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“Open Doors, Open Hearts” goal reached; promises kept



Abundance of grace, thanksgiving for Catholic Charities' new home

By Jay Nies

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight scattered holy water onto the walls and floor of the new base of outreach for Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO).

“It is blessed!” he told Dan Lester, the agency's executive director.

An Oct. 16 dedication and open house marked the near-completion of a yearlong expansion and transformation of the former Shikles Center, which originally served as a chapel and gymnasium for a Catholic seminary.

CCCNMO, the Jefferson City diocese's charitable outreach agency, is an affiliate of Catholic Charities USA. It works in partnership with local parishes, ministerial alliances, faith-based organizations and community agencies throughout the diocese to assist people in need.

The CCCNMO staff in Jefferson City will move into its new building and set into motion an impressive slate of charitable works, including a client-choice food pantry, as soon as back-ordered fixtures and furnishings arrive.

“This restoration process has been wonderful and amazing and challenging and fun, but we're ready to do the real work, which is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need,” Mr. Lester said.

The previous evening, Bishop McKnight announced that CCCNMO had reached the goal of its “Open Hearts, Open Doors” campaign to pay for the new facility, through the generosity of many individuals and families throughout the diocese, coupled with

Several members of the Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) staff gather around the reception desk inside the new Catholic Charities center in Jefferson City during an Oct. 16 open house following the blessing and dedication of the newly completed building. It will serve as a hub of charity and mercy in the Capital Area and command center for Catholic Charities activities throughout the Jefferson City diocese.
— Photo by Jay Nies

Diocesan phase for Synod of Bishops opens with prayer, calls for openness to the Holy Spirit

By Jay Nies

“Not my will but Yours be done” (Luke 22:42).

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight believes the same openness with which Jesus addressed His Father the night before His crucifixion should mark every phase of the 2021-23 international Synod of Bishops.

“We are members of the family of God. We are about doing His will,” Bishop McKnight reminded the faithful during Adoration and Evening Prayer the evening of Sunday, Oct. 17.

“And we must be open to His Holy Spirit so that we can read the signs of the times and be responsive to the world around us, in our mission in proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Our Lord,” he said.

Pope Francis called for an international Synod of Bishops to be held in Vatican City in 2023.

This gathering will be the culmination of a two-year, worldwide process of praying and listening in order to dis-

cern how best to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ at this time in history.

The focus will be on promoting communion, participation and mission among all members of the Church.

Dioceses throughout the world have begun the process of asking specific questions of people who are active in the Church, people who are tangentially connected, and people who feel alienated or marginalized.

Each diocese will submit a report that will help set the agenda for further discernment throughout this synod process.

Bishop McKnight began the diocesan phase for the Synod in this diocese with a Mass in the Cathedral of St. Joseph the evening of Oct. 16.

He spoke of a vision of a Church made up of people more

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Jefferson City I.C. Parish Renewal

DATE: November 14-17
TIME: 7 pm

Father John Mark Ettensohn of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate will lead a Parish Renewal for Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City on Sunday through Wednesday, Nov. 14-17, beginning at 7 p.m. each evening.

The theme will be "Where Is God These Days?"

"The Scriptures tell the story of God with His people on the journey of life, through the joy and pain, the laughter and tears," Fr. Ettensohn noted.

"The Lord continues to walk with us. Yet our daily lives are so full that we often forget who we are and Whose we are.

We sometimes ask ourselves where is God in all the suffering, brokenness, violence and fear of our world today? This renewal journey calls us to a deeper awareness of the presence of God with us and for us as we face the future in hope."

All are invited and welcome to attend any or all of the sessions in Immaculate Conception Church, 1205 E. McCarty St. at Clark Avenue:

•**Sunday:** "Meeting God on the Journey of Life" — We must open our eyes to see how the One "Who is with us always" guides us each new day.

•**Monday:** "Dry Desert Days and Dark Nights" — What gives meaning to life? Are life's difficulties more than just something to en-

Sedalia parish mission

DATE: November 7-9
TIME: 6:30 pm

Father Louis Guardiola of the Fathers of Mercy will lead a parish mission from Sunday through Tuesday, Nov. 7-9, in Sedalia.

He will speak at all weekend Masses for St. Vincent de Paul Parish and will give a presentation at 6:30 p.m. each evening.

The theme for the Mission

will be "Eucharistic Adoration."

All are welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the sessions.

Topics will include:

•**Sunday:** The Holy Eucharist Sacrifice, Holy Communion and Real Presence Sacrament

•**Monday:** The Importance

and value of Eucharistic Adoration

•**Tuesday:** Social World Transformation through Personal Eucharistic Transformation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after each session.

Related items will be available for sale each evening.

Livestreamed Mass for Fr. Tolton's mother

DATE: November 13
TIME: 10 am

The Archdiocese of Chicago will livestream a Mass on Saturday, Nov. 13, in memory of the 110th anniversary of the death of Martha Jane Chisley Tolton, mother of Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton.

The Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the Church of the Holy Family, 1080 W. Roosevelt Road in Chicago.

Information about the livestream can be found at tolton.archchicago.org.

Bishop Joseph N. Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago and copostulator for Fr. Tolton's sainthood cause, will preside at the Mass and preach the homily.

A prayer service will take place at Mrs. Tolton's burial place in Mount Olivet Cemetery, 2755 W. 111th St. in Chicago, after the Mass.

Fr. Tolton was the Roman Catholic Church's first recognizably black priest in the United States.

Born into a family of en-

slaved people in what is now part of the Jefferson City diocese and baptized in 1854 at the site of St. Peter Church in Brush Creek, he escaped with his mother and siblings into Illinois during the Civil War.

His father died as a volunteer for the Union Army.

Mrs. Tolton played an important role in the education and formation of her son in the faith and in his priestly discernment.

Ordained in Rome, he ministered in Quincy, Illinois, then in Chicago before his death at age 43 in 1897.

Cardinal Francis George OMI, now deceased, of Chicago opened a sainthood cause for Fr. Tolton in 2010.

Pope Francis in 2019 formally recognized Fr. Tolton as having demonstrated the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity and the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance at a heroic level.

With that, Fr. Tolton received the title "Venerable."

Pray for deceased priests

Nov. 7 — **Msgr. Denis P. Mulcahy**, Immaculate Conception, Brookfield (1967)

Nov. 10 — **Fr. J. David Maher**, Annunciation, California (2019)

Nov. 11 — **Fr. Leo P. Holdener**, St. Stephen, Indian Creek (1972)

Assistant Director of Campus Ministry

St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish, serving the University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou) and two other colleges, is accepting applications for the Assistant Director of Campus Ministry. The Assistant Director reports directly to the Director of Campus Ministry and serves with a team of priests, two other professional campus ministry staff, FOCUS missionaries and student interns.

The Assistant Director of Campus Ministry has a primary emphasis on ministries related to new student outreach, retreats, spirituality, service and communications. An excellent candidate will live the Catholic faith in his/her daily life; balance a Catholic theological background with pastoral skills; and have strong communication, organization and planning skills. For a full job description and requirements, visit www.comonewman.org/job-openings or contact Angelle Hall at angelle.hall@comonewman.org with questions.



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Diocesan-wide Ultreya, Nov. 14 in Columbia

DATE: November 14
TIME: 2-4 pm

The Jefferson City diocese's Cursillo Movement (diojeffcity.org/cursillo) will hold a Post-Cursillo diocesan-wide Ultreya on Sunday, Nov. 14, in Columbia. It will be from 2 to 4 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, 105. Waugh St.

The Cursillo community will gather with new Cursillistas (Men's Weekend #69 and Women's Weekend #77) and their sponsors to welcome them and hear from other Cursillistas as they share in their faith journey.

This is a perfect opportunity for the new Cursillistas to discover new friends in Christ so that they might find a small group reunion to belong to.

Guests are welcome to attend.

Bring a snack to share. Drinks will be furnished.

Two Helias Catholic H.S. community members receive papal honors

By Rebecca Martin

Two longtime members of the Helias Catholic High School community in Jefferson City have received a prestigious honor from Pope Francis.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight conferred the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* to Sister Jean Dietrich of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and Brother Steven Schonhoff of the De La Salle Christian Brothers during a special Mass at the school Oct. 14.

The *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross*, also known as the Cross of Honor, is a papal award bestowed on clergy, religious and lay faithful in recognition of distinguished service to the local and universal Church. It was established in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII.

"Many of us in the Diocese of Jefferson City have been inspired, comforted, challenged or just humbled by the servant leadership of Sister Jean

and Brother Steven," Bishop McKnight said. "We are honored the Holy Father has recognized their exceptional service and their deep, abiding Christian witness of God's mercy and care for all."

"This is a moment of grace and joy for our local Church," the bishop continued, "and I thank both Sr. Jean and Brother Steven for their unselfish love and fidelity to our communities and to the Church."

Sr. Jean is celebrating her 50th year with the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

She began her tenure at Helias Catholic High School in 1983 as assistant principal, later serving as principal and registrar and currently as office administrator.

She was inducted into the Helias Hall of Fame in 2012.

She previously served as a



Sister Jean Dietrich of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and Brother Steven Schonhoff of the De la Salle Christian Brothers display the papal honors they received from Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, after an Oct. 14 all-school Mass in the James Rackers Fieldhouse at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City.

— Photo by Jay Nies

degree in English education from Xavier University.

"I'm humbled, honored and grateful," he said. "I've been in the classroom for 50 years, the past 30 of them here at Helias Catholic. I was known as a very challenging English teacher — we laughed a lot, but it was very rigorous. And teaching religion was good for my own faith, too."

Helias Catholic High School was founded in 1956 on the traditions of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

"The contributions Sister Jean and Brother Steven have made to Helias Catholic over the past decades are immeasurable," said Helias Catholic President John Knight. "Their example of a life lived with holiness and enriched by education has helped countless students on their lifelong journey of becoming saints and scholars for Christ."

Mrs. Martin is director of communications and admissions for Helias Catholic High School.

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

teacher in Highland, Breeze and Quincy, Illinois.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis and a Master of Science education degree from Creighton University.

"The charism of the School Sisters of Notre Dame is to enhance society through the education of women and children," Sr. Jean said. "Working with high school students has been a wonderful opportunity to change their lives now and hopefully influence them throughout their lives as they go on to have families."

Brother Steven is celebrating his 54th year with the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

He came to Helias Catholic in 1991, teaching both English and theology before retiring in spring 2021.

He was inducted into the Helias Hall of Fame in 2013.

He previously taught in

Kansas City; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Memphis, Tennessee. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in theology from Christian Brothers College and a master's

St. Cecilia Blessing of Music Ministers

DATE: November 22
TIME: 7-9 pm

The Jefferson City diocese's Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will hold a Blessing of Music Ministers for the Feast of St. Cecilia, on Monday, Nov. 22.

It will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2305 W. Main St. in Jefferson City.

It will include a prayer service, blessing and a reception.

All music ministers of the diocese are invited.

Social distancing and masks are encouraged.



Bishop McKnight's Calendar

OCTOBER

Oct 31 Knights of Columbus Council 12992's 20th Anniversary Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 10 am, Jefferson City

NOVEMBER

Nov 4 Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, 10 am, Chancery
Nov 5 Priests Memorial Mass, St. Joseph Parish, 11 am, Westphalia

Nov 6 Mass, Algoa Correction Center, 9 am, Jefferson City; Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School Gala, 6 pm, Columbia

Nov 7 Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Parish, 2 pm, Jefferson City

Nov 8-9 Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate Awards and Board Meeting, Washington, DC

Nov 10 Confirmation Ceremony, St. Mary Parish, Glasgow and St. Joseph Parish, Fayette, 6:30 pm, St. Mary Church, Glasgow

Nov 11 Confirmation Ceremony, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, 6:30 pm, Boonville

Nov 13-18 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Fall Plenary, Baltimore, MD

Nov 18-20 National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, IN

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Bishop McKnight's November prayer intention for our Local Church

For a deeper spirituality of stewardship among all the baptized: That from our gratitude for God's many blessings we may offer our personal gifts and talents in service to the evangelizing mission of the Church.

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

Por una espiritualidad de 'buenos administradores' más profunda en todos los bautizados: Que desde nuestra gratitud por las muchas bendiciones de Dios podamos ofrecer nuestros dones y talentos personales al servicio de la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia.

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

Columbia Newman Center parish's Tunink posthumously honored with inaugural safety award

By Eddie O'Neill

While his presence among family, friends and fellow parishioners will be sorely missed, Jim Tunink's safety and emergency preparedness plans will be an unforgettable part of his legacy for years to come.

Mr. Tunink, a longtime member at the St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia, died of cancer in March of this year. Six months later, the 72-year-old was honored posthumously as the inaugural winner of the Tom S. Hurley Public Safety

Service Award.

This new award was created by the Boone County Office of Emergency Management earlier this year. It is named in honor of Tom Hurley, Boone County's late Office of Emergency director who died unexpectedly in the summer of 2019 at age 38.

According to the Boone County website, the award will honor a Boone County resident "from any agency or organization, paid or volunteer, who makes an outstanding contribution in times of disaster or gives a significant

contribution to preparedness or response in the past year."

"They couldn't have picked a better man," said Dominican Father Richard Litzau, who served as pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish from 2014-20. "Jim was truly concerned about the safety of people and the safety of our facilities."

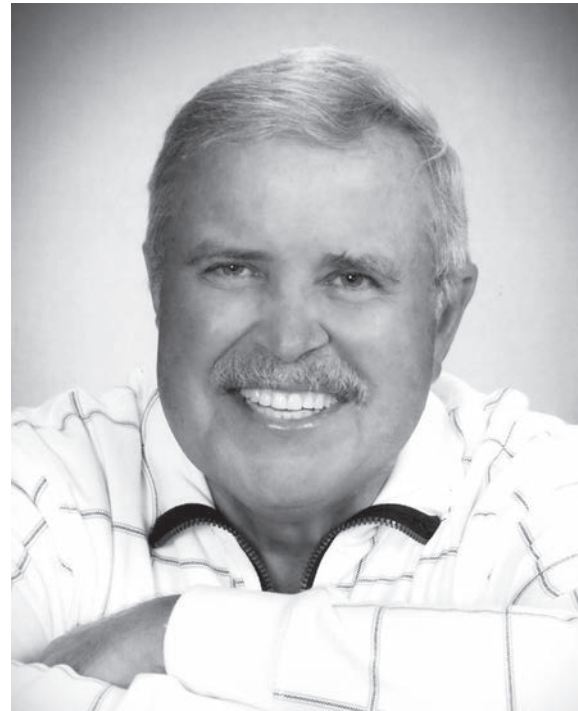
Fr. Litzau said that the parish had wanted to form a safety committee after there were a few attacks on religious houses in the area as well as some violence on campus.

He asked Mr. Tunink to head up the group, and he did so graciously.

"Jim was retired Navy and was in nuclear engineering at the nearby (Callaway) reactor plant," Fr. Litzau explained. "I remember we would have these meetings, and Jim would arrive with these binders full of research and insight into what he had discovered."

Fellow parish safety committee member Susan Devaney echoed a similar sentiment. She nominated him for the award and was saddened that Mr. Tunink didn't live long enough to receive it.

"He was one of the most devoted people I have ever met," she told *The Catholic Missouri-*



Jim Tunink (1948-2021)

an. He stayed on it and did 80 percent of the work himself."

Among Mr. Tunink's protocols at the Newman Center were having two trained, volunteer emergency responders on the premises every week-end.

"This wasn't just about active shooter situations but about tornadoes, earthquakes and explosions," explained Fr. Litzau. "However, before I left, we did have a couple of bomb threats and an active-shooting incident on campus, and we responded well."

Elizabeth Thompson was one of the organizers for the Tom Hurley Award and for the first-ever Boone County Preparedness Fair, which took place in mid-September.

That was where the award was presented to the Tunink family.

"We had 12 nominees, which was exciting for this first year," she shared. "What impressed us (our award committee) with Jim is the initiative he took to begin safety planning at the Newman Center."

"He took the time to make a part of his community safer and better prepared for disasters," she said. "We thought that that was the admirable quality that fit the spirit of our late director Tom Hur-

ley."

Mrs. Devaney noted that Mr. Tunink was working on the committee up until three weeks before he passed away.

"I think the safety work and (serving on the) committee gave Jim a reason to stay alive," she said. "It gave him a purpose to keep going."

And his safety vision hasn't slowed down. According to Fr. Litzau, other parishes around the Jefferson City diocese have expressed interest in putting Mr. Tunink's emergency templates and safety protocols into practice.

"He never slowed down," Fr. Litzau stated. "He just kept working even in his sickness. He was just a kind, considerate and thoughtful man."

Second Tuesday Mass in Starkenburg

DATE: November 9
TIME: noon

The final Second Tuesday Mass of 2021 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg will be celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 11:20 a.m. The Rosary will be prayed at 11:40 a.m.

Father Philip Niekamp, pastor of St. George Parish in Hermann and Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland, will offer Mass at noon.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available

for people who need it.

A light lunch will be available for \$7.50 in nearby Valentine Hall immediately after Mass.

Anyone who can't attend the Mass but wishes to participate with the group is encouraged to light their Second Tuesday Candle.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is open daily for self-guided tours. Guided tours are available upon request by contacting the rectory at 573-236-4390. For more information about the churches and grounds at Starkenburg visit historicsbrine.com.



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Parish mission in Taos with Fr. Gielow

DATE: November 8-10
TIME: 7 pm

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tian Father
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Gielow will conduct a Nov. 6-10 parish mission at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Taos.

He will preach the homily at all weekend Masses the weekend of Nov. 6 and 7 in St. Francis Xavier Church, 7319 Route M.

He will offer Mass and preach a mission message at 7 p.m. the evenings of Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 8-10, in the church, followed by a reception in the school cafeteria.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the Liturgies.

"I hope many of you will be able to join

us for what promises to be meaningful days of spiritual reflection and growth," said Father Michael Penn, pastor.

Fr. Gielow, born in LaSalle, Illinois, was ordained a priest of the Congregation of the Missions (Vincen-
tian fathers and brothers) in 1970.

He has served as a vocation director, high school seminary rector, and currently for many years as a member of the Vincen-
tian Parish Mission Team.

He is director of the Vincen-
tian Parish Mission Center in Kansas City and is spiritual advisor to the Ladies of Charity of USA. He holds master's degrees in theology and religious education.

Hope was the theme of forum on climate change, 'Laudato Si'

By Jay Nies

Dr. Benjamin de Foy's approach to the environment and the study of climate change caused by people is rooted in the Beatitudes.

Specifically, the promises that Jesus pairs with each of His eight statements that begin with "How blessed are ..." (Matthew 5:3-12).

"It's the promise that matters. The promise is what we live for," said Dr. de Foy, a practicing Catholic and professor of earth and atmospheric sciences at Saint Louis University in St. Louis.

He spoke to about 60 people during an Oct. 18 panel discussion in Jefferson City on Pope Francis's encyclical, "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home."

Immaculate Conception Parish hosted the event.

The other speakers were Father Daniel Merz, pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia, and University of Missouri student Emma Heienickle.

The theme was "A Season of Hope: A Home for All."

About 60 people attended.

Dr. de Foy is an atmospheric scientist who focuses on computer simulation of air pollution. His background is in engineering. He holds a doctorate from the University of Cambridge. He currently teaches classes on climate change.

Dr. de Foy offered a message of hope and wonder, saturated with science and spirituality.

He said earth and atmospheric science is really "the study of what keeps us alive."

"I think with all the debates we have going on, we need to take a moment to remember just how beautiful the earth is," he said. "We are in awe of nature and we are inspired to learn all we can about it."

He noted that if the earth were the size of an apple, its atmosphere would be roughly the thickness of the apple's peel.

He said the presence of greenhouse gases that help the atmosphere hold onto the right amount of the sun's heat is one of the things that makes life on this planet possible.

The record of gas trapped in thousands of years of ice in Antarctica shows the natural fluctuations in the amount of

greenhouse gases and the warming and cooling of the earth's atmosphere through the millennia.

He showed how spikes in temperature that began at the dawn of the Industrial Age are clearly different from the natural cycles seen throughout the ages.

"We have to accept what we see," he said. "The net result is putting different ecosystems under stress, putting different living beings under stress."

He pointed to statistical evidence gained from decades of measuring the amount of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere, and the increasing temperature of the oceans.

"It's like this," he stated. "Your body temperature is always changing a little bit. That's healthy. But if it suddenly spikes and it's way outside the natural range, you call your doctor to find out why."

He noted that environmental science is by nature subject to vigorous debates because of all the complex and unpredictable things that affect it.

"You can't control nature," he said. "You have to measure what comes."

He asserted that science is never settled.

"There's a lot of debate going on among scientists," he said. "If you go to a science conference, you see scientists disagreeing vigorously. Each has a different



Dr. Benjamin de Foy PhD, a professor of earth and atmospheric sciences at Saint Louis University, leads a discussion of Pope Francis's encyclical, "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home," Oct. 18 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City. — Photo by Jay Nies

approach, and they're all trying to figure out what's happening."

Yet, some things are constant, such as the fact that a marked increase in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases can cause the earth's atmosphere and oceans to warm up dangerously.

Dr. de Foy likened "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they will inherit the earth," to a key element of scientific study: humility in light of the facts.

He pointed to what he referred to as the first law of ecology: "that everything is related to everything."

He tied "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied" to people who are trying to fit things together and figure out how they work.

based solutions: it won't work if we just do one of them," Dr. de Foy asserted. "Juggling them is hard, but we need to be doing them together."

Regarding "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land," he asserted that "being meek is channeling our power to do things."

"Using energy-efficient lamps. A better thermostat. More effective building insulation. Composting. There are lots of things we can do at an individual level to reduce our carbon footprint," he said.

He believes "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied" and "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" point to a society in which people look out for one another and work to solve problems together.

"We want to do what is right," he said. "But we have to be merciful at the same time."

He said investing in relatively affordable technologies such as better insulation in homes, more-efficient lights and home heating and cooling systems, and renewable energy sources such as wind and solar can make a difference without breaking the bank.

"We can do those things first and then worry about whether to do the big things later," he said.

"As we start to find out more about atmospheric science, you cannot fail to be moved," he said. "Not everyone will agree on everything. But as a Christian, you have to mourn for a situation that is not right."

But discussions about climate change needn't be all doom and gloom, he said.

"Technology is already making many climate solutions cost-effective and attractive," he noted. "There are solutions out there if we will get down and do them."

He paired the three types of actions people can take to reduce climate change to the three types of relationships Christians have: with the earth, with their neighbor and with God.

"Personal, societal and vision-

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Sr. Jean Dietrich SSND, golden jubilarian, has 'Sader spirit

By Jay Nies

Sister Jean Dietrich had no idea what was coming when she professed final vows as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND).

She was teaching at her high school alma mater, where she had first encountered many of the sisters whose example had drawn her to religious life.

"I remember an overall feeling and awareness and knowledge of 'this is where I need to be,'" she recently recalled. "There was a comfortableness in where I was and that I could visualize this being my life — not necessarily where I was or what I was doing, but that I would be in this community of people of like minds and hearts.

"That was really what I wanted to do for the rest of my life," she said.

Not long after that, a sister in congregational leadership invited Sr. Jean to join the administrative team of Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City.

Sr. Jean had promised God to be obedient to her superiors.

She said "yes," and that "yes" continues to this day.

"One of the things in our life," she noted, "you just presume everyone is working toward making the house a good community. You presume the people in the school are working hard to make a good community. You presume that it's going to be good. And it has been."

This year, Sr. Jean celebrated her 50th anniversary as a School Sister of Notre Dame.

On behalf of Pope Francis, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight honored her and longtime Helias Catholic faculty member Brother Steven Schonhoff of the De La Salle Christian Brothers with the *Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* ("Cross for the Church and Pontiff") medal, in recognition of their distinguished service to the Church and papacy.

Domestic church

Sr. Jean thanks God daily for all the people He has put into her life to bring her to this point.

"I wouldn't be here without every single being He has graciously let into my life," she said.

She grew up in a large Catholic family on a dairy farm near Quincy, Illinois.

"I learned to drive a tractor when I was about 9," she recalled. "I liked being outside and helping on the farm and playing around with mechanical stuff."

When there was hay to bale,

she usually drove the tractor and her older brother was on the trailer.

Farming is a good way to learn to be totally reliant on God.

"My folks were so dependent on the weather," Sr. Jean noted. "They had good years, they had bad years. And they were probably the most faithful Catholics I've ever seen."

All of the Dietrichs went to Mass on Sunday. The whole family prayed the Rosary together after supper every evening in May and October.

There wasn't a lot of extra money laying around.

"There were eight of us," Sr. Jean noted. "But we never wanted for anything, and I never heard my parents argue about anything."

There was no hot-lunch program at St. Anthony, the three-room Catholic school they attended.

"Mom packed us a lunch every day," Sr. Jean recalled. "Every Saturday, mom baked bread and all that stuff. Someone else had to make enough cookies to last the week. Someone else did the ironing. Someone else did the cleaning. There were lots of jobs to go around."

She remembers her home life as a great way to learn about the faith and appreciate living in community.

Hearing the call

Sr. Jean attended Quincy Notre Dame High School, where she excelled in science and softball.

"I had wonderful teachers in high school — most of them Notre Dame Sisters," she said.

She was impressed by how they related to her and her classmates.



Sister Jean Dietrich SSND

"The interaction you saw with them was something I really wanted," she said. "I think that's where the first seed of actually wanting to be a Notre Dame Sister actually started. I felt a desire that grew stronger as I went through high school."

Named for the Blessed Mother, the SSNDs were founded in Germany to promote the unity for which Jesus entered this world. Most of the sisters are involved in education or parish ministries.

Sr. Jean and a friend spent two summers on a traveling softball team in Pekin, Illinois.

"It was a really, really fun," she recalled. "We played in front of large groups of people. We took a trip east to Connecticut each summer and out west to Colorado and different places like that. It was a great experience."

She believes she could have played for a college scholarship.

"But by that time, my mind was already made up to enter the School Sisters of Notre Dame," she said.

Intentional community

Sr. Jean's parents and siblings supported her decision.

"It was a sacrifice for Mom and Dad," she recalled. "When I entered, it was with the notion that I wouldn't be going home more than two times in my lifetime."

Parents could visit their

daughters once a month during their first year in formation at the motherhouse in St. Louis.

"That was a two-and-a-half-hour drive for a picnic and a couple of hours of visiting in a circle on the lawn, then getting back in the car and heading back to Quincy," she said. "And they made that drive a lot."

She completed a bachelor's degree in chemistry with a minor in biology from the SSNDs' former Notre Dame College in St. Louis.

"The teaching staff was really wonderful," she said.

"Women with doctorates. In my chemistry program, the student-to-professor ratio was 2-to-1. Your turn came around really often. There wasn't much hiding room behind anyone else in the class."

She didn't think much about teaching until that time.

"I just wanted to be part of this great group of women," she said.

One of her mentors was Sister Elbert Oelkers SSND, who was her college instructor for one class and later taught with her.

"She was delightful to watch with kids," Sr. Jean recalled. "She could see the goodness, the humor in every child. She was infinitely patient. And yet, she was a very, very good math teacher. She was able to impart knowledge in a way that kids could grasp it, and if they couldn't get it the first time, she would circle around and figure out another way to do it."

Sr. Jean began her teaching ministry at St. Paul High School in Highland, Illinois. She and another teacher comprised the science department, teaching seventh- through 12th-graders.

That's when she discovered that her gifts are best suited to high school.

"I'm more comfortable being able to talk to kids on a more adult level," she said.

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Speakers at Respect Life Mass: All people are intended, no one is beyond God's mercy

By Jay Nies

Mercy, reconciliation and joy permeated this year's Respect Life Mass in St. Joseph Church in Westphalia.

The parish hosts the Mass on a Wednesday evening each October in honor of Respect Life Month.

"The greatest gift that God gives you and me is to bring forth life," Father Viviano, pastor of St. Joseph Parish and of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk, proclaimed.

"When a baby in the womb is allowed to be born, we see this most incredible beautiful miracle," he said. "And I believe the devil's greatest triumph is to snuff that life out."

He noted that many women suffer quietly, often for years, after having an abortion.

"I can tell you as a priest, it could be three years later, it could be 10, 20, 40 years later, but the gravity of that decision comes back," he said.

He asked everyone present to pray often for women who carry that "heavy, heavy cross."

"There are many different reasons why they make that decision," he stated.

He said it's always edifying to see a woman confront the past, accept God's forgiveness and then work to help other women avoid the same mistake.

"They step forward into the breach with prayers and love and support for women and families who are on the precipice of making that decision, or those who have chosen life and are struggling," he said.

Young people from the parish's religious education program attended the Mass with parishioners and visitors.

The "core choir" led by the youth leaders from St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua parishes led the singing.

Abundant life

After Mass, Sister Fidelity Grace of the Sisters of Life, addressed the people over a video connection to Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Her congregation, founded by the late Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, en-

gages in many pro-life activities, such as offering a temporary home to pregnant mothers in need, helping women who have had abortions reconcile with God, and otherwise encouraging a culture of life.

With joy and conviction, Sr. Fidelity insisted that God chooses every person He creates.

"No matter the circumstances surrounding our conception, no person is an accident," she said. "Each of us is necessary. Each of us is uniquely loved. The fact that we are here means we are chosen!"

She shared stories about doctors and parents who successfully advocated for human life, usually against heavy odds.

She talked about people who stood up for life in all stages.

He wants everyone to do that.

"As C.S. Lewis tells us, 'there are no ordinary people,'" Sr. Fidelity stated. "God takes joy in each person He creates. Your unique goodness adds something to the world."

She said the world desperately needs everyone to help build a culture of abundant life.

"We are not made just for this world," she stated. "Our ultimate goal is not just saving babies or helping moms, but bringing souls to God."

"That takes CARE," she said.

"A cry for love"

CARE stands for contemplation, accompaniment, reconciliation and eternal life.

"We desperately need prayer," Sr. Fidelity noted. "We need to pray Rosaries. We need to spend time in silence."

She urged everyone to observe Sunday as a day of prayer and rest.

"The culture of death is all about making, taking, earning, transactions and efficiency," she said. "When a person is not useful, the person is to be thrown away, before or after birth."

"The fact is, we are human



Sister Fidelity Grace of the Sisters of Life (right) and another member of her congregation address people gathering in St. Joseph Church in Westphalia over a live video feed following the parish's annual Respect Life Mass on Oct. 20.

— Photo by Jay Nies

beings, not human doings," she said. "We need to take time to receive rather than to do. That helps us change the culture."

She said accompanying women who are considering abortion means much more than writing a check.

"It's easy to give a hand-out," she explained. "The poor and vulnerable need more than that. They need what everyone needs — someone to say, 'I am here for you.'"

"Ultimately, the women we help are looking for someone to walk with them through the mess," she said. "It's ultimately a cry for love, an easing of pain and a lessening of a heavy burden."

Reconciliation means encountering, accepting and celebrating the Father's mercy.

"You lead with mercy always," she said. "We need to proclaim it in everything we do."

People must also search

their hearts and find ways we've hurt others.

"Two words: 'I'm sorry' are very powerful," she noted.

"All of this leads to that goal for which we are made: eternal life," she said.

Chosen for a reason

Sr. Fidelity said the culture of abundant life will arrive when people fix their eyes collectively on the Author of Life, and attune their ears to His voice.

"A civilization of life will be built by saints who know deeply their own dignity, and love intensely each person in their midst," she said.

She reiterated that no one can accomplish anything meaningful without God's help.

"He chose you to be on this earth and for all eternity and to draw others into communion through the unique love that only you can offer this world," she said.

She encouraged everyone to visit the Sisters of Life website, sistersoflife.org, which contains a wealth of resources for spiritual renewal and for helping pregnant women in need.

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QUESTION CORNER

Prayer to St. Michael /
Disposition of altar relics

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. I had attended a nearby Catholic church for more than 20 years. But now I have been driving 40 minutes to another parish because of changes to restore "old traditions" at my local parish. One of them is the common recitation of the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel immediately after Mass. I find it inappropriate to speak of St. Michael and Satan right after we have been charged to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." At my former parish, I felt hostage to a small minority who tried to control my post-Mass thoughts and feelings instead of letting me leave Mass with the joy of the Eucharist. (Iowa)

A. The prayer to St. Michael was part of a group of prayers called the Leonine prayers that were said in Catholic churches following Mass from 1884 until 1965. They were originally introduced by Pope Leo XIII and stemmed from a vision he reportedly had of Satan wanting to destroy the Church.

The intention for which the prayers were said changed over time. Originally they were offered for the temporal sovereignty of the Holy See but later began to be said for the conversion of Russia.

During the Second Vatican Council, a Vatican instruction implementing the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy decreed that the Leonine prayers were suppressed and would no longer be used. But the recitation of the prayer to St. Michael has been making a "comeback," and a number of parishes are now reciting that prayer following Mass.

There has been no official Church declaration that this prayer should be resurrected; if your parish is using it, that is most likely a determination by the local pastor — although it could simply be the choice of a group of parishioners who have decided to pray together after Mass.

In any case, you might want to speak with the pastor of your former parish to let him know of your discomfort with this particular prayer and the fact that it seems to dim the joy with which you should be leaving Mass.

Q. I know there is an official procedure for churches that are (sadly) no longer used for Catholic worship. What happens to saints' relics in the altar if the church is sold or torn down? (southwest Indiana)

A. If the relics can be removed, it would be the responsibility of the local bishop to oversee their transfer to another place suitable for veneration. Often, they are moved to a church being newly built or to an existing worship site. Interestingly, Catholic churches currently being opened are encouraged, but not strictly required, to have relics of saints in the altar.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says: "The practice of the deposition of relics of saints, even those not martyrs, under the altar to be dedicated is fittingly retained. However, care should be taken to ensure the authenticity of such relics" (No. 302).

Elaborating on that directive, the Ceremonial of Bishops says: "The tradition in the Roman liturgy of placing relics of martyrs or other saints beneath the altar should be preserved, if possible. But the following should be noted: ... The greatest care must be taken to determine whether the relics in question are authentic; it is better for an altar to be dedicated without relics than to have relics of doubtful authenticity placed beneath it" (No. 866).

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

Papal
Audience
October 27, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our catechesis on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we have seen that, for the Apostle, the heart of the Gospel is the proclamation of the mystery of Christ's cross and its revelation of God's reconciling love. By His passion, death and resurrection, Jesus has brought us redemption and new life through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Paul can thus say to the Galatians: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me." Our prayerful contemplation of the crucified Lord, or our silent adoration before His eucharistic presence, help us to appreciate the grandeur of our call to share in the mystery of God's own life and love. The Christian life, lived in obedience to the promptings of the Spirit, includes what is traditionally called "spiritual combat." We struggle to overcome what Paul calls "the works of the flesh," in order to live in accordance with "the fruits of the Spirit," which are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control," (Galatians 5:22). In our spiritual lives, and in the life of our communities, we are called to cultivate these fruits as a witness to the new life and freedom we have received in Christ through the gift of His Holy Spirit.

I greet the English-speaking visitors taking part in today's audience, especially the young people from various countries preparing for the COP-26 meeting in Glasgow, and the pilgrimage groups from the United States of America. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of the Lord. God bless you!

Public
Rosary

Karen Daffron, Betty Hays, Connie Hesse, Frances Stuart, Debbie Ray and Shari Brewer stand by the Public Rosary in the Square banner outside Sacred Heart Church in Vandalia after praying the Rosary publicly there on Oct. 17.

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What role does memorabilia serve in an increasingly virtual world?

By Brett Robinson
Catholic News Service



I recently attended a Notre Dame football game with three of my sons. It was a really special day for our family, but something was missing. The physical tickets. They were gifted to us by a longtime supporter of the university and they came right to my smartphone in digital form.

The convenience of the digital tickets was welcome, but I can't help but wonder what is lost when technology replaces even the smallest routines and

rituals. The changes probably seem inconsequential to some, but they are part of a significant shift that has quite a bit to do with our faith.

When Jesus said, "Do this in memory of Me" (Luke 22:19) at the Last Supper, He was, of course, referring to the eucharistic ritual. The presence of bread and wine was not incidental. It was at the heart of His teaching, "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

Jesus knew the answer to the question, "What helps us remember things that matter?" The fact that those things are made of "matter." The more stuff that goes virtual, the fewer material reminders we have to orient and ground

ourselves in reality.

We learned this during the pandemic when the Mass could be viewed online but the Eucharist could not be consumed by the faithful. Something very important was missing.

In the concourse of Notre Dame Stadium, there are huge blown-up signs with artwork from vintage game programs from the 1930s and 1940s. Notre Dame vs. Navy in Baltimore, with a picture of a goat trying to lasso a leprechaun.

Eighty years ago, some kid took that program home and put it in a special drawer so he could remember that special day with Dad or Grandpa. When he looks at it again, no matter how many years later, the memories will come

flooding back. The weather that day. The score of the game. The sound of the crowd. The silliness of a goat lassoing a leprechaun.

The more society goes cashless and now ticketless, the more we grow senseless. Not senseless as in lacking common sense, but senseless as in depriving our senses of the physical things and stuff that can contain so much meaning.

When we store our photos, our money and our mementos in the "cloud," we lose touch with an underappreciated aspect of our experience as embodied, material creatures.

The sacramental life of the Church offers us a theological vision for why mat-

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Later vocations now

By Maureen Pratt
Catholic News Service



Recent data for the United States released by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) show a downward trend in priestly ordinations, as well as the number of religious sisters and religious brothers, deacons and graduate-level seminarians.

For example, according to CARA, in 2015, there were 515 priestly ordinations, but only 495 in 2020, and the total number of religious sisters went from 48,546 in 2015 to 41,357 in 2020.

The impact of fewer vocations is felt by everyone in the Church. The decline translates into myriad practical and pastoral issues, which many parishes have felt acutely.

It also increases the potential for a more severe personal toll on those in ministry; isolation, overwork and other stresses can lead to burnout or health issues for even the most devoted priest, brother, deacon or religious sister.

However, although the CARA statistics are sobering, this summer I happened upon a small magazine advertisement that offered an unexpected and creative possibility for improving the vocational void.

The ad was placed by Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Its message, simply put, begins, "Do you know someone over 30 who might have a vocation?"

The ad includes information on how someone can engage in "honest talk to help discern God's call," with a variety of ways to connect, including by telephone, email, or even through a "Zoom Meet & Greet" with Deacon Steve

Kramer, director of recruitment, director of homiletics, and associate professor of pastoral studies.

Often, awareness concerning vocations are focused on younger men and women. However, later vocations are certainly not new. Throughout the history of the Church, men and women have entered religious life at various ages and stages of their Christian journeys.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was married and widowed and the mother of several children before she took her first religious vows at age 34. St. Augustine of Hippo did not completely convert to Christianity until his early 30s.

The need revealed by the CARA report seemed to dovetail with the opportunity offered by Sacred Heart. To find out more, I contacted the seminary and school of theology and talked with Deacon Kramer and vice president of institutional advancement Monica Misey.

"When COVID happened," said Misey, "people were at home and rethinking their lives a little bit. We started Zoom meet and greets and had a great response from people who didn't know who to talk to."

"We're getting more interest, now," said Deacon Kramer. "A lot of people who are 40, 45, out in the workforce for years, might have been considering being a priest, deacon or sister."

Deacon Kramer clarified educational requirements, timing issues, and misinformation, especially regarding age.

"There's a lot of misconception that you have to be younger," he said. "Sometimes there's a feeling of unworthiness. Everyone's on a different journey. God writes straight with crooked lines."

Deacon Kramer helps those who reach out find the best "fit" for their next steps.

Misey said, "Deacon Steve knows which dioceses might be open to a later vocation. He makes these connections."

Although perhaps too soon to impact the overall data, Sacred Heart's ad and use of technology seem already to be bearing fruit.

"Vocations might be dropping," Misey said of the CARA data, "but we

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REFLECTION

All who hunger

By Mark Saucier

We are preparing to go to Mexico where our small foundation feeds some 600 students every day.

These are Mayan children living in rural villages. COVID closed these communities, along with their schools. Last month, we started providing food again, and I am anxious to see how these kids fared without it.

My anxiety about hunger was heightened by a priest friend in the Philippines ministering among sugarcane workers.

In their effort to fight COVID, the government quarantines families of infected individuals for two weeks, which is repeated if another family member gets sick.

Living hand-to-mouth, these families cannot work and cannot buy food. We hear about people "dying with complications due to COVID," but we don't consider starvation one of those complications.

Then I read that after four decades of invasion and internal violence, 22.8 million people in Afghanistan could suffer a food crisis this winter. Among them are 14 million children whose lives will be marked, if not ended, by the food they do not have.

Here, in the world's wealthiest country, over 40 million people will experience food insecurity this year. Many of those lacking access to sufficient affordable and nutritious food do not qualify for government assistance, or even with help, still fall short.

These people end up in the lines for free food distribution where my wife and I were again last week — as volunteers.

"One family." "Two families." The greeter would call out and boxes of meat and milk, peaches and pudding were loaded into trunks and onto back seats.

There were cars newer than ours, but also people on foot with bags, backpacks and grocery carts. No doubt the need varied, but the line was so relentless that there was no time to judge who was worthy or not.

A group of high school students helped us. These young women brought not just an energy but a hope to the battle against hunger.

We encouraged them to load the cars. There they would be able to meet the hungry as people, to look into their eyes, to hear their words of gratitude.

Perhaps some of those young women will volunteer again. Some may recall this experience later when they hear Jesus tell others, "When I was hungry you fed Me."

The Russian philosopher Nikolai Berdyaev wrote: "If I am hungry, it is a material problem; but if another is hungry, it is a spiritual problem."

I think Jesus would agree.

Fr. James Wheeler OFM: St. Patrick native reflects on the ministry that built him

By Megan Duncan

Quincy, Illinois

Franciscan Father James Wheeler has given many blessings, and he's also been a blessing to many.

He wasn't aware of just how many people he'd touched until Jan. 9, 2021, at St. Francis Solanis Parish in Quincy, when he celebrated the 55th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

He was overwhelmed by the familiar faces in the congregation.

"I was so emotional I couldn't even talk. The church was filled with people from all the different places I have been a priest, and they spoke about how I influenced them."

Although he did not start out a Franciscan, Fr. Wheeler has early roots in the faith.

Growing up in St. Patrick, Missouri, with his parents, the late Leonard and Josephine Wheeler, he attended a public school taught by Franciscan sisters.

It was after meeting the friars from Quincy University (then known as Quincy College) that eventually piqued his interest in the Franciscan way of life.

"The Franciscans at Quincy College always helped out in St. Patrick on the weekend Mass whenever the pastor was over in Ireland," he recalled. "I was impressed with them,

so I got to know them. And that's what drew me to the Franciscans."

However, he did not immediately attend seminary.

He first received a bachelor's degree in political science from Saint Louis University before studying philosophy at Our Lady of Angels Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio, and receiving a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1962 from Quincy College.

After Fr. Wheeler served for two years in the Illinois National Guard, he decided to enter the seminary.

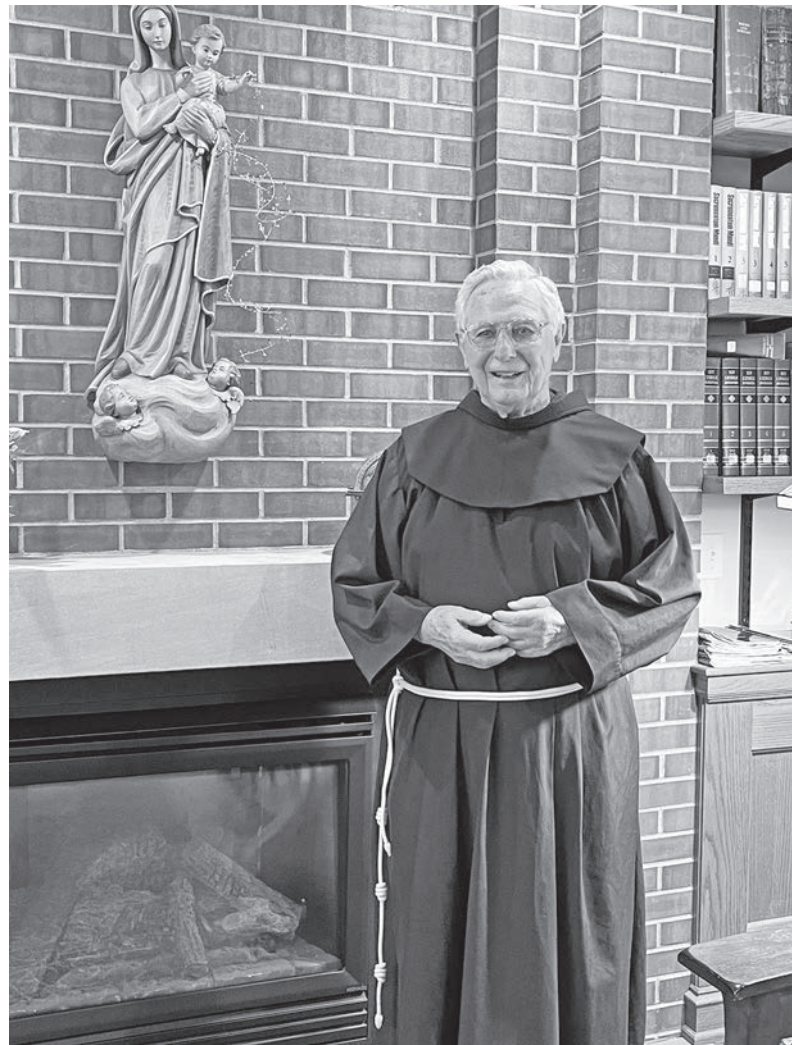
On Jan. 9, 1966, in St. Francis Church in Teutopolis, Illinois, Bishop William A. O'Connor ordained him to the Holy Priesthood.

The new priest's first assignment was teaching religion and Spanish at Padua Franciscan High School in Parma, Ohio.

Three years later, he began directing retreats for Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) in Cleveland. He was then invited to help TEC in Quincy, which is still going.

He ministered from 1972-84 in Quincy — three years as the director of field education at Our Lady of Angels Seminary and nine years as the director of campus ministry at Quincy College.

After a yearlong sabbatical



St. Patrick native Franciscan Father James Wheeler, currently serves in Quincy, Illinois. — Photo by Megan Duncan, courtesy, *QUniverse Magazine*

at the Institute for Spirituality and Worship at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California, he was involved in

campus ministry at the University of Iowa and Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

His path of ministry continues to this day.

According to Fr. Wheeler, the ministry has built him and made him the person he is.

Still presiding at Masses, funerals, weddings and many Cursillo weekends at the Franciscan Retreat Center, even after his semi-retirement in 2012, he will be working in the mission field for as long as God continues to use him.

He also served as president of the Quincy University Retirees Association and chaplain for the Quincy University National Alumni Board.

"I've always said, the friends I've made in the last 55 years of Priesthood have made me who I am, and I treasure that because it brings me to God and God to me. From working with teenagers, college students and parishioners, we learn from the people we serve. They are God's gift to us.

Ms. Duncan is a member of the Class of 2014 of Quincy University in Quincy, Illinois. This article was originally published in the Fall 2021 issue of QUniverse, the university's alumni magazine.

Pope plans day of listening, prayer with the poor in Assisi Nov. 12

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Pope Francis will prepare for his celebration of the World Day of the Poor by spending

time listening to and praying with 500 poor people from across Europe, who will be gathered in Assisi in November, the Vatican said.

The pope will have what the Vatican described as "a private meeting" with his special guests Nov. 12 at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels in Assisi, said the announcement.

The World Day of the Poor — marked each year on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time — will be celebrated Nov. 14 this year and focuses on a verse, "The poor you will always have with you" (Mark 14:7).

In his message for the 2021 celebration, Pope Francis wrote: "We are called to discover Christ in them (the

poor), to lend them our voice in their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to understand them and to welcome the mysterious wisdom that God wants to communicate to us through them."

The gathering in Assisi is being coordinated by the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization and We Are Fratello, a France-based Catholic organization that organizes days of prayer and other meetings for persons living in poverty.

As the Year of Mercy was ending in November 2016, Pope Francis told people he wanted to set one day aside each year to underline everyone's responsibility "to care for the true riches, which are the poor."

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Students at St. Martin School in St. Martins created a bulletin board display and yard signs to thank their pastor, Father Jason Doke, on Pastor Appreciation Day, Oct. 9.

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

Vocation Awareness Week: Reviewing one parish's efforts to promote priestly vocations

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, Nov. 7-13, 2021.

Father Paul Clark, vocation director for the Jefferson City diocese, pointed to an activity the priests of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Pettis County recently undertook to promote vocations.

Father David Veit and Father Joseph Corel, pastors *in solidum*, prepared the parish for a "Called by Name" weekend.

The priests told the parishioners in a bulletin announcement and Mass announcement that for the next three months, they would preach about vocations one weekend per month.

During the vocation homily for the fourth month, the priests would ask the parishioners to write on cards they would find in their pews, the names of those they believed should consider the seminary.

The first month's homily included Scriptural references.

The second introduced the Church documents that talk about preparing men for seminary, seminary formation and Priesthood.

For the third weekend, the priests shared the story of their own priestly calling.

They chose the weekends for vocation homilies by praying over the Sunday readings for each weekend and selecting the ones that were most appropriate.

Called by name

Leading up to the second weekend, they published in the parish bulletin a list of ways that parents can be helpful and ways they can be a hindrance to allowing their son to hear the voice of God speak to them about a possible priestly calling.

Before the weekend of the third month, the priests wrote a list of characteristics the Church looks for in men

who are called to seminary formation.

It was important to say "who they believe is called to be in the seminary to discern Priesthood" because seminary is where formal discernment for Priesthood takes place.

Once Fr. Veit and Fr. Corel were ready for the fourth month, they asked parish staff to create a card seeking the name of a potential candidate, the candidate's approximate age, his parents' names (if potential candidate is under 18 years old), and any contact information for the candidate or parents.

The following weekend, about 35 cards were submitted in the collection basket, calling 17 men by name.

"It is always fascinating to see how many young men receive their name on more than one card," said Fr. Corel.

The priests then invited the parents of those 17 young people to an informal wine, cheese and crackers party.

COVID-19 prompted the postponement of the event until everyone in the parish could be back together again.

Five sets of parents wound up taking the priests up on the invitation.

Speaking from experience

At the gathering with the parents, the priests again talked about their own call stories and how their discernment was received by their parents and siblings.

They also shared what was and was not helpful from what they heard from adults while they were considering the seminary.

The priests gave tips as to how parents can be supportive without being pushy about the idea of seminary and Priesthood.

They shared the characteristics of what the Church looks for in a seminarian and complimented parents on raising good quality men, regardless of what they were called to do with their lives.

"People see good qualities in their sons," Fr. Veit noted.

Most parents were happy to know how to support but not be pushy — to bring the topic up like it's as normal as anything else and not to overdo it.

The parents also appreciated being reminded that no matter what, pray that their children listen to God in whatever He is asking them to do with their lives. That will allow them to be happier than just planning it without their children's input.

They also appreciated knowing the characteristics the Church looks for and that their sons match some of them.

They also appreciated being with others whose sons were considered.

No one would know

The priests told the parents that it was never going to be mentioned in announcements nor in the bulletin that they were the ones invited to this dinner.

The date and guest list for the next event — the St. Andrew Dinner — would never be published. That way, the parents and the young men could continue going to Mass in peace.

"We did say, 'Keep in mind, we are expecting people to continue to ask young men to consider Priesthood, so if you are asked or your children are asked, it's because they are doing what we asked, not because they got their names from knowing who was invited to the St. Andrew Dinner,'" Fr. Corel noted.

Dates and times for discernment nights — at which anyone who may feel called to Priesthood or religious life gathers with the priests — would be publicized.

But the St. Andrew Dinner would be something completely different.

St. Andrew Dinner

A few weeks after the wine and cheese

visit with the parents, a group of parishioners made dinner for the young men who were invited to the St. Andrew Dinner.

Nice in-house invitations were made and sent to the men.

Seven men attended. They were welcomed by the priests.

Dinner was served buffet-style to the young men and priests, and then the priests and guests simply visited like a group would at any dinner.

After everyone had finished their main course and before dessert was served, the priests asked the guests to come to the Sacred Heart Chapel for a little prayer and talk.

There, both priests talked about their call story and how their call stories could relate to the guests who were present to hear it.

They showed how God speaks to all people, including the ones sitting in front of the priests.

Then, after some questions from the young men, everyone went back to the dining room for dessert.

The priests told the young men that there was not going to be any formal follow up, but that as they prayed and went about their daily lives in the life of the Church, the Lord would know how to bring back this evening as He saw fit and that the priests would pray for them that they respond accordingly.

They were also comforted in knowing their names were not going to be made public.

Fr. Corel said that with Vocation Awareness Week coming up, they may receive a letter with some vocation-related literature from the priests to let them know they are being prayed for this week.

Resources from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for parishes and families to observe Vocation Awareness Week can be found at uscbb.org.

Public Rosary in the Square

Father Michael Murphy, pastor, and about 30 people pray a Public Rosary in the Square, sponsored by St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in St. Robert, on Oct. 16 in Waynesville Roubidoux Park in Waynesville.

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LEFT: Sister Kathleen Wegman of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, part-time director of mission integration for Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, proclaims a Scripture reading during the blessing and dedication ceremony of the agency's new headquarters and hub of charity and outreach in Jefferson City. **RIGHT:** Images of people attending an open house at the new Catholic Charities center are reflected in the glass doors to the refrigerators for the client-choice food pantry that is slated to open in the building later this year. The food pantry occupies part of what was originally a gym for the former LaSalette Seminary. — Photos by Jay Nies

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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several large gifts and grants.

"We have so much to be thankful for!" he declared.

The bishop presented a \$1.5 million check from the diocese to help cover the cost of new programming at the center and for ongoing expansion of Catholic Charities and parish-based charitable service efforts throughout these 38 counties.

Mr. Lester said people's generosity to the capital campaign reflects a distinctly charitable instinct among many in Jefferson City and beyond.

"We're so blessed to live in such a generous and caring community," said Mr. Lester. "You all make it possible for us to continue to answer the call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick and the imprisoned and welcome the newcomer."

Keystone contributions included a large gift from Diamond Pet Foods; a \$750,000 matching grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation; \$200,000 from the SSM



This stained-glass window originally adorned the chapel of former Cathedral of St. Joseph Convent in Jefferson City.

Health St. Mary's Foundation for purchase of the land and building; \$225,000 from the Sunderland Foundation; \$30,000 from the Raskob Foundation; and \$50,000 from the Veterans United Foundation; and a gift from the Fechtel Family of Jefferson City.

Pledges and donations are still being accepted to help sustain Catholic Charities' direct services and partnerships throughout these 38 counties.

"This new space will serve not only as a hub of charity here in Jefferson City but throughout the entire diocese," Mr. Lester stated.

He offered a litany of thanksgiving for everyone who helped bring this multifaceted new hub of charity and mercy into being.

He thanked past and present CCCNMO board members, employees and pioneers.

"It's the staff's compassionate, caring and loving service that exemplifies what it means to love your neighbor as your-

self, and I'm humbled every day that I get to be a part of that team," said Mr. Lester.

He thanked board member Jim Wisch, who served as liaison for the construction proj-

ect.

He also lauded the diocese's current and previous bishop.

"I want to say thank you

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Help keep CCCNMO's doors wide open

The "Open Hearts, Open Doors: A New Home for Catholic Charities" campaign will continue through Dec. 31 of this year for people wishing to help with Catholic Charities' ongoing mission.

Additional money raised through the campaign will go toward the continued sustainability of Catholic Charities' work that will take place from this new health and social services center.

Donor recognition levels are available for a donor recognition installation on the walls of

the community space that will be created, along with building naming opportunities as the campaign concludes.

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

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OPEN HEARTS

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to Bishop (Emeritus John R.) Gaydos for his founding vision and determination to bring Catholic Charities to the Diocese of Jefferson City," said Mr. Lester. "And thank you to Bishop McKnight for your ongoing, generous, fierce support for our efforts to continue to grow and expand our ministry."

Providential location

The Missionaries of La Salette operated a high-school seminary in Jefferson City from 1948-69. The core of what is now the Catholic Charities center was built for the seminary in 1956.

"Two years ago, it was no more than a wild dream," the seminary's Class of 1957 stated in its yearbook. "But now it is a dream come true."

The building later served as a Catholic retreat and renewal center; a worship and outreach venue for another Christian congregation; a community center for the Jefferson City Housing Authority; and most recently as a dinner theatre and youth sports venue.

It was named in honor of the Shikles family, which do-



The nearly completed Catholic Charities center in Jefferson City is seen from the parking lot.

nated money to install an elevator in the building in 1983.

The Housing Authority in early 2019 sent out a request for redevelopment proposals for the building, hoping to find a use that would be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, where needs are abundant.

The completed facility will help meet those needs and many others throughout the diocese.

"We're thrilled to bring this building back to part of its original intent, which is to

serve," said Mr. Lester. "We know that's such an important mission of the Church, to reach out to people on the margins and be able to care for them and serve them."

The center will include a full-service client choice food pantry, a community wellness clinic, and space to integrate and enhance services to the local community and the entire Jefferson City diocese.

"True living example"

"By the grace of the Holy Spirit, make this place a house of blessing and a center of charity and mercy, where the faithful come to visit Christ in the person of their brothers and sisters," Bishop McKnight prayed at the dedication.

The ceremony also included a presentation of proclamations and a ceremonial ribbon-cutting by representatives of CCCNMO representatives and the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jefferson City Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Kemna presented a proclamation on behalf Mayor Carrie Tergin, designating Oct. 16-22, 2021, as Catholic Charities Week in the city.

State Rep. Rudy Veit, whose district includes part of Jefferson City, presented a Certificate of Recognition from Gov. Mike Parson and the Missouri General Assembly.

Concrete works

Nick Borgmeyer with SOA Architecture designed the ren-

ovations and additions to the Catholic Charities center.

His objective was to turn a 65-year-old building with a storied past and strong community connections into something ideal for its current uses.

"When you renovate an existing structure, you want it not just to comply with the building codes," he said. "It has to work well and function correctly, now and in the future. So you work to make it lasting and flexible."

He said working for a client that truly appreciates the building being worked on makes a project all the more enjoyable.

"You get behind the mission of each project you work on, and it's a lot easier to do that if you share faith with those who are using the building and an appreciation for the work they're doing in the community," he said.

A member of Immaculate

construction, when they had to take out portions of concrete for different things, they said, "That's some good concrete. This place isn't going anywhere," he said.

The center will also be kind to creation. An expansive array of solar panels, donated by the Kolb family of Jefferson City, and state-of-the-art equipment for harvesting free energy from the earth make it one of the first nearly carbon-neutral buildings in Central Missouri.

Mr. Borgmeyer said two of Catholic Charities' defining characteristics are compassion and understanding.

"It's always interesting to learn people's story and how you can fit into that story and hopefully help improve it," he stated.

Merciful hearts

Some of the light from the chapel filters out into the center's community room through a tall, slender stained-glass image of Jesus pointing to His Most Sacred Heart.

The window was made in Ireland and originally adorned the chapel of the former Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Convent in Jefferson City.

The convent was home to Sisters of Mercy of Swinford, Co. Mayo, Ireland, who staffed the St. Joseph Cathedral School from 1960-90.

About 38 Sisters of Mercy from several convents in Ireland worked in Jefferson City, Columbia, Kirksville, Wardsville and the diocese's missions in Peru.

The last of them, Sister Gertrude Gallagher RSM (1916-2016), served here from 1972-74 and from 1984-2003.

Her outlook on charity and mercy aligns with Catholic Charities' approach to providing care and creating hope:

"If I am looking for a picture of God, or looking for God, where do I find Him? In everybody I meet!" she told *The Catholic Missourian* in 2001.

"That is the Lord's way of talking to me."

We need to see the face of Christ in immigrants, says Phoenix bishop

Catholic News Service

Phoenix

One family fled cartel violence in their small town in Zacatecas, Mexico. Another fled Honduras after the coronavirus pandemic and tropical storms decimated their business and left them impoverished.

These stories were among a handful shared by Joanna Williams, executive director of the Kino Border Initiative at a "Prayer Vigil for Migrant Justice" Oct. 11 at St. Mary's Basilica in Phoenix.

Williams said the family from Zacatecas struck her when the patriarch shared how they had planted peach trees with the hope that by the time they had matured, the cartels would have left.

"Those peaches are now bearing fruit, and the fruit is falling to the ground because there's no one there to harvest it, and it's rotting on the ground," she said, relating what the father told her. After another cartel moved in and threatened the family, they left for Nogales, Mexico.

"They're in the very country that they're fleeing from. But they didn't want to flee," she said. "They believed that they had a future until the circumstances showed them that that wasn't possible."

The Arizona-based Catholic Coalition for Migrant Justice sponsored the prayer vigil, which included biblical passages challenging listeners to "welcome the stranger," including Leviticus 19 and the "Sheep and the Goats" from Matthew 25.

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.

Conception Parish in Jefferson City, Mr. Borgmeyer has also worked with the building's previous owner.

"The Housing Authority put out a request for redevelopment," he said. "They wanted to see this building put to good use. The mission and goals that Catholic Charities had in mind aligned with those of the Housing Authority."

He noted that Catholic Charities was looking for an appropriate location to serve many people in need, "so this was a great opportunity for them."

He said the building itself is substantial and well built.

"When you talk to any of the guys who worked on the

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focused on serving God and one another.

How best to do bring that into being can be a vexing question without input from the Holy Spirit.

“Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has intensified his efforts to call the Church to greater communion by inviting more people to engage in the evangelizing mission of the Church, and thus fulfill the Church’s mission better,” Bishop McKnight pointed out in his homily.

He noted that the Jefferson City diocese has already been engaged in deep and prayerful discernment through the process of developing pastoral plans for parishes and the diocese as a whole.

Her referred to the diocesan pastoral plan as “our road map to strengthening the spirituality of stewardship — or participation — of individuals in the life of their parish; to strengthen co-responsibility for all and a mutual respect for the different roles the clergy and laity have — communion; so that our parishes may be better recognized as center of charity and mercy — the

Church’s mission.”

He noted that the work and discernment that have already taken place will be helpful in creating the diocese’s report for the Synod.

“We will also be using an online survey and in-person listening sessions in each of the five deaneries to give as many people as possible the opportunity to listen to each other and to the Holy Spirit,” he said.

He emphasized that this is not a process designed to change Church doctrine.

“We will not be encouraged to assert or advance our own pet issues or projects,” he stated. “We are all called, instead, to listen together, with openness, to what the Holy Spirit is asking of us in how we are to be the Church in our present context.”

He pointed to two questions Pope Francis wants people to consider in this phase of the Synod:

• “How is our journeying together happening today in our diocese?”

• “What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?”

“By reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through her experience which processes can help her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open herself to mission,” said Bishop McKnight.

He urged everyone to remain open to any surprises the Holy Spirit may present along the way.

“Thus, a dynamism can be activated that allows us to begin to reap some of the fruits of a synodal conversion, which will progressively mature,” he said.

Later during the Mass, everyone prayed together the ancient *“Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus”* prayer that has been prayed by participants in the Church’s ecumenical councils

through the centuries.

The following afternoon during the praying of Evening Prayer in the exposed presence

meeting in their parishes not just with prayer but also with prayerful silence.

“We can speak from the same place that St. Paul speaks from in his Second Letter to the Corinthians (1:3-7), of the importance of having trust and an openness to the Holy Spirit, in doing things differently than the way we have grown accustomed to or perhaps want ourselves,” the bishop said.

He encouraged the Church’s servant leaders to look for every opportunity to foster a more prayerful, more open, more discerning attitude among the faithful, rather than an attitude of asserting one’s own will.

“We are to follow the will of the Holy Spirit!” he said.

“Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus”

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral, Bishop McKnight emphasized the importance of being prayerfully open throughout the Synod process.

He urged the priests and deacons present to encourage the faithful to start every

Call to prayer for the synod finds home online, in app

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Cardinal Mario Grech, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops, said in the process to create a more “synodal church,” one where every member contributes and all listen to each other, “we are touching something divine, and prayer is essential.”

The synod office, the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network and the women’s International Union of Superiors General (UISG) have joined forces not only to encourage prayers, but to collect them, share them and build a global community of people praying for the synod and each other.

Their efforts are built on two main platforms: an updated version of Click to Pray, an app and website run by the prayer network, and *pray forthesynod.va*. Both were unveiled Oct. 19 at a Vatican



A new version of the Click to Pray 2.0 app, available for iOS and Android phones, encourages prayers for the Synod of Bishops. The app is an initiative of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network.

— CNS photo/courtesy Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network

news conference.

The superiors general are soliciting prayers for the synod and its preparation process from members of women’s and men’s monasteries and contemplative communities.

Through Oct. 31, those prayers will be posted on the website; beginning Nov. 1, anyone can submit a prayer, said Patrizia Morgante, UISG communications officer.

The prayers also will be posted on the Click to Pray

2.0 app and can be added to the websites of religious orders, parishes or dioceses with an RSS feed.

In addition to carrying prayers for the synod, especially during the preparatory phase that began in early October, the upgraded Click to Pray app has added features, including notifications so that people can set it to remind them to pray at the time they choose each morning, midday and night.

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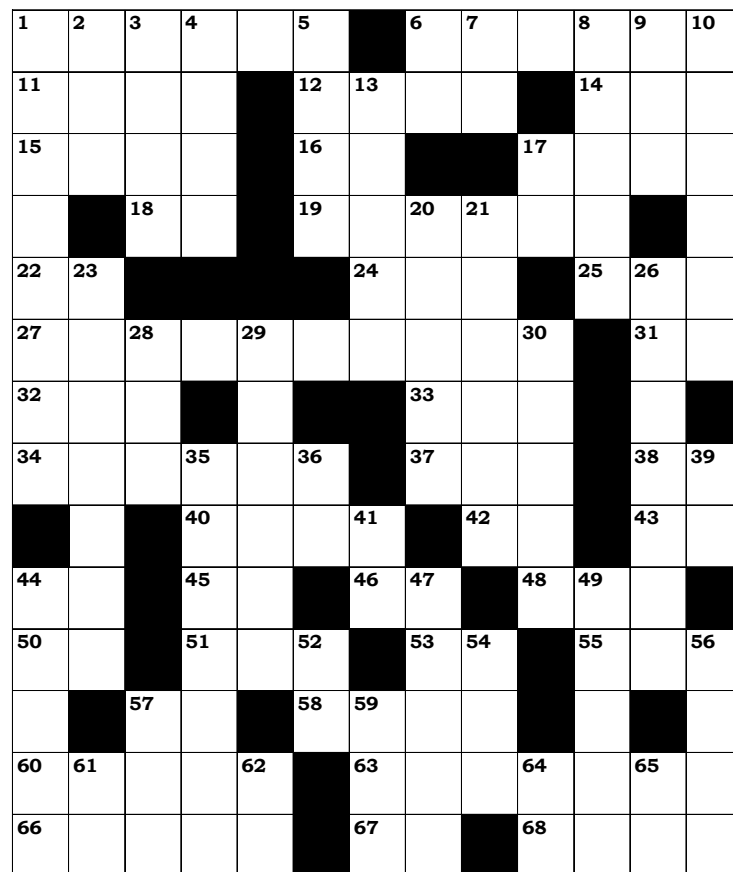
ACROSS

1. Nature in Missouri can be so odd. For ex., despite having eight eyes, Striped Bark Scorpions have terrible _____. To make up for the lack of sight they have sensitive hairs on their pinchers to help them feel the movements of prey, and organs on their undersides to help detect odors. This is the only scorpion species in Mo. and is non-venomous.
6. Pathways in church.
11. Comfort and Holiday.
12. Smartphones usually have a whole lot of them.
14. Sixth sense.
15. "Cats have a ____ going — you buy the food, they eat the food, they go away; that's the deal." —Eddie Izzard.
16. Gym class, perhaps, in high school.
17. ____ Bell; fast food chain.
18. Abbr. for an addition in a letter after the signature.
19. Standing nearly 3 feet tall and tipping the ____ at up to 90 lbs., the American Beaver is Missouri's largest rodent. Our smallest rodent, the Plains Harvest Mouse, is only 5 inches long (including its tail) and weighs less than 10 raisins.
22. ____BY; frozen custard chain.
24. "____ Baba and the 40 Thieves"; —Syrian folk tale.
25. ____Tok; a video sharing application on smart phones that allows creation of 15-second videos; wildly popular with young people.
27. Contrary to what Road-runner cartoons (beep, beep) might lead you to believe, a coyote would have little trouble ____ a Road-runner. The fleet-footed birds reach speeds of about 20 mph. Coyotes, however, can hit a howling 43 mph.
31. The ____ Young award is given annually to the best pitcher in the NL and in the AL. It's named after a Hall of Fame pitcher that died in 1955.
32. Nurses.
33. Internet country code for Northern Ireland.
34. Gray Squirrels bury acorns for ____ later on. But they often forget about most of the acorns they hide. In one study, an amazing 74% weren't dug back up. Left underground long enough, the seeds sprout into baby oak trees.
37. Wildebeest.
38. "Unclean images had scarcely been driven off, when _____, in a twinkling of an eye, they came thronging back again," — *Confessions*, book 7, St. Augustine.
40. He has painted landscapes in pastels, acrylics and _____.
42. Abbr. for first book in the Bible.
43. In 1957, Pres. Eisenhower had to send federal troops to this State to enforce the 1954 Supreme Court's ruling ending racially segregated education (abbr.).
44. ____ case you forgot...
45. Land of 10,000 Lakes State (abbr.).
46. King of Bashan (Psalms 136:20).
48. "When prisoners were taken at all and were brought into the camps of the loyal (Union) State militia or the bushwhackers, in many cases the investigation, the sentence, and the execution did not take much over ____ minutes," — *Longer Than a Man's Lifetime in Missouri*, Gert Goebel.
50. A high grade on a 1950s Catholic school report card.
51. L.A. summer hours (i.e., Pacific Daylight Time).
53. In eye care, letters indicating the right eye, from the Latin, *oculus dextrus*.
55. I found my job through the want _____.
57. One of this State's nicknames is The Grape State; over 300,000 tons of this fruit is grown annually here (abbr.).
58. Cursor on a computer.
60. A betting word in poker.
63. "Happy is he who finds _____," —Proverbs 25:9 (2

- wds.)
66. "Do you not know that a little ____ leavens all the dough?" (1 Corinthians 5:6).
67. ____ Cobb; arguably the best baseball player of all time holding 43 MLB regular season records before retiring in 1928 after 22 seasons in baseball; died in 1961.
63. Grandmother of Jesus.

DOWN

1. "I have seen many an American, attentive to (Hermann's) simple and natural beauty, become quite genial, esp. if we had just tasted the wine in the stately wine cellars open to ____ at any time with the greatest courtesy," —Gert Goebel.
2. Letters after an American corporation's name.
3. Last Spring, we had a hard, late cold ____ that froze a lot of early blooming flowers.
4. Beliefs.
5. Biologists believe that birds, esp. those that fly nonstop for days during migrations through Mo. and elsewhere, take short ____ in midair. But the soaring snorers aren't likely on autopilot. A bird can leave half its brain wide awake while the other half rests. SOME say this could be useful in a classroom, Church(!) or with a spouse at home(!).
6. Letters for Associated Press, news agency founded in 1846.
7. ____ it true or not?
8. "For the one who is ____ among all of you is the one who is greatest," (Luke 9:48).
9. Letters on the top left of a computer keyboard.
10. Jack-O-Lantern Mushrooms are well named. Not only are they pumpkin-orange, but they also glow in the dark! The ____ greenish-blue glow comes from the mushroom's underside gills and can be seen only in pitch-black conditions.
13. Brunswick, Mo was officially designated as the capital of Mo. in 1972. The first festival was in 1980. It's all based on the vast groves and orchards in the area that produce these



- tasty Mo. native nuts.
17. Tea in Mexico City.
20. "My Ding-_-," — Chuck Berry song that in 1972 became the St. Louis native's only #1 Billboard Hot 100 single in the U.S. (2 wds.)
21. The special ____ in her jacket kept her toasty on the coldest days.
23. "...as the serpent deceived Eve by his _____," (2 Corinthians 11:3).
26. This island nation sits right on top of the Mid-Atlantic ridge in the Atlantic Ocean.
28. Letters for Transportation Security Administration; provides airport screening and security at airports.
29. Not nice.
30. Nickname for an infantryman.
35. Cave Salamanders, found in much of southern Mo., can "feel" the Earth's magnetic field. This built-in ____ helps the flame-orange amphibians find their way around the darkest corners of caves where there's no light to help them see.
36. In fishing, letters for standard length, the length of a fish short of the tail fin.
39. In the ____, prayer is always a good idea," — *The Patient*, by Michael Palmer.
41. "None of us are the same, none of us are perfect. But it's our cracks and flaws that make our lives together ____ very interesting," — *Pearls of Wisdom*, by Barbara Bush.
44. "Once every three years the fleet of Tarshish ships would come with a cargo of gold, silver, ____, apes, and peacocks," (1 Kings 10:22).
47. Close cartoon friend of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.
49. "I took the small scroll from the angel's hand and swallowed it. It was like sweet honey, but when I had ____ it, my stomach turned sour," (Revelations 10:10).
52. 8th note.
54. Mo. State Parks is a division of Mo.'s Dept. of Natural Resources (____).
56. "Jesus, you are here, with me once again. Please remain by my ____, my cherished Friend," — Fr. Philippe in *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky.
57. Spy agency.
59. This mammal, supposedly, has nine lives.
61. Abbr. for American Eagle; clothing company.
62. Movie alien.
64. Largest corn producing State in the nation (abbr.).
65. Abbr. for the Latin "*no-men nescio*," meaning "I do not know the name" (i.e., anonymous).

LAUDATO SÍ

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He asserted that wind power is a nonpartisan solution, with the number of wind farms increasing both in conservative- and liberal-leaning states.

He concluded with some simple suggestions that Pope Francis makes in *"Laudato Si,"* including praying before meals and respecting the Sabbath.

Humbly receiving nourishment with gratitude and taking a day each week not to shop or work helps create a grateful attitude and orients people more toward God and one another, Dr. de Foy said.

"There are a lot of things we can do and lots of reasons to do them," he stated. "You don't have to be a sandal-wearing hippie. If you are, great! If you're not, you can stay yourself. But we can all grow in the faith and our identity even as we take care of creation and of one another."

"It's about love"

Fr. Merz gave an outline of *"Laudato Si,"* noting that its title comes from a poetic prayer written by St. Francis of Assisi, in which he praises God for all of His creation.

Throughout the encyclical, Pope Francis draws on the wisdom of St. Francis and other saints, as well as several of his papal predecessors.

"Although written from a distinctly Catholic point of view, *'Laudato Si'* is really addressed to all people of goodwill," Fr. Merz noted.

The pope begins with a survey of current affronts to creation and resulting threats to humanity, including climate change, water and air pollution, the loss of biodiversity, a decline in the quality of human life, and a breakdown of human solidarity.

The pope then writes of how God trusted humans to be stewards of His creation.

"He writes that there's this mystery of the universe, in all of creation, and in the human person as well," said Fr. Merz.

The Pope addresses God's loving gaze upon His creation.

"That calls each of us to a higher accountability, but in a loving and beautiful way," the priest stated.

The Pope reminds his readers that man does not create himself; God creates humanity.

"The more I come to know a person, the more I'm able to love them," said Fr. Merz. "And it's the same sort of thing with creation. The more I come to know the world and how the world works, the more I come to know the Creator of that world, along with His creation."

"So it's not about domination or control. It's about love," said Fr. Merz.

Pope Francis addresses the roots of ecological crisis, including the rise of technology that subverts the common good.

"Technology is creativity and power," Fr. Merz noted. "Pope Francis is not against it, but he maintains that those who create it and use it to be accountable."

The Pope says human beings have to have a right understanding of humanity in order to have a just relationship with the environment and with nature.

He proclaims that the harmony between humanity and creation as a whole is disrupted by people presuming to take the place of God.

Pope Francis asserts that many people living in cities are deprived of physical contact with nature and the inspiration that comes with being close to God's creation.

He points out that a true ecological approach to solving the world problems must always become a social approach.

"He refers to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor," said Fr. Merz. "The environment and social wellbeing are interconnected."

Since water is essential to human survival, the pope refers to drinkable water as a foundational human right.

He writes of the tragic rise in the number of migrants fleeing from the poverty caused by en-

vironmental degradation.

"He never loses sight of the plight of human beings," Fr. Merz noted.

The pope then proposes what a just society could look like.

"He talks about an environmental, economic and social ecology," said Fr. Merz.

The pope cautions against the extremes of caring only for the earth's creatures and plants or only caring for human beings.

"He tells us that an integral ecology has to answer both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor," said Fr. Merz. "It has to be holistic."

The pope closes the encyclical with a call for ecological conversion, praising God by respecting what He created and trusted humanity with.

He writes: "We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the underprivileged, and at the same time protecting nature," (#139).

"In other words, taking care of humanity is the best way to take care of the environment," said Fr. Merz.

"Called on mission"

Ms. Heienickle, a senior at the University of Missouri, is studying atmospheric science and hopes to perform research about the environment and work toward climate justice.

She shared her story, featured in the July 23, 2021, issue of *The Catholic Missourian*, of growing in relationship with God by appreciating His creation.



Emma Heienickle speaks to the audience. — Photo by Jay Nies

"This spirituality that I gained from spending time outdoors allowed me to connect with God in a deeper way," she said. "It provided me countless opportunities to thank Him for His beautiful creation and for creating this world that I am lucky to live in."

Attending a Catholic environmental conference in Omaha, Nebraska, helped her recognize the injustice of environmental degradation.

"I saw how caring for the environment is so much more than just for the earth, but for the people who inhabit the planet," she said.

She decided to pursue envi-

ronmental studies and a life of simplicity, so she could apply science and her own witness to promoting care for creation.

"God does not call the extraordinary, He calls each and every one of us," she stated. "In fact, He chose each and every one of us to follow Him and we are called on mission to take action."

"With great humility"

Dr. Therese Miller PhD, the emcee for the event, said the aim was for the evening's activities to deepen people's relationship with God and His creation.

"Our message is hope," she said. "We are better when we can work together on these things."

Father Donald Antweiler, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, led participants in the praying of part of St. Francis's *"Canticum of the Sun."*

"Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve Him with great humility," the people prayed.

The parishioners who organized the event hope to keep the discussion going. Contact Jim Kemna at jimkemna@gmail.com for information.



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Fundraisers & Social Events

Oct. 29

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

Oct. 30

Boonville, K of C Halloween Party dinner & games, 5:30-11 pm, for info call 660-621-4200; **Taos**, Halloween Trivia Night to benefit Rusty Philbert, 6-10 pm, K of C Hall, for info call 573-301-7121

Oct. 31

Boonville, K of C 5th Sunday breakfast, 8 am-noon; **Monroe City**, Holy Rosary Fall Dinner, 10:30 am-1 pm, K of C Hall

Nov. 4

Sedalia, MJM7 Concert with the Mette Family Ministries, 6-8 pm, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, for info email dianne.svdpparish@gmail.com

Nov. 5

Holts Summit, K of C Fall fried chicken dinner, 4-7 pm, St. Andrew Parish, Veit Hall; **Linn**, K of C drive-thru chicken dinner, 4:30-7:30 pm, St. George Parish

Nov. 6

Pilot Grove, St. Joseph School Student Council soup supper & game night, 5-7:30 pm, parish hall

Nov. 7

Bahner, St. John's Altar Society hunter's breakfast, 6-11 am; **Boonville**, Ss. Peter & Paul

Parish turkey dinner, 11 am-3 pm; **Brookfield**, Immaculate Conception parish carry-out turkey dinner, 10:30 am-1:30 pm; **Camdenton**, St. Anthony Parish turkey dinner, 11 am-3 pm; **Macon**, Knights of Columbus ham & chicken Dinner, 11 am-1 pm; **St. James**, Immaculate Conception Parish Fall Dinner, 11 am-5 pm; **Starkenburg**, Church of the Risen Savior Parish Fall Dinner, 11 am-3 pm, Valentine Hall; **Taos**, St. Francis Xavier Parish Fall Supper, 11:30 am-5 pm; **Vienna**, K of C breakfast, 7:30-11 am

Nov. 12

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

Nov. 14

Belle, St. Alexander Parish Fall Dinner, 11 am-4 pm; **Glasgow**, St. Mary Parish Fall Dinner, 11 am-2:30 pm; **Wien**, St. Mary of the Angels Parish PSR & CYO Fall breakfast, 7-11 am

Nov. 25

Tipton, St. Andrew Parish Thanksgiving Festival, 11 am-2 pm

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

6-7 Noviembre

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

13-14 Noviembre

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miento, Escuela del Sagrado Corazón, favor de inscribirse llamado a Marcelino Chavez al 660-631-3748

Meetings & Conferences

Nov. 8

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

Nov. 10

VIRTUAL, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri refugee resettlement program orientation, 5:30-6:30 pm, for info or to register, call 573-442-7568 or email dtwombly@cccnmo.org

Nov. 12-13

Westphalia, Family-friendly Marian Conference, with speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confession fellowship & food, Fri 5-9 pm, Sat 6:30 am-4:30 pm, for info or to register visit stjosephwestphalia.org

Nov. 20

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

Liturgical

Nov. 22

Jefferson City, Blessing of Music Ministers for the Feast of St. Cecilia, prayer service, blessing and reception, 7-9 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Nov. 4

Sedalia, MJM7 Concert/catechesis & prayer with the Mette Family Ministries, 6-8 pm, McGremlin Gym, for info email dianne.svdpparish@gmail.com

Nov. 4-7

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

Nov. 6-7

Jefferson City, Marriage Encounter Weekend, Best Western Plus Capital Inn, for info or to register visit jeffcityme.com

Nov. 7

Moberly, Women's Cursillo #77 Closing Ceremony (Closures), 4 pm, St. Pius X Church

Nov. 7-9

Sedalia, "Eucharistic Adoration" parish mission with Fr. Louis Guardiola of the Fathers of Mercy, 6:30-8 pm each evening, for info contact fr dave.svdpparish@gmail.com

Nov. 8-10

Taos, Parish Mission with Fr. Robert Gielow, 7 pm each evening, St. Francis Xavier Parish

Nov. 14

Columbia, Postcursillo Ultreya, 2-4 pm, Sacred Heart Church

Nov. 14-17

Jefferson City, "Where is God These Days?" parish renewal with Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI, 6:30 pm each evening, Immaculate Conception Church

ROBINSON

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ter matters. Things, stuff and bodies are all part of how we come to know reality.

God became man, in the flesh, so that He could enter into the full reality of the human experience. The sacraments provide physical signs like water, ash, oil, bread and wine to ground us in God's creation, while also lifting us to the higher ground of communion with the Creator.

A paper football ticket may not bestow sacramental grace, but it can embody a memory or a relationship that reveals a deeper meaning. It is a reminder that being human is more than a virtual experience.

In fact, it's even more than a purely spiritual experience. The physical things we come into contact with are signs and reminders of the experiences that shape us and the people that love us.

I hope my boys remember that sunny September afternoon in South Bend with their dad. I think I'll print out the tickets just to make sure.

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Jerry & Karen Ebbesmeyer, 30 years
Nathan & Jenny Vroman, 17 years
Bill & Brittany Sullivan, 16 years
Steven & Amy Nation, 16 years

Folk, St. Anthony of Padua

Randy & Darla Heckman, 41 Years
Tim & Robin Schulte, 20 Years

Freeburg, Holy Family

Alex & Ida Dickneite, 56 years
Ron & Paralee Kloepfel, 54 years
Don & Laverne Haller, 53 years
Gary & Margie Wieberg, 47 years
Loyd & Dina Libbert, 43 years
Carl & Phyllis Sandbothe, 39 years
Ken & Barb Welschmeyer, 37 years
Rick & Cindy Hilkemeyer, 33 years
Kevin & Christie Holterman, 32 years
Todd & Brenda Becker, 31 years
Kevin & Pam Richter, 31 years
Stephen & Julie Wieberg, 31 years
George & Linda Iven, 30 years
Jeff & Carrie Swarthout, 27 years
Craig & Amy Reinkemeyer, 21 years
Daniel & Abby Berhorst, 12 years
Glenn & Becky Haller, 12 years
David & Bridget Rehagen, 10 years

Hannibal, Holy Family

Harley & Evelyn Hirner, 70 years

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph

Roger & Jolyne Dunn, 58 years

Jefferson City,

Immaculate Conception

Tony & Carolyn Bruemmer, 64 years

Koeltztown, St. Boniface

Vince & Kathy Falter, 38 years
Dennis & Karen Meyer, 31 years

Martinsburg, St. Joseph

Rick & Debbie Robnett, 48 years
Daniel & Amy Brooks, 35 years

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows

Freddy & Cathy Klindt, 55 years
Gregory & Amanda Koetting, 15 years

Names for the People Page

Information for the People Page comes from parish correspondents and individual parishioners, as well as bulletins and newspapers.

Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to editor@diojeffcity.org or mailed to

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Butch & Jill Drennen, 32 years
Leroy & Gayla Bauer, 29 years
Paul & Lisa Krieg, 28 years

Russellville, St. Michael

Dave & Ruth VanLoo, 59 years
Walter & Marilyn Prenger, 52 years
Vernon & Nev Higgins, 47 years
Jim & Karen Call, 42 years
Russ & Dona Anderson, 41 years
John & Catherine Hummel, 36 years
Darrell & Becky Taube, 35 years
Richard & Susan Little, 23 years
Tom & Amy Schwartze, 22 years
Adam & Tracey Bieri, 16 years
Brian & Fay Schulte, 14 years

St. Anthony, St. Anthony of Padua

Dennis & Marie Schulte, 30 years

Taos, St. Francis Xavier

Daryl & Mary Heet, 45 years

Versailles, St. Philip Benizi

David & Helen Franken, 50 years

Vienna, Visitation

Pat & Lisa Jones, 41 years
Greg & Malinda Nelson, 34 years
Michael & Kristin Ewers, 10 years

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus

Mark & Laverne Eveler, 60 years

Marriages

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Cherie Yow & Eric Miller**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Mary Ann Sutter & Joe Boone, Kristi Meyer & Kyle Smith**

Meta, St. Cecilia — **Heather Luebbering & Bobby Gibbson**

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — **Leah Albus & Grant Vollrath**

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Macy Buscher & Brandon Brown**

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels — **Tegan Weimer & Luke Brehm, Lydia Henke & Preston Ward**

Birthdays

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Lillian Falter**, her 94th on Oct. 18

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **Hubert Bescheinen**, his 100th birthday

Marshall, St. Peter — **Rose Mary Terhune**, her 95th

Russellville, St. Michael — **Terese Schepers**, her 92nd

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Irene Boessen**, her 90th on Oct. 16; **Eldora Hoecker**, her 90th on Oct. 21

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Clara Eiken**, her 90th

Baptisms

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Arthur Allen**, son of Colton & Brooke Allen

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Jade Brown, Levi Imhoff**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Aria Opal Horvath**, daughter of Jeremy & Michelle Horvath

Hermann, St. George — **Bevyn Ann Panhorst**, daughter of Brandon & Brenna Panhorst

Indian Creek, St. Stephen — **Jase Daniel Buckman**, son of Tanner & Kim Buchman; **Carter Joseph Hogan**, son of Jared & Acacia Hogan

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Cristiano Ezequiel Guerrero**, son of Adrian & Nicole Guerrero; **Ivy Rose Lindsey**, daughter of Christopher & Brittany Lindsey; **Caitlin Marie Smith**, daughter of Ryan & Rachel Smith

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Sophie Renee Ebers**, daughter of Matthew & Breanne Ebers

Palmyra, St. Joseph — **Griffin Michael Keene**, son of Adam & Breanna Keene

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Wyatt Holtmeyer**, son of Trenton & Paige Holtmeyer; **Macklin Juergensmeyer**, son of Brandon & Ashley Juergensmeyer

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Emerie Roe Smith**, daughter of Jared & Danielle Smith

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Elijah Francisco Schaben**, son of Benjamin & Linda Schaben; **Pearl Elizabeth Schulte**, daughter of Clinton & Destiny Schulte

Deaths

John Gormley, 88 — brother of Father Kevin Gormley, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese — on Oct. 10, in Ireland after a long illness. A Requiem Mass was offered on Oct. 13 in St. Laurence O'Toole Church in Inch, Ireland. Burial was in Bouladuff Cemetery.

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Catherine Brunner**

Brunswick, St. Boniface — **Jacky Kussman, Bill White**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Edward Butkievich; John Hunt**

Fulton, St. Peter — **Helen Gidley**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew Catholic Church — **Tony Zeilman**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Beverly Jacobson**

Kirkville, Mary Immaculate — **Dan Deeny, Marie Gladbach**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Tom Vogl**

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Barbara Welschmeyer**

Mexico, St. Brendan — **James Hanifen, Anastasia Mudd**

Moberly, St. Pius X — **Francis Joseph**

St. Robert, St. Robert Bellarmine — **James Brown, Thomas Lynch**

Honors

Deacon Christopher Wickern, who assists the pastor of St. Ann Parish in Warsaw & the Mission of Ss. Peter & Paul in Cole Camp, with the Robert E. Myers Memorial Service Award from the Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors, "for his untiring efforts toward the advancement of the profession of Land Surveying in the State of Missouri."

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support.

Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other.

Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example.

Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence.

May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Crossword puzzle answers

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Apple bar in Glasgow



Kindergartners and first-graders in Glasgow kick off St. Mary School's first school mission project of the 2021-22 school year on Oct. 5 with an outdoor apple bar. Students, faculty, and community members enjoyed purchasing home-grown apples courtesy of Billy Joe Drummond, with all the toppings. Apple Juice was also available. All proceeds benefited two children the school sponsors living in other countries. — Photo from the St. Mary School Facebook page

Caring for creation



Katlyn Borgmayer's second-graders at Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek learn about science and following Jesus through service Oct. 8 as they plant flowers to beautify the parish grounds while helping the "bees and peas." — Photo from the Immaculate Conception School, Loose Creek Facebook page

'To God Who gives joy to my youth'



Students of St. Clement School in St. Clement gather inside St. Clement Church for a photo on Oct. 15. — Photo by Fr. Henry Ussher

A grand Grandparents Day



These are a few of the grandparents who visited Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia Sept. 24 for Grandparents' Day. They joined their grandchildren for breakfast and presentations, classroom activities, and Mass. — Photo from the Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School Facebook page

Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

One day, Jesus was invited to dine at the home of a leading Pharisee. It was the Sabbath, and everyone at the Pharisee's house watched Jesus very carefully.

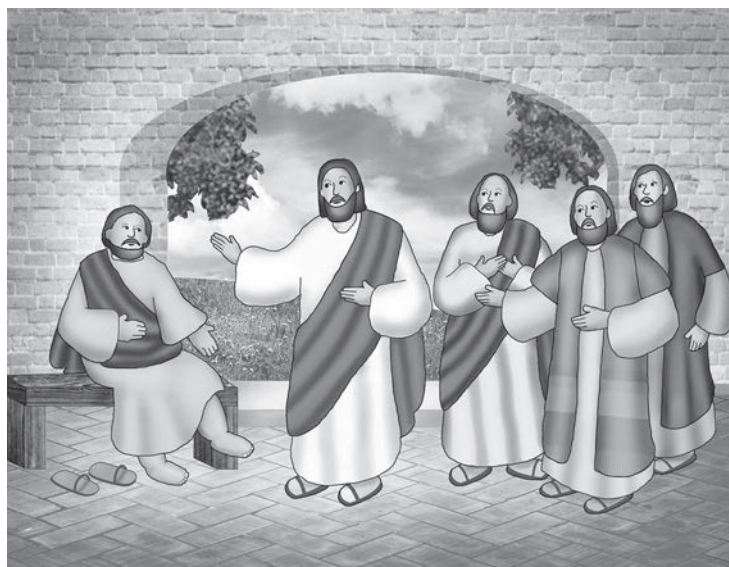
In front of Jesus was a man who had dropsy — abnormal body swelling caused by fluid accumulation and retention.

Jesus spoke to the scholars of the law and Pharisees in reply, asking, "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath or not?"

Everyone kept silent.

Jesus healed the man and then dismissed him.

Jesus knew that the Pharisees had created and enforced rigid rules — above and beyond God's rules — about what work could and could



not be done on the Sabbath.

"Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" He asked.

But they were unable to answer Jesus' question.

Jesus then looked around and noticed that the guests were busy choosing places of honor at the dinner table. So,

He began to tell them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place," Jesus said.

Instead, He said that an invited guest should take the lowest place so the host can invite that guest to move to a higher position.

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted," Jesus said.

Jesus then looked at His host.

"When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment," He said.

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Read more about it... Luke 14

1. Who invited Jesus to dine with Him?
2. What miracle did Jesus perform at the dinner?

Bible Accent

In the Gospel of Luke, we can read about other times when Jesus cured people on the Sabbath.

In Luke 6:6, Jesus was teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath. One of the men who was there had a withered right hand.

"I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?" Jesus asked those He had been teaching.

Jesus told the man to stretch out his withered hand. When he did, his hand was restored.

In Luke 13:10, Jesus again was teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath. A woman was there who for 18 years had been crippled by a spirit and could not stand erect.

"Woman, you are set free of your infirmity," said Jesus, Who laid his hands on her. She at once stood up straight and glorified God.

The leader of the synagogue was angry that Jesus had cured on the Sabbath.

"There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on

the Sabbath day," he said.

"Hypocrites!" Jesus replied. "Does not each one of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering? This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for 18 years now, ought she not to have been set free on the Sabbath day from this bondage?"

Trivia

What are we supposed to do on the Sabbath? (Hint: Deuteronomy 5:12)

Answer: Keep it holy.

Saint Spotlight

Leo, a Roman deacon who advised two popes, lived in the fifth century. In 440, he was on a diplomatic mission to Gaul — modern-day France — when he was named pope. One of three popes called "the Great," Leo earned this title for such things as the teachings in his many letters and sermons, consolidating Church governance, stressing the primacy of Rome, and urging liturgical, pastoral and canonical uniformity. He died in 461, and we remember him on Nov. 10.



Puzzle

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

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Quote:



Answers: Will, the, humbles, one, exalted, himself, who, be. The one who humbles himself will be exalted.

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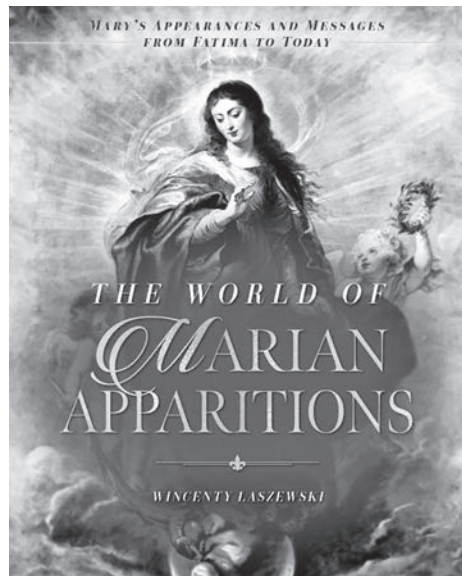
Battlefields, solar phenomena, visionaries, messages, miracles. Mystical experiences, the gathering of millions, a cascade of roses falling “like manna from heaven.”

In his groundbreaking book, *The World of Marian Apparitions*, author Wincenty Laszewski, superbly recounts over a century of apparitions of Our Lady — some well known, others little known — and the abundant miracles, conversions and healings that accompanied them.

Occurring in over 25 countries worldwide, each of the 48 unique cases of Mary's coming into sight is recounted in a captivating, narrative style.

This definitive work documents over 400 pages of Marian apparitions and explains how several relate to the acclaimed appearance at Fatima. It provides fascinating details — including a graphical coding system which establishes the levels of Church-recognition given to each of the cases — and features a myriad of striking photos and artwork.

Described by Mariologist and EWTN host Michael O'Neill as “perhaps the greatest visual compilation of modern Marian apparitions ever assembled,” the book de-



scribes Our Lady sometimes appearing to children or consecrated religious with dire warnings of diseases or chastisements — such as in Japan, Rwanda, and Italy — and at other times to console or rescue people in hopeless situations, such as Joseph Terelya in a Russian Gulag.

We learn that the Mother of Christ has intervened on battlefields on numerous occasions, for instance when the Red Army advanced in Poland, threatening to overtake Europe. In response to the prayers of the Polish faithful, Our Lady appeared on the battlefield and the Bolsheviks — who outnumbered the Poles 10 to 1 — fled in terror.

Again, in Lebanon, Mary protected the faithful in war

zone settlements where death was imminent. At EDSA in the Philippines two million people gathered and prayed the Rosary for four days as they faced military attacks. Our Lady appeared in front of the tanks, and army personnel actually abandoned their posts to pray with the faithful.






At times, Our Lady appeared and “broke through the noise of atheist propaganda,” as in Beauraing, Belgium or Nazi Germany — the first Marian apparition with an apocalyptic message.

In Egypt and Ireland, Mary silently pointed the way to her Son, resulting in mass conversions, including from other faiths.

The World of Marian Apparitions highlights titles of Mary — for example the Teacher of Youth, Our Lady of Families, Mary, Tabernacle of the Most High, Virgin of Revelation, and Our Lady of Poor Souls, and also reflects upon private visions in the lives of St. Padre Pio, St. Faustina, Blessed Alexandrina de Costa, Lucia de Santos, Adrienne von Speyr, and Father Stefano Gobbi.

One gains the sense in reading the book that Our Lady's words are relevant to our time and that her appearances are occurring with greater frequency than ever before. The messages consis-

Movie Ratings

 General Patronage	Ron's Gone Wrong (PG)
 Adults and Adolescents	The Addams Family 2 (PG) Mass (PG-13)
 Adults	Cinderella (PG) Cry Macho (PG-13) Dear Evan Hansen (PG-13) Dune PG-13 The Many Saints of Newark (R) No Time to Die (PG-13) Venom: Let There Be Carnage (PG-13)
 Limited Adult Audience	Copshop (R) The Last Duel (R)
 Morally Offensive	Halloween Kills (R) Malignant (R)

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

tently affirm Catholic teaching and encourage believers to take part in transforming the world through fidelity to duties, chastity and reparation.

The number of unheard cases presented will be eye-

opening for most readers, and the buoyant, non-encyclopedic writing style reflects the intention of Sophia Press to broaden the audience of Marian enthusiasts among the faithful and doubters alike.

'Studio 3:16' show aims to entertain, evangelize 'the hearts' of children

Catholic News Service

St. Petersburg, Florida

Rob Reynolds has accomplished much in his life — successful real estate entrepreneur, faithful husband and loving father.

Now he's really setting his sights high.

“I don't want to just get by as a Catholic. I want to be a saint. I'm definitely on a mission,” said Reynolds, owner of Cross Boss Media in Tampa, Florida.


Over the past three years, he has devoted himself full time

to developing Christian-based TV programming that entertains and evangelizes the hearts of young people.

But he said this mission is not his own. While on a silent retreat in 2018, he heard a clear call to leave his real estate company and go into ministry.

“This is not my cause to draw kids to God; rather, it's God's cause that He's chosen me to lead, assemble a great team and — above all — remain faithful,” Reynolds told

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SR. JEAN

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She remained at St. Paul until 1974, and then taught at Mater Dei High School in Breese, Illinois, for three years.

She was missioned to Notre Dame High School in her hometown of Quincy from 1977 to 1983, while working on her master's degree in science education from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

She also spent time with her parents, who were in fragile health.

"It was nice to reconnect with my family in a different way," she said. "You don't realize how nice it is to be able to pop-in for a Sunday afternoon or go to church with your parents and go to brunch."

Road to Helias

Jefferson City native Sister Rose Miriam Wegman was a member of the SSND provincial council in 1983 when Sr. Jean was teaching in Quincy.

Helias Catholic High School needed an assistant principal. She and the council thought Sr. Jean would be a good fit.

The school had been founded by School Sisters of Notre Dame and De La Salle Christian Brothers.

"I came down here and talked to Jim Rackers, who was the administrator, and met with the sisters here at the time," Sr. Jean recalled. "They wanted a sister in administration, which was stretching the point, because I hadn't finished my master's yet."

She wound up taking some administrative courses at Lincoln University to complete her degree and her Missouri certification in education administration.

She served as assistant principal while teaching chemistry part-time for the first two years.

"That wasn't really tenable," she acknowledged. "You'd be in the middle of a lab, and someone would need your attention as assistant principal."

She continued as assistant principal until 1994, then as principal until 2015, and again as assistant principal until 2017.

"I've always liked the people I've worked with," she said. "I've always learned from every one of them and hopefully been able to help them, too."

She said James L. Rackers, long-time teacher, coach, principal and administrator at Helias Catholic (now deceased), was not the "gruff old man" some people saw him as.

"Jim would make me laugh," she said. "He helped me. He supported me."

She was amazed at how he oversaw the financing and construction of the fieldhouse that now bears his name.

She also enjoyed



work-

ing with Mr. Rackers's successor, Denny Hughes.

"His people skills are just tremendous," said Sr. Jean. "He started out in education, and went out and spent some time in business and came back to education. He brought some ideas back that helped us enlarge our thinking."

Sr. Jean also admired Sister Barbara Neist SSND, who served as assistant principal for curriculum for several years.

"You couldn't help but get good ideas from Sr. Barbara," said Sr. Jean. "She is an educator in every fiber of her being."

Sr. Jean enjoyed mentoring and learning from her successor as principal, Kenya Fuemmeler, who wound up serving as president and principal of the school before accepting a position closer to home this year.

"It's amazing how well we worked together, and we have become best friends," said Sr. Jean. "She has enthusiasm and a lot of good ideas. She taught me tricks of the trade that I still use when I work with students."

Still a 'Sader

Sr. Jean still enjoys spending time with her family in Quincy.

One of their intergenera-

tional activities is butchering meat.

"It's actually a good time to catch up with everybody," she said. "Those of us who are unskilled laborers, we're at the table we call the 'hamburger helpers.' We trim the meat and we make hamburger out of what we trim."

Sr. Jean currently serves as Helias Catholic's office administrator and liaison to Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri.

She also fills in for some of the teachers.

"These are good kids," she said of the students. "They know you care about them. If you have something worth teaching them and you go in prepared, they're going to listen."

Having served as a coach in every assignment before Helias, she sees sports as a way for young people to develop important life skills and grow in awareness of their God-given talents.

"But you have to have a balance," she cautioned. "For some kids, sports is a place where they really shine. They see their gifts, which come from God, and they need to be sure they're using them to glorify God."

She enjoys attending extracurricular activities and rooting for the students.

"It means something that you pay attention to them and recognize them as individuals," she said. "I think that's the key. You have to help each kid understand how special they are."

She's looking forward to helping students get involved in helping people at the new Catholic Charities center when it opens this fall.

She noted that assisting people in need — especially families, mothers and children — has been a pillar of the SSND mission since the congregation's founding in the 19th century.

"I'm really eager to see all of that come together," she said. "I think that's a good direction for them and for us."

ssnd.org

Daily Readings

Sunday, Oct 31

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt. 6:2-6
Ps. 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Heb. 7:23-28
Mk. 12:28b-34

Monday, Nov 1

ALL SAINTS
Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps. 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 Jn. 3:1-3
Mt. 5:1-12a

Tuesday, Nov 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Wis. 3:1-9
Ps. 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Rom. 6:3-9
Jn. 6:37-40

Wednesday, Nov 3

St. Martin de Porres, religious
Rom. 13:8-10
Ps. 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9
Lk. 14:25-33

Thursday, Nov 4

St. Charles Borromeo, bishop
Rom. 14:7-12
Ps. 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14
Lk. 15:1-10

Friday, Nov 5

Rom. 15:14-21
Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Lk. 16:1-8

Saturday, Nov 6

Rom. 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Ps. 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
Lk. 16:9-15

Sunday, Nov 7

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs. 17:10-16
Ps. 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Heb. 9:24-28
Mk. 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday, Nov 8

Wis 1:1-7
Ps. 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10
Lk. 17:1-6

Tuesday, Nov 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor. 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn. 2:13-22

Wednesday, Nov 10

St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church
Wis. 6:1-11
Ps. 82:3-4, 6-7
Lk. 17:11-19

Thursday, Nov 11

St. Martin of Tours, bishop
Wis. 7:22b-8:1
Ps. 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175
Lk. 17:20-25

Friday, Nov 12

St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Wis. 13:1-9
Ps. 19:2-3, 4-5ab
Lk. 17:26-37

Saturday, Nov 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin (USA)
Wis. 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Ps. 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43
Lk. 18:1-8

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for November:

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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STUDIO 3:16

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Gulf Coast Catholic, the online news outlet of the St. Petersburg Diocese.

His media company's first show, "Studio 3:16," launched nationally Sept. 8, which was the feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

The show can be viewed at studio316.com.

Reynolds has recruited a Hollywood-based director/screenwriter and cinematographer to give the show a polished and professional presentation.

It incorporates Scripture, music, the arts, humor and great storytelling.

Marian Conference in Westphalia

DATE: November 12-13

St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia will host a two-day

Marian Conference on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13.

This free event for the whole family will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday in St. Joseph Church, 125 E. Main St. in Westphalia.

Holy Name Society PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST



Adults \$10
Children 12 & under \$5
Age 4 & under FREE
Carryouts available

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 from 7:30 am to noon

Bring your family and friends!

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FALL SUPPER

Turkey & whole hog sausage dinners
DRIVE-THRU OR CARRY-OUT ONLY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
11am - 5pm

All are invited and encouraged to take part in all or some of the activities, including speakers, music, the sacrament of reconciliation, Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, veneration of saintly relics, time for quiet prayer and other family-friendly activities.

The theme will be: "Receive Mary's grace and set the world

ablaze for her Son."

Mass will be offered at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 6:30 a.m. (with Rosary and Adoration) on Saturday in the church.

A free-will offering will be taken up to help cover costs.

For information and to register online, visit:

stjosephwestphalia.org

St. Alexander Church, Belle

Fall Dinner

Sunday, November 14
11 am - 4 pm

Fried Chicken & German Pot Roast
and all the fixings
Adults \$12 - Kids \$5 - Kids 5 and under FREE
-PRIZE DRAWING-

FALL CHICKEN DINNER

St. Andrew Knights of Columbus
HOLTS SUMMIT
St. Andrew Church - Veit Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5
4-7 PM

\$12.00
3-piece white or 3-piece dark chicken dinner with mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, biscuit & drink (no substitutions)

Sit-down or carry-outs available

Church of the Risen Savior

FALL DINNER

Valentine Hall - Starkenburg
197 Highway P, Rhineland

Sunday, November 7
11 am - 3 pm

Dine-In or Carry-Out
Adults \$13 / Kids 6-12 \$5
Kids 5 & under FREE
Adults 90 & over FREE

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Country fried chicken, whole hog sausage, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, Missouri baked apples, dinner rolls, salads, pie & desserts

St. Mary Parish Annual

FALL DINNER

Drive-Thru • St. Mary School parking lot
Glasgow

Sunday, November 14
Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Dessert and More!
Carry-outs \$12, Bottled drinks \$1
Served from 11 am to 2:30 pm

Stop by the Knights of Columbus Hall for more festival fun!
Booths open from 10 am to 2 pm
Craft Corner / Country Kitchen / Religious Goods
Live Auction 5 pm

Knights of Columbus

Ham & Chicken Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
11 am - 1 pm

Adults \$12
Age 6-8 \$6
5 & under free

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