

“For God loves a cheerful giver”

Find out all about many of the diocesan ministries that receive support from the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA), which kicks off this month.

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Giving joyfully to the CSA helps parishes, diocese thrive

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By Jay Nies

The telegraph wasn't invented yet when St. Stephen Parish's first members arrived in the Salt River Valley.

Nearly 200 years later, their descendants are using digital communication technology to help their parishes thrive and adhere to more authentically to their mission.

They do so in partnership with diocesan Chancery employees, whose job is to help all of the parishes in these 38 counties do what they do, better.

“They have been instrumental in launching our new parish websites, and they work endlessly with each parish to update and maintain these websites,” said Sally Lemongelli, secretary and bookkeeper for St. Stephen Parish in Indian Creek, of the diocese's Communication Department.

“We were also able to implement online registration and payment for our annual Swinkey Days camp for kids and it really helped streamline the registration process,” she said.

Many Chancery departments and offices receive some or all of their funding from the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA), allowing individuals and families in every parish to work in partnership with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight in carrying out the soul-saving mission of the Church.

“We are blessed to be able to give sacrificially in thanks to God while helping to support Catholic outreach to people in need, in crisis or without a church community,” Bishop McKnight stated.

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Students of Holy Rosary School in Monroe City put together a puzzle as part of an activity promoting unity in their school.

— Photo from Holy Rosary School

Diocesan phase of 2023 Synod of Bishops to focus on listening, discerning

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Synod opening Mass, Oct. 16 in the Cathedral

By Jay Nies

One of Jesus's highest priorities while ministering in the flesh was to restore people on the margins to their rightful place in the community.

Tax-collectors, foreigners, lepers, widows, orphans, the chronically ill and those unable to provide for themselves all found healing and wholeness in His undistracted gaze.

That became the model for the Church's ancient practice of holding synods.

In a prayerful assembly, people who aren't used to being listened to are invited to share what's on their mind and their heart.

The Church and its leaders then rely on the Holy Spirit to help discern an appropriate response.

This is what's known as the Synodal Path.

“Synod” comes from the Greek word for gathering.

It's an ancient term and practice for the Church, which Church leaders are encouraging all Catholics to rediscover.

The pope is calling on Church leaders and active Catholics in dioceses throughout the world, along with people who have frayed or tenuous ties to the Church, to dialogue and discern in preparation for the next Synod of Bishops.

“For many of us, the synodal path presents a very different way of seeing and doing things,” said Helen Osman, diocesan communications director for the Jefferson City diocese.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight recently appointed Mrs. Osman to chair the commission for the diocesan phase of the 2023 Synod of Bishops.

The commission will organize listening sessions, surveys and other ways of gathering information to be sent to the

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Mass in Brush Creek Church Oct. 24

The annual Fall Mass in the church stands where historical St. Peter Church in Venerable Father Augustus Brush Creek will be celebrated Tolton, the Roman Catholic Church's first recognizably at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24.

Pray for deceased priests

- Oct. 3 — **Msgr. Herbert J. Farischon**, St. Joseph, Palmyra (1979)
- Oct. 4 — **Msgr. John C. Mahoney**, St. Patrick, Clarence; and St. Michael, Hager's Grove (1991)
- Oct. 5 — **Msgr. John P. Flood**, St. Patrick, Jonesburg (1991)
- Oct. 10 — **Fr. James R. Fuemmeler**, St. Anthony, Camdenton (2012)
- Oct. 14 — **Fr. P. Brendan Lawless**, Immaculate Conception, St. James; and St. Anthony, Rosati (2013)

Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

Diocesan Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry — The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a position working in collaboration with the Diocesan Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Youth Formation to develop and implement diocesan policies and programs related to Youth and Young Adult Ministry that will promote the three priorities of the diocesan Mutually Shared Vision: "Growing in Holiness, Forming Intentional Disciples, and Being Sent to Witness." Applicant must be a practicing Catholic. Preferred that applicants have a master's or bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry, theology, catechesis or Catholic education; another related degree will be considered. Employment or volunteer experience in youth or campus ministry at a parish, university, Catholic school or diocese is required. Full-time, exempt position. Evening and weekend hours, as well as extensive travel driving throughout southern Missouri will be required.

Digital Engagement Officer/Information Technology Specialist — Full-time, permanent position at The Catholic Center, that partners with the Director of Communications to develop, implement, maintain and continually improve all of the diocese's information systems, communications platforms and technology (ICT) systems. Manage and develop the diocese's website and digital presence and engagement. Manage and monitor server performance; configure data servers; upload and update Web pages; ensure that hardware and software are functioning correctly; answer consultation questions. Basic qualifications include: A practicing Catholic with a love for the teaching and mission of the Church; bachelor's degree in graphic design, web solutions, IT, computer technology, or relevant field.

Compensation includes competitive salary, excellent health benefits, and retirement plan based on diocesan guidelines. To request an application packet, including detailed job descriptions, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org, or call (417) 866-0841.

Fulton CROP Hunger Walk to help CRS

DATE: October 10
TIME: 1:30 pm

The 51st annual CROP Hunger Walk in Fulton will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10.

One quarter of the money raised will go to the Callaway County Senior Programs. The rest will be given to Catholic Relief Services.

Registration will start at 1 p.m. outside Champ Auditorium at Westminster College.

The 3.5-mile walk to First Presbyterian Church on Court Street will start at 1:30 p.m. Call 573-254-3455 or 573-826-0591 for information.

Black priest in the United States, was baptized in 1854.

All are invited to attend. The church is located at 14690 Gentry Road, off of Sheil Lane, south of Route J in rural Ralls County.



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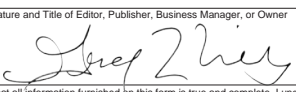
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I.C. Parish in J.C. to sponsor workshop on care for the environment

DATE: October 18
TIME: 7 pm

Three speakers will address practical, spiritual and scientific aspects of care for creation during a workshop on Monday, Oct. 18, in Jefferson City.

It will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in Pleus Hall next to Immaculate Conception Church, 1206 E. McCarty Street at Clark Avenue in Jefferson City.

The theme will be "A Season

of Hope: A Home For All."

Speakers will include:

•Emma Heienickle, a University of Missouri student, with personal reflection on her commitment to her faith and the environment;

•Dr. Benjamin de Foy, PhD, a professor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Saint Louis University, on the science of climate change; and

•Father Daniel Merz, pastor

of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia, on the spirituality of "Laudato Si," Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home.

"As Christians, we are challenged to be stewards of God's creation in the face of climate change," the event's organizers stated. "Come enjoy speakers, fellowship and discussion about how we respond in hope as people of faith."

Fr. Merz said the workshop will offer a spiritual and scientific/technological take on "Laudato Si," "and what we can do to make a difference spiritually and physically."

He suggested that reading "Laudato Si" would be the best preparation.

Visit [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and search "A Season of Hope: A Home For All" for information.

Bishop McKnight's October prayer intention for our Local Church

For our local church of the Diocese of Jefferson City; that we may become a sign and instrument in the world of the presence of Christ through our communion in charity, faith, and the Eucharist.



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

Por nuestra iglesia local de la Diócesis de Jefferson City. Para que seamos signo e instrumento en el mundo de la presencia de Cristo a través de nuestra comunión en la caridad, la fe y la Eucaristía.

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



Bishop McKnight's Calendar

OCTOBER

- Oct 4-8** Annual Priests' Institute, The Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark
- Oct 9** Cohort 2 Stewardship Meeting, 10 am, Chancery; 175th Anniversary Mass, Immaculate Conception Parish, 3 pm, Loose Creek
- Oct 12** Very Reverend Dean's Meeting, 11 am; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery; Catholic Home Missions Allocation Meeting, 3:30 pm, Virtual
- Oct 13** Catholic Rural Life Board Meeting, 2 pm, Virtual
- Oct 14** Helias Catholic High School all school Mass, 10:15 am, Jefferson City; Diocesan Excellence in Education Fund Board Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery
- Oct 15** Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri dinner, presentation and tour, 6 pm, Jefferson City
- Oct 16** Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri open house blessing, Catholic Charities Center, 1 pm, Jefferson City; Opening of diocesan phase of Synod of Bishops and Mass of Thanksgiving for Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 5:30 pm, Jefferson City
- Oct 17** Holy Hour for diocesan phase of Synod of Bishops, followed by priests social, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 5:30 pm, Jefferson City

Public Rosary services for October

In observance of the Month of the Rosary, parishes throughout the country will hold public Rosary rallies to pray for peace and conversion of the world.

Here are some observances scheduled in the Jefferson City diocese:

•**Boonville:** noon, Saturday, Oct. 16, Hannah Cole Park, corner of Main and Morgan streets

•**Columbia:** 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, Sacred Heart Church, 105 Waugh St.

•**Jefferson City:** 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, starting outside St. Peter Church, 216 Broadway, and continuing around the State Capitol

•**Owensville:** noon, Saturday, Oct. 16, corner of Highway 28 and South Cuba Street

•**Rolla:** noon, Saturday, Oct. 9, outside St. Patrick Church, 17 Saint Patrick Lane, off of U.S. 63

•**Westphalia:** noon, Saturday, Oct. 16, Knights of Columbus parking lot, 23 Country Valley Trail, off of U.S. 63



Official Decree of Appointments

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

Commission Members for the Diocesan Phase of the 2023 Synod of Bishops

Mrs. Helen Osman, Director of Communications, as Diocesan Contact Person and Chair of the Commission

Deacon Enrique Castro, Executive Director of the Faith Formation Department

Very Reverend Jason T. Doke, STL, Moderator of the Curia

Mrs. LeAnn Korsmeyer, Director of Parish and Charitable Services

Mr. Benjamin Roodhouse, JD, JCL, Director of Canonical Services

Sr. Kathleen Wegman SSND, Bishop's Delegate for Religious

Priest

Reverent Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, Vicar General and Pastor of St. Michael Parish, Russellville, to medical leave

Deacon

Deacon Alvin J. Brand to parochial ministry at St. Michael Parish, Russellville to assist the pastor during his medical leave. Deacon Brand's ministry at the Cathedral of St. Joseph is suspended until the pastor's return to regular ministry.

These appointments are effective immediately.

Given at the Chancery this 15th day of September 2021.

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MCC posts links for 2021 Virtual Annual Assembly

The Missouri Catholic links to its 2021 Virtual Annual Conference (MCC) has posted annual Assembly.

In lieu of holding an in-person event at the Capitol, the MCC has curated a six-episode collection of its podcast, "MCC from the Capitol," available on Spotify, Apple and Google podcasts, or via *mocatholic.org*.

New episodes focus on a variety of topics, all tied to the theme of Missouri's Bicentennial year.

Episode titles include:

- A 300-Year-Old Church in a 200-Year-Old State;
- A Closer Look at Refugee

Resettlement in Mid-Missouri;

- The Future of Abortion Law After Dobbs v. Jackson;
- Catholic Healthcare in the 21st Century;
- Denouncing the Dred Scott Decision; and
- The Affordable Housing Crisis in Missouri.

"We invite you to read the descriptions of each episode and listen to those that interest you, but we especially encourage you to listen to those that you may not be familiar with," said Deacon Tyler McClay, MCC executive director.

"We are confident you will come away with a deeper knowledge and understanding of each of these topics," he said.

The event is live at *mocatholic.org* and begins with a message from Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of St. Louis.

"As Catholics, we are called to engage in these challenges, drawing upon our faith and our great body of teachings to address them as best we can. We must not shrink from these challenges or fall victim to despair," the archbishop states in his message. "We are, after all, a people of hope — hope in the endless love of God the Father and in the resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ."

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.

In years past, the MCC Annual Assembly has drawn hundreds of Catholics from throughout Missouri to the State Capitol in Jefferson City for a keynote address, workshops on various public-policy issues, and Mass.

Organizers hope to be able to have an in-person event next year.

In the meantime, "we encourage all Missouri Catholics to participate in this year's event, conveniently located and aired wherever you are, whenever you're ready to listen," stated Deacon McClay.

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

FALL Dinner

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Oct. 15 open house at new Catholic Charities building in J.C.

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) will hold an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, at its newly completed new headquarters in Jefferson City.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will bless the building, which is located at 1015 Edmonds Street.

“We’re excited to let the community see the transformation that’s taken place here,” said CCCNMO Executive Director Dan Lester.

Bishop McKnight will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2305 W. Main St.

CCCNMO purchased the building, formerly known

since 1983 as the Shikles Auditorium, from the Jefferson City Housing Authority

nary for the Missionaries of La Salette, a Catholic congregation of priests and brothers.

The Jefferson City Housing Authority bought the property and converted it to a community center after the seminary closed in the early 1970s.

Work began last November to renovate and substantially expand the building and transform it into CCCNMO’s new headquarters.

Once completed, the 16,000-square-foot complex will afford Catholic Charities the space it needs to integrate and enhance services to the local community and the entire Jefferson City diocese.

The former chapel will be home to a classroom, meeting and event space, a health clinic and other community services.

The expanded former gymnasium downstairs will become a food pantry, including a waiting room, shopping area, demonstration kitchen, warehouse, loading dock and packaging area.

New administrative offices for CCCNMO will occupy a newly built mezzanine area overlooking the food pantry.

A large parking lot has been added, providing full access for people with disabilities.

The area that was once the sanctuary of the La Salette Seminary chapel has been made into a quiet room for prayer and reflection.

The complex includes an array of solar panels and a geothermal heating and cooling system, making it one of the first near-carbon-neutral structures in Central Missouri.

The food pantry, to be operated in partnership with The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri, will be a “marquee ministry,” attracting people from an area of concentrated need in the city.

While there, clients will also have access to health and nutrition services, disaster response and preparation, and immigration services.

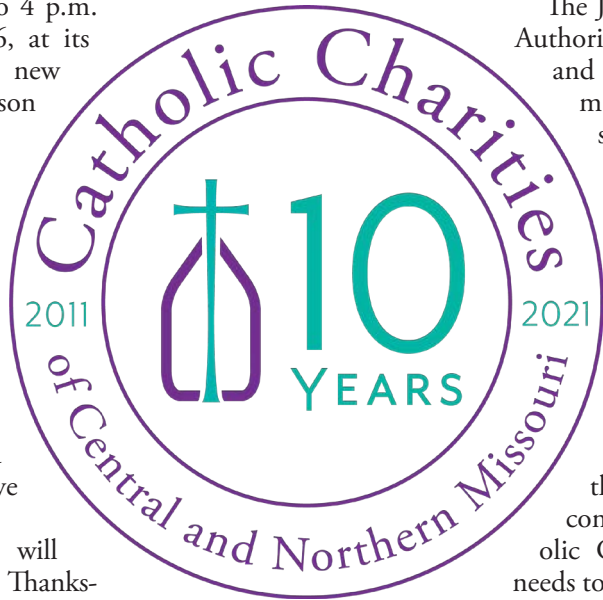
Catholic Charities offers a variety of services to residents in need throughout the 38-counties of the Jefferson City diocese, providing care and creating hope through compassionate social services that respect the dignity of each person and engage the local community.


Catholic Charities personnel plan to have the building in full operation by the end of this year.

Fundraising continues as Catholic Charities closes in


on its share of two matching grants that basically triple the impact of each gift people make toward the renovation.

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






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Diocese of Jefferson City
Saturday, October 16, 2021, 5:30 PM
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Former bellows-pumpers recognized, blessed 75 years after current Westphalia organ installed

By Jay Nies

They were the wind beneath the hymns.

Strong young members of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia used to take turns pumping the bellows for the old pipe organ in their parish church.

Their efforts still resonate, three-quarters of a century later.

“Lord, we give You thanks for these once-boys of many years ago, who served their parish in

a most unique way, that the beauty and power of organ music would fill this majestic church,” Father Anthony Viviano, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk, prayed at the end of Mass on Sept. 19.

Music in the church used to come from a late 19th-century organ similar to the one that’s still in the choir loft of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in St. Thomas.

“It took two boys or men of equal strength and with attention to detail to pump the organ, as the organ-pumpers

had to work together to provide consistent air flow to the organ,” wrote Janice Wieberg, current St. Joseph Parish organist.

“With the addition of an organ with an electric blower came the end of the church organ being powered by a hand-pump,” she stated.

That milestone came in 1946 — 75 years ago this summer.

To mark the anniversary, Mrs. Wieberg contacted 11 of the former bellows-pumpers and the wife of a 12th and invited them to Mass on Sept. 19.

“You are part of the living history of St. Joseph Parish!”

she wrote to them.

Harry Buersmeyer, Eddie Eichholz, Robert Holterman, Harry Otto, Elmer Weber, “Tip” Weber, Jim Werner and Cornie Westerman attended the Mass in person.

Charlie Cassmeyer, Eddie Castrop and Larry Horstdaniel tuned in by livestream.

Tony Bock’s wife Dorothy attended on his behalf.

Fr. Viviano noted that the men carry among them more than 900 years of faith, family, service and life experience.

He prayed a blessing over them after Holy Communion.

“Bless these now-men of advanced years, men of faith, men of character and service, men whom You call today to serve You, O Lord, to the best

of their ability,” he prayed.

The Westphalia Historical Society hosted a reception for the men and family members who attended the Mass.

The church dates from the mid-19th century.

Parishioner Mary Ann Klebba noted that in the parish’s early days, a brass ensemble likely supplemented the music of the organ, especially for processions when the sodalities had celebrations in honor of their patron saints.

Chris Soer, an organ technician with Wicks Organ Co., said the ornate wooden case that contains the organ pipes probably dates from before the lofty clerestory and second loft were added in 1905.

Some pipes from the origi-

nal organ were refurbished and incorporated into the new instrument built and installed by Wicks Organ Co. in 1946 and ’47, while Father Bernard C. Feldt was pastor.

“The pipe organ that belongs to the parish church is a modest organ, designed to allow the traditional architecture of the church to produce the needed resonance,” Mr. Soer noted.


Mrs. Wieberg said the pipe organ is truly designed to enhance the voices of the congregation, “as voices are made by God and organs are made by people.”

“The organ is at its pinnacle when every voice in church is joining in with the organ music, as organ music is intended for God and His people,” she said.



LEFT: Father Anthony Viviano, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk, prays a blessing over these five men and the others who served as bellows-pumpers in St. Joseph Church before the current organ with an electric blower was installed 75 years ago. **RIGHT:** Members of the St. Joseph Parish choir look down and applaud from the choir loft containing the current organ, which incorporates parts of the old one, at the end of Mass on Sept. 19, when the former bellows-pumpers were honored.

— Photos by Jay Nies

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Missionary on sainthood path is recognized as symbol of unity

Catholic News Service

Tucson, Arizona

For Rafael Barceló Durazo, who grew up across the border from Arizona in the Mexican state of Sonora, Venerable Father Eusebio Kino is a symbol of unity.

Today, as the Mexican consul in Tucson, he also looks to the famed missionary known as Padre Kino — and declared venerable by Pope Francis — as an example to follow.

“I have always admired the courage Padre Kino required among the missionaries that came to a distant and inhospitable land and climate like Sonora and Arizona,” Barceló told Catholic News Service. “But he didn’t only come to

transmit his message of faith. He also came with a great Christian love in the way he viewed the world and related with the indigenous communities of the Pimería Alta and Pimería Baja.”

Barceló was one among those attending the “Three Statues for Three Nations” ceremony and Mass honoring the Italian-born priest Aug. 8. Held in front of the “Padre on Horseback” statue on the street bearing his name, the ceremony recognized the 30th anniversary of the city of Tucson presenting the same statue to the people of Segno, Italy, Padre Kino’s hometown.

A third statue is in Magdalena de Kino in Sonora state in northern Mexico, where the priest died in 1711.

Fr. Hartley grateful for prayers, support during cancer treatment

By Jay Nies

Cancer, chemo and COVID-19.

Father Paul Hartley's 40th year of Priesthood has heaped challenge upon challenge.

At least he can laugh about it.

"I got over COVID in a hurry!" he stated. "COVID didn't have a chance going into my system with all the stuff I have going into me.

"Mosquitos were dying around me!" he added.

Fr. Hartley, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Montgomery City, St. Patrick Parish in Jonesburg and Church of the Resurrection Parish in Wellsville, received a cancer diagnosis near the end of June.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight placed him on medical leave so he could focus on his treatment.

Fr. Hartley underwent radiation therapy and is now about halfway through a regimen of 12 chemotherapy infusions.

"It's not fun," he acknowledged in a Sept. 17 interview. "But what's nice about it is all the support I've received from the three parishes I'm at.

"The spiritual stuff is just as important as what the doctors are doing," he noted. "Hearing from them and knowing they're praying for me is keeping my spirits up and giving me a lot of relief from things I might otherwise be experiencing if I didn't have those prayers."

His healthcare professionals understand that, too.

"My oncologist is Catholic, so he certainly gets it," said Fr. Hartley.

The priest receives chemotherapy infusions every other week. His two sisters take turns staying with him during his chemo weeks.

His doctors have modified his treatments in order to cut back on the side effects. This has been helpful.

Fr. Hartley is living in Montgomery City but away from his rectory, which needs repairs before he can move back into it.

He offers Mass privately but cannot do so publicly "because I'm just too weak at times," he said. "That's something that I

really miss more than anything else."

He's grateful to the priests who have been celebrating Mass for his parishioners while he's on medical leave.

Staying connected

Fr. Hartley and his sister tested positive for COVID-19 the last week of August, "but I'm through that now," he said.

He is praying for full recovery from cancer and the side effects of the treatment.

"So I can resume my priestly duties as I want to," he said. "I really do miss not having weekly contact with my people."

Current and past parishioners are staying in touch with him. He appreciates that very much.

"It's not the same as being there with them," he noted, "but I do feel connected, such that there isn't such a sense of separation or distance."

He visited Immaculate Conception Church in Montgomery City the weekend of Aug. 14-15. He concelebrated the Mass as his limited strength would allow him, and "talked a little bit" to the people there.

"It was so great just to see people's faces again," he said.

He hopes to make similar visits to the parishioners in Jonesburg and Wellsville sometime soon.

Forever grateful

The time alone has made Fr. Hartley more acutely aware of the spiritual responsibilities that come with a priestly calling.

"As you go through this kind of thing, you realize the depth of your Priesthood means not just being in the public eye all the time but even more in the spiritual relationship you have with your people," he said.

"Those spiritual ties are so important — so that you keep your people in mind and in your heart every day, even though you can't see them," he added.

The fact that they've shown him so much kindness and love during his treatment has deepened that bond.

"I can't even express how grateful I am to everyone for what they've done and what they continue to do for me,"

he said.

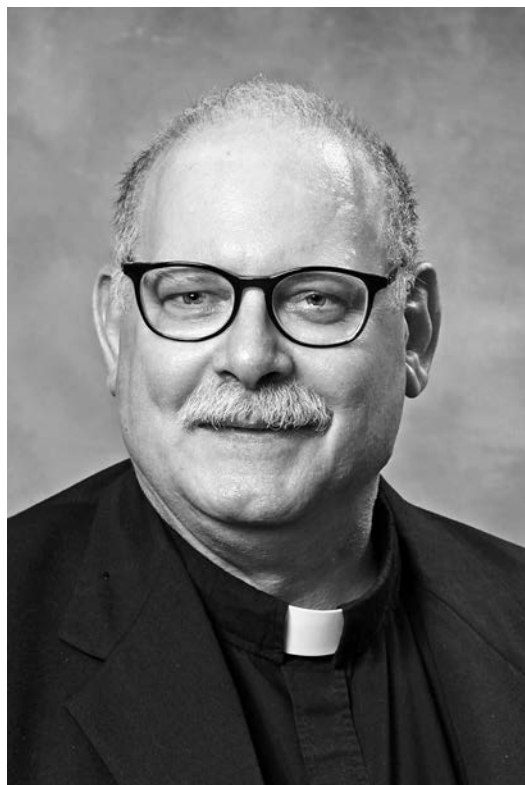
A Boonville native and graduate of Ss. Peter and Paul School there, Fr. Hartley got hit by a car when he was 5 and woke up from a coma on Easter Sunday.

He felt called to Priesthood from that time forward.

At the time of his priestly ordination 40 years ago, he set about "trying to make every place I go a little better" and putting into daily practice the admonition, "O priest, offer this Mass as if it were your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass."

He has ministered in Jefferson City; Rhineland; Tipton; Shelbina and Clarence; Owensville and Belle; Linn; Macon, Bevier, Shelbina and Clarence; Kahoka, St. Patrick and Wayland; Glasgow and Slater; and since July in Montgomery City, Jonesburg and Wellsville.

Last year, while offering the



Father Paul Hartley

first publicly celebrated Mass in St. Mary Church in Slater in seven weeks, he preached to his parishioners: "Let us resolve never to take the Eucharist for granted, but see it as a true gift of Christ Himself, given out of His love for

He looks forward to finishing his treatments, regaining his strength, getting back together with his parishioners and joining them in thanking God "for the rest of my life."

"With all of my heart, may God bless you all!" he said.

us and for our souls.

"We have the responsibility to meet the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ," he also declared. "In this way, the Body of Christ continues to grow as person by person, the faith is shared."

Fr. Hartley often turns to the Blessed Mother for intercession in heaven, followed by his patron saints and many others at the heavenly banquet who have helped him in the past.

"I have all kinds of devotions to many different saints," he said. "I spread it around. If somebody is busy, there will be somebody else on the line."

St. Joseph, protector of Holy Family, is model for 2021 Respect Life Month

Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

As part of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, the Catholic Church in the United States' annual Respect Life Month celebration in October "highlights the example of that great saint" as protector of life, said the chairman of the U.S. bishops' pro-life committee.

"As the faithful protector of both Jesus and Mary," St. Joseph is "a profound reminder of our own call to welcome, safeguard and defend God's precious gift of human life," said Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas.

"Despite the mysterious circumstances surrounding Mary's pregnancy, St. Joseph took her into his home at the word of the angel," and like the saint, "we are also called to care for those God has entrusted to us — especially vulnerable mothers and children," the archbishop said.

The prelate, who is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, made the comments in a Sept. 27 statement.

During October, Respect Life Sunday is observed on the first Sunday of the month, which this year is Oct. 3.

To join in prayer for the intercession of St. Joseph, defender of life, visit [respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph).

Various resources for celebrating Respect for Life Month — including dozens of articles, prayer cards, prayers for life, a toolkit for parish pro-life leaders, homily helps and other resources can be found online at [respectlife.org/respect-life-month](https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month).

As the Holy Family's protector, St. Joseph "guided their journey to Bethlehem, found shelter and welcomed the infant Jesus as his Son," Archbishop Naumann said. "When Herod threatened the life of the Christ Child, St. Joseph left his homeland behind and fled with Jesus and Mary to Egypt."

"We can follow in the footsteps of St. Joseph as protector by advocating against taxpayer-funded abortion, which targets the lives of millions of poor children and their mothers here in the United States," he continued.

"We can imitate his care and provision by helping to start Walking with Moms in Need at our parishes, 'walking in the shoes' of mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy, especially low-income mothers in our communities," he said.

In March 2020, the USCCB's pro-life committee asked all U.S. Catholic bishops to invite the parishes in their dioceses to join a nationwide effort called "Walking With Moms in Need: A

QUESTION CORNER

What about purgatory? / Do priests forget confessions?

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. I'm confused about the Catholic teaching on purgatory, as we never really covered it in our RCIA program. I understand it to be a "stopover" of sorts, for a soul's purification on its way to heaven, but I've also been told different things as to the nature of this purification — anything from a final confession to a burning off of sins to a witnessing of harm the person may have caused while still alive and of which they may have not previously been aware. I've also been told that a person's purgatory time can start in the here and now, while still alive, and even that some of the suffering in this life may be to help others already in purgatory. Finally, I've been told that almost everyone will likely go to purgatory. Can you comment? (southern Indiana)

A. The Catholic Church has always believed in the existence of purgatory. That belief is defined in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which says: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (No. 1030).

It is also reflected in the words of Jesus Himself, Who says in the Gospel of Matthew (12:32), that certain sins "will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come," which serves as an indication that some purging of the soul may need to occur after death.

There are indications from the earliest centuries of the Christian era that this belief was common in the church; some might remember that St. Monica, in the fourth century, asked her son St. Augustine before she died to continue to remember her soul in his Masses.

Even before the advent of Christianity, we read in the Second Book of Maccabees (12:46) that Judas Maccabeus "made atonement for the dead" that they might be freed from sin, which suggests a Jewish practice of offering prayers to cleanse the souls of the departed.

And yes, it has always been the common practice of believers who are still living to offer prayers and sacrifices for the departed. (How many times, when you were little and complained to your mother about something, did she say, "Offer it up for the souls in purgatory?")

As for the exact nature of what that purification after death may be, we just don't know. (And it might even be instantaneous.) And regarding your speculation as to what percentage will wind up in purgatory, we've never been told; but speaking personally, spiritual and moral perfection seem a long way away, so my own guess is that a lot of us will need some remediation.

Q. Do Catholic priests forget what they are told in confession? (City and state withheld)

A. Yes, we do. Part of that is due, I'm sure, to the grace of God; but another reason might be the repetitive nature of most confessions. I always try to remind myself, when I enter the confessional box, to stay alert and to remember that my role is to put the penitent in touch with God.

Rather than have confession become simply a repetition of regular faults (and that is fine), I often try to engage penitents also with regard to their spiritual life by asking them, for example, "Do you try to pray each day?" Normally, within a few minutes of leaving the confessional, I have forgotten nearly all of the sins people have confessed.

Papal Audience September 29, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Letter to the Galatians, we now consider St. Paul's teaching on justification. For the Apostle, God in His mercy, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, has offered definitive forgiveness and salvation to sinners, thus reconciling us to Himself.

Paul's encounter with the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus led him to understand that we are justified not by the observance of precepts and our own efforts, but by the grace of God through faith in Christ.

While the law remains a holy gift of God (cf. Rom. 7:12), and obedience to the commandments is essential to our spiritual life, the grace of God, freely bestowed in Christ, is primary.

The faith born of our experience of God's saving love should transform every aspect of our lives and bear fruit in acts of charity; in this sense, St. James can write that we are "justified by works, not by faith alone" (Jas. 2:24).

In the work of our justification, the priority belongs to the justice and mercy of God, Who calls us to cooperate in His plan of salvation for all.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's audience, especially the groups from Denmark and the United States of America. In a particular way my greeting goes to the seminarians of the Pontifical North American College and their families gathered for the ordination to the Diaconate. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of the Lord. May God bless you!



Men of St. Joseph's Fall Men's Retreat in Laurie

DATE: October 10
TIME: 1:30 pm

Gabe Jones, dynamic founder of the St. Joseph's Challenge in St. Louis, will be the guest speaker at the Men of St. Joseph's Fall Men's Retreat on Saturday, Oct. 16, in Laurie.

It will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in historical old St. Patrick Church at Highway O

and Rockin H Lane in Laurie.

The retreat will include Morning Prayer, a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in Laurie Park, Mr. Jones's presentation, lunch, Stations of the Cross, time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a vigil Mass for Sunday.

The retreat is free to all men. Donations will be gratefully accepted.



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Running to each other in need

By Laura Kelly Fanucci
Catholic News Service



I once heard God's option for the poor and vulnerable explained like this:

Picture a parent who has two children. One gets hurt. The parent turns and runs to help the child crying out in pain. There is no less love for the other child; both are beloved. But instinct and wisdom compel the parent's care and concern toward the

one in greatest need.

When I became a mother myself, I felt this change in my bones: how the cells in my body turned me toward a newborn's wails, a baby's cries, a toddler's tantrums or a child's injuries.

I did not love my other children any ounce less when I focused on the one who needed me most. I would have given my life for any and all of them in a moment's notice.

But I knew — in body, heart and soul — how I had to care for the one who cried out.

As my children grew, a remarkable thing happened. While I comforted one

in my lap, I would watch their siblings learn to come over and join the moment of care. First a toddler's token pat on the baby's back, then an older brother running to the freezer for an ice pack for a younger brother's bruised knee or skinned elbow.

They were learning the option for the poor, too.

Make no mistake; I am raising humans, not angels. In a family of five kids, sibling squabbles erupt all day. Most of the time their apologies and care are parent-prompted, begrudging, even bitter.

But once in a rare blooming moment, I watch a tender shoot of genuine

comfort rise up. An older brother hugging a younger one, whispering comfort through wails.

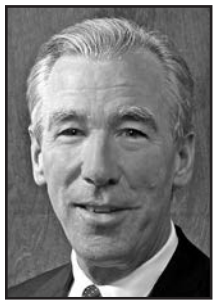
The smallest miracle of compassion. The willingness of the unhurt to suffer with the hurt.

I have seen this wonder flash before my own eyes enough times to know we can do it. We become humans at our best when we care in genuine ways for those who suffer. Beyond mere pity, compassion means a willingness to sit down and draw near to the weeping, the wailing or the wanting.

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Serra club

By John Garvey
Catholic News Service



California's legislature now has it in for St. Junípero Serra, who has long been considered the founding father of the Golden State.

Authorities let an angry mob tear down the Franciscan missionary's statue in Los Angeles. Now they aim to lay at his feet all the offenses of the Spanish Empire and its Anglo successor.

Assembly Bill 338 would repeal a legal requirement for a state monument to America's first Hispanic saint. The bill offers this explanation: "Enslavement of both adults and children, mutilation, genocide, and assault on women were all part of the mission period initiated and overseen by Father Serra."

Note the careful wording. The resolution tries, without actually saying so, to leave the impression that Fr. Serra personally committed these atrocities. In fact, the phrase "part of the mission period" is also intentionally vague. It avoids saying even that the mission system caused these atrocities.

The bill recites that in the 1530s Pope Paul III and the king of Spain inveighed against the massacre and enslavement of native peoples. This was more than two centuries before Fr. Serra came to the New World. These edicts, the bill says, were "ignored."

No doubt they were, at various times and places in the 300-year history of New Spain. But the bill makes no specific claims about St. Junípero's actions, nor about anything done specifically in his time.

Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez and San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone recently wrote in the *Wall Street Journal* on the legislature's implied slander that St. Serra enslaved and massacred natives.

They wrote that "no serious historian

has ever made such outrageous claims about Serra or the mission system, the network of 21 communities that Franciscans established along the California coast to evangelize native people. The lawmakers behind the bill drew their ideas from a single tendentious book," — *A Cross of Thorns*, by the late journalist Elias Castillo, which was published in February 2015. It is the only source of information mentioned in the bill.

Six years ago last week — seven months after the publication of Castillo's book — Pope Francis canonized St. Junípero here at The Catholic University of America. Pope Francis holds little sympathy for the abuse of native peoples or colonial triumphalism.

But he had this to say about Fr. Serra's life: "He learned how to bring to birth and nurture God's life in the faces of everyone he met; he made them his brothers and sisters. Junípero sought to defend the dignity of the native community, to protect it from those who had mistreated and abused it."

This is a far more plausible account of Fr. Serra's life. We know that he was an outspoken advocate for the native peoples of Alta California, that he drafted a bill of rights for them and that he complained loudly about their treatment by Spanish authorities — especially about the treatment of women.

It is true, as historian Kevin Starr wrote in an essay for *America* magazine, that the Franciscan mission system was not a success even by its own standards. By the mid-1830s, 50 years after Fr. Serra's death, the missions had resulted not in the flourishing Latinized native Catholic communities they aspired to create, but in a dwindling native population.

The original populations of California, ground down by European diseases and disruptive changes to their way of life, were ill-prepared for the ethnic cleansing by Anglo-American authorities that was to come still later, in the 1850s.

But for all his failings (and all saints have them), Fr. Serra cannot be con-

demned for events that occurred centuries before his birth, or decades after his death; nor for his failure to prefigure 21st century liberal democracy in 1784.

But nowadays he probably can be unfairly scapegoated by California politicians who resent the Catholic Church's teachings about abortion, suicide, gender,

marriage and a host of other issues that have relatively little to do with the man himself.

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REFLECTION

A fraction of the whole

By Mark Saucier

On Sunday, the first reading was from Numbers. Generally, the purpose of the first reading is to thematically set the table for the Gospel.

In this case, Joshua jealously complains to Moses about two fellows in the desert encampment prophesying. The two had not been with the rest of the seventy when Yahweh anointed them in the spirit.

It's a perfect segue to the reading from Mark in which John goes to Jesus to snitch on "a man who is not one of us," who was working miracles in Jesus' name.

In response to John's indignation, Jesus sanctions the man's healing actions saying, "Anyone who is not against us is for us."

The passage from Numbers performs well as a warmup act. Any attention to it in the preaching is usually on Moses refusing Joshua's request for an order to cease and desist: "If only the whole people of Yahweh were prophets ..."

That's all good, but there is something else that begs reflection.

Verse 11:25 says that Yahweh took "some of the spirit" from Moses and put in on the seventy elders. That stuck in my mental craw.

This was the Moses, saved from an infanticide and raised in the Pharaoh's court?

The Moses who went into a rage seeing an Egyptian overseer beating a slave, then murdered the offender?

The Moses who first refused God's call to free His people from bondage because he was "heavy of tongue" and "Pharaoh will not listen?"

The Moses who was often fed up with the whining of the people of Israel and impatient with the deliverance of God?

Yet this doubting, failing, sometimes selfish prophet had enough spirit to infuse the seventy with faith-nourishing strength and prayer-sustaining energy to go about the work of the Lord.

There is something awe-inspiring but deeply challenging about that. I wonder if my own life, led in easy faith and tentative commitment, will ever be enough to affect the lives of even seven people, much less seventy.

It is not about leading a good life now for some character reward later, or building a solid eulogy resume. It is about doing what Moses did, stepping beyond himself into an authentic and abiding concern for others and for the kingdom that welcomes them.

If only I could live as I am meant to be, act as I profess to be, and love as I want to be, the spirit in me might be infectious as well.

Illustrated book offers glimpse into everyday life, mission of U.S. military chaplains of World War II

Author is dean of academics at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School and retired Military Intelligence Officer

By Jay Nies

Military chaplains stand in the gap with their flock, interceding before commanding officers and the Supreme Commander of the Universe.

Their ministry found full expression during the largest, costliest, deadliest war in history.

"It's absolutely God's work," insisted Tim Scherrer, author of *The Men of the Khaki Cloth: U.S. Army Chaplain and Soldier Gear in World War II*.

"You're dealing with some of the most extreme circumstances that humans can find themselves in," he said. "The people in those circumstances need to make sense of it."

"In many circumstances, there's no sense to be made. You have to go to faith to understand it."

LTC (ret.) Scherrer is Dean of Academics at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia and a retired Military Intelligence Officer, having served 28 years in the Army Reserve.

His richly illustrated offering gives basic information about World War II chaplains — how they were selected, how they were trained, what

they did, what they wore and what they carried with them in ministering to the Americans on the front lines in Europe, North Africa and the South Pacific.

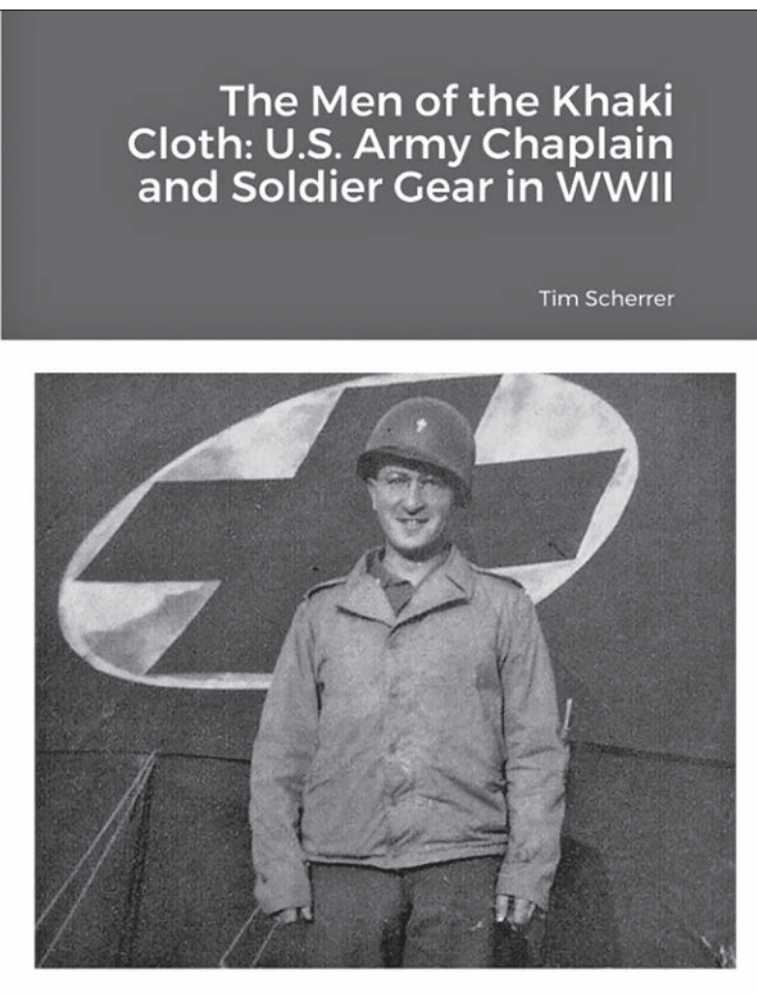
It also includes a chapter on items individual soldiers carried with them, including Bibles and devotional books, some with bullet-proof covers, as well as rosaries and medals.

He explains the role and responsibility of a military chaplain, the qualifications for serving in that role, and his or her place in the organizational structure.

Illustrated and illuminated inventories in the book include such standard equipment as portable desks, field altar sets, uniforms, insignia, vehicles, and wooden crates for shipping hymnals.

Such now-treasured artifacts point to practical aspects of chaplain life and shed light on day-to-day activity.

"There were so few chaplains that it was kind of easy to overlook them," LTC (ret.) Scherrer noted. "And while you have those great stories like the Four Chaplains, there are many more stories of day-to-day guys who were doing their ministry all over the world and dealing the best they could with things they weren't trained to deal with, and requiring significant faith



to understand them."

The author includes a few stories about heroism during the War, but mostly sticks to general information about chaplains' responsibilities and the things they needed to carry those out.

"It's more of a functional book on how chaplains operated versus tremendous acts of faith or heroism or serving their flocks," LTC (ret.) Scherrer noted. "But in the end, the 'how' is usually interweaved with the 'what' with chaplains."

Many roles

World War II drew the largest number of priests, ministers and rabbis into a military war effort in U.S. history.

Nearly 8,900 Christian ministers and a handful of Jewish rabbis were serving in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps by the official end of hostilities in 1945.

Among those serving in World War II and later in Korea was Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun, whose recently identified remains were laid to rest in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in

Wichita, Kansas.

Then as now, military chaplains walk a fine line between serving God and their country.

"They have a very specific job inside their units because they are advisors to the unit commander," LTC (ret.) Scherrer noted. "But they're also the spiritual leader as well as the counselor to those in their unit."

He said the chaplain is not part of the official chain of command but nonetheless has the ear of the commander.

"The chaplain has the role of the chief morale officer of the unit and should be giving feedback to the commander about the status within the unit and what's going on inside the unit," the author stated.

As is the case today, most World War II chaplains undertook the same training and wore the same uniforms as fellow commissioned officers serving in their branch of the military.

Nonetheless, "most of them were and still are more concerned about their flocks than being 100-percent G.I.," said LTC (ret.) Scherrer.

He said a military chaplain's

relationship to his unit was much like that of a chaplain to a modern-day police or fire brigade.

"Think of Father Mychal Judge, the chaplain to the New York Fire Department, who died while ministering," he said. "He was revered among those he served."

Cross training

LTC (ret.) Scherrer's book sets the stage with a few human-interest stories, including the inspirational Four Chaplains, who ministered and eventually gave up their own lives during the sinking of the SS Dorchester in 1943, and a Catholic priest from Iowa who also served as a paratrooper.

That intrepid priest illustrates a chaplain's unique position, said LTC (ret.) Scherrer.

"You have to be good at your chaplain role and also whatever military job you have," LTC (ret.) Scherrer stated. "You have to be able to survive in those situations, except that you're unarmed."

"Chaplains were given first-aid training," he said, "which is generally where they ended up, around the sick and wounded when things got going hot and heavy."

They ministered to their own and to all others when called upon.

"There's no friend or enemy inside their ministry," LTC (ret.) Scherrer pointed out. "There's just people that are on their side and people who may want to hurt them."

A rare find

LTC (ret.) Scherrer enjoys collecting, restoring and writing about historical military artifacts.

He once met a woman on an Honor Flight who later called him in search of a good home for her late father's belongings from World War II.

As it turns out, he was a Protestant chaplain. LTC (ret.) Scherrer received a set of chaplain uniforms and a wooden case containing a Protestant field altar set.

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Shelbina, Clarence K of C council celebrates centennial

By Pat Greenwell

Knights of Columbus Council 2241 of St. Mary Parish in Shelbina and St. Patrick Parish in Clarence celebrated its 100th anniversary on Aug. 12.

The Knights celebrated with a dinner and dance in the Father Buhman Center at St. Mary's Parish. Twenty-eight members attended, along with their wives and family members.

The council was formed on Feb. 27, 1921, with members of St. Mary Parish in Shelbina and the now-closed St. Rose of Lima Parish in Lakenan.

There were 67 members listed as charter members for the council.

Today, the council has over 111 members from St. Mary and St. Patrick parishes.

The council has always been active in helping with parish activities throughout the year.

Members have also been



Members of Knights of Columbus Council 2241 attending the council's 100th anniversary celebration Aug. 12 gather for a group photo.

very active in their local communities over the past 100 years.

At the celebration, Grand Knight Rex Weatherford gave an overview of what the local Knights have been doing the past few years.

The council serves meals at the Fr. Buhman Center and holds an annual toy show to

fund many projects.

The council holds fish fries to fund the council scholarship project, and holds an annual fundraiser to support its pro-life activities during the year.

The Knights also work to raise money for other particular needs throughout the year.

Proceeds from the centennial celebration will help offset the cost for young people and adults from the Shelbina and Clarence parishes

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Prayers, testimony mark the start of Columbia 40 Days for Life campaign

By Jay Nies

“Get a life!” a motorist yelled out the window of a passing vehicle.

“That’s exactly what we’re here for — life,” murmured Judy Bax, one of about 50 people who were gathered on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood’s former abortion clinic in Columbia.

A candlelight vigil at dusk capped off the opening rally for Columbia 40 Days for Life’s Fall 2021 campaign, which continues through Sunday, Oct. 31.

The theme is: “The God of peace will quickly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you,” (Romans 16:20).

This twice-yearly, nationally observed period of prayer and fasting includes peaceful vigils from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 711 N. Providence Road.

Abortions are no longer performed at the Columbia location, but women seeking abortions are still given referrals there.

“So there’s still more praying to do,” said Kathy Forck, co-coordinator for Columbia 40 Days for Life.

“I know all of us wanted to see to it that abortion would end in our city, and God did



TOP: Participants in a Sept. 21 kick-off rally for the Columbia 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign gather on the stage of Flanagan Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Columbia. **BOTTOM:** People gather for a candlelight vigil on the sidewalk outside the Columbia Planned Parenthood after the rally. — Photos by Jay Nies

that,” she said. “But praise be to God — you are committed enough to realize that just because abortions have stopped here, that doesn’t mean our job is over.

“God is still calling us to be faithful as He is successful, to trust in Him to finish this important work,” she said.

Some who pray on the sidewalk hold 40 Days for Life signs that tell women, “We will help you” and “Ask me about a free ultrasound.”

But the key role for the sidewalk prayer warriors is simply to pray while trained sidewalk counselors offer alternatives to women who may be seeking abortions.

Healing and freedom

“Our silence is the enemy’s greatest tool.”

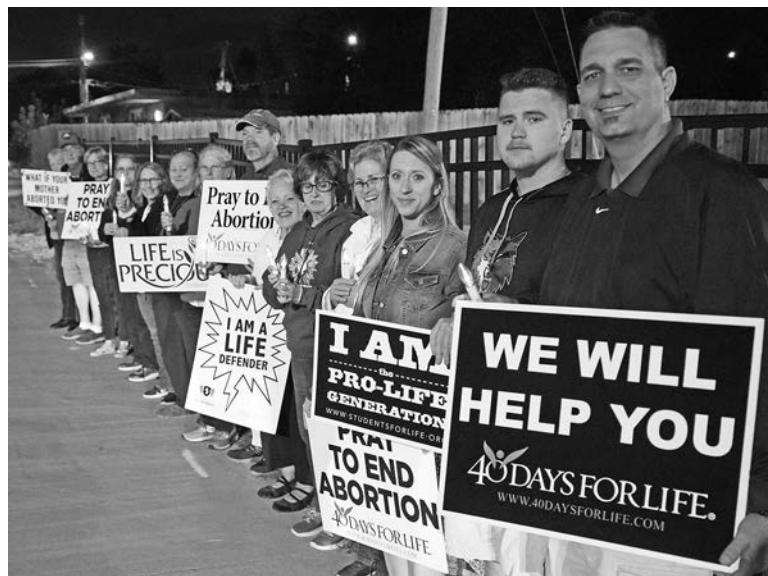
Adriana Camp spoke openly to the rally’s participants about her “costliest decision of my life.”

It’s a story she’s shared on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court Building and at gatherings large and small.

She was 17 and pregnant. People she cared about convinced her to have an abortion. She immediately regretted it

but kept her tears to herself for 22 years.

Once while reading Scrip-



ture in early 2019, she paused on St. John the Baptist’s words about Jesus in John 3:30 — “He must increase; I must decrease.”

She was struck by what she read and silently prayed, “God, I want to decrease and have You increase.”

A few days later, a friend invited her to the Midwest March for Life in Jefferson City.

Mrs. Camp recoiled at first, but when the day arrived, she felt driven to attend the March, even though she had to go alone.

“I couldn’t image that they’d want someone like me in their march,” she declared.

While she was driving to the event, her eyes filled with tears and her heart with sadness.

Speakers that day gave testimony on the steps of the Capitol. A woman from an organization called “Surrender the

Secret” told of her own abortion, and how she had suffered from years of deep remorse

March for Life, through which she carried a sign, “I Regret My Abortion.”

“Healed women will tell her stories,” Mrs. Camp proclaimed to the people at the 40 Days for Life rally. “Their voices will potentially lead young women considering an abortion to make a better choice.”

“Healed women will be finally able to mourn the baby, which will by default give that baby personhood,” she stated. “Our babies will be more than just a mistake we want to forget.

“Simply put, we cannot let our pride and fear of being judged keep us from allowing God to use our broken places to help others,” she said.

“We must be willing to heal, because people need to see the wounds that have been healed in our lives, because they’re bleeding and they want to know that healing is possible.”

Loving support

Also speaking at the rally was Polly Manring, a registered nurse and certified doula, who accompanies women through pregnancy, labor, childbirth and sometimes the days after birth.

She found out how important this work is when she helped a relative whose significant other abandoned her during the third trimester of pregnancy.

“Pregnancy and birth are very memorable,” Mrs. Manring observed. “But especially for those who are alone or in a compromised support system, it can be very scary and very overwhelming.”

Mrs. Manring has worked with a few clients at Faith Maternity Care in Fulton, which is a shelter for women who have chosen life for their preborn babies, despite having an unsafe home life.

“My vision is to be able to offer hope to women in difficult situations, whether they are pregnant in their teens or are a woman whose significant other has walked out on them,

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

en together just as Mrs. Camp was preparing to leave.

Since then, Mrs. Camp has embraced God’s grace and healing and committed herself to sharing her story.

Her husband and adult sons and daughter joined her at the following year’s Midwest



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There is no better model of Priesthood than Father Kapaun, Kansas bishop says

By Christopher Riggs
Catholic News Service

Pilsen, Kansas

God put the desire to be a priest in Father Emil J. Kapaun's heart at an early age, Bishop Carl A. Kemme of Wichita, Kansas, said during a homily Sept. 26 in Pilsen, the hometown of the war-hero priest and sainthood candidate.

"That thought was no doubt supported and encouraged by his parents, his pastor and the religious sisters responsible for his education," Bishop Kemme said. "It seems no one was surprised by this desire."

Fr. Kapaun was ordained June 9, 1940 — "a happy day for the Kapaun family and for his parish in Pilsen," Bishop Kemme said.

Speaking to a packed St. John Nepomucene Church on a beautiful fall day, Bishop Kemme described Fr. Kapaun's life as being like the many facets of a brilliant diamond.

"One could rightly recall, especially here, Emil's early years, his relationship with his parents, his dedication to hard work, even his simple way of life," he said. "Here young Emil Kapaun grew into the man God needed him to be, a man of virtue and values, hard work and determination."

Reminding the faithful that the day also was Priesthood Sunday, the bishop said that on ordination day no priest knows how God will use him for his divine purposes.

"Young Fr. Kapaun was no different. But like all of us, he laid down his life and surrendered his will to the will of the Church, as best expressed in the office of his bishop," Bishop Kemme said.

After beginning his priestly service at St. John Nepomucene, he said, Fr. Kapaun soon felt the call to serve Christ's sheep in the armed forces.

"From there, of course, we know the rest so very well. But it was his Priesthood that was the foundation of his service to the soldiers he supported," the bishop said. "He was Chaplain Fr. Kapaun and as a priest, he became a spiritual father to those men in a way that changed their lives."

Servant of God

Fr. Kapaun was a U.S. Army chaplain in World War II and the Korean War and held the rank of captain. He is remembered for his selfless and courageous service attending to soldiers on the front lines of battle and, after he was captured in 1950, caring for and bolstering the morale of his fellow prisoners of war in a North Korean prison.

He, too, endured a brutal captivity and died in the POW camp May 23, 1951.

His sainthood cause was formally opened in 1993, giving him the title "Servant of God." His case is being reviewed by the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes in Rome.

Seventy years after his death, a U.S. government forensics team in Hawaii — the U.S. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency — announced March 4 that it had identified his remains among those of unidentified soldiers long interred in Hawaii at the Punchbowl's National Cemetery of the Pacific.

On Sept. 23, Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva celebrated an evening Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace honoring Fr. Kapaun. The occasion was the transfer of the priest's remains from Hawaii to his home Diocese of Wichita, where a tomb has been prepared for him in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Kemme was among those who were in Hawaii for the Mass and to accompany the remains back to Kansas Sept. 24. He was joined by Scott Carter, coordinator of the Fr. Kapaun Guild; Father David Lies, vicar general of the diocese; Ray Kapaun, Fr. Kapaun's nephew; and the priest's niece, U.S. Air Force Maj. Kristina Roberts.

Bishop McKnight attends

In Kansas, a Sept. 28 vigil was planned for Fr. Kapaun at Hartman Arena in Wichita. His funeral Mass was to be celebrated at the arena Sept. 29.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, a native of the Wichita



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, second from left, prays the Office of the Dead with the priests of the Diocese of Wichita. Before them is the flag-draped coffin of Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun on Sept. 28 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

— Photo from the *Catholic Advance*, Diocese of Wichita

diocese who served as a priest of that diocese from his ordination in 1994 until his installation in Jefferson City in 2018, was among the concelebrants.

"As a student of Catholic schools in Wichita, I learned about the heroic deeds of Fr. Kapaun that were done in service to his country and Catholic faith," Bishop McKnight stated.

While in formation as a seminarian, Bishop McKnight learned more about the spirituality of a man who, as a priest, literally gave his life for others.

"Fr. Kapaun is a role model for all of us who profess the Christian faith, not just priests," Bishop McKnight stated. "I am honored to participate in the historic Funeral rites for Fr. Kapaun and pray that his example will inspire all priests throughout the world."

Also attending was Father Derek Hooper, a Kansas native and associate pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Boonville, and St. Joseph Parish in Pilot Grove.

Fr. Hooper has held a strong devotion to Fr. Kapaun since his own time of serving in the Army.

"The life of Fr. Emil Kapaun is one that we can all look to for comfort and encouragement," said Fr. Hooper. "I know his intercessory prayer has gotten me to where I am. I pray that I can be a fraction of the shepherd that he was."

Father Daniel Vacca, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in

Camdenton, is a priest of the Wichita diocese. A framed picture of Fr. Kapaun in his military uniform hangs on his office wall.

"Many servicemen who knew Fr. Kapaun have given testimony for his cause to sainthood," Fr. Vacca noted. "Several miracles attributed to

his intercession are being investigated as part of the process of seeking his beatification. His example is one of selfless service to our military during the conflict in Korea and in the difficult circumstances in the prison camp."

More ties to this diocese

The late Bishop Christian Winkelmann of Wichita, who ordained Fr. Kapaun to the Holy Priesthood in 1940, previously served as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Rich Fountain in what is now part of the Jefferson City diocese.

Fr. Kapaun graduated from the largest ordination class in the history of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

Among Fr. Kapaun's classmates at Kenrick were the late Father Joseph B. Boland, who served for many years as a priest of this diocese, and

See FR. KAPAUN, page 16

Vigils in J.C. to oppose Oct. 5 state execution

The State of Missouri plans to execute Ernest Johnson at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, in the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Bonne Terre.

Catholic teaching strongly opposes the use of the death penalty because it disregards the sanctity and dignity of human life.

Several observances to give witness against the execution and in favor of reconciliation and alternatives to the death penalty will be held in Jefferson City on Oct. 5.

•A respectful protest will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the corridor outside the Governor's Office (Room 216) in the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City.

•A prayer service against violence will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the downstairs chapel of St. Peter Church, 216 Broadway Street in Jefferson City.

•A peaceful, silent vigil opposing the execution will be

held from 5-6 p.m. on the sidewalk across from the Missouri Supreme Court Building, 207 W. High Street in Jefferson City.

The public is invited to take part in any and all of these observances.

Pope Francis noted in his 2015 address to the U.S. Congress that he has been advocating for an end to the death penalty worldwide.

"I am convinced that this way is the best, since every life is sacred, every human person is endowed with an inalienable dignity, and society can only benefit from the rehabilitation of those convicted of crimes," he said.

Pope St. John Paul II, while offering Mass in St. Louis in 1999, called for a consensus to end the death penalty, declaring it to be "both cruel and unnecessary."

For more information about the vigils, call (573) 301-3529.

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year’s theme for the 2022 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) is taken from St. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians, where he talks about Christian charity as an expression of the unity of the Church: “...for God loves a cheerful giver.”

I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the 2022 Catholic Stewardship Appeal through a generous sacrificial gift. Thank you for your past support, and please pray for a successful 2022 appeal.

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It will be prayerful, **if I pray.**

It will make generous gifts to many causes,

if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship,

if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy,

if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.

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FR. KAPAUN

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Monsignor Jerome Sommer PA, a fellow military chaplain and priest of this diocese who until his death in 2012 was Fr. Kapaun's last living classmate.

Msgr. Sommer, who also became an Army chaplain about a year after Fr. Kapaun entered the service, did not find out about Fr. Kapaun's death until shortly after the fighting ceased in 1953.

"Some of his fellow prisoners wrote about him and how

heroic he was over there," said Msgr. Sommer in an interview in July 2008. "They attributed their very lives to his influence, that he kept up the morale of them. A higher percentage of the POWs in that particular camp survived than in other places where our American soldiers were held captive. And those survivors attribute their survival in great part to him."

Sometime around 1954, Msgr. Sommer read an article

about Fr. Kapaun in the *Saturday Evening Post*. It included testimony by men who credited him with helping to keep them alive.

"I thought, 'This is my classmate! He's a hero!'" said Msgr. Sommer.

"A worthy model"

After the Sept. 29 Funeral Mass in Wichita, Fr. Kapaun's remains were to be driven to a site near the Veterans' Memorial Park and his casket placed on a horse-drawn military caisson to process to the cathedral.

Members of the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas, planned to carry his casket into the cathedral following a 21-gun salute and "Taps."

In Pilsen, Bishop Kemme said in his homily that more priests like Fr. Kapaun are needed.

"Priests who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and work diligently for the needs of the people entrusted to their care," he said. "We need priests to live moral and virtuous lives that are clearly evident, to put the needs of the flock of Christ before their own."

Bishop Kemme said he has been inspired by Fr. Kapaun.

"One of the emotions I felt



Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun offers Mass on the hood of an Army jeep while serving as a chaplain during the Korean War in this photo from the Fr. Kapaun Guild.

so strongly — and still do as I was so honored to view the remains of this humble and holy priest while in Hawaii — is that I need to step up my game when it comes to my own living of the priestly life," he said.

Bishop Kemme closed his homily by asking for Fr. Kapaun's intercession to inspire more young men to consider a call to the Priesthood.

"May they see Fr. Kapaun as a worthy model of the Priesthood, for in my humble judgment they can find none better."

More information about Fr. Kapaun's life, ministry and sainthood cause can be found at frkapaun.org.

Mr. Riggs is editor of *The Catholic Advance*, newspaper of the Diocese of Wichita.

At bicentennial, pope urges Mexicans to focus on present, future

By David Agren

Catholic News Service

Pope Francis called on Mexicans to focus on the present and look to the future rather than dwelling on the past as the country celebrates the bicentennial of its independence.

In a letter to Archbishop Rogelio Cabrera López of Monterrey, president of the Mexican bishops' conference, the pope said: "The anniversary you are celebrating invites not only looking to the past to strengthen your roots, but to also continue living in the present and building a future with hope and joy, reaffirming the values that have been constructed and identify you as people ... such as independence, unity and religion."

"Strengthening roots," the pope said, involved reevaluating the past.

But he urged Mexicans to look at the scandalously violent present, in which drug cartels and organized crime — full of people practicing popular piety and considering themselves proper Catholics — wage wars for territory, kill and disappear innocent Mexicans and force thousands to flee their homes.

"Actions in more recent times cannot be ignored, actions committed against the Christian religious sentiment of the grand part of the Mexican people, provoking deep suffering," Pope Francis wrote.

"But we cannot evoke the pains of the past to stay there, rather to learn from them ... with a view toward healing wounds, cultivating an open and respectful dialogue among our differences, and building the long-awaited fraternity, prioritizing the common good over above vested interests, tensions and conflicts."

Mexico declared independence from Spain Sept. 16, 1810, in a movement started by Father Miguel Hidalgo Costilla. Independence was fully achieved Sept. 27, 1821, after a decade of conflict.

The roles of Father Hidalgo Costilla and another independence hero, Father José María Morelos — national heroes, whose images adorn banknotes and names grace streets and towns across Mexico — are complicated for the Catholic Church as it was commonly believed the churchmen were excommunicated. A 2007 report by Father Gustavo Watson, a historian, found both men died as Catholic priests.

Father Hidalgo Costilla rallied people behind images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the national patroness, Pope Francis wrote.

"María of Guadalupe, the Virgin Morenita, addressing in a particular way to the smallest and neediest, favored brotherhood and freedom, reconciliation and inculturation of the Christian message, not only in Mexico but in all the Americas," he wrote. "May she continue to be for all of you the sure guide that leads you to communion and to full life in her Son."

40 DAYS

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or who are maybe in a violent situation," she said.

"Being pro-life is not just about babies," she noted. "It's also about these women carrying the baby, and how they can be supported, as well."

In God's hands

Praying a blessing over everyone present at the rally, Father Christopher Cordes, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, thanked God for their commitment to witnessing to the value and sacredness of human life.

"We ask You to continue to bless their efforts, to bless their faith, to bless all that they do," he prayed.

Out on the sidewalk, Father Dylan Schrader, pastor of St. Brendan Parish in Mexico, asked God to give strength and wisdom to all who participate in 40 Days for Life.

"Give us the grace to trust in Your power," he prayed. "Make us rely on You alone, the God through Whom all things were made, and give us a passion for the gift of life with which You have endowed us, and the Gospel of Life which is the foundation of our being."

Death and rising

Mrs. Camp said the end goal for all pro-life efforts "is to one day be able to live in a country and a world where abortion is unthinkable."

Echoing the words of Shawn Carney, founder of the international 40 Days for Life movement, she predicted that when abortion finally does come to an end, it will be because God made it so.

She called her own story of healing "a testimony of mercy and grace, the grace of God, and how He alone can take something horrible, something that brought shame and pain, and make it into something that can be used for His glory."

The Closing Rally for 40 Days for Life will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 in Veit Hall of St. Andrew Church, 400 St. Andrews Drive in Holts Summit.

All who participated on the prayer vigils, from the sidewalk or from home, are invited.

For information or to sign up for an hour to pray outside Planned Parenthood, visit:

40daysforlife.com/columbiamo

JOYFUL

From page 1

The theme for this year's CSA is 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 — "Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the CSA is not just about giving to a need. It's a concrete expression of discipleship and solidarity with the whole Church.

"Other people's sacrifices, offered in love, have allowed the Good News to be preached and taught to us and those who went before us," Bishop McKnight noted. "We are people of gratitude and will only reach the fullness of our God-given potential when we put our thanks into action."

"Friendly and informative"

St. Stephen parish and neighboring Holy Rosary Parish in Monroe City share many resources, including their pastor, Father Greg Oligschlaeger.

"The community of the Church is a great model of how we can get along in the world," said Fr. Oligschlaeger. "Jesus told us that!"

Mrs. Lemongelli had a lot to learn when she assumed her current role at St. Stephen last year.

But she wasn't on her own.

"I've reached out to many different offices at the diocese with questions — finance, communications, chancellor, just to name a few," she said. "They have always responded to me in a timely manner and have been both friendly and informative."

Deacon Mike Long assists Fr. Oligschlaeger in ministering to the people of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen parishes.

He and the other 72 active deacons and others who are retired receive ongoing support and formation from the diocesan Deaconate Office.

"Having the Diaconate Office available in matters of protocol and continuing formation has been invaluable to me in furthering personal spiritual growth and also in my ability to serve the parishes of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen as well as our entire community," said

Deacon Long.

He noted that while serving as director of religious education (DRE) for the parishes, he drew extensively on resources from the offices of Youth Ministry and Religious Education.

"It allowed me to better facilitate the continuing faith formation for our youth and adults," he said.

Donna Long, director of faith formation for St. Stephen and Holy Rosary parishes, finds the resources she receives from the Chancery invaluable for her work.

"First and foremost are our wonderful websites," she stated. "The websites for Holy Rosary and St. Stephen are so full of information and future potential to keep people connected to our parishes' community."

The websites keep people connected not only to their parishes but also the diocese through a regular stream of new content.

The Communications Office also offers weekly webinars on the effective use and editing of parish websites.

"This makes my job as the parishes' website administrator easier," said Mrs. Long.

She added that the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry keeps the parishes apprised of the latest opportunities for young parishioners to learn and put their faith into practice.

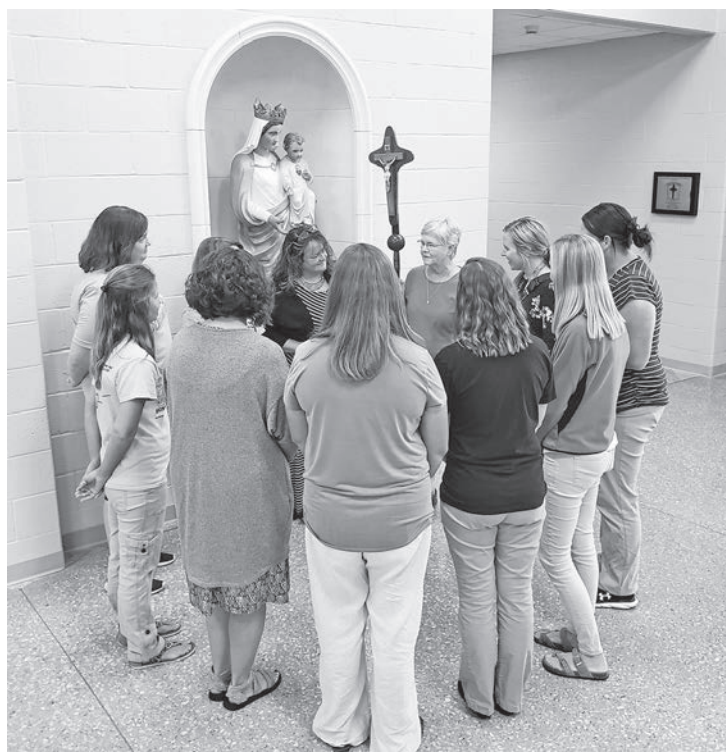
"Their support in our youth activities has been greatly appreciated," she said.

She's looking forward to attending the Youth Ministry office's upcoming fall workshop.

Likewise, Mrs. Long has found the Office of Child and Youth Protection to be extremely helpful in making parents and volunteers aware of the signs of abuse of children and young people, and of appropriate, effective responses to it.

"I have had the opportunity to work with several offices at the Chancery and find the dedication the staff has to the diocesan ministries inspiring for our parish ministries," she said.

"There is a great deal that we enjoy in our parish ministries that we could not do without the support of the diocesan ministries in the Chancery," she added.



The faculty of Holy Rosary School in Monroe City gathers for prayer in the common area of the school on Sept. 28.

Numerous benefits

Dominican Sister Suzanne Walker went to Holy Rosary School in Monroe City before entering religious life, becoming an educator and eventually returning to her hometown to teach.

Now having served as principal for 37 years, she still looks to the diocesan School Office for information and assistance.

"The School Office supports our school by providing guidance for the principal as well as programs for teachers," she stated.

Sr. Suzanne said many individuals have grown and continue to grow in faith with the help of the many programs that are funded from yearly contributions made to the CSA.

"We may sometimes think that the programs of our parishes run independently in our own parish circles, but actually our local programs are supported a great deal from the guidance that is received from the diocesan offices," she said.

She talked about how the Faith Formation office coordinates and supports the Cursillo Movement, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Engaged Encounter, Marriage Encounter and other programs of adult faith formation.

"The Office of Youth Ministry has been very helpful in guiding our parishes to partici-

pate in *Totus Tuus*, PSR programs and other youth activities," she said.

She said the Office of Buildings and Properties is always available for consultation with building plans or building improvement projects.

"When we receive information requesting our contribution to CSA, let us realize the

benefits that are available because of our offering," Sr. Suzanne stated. "Our offering is our way of following the words of Jesus when He said, 'Go and teach all nations!'"

"Great resources"

As pastor, Fr. Oligschlaeger is in frequent contact with the Matrimonial Tribunal for information about processing requests for annulments and properly administering the Sacrament of Marriage in his parish.

He appreciates the guidance parishes are receiving from the Office of Faith Formation for preparing engaged couples for marriage.

"It's nice to have that resource, to be able to call and clarify and get answers to questions a parishioner may have," he said.

As dean of the Central Deanery, he's excited about helping the diocese carry-out its ongoing ministry to priests.

He's grateful to Bernadette Adams, vice chancellor, for helping clarify the territorial boundaries of parishes within the Central Deanery.

"She was a great resource for that," he said.

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Catholic Charities welcomes first Afghan refugee to Mid-Missouri

Jefferson City

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) welcomed the first refugee from Afghanistan to Columbia Sept. 26, and the community joined with hearts wide open.

Adel Khaffaji, of the Islamic Center of Central Missouri, delivered a warm meal, and the Catholic Charities Refugee Services team, including newly hired Pashto-speaking staff, were at the Columbia airport to greet the new arrival.

Refugees' initial and ongoing needs are many: food, clothing, shelter, employment, English language training, and orientation to a new community and culture.

Catholic Charities offers a comprehensive array of services designed to meet the complex needs of refugee clients.

"We are thrilled to be a small part of the national effort to welcome refugees from Afghanistan to their new homes," said Dan Lester, CCCNMO executive director. "This life-

saving work is a continuation of the refugee resettlement that we have been blessed to facilitate for more than 40 years in mid-Missouri, and we are eager to welcome more Afghan neighbors to join the more than 4,000 refugees from around the world that we have resettled."

As the only designated local resettlement agency in Columbia and Mid-Missouri, Catholic Charities Refugee Services

From left, Frishta Aslami, Catholic Charities Afghan Program Coordinator, Samantha Moog, Catholic Charities Director of Refugee Services, and Ismat Kaakar, Catholic Charities Afghan Program Coordinator, welcome Fazel at the Columbia airport Sept. 26.



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SYNOD OF BISHOPS

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Vatican in preparation for the Synod.

Mrs. Osman is convinced the synodal process will be about much more than holding meetings and taking minutes.

“The Holy Father is challenging us to think about this Synodal Path as a way of *being* Church,” she said.

It’s less about the final product and “more about the experience of coming together and listening to one another,” said Mrs. Osman.

It will be hard but holy work, she said.

What God wants

All are invited to the opening Mass for the diocesan phase of the synod at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

In addition, a Holy Hour will be prayed for the synod’s success at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, in the Cathedral.

In reading the preparatory documents for the diocesan phase of the synod, Mrs. Osman has noted frequent use of the words “communion,” “participation” and “mission.”

“The *vademecum*, or official handbook for the diocesan phase, states, ‘Authentic discernment is made possible where there is time for deep reflection and a spirit of mutual trust, common faith and a shared purpose,’” she noted.

“What I think that means is that we are ‘better together,’” she said. “We need to recognize our common mission, God’s desire for us to be in communion with one another, and that this will only happen if we have full participation.”

Mrs. Osman sees distinct parallels between what the synod documents envision for the diocesan phase and what this diocese has already been working on through the past three years of pastoral planning.

“I see that as strong affirmation for what we’ve been doing and are still doing as we discern together as a community, in keeping with Church teaching,” she said.

Mrs. Osman said one of the objectives of the diocesan phase of the synod process is to recognize significant gaps or shortcomings in how the Church ministers to people.

“That presents us with the



challenge of trying to hear from people who are nominally Catholic, those who don’t always come to Mass, or maybe those who do come every week but feel invisible or unheard,” she said.

“And those who have been hurt by the Church or maybe don’t see themselves as connected in any way to the Church,” she added.

More to come

Other members of the diocesan pre-synodal commission include: Deacon Enrique

Castro, executive director of the diocesan Faith Formation Department; Father Jason T. Doke STL, moderator of the curia; LeAnn Korsmeyer, diocesan director of Parish and Charitable Services; Benjamin Roodhouse JD JCL, diocesan director of Canonical Services; and Sister Kathleen Wegman SSND, the bishop’s delegate for religious.

Over the next few months, the diocesan commission will be gathering information and insight for the synod.

The commission will prepare a report to send to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops next spring.

The U.S. bishops will review the reports from all U.S. dioceses, which will prepare them to take part in the 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome.

The synod’s organizers hope the outcome will go well beyond any official proclamations.

“Yes, there will be a final document,” Mrs. Osman stated, “but Pope Francis has also spoken repeatedly of a ‘dynamic outcome’ of the synodal process.

“He is asking us to recommit ourselves to our faith, which can be described as a group of people journeying together,” she said.

“And to ‘journey together,’ we have to let the Spirit educate and guide us, to have the courage and freedom of heart to continue our conversion,” she said.

Search “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission” online to read one of the main preparatory documents for the 2023 Synod of Bishops.

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Fr. Oligschlaeger noted that LeAnn Korsmeyer, diocesan director of parish and charitable services, has been a terrific resource in helping the parishes discern and figure out how to implement their parish pastoral plans.

“She’s a good resource to get the documents that are needed and keep the ongoing renewal of our parish pastoral plan on track,” he said.

“Not just the pastor”

Fr. Oligschlaeger said his parishioners are becoming more familiar with the idea of co-responsibility — taking ownership of their parishes, seeing what needs

to be done and working with the pastor to do it.

“And they understand especially after COVID that reaching out to fellow parishioners is es-

sential, as far as renewing their ties and becoming active in our parish again,” he said. “They know that that must come from the laity, not just the pastor.”

He said the main objective of collaborating with other parishes and the Chancery is to make sure pastors and the faithful get what they need in order to put their God-given gifts to the best use in building up the kingdom of God.

“It’s about revealing the presence of Christ where we are and doing what we can to bring the

love of Christ to each situation and trust that it will expand throughout our community, our nation and our world,” he said.

“If we do

that, local Catholics will have a ripple effect of spreading Christian unity to mend our world that is so divided,” he stated.



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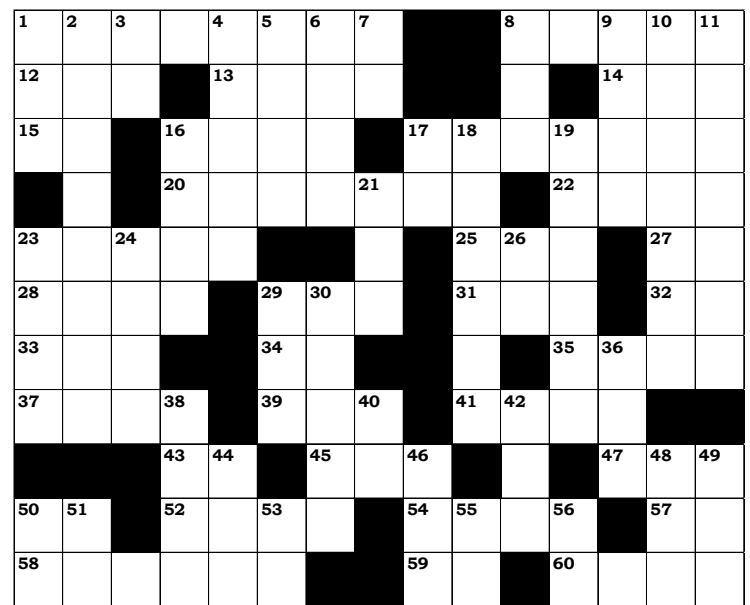
1. Missouri has many "official" foods, animals, etc. Since 1923, Mo.'s official flower is the white ____ blossom; 73 different types grow in Mo., esp. in the Ozarks.
8. Ulysses S. Grant and Mark Twain were both heavy ____ smokers, over 20 a day for each.
12. Nickname for our 16th Pres.
13. Sandwich cookie.
14. According to the jingle, "____ is the place with the helpful hardware man."
15. Abbr. before a man's name.
16. Mo.'s state animal is famously the Missouri ____, hybrid offspring of a mare (female horse) and jack (male donkey). After intro to Mo. in the 1820s, it became popular because of its hardy nature. These sturdy (and stubborn) animals pulled pioneers West during the 1800s & were crucial to moving troops & supplies in WW I and even WW II, where trucks couldn't go. For decades, the Show Me State was the nation's premier producer of this work-horse animal.
17. Mo.'s State invertebrate since 2007 is the crayfish (crawdad); more than 30 ____ in Mo. (incl. 7 not found anywhere else in the world); an important food source for Mo. fish; found in every county in the state; was nominated by an elem. school in Reed Springs, Mo.
20. "____ can criticize, complain, and condemn — and most due. But it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving." —*How to Win Friends & Influence People*, Dale Carnegie (2 wds.).
22. Sgt. Snorkel's dog.
23. He can never seem to get past the 13th hole without ending up in ____ trap (2 wds.).

25. 4-wheeler.
27. "Man is the only animal that blushes. ____ needs to," —*Mark Twain: Wit & Wisecracks*, Peter Pauper Press.
28. In 2007, the 4th grade at Truman Elementary in Rolla nominated the Big Bluestem to be Mo.'s official grass; grows throughout Mo.; comprised the tall grass prairies which so impressed early explorers by growing tall enough to ____ a person on horseback. Name comes from the bluish-green color of the leaves & stems that turn an attractive reddish-copper color in the fall.
29. Fish eggs.
31. Average grade.
32. Companion to #55 DOWN.
33. ____ Maria, gratia plena...
34. Comparison suffix.
35. ____ Saint Laurent; famous fashion designer.
37. Harry's wife.
39. Letters after a dentist's name.
41. "...and the ____ ran away with the spoon," —from "Hey Diddle, Diddle"; Mother Goose nursery rhyme.
43. Bone.
45. Make a mistake.
47. "What is the trouble with us? The unlearned rise up and take heaven by storm, and we, with all our erudition but empty of heart, ____ how we wallow in flesh and blood!" —*Confessions*, bk. 8, St. Augustine.
50. 34th book of the Bible; short for the one thrown into the lions' den (abbr.).
52. Breaker of the 8th commandment.
54. Mo.'s official ____ dance is the square dance; based on courtship dances brought by immigrants; characterized by lively music and callers.
57. Winnebago, for ex.
58. Mo. even has an official exercise: jumping jacks. Invented by Mo.-born Army Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing as a training drill for ____ when he taught at West Point in the late 1800s. Nomination came from students at Pershing Elem. in St. Joseph, Mo.
59. In addition to Exodus, this 5th book of the Bible also contains the 10 command-

- ments (abbr.).
60. In 2008, Mo. finally designated as the state dessert the ice cream _____. The 1904 St. Louis World's Fair was the birthplace of the treat. UMC has played a large role in the development of ice cream products for over a century. Mo. ranks 10th in ice cream production.

DOWN

1. It goes good with eggs; also the name of one of Noah's sons (Genesis 5:32).
2. In 1990, the black walnut was designated as Mo.'s official state nut; it is healthy to eat, used in ice cream, baked goods & candies. The shell provides the soft gritty ____ used in metal cleaning and polishing, and oil drilling; used in paint products and as a filler in dynamite. Walnuts are often collected as a small cash crop for individual farm families.
3. ____, the People of the United States of America...
4. Mo. may be the only state with a state historic dog: Old Drum. The shooting death of this hunting ____ went to an 1870 Mo. State Supreme Court trial. The famous closing argument for the plaintiff, called Eulogy of the Dog, brought tears to the eyes of the jurors, memorably evoking the dog as man's best friend. An Old Drum statue and eulogy plaque sets on the courthouse grounds in Warrensburg, Mo. as well as in the Mo. State Supreme Court building in Jeff. City.
5. Parisian airport.
6. The Great Barrier ____ off of Australia is the largest coral structure in the world, stretching 1,429 miles, aptly situated in the Coral Sea.
7. "It is hard to retain religion on an empty stomach. A famine-stricken man gains consolation from ____ creed," —Confederate soldier Alexander Hunter in 1865 Civil War fighting; from *Embattled Courage*, Gerald Linderman.
8. Serious billiards competitors always carry their own ____ stick.
9. In 2002, the Mo. Fox Trotter became Mo.'s state horse. Developed in the rugged Ozarks in the early 1800s, bloodlines can be



- traced to early settlers to Mo. from KY, TN, & AR; distinguishing characteristic is its rhythmic ____: the horse walks with its front feet and trots with its hind feet which gives the rider a smooth gentle ride.
10. A compound used in paint and nail polish remover.
11. Four Seasons and Margaritaville (Tan-Tar-A) at the Lake of the Ozarks.
16. Horse hair.
17. In 2001, St. Pope John Paul II conferred on U.S. Jesuit Avery Dulles the title of Cardinal, the first U.S. theologian ____ honored.
18. "From one of the loyal (Unionist) militia generals, who was in command in Jefferson City for a time, the captains received a written order no longer to be found in the archives of the state or perhaps never ____ there: protect the Unionists and send no reports. The fear was that these companies would be dissolved if the truth were reported," —*Longer than a Man's lifetime in Missouri*, early German immigrant Gert Goebel.
19. Since 2007, the Bobwhite Quail has been Mo.'s state game bird; found in a variety of habitats throughout Mo.; ____ can vary from 10-30 birds; noted for their 3-note "bobwhite" whistle.
21. Galena in 1967 was named Mo.'s state mineral; is a major source of lead; emphasizes Mo.'s status as the nation's top producer of lead; rich deposits of this ____ lay in Crawford, Washington, Iron and Reynolds Co.s & in the Joplin-Granby areas of SW Mo.; dark gray in color & breaks into small cubes.
23. Promoted Baal worship; husband of the infamous Jezebel; persecutor of Elijah. Not one of Israel's better kings.
24. Summer drinks.
26. Two-letter ending for the words "do," "to," and "no."
29. In 1967, Mozarkite became Mo.'s official state rock; comes in a variety of colors: green, ____, or purple; esp. beautiful when polished; most commonly found in Benton County.
30. Law and ____.
36. Video Home System (____); precursor of the DVD.
38. Mo.'s State musical instrument is the fiddle; brought to Mo. in the 1700s; adaptable to many forms of music; could be played without extensive formal training; light and easy to carry. For generations, the local fiddle player was the ____ source of entertainment and held a position of great respect.
40. 4th year high schooler (abbr.).
42. That decision would be ____-advised.
44. Command to Fido.
46. Rural Free Delivery (____); the Post Office program in late 1800s to deliver mail to rural destinations.
48. Suffix for north or south.
49. First lady.
50. Washington, ____.
51. Chemical sym. for sodium.
52. "____ I walked out in the streets of Laredo..." —opening line of a song originally called "Cowboy's Lament."
53. Companion to #32 ACROSS.
56. Mo. city known for its barbecue (abbr.).

D.C. Filipinos mark 500 years of faith that connects them globally

By Mark Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

Washington, D.C.

Filipino Catholics in the Washington, D.C. area made a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to celebrate a 500-year journey of faith that continues.

A Sept. 18 Mass commemorating five centuries of Christianity in the Philippines and the feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino martyr and saint, drew about 450 people. Some of the women wore native silk dresses in pastel colors with delicate stitching, and some men wore traditional barong tagalog, which are embroidered long-sleeved shirts.

The observance began with a procession of about 100 Filipino Catholics who sang hymns and marched around the basilica's exterior and through its main entrance. Young adults carrying a cross led the procession. Some children and adults carried banners representing different Catholic groups.

Statues of St. Lorenzo Ruiz and of Santo Niño de Cebú, the Holy Child Jesus sacred to Filipinos, were placed at the front of the sanctuary.

In accord with coronavirus safety guidelines, some participants wore special red face masks with the theme and logo of the anniversary year, "Gifted to Give," referring to how Filipino Catholics received the gift of faith 500 years ago and are called to share that gift with the world.

Echoing the theme, Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville of Washington, the main celebrant at the Mass, told those gathered during his homily: "You are gifted to go out and give."

Bishop Dorsonville, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration, encouraged people to follow Pope Francis' call to go out into society and become missionary disciples, bringing Christ to the world, especially to the poor and migrants and refugees.

The liturgical celebration was part of jubilee year events commemorating the first Mass in the Philippines, which was celebrated on Easter, March 31, 1521, by a Spanish priest accompanying the voyage of Fer-

dinand Magellan.

The explorer died after engaging in a tribal battle there, but the expedition, which began with five ships and 260 men, eventually accomplished the first circumnavigation of the globe. Eighteen surviving crew members arrived in Spain on one remaining ship loaded with spices in September 1522.

The Christian faith has blossomed in the Philippines in the last five centuries. The Philippines today has the third largest Catholic population in the world, with about 86% of the country's 110 million inhabitants professing the faith.

More than 10 million Filipino migrants, most of them Catholic, live in 100 countries. About 2.9 million Filipino Catholics live in the United States.

In April 2021, as bishops across the Philippines opened holy doors at cathedrals to help launch the anniversary year, Pope Francis in a video message encouraged Filipino Catholics to "be grateful for the gift of faith" and called them to "reach out to others and bring them the hope and joy of the Gospel."

Filipino Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and former archbishop of Manila, also recorded a video message for the jubilee.

In it, he praised the "hidden simple witnesses to the faith" for five centuries that has contributed to "our character as Filipinos, to the betterment of the Filipino culture and to the formation of the Filipino nation."

At the Mass, Msgr. Walter Rossi, the basilica's rector, welcomed the Filipino community, noting that over the years he had witnessed their joy and faith. He noted that St. Lorenzo Ruiz is depicted in the basilica's dramatic Trinity Dome mosaic, and that its Crypt Church on the lower level includes an oratory to Our Lady of Antipolo that was donated by Filipino Catholics.

Bishop Dorsonville in his homily said the prominence of



A Filipino Catholic places a statue of the Holy Child Jesus, Santo Niño de Cebú, at the front of the sanctuary of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Sept. 18. The Mass celebrated the 500th anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines. The other statue depicts St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino martyr and saint.

— CNS photo/Andrew Biraj, *Catholic Standard*

the basilica's artwork depicting St. Lorenzo Ruiz reflected the vital role of Filipino Catholics in the Church in the U.S.

He praised the witness of the saint, who was martyred with missionaries in Japan in 1637 after he refused to renounce his faith. Canonized 300 years

later, he is venerated as a patron saint to the Philippines, to youth and altar servers, and for people working overseas.

Bishop Dorsonville also announced that Father Patrick Agustin would be serving as a chaplain for the Filipino Catholic community in the archdiocese.

Ordained in 2020, the young priest who serves as parochial vicar at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Gaithersburg, Maryland, reflected on the legacy of faith he experienced growing up in a devout Filipino Catholic family in the archdiocese.

"I'm a beneficiary of that, especially my vocation to the priesthood," he told the *Catholic Standard*, Washington's archdiocesan newspaper.

"Generations and generations of my ancestors have passed on the faith. I'm so grateful to my parents, who made sure we attended Mass as a family every Sunday," he said. "We prayed the rosary together."

Kind of a homecoming for La Salette priest



LEFT: Jefferson City native La Salette Father Dennis Meyer visits the chapel of the Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri's (CCNMO's) soon-to-be-completed new headquarters and center for charitable outreach in Jefferson City. The building originally was the chapel and gymnasium for the former La Salette Seminary, where Fr. Meyer went to high school. The stained glass window he is admiring includes a crucifix, the corpus and banner of which came from a crucifix that used to hang at the seminary. **RIGHT:** Sister Jean Dietrich of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, registrar for Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City; Sister Kathleen Wegman of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, CCNMO's director of mission integration; Fr. Meyer's sister, Virginia Meyer of Jefferson City; and Fr. Meyer gather outside the new headquarters after touring the building Sept. 25.

— Photos by Cristal Baker

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Oct. 1-2

Monroe City, Holy Rosary & St. Stephen Parishes Pro-Life Garage Sale, Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 8 am-noon, Holy Rosary K of C Hall

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

Argyle, St. Aloysius & St. Boniface Parishes Fall Festival, 11 am-7 pm; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-5 pm; **Linn**, St. George Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-6 pm;

REFUGEES

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coordinates the arrival and services for all refugees resettled in this region, including Afghan refugees.

CCCNMO has been working since August with its national-level sponsoring agency, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the State Department, on responding to the Afghan evacuation.

All of these refugees, who leave their homes out of legitimate fear of death or serious injury, are thoroughly vetted for security through multiple federal departments, including the U.S. State Department.

Catholic Charities is requesting the entire community to become involved in resettlement.

To facilitate collective ef-

Martinsburg, St. Joseph Parish Oktoberfest and car show, 10 am-7 pm; **Morrison**, Assumption Parish Fall chicken dinner, 11 am-4 pm; **Vienna**, K of C breakfast, 7:30-11 am

Oct. 8

Mexico, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm

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; **Mary's Home**, Our Lady of Snows Parish Fantasy Night, 5-11 pm

Oct. 10

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

town, Holy Guardian Angels Parish fried chicken & whole hog sausage dinner, 11 am-5 pm; **Fulton**, Callaway County Crop Hunger Walk, 1:30-4:30 pm, registration 1 pm at Westminster Champ Auditorium; **Hermann**, St. George Parish Fall Dinner, 11:30 am-3:30 pm; **Wardsville**, St. Stanislaus Parish Fall Supper, 11 am-6 pm

Oct. 16

Jefferson City, Catholic Charities Open House, 1-4 pm, 1015 Edmonds Street

Oct. 17

St. Anthony, St. Anthony of Padua Parish Fall Supper, 11:30 am-4 pm; **Westphalia**, St. Joseph Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-6 pm

Oct. 29

Hannibal, Holy Family Parish Council of Catholic Women annual Soup Supper, 11 am-6 pm, St. Michael's Hall

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13-14 Noviembre

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FANUCCI

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To drop whatever we were doing and rush to the ones in need.

Scripture tells us that God has particular care for the poor — not an exclusionary affection, but a focused concern like a parent running to a child who is sick or hurt, the one in greatest need.

We know that Christ would — and did — give His life for all of us. But we also believe that God draws close to the brokenhearted (Ps. 34:18-19). The Lord hears the cries of the poor (Jb. 34:28). The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the God of the widow, the orphan and the foreigner: all those left behind on society's edges, all the forgotten and forsaken (Ex. 22:21-23).

Recent weeks have brought deep suffering around the world, from Afghanistan to Haiti and everywhere that COVID-19 continues to ravage. We can feel overwhelmed by such staggering threats, grief and pain beyond our control.

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Meetings & Conferences

Oct. 4

VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 pm, to RSVP email MidMoNFP@gmail.com

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Oct. 13

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

Oct. 16

VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 am, to RSVP email MidMoNFP@gmail.com

Liturgical

Oct. 3

Lake Ozark, Blessing of the animals, 1-2 pm, Our Lady of the Lake Parish parking lot

Oct. 16

Laurie, Eucharistic procession and adoration, 10 am, Laurie City Park; **Westphalia**, Rosary Rally, noon-1 pm, K of C parking lot

Oct. 24

Brush Creek, Fall Mass, 1 pm, St. Peter Church, 14690 Gentry Road in Ralls County

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Oct. 3

Laurie, Missouri State K of C Pilgrimage, featuring Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Mass, lunch, and Benediction, 10 am-3 pm, for info or to RSVP, contact Rick Purdon at 573-372-6418 or RNS7691@gmail.com

Oct. 16

Laurie, Men's Fall Retreat, 9 am-5:30 pm, Old St. Patrick Church, for info email fboley@protonmail.com or 573-692-4126

Oct. 24-26

Columbia, "The Power of Mercy & Gratitude" parish mission with presenter Lorraine Hess, 6:30 pm each evening, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, for info call 573-455-7915 or visit ourladyoflourdes.org

Nov. 4-7

Moberly, Women's Cursillo Weekend #77, St. Pius X Parish, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

Health & Wellness

Oct. 4

Rich Fountain, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, Sacred Heart School

Oct. 5

Loose Creek, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, Community Center



Catholic Charities Refugee Services staff, along with Adel Khaffaji, greets Fazal upon his arrival at the Columbia airport.

But when we picture God as a loving parent, hearing the cries of those in need and coming to their help, we can also remember God's joy when we learn to follow and do the same.

Our prayers, almsgiving and efforts to help those in poverty or pain may feel like a mere pat on the back. Yet each time we reach out, we are growing in our understanding of the mystery of God's option for the poor.

Sometimes we are the ones suffering; sometimes we are the ones drawing near in compassion.

We are all God's beloved children. Love compels us toward each other.

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

“Totus Tuus” in Mary’s Home



Daytime and evening participants from the Mary’s Home and Eldon parishes gather for photos during this summer’s Totus Tuus Catholic summer experience for young people at Our Lady of Snows Parish in Mary’s Home.

St. Pius X School on parade



The St. Pius X School Band marches in the Moberly Homecoming Parade on Sept. 24.
— Photo by Father Joby Thomas, pastor

Volleyball success



The eighth-grade girls volleyball team at Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School in Columbia took second place at a recent volleyball tournament — Photo by Kate Harry

A grandfather-grandson project

Helias Catholic High School junior Brady Voss, a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City, presents to Father Donald Antweiler, pastor, the combination prayer table/cabinet he built for the Seven Sisters ministry at Immaculate Conception. Seven Sisters gives women in parishes an opportunity to pray every day for their priests. Brady originally hoped the table would be approved as an Eagle Scout project. When that didn’t happen, he decided to build it anyway. His grandfather, Stan Rustemeyer, helped Brady measure and plan the project and donated all the wood for it, as well. “He wants to give all credit to his grandpa who has been an inspiration to him — always fixing and making things for the family,” said Susan Voss, Brady’s mother. “Both Brady and Grandpa Stan are happy to be of service to the Seven Sisters Apostolate.” This table has been placed in the parish’s Immaculata Room. “Our Seven Sisters prayer warriors will truly appreciate this gift — a true legacy for years and years to come,” said Jill Kliethermes, I.C. Parish coordinator for the Seven Sisters ministry.



— Photos by Shelly Hittner

Jesus tells us to love, help our neighbors

By Joe Sarnicola
Catholic News Service

On a certain day when Jesus was teaching, a scholar who was an expert in the law wanted to test Jesus, so he asked Him, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

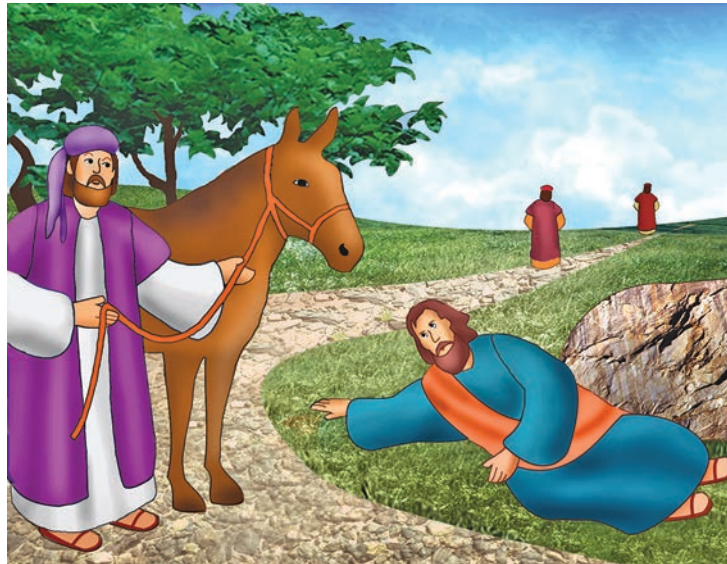
Jesus replied with a question of His own. "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

The man answered with words from the Scriptures, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus told the man, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But the man was not totally satisfied with the answer Jesus had given to him, so he asked, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus answered this question with a story. He said there



was a man who was beaten and robbed while on his way to Jerusalem. He was injured and left to die in the road. First a priest traveled on the same road, but when he saw the man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and continued walking. Next a Levite came along, but he also crossed

the road and kept going. Finally a Samaritan walked by.

The Samaritan showed compassion for the injured man. He tended to his wounds, put the man up on his own animal and brought him to an inn. He paid the innkeeper for the cost of the room and the man's care.

At the end of his story Je-

sus asked the man, "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

The man answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus then said, "Go and do

likewise."

**Read more about it...
Luke 10**

1. What must we do to inherit eternal life?

2. Who was the wounded man's neighbor?

Bible Accent

Although both the Jews and the Samaritans trace their common ancestry back to Jacob, they had very different beliefs as to how to follow God's laws.

As a result they did not have very high opinions of each other, and they tried to avoid contact with one another.

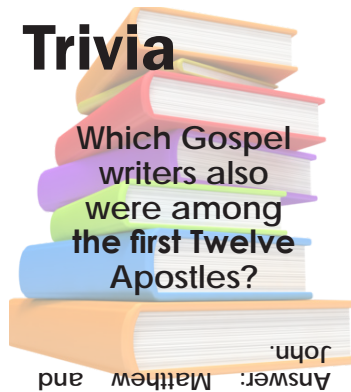
Knowing this, Jesus used Samaritans in some of His parables, such as the good Samari-

tan (Luke 10) and the thankful leper (Luke 17), and He asked a Samaritan woman for water in John 4.

It was no coincidence that Jesus used a Samaritan as an example of being a good neighbor.

He wanted people to know that a good neighbor is anyone who shows compassion to others.

Trivia



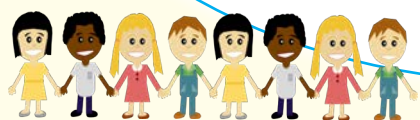
Puzzle

Match the people with one of the roles they perform during Mass.



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| 1. Lector | _____ |
| 2. Cantor | _____ |
| 3. Altar server | _____ |
| 4. Usher | _____ |
| 5. Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion | _____ |
| 6. Congregation | _____ |
| 7. Priest | _____ |

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| a. distribute Holy Communion | e. collect offerings |
| b. lead songs | f. read from the Bible |
| c. attend Mass | g. assist the priest |
| d. give homily | |



Answers: 1. f, 2. b, 3. g, 4. e, 5. a, 6. c, 7. d.

Saint Spotlight

Bruno (1048-1123) was born near Piedmont, Italy, but studied at the University of Bologna. After being named a canon of Siena, he was summoned to Rome, where he spoke at the Council of 1079 in support of the Church doctrine about the Blessed Sacrament. One year later, he was named Bishop of Segni but said "no" to being named a cardinal. Although he served the parishioners of his region cheerfully, he longed for a more solitary religious life. He went to Monte Cassino and joined a monastery as a monk. The people of Segni asked Bruno to return to them, but he remained at the monastery and was appointed abbot. He gained a reputation as a commentator of the Scriptures, and we honor him on October 6.



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Overview of Catholic fiction deserves to be a modern classic

How To Read (and Write) Like a Catholic, by Joshua Hren. Tan Books (Gastonia, North Carolina, 2021). 462 pp., \$34.95.

Reviewed by Mitch Finley
Catholic News Service

If you want a book that will introduce you to the depth and breadth of Catholic literature, this is the one for you.

However, if you want actual instruction on “how to read (and write) like a Catholic,” note that this book is aimed at fiction writing only, and it’s theoretical not practical.

Writers of nonfiction or poetry, for example, will not find helpful practical insights here. What you get is extensive, detailed — and not infrequently entertaining — essays on various themes found in classic works of fiction by Catholic authors.

This isn’t light reading, but the reader who is prepared to focus and pay attention will learn a great deal.

Co-founder of the online master of fine arts program at Houston’s University of St. Thomas, the author of this book clearly knows what he is talking about when it comes to discussing the Catholic literary tradition. His book is organized into five parts and 35 chapters. Two appendices offer “101 Books to Read Like a Catholic” and a supplemental list of books titled “Further Forays” into reading and writing like a Catholic.

The titles of the five parts give a good overview of the material the book covers: “Reading (and Writing) Like a Catholic,” “Reading Christ-Haunted Fictions,” “Reading Human

Nature,” “Reading Catholic Fictions” and “How to Write (Like a Catholic).”

Broadminded — in the technical sense of the word, “catholic” as it can be — Joshua Hren’s book includes not only writers who were or are “practicing” Catholics, such as Flannery O’Connor, J.F. Powers and Walker Percy, but also some who left Catholicism behind but — consciously or unconsciously — retained a Catholic worldview.

These “cultural Catholics” include James Joyce, contemporary short story writer and novelist George Saunders and the 1950s and ’60s “Beat” writer Jack Kerouac, all of whom Hren discusses at some length.

Further evidence of this book’s wide focus is the author’s inclusion of Russian and French authors of classic works, as well as the 14th-century Italian Dante Alighieri.

Some readers may be surprised by the author’s inclusion of American Walter M. Miller’s 1959 post-apocalyptic science fiction novel, *A Canticle for Leibowitz*. Surprise, however, is likely to be replaced by gratitude, for valuable insights to be gleaned from *Canticle* soon become clear.

How to Read (and Write) Like a Catholic deserves to become a modern classic itself.

Finley is the author of more than 30 books of popular Catholic theology, including The Rosary Handbook: A Guide for Newcomers, Old-Timers, and Those In Between (Word Among Us Press), What Faith Is Not (Sheed & Ward) and The Seeker’s Guide to Being Catholic (Wipf & Stock).

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Movie Ratings



General Patronage

PAW Patrol: The Movie (G)



Adults

Cinderella (PG)
Cry Macho (PG-13)
Dear Evan Hansen (PG-13)
The Night House (R)
Reminiscence (PG-13)
Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings (PG-13)



Limited Adult Audience

Copshop (R)
Queenpins (R)



Morally Offensive

Candyman (R)
Malignant (R)
The Protege (R)

Ratings are supplied by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Film and Broadcasting Office. Visit www.usccb.org for current reviews.

New book about Jesus takes aim at tame and tired assumptions

San Diego

The first book from a top-rated Catholic radio personality shines a fresh light on the essentially shocking character of Jesus’ life, deeds, and legacy.

Cy Kellett is nationally known as the host of “Catholic Answers Live,” but he trades the microphone for a typewriter with his new book, *A Teacher of Strange Things: Who Jesus Was, What He Did, and Why People Still Follow Him*.

Why did Kellett choose this subject for his first foray into publishing? “Because Jesus is the tonic for all the ailments in the Church and the world,” he says. “If we get Him right, we’ll get everything else right.”

Of course, Jesus is the most written-about man in human history. But Kellett — tapping his on-air experience talking to callers all around the country and the world — wanted to write something different,

something suited to a time in which the Christian culture we all once shared has frayed to the threads, leaving so many people spiritually impoverished and ignorant of (or worse, hostile toward) Who Christ was and what He did.

Dispelling that ignorance, Kellett believes, starts with destroying lazy assumptions that Jesus was just a nice man who wanted us to be nice, too.

“You don’t have to make up wild things about Jesus to shock people,” he says. “Just the basic facts about Him are strange, startling, challenging, and in a few cases frightening — but never tame, never dull.”

Our challenge in sharing the Lord with others, Kellett adds, is to “present the whole Jesus without cheating the mystery.”

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RESPECT LIFE

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Year of Service,” which began March 25 of that year.

But “like everything else, the roll-out of Walking with Moms in Need was dramatically impacted by COVID-19,” Archbishop Naumann noted in a Sept. 21 address to a Nebraska pro-life conference.

He said the pro-life committee “is renewing our efforts to encourage every diocese and parish to implement the Walking with Moms in Need process.”

Walking with Moms in Need asks every diocese and parish to make an assessment of the resources available to assist mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy.

The program seeks to identify gaps in available services and then encourage dioceses and parishes to find ways to fill those gaps. Walking with Moms in Need also includes efforts to communicate better available resources and to



encourage every Catholic to support Pregnancy Resource Centers.

The program has its own website, walkingwithmoms.com, with resources, outreach tools and models to assist parishes in this effort.

Also, Archbishop Naumann in his Sept. 27 statement urged Catholics to learn more about preventing taxpayer-funded abortion by visiting notaxpayerabortion.com.

“At times, we may feel uncertain of our ability to answer the Lord’s call. But

he invites us to faithfully respond, despite our own fears or weaknesses: ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness’ (2 Cor. 12:9),” the archbishop said.

“May we imitate St. Joseph’s faithful trust and courage as we work to uphold the dignity of every human life,” he added. “St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!”

CHAPLAINS

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“There were only about 9,000 of those sets made, with each chaplain receiving one based on their denomination,” he noted.

Half-kidding to friends online about this rare find, he asked if anyone knew where he could find a chaplain’s field organ from the War.

One happened to be for sale in Macon.

“So within two days, I acquired the two most difficult-to-acquire parts of the chaplain set,” said LTC (ret.) Scherrer.

He began researching World War II chaplain gear and writing a series of columns for a magazine for military collectors.

He sought insight from a then-colleague on the faculty at the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, who had served as an Army chaplain.

“It was fun to write, fun to research, and fun to pull a lot of things together that people haven’t brought together before,” said LTC (ret.) Scherrer.

About five years later, he found the columns and shared them with friends online. They suggested that he compile them into a book.

He edited and reformatted

the columns into chapters during the COVID-19 pandemic and his elderly father’s convalescence.

“Pulling together the illustrations was the fun part,” he said.

Among them are photos of future president Ronald Reagan playing the role of a Catholic chaplain in a World War II training movie. LTC (ret.) Scherrer self-published the book this year on June 6, the 77th anniversary of D-Day, when the Allied Forces’ began their land invasion of Nazi-occupied France.

Since then, he has sold about 80 copies to people in countries around the world.

Enduring legacy

For LTC (ret.) Scherrer, the most interesting part of the research was about the handful of Jewish rabbis who served in the Chaplain Corps during World War II.

“Rabbis played a very special role with the liberation of concentration camps because they were the only Jewish clergy in Central Europe at the end of WWII,” LTC (ret.) Scherrer wrote. “Most European rabbis had perished in the holocaust.”

The rabbi chaplains’ work had to be gut-wrenching.

“Most had families that migrated to the U.S. in the past 100 years, so there was extended family in Europe that made this all very personal to them,” LTC (ret.) Scherrer noted.

The book includes a photo of a rabbi conducting a worship service in what had been the home of Joseph Goebbels, a high-ranking collaborator with Hitler, after the war.

Another photo shows a rabbi leading services at the liberated Buchenwald Nazi concentration camp.

LTC (ret.) Scherrer also gives a short history of the efforts during World War II to include Church of Latter Day Saints in the Army Chaplain Corps and to secure enough chaplains from African American congregations to minister in the then-racially segregated units.

LTC (ret.) Scherrer pointed out that most World War II chaplains weren’t recognized for anything that would qualify as gallantry, “but they showed up every day. They all brought something to the table, and they were there with their unit every day. That’s what counts.”

Furthermore, the fruits of

Daily Readings

Sunday, Oct 3

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Gn. 2:18-24
Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Heb. 2:9-11
Mk. 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday, Oct 4

St. Francis of Assisi
Jon. 1:1-2:2, 11
(Ps.) Jon. 2:3, 4, 5, 8
Lk. 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct 5

St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin;
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,
priest (USA)
Jon. 3:1-10
Ps. 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8
Lk. 10:38-42

Wednesday, Oct 6

St. Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie
Rose Durocher, virgin (USA)
Jon. 4:1-11
Ps. 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10
Lk. 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
Mal. 3:13-20b
Ps. 1:1-4, 6
Lk. 11:5-13

Friday, Oct 8

Jl. 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Ps. 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9
Lk. 11:15-26

Saturday, Oct 9

St. Denis, bishop, & companions,
martyrs; St. John Leonardi, priest
Jl. 4:12-21
Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Lk. 11:27-28

The Holy Father’s prayer intentions for October:

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their ministry endured beyond the war’s end, helping to fuel a surge of religious fervor in the postwar United States.

Some chaplains continued serving through peacetime and into the Korean War (1950-53) and even the Vietnam War (1963-75).

The number of World War II chaplains who died or were wounded or taken prisoner

Sunday, Oct 10

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis. 7:7-11
Ps. 90:12-17
Heb. 4:12-13
Mk. 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday, Oct 11

St. John XXIII, Pope
Rom. 1:1-7
Ps. 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Lk. 11:29-32

Tuesday, Oct 12

Rom. 1:16-25
Ps. 19:2-5
Lk. 11:37-41

Wednesday, Oct 13

Rom. 2:1-11
Ps. 62:2-3, 6-7, 9
Lk. 11:42-46

Thursday, Oct 14

St. Callistus I, Pope and martyr
Rom. 3:21-30
Ps. 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab
Lk. 11:47-54

Friday, Oct 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and
doctor of the Church
Rom. 4:1-8
Ps. 32:1b-2, 5, 11
Lk. 12:1-7

Saturday, Oct 16

St. Hedwig, religious; St. Margaret
Mary Alacoque, virgin
Rom. 4:13, 16-18
Ps. 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43
Lk. 12:8-12

in the line of duty “is a testament to their willingness to face the same dangers as their soldiers, unarmed yet carrying the full armor of God,” LTC (ret.) Scherrer wrote.

The Men of the Khaki Cloth: U.S. Army Chaplain and Soldier Gear in World War II can be purchased from several online outlets.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Country Store ~ Refreshments
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MORE EVENTS ON PAGES 4-5

Loose Creek parish 175th anniversary

DATE: October 9
TIME: 10:30 am

Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek will hold a 175th anniversary celebration of its founding on Saturday, Oct. 9.

It will start with a parade at 10:30 a.m. Participants will be limited to Loose Creek area residents and or individuals with ties to the area.

Dr. Gary Kramer, president of the State Historical Society of Missouri, will give a presentation on the parish's history at 1 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 121 County Road 402.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will celebrate Mass at 3 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Church.

The event will also include live music beginning at 12:30 p.m.

There will also be food, vendors, cloggers, quilting demonstrations, games, a history museum, refreshments and tours of the parish cemetery.

Parish history books will be available for sale.

Shuttle service will be available from the parking lot at the Loose Creek Community Center, 173 County Road 403.

Go to [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and search "Immaculate Conception Loose Creek" for more information.