

## Gales to profess vows

Frater Carl Gales, former music director of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, will profess vows in the Society of the Divine Word Sept. 18. He hopes to minister in Fr. Tolton's mission field.

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## St. George School in Hermann off to a good start



Three children enter St. George School in Hermann for the first time of their new school year on Aug. 19. — Photo by Jay Nies

**158 students renew friendships, pray for a holy, successful year together**

By Jay Nies

Zachary Stobart was a newcomer to Hermann when he started teaching high school 15 years ago.

He quickly figured out which of his students were graduates of St. George School.

"You could see that their direction was different, and for me being a Catholic, it was a good direction to see," he said.

"It was the best marketing campaign for me to send my kids up here," he stated, "because I wanted MY kids to look at problems the way those kids did."

Mr. Stobart and his wife did send their children to St. George, and he's now in his third year as principal there.

He spoke casually Aug. 22 amidst the hustle and keenly channeled chaos of yet another first day of school.

"It's been a long summer, but it's gone by fast," he quipped.

Months of preparation and planning in the Jefferson City diocese's 37 Catholic grade schools and three Catholic high schools was coming a head.

Another school year was under way, despite the lingering pandemic.

"We're doing whatever we can to evangelize. We're using all of our subjects to help these kids grow academically and in their faith, and having some fun along the way," said Mr. Stobart.

Nearby, an outrageously dressed crossing guard named Tom Eggering greeted students while dancing in the crosswalk.

"Welcome! Welcome! Brand-new school year!" he called out.

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## Roodhouse to advise Bishop McKnight on matters pertaining to canon law

**Followed an intriguing path from California to Missouri — Sees beauty in just laws, properly applied**

By Jay Nies

As a young man, Benjamin Roodhouse's goal in life was to join the U.S. Navy, serve his country as a Navy pilot "and possibly die gloriously in battle."

The events of 9/11 solidified his resolve.

"I was accepted to officer candidates' school and was expected to report right after graduation from college," said Mr. Roodhouse, the Jefferson City diocese's newly appointed director of canonical services.

Confronted with a clear choice between following God's plan or his own, he opted for trust, embarking on a labyrinthine itinerary that eventually led him here.

"That was a big moment for me," he recalled. "But I've learned in the couple decades since then that the subtler stuff — when I say 'yes' to God every day, when I get up and

pray and give myself over to God today, the daily conversion that He calls me to — those are the things that really, truly brought me to this place."

Equipped with a juris doctorate in civil law, a licentiate in Church law, two years of formation in a religious community and nine years' experience helping run a family business, Mr. Roodhouse will offer canonical advice and assistance to Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and his collaborators in the diocese.

"I think the bishop has a strong desire to help this diocese become outstanding in every way," said Mr. Roodhouse. "And I think that means having enough specialized staff to be of particular assistance to the pastors and parishes."

### Proper order

The 1983 Code of Canon Law prescribes in 1,752 paragraphs — known as canons — much of how the Church

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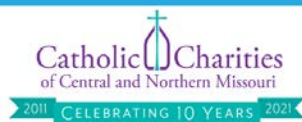
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## Correction

Joe Bange of St. Joseph Parish in Salisbury was incorrectly listed under "Deaths" on the People Page in the Aug. 20 edition of *The Catholic Missourian*.

Roslyn Bange died on June 10. Joe Bange is her husband.

*We apologize for the error.*

## Knights' pilgrimage to Laurie

**DATE: October 3**  
**TIME: 10 am**

The annual Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church in Laurie will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3.

The shrine is located on the grounds of St. Patrick Church, 176 Marian Drive, off of Highway 5 in Laurie, near the Lake of the Ozarks.

The Knights will host the pilgrimage to honor family life.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. The flag raising and Stations of the Cross will start at 11:15 a.m., followed by the Rosary.

The Mass for the pilgrimage will fulfill the Sunday obligation.

Lunch will be available at about 1:15 p.m. for \$10 per person. Reservations for lunch are required. Contact Rick Purdon at 573-372-6418 or [RNS7691@gmail.com](mailto:RNS7691@gmail.com) to make a reservation.

All Fourth Degree Knights with the new regalia are invited to participate in the Honor Guard.

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## Masses in St. Patrick

Weekend Masses will resume in the Shrine of St. Patrick in St. Patrick on Sept. 4.

The Vigil Mass will be at 7 p.m. on Saturdays in the shrine.

Mass in St. Michael Church in Kahoka will continue to be at 8 a.m. on Sundays.

## Pray for deceased priests

Sept. 7 — **Msgr. Harold J. Beeler**, Ss. Peter & Paul, Boonville (1960)

Sept. 13 — **Fr. Joseph F. Lorenz**, St. Anthony, St. Anthony (1993)

Sept. 14 — **Fr. William L. Forst**, Columbia hospital ministry (2009)

Sept. 16 — **Fr. Leonard S. Misey**, St. Boniface, Brunswick; St. Joseph, Hurricane Branch; St. Raphael, Indian Grove (2011)

Sept. 17 — **Fr. Anthony J. Grellner**, Chaplain, St. Joseph Home, Jefferson City (1982)

## Bookkeeper Position



St. Patrick Church in Laurie, Mo. is seeking a bookkeeper. This position is full-time at 30 hours per week, offering full benefits. Responsibilities include, but are not exclusive to the following: accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, annual reports and other reports for various committees. Pay is contingent upon skill set. For further information, please call the parish office at 573-374-7855.

## 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.

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

## Wellness Case Coordinator



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

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

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

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

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

# Sr. Kathleen Wegman SSND receives Citizen Recognition Award

By Jay Nies

For Sister Kathleen Wegman of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, help is always better than idleness.

“Each day, we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders,” the Jefferson City native said, echoing Pope Francis’s encyclical, *“Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship.”*

Sr. Kathleen spoke briefly to about 45 people Aug. 27 in the Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, after accepting the Missouri Catholic Conference’s (MCC) 2021 Citizen Recognition Award.

She was referring to Jesus’s parable about a man who was beaten, robbed and left for dead (Luke 10:25-37). Two people of religious stature indifferently walked past him, but a detested foreigner took pity on him and helped him.

“I pray for the grace that we can all assist one another by being that Good Samaritan and not engaging in being a bystander and walking past people in need,” said Sr. Kathleen.

She previously served this diocese as chancellor and then as director of parish and chari-



**LEFT:** Deacon Tyler McClay, executive director of the Missouri Catholic Conference, gives Sister Kathleen Wegman SSND a hug after she received the MCC’s 2021 Citizen Recognition Award for the Jefferson City diocese on Aug. 27. **RIGHT:** Bishop W. Shawn McKnight listens to Sr. Kathleen address the people who had gathered in the Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center in Jefferson City to watch her receive the award.

table services.

She was recently invited to serve as part-time director of mission integration for Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCN-MO), which she helped establish in 2011.

She said this award means very much to her “because I know it comes from people who know me.”

The MCC is the public-policy agency of the state’s four Roman Catholic dioceses, actively promoting laws and policies that reflect the common good and the Church’s social teachings.

Each year, the MCC honors a Catholic individual from each of the state’s four dioceses, who has exemplified Catholic values

and tried to promote them in public policy and in their community and their parishes.

Citizen Recognition Awards are usually presented during the MCC Annual Assembly in the Capitol each fall. This year’s assembly will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, executive secretary of the MCC’s board of directors, presented the award.

Sr. Kathleen previously served on the MCC’s Public Policy Committee, which helps shape the agency’s legislative priorities each year.

“She has always been a great voice for the poor, for the downtrodden,” stated Deacon Tyler McClay, MCC executive director. “As we worked through policy decisions, she always made sure we were keeping their needs in mind.”

The people who nominated her for the award pointed out her long track record for lifting up the vulnerable, whether as a teacher, administrator, SSND leader or participant in overseas missions.

“Sister Kathleen is a champion defender of the poor and socially marginalized,” the nominators stated. “She focuses her efforts on social justice issues and serving those who are poor in spirit.”

Sr. Kathleen was quick to point out that this award reflects all of the people who have helped shape her outlook on life.

“From my family to the Catholic schools I’ve attended, to many of my coworkers and



Sr. Kathleen has worked around the world, befriending people from many different countries, religions and walks of life.

“And she just has a way about her,” he said, “a way of bringing people together and reminding us of our mission as Catholics to look out for people who are less fortunate.”

The people who nominated her said her life’s example is a testament to Jesus’s proclamation

of the greatest law:

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself;” (Matthew 22:37-40).

Sr. Kathleen thanked everyone present for their support and encouragement “in enabling me to try my best to be the best I can be, and to share the gifts that God has given me.”

former coworkers — it’s all of you that have pulled out of me the gifts that God has given me,” she said. “I’m very grateful.”

She shared an 1868 quote from Blessed Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame: “True and sincere love of our neighbor is at the same time the infallible criterion of our love of God.”

Deacon McClay noted that

## Dcn. Miller anniversary

**DATE:** September 19  
**TIME:** noon


Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Boonville will hold a celebration of the 25th anniversary of

Deacon Dave Miller’s ordination, with a picnic at noon on Sunday, Sept. 19, at Harley Park Shelter. Knights of Columbus will grill hot dogs and hamburgers.

Families with names beginning with A through F are asked to bring a dessert; G through R to bring potatoes or another side dish; and S through Z to bring a salad or vegetables.

In case of rain, the celebration will be held in the Ss. Peter & Paul School Cafeteria.

Contact the parish office at 660-882-6468 for information.



## Bishop McKnight’s Calendar

**SEPTEMBER**

<b>Sep 11</b>	Parish Leadership Deanery Meeting on Reviewing Parish Pastoral Plans, 9:30 am, Virtual
<b>Sep 12</b>	Confirmation Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 2 pm, Frankenstein
<b>Sep 15</b>	Catholic Rural Life Board Committee Meeting on Sustainability, 9 am, Virtual
<b>Sep 17</b>	Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Mass, St. Stanislaus Parish, 5:30 pm, Wardsville
<b>Sep 19</b>	Confirmation Mass, St. Pius X Parish, 11 am, Moberly
<b>Sep 20-23</b>	Catholic Extension Mission Bishops Conference, Chicago, IL
<b>Sep 24</b>	Installation of Bishop Daniel Muegenborg, St. Rose of Lima Parish, 2 pm, Reno, NV

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

For a greater appreciation for the gift of friendship; that bonds of friendship may strengthen our resolve to be a people of communion in divisive times.

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

Por un mayor aprecio por el don de la amistad; que los lazos de amistad fortalezcan nuestra determinación de ser un pueblo de comunión en tiempos de división.



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

## Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri seeking help for anticipated refugee arrivals from Afghanistan

*"I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

— Matthew 25

Refugee Services of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) is seeking local assistance for the possible arrival of refugees from Afghanistan.

As the only refugee resettlement agency in Mid-Missouri federally authorized to resettle refugees, Catholic Charities Refugee Services coordinates the arrival and services for all refugees resettled in this region, including Afghan refugees.

As the humanitarian crisis unfolds in Afghanistan, CCCNMO is working hard to prepare to resettle any Afghan

refugees that arrive in Central Missouri.

CCCNMO has been working with their national-level sponsoring agency, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and the U.S. State Department, on responding to the Afghan evacuation for several weeks.

USCCB has selected at least one Catholic Charities Refugee Services staff member to deploy to one of the forts in the United States to help process Afghan refugees.

In the meantime, CCCNMO staff members are coordinating with the local Afghan community and other community groups interested in co-sponsoring refugees and assisting with the Afghan refu-



Afghan refugees walk to a bus taking them to a refugee processing center upon their arrival at Dulles International Airport in Virginia, Aug. 25, 2021.

— CNS photo/Kevin Lamarque, Reuters

gee response in this region.

Catholic Charities expects Afghan refugees will be arriving in the United States this fall and as early as September.

CCCNMO is requesting the people of central and northern Missouri to become heavily involved in resettlement.

To facilitate collective efforts, the agency has created a co-sponsorship program for organizations in Central Missouri to be matched with Afghan refugees and other refugees coming from other areas of the world.

On CCCNMO's website

([cccnmo.diojeffcity.org](http://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org)), people can complete and submit the Afghan Refugee Assistance Form, indicating how they would like to help.

Donations can also be made online at: [cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give](http://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give)

The Diocese of Jefferson City and Catholic Charities have been welcoming refugees since 1975.

Catholic Charities USA and its 167 member agencies have a long history of serving their communities to help the most vulnerable find affordable housing, access vital food assistance and nutrition, re-

ceive mental and integrated healthcare, and achieve economic self-sufficiency and stability.

When disaster strikes, Catholic Charities USA's agencies provide emergency and long-term relief to help individuals and families rebuild their lives.

CCCNMO is the social services outreach arm of the Diocese of Jefferson City, providing a range of programs and services to people in need in a 38-county service area regardless of faith, culture or situation.

Catholic Charities believes in assisting the most basic and immediate needs of the poor and vulnerable and giving them the help and resources needed for long-term change.

"Providing Care ... Creating Hope" is its mission.

Programs include refugee services; family immigration services; community services (disaster services, housing counseling, and immigrant outreach and Hispanic case management); health and nutrition services; and parish social ministries (faith community nursing and prison ministry).

For more information, visit [cccnmo.diojeffcity.org](http://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org).

## CCCNMO taking part in Mo. State Employee Charitable Campaign

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) is grateful to be a participating non-profit in this year's Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign.

State employees are encouraged to consider giving toward CCCNMO's efforts of "Providing Care ... Creating Hope"

through the CODE 4058.

Catholic Charities provides for immediate needs of the poor and vulnerable, such as food and clothing, as well as the additional resources needed for long-term change in our 38-county central and northern Missouri region regardless of faith, culture or situation.

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## Afghanistan: Pope launches appeal for fasting, prayers for God's mercy

By Carol Glatz  
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

With increased violence unfolding in Afghanistan, Pope Francis appealed to all Christians to fast and intensify their prayers.

"I ask everyone to continue to help the needy and to pray that dialogue and solidarity may lead to the establishment of a peaceful and fraternal coexistence and offer hope for the country's future," he said, after praying the Angelus with visitors in St. Peter's Square Aug. 29.

He said he had been following the news out of Afghanistan "with great concern."

"I take part in the suffering of those who are grieving for the persons who lost their lives in the suicide attacks that happened last Thursday and of those who are seeking help and protection," he said.

The pope was referring to the Aug. 26 attack when a suicide bomber detonated an explosion among the crowds of people desperate to leave

the country at the gate of the Hamid Karzai International Airport. The blast killed at least 169 civilians and 13 U.S. service members, who were set to withdraw from the country by Aug. 31. Thousands of Afghans were seeking to be evacuated as well. The Islamic State claimed responsibility, saying the suicide bomber was targeting Afghan collaborators with the U.S. Army.

The pope said, "I entrust the deceased to the mercy of almighty God and I thank those who are striving to help" the people who have been through so much, in particular the women and children.

"In historic moments like this one, we cannot remain indifferent; the history of the church teaches us this," he said.

"As Christians this situation obligates us," he said, launching an appeal to everyone "to intensify your prayer and practice fasting. Prayer and fasting, prayer and penance. This is the moment to do so. I am speaking seriously: intensify your prayer and practice fasting, asking the Lord for mercy and forgiveness."

# Service for National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

**DATE: September 18**  
**TIME: 10 am**

The St. Andrew Parish Pro-Life Committee in Holts Summit

and Columbia 40 Days for Life will hold a prayer service for the ninth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Saturday, Sept. 18.

It will be at 10 a.m. in St. Andrew Church, 400 St. Andrew Drive, off Center Street in Holt Summit.

Father Anthony Viviano, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk and diocesan moderator for pro-life ministries, will offer Mass in church, followed by a memorial service at the Memorial to the Unborn Monument in front of the church.


Pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather that day at gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor. Solemn vigils will be held to commemorate the more than 60 million pre-born children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the hu-

manity of the unborn child.

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# The Catholic Church's presence at the dawn of Missouri's statehood 200 years ago has had a lasting impact

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

By Jennifer Brinker and Joseph Kenny

## St. Louis

The Catholic Church has had a significant impact on Missouri from the beginnings of its statehood 200 years ago.

Aug 10, 2021, marked the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of the Show-Me State. It was a time in which the great westward expansion was moving at flood tide, starting around 1820, according to the late Jesuit Father William Barnaby Faherty in his history of the St. Louis archdiocese, *Dream by the River*.

The existence of Catholicism in this area predated the founding of Missouri by more than 120 years. In the greater St. Louis area, the first Mass was celebrated in 1698 on the banks of the Mississippi River in Cahokia, Illinois, by missionary priests from Quebec; St. Louis was established in 1764, when Pierre Laclède established his trading post and dedicated it to St. Louis IX, King of France.

Missouri's statehood came soon after the Missouri Compromise of 1820, which admitted Missouri as a slave state and Maine as a free state. It was an effort to preserve the balance of power in Congress between slave and free states.

Settlement in Missouri after 1820 was aided by a network of rivers used by steamboats and centered around the City of St. Louis.

Between 1820 and 1830, Missouri more than doubled in population. The Land Act of 1820 offered the public domain in 80-acre tracts for cash at a minimum price of \$1.75 per acre. A large percentage of the people moving to Missouri came from Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina. A group of St. Louis fur traders organized the Rocky Mountain Fur Company in 1822.

## St. Louis's foundation

The City of St. Louis was incorporated in 1823, when its population was approaching 4,000. Close to half the residents were French. Catholics made up half the residents.

Bishop William V. DuBourg, who was appointed as bishop of the Louisiana Territory, left St. Louis in November 1820 for New Orleans. By then he had almost completed a brick church to replace the log structure which was the first permanent church in St. Louis and he founded a college for boys in St. Louis.

The Diocese of St. Louis was erected in 1826, five years after Missouri entered the Union.

## Other old settlements

In the southern part of the state, Assumption Parish in Perryville was founded in 1817 and built by the first bishop of the Diocese of St. Louis, Bishop Joseph Rosati.

The Vincentians founded St. Mary of the Barrens, home to

Ste. Genevieve Parish is the oldest recorded parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The Catholic faith first came to the Ste. Genevieve area when Jesuit Father Jacques Marquette came down the Mississippi in 1673.

The first people of the par-

\$350 to purchase furnishings and \$150 traveling money. Four of the women religious arrived by stagecoach in November and opened the St. Louis Mullanphy Hospital — the first hospital west of the Mississippi. They gave free services to many

poor people and cared for the victims of the great cholera epidemic of 1832. They also opened the first Catholic orphanage for boys in the West.

New Englanders brought business progress and investment during the early 1800s and southerners came as well — and many were slaveholders, Msgr. Witt said.

Other important charitable works emerged as well. Msgr. Witt cited the establishment of the first operations of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States at the Basilica of St. Louis, King of France (Old Cathedral) in St. Louis in 1845. The extensive network of parish conferences and volunteers continues to make a lasting impact on people in need throughout the archdiocese and all of Missouri.

Father Peter Dunne began a ministry helping “street children,” and Father Tim Dempsey established residences for the homeless. Father John J. Butler, with the help of Archbishop (later Cardinal) John J. Glennon of St. Louis, organized these and other services offered by the archdiocese in its orphanages, employment agencies, homeless shelters, and residences under the umbrella of the Catholic Charities network.

“It continues to be a treasured gift to the people of St. Louis,” Msgr. Witt said.

## Educational expertise

Saint Louis University is one of many “firsts.” Founded in 1818, it became the first institution of higher learning, first medical school, first law school and first business school west of the Mississippi River; first nursing school to offer a Ph.D. program; first university in a former slave state with a policy



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their seminary, on a 650-acre tract in 1818. (The seminary closed in 1985.) The site now includes the Church of the Assumption, which houses the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal; an administration building dating to the mid-1800s; and the community's former classroom and library building. The site also includes shrines, grottos, a cemetery and the community's residence for retired priests and brothers.

Perryville, located in Perry County, traces its origins to Missouri statehood. On Aug. 7, 1821, three days prior to the official admission of Missouri to the Union, the County was given 51 acres that became the original town.

Ste. Genevieve was the first permanent European settlement in Missouri. Settled around 1750 by French colonists, several of its early buildings constructed with vertical posts still exist today, as does this first brick house west of the Mississippi River, built around 1785.

ish were French Catholics from Canada who built a log church on the “Le Grand Champ” or Big Common Field. Beginning in 1759, records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths were kept.

By 1831, to accommodate the growth of the parish, work was begun on a stone church which was consecrated in 1837 by Bishop Rosati.

It was around this time that there was a wave of German immigrants to the area, and so English, French and German sermons were being preached.

## Social concerns

Monsignor Michael Witt, associate professor of Church history at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, said the contributions of the Catholic Church to Missouri are enormous, starting from the early days.

In 1828, Bishop Joseph Rosati asked the Sisters of Charity to come to St. Louis to open a hospital. A layman, John Mullanphy, provided property plus

# Help arrives as dioceses emerge from Hurricane Ida's wrath

By Rhina Guidos  
Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

Catholic Charities in and around the areas of Louisiana and Mississippi affected by Hurricane Ida — one of the most powerful storms to hit the continental U.S. since Hurricane Katrina in 2005 — are collecting donations as they prepare to help with the yet-unknown damage caused by the late August storm.

In a televised Aug. 30 meeting with President Joe Biden, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards said he estimated that close to 2 million are without electricity in the region, though news reports said about 1 million were affected.

Many remained without cellphone service and although just one death had been confirmed by midday Aug. 30, Edwards said the death toll likely will rise.

Many Masses Aug. 29 had been suspended in the region as residents prepared to ride out the storm or had evacuated.

Edwards said the damage was “catastrophic” as news

outlets showed flooded and destroyed homes, torn roofs and water running through Louisiana streets like a rushing river.

President Biden said he asked the Federal Aviation Administration to work with electric providers in Louisiana and Mississippi to use surveillance drones “to assess Ida’s damage to energy infrastructure.”

Though the hurricane had torn through much of Louisiana as a Category 4 storm on Aug. 29, the following day it was heading, as a downgraded tropical storm, but still life-threatening, toward Mississippi and then Tennessee, where flooding was the main concern.

As levees in Louisiana seemed to have stood up of Ida’s wrath, many on social media urged the public to keep in mind that help would be needed in small agricultural towns, not just for damage to New Orleans.

Catholic dioceses and organizations said they were mobilizing to help as soon as conditions allowed.



A destroyed car is seen under the debris of a building in New Orleans Aug. 31, after Hurricane Ida made landfall. — CNS photo/Marco Bello, Reuters

“Our local *#disasterresponse* teams will be ready to hit the ground when it’s safe to do so,” tweeted Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge, a few hours after the storm hit New Orleans.

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, in an Aug. 30 message on its website and social media channels, said its schools “will be closed until further notice.” The New Orleans archdiocese announced, too, that its schools and main administrative offices, would be closed until at least Labor

Day.

In a Facebook video Aug. 30, Peter Finney, editor of the *Clarion Herald*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, said Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, who remained at his residence during Ida, was trying to contact pastors to assess the extent of the damage to churches and schools.

“There’s nothing really right now to report, but he’ll have much more of an understanding today,” Finney said. “He asked for prayers for the entire

community and please stay safe.”

Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana in Lake Charles offered 900 meals for Hurricane Ida evacuees, remembering how they, too, had been helped by neighboring states during last year’s hurricane season.

The Diocese of Beaumont, Texas, which suffered damage from Hurricane Laura in late August 2020 said Bishop David L. Toups “has invited all of our priests and faithful ... to pray and intercede for our brothers and sisters in Louisiana. We stand with them in prayer during the storm and will stay by them to assist in recovery.”

It’s hard to know how the hurricane and subsequent storm will affect states in the southern U.S. that already were experiencing a shortage of hospital beds and equipment, including oxygen, because of rising COVID-19 rates.

The day after the hurricane, Lady of the Sea General Hospital in Galliano, Louisiana, reported that part of its roof had been ripped off by Ida’s winds.

## Diaspora and disease: Pope will face pressing issues on next trip abroad

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Pope Francis’ upcoming trip to Hungary and Slovakia, while seemingly standard as papal visits go, could prove to be among his most challenging visits at a time when distrust in government authorities and the looming threat of the delta variant are leading the headlines.

When he visits Slovakia Sept. 12-15, Pope Francis, who throughout his pontificate has strongly denounced corruption and organized crime, will be seen as an important advocate after several tumultuous years that saw massive protests in the country and a series of changes of governments. Since 2018, two governments were ousted because of corruption.

Most recently, “at the beginning of the first wave of the pandemic, the government in

Slovakia changed,” said Jesuit Father Vlastimil Dufka, who will direct the choir at the pope’s Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows in Sastin Sept. 15.

“The previous government was marked by many corruption cases, and the arrival of a new government brought new hope to our country,” he told Catholic News Service (CNS).

But recent legislation requiring vaccinations sparked protests in the country, causing divisions and tensions, including within the Catholic Church.

“Without any preparation, from one day to the next, the bishops’ conference ordered the receiving (of) Holy Communion by hand, not by mouth, which was unusual in our country,” Father Dufka told CNS. “With the third wave of the pandemic coming, all who wish to attend the

meeting with Pope Francis will have to be vaccinated, which is unacceptable to many.”

Father Martin Kramara, spokesman for the Slovak bishops’ conference, told CNS Aug. 20 that the government’s mandate for all participants of papal events to be vaccinated “is no small challenge to organize.”

“People will have to be divided in sectors and not allowed to change them. We must keep their phone numbers and emails to be able to trace contacts” in case someone in the sector later tests positive for COVID-19, Fr. Kramara explained.

“We already see it is discouraging many from participation. But we live in conditions of the pandemic, and we have to adjust to the measures in order to protect lives,” he said.

Despite the challenges, Fr.

Kramara said the pope’s visit to the country, especially to a homeless shelter run by the Missionaries of Charity and to Slovakia’s Roma community, are a much-needed reminder of the Church’s primary mission.

The pope, he said, wants to

show the local Church and religious communities’ “sacrificial activities for the benefit of the poor and needy, those who are on the periphery of society, and he reminds us of the important truth that living faith must always be connected with active love in deeds.”

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## QUESTION CORNER

## Who can give blessings? / Saturday funeral Masses?

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



**Q.** Some years ago you reminded us that receiving the Eucharist at Mass is valid regardless of who distributes it — so a family should not disrupt the congregation's flow to Holy Communion just to receive from a priest, rather than from an extraordinary lay minister. Because I have several young children who do not yet receive Holy Communion, we try to sit where our priest will distribute the Eucharist — since it seems more valuable for my children to receive the blessing of a priest rather than a non-uniform “good wish” from a layperson. Can you explain more about blessings? I know that there are scriptural references to parents blessing their children, but we once heard a holy priest friend say, “If you're not a priest, you're just shooting blanks.” Whose duty is it to offer prayers of blessing and to whom? What has the most merit and efficacy? (Indianapolis)

**A.** Normally, it is the priest who imparts a Catholic blessing. But your friend who made the remark about laypeople “shooting blanks” is way off base — if he really believes that. There are many blessings that are done properly — and perhaps more appropriately — by laypeople. The most common example is the blessing of food, which many families do each evening around the dinner table.

The Church's *Book of Blessings* lists several blessings that are normally done by laypeople — including the blessing of sons and daughters by their parents (especially when leaving home or embarking on a new venture). Another particularly touching example recommended by the *Book of Blessings* is the blessing of a newly engaged couple by both sets of parents.

I have sometimes seen extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion — laypeople — give a blessing to children too young to receive Holy Communion, but technically that is improper.

The website of the Archdiocese of New York answers the question, “Should an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion give a blessing to one who comes forward in the Communion procession, but who does not wish to receive the Eucharist?” in this way: “No. In this case, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion should direct the individual who wishes to receive a blessing to the nearest priest or deacon.”

I can understand that, logistically, this might result in some confusion, but that is the correct technical answer. (And actually, no one needs a “blessing” at that point since, a few minutes later, the entire congregation will be blessed by the priest at the end of Mass.) One possibility, I would think, is just for the extraordinary minister to say to the child, “Jesus loves you,” without giving a blessing.

**Q.** My dad died during the COVID-19 pandemic. His request was to be cremated. We decided to wait to have his memorial Mass when all family members could attend. Our family is scattered throughout the U.S., and a weekend (Saturday) would be the most convenient, with work and school scheduling. However, the pastor of the parish will not have a funeral Mass on a Saturday. Is this traditional, or just his personal preference? If it's just a preference, can I insist on a Saturday? (Northampton, Pennsylvania)

**A.** There is no universal prohibition of funeral Masses on Saturdays. In fact, in the parish from which I retired after 24 years as pastor, we probably had more funerals on Saturdays than any

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## Papal Audience September 1, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters:  
In our continuing catechesis on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we have seen how the Apostle insists on the newness of life in Christ, which sets Christians free from a religiosity based solely

on the scrupulous observance of precepts. Paul reminds the Galatians of the saving grace they received through faith in the Gospel message of Christ's death and resurrection, and their experience of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their midst. Paul likewise points to his personal experience of the grace and freedom brought by faith in the crucified Jesus: “It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live... I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). In addressing the Galatians, the Apostle also speaks to us; he invites each of us to rejoice in the righteousness we have received through faith in Christ and to bear convincing witness to God's merciful love in the way we live our daily lives.

I cordially greet the English-speaking faithful. Upon you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!



## Jefferson City Bible study on Galatians

St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City will host a Bible Study this fall on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

The eight-week class will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning, Oct. 7, in the lower-level Hospitality Room

of the Selinger Centre, next to St. Peter Church, 216 Broadway.

Parishioner David Wurst will lead the sessions, which will include a video series by Ascension Press.

There will be room for

proper social distancing.

There is no charge for the course itself. The study guide is helpful but not mandatory. The cost for the study guide is \$30, which includes one year's online access to the videos.

Participants should bring a Bible and a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Contact Mr. Wurst as [DavidWurst@gmail.com](mailto:DavidWurst@gmail.com) for information or to register.

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## Eucharistic renewal is already an on-going movement

By Hosffman Ospino  
Catholic News Service



U.S. Catholics are engaged in a most fascinating conversation about the Eucharist. The entry points into this conversation, particularly during the past 20 years, are well known.

Some are clear pastoral concerns: surveys showing that a sizable sector of Catholics does not believe in the Real Presence or simply does not understand this faith

tenet; the dwindling number of Catholics attending Sunday Mass.

Others are somewhat controversial: proposals to withhold Holy Communion from certain political leaders; diverging philosophies about translating liturgical prayers and lectionaries; the place of the Latin Mass in a post-Vatican II Church — and the seemingly paradoxical papal *“motu proprio”* on the topic.

Some are more positive: the resurgence of eucharistic adoration among Catholic youth; the widespread eucharistic devotional practices popular among immigrant Catholics.

Anyone claiming that Catholics in the

United States are uninterested in the Eucharist or that the topic is entirely absent from our shared religious imagination may find a difficult time building a credible case. Plenty of evidence points to the contrary.

During the last two decades, a world of resources has emerged to address questions associated with the Eucharist: books, articles, dissertations, documentaries, internet videos, catechetical resources, homilies, pastoral letters, conferences, heated social media interactions, blogs, self-proclaimed pundits, and yes the occasional heretical position, among others.

Together these resources and conversa-

tions reveal an interesting reality: American Catholics are a *de facto* eucharistically engaged community. Of course, some more than others.

The eucharistic enthusiasm, or at the very least curiosity and opinion, transcends the strictly religious world. Secular media outlets — including *The New York Times*, *The Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *NPR*, *CNN*, *MSNBC*, *Fox News* and others — often provide space to cover Catholic conversations related to the Eucharist.

Efforts by the U.S. Conference of

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## The shadow of shame

By Mary Marrocco  
Catholic News Service

What makes it so difficult to overcome conflicts? Between a couple or family, groups or nations, often we just can't sort things out and move on.

We'll never be able to if we don't address guilt and shame. Shame isn't the only impediment to healing conflict, but its shadow won't go away until — in its time — it's faced and resolved.

The letters of Jacques Fesch, written from “the peripheries” of solitary confinement and published posthumously in 1972, shine a gentle, clear light — the real antidote — to shame.

Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, then Archbishop of Paris, inadvertently ignited controversy by opening the cause for beatification decades after Jacques' execution by guillotine in 1957, at 27. The cardinal wanted to give hope and inspiration to people in desperate situations, including convicted criminals. Others found it incomprehensible and infuriating to view Jacques this way.

All, including Jacques himself, agree upon his guilt. During attempted robbery, he shot a policeman dead. Guilt, though not necessarily easy to prove or admit, is clear and objective: This person did this thing. Therefore, it's relatively simple to alleviate: This person acknowledges the fault, crime or sin, and makes amends. Doing so is a relief, as we know after confessing and addressing harms we have done.

Shame is different. It's not about what we do, but who we are. Piercing us more deeply than guilt, it's more elusive and trickier to deal with. Jacques experienced shame in every pore of his being. The closer he got to God, the more he uncovered uncomfortable parts of himself — in two ways.

First, there's healthy shame. His letters are permeated with shame of who he was as husband, father, son, the shameful self he showed his family before his imprisonment.

We can benefit from healthy shame,

once we acknowledge and learn from it. Jacques returns again and again to his family relationships, seeking to repair them.

Second, a toxic shame twines itself through all his being. He carries a deep sense of worthlessness and personal failure, a “cynicism” that he perceives and loathes in himself, a resignation that brings poison to his soul. Opening these parts of himself up to love and grace marks his spiritual awakening and journey.

After dreaming of buying a yacht and escaping — the goal of the poorly planned robbery — Jacques had to face himself in the cell of his shame. We humans are expert at escaping such cells; like the prodigal son and his brother, we know how to look everywhere else except inside our own hearts. What enables us to come and rest there at last, like the child on its mother's breast (Ps. 131) and the beloved disciple on Christ's breast (Jn. 13:23)?

Jacques' cell became permeated by the faith of his defense lawyer and the prison chaplain, who never abandoned him. In it he read and wrote letters with his faithful correspondents, including Thomas, a Benedictine monk.

He developed his creativity by drawing sketches for his little daughter, his mind by studying nature whenever he could get books. His cell became a place where Holy Communion was consecrated and consumed.

Ultimately, he could see himself as witness to Christ, receiving a Christian death and joining “the procession of all the be-headed who give luster to the Church.” Toxic shame can be reworked from within, no longer to failure and destruction, but to the glory of the person fully alive.

This transformation was accompanied by his increasing awareness of the shaming, condemning force that willed his destruction even as it denied his humanity. Without mistaking himself for an innocent victim, he experienced the hatred and contempt of those who simply wanted him guillotined without ever

seeing him.

To receive his true worth, he needed to remove the anesthetic and feel the anguish of it all. Was that partly how he became fully human, standing under the weight of human fury, discovering Christ there with him?

We can see why he felt increasingly close to the mother of God, who stood in her Son's condemnation and shaming, while remaining in the truth. She felt not only her pain and Jesus', but the merciless

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### REFLECTION

## With friends surrounded

By Mark Saucier

“Old wine best to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.”

I could picture Athenaeus time-traveling from third century Egypt to our firepit in northwest Wisconsin. He would have enjoyed old friends sitting around a dancing flame, glass in hand, and talking about books we had read for the event.

The event was a three-day gathering of 12 guys who lived together in a dorm more than 50 years ago when we all still had our hair and our lofty dreams.

The hair has thinned and most of those dreams replaced by others, but the grace that brought us together has never ebbed.

We were a diverse group studying physics, engineering, business, and some non-remunerative disciplines like English. Yet there was some gravitational attraction that led us to eat meals together, go out together and endlessly visit together.

After graduation, we went our separate ways to jobs and grad schools. We stayed in touch, attended each other's weddings, and visited when travel took us close.

Kids and work whittled away at the time we had for one another, but never weakened our ties. Every five years, we gathered at our class reunion, and conversations easily resumed from where they had last left off.

For us, the COVID virus had a thin outline in silver. In March of last year, we began meeting virtually each week.

At first, it was random conversation that filled the hour and a half, but then we decided to invite expert guests to join us in discussions of pandemic healthcare, racism and poverty.

By the time we met in Wisconsin, you'd think we would have exhausted our memories and covered all the topics of talk, but a lull never made the agenda.

Whether it was early coffee, a morning walk, lazing on the lake in the afternoon, or watching the sun set and the moon brighten, these men and their spouses used every moment to explore and appreciate one another.

Looking back on that reunion and all the years that created it, I am almost ashamed of the bounty I have received from this group.

It is not just that despite knowing me for over 50 years, they still love me. They have always been sacraments in the word, conduits of God's steadfast care, forgiveness and healing.

I have learned so much from them, but perhaps the most important is to cherish friends while they are still with us.

# Former Cathedral of St. Joseph music director to profess final vows in the Society of the Divine Word

By Jay Nies

Frater Carl Gales of the Divine Word Missionaries recently completed a half-marathon.

"At one time, I tried to train for a full marathon but kind of tanked out at mile 17," said Frater Carl, former music director of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City.

"I later realized that I wasn't training properly or with enough know-how," he said. "You start out with shorter distances. As you continue running, you develop a certain perseverance."

Such has also been his experience in discerning a call to Priesthood as a missionary of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD).

"I think my SVD formation has given me a kind of long-range planning," he said. "You learn how to build up to things instead of trying to tackle the mountain in all one go."

"You learn that there are hills you have to overcome before you climb the mountain," he said.

Frater Carl is preparing to

profess perpetual vows in the SVD, the largest Roman Catholic order that focuses on missionary work, on Sept. 18 in Hyde Park, Illinois.

He hopes to be ordained a deacon this October and a priest next May.

As a member of the society's Chicago Province, he will likely minister in the footsteps of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton (1854-97), the Roman Catholic Church's first recognizably Black priest in the United States.

Fr. Tolton was born in northeastern Missouri, escaped from slavery with his family during the Civil War, settled with them in Quincy, Illinois, and was eventually ordained a priest in Rome, because no seminary in the United States would accept him.

He ministered as a priest in Quincy, then in Chicago before his death at age 43.

"I've already done some parish work at St. Elizabeth in Chicago, which is basically where Fr. Tolton did his par-



Frater Carl Gales SVD visits with children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

ish ministry," said Frater Carl, who is also African American.

He entered the SDV novitiate in 2014 after serving for two years as music director at the Cathedral in Jefferson City.

"It's been a really long journey," he stated. "But now that I look back, it feels like just yesterday that I was at the Cathedral."

He grew up in a devout Christian family in Arizona.

"I'm a convert," he noted. "I grew up in the Pentecostal Church. My mother is still very devout."

He took a liking to music as a child and sung in the Phoenix Boys Choirs, giving him access to and education into the classical genre as well as the Catholic Liturgy.

"We sang various arrangements of the Mass in Latin," he recalled. "Those kinds of things were embedded in my mind at a young age. It was something I wished to continue into my adulthood."

He majored in music at the University of Indiana and decided to become Catholic while there, receiving Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in 2000.

"That was a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful time!" he said. "And the stirrings of

the Catholic Priesthood were present even then."

## When in Rome

One Saturday, a classmate asked him to provide piano accompaniment to her early-morning flute audition.

That seemingly insignifi-



Frater Carl Gales SVD serves as pianist and cantor at an outdoor Mass at which a friend renewed temporary vows in the Society of the Divine Word.

cant event brought him into contact with the organizers of an international opera festival, who offered him a job on the spot as an accompanist.

"And guess where it was? It was in ROME!" he recalled. "And it just so happened to be

the year of the Great Jubilee!"

It was too good to pass up.

"I had just become Catholic," he recalled. "And by a stroke of divine providence, I got to go to Rome for free and participate in an opera festival."

He also got to make pilgrimages to the four major basilicas and walk through the jubilee doors in each.

"It was all a very beautiful experience," he said.

Those and other signs turned his sights toward Priesthood.

"I called the vocations director for the Indianapolis archdiocese and told him I think God wants me to become a priest," Frater Carl recalled.

"He asked me, 'How long have you been Catholic?' I said, 'Oh, just about a month,'" he laughingly recounted.

The priest told him, "I'm glad you called, but maybe think about it and if you still feel called in a year or two, give me a call."

In the meantime, Frater Carl decided to continue studying music.

He pursued a master's degree at the University of Cincinnati, which led to a two-year overseas study in France.

Becoming familiar with the language there would serve him well during his time on mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"I look back on all of these different events in my life, and I see the subtle and not-so-subtle ways that God pre-

pare you for the life ahead," he said. "I see the building blocks of my formation and the subtle nudging of the Holy Spirit toward this vocation of the Priesthood."

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## MISSOURI

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of integration; first heart transplant in the Midwest; and first to grant a Ph.D. in aviation.

Mother Rose Philippine Duchesne and the Religious of the Sacred Heart also had just arrived in St. Louis in 1818. They were first sent to St. Charles and several years later moved to Florissant. Also in 1818, an academy for boys opened, offering classes in Latin, English, French, mathematics and geography.

The Jesuits, Christian Brothers, Society of the Sacred Heart, Visitation Sisters, Ursulines, Sisters of St. Joseph, School Sisters of Notre Dame and other religious communities began schools. Initially those women religious taught Catholics and non-Catholics since there were no public schools.

Bishop Rosati, always interested in education, hoped to establish an institute for the deaf. Mother St. John Fontbonne, superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph in France, agreed to assign Josephites to learn this method of teaching and a wealthy French woman, Countess de la Rochejacquelin, agreed to finance their journey to the distant missions of Missouri in 1836. Although the Sisters of St. Joseph were to teach and serve in many ways in the St. Louis diocese, education of the deaf remained a prime apostolate.

### Important milestones

In 1821, Missouri was under the leadership of Bishop William DuBourg and part of the Diocese of the Louisiana and the Two Floridas, which at that time encompassed with

the entire Louisiana Purchase, the state of Illinois, the territory of Arkansas, and the Spanish territories of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida.

The St. Louis diocese recorded sacraments at the Cathedral of St. Louis that year: 124 infant baptisms and six adult baptisms, six conversions, 18 marriages and 77 deaths. There were 16 priests working in the Missouri and Illinois areas, with only four priests stationed in St. Louis City.

- 1698: First Mass in the state, celebrated by missionary priests from Quebec

- 1750: Ste. Genevieve settled by French colonists, with sacramental records beginning in 1759

- 1763: Pierre Laclède established a trading post, which would eventually become the city of St. Louis

- 1818: Saint Louis University founded

- 1821: State of Missouri admitted to the union

- 1823: Incorporation of the city of St. Louis

- 1826: Diocese of St. Louis was erected.

1828: Sisters of Charity come to St. Louis to open first hospital

1845: Founding of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States at the Old Cathedral.

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## FR. DOYLE

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other day — largely because, as you say, Saturdays were more convenient for families to gather.

If your parish chooses not to do Saturday funerals, it may be that they are short-staffed, and the pastor feels he should retain his energies for the Saturday vigil Masses. I don't think it would be productive for you to "insist" on a Saturday funeral.

Have you tried explaining to him that people are coming from great distances, and a Saturday funeral is the only day that permits that? If this is not successful, I would try a neighboring parish/pastor.

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## Through the Blood of the Cross

St. Michael parishioners Mike Kirchner, Alan Schrimpf and Dave VanLoo, with help from Ryan Kirchner, install the new crucifix in the sanctuary of St. Michael Church in Russellville Aug. 25. The parish purchased the crucifix with donations from parishioners and friends of the parish. Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, pastor, will bless the new crucifix at Mass on Sept. 12. The parish is grateful for the help from the volunteers, as well as all the donors and the committee that brought this plan to fruition. The image of the Risen Christ, originally from the chapel in Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, that adorned the church's sanctuary since 2002 has been moved to the back of the church where people can see it as they depart.

— Photo by Kathy Wildhaber



## Cursillo Weekends to be held this fall

A Cursillo Weekend brings together a diverse group of Catholics to share the richness of many modes of worship and to broaden each one's appreciation for our Church.

The three days are filled with talks and group discussions with emphasis on the doctrine of Grace, the Sacraments, and Piety/Study/Action.

They also include fellowship, singing, good food, and time for privacy, meditation, prayer and walks. Mass is celebrated each day.

Prayerfully consider taking this leap with others from around the Jefferson City diocese.

It will be well worth it in your faith and in your life.

- Men's Weekend: Sept 30-Oct 3 in Moberly

- Women's Weekend: Nov. 4-7 in Moberly

[diojeffcity.org/cursillo](http://diojeffcity.org/cursillo)

## JC Houses of Worship tour

**DATE: September 12**  
**TIME: 1 to 4:30 p.m.**

Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City will be included on a self-paced

walking/driving tour of eight historical places of worship, sponsored by the Historic City of Jefferson (HJC) organization.

It will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The cost is \$15 per person. Proceeds will go toward historic preservation efforts in Jefferson City.

The HJC's main table will be at First Presbyterian Church, 324 Madison St.

For information or to register, visit [historiccityofjefferson.org](http://historiccityofjefferson.org).

## Prayer for assistance from St. Jude

*Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sandi Mackley, a member of the St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia, has been invoking the intercession of St. Jude Thaddeus, one of the 12 Apostles and patron saint of difficult cases, to help end the pandemic.*

*She asked for the prayer to be published here to help encourage devotion to St. Jude and greater reliance on his powerful intercession in heaven:*

Most holy Apostle St. Jude,  
faithful servant and friend of Jesus,  
the Church honors and invokes thee  
universally as the patron of hopeless cases,  
of things despaired of.

Pray for me who am so miserable;  
make use, I implore thee,  
of that particular privilege accorded to thee,  
to bring visible and speedy help  
where help is almost despaired of.

Come to my assistance in this great need,  
that I may receive the consolations

and the succor of Heaven  
in all my necessities, tribulations,  
and sufferings, particularly protection and relief  
from the pandemic,  
and that I may bless God with thee  
and all the elect forever.

I promise thee, O blessed St. Jude,  
to be ever mindful of this great favor,  
and I will never cease to honor thee  
as my special and powerful patron  
and to do all in my power  
to encourage devotion to thee.

Amen.

## Linn St. George School's "Mr. M" receives BSA Outstanding Educator Award

Robert "Mr. M" Maranowski of St. George School in Linn is the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Five Rivers District's first recipient of the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award.

Five Rivers District Executive Bradley Kellerman, assisted by Linn Scouts BSA Troop 17 Committee Chair Debbie Backes, presented the award at the end of St. George School's back-to-school Mass on Aug. 7.

"It was a pleasure to be a part of this presentation and to surprise him with this prestigious award in church where so many of his former students were in attendance," Ms. Backes stated.

The BSA's mission is to prepare young people to make

ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award is presented to those that improve students' lives by proactively modeling and teaching Scouting values.

The award may be presented to teachers, educational support staff, and school administrators to recognize non-scouting educators who are nominated through local units.

A unit may nominate one individual per year at each school campus.

Born and educated in Lewis County, Missouri, Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, the second Chief Scout Executive, was a graduate of LaGrange College and a



**Robert "Mr. M" Maranowski, a teacher at St. George School in Linn, displays the Outstanding Educator Award he received from the Boy Scouts of America, after Mass in St. George Church. With him are BSA Troop 17 Committee Chair Debbie Backes and Five Rivers District Executive Bradley Kellerman.**

professor of Education at Columbia University.

Dr. Fretwell championed

Scouting programs as extracurricular learning activities that promote positive values and community service.

Mr. Maranowski, known to many as "Mr. M," is currently the seventh-grade homeroom teacher at St. George School.

This year marks his 52nd year of teaching, all of which has been at St. George.

He also teaches social studies and religion to students in grades 6-8.

Mr. M is a Christ-centered individual who provides a faith-based education to his students.

"It is his vocation," said Ms. Backes. "He embraces his calling by keeping Christ at the center of all that he does and he encourages his students to do the same. He cares about his students and those around him.

"He always spends long hours preparing for his classes to provide the best possible education for his students. He teaches by example," she stated. "He is respectful, kind and generous. His students learn to love themselves and others. He strives to teach them about the changing world and motivates them to go out into the world and do good."

Most of the Linn community has been touched by Mr. M because his teaching career has been strong for 51 years.

Throughout that time, he has prepared hundreds of students for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bellarmine Speech League, and Catholic

students not at St. George who were in CCD which is now known as PSR (Parish School of Religion).

He was a Cub Scout when he was a kid and has taught the stamp collecting merit badge to Troop 17 and other scouts throughout Missouri at the Linn Merit Badge University at State Tech.

"Mr. M definitely has gone over and beyond his call of duty," said Ms. Backes. "His teaching and preparing his students academically and spiritually deserves praise of the highest honor."

As the story is told, 52 years ago, a young man was on a bus traveling from New Jersey to Columbia, where he was going to further his education.

The bus broke down in front of the St. George Convent in Linn.

Mr. M recalls that Sister Dominica told him that had he been a hippie when he got off that bus, they would have sent him right back to Columbia.

The sisters came out to offer water. In the ensuing conversation, he learned St. George needed a teacher.

He detoured from his journey and made his way down a life-long path of being a Catholic educator and touching lives forever.

"He has touched the lives of many because he is a man of God and wanted to improve the lives of children so that the future of his beloved country would be changed in many good ways as a result of his call to follow God's plans for him to make a difference in this world," said Ms. Backes.

## Monsignor Higley: On power and service in marriage

By Monsignor Gregory L. Higley

In my homily for the weekend of Aug. 21-22, I chose not to dwell on the second reading (Ephesians 5:21-32), in which St. Paul presents his teaching on married life.

Instead, I want to address it in this column so that you can reflect further on what Paul has to say in light of my own observations.

I grew up witnessing married life with my parents; I continue to do so with my married siblings, and, of course, I am surrounded by married persons every place I have pastored.

This teaching of St. Paul is rarely chosen as one of the optional readings to be proclaimed at a wedding Mass because it can be disturbing to a lot of people, especially women, and has been applied heavy-handedly for far too many centuries ... partly because it has not been explained well.

I was visiting with a former schoolmate of mine who has spent 40 years as a psychologist focusing on family counseling. I commiserated with him about the staggering divorce figures and tragic break-up of so many marriages that started out with the best of intentions but didn't last.

I was sharing with him many things I have learned over my 40 years of priestly ministry regarding the deterioration of marriages, through my spiritual direction of couples.

He told me that in a marriage, a husband and wife somehow have to learn about "power."

He said that "power" is so mishandled, misapplied and misdirected in married life that eventually, it is often the underlying cause of a marriage break-up.

Oftentimes the partners don't even know or realize that they are misusing their power.

This misuse of power, most of the time "to get one's own way," is what leads to deep and painful hurt that results in intense and enduring resentment.

Paul is addressing the misuse of "power" in marriage. He actually does it on another occasion when speaking about parenting.

What Paul is trying to impress upon us in the married life, and can be applied to plenty of other vocations and avocations and relationships, is that the greatest use of our "power" is "service!"

He uses the word subordinate not meaning subservient, but rather in the sense of "being of service."

Because it was a patriarchal society, he mentions wives; but to be relevant for us today he would have said "spouses be subordinate to each other," "spouses be a servant to one another!"

That is why he says that husbands and wives should love the other as Christ loves the Church: Jesus said, "I came to serve, not to be served."

With this in mind, true "power" is being "of service" to others. The correct use of power in a relationship, especially one as intimate as marriage, can be centered around "being of service" to one's partner.

Paul didn't stop there. He made it clear that this better and more correct use of one's power in service to others, is also the way we are called to treat our neighbor, in the home, outside the home and wherever God puts us.

*Msgr. Higley is pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia and judicial vicar for the Jefferson City diocese.*

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# Messenger

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## U.S. Supreme Court Rules on Religious Liberty and Immigration

The U.S. Supreme Court ended its 2020-21 Term on June 30, issuing several significant cases before adjourning for the summer. In this issue of *Messenger*, the MCC highlights several cases of interest to the Catholic Church and its various ministries. The court ruled on a significant religious liberty case arising out of Catholic Charities' foster care work in Philadelphia. The Court also issued several opinions on immigration matters that will have an impact on migrant families living in the U.S., along with the Church's outreach to these vulnerable communities—we address one of those cases in this *Messenger*.

### ***Fulton v. City of Philadelphia***

On June 17th, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 9-0 in the case of *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia* that city officials violated Catholic Social Service's (CSS) First Amendment rights by requiring CSS to certify same-sex couples to be foster parents to continue serving as a foster care provider. The case is considered a victory for religious liberty and an important statement from the court about how local government decisions in these matters will be viewed going forward.

The Catholic Church has served needy children in Philadelphia for over two centuries. In the late 18th century, a Catholic priest in the city organized an association to care for children orphaned when their parents died during a yellow fever epidemic. Catholic religious sisters opened homes for destitute youth in the 19th century and later began placing children with foster parents. CSS continues that work today and did so without complaint until a newspaper article reported that CSS would not certify same-sex couples as foster parents. The city investigated and refused to renew CSS' contract, even though no same-sex couple had come to CSS for certification and CSS agreed to refer any that did to other providers. The nine justices on the court unanimously agreed that the city's refusal to contract with CSS under these circumstances violated the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment.

CSS, a Catholic social service organization, believes that marriage is a

sacred bond between a man and a woman. CSS does not certify unmarried couples as foster families, nor does it certify same-sex couples. It does not object to certifying gay or lesbian individuals as single foster parents or refuse to find foster homes for gay or lesbian foster children. CSS successfully contracted with the city to provide foster care services for over 50 years operating in accord with these beliefs.

When the city learned that CSS would not certify same-sex couples, however, it refused to refer additional children to CSS for placement. The city argued that their contract with CSS prohibited discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, as did a city ordinance. Writing for the majority, Chief Justice John Roberts explained as a preliminary matter that the city's actions burdened CSS's religious exercise "by putting it to the choice of curtailing its mission or approving relationships inconsistent with its beliefs." The city argued that certification of foster parents does not involve a religious decision, but Roberts explained that CSS believes certification is tantamount to endorsement of the relationship. Quoting from a prior court decision, Roberts wrote for the majority that "religious beliefs need not be acceptable, logical, consistent, or comprehensible to others in order to merit First Amendment protection." The unanimous court decision was inspired, in part, by a provision in the city contract which gave the city commissioner discretion to allow an exception to the non-discrimination provision.

The city maintained that it had no intention of granting an exception to CSS, but the court ruled that because the city had discretion to grant an exception, it couldn't deny CSS an exception, since doing so burdened CSS's religious exercise. As Chief Justice Robert's explained, "CSS seeks only an accommodation that will allow it to continue serving the children of Philadelphia in a manner consistent with its religious beliefs; it does not seek to impose those beliefs on anyone else."

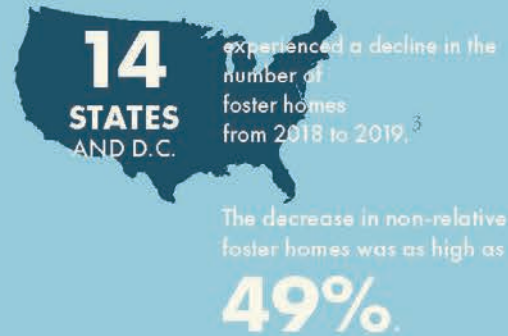
While the court's decision was narrowly drawn, with three Justices writing separately that the majority didn't go far enough to protect religious liberty, it is the MCC's hope that the unanimous court decision will send the message that religious service providers should be permitted to continue to serve in accord with their religious beliefs going forward.

## By the Numbers: Foster Care & Faith Affirming Agencies

### THE FOSTER CARE CRISIS



### A PROBLEM GETTING WORSE



Each year, around **20,000** kids age out of foster care without an adoptive home.<sup>6</sup> | The odds they face aren't good.



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## *Sanchez v. Mayorkas*

On June 7th, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 9-0 that immigrants with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) who originally entered the country unlawfully are not eligible to become a lawful permanent resident (LPR) of the United States. Justice Elena Kagan, writing for the unanimous court, stated that TPS status, by itself, does not guarantee that an individual meets the requirements to become an LPR.

Jose Santos Sanchez entered the United States unlawfully from El Salvador in 1997. In 2001, the government granted Sanchez TPS because of unsafe living conditions in that country. In 2014, Sanchez sought an “adjustment” of his status to an LPR. His application for adjustment was denied by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) because his original entry to the U.S. was without inspection. He appealed to the district court, which ruled in his favor. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals reversed, and Sanchez appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Current immigration law provides that the Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a foreign country for TPS due to conditions in the country that temporarily prevent the country’s nationals from returning safely. The USCIS can grant TPS to eligible nationals of certain countries who are already in the United States, such as Mr. Sanchez.

In order to apply for LPR status, however, an individual must have been “inspected and admitted or paroled” into the United States at the time of entry. An “admission” is defined in immigration law as “the lawful entry of the alien into the United States after inspection and authorization by an immigration

officer.” Admission occurs in most cases when someone presents themselves at a port of entry with valid immigration documents and is formally admitted to the U.S. In three Circuits (the Sixth, Ninth, and Eighth), however, a grant of TPS has been considered as a valid admission. Mr. Sanchez contended that because a TPS recipient is considered a “nonimmigrant” under the law, it follows that he must also be considered as admitted.

The Supreme Court disagreed. Writing for the unanimous Court, Justice Kagan held that immigration law clearly distinguishes the concepts of lawful status and admission, and that the TPS program “gives foreign nationals nonimmigrant status, but does not admit them.” While Mr. Sanchez had established lawful status, it did not change the fact that he had not been legally admitted to the U.S. “[B]ecause a grant of TPS does not come with a ticket of admission, it does not eliminate the disqualifying effect of an unlawful entry”, wrote Justice Kagan.

The Court did note that there was legislation pending in Congress that would change its result and allow a TPS holder, such as Mr. Sanchez, to get a green card even if he entered the United States without admission or inspection. This change would bring some consistency to the law, as currently TPS holders such as Mr. Sanchez are not eligible for LPR, while someone who was admitted legally but, for instance, overstayed his visa could be eligible for LPR. However, as Justice Kagan pointed out, the Supreme Court “does not get to say that [what the current law does] is not enough.” In other words, the Court cannot make law, as that power is reserved to the Legislative branch.

# MCC Annual Assembly Goes Virtual (Again!)

The MCC Annual Assembly is coming to your favorite coffeehouse—or your car, maybe your kitchen—wherever your favorite podcast listening spot might be. The 2021 Annual Assembly will once again be held in a virtual format, this year featuring opening remarks from Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski. Keep an ear out for six new episodes of MCC from the Capitol; we invite you to tune in to this year's episodes to hear even more engaging conversations about topics important to Missouri Catholics: religious freedom, immigration, pro-life issues, race relations, and more. While you wait for the next series to be released, catch up on episodes you may have missed by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page.



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## *New Episode of MCC from the Capitol*

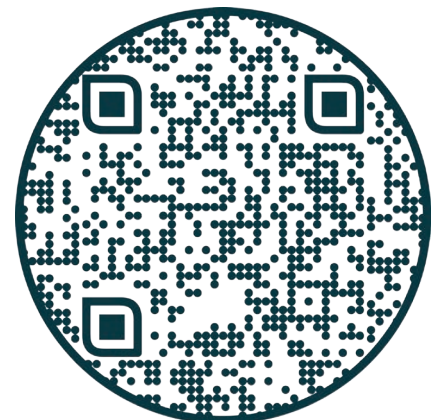
In an accompanying new episode of our podcast, MCC from the Capitol, MCC Executive Director Tyler McClay continues the discussion of *Fulton v. Philadelphia* with Lance Kinzer of the First Amendment Partnership, and MCC lobbyist Jamie Morris joins in to discuss *Sanchez v. Mayorkas*. Scan the QR code to listen right now!\*

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## ST. GEORGE

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“One day at a time!” he said while exchanging a fist-bump with a young student.

Parents lined up with their children on the sidewalk, waiting their turn to take photos by the school’s iconic sign.

“You’ll remember your first day forever,” a dad told his children.

Betsy (Theissen) Stephan enjoyed the early morning sunshine with her daughters, who are in kindergarten and third grade.

“I love sending our kids to St. George School,” said Mrs. Stephan, who was once a student there.

“We wanted a faith-based education for our kids — that’s why we chose St. George,” she said. “But why we stay and why we love it so much is that we have a real school family here, and we’re really happy with the community and the friends we’ve made.”

St. George alumna Brenna Panhorst held the hand of her son Benton on the threshold of his first day of pre-kindergarten.

Her husband Brandon was holding their daughter, who was born two days before.

“We love the community, the small classes,” Mrs. Panhorst said. “We think it’s going to be great for (Benton). We’re looking forward to him making a bunch of new friends and receiving a faith-based education.”

### By George!

A few at a time, the students in their fresh-pressed uniforms passed under the Holy Trinity symbol above the doorway and headed up a staircase adorned with a verse from Hebrews: “Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

They all wound up together in the gymnasium for prayers, the Pledge, announcements and a raucous exchange of “Rooted in faith!” ... “Growing in virtues!”

Eighth-graders held up a sign with the words to the school’s Morning Prayer, based on Colossians 3:12-15 — “Help us grow in heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.



**LEFT:** Students of St. George School in Hermann exit the gym after a morning assembly on their first day of school. **RIGHT:** A parent takes photos of her sons on the first day of school at St. George.



— Photos by Jay Nies

... And over all these virtues, may we put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.”

They closed with, “St. George, PRAY FOR US!”

### “You are our hope”

After homeroom, the students in grades three through eight went across the street to St. George Church for their first all-school Mass of the year.

Eighth-grade teacher Kim Hoemann greeted the students before Mass with a message from the faculty.

“We want you to know that you guys are loved,” she said. “We’re going to challenge you this year to grow intellectually and spiritually, to be like Christ.”

She promised that the teachers would pray for them throughout the day, whenever they need it, and asked the students in turn to pray for their teachers and each other.

“You are our hope, our future,” she said. “And even today, you are servants and leaders. We are truly blessed. We believe in you.”

This was Father Philip Niekamp’s first school Mass since becoming pastor of St. George Parish and of Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland.

He talked about the readings and asked the students questions.

“Jesus tells us to ‘love each other as I have loved you,’” he said. “That means sacrificially. That means giving of yourself. That means treating each other as you want to be treated. That means being respectful to each other. That means paying at-

tention to your teachers. It means not acting up in class. It means paying attention at Mass. It means literally giving of ourselves.”

Fr. Niekamp said it’s easy to hate other people, but it’s much more important to love them.

“There’s enough hate in the world right now. We don’t need any of that here at St. George,” he said. “What we need is to love one another as Christ loves us.”

“Take time to give of yourself,” he exhorted. “Take the time to love one another. That’s what our faith is about.”

### “He makes me happy”

Seventh-grader Reagan Budnik has set the bar high for this new school year.

“I hope that I learn a lot and that maybe we can figure out COVID,” she said.

Her favorite subject is English. Her sights are currently set on being a volcanologist, astronomer or fashion designer.

She said she likes the politeness she experiences among her classmates and the understanding nature of her teachers at St. George.

Having been there since pre-kindergarten, she is accustomed to acknowledging God’s presence.

“I can always feel Him around me,” she said. “He makes me happy.”

She prays every night for her family to always be together, “and for God to always be part of our family and lead us.”

She asked for prayers for “every tomorrow to be better,”

and for there to be “less hate and more grace and forgiveness in the world.”

### Moving day

Fourth-grader Macie Doyle was starting her first year in “the big building” — the 1950 portion of the school that stands next to the cupola-clad elementary building from 1916.

“I get to switch classes this year, so that’s going to be pretty different,” she said.

Her favorite subject is math. She hopes to be a math instructor when she grows up “so I can teach other kids how to be good at it.”

She hopes that by the end of this school year, she’ll be smarter and closer to God.

She said she’s aware that God is with her in the school “just by the way people are nice to each other.”

“Some of the kids — especially the boys — are very funny,” she said. “They help make things fun.”

### Growing in virtue

Principal Stobart said he and the St. George teachers and staff are committed to providing in-person instruction as long as possible, and the best alternatives if the COVID pandemic makes them necessary.

“We’re trying to keep everything sanitized and clean and keep the kids safe,” he noted. “And we want them to have fun.”

The school is entering its fourth year of Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline (VBRD).

Based on a book of the

same name by Lynne M. Lang of the St. Louis archdiocese, VBRD takes a step-by-step, community-wide approach to building positive relationships and encouraging behavior that leads people closer to God.

The program is designed to help students, their families and the whole parish learn from mistakes and repair any bonds broken by destructive behavior.

It incorporates prayer and a wealth of Catholic spirituality and focuses on bolstering virtues rather than punishing behavior.

“It’s a wonderful program,” said Mr. Stobart. “Every month, we focus on a new virtue. There’s a lot of buy-in from the teachers and the parents. It’s all over the hallways. Kids are reminded of it in every classroom, every day.”

He said it’s wonderful to have so much support from parents and the entire parish.

“It’s amazing how many people we have on call who just want to come up and help at school,” he said. “Even the families whose kids have already graduated and gone on to high school, they’re still coming back and helping us with things like summer maintenance.”

He noted that parents send their children into the school each day to receive a faith-based education.

“So when we send them back out, we need to have prepared them for a faith-based life,” he stated.

That means helping them

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## ROODHOUSE

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governs itself while carrying out its essential work of preaching, teaching and sanctifying throughout the world.

In it is codified the responsibilities of every office in the Church, along with specific directives for how those responsibilities are to be carried out.

It spells out how the sacraments are to be administered and how the spiritual wellbeing of the faithful is to be safeguarded.

It sets out the processes for settling disputes within the Church and meting out discipline whenever necessary.

For Mr. Roodhouse, it's a thing of beauty.

"I do love the law," he said.

Societies are just when their laws order the people toward a good and proper end, he explained.

"The Church is a society," he said. "Our end is heaven, eternity with the Lord.

"So all of our laws, even the ones that seem harsh or difficult, they ultimately fit together to order our society, the Church, toward our ultimate eternity with God," he stated.

He pointed out that Church law and the civil law of most

Western nations are rooted in the tradition of Roman law.

"What the Romans were so passionate about was the idea that there is a natural thing called justice that good law ought to correspond to," said Mr. Roodhouse.

Roman jurists believed that justice could be defined objectively and determined through proper use of reason.

"The idea of natural law — that we, using our reason, even aside from our faith, can arrive at principles that should govern our lives — is very powerful," he stated.

He said canon law is "a beautiful synthesis with natural law."

"What's beautiful about it is that we don't have to set aside our reason, our skills and abilities that are human and natural," he said.

Believers have another source of objective truth.

"We're not just bound to our use of reason, because we also have the Deposit of Faith and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit," he said. "It all works together for our end, our purpose, our eternal destination. That's why I love it so much."

### A quest for clarity

His family moved to a small town near Portland, Oregon, when he was 12.

He was a promising football player. The best team in the area was at Jesuit High School in Portland.

The school's solid academics appealed to his parents.

They planned to attend an open house when Benjamin was in eighth grade. The visit would include Mass. Benjamin asked his mother to take him to Mass the Sunday before so he would know how to participate.

"So we went to Mass," he said. "It didn't make a big impression on me, but it did make an impression on Mom."

His entire family gradually returned to the practice of the faith.

Over time, Benjamin started getting involved in campus ministry at school.

"God really used whatever natural talents I had and my interests to get me involved," he recalled.

He learned to love being Catholic.

From there, he went on to Hillsdale College in Michigan to study history.

Hillsdale has a strong tradition of vigorous debate, especially over faith and religion.

"It was perfect for an 18- to 21-year-old who loves to debate and dialogue and thinks he knows everything," said Mr. Roodhouse.

If high school was where he learned to love being Catholic, college was where he learned to know his faith.

He studied the Bible and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and came to relish defending his faith.

"That's when I learned to recognize the beauty of the teachings and the power of submitting to the teachings of the Church," he said.

9/11 happened while he was a junior at Hillsdale.

He signed up for Navy officer's training, but he just couldn't shake the growing de-



Benjamin Roodhouse

sire to discern Priesthood and religious life.

He wound up spending his first two years after college exploring religious life.

Over time, it became clear to him — "because God makes things clear when you let Him" — that God was not calling him to be a priest.

He moved on to the Ave Maria University School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

From there, he went on to practice commercial real estate and helped run his family's real estate development company in Nevada and in Texas.

"It was a great job," he said. "But it really wasn't what I wanted to do."

Restless, he jumped at the opportunity to move to Washington, D.C., for a job with a leadership and life-coaching company.

"It turned out that God wanted me to be in D.C., but not for the reasons I wanted," he said.

### God's work

The new job didn't go as well as planned but was providential nonetheless.

One day, Mr. Roodhouse was in a common area talking to a Catholic coworker about an event that had taken place at church the previous evening.

An employee of another company headquartered in the same building overheard them and joined in the conversation.

That's how Mr. Roodhouse

and his wife met each other.

The Holy Spirit was working in other ways, too.

"It took a while," Mr. Roodhouse noted, "but as I tried to discern and make myself more available to the Lord, He opened — or actually reopened — the door to canon law."

Already living in D.C., he contacted The Catholic University of America, the only place in the United States that offers a licentiate in canon law.

He started looking for a diocese to sponsor him through his studies.

One day, he got a call from an area code he did not recognize.

It was Bishop McKnight.

"He was very gracious," Mr. Roodhouse recalled. "We talked a great deal, and we concluded I would be a good fit for what he wants in the Jefferson City diocese."

Mr. Roodhouse and his wife moved to Jefferson City in August.

### Suprema Lex

As of Sept. 1, Mr. Roodhouse works full-time in the Chancery, advising the bishop, his cabinet and the heads of various diocesan ministries on matters of canon law, and helping with cases in the diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal.

He's looking forward to collaborating with the people of this diocese on bringing about the vision for a more welcoming, active, outward-looking Church.


He asked for prayers for God to help him be a saint.

"If I can't be a saint doing this job, then I don't want to do this job," he said. "Being a saint makes anyone good at whatever they're doing that's in keeping with God's will."

He believes people can help God answer that prayer by doing their best to become saints, too.

"Whatever you're doing, give your life more completely over to God," he suggested. "Give to God whatever you're holding back from Him."

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## PROFESSION

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### To every land and nation

In 2012, he accepted an offer to lead the liturgical music program at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

"I came to the Cathedral because of the liturgical life there and the desire to develop a Gregorian *schola*, which was right up my alley because of my education," he recalled.

The parish and role were an "easy fit" for him.

"Working in parish ministry as a church musician and leading a choir seemed just like where my life had been leading me," he said.

During a diocesan multicultural Mass in the Cathedral in 2013, Frater Carl picked up the tune the African choir had sung while leading the Offertory Procession.

He played several variations of the tune on the piano before moving gradually into an old German hymn, "To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King," while the altar was being prepared.

It was strong foreshadowing of the ministry he was being called to pursue as a Divine Word Missionary: drawing people of all walks of life into faithful unity.

"Our official SVD motto is 'Jesus's mission is our mission,'" he noted. "In many ways, that translates to extending help to people who are abandoned or left on the margins."

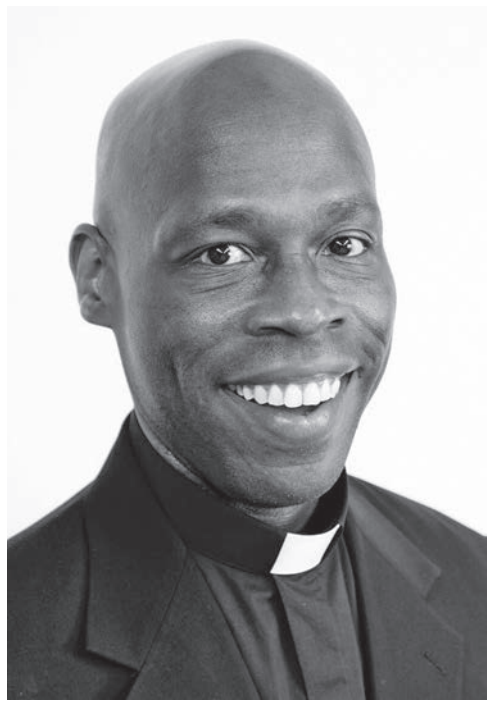
The Society of the Divine Word is the fifth-largest men's religious community in the world, with about 7,000 members serving in 82 countries.

It is an international mission society that includes priests, religious brothers and two communities of religious women: the Holy Spirit Missionaries and the Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration.

St. Arnold Janssen, a diocesan priest from Germany, founded the SVDs in 1875 to be the national foreign mission society of a newly united nation of Germany, as most oth-

er countries in Europe already had a foreign mission society.

Its first task would be to minister to German expatriates during a time of turbulent Church-state relations in their homeland. The society sent



Frater Carl Gales SVD

missionaries to German-speaking people in China, South America and the United States.

In the U.S., the SVDs were charged with ministering to poor African Americans, mostly in isolated rural locales.

"The charism is very close to me," said Frater Carl, "because the SVD and the Josephites were the earliest congregations that trained African American priests in this country."

"They did so even with threat to life and limb," he noted.

From 1920 until 1968, the SVDs operated the only seminary in the United States that would accept Black candidates for the Priesthood.

"The SVDs were instrumental in not necessarily being the only ones who were missioned to Black communities but who also ordained African American men in the country," Frater Carl stated.

### Faithful witness

Frater Carl credits the faithful witness of Cathedral parishioners — "the mostly unsung heroes who get the job done behind the scenes" — with helping him "discern the next steps" in pursuing his baptismal call to holiness.

"They are people I really truly admire," he said.

He thoroughly enjoyed his time in Jefferson City.

"I was received well by the choir, by the congregation, by the pastor and by the staff," he added. "It was really wonderful, wonderful time. And it was very difficult to leave."

The call to mission and Priesthood had become too strong to resist.

He sought admittance into the SVD as a candidate for Priesthood.

He was accepted into formation in 2014 and given the title "Frater," which is Latin for "Brother."

He noted that the society members from all over the world, and their shared formation is a microcosm of the rest of society.

"Everything that's in real life, as they say, you find in formation life," he said. "So you have to deal with the same prejudices, you have to deal with the same misconceptions and ideas that are inherent to daily life."

### Similar yet different

In addition to his seminary studies and spiritual formation, he spent two years on mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in south-central Africa.

"It was interesting to see that being Black does not necessarily mean you understand the culture," he noted. "It was a challenge to see people who I look like but I didn't necessarily resonate with due to cultural differences."

But the people were "welcoming and wonderful" and helped him adjust to live in their country.

"At its basic level, at its foundation, humanity is pretty much the same wherever,"

he said. "You find challenges wherever you go."

The greatest challenge he saw in the Congo was material poverty.

He was angry to find out how rich in natural resources the Congo is, but how those riches "have been pilfered by the powerful, while the poor are left with next to nothing."

"You see how poverty and a lack of access to education can shape the behaviors, the attitudes, the destiny of people," he said. "You begin to realize the many blessings of being an American. At the same time, you realize that we're also spoiled."

### Lasting bonds

Some SVD members become priests, some remain brothers for the rest of their lives.

All profess temporary and eventually perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

"Poverty doesn't just refer to monetary things," said Frater Carl, "but also being willing to let go of things such as security or familiarity of place."

"It means always being open to traveling light and having as few possessions as possible in order to be ready to go on a moment's notice, which is part of our vow of obedience," he said.

The call to profess final

vows comes when the SVD leadership and the candidate both agree that he is a good fit for the society and its charism.

"With solemn profession, the society is making a commitment and I am making a commitment for a lifetime for one another and to serve the needs of our society and also of the People of God," he said.

Frater Carl hopes to be ordained a deacon by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago, co-postulator for Venerable Fr. Tolton's sainthood cause, in Chicago on Oct. 17 of this year.

He hopes to be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 28, 2022.

He is immensely grateful for all of the people in and around Jefferson City who have stayed in touch with him and held him up in prayer.

"Those daily Mass intentions and Rosaries that have been said on my behalf have helped me through the trials I've had to face, especially in the Congo, and have helped me considerably through my formation," he said.

His family, especially his mother, is excited for him.

"They see who I have become as a Catholic and also as a Divine Word Missionary, and they see that I've been blessed, and they're very happy for me," he said.

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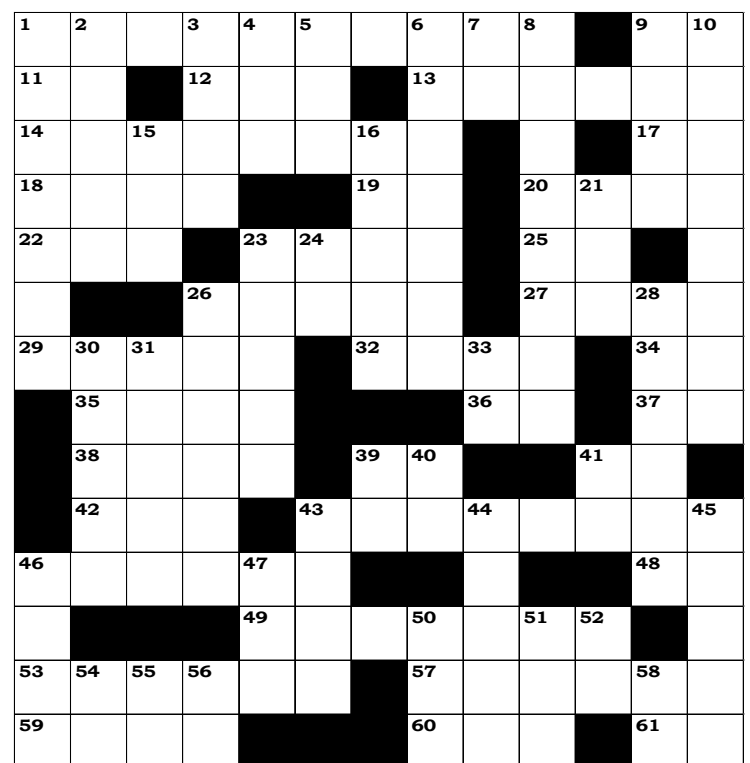
1. This puzzle presents more strange but true facts and \_\_\_\_ of some of our Mo. wildlife.
9. Letters for student nurse, preparing for #19 ACROSS.
11. *Adora \_\_\_\_ Deum* (Worship God); Georgian Chant hymn by Nova Schola Gregoriana.
12. Abbr. for religion or relative.
13. "From your \_\_\_\_ God's ears"; Proverb meaning: May God hear what I/you say and act on it; possibly stemming from Psalm 130:2. The phrase appears in the orthodox Jewish prayer book (2 wds.).
14. Monarch Caterpillars are normally \_\_\_\_ creatures, but when milkweed (the only thing they eat) gets scarce, competition for food can bring out bad behavior. To knock rivals off a leaf, the colorful caterpillars headbutt each other.
17. Abraham's ancestral home.
18. \_\_\_\_ A Sketch; a mechanical drawing toy, available since 1960.
19. A licensed medical caregiver.
20. "It would not have cost you a red \_\_\_\_"; expression recorded first by J.S. Jones in *Peoples Lawyer*, 1839.
22. "This is Jesus, \_\_\_\_ King of the Jews," (Matthew 27:37).
23. French cheese.
25. "You who would destroy

- the temple and rebuild \_\_\_\_ in three days, save yourself..." (Matthew 27:40).
26. I went to a podiatrist to check on my \_\_\_\_ and bunions.
  27. "God \_\_\_\_ the Dome. God called the Dome 'the sky,'" (Genesis 1:7,8).
  29. Pax Romana refers to a 200-year time period (27 B.C. to 180 A.D.) in the \_\_\_\_ Empire which saw unprecedented peace and economic prosperity throughout the vast Empire. It coincides with Jesus and early Christianity.
  32. To Be in Latin 101.
  34. The Natural State (abbr.).
  35. Skippers are a group of small butterflies named for their flitty, zippy, skipping flight. Despite rarely flying in a straight \_\_\_\_, they can move and zigzag faster than any other Missouri butterfly, clocking speeds up to 37 mph.
  36. "\_\_\_\_ Top of Old Smokey"; Appalachian folksong.
  37. "Greenest State in the Land of the Free..."; at least to old Davy Crockett song (abbr.).
  38. Drury and Holiday.
  39. "Wait, let us see \_\_\_\_ Elijah comes to save him," (Matthew 27:49).
  41. "\_\_\_\_ for me and my household, we will serve the Lord," (Joshua 24:15).
  42. \_\_\_\_doo religion is a combination of West African religions and Roman Catholicism. It believes God does not interfere in our lives, but spirits do, and are accessible through dance, rituals and snakes.
  43. The name of the runaway slave of a Christian slaveowner. In the New Testament book of Philemon, Paul tells Philemon (the slave owner) to treat this slave like a brother, a brother in Christ; thus undercutting slavery altogether.
  46. Mount \_\_\_\_, Mo. is the County Seat of Lawrence Co. with its historic courthouse.
  48. Abbr. for the Old Testament book following Micah.
  49. At the time of the Am. Revolutionary War, most Americans retained the British tradition of French-bashing, seeing the French

- as \_\_\_\_ subjects of a superstitious religion and of an ambitious prince. They saw them as dandies lacking morality and manliness. After they became allies & with personal contact, Americans began to see them differently (from *The American Revolution: A World War*).
53. Gar often swim to the water's surface to open and close their \_\_\_\_ mouths with loud SNAPS! This brings air into a gar's swim bladder, which works like a lung and helps the gar survive in water that contains little oxygen.
  57. "I want you to \_\_\_\_ on these points..." (Titus 3:8).
  59. In contrast to the Big Apple's frenetic pace, New Orleans since the 1960s has been called the Big \_\_\_\_ because of its laid back atmosphere.
  60. "The kingdom of heaven is like a \_\_\_\_ thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind," (Matthew 13:47).
  61. This State is the only one bordered completely on its east and west sides by rivers (abbr.).

### DOWN

1. Parishes in Marshall, Jeff. City, and Fulton are named for this leader of the Apostles.
2. At birth, baby bats can weigh almost 1/3 of their mother's weight. In an emergency, mama bats fly their chunky babies to safety. To stay attached during flight, the pup clings to mom's belly with its hind feet, and with its \_\_\_\_.
3. The Catholic joke in St. Louis, which has a relatively large Cath. pop., is that in no place in Am. is the Bishop of the place more appropriately called the \_\_\_\_ bishop than St. Louis with its soaring riverfront monument.
4. Ball holder.
5. North Pole worker.
6. "Jesus went around... curing every disease and \_\_\_\_," (Matthew 9:35).
7. In photography, letters for Exposure Index, film speeds for exposing film to light.
8. Alligator Snapping Turtles



- are easily Mo.'s largest reptile. Mo.'s largest \_\_\_\_ tipped the scales at 128 lbs. The biggest on record is a whopping 251 lbs.
9. \_\_\_\_ gun; taser.
  10. \_\_\_\_ lights; aurora borealis.
  15. King topper.
  16. Turkey Vultures, like all birds, don't sweat. So, when temps get toasty, vultures pee down their legs. (You read that right!) As the \_\_\_\_ evaporates, it carries heat off the bird's body, which helps the vulture keep cool.
  21. Possible letters on an airport flight schedule.
  23. Nickname for Dr. McCoy on Kirk's ship.
  24. B&O or Short Line on a Monopoly Board.
  26. A Bombardier Beetle has a \_\_\_\_ in its caboose. When threatened, this insect mixes up a cocktail of chemicals inside its abdomen. This causes an explosive reaction that sprays out of the beetle's backside and burns any would-be attacker.
  28. Japanese car co. that changed its name to Nissan in 1981.
  30. "...the dove came back to (Noah), and there in its bill was a plucked-off \_\_\_\_ leaf! (Genesis 8:11)
  31. Though just a year in the \_\_\_\_ leagues, the young whiz-gang pitcher drew baseball scouts from all over.
  33. "Jesus said to him in reply, 'You have said \_\_\_\_,'" (Matthew 26:64).
  39. \_\_\_\_ the name of the Father...
  40. Chemical letters for the element iron (in Latin, ferrum). By mass, it is the most common element on earth.
  41. Not PM.
  43. The years of the Revolutionary War (1776-1783) were the \_\_\_\_ time in U.S. history when large numbers of foreign troops fought on its soil. For ex., French allied soldiers, 6,000; British-hired German troops, 30,000 (from *The American Revolution: A World War*).
  44. Attached word to sun or moon.
  45. The \_\_\_\_ Maria; largest of the 3 ships of Columbus on his first voyage to the new world in 1492.
  46. "Get out the \_\_\_\_!" Phrase often heard before elections.
  47. \_\_\_\_ Kosh B'gosh; children's clothier.
  50. A car thief will sometimes shear off the car's vehicle identification number (\_\_\_\_) to make it harder to identify.
  51. Fast flier.
  52. Informal hello.
  54. In the army, letters for operational assessment.
  55. Bone.
  56. These two letters can be added to par or hear.
  58. Yes in Monterrey.

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# Pope meets with genocide survivor

Catholic News Service

Pope Francis held a private audience with Nadia Murad, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and survivor of the Islamic State-led genocide in Iraq, Aug. 26 at the Vatican.

While the Vatican did not release any details about the visit, Murad tweeted Aug. 27, "We discussed the importance of support for #Yazidis & other minority communities in Iraq. In light of the heart-wrenching events in #Afghanistan, we exchanged ideas on championing

women & survivors of sexual violence. I thank @Pontifex for welcoming me to the Vatican

once again," she tweeted. She is the first Iraqi and Yazidi to be awarded a Nobel Prize.



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## Fundraisers & Social Events

### Sep. 3-4

**Camdenton**, St. Anthony Parish Labor Day garage sale, Fri 7 am-6 pm, Sat 8 am-5 pm

### 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; **Vienna**, 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

**Bonnots Mill**, St. Louis of France Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Centralia**, Holy Spirit Parish dinner fundraiser, 11 am-1 pm, multipurpose building; **Cuba**, Holy Cross Parish Fall Festival, indoor/outdoor dining or carryout fried chicken & whole hog sausage dinners, 11 am-4 pm; **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

### Oct. 2

**Hannibal**, Holy Family Parish "Good Neighbor Autumn Auction," 6-9 pm, K of C Hall; **Sedalia**, St. Vincent de Paul dinner auction, 4-10 pm, Sacred Heart School gym

### Oct. 3

**Holts Summit**, St. Andrew Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-5 pm; **Linn**, St. George Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Martinsburg**, St. Joseph Parish Oktoberfest and car show, 10 am-7 pm; **Vienna**, K of C breakfast, 7:30-11 am

### Oct. 8-9

**St. Robert**, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Fall Sale, 9 am-5 pm each day

### Oct. 9

**Loose Creek**, Immaculate Conception Parish 175th Anniversary Celebration, 10:30 am-11:30 pm

### Oct. 10

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

## Meetings & Conferences

### 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. 7

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

### 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@cccnm.org](mailto:dtwombly@cccnm.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 [cccnm.diojeffcity.org](http://cccnm.diojeffcity.org)

### Sep. 12

**Jefferson City**, Historic City of Jefferson tour of historic places of worship, 1-4:30 pm, for info or tickets visit [historiccityofjefferson.org](http://historiccityofjefferson.org)

### 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)

### Sep. 25

**Jefferson City**, Garden Herbs Workshop, sponsored by Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, 1:30-2:30 pm, the Ramsey Garden at Quinn Chapel AME, to register email Erin Perry at [eperry@cccnm.org](mailto:eperry@cccnm.org)

## Liturgical

### Sep. 12

**Starkenburg**, Fall Pilgrimage, 10 am-3 pm, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, for info email [risensav@ktis.net](mailto:risensav@ktis.net)

## MARROCCO

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shame of human evil unleashed against its Maker and itself.

On her Nativity feast she helped Jacques rejoice, he says; on Our Lady of Sorrows she brought his anguish to the cross; her willingness to travel through it all with Christ taught him to do the same.

We each must face our own guilt and shame, healthy or toxic. In the body of Christ, we face the collective shame of our Church, society and humanity. How can we possibly bear it unto peace and glory?

We can benefit from others who accepted their particular work, not perfectly but as best they could, who overcame the harsh shaming voices, within and without, learning to hear the quiet truth beyond the aggressive clamor, who did not cling to their own ways, but accepted the burning love of God and His mother.

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### Sep. 14

**Starkenburg**, Second Tuesday Mass, 11:20 am-12:50 pm, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows

### Sep. 18

**Holts Summit**, National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, memorial service, 10-11:30 am, St. Andrew Church, for info email [kathythebo@hotmail.com](mailto:kathythebo@hotmail.com)

## Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

### 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)

### Oct. 3

**Laurie**, Missouri State K of C Pilgrimage, featuring Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Mass, lunch, and Benediction, 10 am-3 pm, to RSVP call 573-372-6418 or email [RNS7691@gmail.com](mailto:RNS7691@gmail.com)

## Health & Wellness

### Sep. 12

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

## OSPINO

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Catholic Bishops to spark further interest in the Eucharist will likely yield the desired fruits. The key is that the bishops and all Catholics remain focused on the larger picture, historically and pastorally.

Whether declaring a eucharistic jubilee time, inviting into further eucharistic renewal, promoting more catechesis about the Eucharist, or producing documents that invite further reflection, the Catholic bishops are weighing into an already ongoing conversation. As indicated earlier, conversations about the Eucharist during the past two decades have been abundant.

The above entry points into ongoing reflections about the Eucharist call for prayerful discernment. Discernment requires humility. It takes time and dialogue to understand the nuances and realities that accompany each of these points.

The Holy Spirit seems to be telling us something about the Eucharist in our days. The entire Catholic community, in communion with our bishops, must listen. Listening is at the heart of the synodal approach to which Pope Francis has invited our Church. We must create spaces to

listen together to the word of God and listen to one another in mutual consultation.

Recent conversations about the Eucharist are encouraging: bishops debating openly about the nature of a document on the topic; articles reacting and overreacting in anticipation to what the bishops may say or not; groups advocating for eucharistic renewal.

Our bishops promised to listen and to hold consultations. One group I have not seen formally engaged in such consultations about the Eucharist yet is theologians as members of professional bodies. There are several Catholic theological guilds in the U.S. We need their scholarship.

Theologians should have much to say publicly about the Eucharist. Invite them, engage them and consult with them. Theologians are perhaps the best-prepared body of Catholics with the training and skills to analyze the complexity of the questions about the Eucharist that shape our Catholic imagination today.

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Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes
Michael & Leota Maag, 40 years

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Mokane, St. Jude Thaddeus
Jeff & Terry Warrington, 50 years

Moberly, St. Pius X
AB & Virginia Kelly, 71 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph
Jon & Jane Wellman, 52 years
Alfred & Gloria Jones, 51 years
James & Harla Friesz, 46 years
David & Elizabeth Bradley, 42 years
Tim & Ruth Ann Wright, 34 years
Daryl & Mary Kaye Caldwell, 33 years
Phillip & Rose Mudd, 20 years
Matthew & Brenda Swisher, 15 years

Richland, St. Jude
Jim & Joy Carney, 50 years

Rolla, St. Patrick
Ted & Linda Roth, 50 years

Russellville, St. Michael
Doug & Vicky Scott, 41 years
John & Rita Thompson, 41 years
Harold & Lisa Coots, 36 years
Jim & Eve Campbell, 35 years
Jim & Barbara Campbell, 34 years
Brett & Rhonda Roberts, 34 years
Dave & Debbie Keller, 29 years
Bruce & Gina Kuda, 28 years
Kenny & Debbie Hartman, 25 years
Scott & Cassie Williams, 22 years
Collin & Susan Steenbergen, 18 years
Don & Paula Harmon, 14 years

St. Clement, St. Clement
Gilbert & Marilyn Schuckenbrock, 69 years
Sam & Judi Correnti, 40 years

St. Patrick, Shrine of St. Patrick
Leo & Catherine Nichols, 68 years

Taos, St. Francis Xavier
Bill & Diane Buschman, 50 years

Warsaw, St. Ann
Stuart & Colleen Smith, 55 years

Birthdays

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians — Wilfred "Ferdie" Kremer, his 95th on Sept. 2

Linn, St. George — Leonard Voss, his 90th on Sept. 16

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — Hildegard Haslag, her 104th

Deaths

Deacon Martin G. Towey Ph.D., 87 — of the St. Louis archdiocese, who had assisted at St. Anthony Parish in Camdenton & in the diocesan Diaconate Formation Office — on April 5 in St. Louis.

Argyle, St. Aloysius — Elaine Heimericks

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — Edward Fahrendorf, Matthew Horst

Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels — Sharon K. Kleffner

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — Wyatt Sanders

Folk, St. Anthony of Padua — Dennis R. Cooley, Terry E. Cooley

Hannibal, Holy Family — Don Kesner, Florence Lampton, Marty Wasson

Hermann, St. George — Gabe Gann

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — George E. Farris

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — Ronald J. Wolken

Jefferson City, St. Peter — Mary Ann Gilbert

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake — Rose Bouzek

Laurie, St. Patrick — Jutta Margarete Hildegard Brunk, James A. Saab

Linn, St. George — Florence T. Dudenhoefler, Bernadine Mantle-Mangels

Marshall, St. Peter — Kanselina Salmatau Samo

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — Sharon K. Rains

Moberly, St. Pius X — Richard Diesko, Marvin Vogler

Rhineland, Church of the Risen Savior — Sidney Eldringhoff, Audrey Pottebaum

Rolla, St. Patrick — Lora Killian

Russellville, St. Michael — Patricia "Pat" L. Vache

St. James, Immaculate Conception — Jessie Mae Luebbert

St. Martins, St. Martin — Sheryl L. Eveler, Sheryl Lehman

Salisbury, St. Joseph — Andy Boss, Roslyn Bange

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — William H. Hake

Vienna, Visitation — David A. Schwartze

Westphalia, St. Joseph — Deanna L. Huber, David R. VanderFeltz

Baptisms

Hermann, St. George — Mary Hannah Conway, daughter of Lance & Mary Conway; Nora Ruth LeRoy, daughter of Derek & Emily LeRoy

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — McKinley Mary Bodine, daughter of Alexander & Elizabeth Bodine; Oliver Laymon Collins, son of Michael & Rene Collins; Hadley Katherine Keleher, daughter of Weston & Leighton Keleher

Jefferson City, St. Peter — Hudson Leon Haley; Lydia Ann Mae Haley

Marshall, St. Peter — Cesar Orellana Jr., Cael Orozco

Moberly, St. Pius X — Nora Jo Durbin, daughter of Jeffery & Whitney Durbin

Palmyra, St. Joseph — Braxton Andrew Allen, son of Zane & Alexis Allen

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — Evelyn Jo Luebbering, daughter of Anthony & Courtney Luebbering

Westphalia, St. Joseph — Owen Alexander Kempker, son of Calli & Landre Kempker; Asher Joseph Plassmeyer, son of Tyler & Brittney Plassmeyer

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — Isaac John Meissen, son of Aaron & Emily Meissen

Marriages

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — Callie Rackers & Chase Bexton

Elections

Cuba, Bourbon & Steelville — Carmella Baker, Michael Bopp, Jerry Dubbelde, Alice Engelbrecht, RuthAnn Kuethe, Diane McCameron, John Kauten, Nicholas Werner, Ruth Woodson, to the parish pastoral council of Crawford County

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — Tiffany Greiman, Toni Hunter, Marie Little, John Long, to the Parish Pastoral Council

Crossword puzzle answers grid with letters and numbers.

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love, and the font of the family.
The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children, fills the world with a multitude of spiritual fruitfulness and service, and is the sign of the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, for his Church.
The grace of Jesus flowed forth at Cana at the request of the Blessed Mother. May your Son, through the intercession of Mary, pour out upon us a new measure of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we join with all people of good will to promote and protect the unique beauty of marriage.
May your Holy Spirit enlighten our society to treasure the heroic love of husband and wife, and guide our leaders to sustain and protect the singular place of mothers and fathers in the lives of their children.
Father, we ask that our prayers be joined to those of the Virgin Mary, that your Word may transform our service so as to safeguard the incomparable splendor of marriage.
We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen.

# 'For the sake of His sorrowful passion'

Sixth- through eighth-graders at St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the hallway on Aug. 26.

— Photo from the St. Joseph Cathedral School Facebook page



# A most unusual birthday



# Appreciating art at the County Fair



Four of the six students of St. Andrew School in Tipton whose artwork garnered recognition in the Moniteau County Fair Youth Art Show in August display their creations. Winners included: Alora Proctor, grade 2, second place ribbon; Breanna Long, grade 5, fifth place ribbon; Betty Dunlap, grade 5, best of class in the Best of Farm category; Brycen Stoecklein, grade 2, fourth place ribbon; Sebastian Romo, kindergarten, fifth place; Alice Bestgen, grade 5, second place.

— Photos from the St. Andrew Church and School Facebook page



# "And forever in peace may you wave"



Kindergartners at St. Francis Xavier School in Taos learn about the U.S. flag and the Pledge of Allegiance on Aug. 25. — Photo from the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School-Taos Facebook page

Students of Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek wished parishioner Hildegard Haslag a happy 104th birthday with signs/banners, a sung school blessing and "Happy Birthday." Father Anthony Rinaldo, pastor of I.C. Parish and of St. Louis of France Parish in Bonnots Mill, prayed a blessing over her.

— Photos by Danielle Plassmeyer



## A child's prayer to St. Joseph

Dear St. Joseph, Help us to love and care, to be gentle and fair. Help us to work and play together, help us to live and grow together, to be always glad to help each other, happy in your loving care. Amen.



# Jesus forgives a sinful woman

By Jennifer Ficaglia  
Catholic News Service

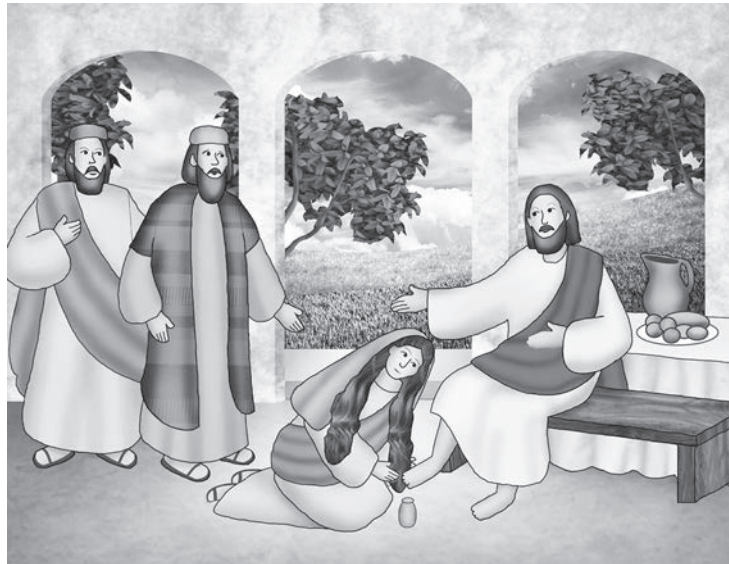
One day, a Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with Him. Jesus went to the man's home and reclined at the table.

A sinful woman who lived in the city learned where Jesus would be dining.

She went to the Pharisee's house with an alabaster flask of ointment. She stood behind Jesus and wept at His feet, and she began to bathe His feet with her tears.

The woman then wiped Jesus' feet with her hair, kissed them and anointed them with the ointment in the alabaster flask.

The Pharisee who had invited Jesus to dine with him watched what the sinful woman was doing.



"If this man were a prophet, He would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner," the Pharisee said to himself.

Jesus knew what the Pharisee was thinking.

"Simon, I have something to say to you," Jesus said to the Pharisee.

"Tell me, Teacher," he re-

plied.

"Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed 500 days' wages, and the other owed 50," Jesus said. "Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?"

The Pharisee thought for a moment. "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven," he said.

Jesus turned to the woman.

"Do you see this woman?" He asked the Pharisee. "When I entered your house, you did not give Me water for My feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give Me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing My feet since the time I entered.

"You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

Jesus spoke to the woman. "Your sins are forgiven," He told her.

The others at the table said to themselves, "Who is this Who even forgives sins?"

Jesus again addressed the woman. "Your faith has saved you; go in peace," He said.

## Read more about it...

### Luke 7

1. Who invited Jesus to dine at his house?

2. What did the sinful woman do when she saw Jesus?

## Bible Accent

Why was foot washing common in biblical times?

According to *JewishEncyclopedia.com*, the Israelites wore sandals, so their feet would become dirty and need frequent cleaning. It was customary to wash feet before meals or going to bed.

According to the encyclopedia, foot washing also was a sign of hospitality toward guests: "Among the Israelites it was the first duty of the host to give his guest water for the washing of his feet; to omit this was a sign of marked unfriend-

liness."

There are many places in the Bible that describe foot washing.

In Genesis 18, we read that God and two angels appeared to Abraham at the oak of Mamre. When Abraham saw them approaching, he ran to greet them and offered them a meal and water in which to bathe their feet.

In Judges 19, an old man in Gibeah saw a traveler in the town square. He invited the traveler home with him, and the two men washed their feet

before eating and drinking.

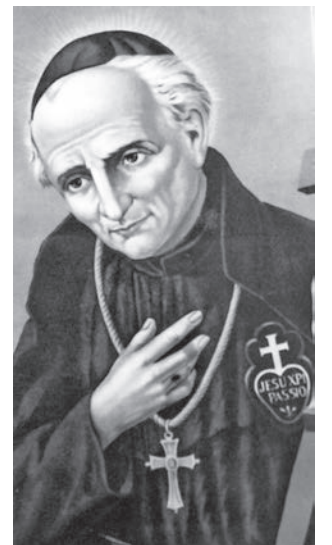
And in John 13, Jesus washed the apostles' feet during the Last Supper, giving them — and us — an example to follow of being humble and serving others.

## Essay

How have you demonstrated your thankfulness for being forgiven?

## Saint Spotlight

St. Vincent Strambi was born in Italy in 1745. He became a priest, joined the Passionists in 1768 and became bishop of Macerata, Italy, in 1801. He reformed his diocese and fostered a renewal of worship. He also took care of his priests by building a seminary that hired gifted teachers. He was forced into exile in 1808 after refusing to swear allegiance to Napoleon. When Napoleon abdicated in 1814, Vincent returned to Macerata, where he continued his reforms. He also helped people during a famine and a typhoid epidemic. He died in 1824, and we remember him on Sept. 25.



## Puzzle

Using the hints provided, put a T next to the sentences about hospitality that are true and an F next to the ones that are false.

\_\_\_ 1. Those showing hospitality should not complain. (1 Peter 4:9)

\_\_\_ 2. Show hospitality only to those who can repay you in kind. (Luke 14:12-14)

\_\_\_ 3. Paul and Silas' jailer showed them hospitality. (Acts 16:33-34)

\_\_\_ 4. Don't neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. (Hebrews 13:2)



Answers: 1. T, 2. F, 3. T, 4. T.

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## Books can help Catholics start much-needed conversations on suicide

*When a Loved One Dies by Suicide: Comfort, Hope and Healing for Grieving Catholics, compiled and edited by Ed Shoener and John P. Dolan. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2020). 128 pp., \$11.95.*

*Responding to Suicide: A Pastoral Handbook for Catholic Leaders. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, Indiana, 2020). 224 pp., \$18.95.*

Reviewed by Loretta Pehanich  
Catholic News Service

Many Catholics struggle to speak about death by suicide because it carries complicated grief, historic stigma, misunderstandings, and even feelings of shame.

Ed Shoener, a deacon in the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan of San Diego, editors of *When a Loved One Dies by Suicide*, tell readers it's time to discuss what has become the 10th leading cause of U.S. deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This book is true to its subtitle: It offers comfort, hope and healing for grieving Catholics.

The second work, *Responding to Suicide: A Pastoral Handbook*

for Catholic Leaders, should be in every parish library and book rack.

Shoener's daughter died by suicide in 2016. Both books include her obituary, which cries for change: "People who have cancer are not cancer. Katie was not bipolar — she had an illness called bipolar disorder. Katie herself was a beautiful child of God. The way we talk about people and their illnesses affect the people themselves and how we treat the illness. In the case of mental illness, there is so much fear, ignorance and hurtful attitudes that people who suffer from mental illness needlessly suffer further."

Shoener's loss drove him to help found the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers and two other ministries.

Mental illness is tied to fully 90% of suicides. Both books contain seven powerful, emotional and painful accounts, including Bishop Dolan's personal grief at losing two siblings to suicide.

The heart-rending stories reveal tragedies and pain, but also faith.

Both books contain pages of resources and sadly many of us will need them. Suicide rates

are not declining. According to statistics from the World Health Organization and the CDC, suicide is the leading cause of death in the world for people ages 15-24.

Each book is nuanced for its audience. The first includes compelling prayers of encounters with God. The latter includes tips for mental health ministry, psychological lessons and assurances of redemption.

The "key points" section of each chapter offers a way to skim before engaging the book thoroughly. Chapter subtitles ease reading, too: "Changed Forever"; "Clinging to Christ, Broken for Us"; "The Rippling Effects"; "Mental Illness Affects the Whole Family"; "Turning Away Help, Compounding My Pain"; and "We Grieve Differently — Together."

Scholarly chapters address poignant questions: What leads a person to suicide? What does the Catholic Church teach and what it did it used to teach?

San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone's dense chapter on history would have been better without quoting "Summa Theologica" and Church speak, such as synod and reformist theology. This chapter left me embarrassed by past Church views regarding chastity and suicide. Archbishop Cordileone includes stark material before the revision of canon law in 1983.

Quotes from the current *Catechism of the Catholic Church* mitigate the pain of previous Church instructions: "We

## Movie Ratings



General Patronage

PAW Patrol: The Movie (G)



Adults

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



Limited Adult Audience

Joe Bell (R)



Morally Offensive

Candyman (R)  
The Protege (R)  
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.

should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives."

"We violate the very image of Christ when we dare to make judgments that belong only to the merciful heart of the Father," writes Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory of Washington. The Church has a key role in "comforting people in the name of Christ not shaming them with cruel comments that only intensify their grief."

While the books can be repetitive and occasionally contradictory due to articles by close to 20 different writers, some truths bear repeating. For example, we as a Church have historically responded to suicide in ways that stifle healthy expressions of grief, impose judgments and inflict "crippling spiritual wounds and psychological damage that never heals."

The Church needs to do better, and Catholics — while examining preconceptions and their own attitudes — ought to offer comfort, prayer and assistance to affected families.

How? Ask people how they are doing (because many won't seek help), visit homes and not

just immediately after death, and prevent isolation.

Shoener writes, "Although it may be frightening to enter into this deep grief, it is where Christ wants to be."

Bishop Dolan's closing reflection offers hope. While people may struggle to believe in God, God never stops believing in them.

"Putting the Lord first, we trust that our loved ones are greeted in the loving arms of Jesus," Bishop Dolan writes.

Before I read the first few pages, I had already received four requests for these books from friends recently affected by suicide.

We all need these books, especially in my home state of California, where suicide is legal and safeguards for people nearing death are being removed.

Small groups looking for books to discuss will find these perfect for this. Expect rich conversations as you ponder your own contexts and attitudes surrounding death by suicide.

*Pehanich is a Catholic freelance writer, blogger, spiritual director and former assistant editor for the Diocese of San Jose, California.*



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# FIRST DAY

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build a foundation upon which to make good choices throughout their lives.

“We’re helping to get kids to heaven,” he said.

### Family ties

Jesse Bolte went to St. George School as a student, sends her own children there now and serves as the school secretary.

She knows God is there with her children and with her — on tough days and all the others.

“I get to teach my kiddos at home and take them to church on weekends,” she said. “Those same lessons are instilled in them here through their subjects, their classmates and their teachers. That’s the cool thing about a Catholic school.”

Mrs. Bolte’s son Jordan has the same third-grade teacher she had.

“My nieces and nephews go here as well,” she said. “But not only are we members of the same family, we’re part of the bigger family that is the St. George community, and that’s a really great thing to be a part of.”

She hopes that when her children move on, they’ll continue to be “good Christians — good, well rounded, all-around kind, God-fearing kids.”

### “They really knew”

Previous principal Julie Clingman asked Mr. Eggering if he could serve as crossing guard during morning drop-off.

“She said, ‘Tom, can you help get ’em going, get ’em across and get ’em in?’” he recalled.

“I said, ‘Sure! Why not?’ And if I can bring a smile to their face so they’re not crying when they get inside, that’s a bonus,” he said.

He believes young people truly benefit from a Catholic education, as does the community at

large.

“I once had a teacher who said you could always pick out the kids who went to Catholic school,” he said. “They were open, well educated, and really knew how to learn.”

### Many gifts

Not only did Mary (Mundwiller) Steiner go to St. George, so did all of her siblings and all of her children.

Now that her grandchildren are there, she teaches third-grade religion and helps with the after school program.

She previously worked for 30 years in as an elder-care nurse before coming back to St. George.

“I felt like God was asking me to do something different — maybe lift lighter people!” she said.

Her goal is to teach like the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration who were her instructors at St. George School — especially her first-grade teacher, Sister Monica.

“I think everybody felt special when Sister Monica was teaching them,” said Mrs. Steiner. “She was always so patient and so joyful.”

Every day, Mrs. Steiner prays for each child to know that he or she is important to God and that He wants them to be His disciples.

“Sometimes, I think, it’s too easy to look for happiness in things or activities that can only make us happy in the moment,” she said. “But when we’re good disciples, we find true joy that lasts and lasts.”

She noted that each child has different gifts from God and that a good teacher figures out how to draw the best out of them.

“Everybody has to use their gifts differently,” she said. “And the gifts complement each other.”

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

# Daily Readings

### Sunday, Sep 5

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
Is. 35:4-7a  
Ps. 146:6-10  
Jas. 2:1-5  
Mk. 7:31-37

### Sunday, Sep 12

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
Is. 50:4c-9a  
Ps 116:1-6, 8-9  
Jas. 2:14-18  
Mk. 8:27-35

### Monday, Sep 6

Col. 1:24-2:3  
Ps. 62:6-7, 9  
Lk. 6:6-11

### Monday, Sep 13

St. John Chrysostom, bishop and  
doctor of the Church  
1 Tm. 2:1-8  
Ps. 28:2, 7-9  
Lk. 7:1-10

### Tuesday, Sep 7

Col. 2:6-15  
Ps. 145:1b-2, 8-11  
Lk. 6:12-19

### Tuesday, Sep 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Nm. 21:4b-9  
Ps. 78:1bc-2, 34-38  
Phil. 2:6-11  
Jn. 3:13-17

### Wednesday, Sep 8

The Nativity of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
Mi. 5:1-4a or Rom. 8:28-30  
Ps. 13:6ab, 6c  
Mt. 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

### Wednesday, Sep 15

Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Tm. 3:14-16  
Ps. 111:1-6  
Jn. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35

### Thursday, Sep 9

St. Peter Claver, priest (USA)  
Col. 3:12-17  
Ps. 150:1b-2-6  
Lk. 6:27-38

### Thursday, Sep 16

Ss. Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian,  
bishop, martyrs  
1 Tm. 4:12-16  
Ps. 111:7-10  
Lk. 7:36-50

### Friday, Sep 10

1 Tm. 1:1-2, 12-14  
Ps. 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11  
Lk. 6:39-42

### Friday, Sep 17

St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and  
doctor of the Church  
1 Tm. 6:2c-12  
Ps. 49:6-10, 17-20  
Lk. 8:1-3

### Saturday, Sep 11

1 Tm. 1:15-17  
Ps. 113:1b-7  
Lk. 6:43-49

### Saturday, Sep 18

1 Tm. 6:13-16  
Ps. 100:1b-5  
Lk 8:4-15

### The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for September:

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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# Fall Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg

**DATE: September 12**  
**TIME: 10 am**

The annual Fall Pilgrimage to the historical Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12.

It will include Exposition of

the Most Blessed Sacrament beginning at 10 a.m.

Pilgrims will carry a statue of "Seven Delores," an image that has been at the Shrine since 1895, in a Rosary procession through the Shrine grounds, stopping at each of the outdoor

Stations of the Cross.

A traditional German meal will be available for \$11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in nearby Valentine Hall, which is handicapped accessible and air-conditioned.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Benediction and the blessing of religious articles will take place at 1 p.m.

Mass will be offered at the outdoor altar at 2 p.m.

The Fall Pilgrimage, roughly coinciding with the Sept. 15 feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows, has been an annual observance in Starkenburg since 1891.

Before the completion of nearby highways, pilgrims would travel by train to the old M-K-T depot in Rhineland, then process three miles to Starkenburg over dusty roads, frequently by torchlight.

Through the decades, members of the parish developed a reputation for legendary hospitality, as throngs of pilgrims were fed and given lodging in the small community.

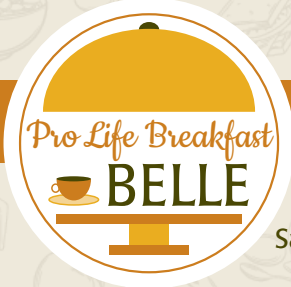
The shrine is located 10 miles northwest of Hermann,

at 197 Hwy P, Rhineland, MO 65069.

The shrine and Valentine Hall are handicap accessible.

For more information or directions, call Brenda Van Booven at 573-236-4390, or visit [historicshrine.com](http://historicshrine.com).

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**Sunday, September 12**  
noon-4pm

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ST. MICHAEL CHURCH  
RUSSELLVILLE

DRIVE-THRU  
**FALL FESTIVAL DINNER**

*Sunday, September 19*  
SERVED FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM

ADULT MEALS ONLY @ \$13  
SERVING GENEROUS PORTIONS OF:  
Our famous rope sausage, roast beef, real mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned green beans, homemade slaw, applesauce, homestyle bread & chocolate sheet cake

**PRIZE DRAWING – SILENT QUILT AUCTION**

Plus a limited supply of our famous Jennings premium raw rope & bulk sausage will be for sale!  
*First come, first served*