door



Residents carry an injured person on a stretcher to a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Port-à-Piment, Haiti, Aug. 14, 2021, after a magnitude 7.2 earthquake.

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destroyed.

Further south, on the dusty road that leads toward the westernmost point of the island at Anse d’Hainault, a deep fissure in the road at Port-à-Piment cut off the remote region from the rest of the country. Other church structures were reported damaged, including Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Port-à-Piment and a dispensary in the neighboring town of Roche-à-Bateau.

In Cavaillon, northeast of Les Cayes, the parish church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was destroyed, as were the town hall and the police station.

St. Anne Church in Anse-à-Veau was also severely damaged, and St. Peter Church in Barraderes collapsed.

## Carmelite Nuns’ prayer ministry email

The Carmelite Nuns’ ministry is to pray for the intentions of the people and Church of Jefferson City. Please email them at: [carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com).

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is Friday, July 16.

## CAMPAIGN

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but only if they are available to all and if we work together.”

Getting inoculated “is an act of love” for oneself, family, friends and all people, he said.

“Love is also social and political” as these individual “small gestures of personal charity” add up, “overflowing” into something universal that is “capable of transforming and improving societies,” he said.

“Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable,” the pope said.

“I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future. God bless you, and thank you,” he said.

Also offering messages encouraging vaccination were: Cardinal Carlos Aguiar Retes of Mexico; Cardinal Óscar Rodríguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Cardinal Cláudio Hummes, retired archbishop of São Paulo; Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chávez, auxiliary bishop of San Salva-

dor, El Salvador; and Archbishop Miguel Cabrejos Vidarte of Trujillo, Peru.

The campaign encouraged people to go to [GetVaccineAnswers.org](http://GetVaccineAnswers.org) and [DeTiDepende.org](http://DeTiDepende.org) for more information and answers to questions about the COVID-19 vaccines.

## STATE OF GRACE

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Napoleon agreed to sell the 828,000-square-mile expanse to the United States for \$15 million.

Missouri State Historical Society Executive Director Dr. Gary Kremer recently reminded Missourians that the French had sold land that did not belong to them — “It belonged to the indigenous peoples who lived here.”

Nonetheless, Congress authorized the purchase on Oct. 21, 1803, doubling the nation’s territory at that time.

### Teach, sanctify and govern

In the confusion following the Louisiana Territory’s latest change of ownership, priests and the faithful did not know where to turn for episcopal authority.

Bishop Carroll appealed to the Pope, who granted him authority to appoint a priest to serve as the administrator of Louisiana.

He chose a learned French Sulpician priest Father William Valentine DuBourg, born of French parents in Cap Français, St. Domingue, now known as Cap-Haïtien, Haiti.

Pope Pius VII appointed Fr. DuBourg to be founding bishop of Louisiana and

the Floridas in 1818.

Bishop DuBourg eventually decided to make his home in St. Louis rather than in New Orleans, in order to be closer to the Native American missions, which were dear to him.

The Church in the Mississippi Valley entered an era of revival and expansion under his leadership.

He invited orders of religious priests, sisters and brothers to send missionaries to his massive diocese.

Among those who answered the call were Jesuits from Maryland, Vincentians from Rome, and the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, led by Rose Philippine Duchesne (later to become St. Rose Philippine Duchesne.)

Great bands of Catholic clerics, educators, missionaries, humanitarians and evangelizers of all sorts (many whose names are now remembered by God alone) devoted their best efforts to the work of advancing the Kingdom.

In turn, God blessed and multiplied their efforts.

A Catholic priest named Father James Maxwell was serving in Ste. Genevieve when President James Madison appointed him to Missouri’s nine-member ter-

ritorial legislative council in 1813. Fr. Maxwell was elected president of the council the following January.

His appointment “to the territorial legislature tended to conciliate the old French and Spanish settlers to the new American rule,” according to “A Story of Missouri,” in the 1920-21 *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*.

Missouri became the 24th state in the Union on Aug. 10, 1821.

Bishop DuBourg, having labored to exhaustion, returned to France in 1826 and was appointed bishop of Montauban.

As his successor, Vincentian Father Joseph Rosati was appointed to be bishop of the newly founded Diocese of St. Louis.

Father Peter R. Kenrick was appointed auxiliary bishop in 1841 and succeeded Bishop Rosati after his death in 1843.

Four years later, St. Louis became an archdiocese.

Remaining in office until 1896, Archbishop Kenrick, the “Lion of the Valley,” became — and will likely remain — the longest-serving prelate in the history of these acres of the Lord’s Vineyard.





# Mary shows humility, service are 'secrets' to heaven, pope says

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Mary's assumption into heaven reminds people that they are also called by God to eternal life in heaven through humility and serving Him, Pope Francis said.

After reciting the Angelus prayer on the feast of the Assumption Aug. 15, Pope Francis also prayed that those enjoying the summer holiday would find "serenity and peace."

"I cannot, however, forget those who cannot go on vacation, those who remain to serve the community and those who find themselves in distressing conditions, aggravated by the intense heat and by the lack of certain services due to the holiday," he said, especially

the ill, the elderly, the incarcerated, the unemployed, refugees and "all those who are alone or in difficulty."

"May Mary extend her maternal protection over each one of you," he said, and he invited people to "perform a beautiful gesture" by going to a Marian shrine to venerate Our Lady.

Mary's secret is humility, the pope said before praying the Angelus.

"It is her humility that attracted God's gaze to her," he said.

"God does not exalt us because of our gifts, our wealth or great skills, but because of humility. God loves humility. God lifts up the one who lowers him or herself, the one who serves," the pope said.

The pope asked people to reflect and ask: "How

am I doing with humility? Do I want to be recognized by others, to establish myself and to be praised, or do I think about serving? Do I know how to listen like Mary or do I want only to talk and get attention? Do I know how to be silent like Mary or am I always chatting? Do I know how to take a step back, defuse quarrels and arguments, or do I always try to stand out?"

Humility is the beginning of having faith by knowing one needs God and needs to make room for Him in their heart and lives, he said.

"Those who remain humble allow the Lord to accomplish great things," he said.

Mary's assumption into heaven is a message of hope as it shows "lowliness and service are the secrets for reaching the destination, for reaching heaven," he said.

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# New school administrators: Driven to lead young people to Christ

*This is part of a series of articles on new Catholic school administrators in the Jefferson City diocese:*

By Jay Nies

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's August prayer intention for the Jefferson City diocese is: "As we begin this school year, may we all recognize our shared mission to hand on our Catholic faith to the next generation."

The new and returning administrators of the Jefferson City diocese's 37 Catholic schools and three Catholic high schools are determined to help

God answer that prayer.

Nine are taking up new administrative roles in the diocese.

Here is what some of them have to say.

## "His light will shine"

José María González, the new assistant principal of Sacred Heart School in Sedalia, is convinced that education is one of the most critical tools for making the world a better place.

"I am delighted and excited to work in this community," he said. "I am convinced that God put me here and that He has fantastic plans to help me and others be better and closer to Him."

Sacred Heart is the only Catholic school in the diocese to include pre-kindergarten through high school.

It is located in a community with a significant Spanish-speaking and bilingual population.

Mr. González, a native of Chile, moved to the United States last November.

He holds the Chilean equivalent of bachelor's degrees in civil engineering, philosophy and education, and a master's degree in civil engineering with an emphasis in logistics.

He's now completing a master's degree in educational leadership.

He previously worked for about two years as a project engineer for a construction company. He then decided

to pursue his true passion by working in a Catholic school in Santiago, Chile.

He taught math and physics

There, he met the woman he would marry. They recently celebrated their wedding anniversary.

Mr. González emphasized that teachers are partners with parents in educating children.

"If they work with professionalism, passion and love, teachers can have a massive impact on their students and their families," he said.

He emphasized that Catholic educators must never forget that students, their families, teachers, and everybody else are God's chil-

dren.

"That understanding should help us see that we are working with and for souls," he said.

"We must help these souls discover, understand, seek, find and love God."



and held some administrative responsibilities as head of the school's Youth and Faith Formation Department.

He enrolled in an English-language program to prepare for his master's studies.

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He said the mission of a Catholic school is the same mission that every Catholic person received from Christ: to go to the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.

"A Catholic school does this while providing quality education, helping parents in their role as a child's first educators, and helping communities form excellent and responsible citizens," he said.

He believes helping students

become excellent mathematicians but failing to help them in their relationship with God would be a waste of everyone's time.

He is convinced that Catholic education is an essential ministry of the Church.

"Families need support in the education of their children," he said. "This education should include a professional

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## ST. ANN

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A new rectory next to St. Ann Church was completed in 1966.

St. Ann officially became a parish on Nov. 1 of that year, with Fr. Brunswick as its first resident pastor.

He had been living in Cole Camp and serving as pastor both of Ss. Peter and Paul and of St. Ann for several years. However, due to the growth of St. Ann, he was relieved of his duties in Cole Camp.

He retired in 1972 due to ill health, having served in the area for more than 30 years. He died May 10, 1974.

Precious Blood Father Donald J. Green was appointed St. Ann's new pastor on Nov. 3, 1972. He had previously served as pastor of Cole Camp and two missions.

Fr. Green died suddenly of a heart attack in the rectory on April 25, 1974, just after returning from Mass. He was 50 years old.

Precious Blood Father Joseph Jakubiak was appointed to succeed him on July 31 of that year.

Fr. Jakubiak was pastor when the St. Ann Parish Pastoral Council was formed in 1978.

### God's house

The original wooden church underwent many changes over the years.

It was remodeled in 1958

with the addition of an overhead garage door to allow people standing outside to view Mass.

The addition of the east half and the basement more than doubled the church's capacity in 1961.

The church interior was improved and completely remodeled in November 1979.

That same year, the Truman Dam was completed, creating Truman Lake and an influx of tourists and retirees.

A new parish hall was completed in the fall of 1984.

Knights of Columbus Jay Harris Council 8620 was chartered March 23, 1984, with 37 members. Louis Harshner was the first grand knight, with Mike Harris, son of Jay Harris, serving as deputy grand knight.

Precious Blood Father Trenneth Meyers arrived in July 1985, his first time as pastor, remaining until July 1988.

Precious Blood Father William Miller succeed him in January 1989.

Over the next three years, Fr. Miller began addressing the need for a larger church.

### A new home

Succeeding Fr. Miller in



St. Ann parishioners take part in a candlelight commissioning service in their parish hall in 2000.

1992 was Precious Blood Father Dennis Schaab.

The Catholic community in and around Warsaw continued to grow, especially during the tourist season.

Fr. Schaab suggested the possibility of building a new church, and he recommended a study of the area.

Based on the findings, the parish bought a 10-acre site on the Dam Access Road west of Warsaw in the summer of 1993.

Architectural plans were completed in November 1994, approval was given in March 1995, and construction began on Oct. 30.

Bishop McAuliffe dedicated the new St. Ann Church on Nov. 16, 1996, as part of the parish's 50th anniversary celebration.

The new church had seating for 340 people, with a large hall seating 250 people for dinner.

The St. Ann Parish family was intensely involved in the building of the new church,

with parishioners donating 7,200 hours of volunteer labor.

The Warsaw Knights council received the International Church Activity Award (1996-97) for the members' work on building the new church.

"I enjoyed my time there. The church had good leadership," Fr. Schaab recently told St. Ann parishioner Lisa Kelley.

He spoke fondly of the parishioners who dedicated time and resources to build the current church and rectory.

"The church was built by the contributions from lots of men and women of the parish," he stated.

### Settling in

Knights' Memorial Masses started in 1998, honoring all deceased members of Jay Harris Council 8620 and the Ladies Auxiliary.

The parish paid off its debt for the new church in November 2003. A "Burning of the Mortgage" celebration was held the following February.

Precious Blood Father Thomas Albers served as pastor for a year, followed by Precious Blood Father Keith Branson from 2007-12.

Parish life and the parish community continued to grow under his leadership.

The church bell got a new look, a canopy was added over the church door, and a new metal roof was installed.

Fr. Branson was the last of the Precious Blood Fathers to lead St. Ann Parish.

He recently told parish secretary Deb Blair that one of his first impressions of the parish was as a seminarian.

"I came down to a community gathering hosted by Fr. Dennis, who cooked," he recalled. "After the meal, we all took a long walk across to the Visitor's Center and then over the Dam to the construction site where we met some of the parishioners working on the new church."

He pointed to two things he especially loved about living in Warsaw:

"the beautiful scenery and all of the beautiful people of the parish, especially the great people who were on the staff."

### Mission field

Father Michael Murphy became pastor in July 2012, serving until June 2014.

Father Callistus Okoroji, a missionary priest of the Diocese of Okigwe, Nigeria, was appointed administrator of St. Ann and Ss. Peter and Paul in 2014.

Succeeding him from 2017 to July 2021 was Father Alex Ekka, a missionary priest of the Diocese of Jashpur, India.

Bishop Emmanuel Kerketta of Jashpur visited the parish on July 1, 2018.

Fr. Ekka provided steady leadership through the difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I had a great time during my stay in Warsaw — great views, great scenery, great people and great food," he recently told a parishioner. "Warsaw will always be in my heart."

Deacon Christopher Wickern, a permanent deacon from Sedalia, was appointed to assist the pastor of St. Ann and Ss. Peter and Paul in August 2019.

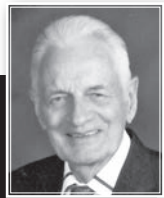
Father Benjamin Nwosu, a missionary priest of the Diocese of Okigwe, Nigeria, became pastor on July 4, 2021.

He is looking forward to celebrating this year's significant milestone with his parishioners and continuing to lead souls ever-closer to Christ.

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## BICENTENNIAL

From page 1

fruitful in the creation of patriotic and good Christians.”

Dr. Kremer noted that the approximately 70,000 people living in the state at the time of its founding could easily fit into the University of Missouri's Memorial Stadium.

The largest concentration was in and around St. Louis, with other groups scattered along the Mississippi River, in the lead-mine region of the western Ozarks, “and a rapidly growing group along the Missouri River in the central part of the state, extending westward along the so-called Boonslick Trail.”

Howard County, in the heart of the Jefferson City diocese, was at that time the fastest-growing county in the United States.

Dr. Kremer pointed out that many of the early European settlers came in search of good farmland that they could afford.

“They saw Missouri as a place of promise,” he said.

Their lives were difficult and dangerous. They created a society that would sustain not only themselves but those who came after them.

“We owe them a great deal,” Dr. Kremer noted.

Among them were numerous Catholic explorers, missionaries, pioneers, statesmen and waves of Catholic immigrants of all occupations whose baptismal seal left an imprint on these hills, plains and valleys.

“Our presence has been evident here from the beginning,” Msgr. Kurwicky pointed out after the celebration. “Faith and religion have done much to influence good decisions, tolerance and charity, and prayer has always been powerful in the life of our government.”

Dr. Kremer, a seventh-generation Frankenstein native and current member of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, spoke of fellow statesman as one might speak of family.

“Missouri and its people belong to me and I to them,” he stated. “The state and its people sometimes confuse and confound me, even on occasion annoy and aggravate me, but I’ve never not loved it and them.”

The years have brought

change and complexity.

“We have become a complicated, diverse, interesting people, numbering more than 6 million, living in a complex, heterogeneous, intriguing place,” Dr. Kremer noted.

Among them are about 27,000 descendants of indigenous people who inhabited this place before colonial settlers, and descendants of about 100,000 enslaved people “whose forced labor helped to build this state and nation although they were regarded as property, not people.”

Dr. Kremer asserted that the state's diversity has always been one of its greatest strengths and has allowed it to produce an amazing assortment of eclectic brilliance.

He echoed a statement by artist Thomas Hart Benton, whose raw and vivid “A Social History of the State of Missouri” mural adorns the House Lounge of the Missouri Capitol: “I like the men and women who make the real Missouri. I get along with them.”

“I feel the same way,” said Dr. Kremer.

### “We’ll walk hand in hand”

Songs representing 20 decades of cultural amalgamation

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drifted down through the generations and across the Capitol grounds.

The Missouri Choral Directors Association's All-Star Festival Choir performed several rousing songs, including Missouri State University Adjunct Professor James T. Gibson's superlative rendition of the Black spiritual, “We Shall Overcome.”

Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul C. Wilson, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City, spoke of what the state's people have accomplished and experi-



Participants in the Aug. 10 Statehood Day festivities at the Capitol bow their heads during the Invocation. — Photo by Jay Nies

enced together.

“Especially in difficult times, Missourians fought and labored to help each other, rescue each other, free the enslaved and protect defenseless people around the world,” he stated.

“We did those things because we are a good people,” he added. “We’ve shone more often than we’ve blushed. We’ve been a force for light more often than we’ve been the cause of darkness.”

Looking ahead and extemporizing on St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, he asserted: “Not one of us can make a difference unless we ALL make a difference.”

### Many branches

The festivities also included the unveiling of a U.S. postal stamp honoring Missouri's bicentennial, and an official proclamation from Gov. Mike Parson.

The governor lauded the rank-and-file Missourians in the audience.

“The true dignitaries,” he proclaimed, “are the Missourians who go to work, raise their families, go to church, live a good life, are good neighbors, are people with good values and spread those values down to the next generation.”

He said the state's bicentennial is a good time for all Missourians to take stock of their own place in history.

“Take a little time today to think about your own family, where you came from, your family history, your family tree, and find out what you’ve overcome in Missouri, and why

we’re so privileged to be Missourians, and why it’s such a privilege to be Missourians with you today,” he said.

### A bridge and a monument

In the days leading up to the Bicentennial festivities came the unveiling of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on the Capitol grounds and the dedication of the Bicentennial Bridge from the Capitol Circle to Adri- an's Island.

When completed in October, the steel and concrete bridge will carry pedestrians and cyclists to a park flanking the Missouri River, on the other side of the railroad tracks below the steep bluff.

Father Jeremy Secrist, pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, blessed the bridge during the Aug. 10 dedication ceremony, as several of his predecessors had done for other bridges in the Capitol City.

“We ask that You bless this bridge, and pray that You send Your holy angels to watch over, protect and support it,” Fr. Secrist prayed. “... Continue to keep safe all those workers who labor for its successful completion.”

He prayed for the new bridge to be a sign of everything good that unites people in the community, and everyone who passes over the bridge may find in God “a safeguard amidst the

joys and challenges of this world.”

Sandra Deraps, a member of Annunciation Parish in California, whose youngest son was killed in 2006 while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. in Iraq, was the keynote speaker at the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument unveiling on Aug. 9.

The monument, located next to the Veterans Plaza on the Capitol grounds, honors families and loved ones of military personnel who died in service of this country.

### A new century

In his Statehood Day invocation, Msgr. Kurwicky thanked God for all the people who have contributed building up Missouri in its first 200 years.

“We honor her heroes and heroines,” he prayed, “and express our gratitude for Your countless blessings over these many decades. We recall with joy our venerable past, we now live in our gracious and unfolding present, and we look forward to a hopeful future.”

In a statement, Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe, a member of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City, noted that for two centuries, Missourians have been making significant impacts at home and abroad.

“I am thankful for all they have done,” he said. “Claudia and I look forward to watching our great state continue to flourish for many more years to come.”

Dr. Kremer said he has good reason to hope that Missouri will continue to be a place of promise, “and may our third century of statehood be the time when that promise is fulfilled.”

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight shared his prayer for the state over social media: “May God guide and foster our unity in times of uncertainty; nurture social comity, justice and peace; and lead us all into prosperity.”







By Father Don Antweiler  
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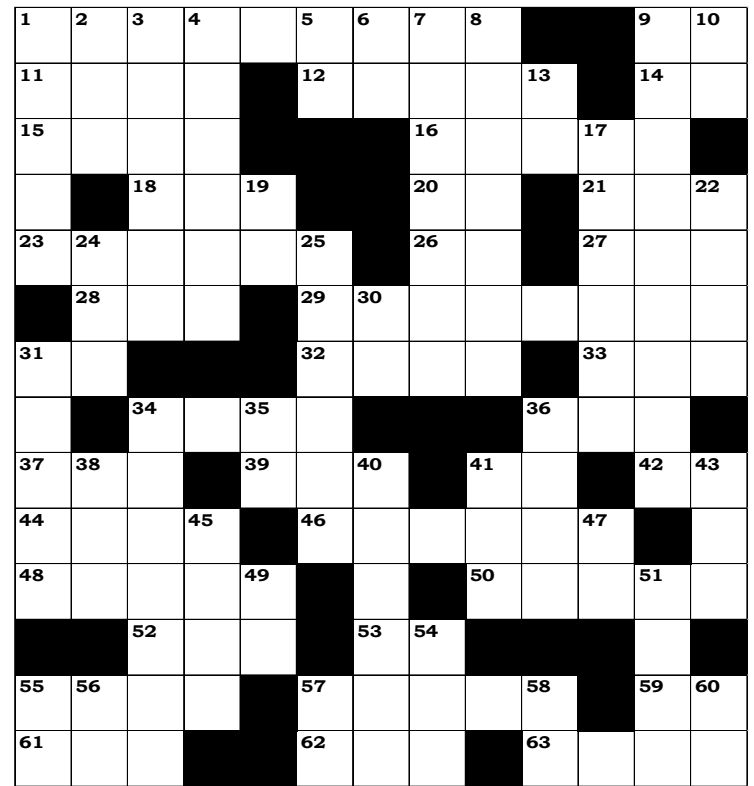
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9. Letters for 9 parishes in our diocese, the names of which celebrate Mary's immaculate beginnings.
11. Car rental agency.
12. The Mo. Botanical Garden in St. Louis, was/is also called \_\_\_\_ Garden, after its philanthropic founder.
14. Nyet in New York.
15. Catholics believe in the \_\_\_\_ Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
16. "Birdbrain" isn't an insult if you're a crow. The brainy black \_\_\_\_ can count, solve simple puzzles, and use tools to gather food. They even recognize human faces and learn to approach people who feed them and avoid those who bother them.
18. \_\_\_\_ Lords a Leaping,
20. \_\_\_\_ Goodrich, tire company.
21. Letters for Intrauterine Pregnancy, the normal growth path after conception in a woman's body.
23. When we butcher a hog, we say we use everything but the \_\_\_\_.
26. "Having to face God is not what makes prayer so chal-

- lenging; \_\_\_\_ is in having to face ourselves in God's presence," —*The Lost Art of Walking on the Water: Reimagining the Priesthood*, Michael Heher.
27. Gun club.
28. Sixth sense.
29. Once it forms its protective cocoon, a caterpillar's body quickly dissolves into a gooey soup of cells and proteins (yuk!). Special cells act like a recipe book to remix the goo and form legs, wings \_\_\_\_, and other butterfly body parts.
31. Letters often found behind a physician's name.
32. Cold War foe (abbr.).
33. Letters for an ear, nose and throat doctor.
34. Hollywood celebrity.
36. "...the bronc whirled and kicked slamming the man front to rear in the saddle and sent his hat spinning skyward in a lazy \_\_\_\_," —*The Road to Hell*, Matt Braun, from the Black Hat anthology.
37. \_\_\_\_ Big Apple; NYC nickname.
39. Semi.
41. Possible abbr. before a priest's name.
42. Sullivan or Bradley.
44. Capitol City County.
46. Timothy's mother (2 Timothy 1:5).
48. "Worry about those things you can change and let God take care of the rest. Not easy but it \_\_\_\_ me," —*Barbara Bush: Pearls of Wisdom*, by Jean Becker.
50. Fireflies flicker to attract a mate but their flashing backsides have another purpose: the blinking signals to hungry bats that the firefly is actually \_\_\_\_ and shouldn't be eaten.

52. Pope John XX \_\_\_\_ is the Pope who called the Vatican Council II together.
53. Hi-\_\_\_\_ crackers.
55. I couldn't get my guitar in \_\_\_\_ with the rest of the band.
57. "Grace does not work like a \_\_\_\_ in a slot machine. It will move you only when you let it move you," —*The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen*, Dynamic Catholic Press.
59. This State recently removed St. Junipero Serra from its State's capitol grounds (abbr.).
61. "I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to \_\_\_\_," (Luke 16:3).
62. Suffix for lemon or gator.
63. Honolulu's island.

**DOWN**

1. Cliff Swallows gather mouthfuls of mud to build nests on bluffs, bridges, and \_\_\_\_. It takes about 1,000 beakfuls of mud, and as many trips to and from the mud puddle, to finish a single nest.
2. First lady.
3. Although the singer took two years \_\_\_\_ from touring, she did not lose her ability to entertain a crowd.
4. Even busy bees need to catch some zzz's. Comb through a patch of flowers at sunrise and you might find a bee curled up in the petals, sound \_\_\_\_\_. It's usually males who slumber outside; females return to the nest each night.
5. "A rationalist \_\_\_\_ at a disadvantage when events are irrational," —*Borrower of the Night*, Elizabeth Peters.
6. The Buckeye State (abbr.).
7. Bugs and Roger.
8. Eastern Coachwhip snakes can slither \_\_\_\_ than any snake in the Show-Me State. Compared to humans, their top speed of 3.5 mph isn't impressive, but they're quick enough to out-slither all but their fastest predators and prey.
9. Part of FDIC.
10. "... we may merit to be \_\_\_\_-heirs to eternal life..." —Second Eucharistic Prayer.
13. 4th year high schooler (abbr.).
17. Did Jesus eat His last \_\_\_\_



- before or after He ate His last supper? asked the 2nd grader.
19. Chemical letters for sodium.
22. "The \_\_\_\_ is always with us, for it feeds the present," —Ruskin Bond.
24. Abbr. for the Latin phrase "quod erat demonstrandum," literally meaning "which was to be demonstrated." It is used at the end of a thesis to show that the author's overall argument has just been proven.
25. At the Lake of the Ozarks, it is the closest town to the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church.
30. The Bay of Fundy in this Canadian maritime province has some of the most extreme tides in the world (abbr.).
31. Gray Treefrogs are not always gray. To hide from hungry predators, these snack-sized amphibians change color—turning from gravel-gray to bark-brown to leafy-green—so they can \_\_\_\_ whatever they are crawling on.
34. "... (Jesus) overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those \_\_\_\_ doves," (Mark 11:15).
35. President Clinton's presidential archives is in this State's capital (abbr.).
36. Gasoline station brand.
38. Garden tool.
40. "He split the rock and water \_\_\_\_ forth," (Psalm 105:41).
41. "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back is \_\_\_\_ for the kingdom of heaven," (Luke 9:62).
43. One of the seven dwarves.
45. A long narrative of the deeds of a legendary historical hero (e.g., the Iliad or the Odyssey).
47. Abbr. for 2nd book of the Bible.
49. Yes in Monterrey.
51. "Give him an \_\_\_\_ and he'll take an ell (mile)," —John Heywood, from his collection of proverbs, 1546.
54. "\_\_\_\_ definition of insanity is to continue to do the same things and expect different results," —Steve Covey, author of *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.
55. Short for the event in which the Vince Lombardi Trophy is awarded.
56. "Abandon hope, all \_\_\_\_ who enter here," —inscription over the entrance to hell in Dante's *Divine Comedy*, 1472.
57. State in which the Declaration of Independence was penned and the U.S. Constitution was adopted (abbr.).
58. Slang word popularized by Italian-Ams. in Philadelphia in the 1940s; prominently used by Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) in the "Rocky" movies.
60. Periodic chart letters for gold.



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## ADMINISTRATORS

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and humanistic curriculum and a Catholic education that helps them be better individuals and closer to God.”

That proximity to God is a crucial ingredient of happiness and self-determination.

“It is also critical for being an apostle and live and spread God’s love,” Mr. González said.

He believes graduates of a thriving Catholic school should be able to relate to Salvation History with familiarity, should know Catholic doctrine in its principles and personal and collective application, should have a personal and intimate relationship with God that informs all his or her actions, and should be a reflection of Christ in all they do, and everywhere they go.

“If a Catholic school does its work well, it will successfully help parents transmit Catholic values, behaviors and ways to understand and face life,” he said. “These values will not be a cold and impersonal repetition of expected behaviors but a product of an inner and personal disposition due to the presence of God in their lives.”

Mr. González faces that challenge by putting Church teaching into practice and having a living relationship with God.

“I want God to be present in my words and actions so that I can be an apostle wherever I am and whatever I am working on,” he said.

“If I try to have God in myself, His light will shine and bear fruit,” he stated. “That applies to my family life, friendships and professional relationships.”

He enjoys spending time with his wife, mountain-biking, jogging, playing tennis, walking around the neighborhood, reading and listening to music.

He also likes spending time alone with God, especially in Adoration.

“He always has words of advice and comfort,” said Mr. González. “Talking with Him like this every day helps me keep my mind clear, my goals alive, my heart rejoicing, and my soul in shape.”

Mr. González asks for prayers to be a helpful instrument in God’s hands.

“Tools don’t always need to understand the whole picture

to be effective,” he stated. “They need to let the operator do his or her job and stay faithful.”

### “Stewards of the faith”

Deacon Michael Brooks, a retired principal, once told Melinda Osentoski to always look at a disagreement from the other person’s perspective.

“That has stuck with me and has definitely assisted me in my interactions with students, parents, and colleagues,” said Mrs. Osentoski, the new principal of Holy Cross School in Cuba.

“It reminds me that I need to be Jesus’s light for others,” she added.

Born and raised in San Diego, California, “Mrs. O” and her husband Darin have two children.

Mrs. Osentoski spent a lot of time camping and off-roading with her family in the desert while growing up.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s in education.

She has been teaching in Catholic schools for 20 years.

When asked what she likes best about teaching at Holy Cross School, she said, “I really like that everything we do revolves around our Christian faith. The faith community we have within the school and the parish feels like family.”

She said the role of a Catholic school administrator is to guide teachers and students to grow in their faith and love for God through their example, encouraging faith-based activities, and assisting in faith development for their teachers and staff.

“The main reason for a Catholic school is evangelization,” she stated. “Every activity we do during the school day is imbued with our love for Jesus.”

She said Catholic education is an important way to grow the Church and help young people grow closer to God.

When schools do these things well, “students become stewards of their faith,” she said. “They participate in ministry and lead their lives in a Christian manner.”

Mrs. Osentoski enjoys reading and spending time with her family.

Her favorite Scripture verse is Philippians 4:13: “I have the



**New Catholic school administrators in the Jefferson City diocese include: (front row) Kelsey Emmerich, principal, St. Joseph School, Salisbury; Melinda Osentoski, principal, Holy Cross School, Cuba; (second row) Kara Higgins, principal, St. Andrew School, Tipton; Gina Bailey, principal, St. Joseph Cathedral School, Jefferson City; José María González, assistant principal, Sacred Heart School, Sedalia; Emma Williams, assistant principal, Helias Catholic High School, Jefferson City; Billy Cannon, principal, St. Stanislaus School, Wardsville; (fourth row) Jacob Akin, assistant principal, St. Joseph Cathedral School, Jefferson City; Spencer Allen, principal, Helias Catholic High School, Jefferson City.**  
— Photo by Jay Nies

strength for everything through Him Who empowers me.”

“This verse reminds me to give my joys, hopes, burdens and sorrows to God,” she said.

Her favorite saint is St. Bernadette, one of the visionaries at Lourdes.

### Put God first

Kelsey M. Emmerich knows the value of putting God first.

“I believe a strong education is important, but secondary to God,” said Mrs. Emmerich, the new principal of St. Joseph School in Salisbury.

She grew up in Salisbury, went to St. Joseph School and now gets to be the principal.

“I am extremely excited for the opportunity to come back to my home parish and lead God’s youth through Catholic education,” she said.

She believes her main job as a Catholic school administrator is to help lead students and guide the faculty through the example of Christ’s love.

She said the purpose of a Catholic school is “to grow the hearts and minds of our students.”

She noted that COVID-19 has caused major disruption for schools in the past year and a half.

wellspring of good advice, the best being to remember to take time for herself and the people who are closest to her.

“I am extremely excited to work for and with people who encourage time for faith and family,” she said.

Mrs. Emmerich enjoys spending time with her family, listening to podcasts and audiobooks, working around her house, golfing, trying new recipes, reading or watching TV.

She recently read *Lead Like a Pirate*, by Shelly Burgess and Beth Houf; *The Ten Minute In-Service*, by Todd Whitaker; and *What Great Principals Do Differently*, by Todd Whitaker.

“These three books have helped me shift my mind from that of a classroom teacher to a building administrator,” she said.

In difficult moments, she turns her mind to Mary, mother of Jesus.

“If I feel overwhelmed, then I stop for a moment and think of the incredible sacrifice that Mary made to follow God’s will,” she said. “Her love and devotion for God helps to put things into perspective and brings a sense of peace and calm over me.”

Mrs. Emmerich asks for prayers for her and her colleagues at St. Joseph School to make decisions with confidence, peace, security, wisdom and strength.

She’s grateful to all of her fellow St. Joseph parishioners for supporting her in this new role.

“Please know that I will work hard to put the needs of my students and faculty ahead of all else,” she said. “I believe this will be a great school year!”

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## Fundraisers & Social Events

Aug. 21

**Fulton**, St. Peter Parish golf tournament, 1 pm, Tanglewood Golf Course, for info email [smaupin@hgreprs.com](mailto:smaupin@hgreprs.com)

Aug. 22

**Eldon**, Sacred Heart Parish picnic, 11 am-6 pm; **Jefferson City**, K of C Council 12992 Back to School Breakfast, 8 am-noon, Cathedral of St. Joseph Undercroft

Aug. 28

**Jefferson City**, K of C "Sk8 for Food" fundraiser, 4:30-6:30 pm, Sk8 Zone; **Marceline**, K of C fish fry, 4-8 pm, drive-thru or carry-out only

Aug. 29

**Jefferson City**, Helias Catholic High School Parents' Club formal resale, 1-4 pm, auxiliary gym; **Jefferson City**, St. Peter 175 anniversary celebration concert with Kevin J. Vaughn, 4-6 pm, St. Peter Church

Sep. 2

**Holts Summit**, Free concert to benefit Mary's Meals, 6-9 pm, Canterbury Hill Winery

Sep. 5

**Freeburg**, Holy Family Parish picnic, 11:30 am-7 pm; **Mary's Home**, Our Lady of Snows parish picnic, 11 am-7:30 pm; **Vien-na**, K of C breakfast, 7:30-11 am

Sep. 12

**Belle**, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Columbia**, The Great American Family Music Concert, with the Basi family, 2:30-3:30 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church; **Folk**, St. Anthony of Padua Parish fall festival, 11 am-6:30 pm; **Marshall**, St. Peter Parish picnic, noon-4 pm

Sep. 18

**Moberly**, St. Pius X School Foundation golf tournament, 8 am, Heritage Hills Golf Course; **St. Clement**, St. Clement Parish "Kentucky Derby" dinner & auction, 5:30-10 pm, K of C Hall

Sep. 19

**Centralia**, Holy Spirit Parish dinner fundraiser, 11 am-1

pm, multipurpose building; **Russellville**, St. Michael Parish drive-thru Fall Festival dinner, 11 am-6 pm

Sep. 20

**Columbia**, Sacred Heart Parish's 20th Annual Paul Prost Memorial Golf Tournament, 11:30 am-6 pm, Columbia Country Club, for info email [ggerke@gerke.com](mailto:ggerke@gerke.com) or call 573-864-6604

Sep. 26

**Fulton**, St. Peter Parish fall festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Montgomery City**, Immaculate Conception Parish Harvest Picnic, 11 am-4 pm

## Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

6-7 Noviembre

**Sedalia**, Retiro de Crecimiento, Escuela del Sagrado Corazón, favor de inscribirse llamado a José Hernandez al 660-281-4078 o envíe un correo electrónico [tyfn@hotmail.com](mailto:tyfn@hotmail.com)

13-14 Noviembre

**Sedalia**, Retiro de Crecimiento, Escuela del Sagrado Corazón, favor de inscribirse llamado a Marcelino Chavez al 660-631-3748

## Meetings & Conferences

Aug. 21, Sep. 18

**VIRTUAL**, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 am, to RSVP email [MidMoNFP@gmail.com](mailto:MidMoNFP@gmail.com)

Aug. 24, 31; Sep. 7

**VIRTUAL**, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Nutrition Education Class, 5-6 pm, for info or to register, contact Erin Perry at [eperry@cccno.org](mailto:eperry@cccno.org)

Sep. 6, 13

**VIRTUAL**, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 pm, to RSVP email [MidMoNFP@gmail.com](mailto:MidMoNFP@gmail.com)

Sep. 8

**VIRTUAL**, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri refugee resettlement program orientation, 5:30-6:30 pm, for info or to register, contact Diana Twombly at 573-442-7568 or [dtwombly@cccno.org](mailto:dtwombly@cccno.org)

Sep. 8, 15, 22, 29

**Jefferson City**, "A Matter of Balance," free class for aging adults on fall prevention, 10 am-noon, MU Extension Office, for info contact Cristal Backer at 573-635-7719 or visit [cccno.diojeffcity.org](http://cccno.diojeffcity.org)

## Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Aug. 30-31

**California/Tipton**, Annunciation & St. Andrew Parishes mini-mission, with Tim Francis & Donna Cori, 6:30-9 pm each evening; Tim Francis at St. Andrew on Mon. and Annunciation on Tues; Donna Cori at Annunciation on Mon. and St. Andrew on Tues.

Sep. 13

**Perryville**, Cursillo pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 8:30 am, for info email [s.stolwyk@gmail.com](mailto:s.stolwyk@gmail.com)

Sep. 25

**Laurie**, "Mary, Model for all Women" and "Mary and the Sense of the Sacred at the Holy Mass," pilgrimage with Fr. William Korte, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for info visit [thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com](http://thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com)

Sep. 30-Oct. 3

**Moberly**, Men's Cursillo Weekend #69, St. Pius X Parish, to register visit [diojeffcity.org/cursillo](http://diojeffcity.org/cursillo)

## Health & Wellness

Aug. 22

**Jefferson City**, COVID-19 vaccination clinic, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Immaculate Conception's McCarty Plaza

## SR. CONSTANCE

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ties, geriatricians reported the greatest level of job satisfaction!

So, if you want to make a difference in the world, if you want to do something truly counter-cultural and if you want to find fulfillment, cherish the elderly. May they be for you, as they have been for me, a pearl of great price!

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



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## URENECK

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our goodwill.

I have encountered small, seemingly innocuous weeds that can at times look like good plants or ground cover. I liken them to venial sins. Left unattended, they build bad habits in us and even inhibit our ability to recognize them as problematic.

"Indeed the safest road to hell is the gradual one — the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts," writes Screwtape.

And of course there are weeds that are more like mortal sins, those which stand tall with a sort of pride and moxie. These are the big and flashy failings that do things like fuel addiction, fan the flames of anger and overpower our goodwill and self-possession.

There has been a lot of discussion and ink spilled in recent weeks over Catholics' worthiness to receive the Eucharist, as well as the nature of the sacrament itself. But what I find lacking in this conversation is a robust reference to the sacrament that precedes it — the one in which we are reconciled to God.

The Eucharist indeed is medicine for the sick.

But before we take any medicine, we consult doctors about the nature of our illness or ailment. We get a game plan in place to get better.

Or, to stick with my original analogy and Jesus' own parable of the sower, we receive the word Himself only when we have made our bodies and souls into fertile soil. Otherwise, it will get choked out by the weeds that are always ready to take more ground.

As the bishops prepare their document on the meaning of the Eucharist and make plans for a eucharistic revival, it would be good to see them encourage pastors to make the sacrament of reconciliation more widely available and to ensure that the experience of the faithful who avail themselves to it is one characterized by mercy and practical direction for improvement.

Evangelization requires something like curb appeal — not just moral coherence, but recognizable fruitfulness and beauty in the lives of believers. More opportunities for confession could make all the difference.

*Elise Italiano Ureneck is a communications consultant and a columnist for Catholic News Service.*



## Anniversaries

**Sister Dolores Bozif** of the Sisters of Christian Charity, formerly of St. Peter Parish in Fulton, her 60th anniversary in religious life on Aug. 22

**Bonnots Mill, St. Louis of France**  
Maurice & Lois Mertens, 56 years

**Brookfield, Immaculate Conception**  
Robert & Clare Devoy, 65 years  
Denis & Barbara Garvey, 48 years  
Roger & Donna Hulett, 45 years  
Steve & Betty Arp, 41 years  
David & Linda Shaw, 35 years  
David & Martha Ingram, 30 years  
Todd & Lori Hanson, 29 years

**Climax Springs, Our Lady of Snows**  
Jim & Elaine Wheeler, 59 years

**Columbia, Sacred Heart**  
Gene & Glenda Kelly, 51 years

**Eldon, Sacred Heart**  
Joe & Christi Jung, 25 years

**Fayette, St. Joseph**  
Gerald & Mary Hrdina, 50 years  
Leon & Janis Borges, 30 years

**Freeburg, Holy Family**  
Joe & Irma Richter, 64 years  
Richard & Lucille Welschmeyer, 57 years  
Joe & Meg Poettgen, 55 years  
Roger & Lorraine Stuecken, 51 years  
Jay & Mary Locker, 42 years  
Steve & Jane Bauer, 41 years  
Matt & Tricia Burkhardt, 14 years  
Justin & Diana Haines, 12 years

**Hannibal, Holy Family**  
Gary & Martha Tucker, 52 years

**Hermann, St. George**  
Robert & JoAnn Witthaus, 50 years

**Holts Summit, St. Andrew**  
Bill & Kathy Blanton, 50 years

**Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception**  
Donnie & Lois Thomas, 45 years  
Deacon Ray & Donna Purvis, 47 years  
Jerry & Jackie Jenkins, 36 years

**Jefferson City, St. Peter Parish**  
George & Phyllis Faherty, 51 years

**Kahoka, St. Michael**  
Dr. Charles & Peggy Alber, 63 years  
James & Shirley Neves, 62 years  
Joe & Linda Richardson, 45 years  
Rusty & Rose Smith, 10 years

## Names for the People Page

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

**Koeltztown, St. Boniface**  
Gerald & Mary Nilges, 55 years  
John & Janel Juergensmeyer, 30 years  
Wayne & Melinda Rademan, 21 years  
Austin & Megan Loehner, 12 years

**Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception**  
Ron & Brenda Kliethermes, 45 years

**Martinsburg, St. Joseph**  
Charlie & Cathy Schafer, 42 years  
Dan & Rita Gangloff, 35 years  
Jared & Leslie Windmann, 25 years  
Jeff & Charlea Schafer, 15 years  
Josh & Katie Swaim, 12 years

**Mexico, St. Brendan**  
Deacon Louis & Alice Leonatti, 50 years

**Milan, St. Mary**  
Juan & Deb Coronado, 26 years  
**Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart**  
Bob & Ann Boehm, 50 years  
Tom & Diane Rackers, 48 years  
Gary & Chris Reichel, 46 years  
Greg & Bert Fick, 33 years  
Allen & Amy Frank, 26 years  
Ralph & Linda Fick, 24 years

**Rosati, St. Anthony of Padua**  
Bob & JoAnn Edwards, 60 years

**St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick**  
Sam & Mary Jean Wheeler, 62 years  
Bruce & Melody Uhlmeyer, 49 years

**Versailles, St. Philip Benizi**  
David & Helen Franken, 50 years

**Vienna, Visitation**  
Vic & Joan Stratman, 43 years  
Lawrence & Dorothy Buschmann, 13 years

## Baptisms

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Reddin Ginter, Maverick Spencer, Sawyer Springer, Isla Stansberry, Craig Williams**

Ewing, Queen of Peace — **Mallory Anne Cramsey**, daughter of Tim & Samantha Cramsey

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Burkley Annamarie Davis**, daughter of Colby & Arielle Davis

Fulton, St. Peter — **Finley Louise and Emerson Lucille Baker**, daughters of Cliff & Christina Baker

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Brynlee Nicole Libbert**, daughter of Dakota & Rebecca Libbert

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Sophie Michelle Leigers**, daughter of Scott & Patty Leigers

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake — **Nairobi Margarita Zumora Macias**

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **Emmett William Fahy**, son of Brock & Annslee Fahy; **Anna Lynn Louise Mahsman**, daughter of Deacon Luke & Christie Mahsman

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Jeanine Ann Belew**, daughter of Robbie & Elizabeth Belew; **Maddox Ajani Akin**, son of Phil & Kim Akin

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Scarlett Kay Kelley**, daughter of T.J. & Jamie Kelley

## Deaths

Boonville, Ss. Peter and Paul — **Kathryn Cauthon**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Sandra Thomas, Fred Wappel**

Cuba, Holy Cross — **Charles Swope**

Fulton, St. Peter — **Dana Oldani, Margaret Trokey**

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Frances Collins, Henry Riedel, Julie Rolsen**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Martha F. Campbell, Elias Otto, Gene B. Parker**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Cesar H. Calzadillas**

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **Edward "Cap" E. Bonnot**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Jeffrey Woodberry**

Mexico, St. Brendan — **Gertrude Kasper**

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — **Tim Kendrick**

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **Mary E. Kempf**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Dr. Thomas C. Hartman, Francis J. Lehman**

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick — **Maxine Uhlmeyer**

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Lorraine C. Luebbering**

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Joe Bange**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Evelyn Close**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Harold J. Bax**

## Marriages

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Kate Menges & Jonathon Wildhaber**

Marceline, St. Bonaventure — **Donna Venneman & Robert Stuart**

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Emma Boessen & Justin Cobb**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Melissa Korte & Quentin Combs**



## Elections

Fayette, St. Joseph — **Beth Lammers**, president; **Katy Flaspohler**, vice president; **Angie Mateu**, secretary, of the Parish Pastoral Council

Jefferson City, Cathedral of Joseph — **Jonathan Browning, Anne Kampeter**, to the Parish Pastoral Council

Kahoka, St. Michael — **Cody Maples**, to the Parish Pastoral Council

Mexico, Knights of Columbus Monsignor Patrick Gavin Council 3760 — **Jason Young**, grand knight; **Brian Maxwell**, deputy grand knight; **Danny Leonatti**, recording secretary; **Terry Maassen**, treasurer; **Rich Duffner**, financial secretary; **Robbie Scheiner**, KC Club president

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Adam Ritter, Elizabeth Siebuhr, Lance Winkler**, to the School Advisory Board

Rolla, St. Patrick — **Casey Ball, Tonie Cahill, Jane O'Connor**, to the School Advisory Board

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Jackie Prenger**, president; **Mark Luebbering**, vice president; **Dunja Wieberg**, secretary, of the Parish Pastoral Council; **Phil Akin, Amanda Wooten**, to the School Advisory Board

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Debbie Backes, Tammy Sachse, Ken Sandbothe, Dan Sanning**, to the Parish Pastoral Council

## Birthdays

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Marie Kern**, her 90th on July 27

Indian Grove, St. Raphael — **Irma Widhalm**, her 90th on Aug. 16

Rolla, St. Patrick — **Dorothy Reece**, her 101st on Aug. 8

## Sacraments of Initiation

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake — **Kasi Walker Serrano**

### Crossword puzzle answers

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# Moniteau County Fair Youth Art Show offers glimpse into art program at St. Andrew School in Tipton

By Jay Nies

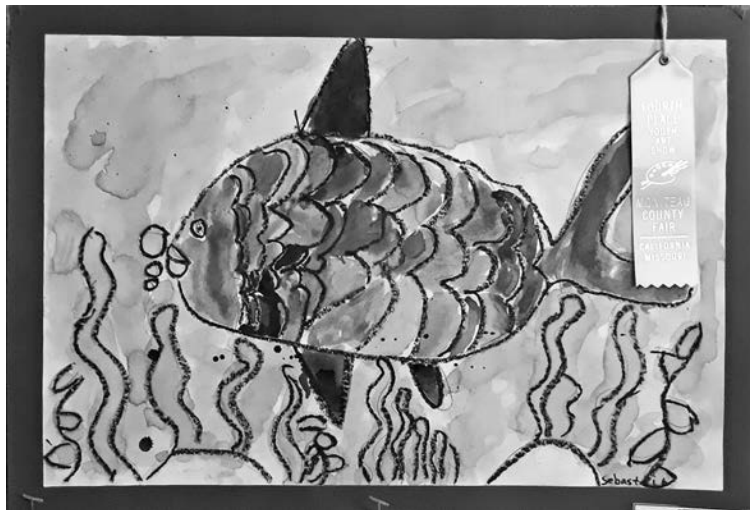
A cavalcade of student artwork adorned the walls of Centennial Hall on the Fairgrounds in California.

The Youth Art Show at the Moniteau County Fair was music to Donna Raymond's eyes.

"God has given each of us talents to be shared and used to benefit other people," said Mrs. Raymond, art teacher at St. Andrew School in Tipton. "Creating art is one way we can bring joy to ourselves and others."

Sixty-seven of her students in kindergarten through eighth grade had their work displayed in the Art Show.

Six won ribbons this year, "but in my eyes they are all winners because I know the work and pride they put into their



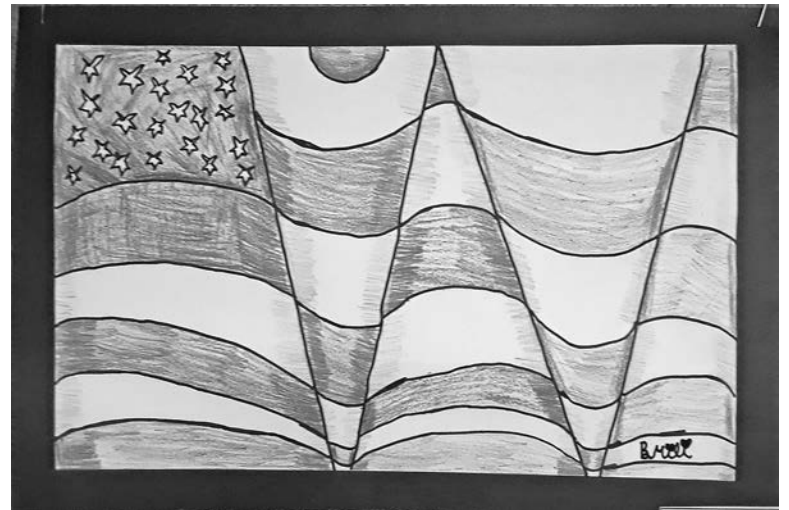
students a license to "be themselves" and have fun while creating and learning about the different mediums and aspects of the fine arts.

Most students look forward to art. Many say it is their favorite class.

"Research has shown that

measuring with a ruler to determine the size, shape, perspective, arrangement, balance and other aspects of the artwork," she said.

Likewise, history plays a part in art, through learning about art movements and the artists throughout history.



ing of what they're celebrating.

"I am so grateful that I teach at St. Andrew School, where we can express our religious beliefs in art," she said.

## Art of persuasion

Mrs. Raymond is convinced that growing in appreciation for the arts is a way for students to become more well-rounded individuals.

"When students learn about a variety of artists and critique artwork, they reflect on feelings and the feelings of the artists and the observer," she said.

In that way, they become more in-tune to others' and their own feelings.

Mrs. Raymond likes including lessons that teach about other cultures' lifestyles and artistic stylings.

"The students enjoy creating and replicating art from other countries and appreciate our differences through art," she said.

She noted that art is vast and that the beauty of any given artwork can be experienced differently for every observer.

"Realizing this gives the

students an appreciation for the expression of someone else's mind," she said.

## On the move

Students returning to St. Andrew School this fall will find a new home for their art classes.

"It will be a larger room with desks that will be easier for the students to work from," said Mrs. Raymond.

Parishioner Evan Garber built a whole wall of shelving to

See ARTWORK, page 23



projects," said Mrs. Raymond.

At the end of this past school year, her second at St. Andrew, she encouraged all of her students to submit one of their art projects for the County Fair.

She was pleased at their eagerness to do so.

"I see many students at St. Andrew School blossom when they use their talent to create a piece of art," she said. "My wish for the students is that they recognize the gift of artistic talent given to them by God and that they will continue to use their talent to spread joy throughout their life."

She believes it's important for schools to encourage students to learn art and to give them an outlet for their creative abilities.

"Many students have hidden artistic talent that might otherwise go undeveloped," she stated.

Art class also provides stu-

brain function is enhanced through art," Mrs. Raymond noted. "Even viewing art can lift one's spirit and give a feeling of wellbeing."

Furthermore, creating art helps students develop fine motor skills as well as their critical thinking and decision-making abilities.

"It is also rewarding to the students when they complete a project and accomplish a goal," she said.

## Imitates life

Mrs. Raymond talked about how art helps reinforce students' understanding of other subjects at school.

"I believe art enhances the students' knowledge of all other subjects," she stated. "Most art projects begin with a short lesson or story about the subject of the project."

For example, "math is definitely utilized in art — from

Social studies is bolstered by learning about the art of other cultures, as well as the students' own.

Science studies benefit from learning about animals and nature through art.

Mrs. Raymond also often includes lessons about religion, faith and values.

"Many projects give me the opportunity to teach about giving, caring for others and gratitude for what we have," she said.

For one project last year, she told each student to draw a large heart, divide it into sections and write in each section some of the things that were near and dear to their own heart.

"It was encouraging to see that all of the students included a cross, and most of them were centered in the heart," she said.

During religious holidays, she guides students in creating art that reflects the true mean-





# Jesus urges His friends to watch for His return

By Jennifer Ficaglia  
Catholic News Service

One day, as Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the apostles came to speak to Him in private.

“Tell us, when will this happen, and what sign will there be of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” they wanted to know.

Jesus described the signs of His coming, such as false prophets arising and the reports of wars.

He also pointed out that only one person knows the exact time of His return.

“But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone,” Jesus said. “So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you



do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Jesus told His friends several parables so they would understand the importance of watching and being prepared for His

return.

One of the parables was about 10 virgins.

“The kingdom of heaven will be like 10 virgins who took their lamps and went out

to meet the bridegroom,” Jesus said.

Five of the virgins were wise and five were foolish. The five wise virgins brought extra oil with them, but the five foolish ones did not, Jesus explained.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed, the women became drowsy and fell asleep as they were waiting for him.

At midnight, they woke up to people shouting, “Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!”

The virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish virgins’ lamps were going out, so they asked the wise ones to share their oil.

“No,” the wise virgins replied, “for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy

some for yourselves.”

The bridegroom came while the foolish virgins were away buying oil, and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

When the foolish virgins finally arrived, they found the door locked and said, “Lord, Lord, open the door for us!”

But He said in reply, “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.”

“Therefore,” Jesus said, “stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

### Read more about it... Matthew 24 & 25

1. What question did the apostles ask Jesus?
2. Which virgins ran out of oil?

## Bible Accent

Also in Matthew 25, we learn how the Son of Man will judge the nations upon His return.

In verse 31, we read that all the nations will be assembled before the Son of Man and His angels.

“And He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,” Jesus said. “He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on His left.”

Those on the right will be told to inherit the kingdom.

“For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and

you gave Me drink, a stranger and you welcomed Me, naked and you clothed Me, ill and you cared for Me, in prison and you visited Me,” the Son of Man will say.

The righteous people will wonder when they saw the Son of Man and ministered to Him.

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me,” He will reply.

Those on the left will be told to depart into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and

his angels because they saw the Son of Man in need and did not minister to Him.

“And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life,” Jesus said.

## Trivia

Where will the Son of Man sit to judge the nations? (Hint: Matthew 25:31)

Answer: Upon His glorious throne.

## Saint Spotlight

Caterina Fieschi was born in Genoa, Italy, in 1447.

When she was 16, she entered into an arranged marriage with Giuliano Adorn, who did not treat her well.

In 1473, Caterina had a vision of Christ carrying His cross. This vision changed her life, and she became devoted to prayer and caring for the poor in the slums of Genoa.

Giuliano also changed and became a Franciscan tertiary. They both worked at the largest charity hospital in Europe, with Caterina eventually becoming its director.

Caterina died in 1510, and we honor her on Sept. 15.



## Puzzle

Unscramble the letters in each word and arrange them to form a quotation from the children’s story.

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## Book seeks to correct record on Church's role in key historical period

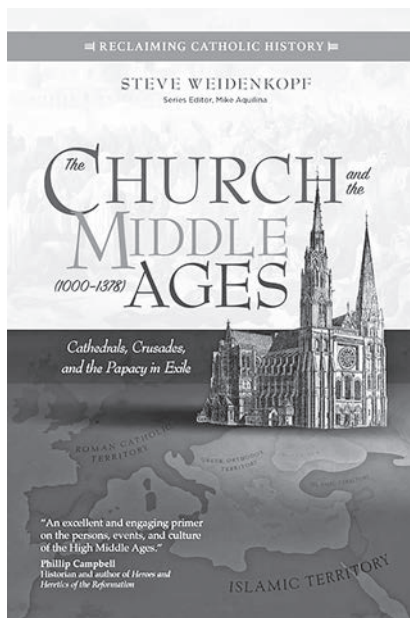
*The Church and the Middle Ages (1000-1378): Cathedrals, Crusades and the Papacy in Exile*, by Steve Weidenkopf. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2020). 192 pp., \$17.95.

Reviewed by Daniel S. Mulhall  
Catholic News Service

There are many ways to write about history. Some authors present a chronological progression of events while others offer the "great man" approach in which they tell how specific actors shaped the world.

Some wish to tell a coherent story, to show that because of this string of events a climactic outcome was destined to occur, while others present just the facts allowing the reader to make her or his own decisions about the significance of events.

Steve Weidenkopf in *The Church and the Middle Ages* presents a mostly chronological look at the Catholic Church's role in shaping the years between 1000 and 1378, through the lens of the men and women



who played key roles. Because the major emphasis is on the role of the Church, the focus is primarily on Western European events.

Although he has written a short book, Weidenkopf covers a great many important events, including a brief overview of life and worldview of people living during the period covered, the reform of the papacy, the Great Schism between the Eastern and Western branches

of Catholicism, the Crusades and the Inquisition.

As books have been written on each of these topics separately, telling their combined stories well in under 200 pages is a challenge that the author meets, often very well.

This book is part of the publisher's Reclaiming Catholic History series, which aims to "bring Church history to life, debunking the myths one era at a time," according to its introduction.

Thus, Weidenkopf includes a *You Be the Judge* feature in each chapter that seeks to clarify the motive for various events. Also included in each chapter is a longer feature on one person who played a significant role. As one might expect from a series that seeks to correct the record, there is a pro-Church bias in how events are portrayed. The Inquisition is even portrayed in a positive light and justified.

A danger in covering so much ground in so few pages is that some topics get little attention or comments are left unexplained.

For example, while the creation of the great Catholic universities is mentioned, little is said about the almost explosive development of thought that occurs during this period that led to the amazing flourishing that was the Renaissance. Another example appears on page 60 when the author writes about "a grueling four-month death march" without explanation.

## Movie Ratings



Adults and Adolescents

Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)



Adults

Black Widow (PG-13)  
CODA (PG-13)  
Escape Room: Tournament of Champions (PG-13)  
Free Guy (PG-13)  
The Green Knight (R)  
Jungle Cruise (PG-13)  
Old (PG-13)  
Respect (PG-13)  
Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins (PG-13)  
Stillwater (R)



Limited Adult Audience

Joe Bell (R)



Morally Offensive

The Suicide Squad (R)

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

This is an amazing period in the history of the world in which the Catholic Church played a major part. The foundations of the modern world were laid during this period, so to understand what is happening today it is vital to understand what happened then,

warts and all.

For those seeking an introduction to the history of the medieval period, this book provides an "engaging primer," as the front-cover blurb asserts.

*Mulhall lives in Louisville, Kentucky.*

## Catechist's book introduces Theology of the Body to children

Sydney, Australia  
Sydney catechist Caroline Fisher says writing a successful book for Catholic children has helped her spread a message of true love "too good" to keep to herself.

The mother of three who is also a naturopath and wellness speaker said her picture book, *Jesus Had a Body Like Me: A Theology of the Body for Babies and Little Ones*, is aimed not just at children but at those who read to them.

She is passionate about sharing with readers that each of them is a gift, every soul is sacred and, to truly nourish the

body, one must also nourish the spirit within.

"God doesn't make mistakes, and each of us matters to God and has been 'fearfully and wonderfully' made in His image and likeness for a purpose only we can fulfill, and nobody else," Fisher told *The Catholic Weekly*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Illustrated by Kama Towcik, the book is based on the theology of the body teachings of St. John Paul II and aims to communicate the message of God's self-sacrificing love to babies and the very youngest of readers.



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## EDUCATORS

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does He want from me, right now, where I am?"

### "Thank God"

Fr. Viviano lauded the teachers for their sacrifices and commitment.

"You suit up and get in the tranches every day," he said. "I am abundantly grateful for that."

He pointed out that children often spend more quality time with their teachers than with their family.

He acknowledged that even in a heavily Catholic area, people who promote and pass on the Catholic faith are often swimming against the current.

"We're on the bottom side of the scale now," he asserted. "The Christian ethos no longer permeates the larger culture."

Many families have become lukewarm or lax in the practice of their faith, forsaking regular Mass attendance and family prayer.

He encouraged them to derive motivation from the challenges, "to fight the good fight, to go forth and do the work that we're called to do."

He urged them to spend some free time each day in church, praying.

"Thank God for the blessing of your vocation!" he said. "And ask Him for the grace to persevere and to carry the cross and to share the joys with the children He has entrusted to you."

### Key to discipleship

"Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor."

Fr. Jones, diocesan stewardship director, hopes that in five years, all Catholic school stu-

dents in the diocese will have that definition imprinted on their minds and hearts.

"You all have a very important role to play in this," he told the educators. "Do your best to work with your principal and pastor to encourage active stewardship from every family to support the mission of the Church."

"Encourage families to pray, participate and to sacrificially give of their first fruits," he said.

The spirituality of stewardship comes from the Bible, with God telling His People to put Him first, pray and worship together and give sacrificially of their work and their wealth in thanksgiving to Him.

One of Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's pastoral priorities is to promote stewardship as a basis for carrying-out the work of the Church in every parish in this diocese.

"We're working on conversion of life through intentional discipleship," said Fr. Jones. "Stewardship and discipleship are symbiotic. You cannot have one without the other."

He said it's important for everyone to be active participants, rather than passive recipients.

"The reality is, in most of our schools, we have a lot of families who don't actively participate in the life of the parish," he stated. "They need us to call them to step it up."

The biblical model of stewardship presents sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure as a spiritual endeavor, a necessary response to all that God has done and given.

A mindset of prayer and sacrificial doing and giving will eliminate parishes' and schools' reliance on fundraisers to make

payroll.

"Our vision must shift from paying bills to supporting our mission," Fr. Jones stated.

### Staying focused

The day's combination of prayer, upbeat music, fellowship, encouragement and silent reflection helped get the teachers and administrators ready to start this school year on the right foot.

Sister Claret Feldhake of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who teaches art at St. Joseph School in Westphalia and St. Mary School in Frankenstein, enjoyed having time to reflect on her role as a teacher in a Catholic school.

She said the call to daily prayer was a good reminder.

"In these uncertain times prayer will help me to remember that God is the center of my life and that God is always with me in every situation in my life," she said.

Patricia Kirks, principal of St. Joseph School in Westphalia, lauded the retreat's emphasis on helping teachers enrich their own faith so they can help their students do likewise.

"A Catholic teacher's first priority is to have Jesus as his or her central focus, and then the teaching and learning will come naturally," she said.

She believes spending time with Jesus in prayer is the focal point that keeps all works of a classroom teacher on track.

"As an administrator, I need to develop my own relationship with Jesus so I can set an example for my teachers, staff and students," she stated.

More than anything, she wants them all to remember that God is in charge and will take good care of them.

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, Aug 22

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Jos. 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
Ps. 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21  
Eph. 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32  
Jn. 6:60-69

### Monday, Aug 23

St. Rose of Lima, virgin  
1 Thes. 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Ps. 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b  
Mt. 23:13-22

### Tuesday, Aug 24

St. Bartholomew, apostle  
Rv. 21:9b-14  
Ps. 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18  
Jn. 1:45-51

### Wednesday, Aug 25

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, priest  
1 Thes. 2:9-13  
Ps. 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab  
Mt. 23:27-32

### Thursday, Aug 26

1 Thes. 3:7-13  
Ps. 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17  
Mt. 24:42-51

### Friday, Aug 27

St. Monica  
1 Thes. 4:1-8  
Ps. 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12  
Mt. 25:1-13

### Saturday, Aug 28

St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church  
1 Thes. 4:9-11  
Ps. 98:1, 7-8, 9  
Mt. 25:14-30

### Sunday, Aug 29

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Dt. 4:1-2, 6-8  
Ps. 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5  
Jas. 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mk. 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Monday, Aug 30

1 Thes. 4:13-18  
Ps. 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13  
Lk. 4:16-30

### Tuesday, Aug 31

1 Thes. 5:1-6, 9-11  
Ps. 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Lk. 4:31-37

### Wednesday, Sep 1

Col. 1:1-8  
Ps. 52:10, 11  
Lk. 4:38-44

### Thursday, Sep 2

Col. 1:9-14  
Ps. 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6  
Lk. 5:1-11

### Friday, Sep 3

St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church  
Col. 1:15-20  
Ps. 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
Lk. 5:33-39

### Saturday, Sep 4

Col. 1:21-23  
Ps. 54:3-4, 6, 8  
Lk. 6:1-5

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

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## ARTWORK

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store art supplies, making them more accessible for projects throughout the school year.

"The students will be surprised with our new room, and I know they will appreciate all that it has to offer for their creative minds," said Mrs. Raymond.

As the new school year gets under way, she anticipates the creation of more excellent artwork and the revealing of more previously hidden talents in her students.

She plans to challenge them with more projects that emphasize the elements of art.

She intends to build on the principles of art to her work with the upper grades in order to progress and prepare the students for high school art class.

"I will also be introducing more farm projects in the hope of having more entries for the County Fair in the Best of Farm category," she said. "We will store the projects all year long at the school

so the students can again choose the art to submit."

### "Best job"

Mrs. Raymond said she feels blessed to have a pastor, administration and fellow faculty members who are very supportive of the school's art program.

She recognizes God at work in her classroom through the students' attitudes toward their classmates and in the way they encourage and compliment

each other on their work.

"It is heartwarming to watch the students at St. Andrew respect each other and reflect Christ to one another," she said.

She derives genuine satisfaction from the happiness on students' faces when they create works of art.

"It's great to see their excitement at trying different mediums and beginning new projects," she said. "I always say I have the best job on the planet!"



## Mini-mission in California, Tipton

**DATE: August 30-31**  
**TIME: 6:30 - 9 pm**

Annunciation Parish in California and St. Andrew Parish in Tipton will host Catholic evangelizers Tim Francis and

Donna Cori for a "mini-mission" on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 30 and 31.

Presentations will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. both nights.

Mr. Francis will speak at St. Andrew Church, 106 W. Cooper St. in Tipton, on Monday and at Annunciation Church, 310 S. Mill St. in California, on Tuesday.

Ms. Cori will speak at Annunciation Church in California on Monday and at St. Andrew Church in Tipton on

Tuesday.

Mr. Francis is a popular speaker on Eucharistic miracles.

Ms. Cori is a popular singer on Stations of the Cross and will speak about the Blessed Mother in her role as the Mediatrix.

"Prepare to be 'wowed!'" the mission's organizers stated. "This is a chance of a lifetime to be totally awed and inspired. Hopefully these events will give you a new life-changing start to your devotion to Mother Mary and in receiving the Holy Eucharist will total devotion."

## Organ concert in J.C.

**DATE: August 29**  
**TIME: 4 pm**

St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City will host a celebration concert of its 175th anniversary and of Missouri's 200th anniversary, with organist Kevin J. Vaughn at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29, in newly restored St. Peter Church, 216 Broadway.

He will perform organ works of Guilman, Yon, Harbach, Buck, and a new composition by Horst Buchholz.

The concert is free and open to all.

Mr. Vaughn (*kevinjvaughn.com*) is Director of Music and Organist at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in South Bend, Indiana, and performs nationally and internationally as a solo concert artist.

He holds degrees in piano, organ, and sacred music, as well as the American Guild of Organists Colleague certificate.

He is the assistant director for doctoral studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and teaches organ literature in the Graduate Program in Sacred Music at the University of Notre Dame.



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