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Fr. Stephen Jones talks about how building on the long-standing tradition of stewardship in this diocese will help Catholic schools thrive for generations to come.

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Work commences on a renewed Cathedral for diocese



Work commences on a substantial renovation of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City on Jan. 14. The project, which will enhance the building's iconic geometry and open spaces with classical artwork, is scheduled to be completed early next year. Masses are now being celebrated in nearby locations. Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites people throughout the diocese to join in the renovation by praying for the safety of the workers, and to consider contributing financially.

— Photo by Jay Nies

Rest in peace, Father Paul Hartley, 66, who ministered in many parishes

By Jay Nies

Father Paul Hartley ministered in many parts of the Jefferson City diocese over his four decades of Priesthood.

He considered every one of them a blessing.

“I've seen a common thread that runs through it all: Holy people want holy priests,” he once stated. “So I thank God for calling me to this wonderful vocation, and I try each and every day to live up to that calling.”

Fr. Hartley, 66, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Montgomery City, St. Patrick Parish in Jonesburg and Church of the Resurrection Parish in Wellsville, died peacefully on Jan. 12 in Boone Hospital Center in Columbia.

He had been undergoing treatment for cancer since June and was looking forward to returning to his full duties this year.

He had received the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

The Mass of Christian Burial was to be celebrated on Jan. 19 in Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Boonville, with Bishop

W. Shawn McKnight presiding, priests of this diocese celebrating and Father Gregory Frankman, a priest of the Diocese of Sioux City, South Dakota, preaching the homily.

Burial was to be in Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

The people helped him

Friends remember Fr. Hartley as an extremely prayerful, devoted priest with a powerful, cultivated intellect and a devastating sense of humor.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1955, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a son of the late Herman Hartley and the late Martha Bechtold Hartley.

His father was in the Air Force. The family moved to Anchorage, Alaska, and then to Boonville, where Fr. Hartley spent most of his childhood.

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By Jay Nies

A major renovation of the Cathedral of St. Joseph has begun, with hopes for completion and a rededication Mass about a year from now.

Parishioners will worship temporarily in nearby locations while Sircal Contracting Inc. and a group of gifted artisans go about highlighting the building's striking architecture with timeless art.

“During this year, we vacate this Cathedral structure in order to take care of some needed repairs, to increase our hospitality to visitors and guests, and to manifest more clearly the beauty of our Catholic faith in the various pieces of artwork that are being fashioned by artists near and far away,” Bishop W. Shawn McKnight stated at the end of his homily on Jan. 2, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord.

He likened parishioners' time away from the Cathedral to a shared journey and to “time in the desert.”

He assured them that the completed work will be well worth the wait. Catholics throughout the diocese are invited to participate in a spiritual pilgrimage during the renovation by praying for all involved in the work.

The renewed cathedral will include a substantially larger gathering area — known as a narthex — fronting West Main Street, as well as an outdoor canopy and bell towers.

Symbols of St. Joseph will adorn the front of the canopy.

As was originally intended when the cathedral was built, bells will be placed in both of the towers.

The narthex will include additional,

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Jan. 27 — Fr. Charles A. Pfeiffer, St. Stephen, Indian Creek (1999)

Jan. 29 — Fr. William J. Berkel, Holy Spirit, Centralia (1959); Msgr. Joseph J. Morrell, St. Patrick, Rolla (1989)

Jan. 31 — Fr. James M. Denner, St. Boniface, Koeltztown (1962)

Feb. 2 — Fr. Francis J. Stangl, St. Jude Thaddeus, Mokane (2008)

Director of Communications & Technology

St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Communications & Technology to serve a diverse parish community on the campus of the University of Missouri.

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Position Openings - Chancery Office



The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City has the following positions open in the Jefferson City office at 2207 West Main Street:

Creative Services Coordinator — We are looking for an individual to create quality communication assets for the diocese, in print, audio/visual and digital format. This individual will be responsible for updating the diocesan website and serve as support for parish websites. We are specifically seeking an individual who has a desire to use technology to make the Catholic Church more accessible and relevant. Experience with Adobe Creative Suite, WordPress and audio/video editing software is required. Final candidates will be required to submit a portfolio of creative work.

IT Coordinator — This person will be responsible for coordinating, planning and leading computer-related activities within the diocese. This position provides direct support to the chancery office and is a supportive consultant to parishes. The focus of this position will require the coordinator to have hands-on experience with complex data management systems such as Blackbaud, email maintenance, telecommunication systems, website development as well as management and support for telecommunications and audio visual needs.

Qualified candidates for either of these positions should send their resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

2022 Epiphany Proclamation: Dates for Easter and moveable feasts

The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts on the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord dates from a time when calendars were not readily available.

It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the

number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the proclamation of the Gospel, a deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year:

“Know, dear brothers and

sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy, we announce to you also the joy of His resurrection, Who is our Savior.

“On the second day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

“On the 17th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“On the 29th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“On the fifth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

“On the 19th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

“On the 27th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

2022 Holy Days of Obligation

Here is a list of the remaining Holydays of Obligation for 2022:

• **Tuesday, Nov. 1** — Solemnity of All Saints

• **Thursday, Dec. 8** — Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

• **Sunday, Dec. 25** — Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)

• **Sunday, Jan. 1** — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

NOTE: All Sundays are Holydays of Obligation.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus, which will be celebrated on May 26 in many parts of the world, will be observed on Sunday, May 29 in this diocese.

Aug. 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, falls on a Monday this year and will be observed as a solemnity but not a Holyday of Obligation.

Teaching Positions - Helias Catholic



Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City has openings for the following teaching positions for the 2022-23 school year:

- Math Instructor
- Science Instructor
- Special Education Instructor
- Vocal Music Instructor

The successful candidate is a practicing member, in good standing, of the Catholic Church or another faith tradition complementary to the mission of Helias Catholic High School. This candidate will support and promote the Catholic faith as reasonably determined by the principal. Applicants should hold the appropriate Missouri teaching certification or its equivalent, OR be willing to secure such certification.

Interested candidates should contact Assistant Principal Emma Williams at ewilliams@heliascatholic.com.

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

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Resurrection Cemetery

Monday, **January 24**, will be the WINTER CEMETERY CLEAN-UP at Resurrection and St. Peter Cemeteries in Jefferson City. All floral arrangements and decorations must be removed before this date, and should be done by a person designated by the family. Unauthorized persons found removing flowers and decorations from graves will be prosecuted. **NOTE:** Saddles or flowers in permanent vases that are part of the monument will not be removed.

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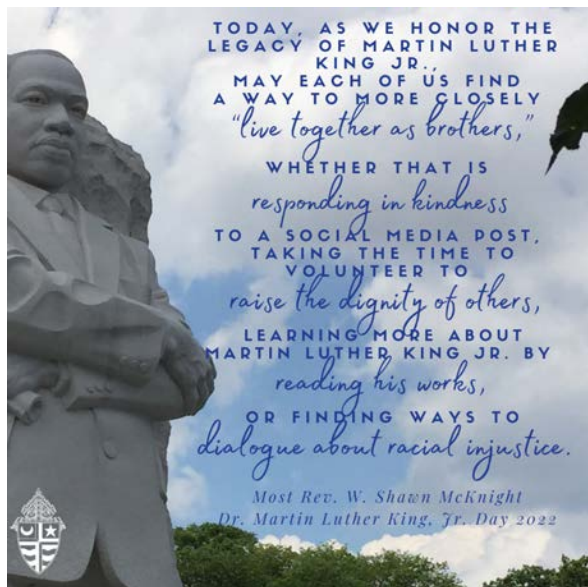
Bishop: King's memory calls the faithful to unity, charity, mercy

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight issued the following statement Jan. 17 in recognition of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

Nearly 60 years ago, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visited St. Louis twice, in March 1964 and again that October, days before he received the Nobel Prize for Peace.

During his sermon at the Episcopal Christ Church Cathedral in downtown St. Louis in March 1964 — a church with its own complicated racial history — King delivered the

memorable challenge: “We must learn to live together as



brothers or perish together as fools.”

That challenge remains before us today. In some ways,

our world is very different from 1964. Yet so much remains the same. We struggle to live the eternal truth that each human being should be treated with respect and be able to live a dignified life, regardless of their skin color, ethnicity, background, political viewpoint, whether they are still in the womb or nearing the end of their earthly life.

Dr. King’s warning that we might perish as fools echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed, “For the fool speaks folly, his heart plans evil:

Godless actions, perverse speech against the Lord, letting the hungry go empty and the thirsty without drink” (Isaiah 32:6).

Our actions of mercy and charity not only remind us we are all children of God: we can become a stronger community through our words and deeds.

Today, as we honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., may each of us find a way to

more closely live together as sisters and brothers, whether that is responding in kindness to a social media post, taking the time to volunteer to raise the dignity of others, learning more about Martin Luther King Jr. by reading his works, or finding ways to dialogue about racial injustice.

May God bless our efforts to build a more peaceful and just world!

Prayer for a Communion of Desire

My Jesus, I believe You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I de-sire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Bishop's policy on the Latin Mass in the diocese unchanged

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight issued the following statement on Dec. 23, 2021, regarding the celebration of the Mass in its pre-Vatican II form in the Jefferson City diocese:

On July 16, 2021, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, issued an apostolic letter “*motu proprio*” entitled *Traditionis custodes*, altering Church law in the use of liturgical books predating the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council.

In my statement of July 21, I expressed my intention to study this document for careful

implementation in our diocese with the goal of providing the pastoral care of those devoted to the older liturgical form and to foster the communion of the Church.

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments recently published their responses to questions posed by some bishops about the changes. I have studied these responses and have taken them under advisement as we implement *Traditionis custodes*.

Apart from some minor details regarding the presentation

of the pre-Vatican II Mass as a parish event, there will be no changes in its availability as celebrated by Father Dylan Schrader and hosted at St. Brendan Parish in Mexico, Missouri.

Some have asked about the fact that *Traditionis custodes* envisions celebrations of the older form taking place normally in non-parochial churches. Given the practical impossibility in our diocese of celebrating the older form in a sacred place other than a parish church, I am requesting the necessary dispensation from the Congregation to continue using a parish church for the diocesan celebration of Mass using the Missal of 1962.

I join Pope Francis in his desire that every celebration of the Mass manifest Catholic faith in the Eucharist and the character of the Mass as “above all things the worship of the divine Majesty.” (Vatican II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 33) To this end, the Holy Father exhorts us to offer the reformed liturgy “with decorum and fidelity to the liturgical books.” (Letter accompanying *Traditionis custodes*)

I also challenge all the faith-

ful of the diocese, clergy and laity, to greater active stewardship in parish life and more de-

tian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful individually.” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 16)


I wish all the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City a blessed celebration of the Lord’s Nativity. May every celebra-

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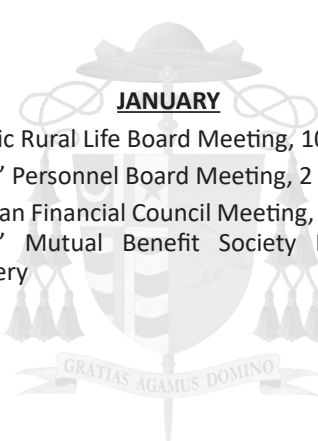
— Bishop W. Shawn McKnight

vout participation in the sacred liturgy, particularly the Eucharistic sacrifice, which “is the center of the whole of Chris-

tebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice in our diocese reflect the Church’s unity and the honor befitting “Christ’s Mass.”



Bishop McKnight's Calendar




<p>Jan 21</p> <p>Jan 25</p> <p>Jan 27</p>	<p>Catholic Rural Life Board Meeting, 10 am, Virtual</p> <p>Priests' Personnel Board Meeting, 2 pm, Chancery</p> <p>Diocesan Financial Council Meeting, 11 am, Chancery; Priests' Mutual Benefit Society Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery</p>
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Bishop McKnight's January prayer intention for our Local Church

As we begin a new year, may the opportunities for the grace to clearly recognize the dignity of life, education and ecumenism allow us to better support our brothers and sisters who need the warmth of Christ's love and our compassion during this winter season.

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

Al comenzar un nuevo año, que las oportunidades que la gracia nos da de reconocer claramente la dignidad de la vida, la educación y el ecumenismo nos permitan apoyar mejor a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que necesitan el calor del amor de Cristo y nuestra compasión durante esta temporada de invierno.



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

Rest in peace, Sr. M. Edith Juergensmeyer SSND, 90

Served for many years in the Jefferson City diocese

Koeltztown native Sister Marie Edith Juergensmeyer, 90, of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who taught and served for many years in the Jefferson City diocese, died peacefully on Jan. 12 in St. Louis.

The Mass of Christian Burial was to be celebrated on Jan. 21 in St. Louis.

Sr. Edith was born May 8, 1931, in Koeltztown, a daughter at Conrad and Louise (Schaefer) Juergensmeyer.

She professed her first vows as a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis in 1952 and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in education in 1957 from the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis.

She later earned a master's degree in elementary education from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

She was dearly loved by all the communities in which she lived and served through teaching and ministry. She taught elementary school at Sacred Heart School in Morrilton, Arkansas; St. Mary School in Fort

Madison, Iowa; St. Paul School in Highland, Illinois; St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City; Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek; and Sacred Heart School in Rich Fountain.

In the 1960s, she spent several years serving the community of retired SSNDs at Villa Gesu in St. Louis.

She later ministered at St. Michael Parish in Russellville and the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center in Jefferson City and served through pastoral ministry at Sacred Heart in Rich Fountain.

She then devoted the next 18 years to serving the families of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, also in pastoral ministry. She then returned to Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek, where she was engaged in volunteer services until 2015.

She spent the remainder of her life at Veronica House and later at Anna House at the Sarah Community for retired sisters in St. Louis.

She will be remembered fondly by all those whose lives she touched through her kindness, teaching and ministry. She

was an avid crafter and spent many hours crocheting and sewing, making lovely homemade gifts for family and friends, as well as items she donated to the poor or to craft sales to raise funds for ministry to people who are less fortunate.

She had a beautiful singing voice that she shared on many occasions and taught to her elementary students.

At her 60-year jubilee in 2012, Sr. Edith gratefully reflected on God calling her to religious life and the opportunity to share faith with children and adults.

"We can spend eternity reviewing how our many prayers were answered," she said. "And the most important answer is God's call in our hearts. We can only hear that voice in prayer."

News of her passing brought a strong reaction on social media.

"She was a wonderful lady



Sr. Marie Edith Juergensmeyer SSND (1931-2022)

who served her God and communities so well," wrote Joyce Neuner.

"I loved her! She was a kind soul," wrote Jackie Russler.

"She served God and our local communities very well!" wrote Marlene Stiefermann.

"She was a wonderful person and a great teacher," wrote Lea Ann Porting Laughlin.

"She lived a great legacy of spreading the Gospel!" wrote Betty Kever.

"An inspiring lady and her commitment to God speaks volumes," wrote Bonnie Higdon.

"A most dear person who touched many lives," wrote Doris Neier.

"A beautiful soul that made this world a better place," wrote Jessie Stuckenschneider.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Felix and Norbert and Juergensmeyer; a sister, Florence (Juergensmeyer) Kellenberger; and an infant brother.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law, Genevieve Juergensmeyer and Dorothy Juergensmeyer, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

www.ssndcentralpacific.org/news-events/obituaries/rememering-sister-m-edith-juergensmeyer

Pope says synodality is about listening to the Spirit, not reaching a 'majority consensus'

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

The synodal process is a path of engagement that makes room for the Holy Spirit, and not a "majority consensus like a parliament" to guide the universal Church, Pope Francis said.

Speaking with leaders of the French Catholic Action movement Jan. 13, the pope said that synodality is "not a plan or a program to be implemented" but "a style to be adopted" that listens to the spirit through the word of God, prayer and adoration.

The French bishops' conference had said the purpose of the meeting was for the Catholic Action leaders to present a document titled "Being Apostles today."

The goal of the document, which is the culmination of two years of work by Catholic groups in France, is "to discern what unites them in their approach and their actions," the bishops' conference said in a press release.

The French bishops' conference also noted that the document aligns with

the goals of the upcoming Synod of Bishops on synodality.

During their meeting with the pope and various dicasteries, the Catholic Action leaders were to "highlight the relevance of their place as 'apostles' today in the French ecclesial landscape because of their immersion in a society that is increasingly distant from Christian references and the Church," it said.

"This trip will also allow them to listen to what the authorities of the universal Church will have to say to them to broaden their vision, their reflections and their actions in order to better associate themselves, as partners, in the necessary evolutions of the church," the statement said.

Welcoming the Catholic group leaders to the Vatican, the pope reflected on the call to be "effective apostles," citing the example of the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

The disciples, he said, recalled their experience of being with Jesus, recognized his presence and then went to Jerusalem to announce his resurrection. Their experience, which Christians today should imitate, can be summarized

in three words: see, judge and act.

Reflecting on seeing, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of memory and that the first step of Christian witness is to look back at one's life "to understand the meaning of what has been lived and to perceive how God was present at every moment."

Nevertheless, "the subtlety and delicacy of the Lord's action in our lives sometimes prevents us from understanding it in the moment, and it takes this distance to grasp its coherence," he said.

To judge or discern the presence of God in their lives, he continued, Christians must also subject their lives "to the scrutiny of the word of God."

"In the encounter between the events of the world and of our lives, on the one hand, and the word of God, on the other, we can discern the appeals that the Lord makes to us," the pope said.

He also called on Christians "to give equal space to prayer, to interiority and to adoration," because that is how they place their lives under Jesus' gaze and accept "this encounter between my poor humanity and his transforming

divinity."

Lastly, to act means to support and foster God's action while "adapting to the reality which is constantly evolving."

"Today, especially in Europe, those who frequent Christian movements are more skeptical of institutions, they seek less demanding and more ephemeral relationships," he said. "They are more sensitive to emotions, and therefore more vulnerable, more fragile than previous generations, less rooted in the faith, but nevertheless in search of meaning and truth, and no less generous."

Pope Francis encouraged the Catholic Action groups to continue their mission of helping others "find or rediscover the joy of knowing the friendship of Christ and proclaiming the Gospel."

"Your mission, as Catholic Action, is to reach them as they are, to make them grow in the love of Christ and their neighbor, and to lead them to a greater concrete commitment, so that they may be protagonists of their own lives and of the life of the church, so that the world may change," the pope said.

Steve Jacobs of the Catholic Worker lives a life of service to others

By Maia Bond

Steve Jacobs lives a life of pacifism and service, rooted in his faith.

That life, in turn, has provided comfort to countless homeless individuals seeking shelter and food at St. Francis House in Columbia.

The house started as an idea among a group of Catholic Workers at the Columbia Newman Center.

The Catholic Worker Movement, started by Dorothy Day in 1933, believes that people should be peaceful and helpful. They are opposed to war and violence against fellow man.

The group's first effort in Columbia was the soup kitchen Loaves and Fishes. In 1983, the group rented a space a few blocks away as a shelter.

The following year, they bought a two-story brick house on the corner of Wilkes Boulevard and Range Line Street.

For 38 years, Jacobs has lived and worked in St. Francis House, providing meals and shelter to homeless people in Columbia. He is the last of the original Catholic Workers at the house.

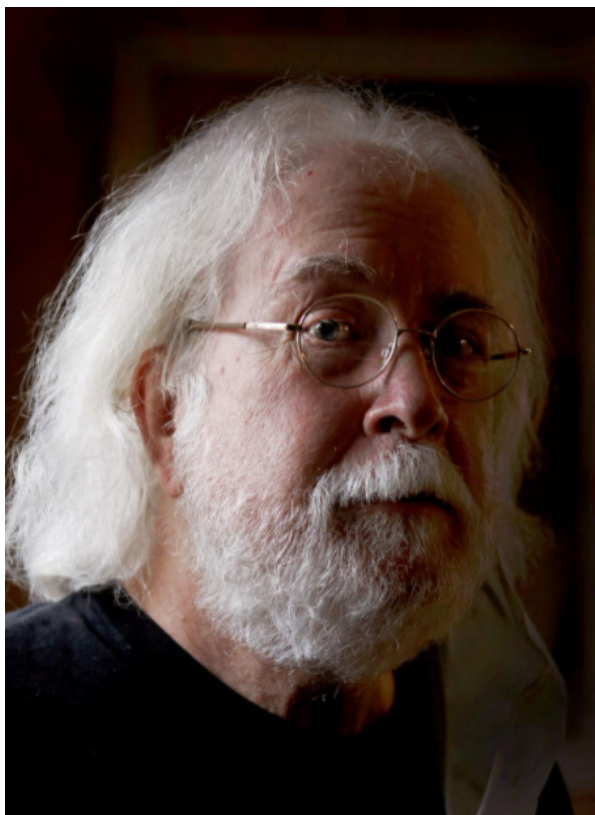
Almost every morning, Jacobs and a few others serve coffee and breakfast. Dinner is served a few blocks down at Loaves and Fishes, which is run out of Wilkes Boulevard Methodist Church.

Mass is held every Thursday, but no one is required to attend to get food or shelter. Currently, Jacobs hosts two men overnight.

Before his career in pacifism, he served as a psychiatric corpsman in the Navy for 2½ years. After those years he decided he was a conscientious objector and got out of the

military.

"I realized that I was morally opposed to being a mem-



Steve Jacobs stands in the light at St. Francis House on Nov. 10, 2021, in Columbia. After reading the Pentagon Papers while serving in the military, Jacobs became a Catholic worker and anti-war activist.

— Photo by Owen Ziliak, courtesy of the Columbia Missourian

ber of an organization that uses violence to solve the world's problems," Jacobs said.

He worked as a psychiatric nurse at Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital until 1996. He ultimately decided to quit because he was opposed to the IRS taking a portion of his salary, knowing those funds could go to support the Pentagon.

Jacobs has not had another job since and has spent all his time at the St. Francis House. He wears the clothes and eats the food that is donated.

When he began working with the homeless, his background in psychiatric nursing helped him to understand and assist those who were mentally struggling.

Fellow Catholic Worker and lawyer Ruth O'Neill said that Jacobs has a way of helping upset people be more calm and learn to express themselves and be more centered.

In the beginning of his time at the St. Francis House, there were a few more workers living there. They packed as many homeless people in the house

as possible. People slept under the large kitchen table, on the living room floor and in the basement on mattresses, Jacobs recalled.

It became too chaotic, Jacobs said, to have that many people. They would argue, fight and abuse substances, so Jacobs would spend most of the nights separating fights and making sure people came back inside.

Now there are no mattresses in the basement and only a few people stay each night.

Jacobs estimates that over the years, thousands of people have been through the St. Francis House doors.

One man, Gary Edwards, came for dinner one evening when Loaves and

Fishes was closed, and afterward fell asleep on the couch in the living room. He came every night after that for 20 or 25 years, Jacobs said.

Every morning, Edwards got breakfast and left for the day. He would walk the MKT Trail, through downtown,

down Providence Road, all over town, Jacobs said. Then he would come back to the brick house on the corner to sleep.

Edwards sticks out to Jacobs because he typically does not know much about the people who stay with him. Edwards' family tracked him down even though they lived in Illinois. They told Jacobs that Edwards used to work at an A&W root beer stand and had his own car. The family said that Edwards also had schizophrenia, and when his mental health started to decline, he took off to other towns. He eventually got so far that he did not come home again.

"We haven't stopped the death penalty. We haven't stopped wars. But we have raised onsciousness for a lot of people about what it means to be a human and what it means to be a Christian."

— Steve Jacobs, founding member, St. Francis Catholic Worker Community, Columbia

"We didn't know anything about him for like 20 years. All we knew is that he needed a place to stay ... and we were glad to provide it," Jacobs said.

Once he was located, Edwards' family called monthly

to check on him. He passed away from an aortic aneurysm in 2020. A framed picture of him sits in the windowsill next to the couch he slept on at the St. Francis House.

Working with the homeless every day for years can make someone cynical or burnt out, Jacobs said.

"It is important to do things that nurture you. You have to get away from it from time to time," he said.

For Jacobs, getting away means visiting other Catholic Worker communities or protesting. As part of his faith, Jacobs is opposed to violence.

He has been arrested upward of 50 times for protesting outside of things like the construction of a nuclear bomb plant and blocking the road outside the National Guard base in St. Louis. In that instance, he and others had brought humanitarian aid to the base and asked for them to take it to Iraq instead of bombing the country. They refused, so Jacobs blocked the road.

They also showed pictures of civilian victims at an armed forces recruiting station and blocked the entrance, which resulted in getting arrested

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Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioners needed

The Diocese of Jefferson City is in need of FertilityCare Practitioners in all parts of the diocese.

The 13-month program begins March 5-12, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Independence.

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Diocese has a long, fruitful history of Catholic schools and stewardship

By Jay Nies

A practical application of stewardship has helped Catholic schools throughout the Jefferson City diocese fulfill their mission well into the 21st century.

An intentionally Catholic spirituality of stewardship will help them thrive for generations to come.

Stewardship is the responsibility of all parishioners, and living as active stewards provides a positive result for all parish ministries, including schools.

"In parishes that have Catholic schools, the school tends to be the hub of activity," said Father Jason Doke, pastor of St. Martin Parish in St. Martins.

"So when everything is going well in the school, things are going well in the parish," he said. "And when you have a longstanding tradition of providing that kind of good experience, people want to continue to be a part of it."

For decades, the parishes and administration of this diocese have classified Catholic grade schools as a ministry of their parishes — supported not just by the hard work and giving of the students' families but by all parishioners.

This diocese and Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's home Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, are two of the few in this country that operate their Catholic schools in this manner.

"The course this diocese chose to take many years ago has opened the doors to a quality faith-based education for thousands of people in these 38 counties," said Bishop McKnight.

"The next level"

Promoting stewardship as a basis for carrying out the work of the Church in every parish is one of Bishop McKnight's pastoral priorities for this diocese.

The spirituality of stewardship comes from the Bible, with God telling His People to put Him first, pray and worship together and give sacrificially of their work and their wealth in thanksgiving to Him.

Father Stephen Jones, diocesan stewardship director, said a key to a proper understanding of stewardship is intentionality.

"We're working on conversion of life through intentional discipleship," he said. "Stewardship and discipleship are symbiotic. You cannot have one without the other."

The biblical model of stewardship presents sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure as a spiritual endeavor, a necessary response to all that God has done and given.

Fr. Jones and Patricia Lutz, associate director of stewardship for the diocese, have been working with parishes to help their members adopt this mentality and put it fully into practice.

In terms of carrying out the mission of Catholic education, that means building on and solidifying the legacy of stewardship that's already in place — "and taking it up to the next level," said Fr. Jones.

It means conveying a clear, intentional, Catholic understanding of stewardship as a condition to following the Lord.

Fr. Jones said that without that intentionality, it's too easy for Catholic schools to become "religiously-based public schools," rather than "places where disciples are actively engaged and formed."

He pointed out that many Catholic schools throughout the United States are suffering from low enrollment. Some have closed.

Meanwhile, Catholic-school enrollment in this diocese continues to rise.

"Make no mistake about it: What we have been doing for at least the past 30 past years in this diocese has been a tremendous blessing," said Fr. Jones. "Countless people have been educated and formed in the faith."

"Our goal now," he continued, "is to flesh out that relationship and live it in all of its fullness by really emphasizing the spirituality of stewardship — by giving over a portion of ourselves, of who we are and what we are, and presenting it back to God out of gratitude for the gifts He has given us."

Intentional stewardship

Under the diocesan pastoral plan the people of this diocese discerned and Bishop McKnight adopted in February 2021, parishes are moving to a full stewardship model for supporting the mission of the Church.

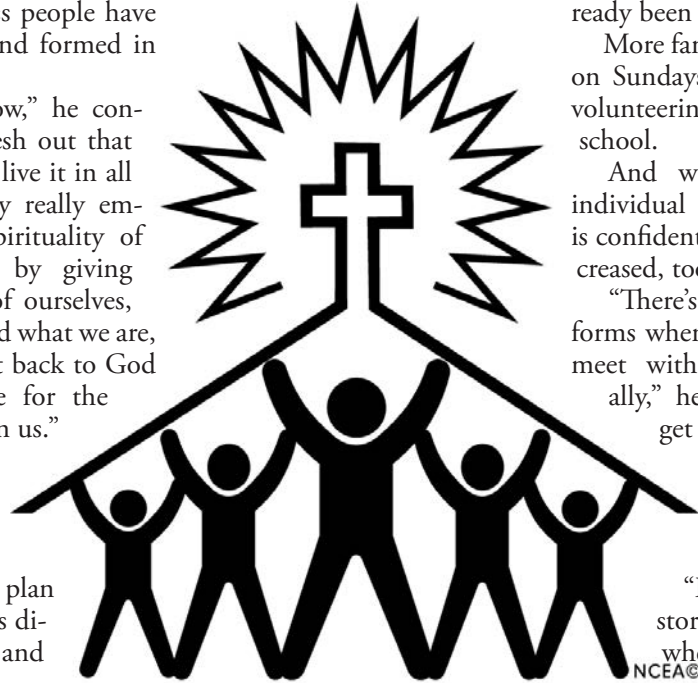
Parishioners will commit to participating regularly in prayer and worship, and sustained, sacrificial giving in the form of time, talent and financial support.

This will eliminate the need for constant fund-raisers.

"All ministries of the parish, including the school, should be supported by the proportional and sacrificial giving of parishioners on an ongoing basis, which is known as a tithe," said Fr. Jones.

Under this model, each parish's stewardship council works with the pastor to call every member, every family, to accountability.

"There has to be an ongoing outreach and invitation to our families," Fr. Jones noted. "We need to see them consistently at Mass. They need to be modeling discipleship for their children throughout the week. They need to be active and involved."



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Ideally, each parishioner would meet with the pastor each year and the pastor would review with them the importance of participating in the sacramental life of the Church, bringing forth their time and talent, and helping defray the financial costs of ministry.

This discussion must always take place in the form of an invitation.

"The understanding for school parents is that your parish is sponsoring your child in enrollment in a Catholic school," said Fr. Jones. "The best way to partner with us in this sponsorship is to come to Mass each weekend and take on some involvement in the community. The understanding for all parishioners is that all parish ministries, including our school, benefit from stewardship because our children are our future."

Personal invitation

St. Martin Parish in St. Martins is one parish that's in the process of making stewardship part of everyday life.

Fr. Doke, the pastor, has met individually with parish-

ioners and made sure they clear on what is expected of them and of everyone else in the parish.

He said the response has already been phenomenal.

More families come to Mass on Sundays. More people are volunteering at church and school.

And without looking at individual records, Fr. Doke is confident that giving has increased, too.

"There's a relationship that forms when you sit down and meet with people individually," he said. "When you get to know them and

they know you, the accountability actually means something.

"Everyone has a story," he stated, "and when they know Father, they know their story, it's easier for them to respond to that invitation."

Having more people get involved provides more opportunities for fellow parishioners to welcome them.

"Hospitality is where it all starts, which means we all have to get out of our comfort zone," said Fr. Doke. "If we can't do that, we won't be able to do the rest of it."

"Practice for heaven"

The transition to a stewardship model for parish finances is taking place over three years, with groups of parishes learning the process each year with help from the diocesan Stewardship Office.

The goal is for all parishes to make the change by July 2023.

At that time, all parishioners will support the Church through a sacrificial tithe to their parishes. Out of that, parishes will make a tithe to the bishop to support the work of the diocese.

The diocese will tithe its own income to support the Church's worldwide mission.

"We've been working with parishes to help make this transition, and it's been very

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Catholic schools — helping the least among us: Why it's never too early to start doing service

The writer is part of the middle-school faculty at Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City.

By Phyllis Emmel

Situated where we are in the community, it seems quite natural for our school and parish to do all types of service for those in need. Jesus came to give us a model for what service to others must look like and we, as a school, try to instill this value into the lives of our students from an early age.

Everything from collecting coats and canned goods to filling Easter baskets with goodies to carrying food for the Thanksgiving dinner or gifts for the Linda Wegman Giving Tree is done by our students.

The look of joy on their faces as the projects come to fruition is amazing. Making 13 trips between the church sacristy and the McCarty Plaza building with gifts at Christmas makes me tired, but it is such a great kind of tired because the students take pride in the work they get to do.

Serving others is more than keeping up with our to-do lists or volunteering to make ourselves look better. To be a servant means we genuinely care about people - even the people society considers unlovable or unthinkable.

Jesus encouraged us to follow his lead and serve one another. After washing His disciples' feet, Jesus said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (John 13:15).

In this moment, Jesus sets an example for us to follow. Jesus not only led by serving, but he also loved by serving. He's never placing himself in a position above others. Jesus washed feet, fed thousands, visited and healed the sick and the dead, spent time with those no one else wanted to spend time with.

Here are a few ways we can follow Jesus' example of serv-



Eighth-graders at Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City and their "kindergarten buddies" decorate Christmas bags for candy to be given out at Samaritan Center.



— Photos by Phyllis Emmel

ing others.

There are multiple benefits for all of us, but especially our children and teens who volunteer for community service, from helping at an animal shelter to feeding the homeless or building a house for Habitat for Humanity.

For those who take part, it's a habit that often stays with them through adulthood. Many continue volunteering when they have their own families. The rewarding feeling a person gets from volunteering for community service is something they won't forget.

Today, it seems parents are looking for activities for their children that don't involve iPads, smartphones, and computers. Community service is a great alternative.

When children volunteer for community service it keeps them occupied and active while teaching them multiple skills. It also can be a lot of fun, and they can make new friends in the process.

Forcing young people won't do, however, so if you're struggling to get them interested in volunteering try looking for projects that match their personal interests and personality.

Leading by example is also a good way for young people to pick up the habit, and it

can be a great family bonding activity.

Here are some reasons why children and teens should volunteer for community service:

1. It helps them develop soft skills.

There is much emphasis today on the development of soft skills, such as collaborative thinking, teamwork, and leadership among young people.

Volunteering for community service is a great way to develop these skills.

That's why many companies frequently organize community service activities for their employees because they help strengthen relationships and foster teamwork.

Service also teaches young people how to be strong leaders. Volunteering can help lessen the impact that age differences, gender assumptions, and social hierarchies have on their ability to find their own leadership voice.

2. It teaches them cultural sensitivity and empathy.

When young people volunteer for community service activities it opens their mind to different worlds and teaches them empathy, compassion, and cultural sensitivity.

By allowing young people to volunteer in homeless

shelters, students are exposed to different cultures and ethnicities so they can become more culturally sensitive and accepting of people from all walks of life.

3. It helps them get into college.

Having community service experience looks great on a college application, while also giving students memorable experiences they can write about in their essays.

Admissions officers are often impressed by students who make a real difference in others' lives, showing that they are dedicated and caring individuals.

Volunteering shows admissions staff the student could be a real asset to the college and an inspiration to others because it's likely they will continue volunteering when they start college. Whatever the reasons, it's helpful to understand why learning to give back to others is vital for positive youth development and how parents, schools, and communities play an important role.

With the right community service ideas and opportunities from kindergarten through high school, young people can grow from an understanding of how they fit into society to how they can help solve societal problems. This developmental process grows empathy and fosters children's identities as engaged

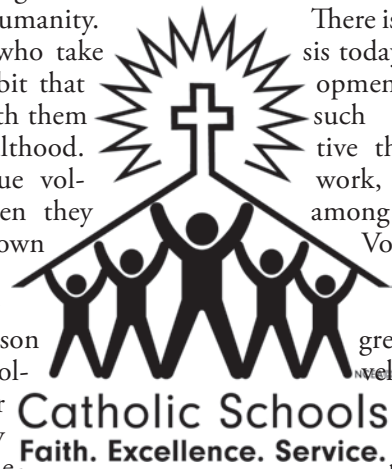
citizens.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

The question becomes who has God placed in our path? Who did we pass by this morning who could have used prayer? Who could use a hand with a chore or two? Who might need a new pair of shoes or a clean bed?

We have incredible opportunities as Christians to follow Jesus' lead to love and serve those around us. Are we ready to answer Jesus's call?

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Position during 'Our Father'/ Extreme unction, forgiveness

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



Q. What is the proper prayer position for the laity when praying the Our Father at Mass? (Richmond, Virginia)

A. The directions on this from the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are remarkably concise. They say: "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer."

The celebrating priest, on the other hand, is instructed that he should maintain the "orans" position, with his hands outstretched to the side in prayer.

I have always found a certain inconsistency in this: At certain other times in the Mass, the priest is praying on behalf of the congregation — especially during the eucharistic prayer. But with the Our Father, the priest is praying along with the faithful, saying the same words as the rest of the congregation.

In some parishes, congregations tend to hold one another's hands during the Lord's Prayer, although there is no direction in the rubrics to do so. That gesture does show the unity of the congregation, but it can also create some uncertainty.

Some people just don't feel comfortable holding hands — especially during the current COVID-19 crisis — and they shouldn't feel compelled to do so.

My approach on this is to let congregations do what they want, so long as they don't "force" the issue. Perhaps some day the rubrics will be more specific, but for now I think it best for people to do whatever they sense is appropriate. (And meanwhile, I don't really think that God has a preference.)

Q. For a person who has not been to church or to confession for several years but receives the sacrament of extreme unction before she dies, would that take away mortal sins? (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)

A. I would say that it depends. If the dying person is no longer able to confess, the sacrament of the anointing of the sick (formerly referred to as extreme unction) would take away mortal sin — provided the person has the sorrow for sin that would be required for the worthy reception of the sacrament of penance ("imperfect contrition," or sorrow for sin for a lesser motive than pure love of God — for example, because of the fear of divine punishment.)

This sacrament is meant to give the sick person the courage and sense of peace to deal with serious illness; but also, as the website of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis says: "A sick person's sins are forgiven if he or she was not able to go to confession prior to the celebration of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick."

Of course, if the sick person is conscious and alert, the ministering priest should always first offer the opportunity of going to confession.

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

Papal Audience January 19, 2022

Dear Brothers
and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the figure of St. Joseph, we now consider his example of fatherly love and its importance in the life of Jesus. In the Gospels, significantly, Jesus always appeals to the



image of an earthly father when speaking of His heavenly Father and His love. We see this especially in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (cf. *Luke 15:11-32*), which speaks not only of sin and forgiveness, but also of the love that renews and redeems broken relationships. Like the Prodigal Son, we too are invited to acknowledge our sins and failings, but also to let ourselves be changed by the loving embrace of the Lord. God's tender love is also seen in the trust He places in us to carry out His will by the power of His grace, which works even through our human weaknesses. As a loving Father, God helps us to see the truth about ourselves, in order to make us grow to spiritual maturity in Christ. That is why it is so important to encounter His merciful love in the sacraments, particularly the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through St. Joseph's intercession, may we learn to follow Christ and to be witnesses to the transforming power of His divine love.

My thoughts go out to the people of the islands of Tonga, who have been affected in recent days by the eruption of the underwater volcano, which has caused enormous material damage. I am spiritually close to all the afflicted people, imploring God for relief for their suffering. I invite everyone to join me in praying for these brothers and sisters.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors, especially those from the United States of America. I also greet the priests of the Institute for Continuing Theological Education of the Pontifical North American College. In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let us pray that all of Christ's followers will persevere on the path towards unity. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of the Lord. May God bless you!

Money for roof and kitchen repairs



Mike and Mary Bahner, members of St. John's Altar Society in Bahner, present the Sacred Heart Student Council in Sedalia with \$1,553,54. The money will benefit the restoration needs of the Sacred Heart School cafeteria and roof. The proceeds were from the Hunter's Harvest Breakfast the society held in Bahner on Nov. 13, the opening day of deer season. "We are grateful to everyone who has responded to our appeal to address this capital improvement," said Dr. Mark Register, SHS president. "Special thanks to St. John's Bahner Altar Society, the Daughters of Isabella, the parishioners of St Vincent de Paul, and all others who came together to make this creative event possible." — Photo by Liz Suter-Van Leer



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'How, long, Lord?'

By Mary Marrocco
Catholic News Service

"My soul too is shuddering greatly — and you, Lord, how long?" (Psalms 6:4)

"The Lord has heard the sound of my weeping ... they will turn back in sudden disgrace." (Psalms 6:9,11)

This new year, perhaps more than most, stirs up awareness of time and its strange ways. Through the unsettling days of 2020 and 2021, some have found the time long and heavy, waiting for the lonely burdensome time to pass so they can regain their lives.

For others, time has come to an end as effects of the coronavirus or other painful happenings claimed their lives. Still others have found time opening

up for them, enabling them to do or explore new things. Some have spent more time in prayer.

Time, our invisible companion, has grabbed our attention in new ways, raising again an ancient question that has haunted humans at least as far back as the writing of the psalms: How long, O Lord?

God so often takes his time when we need action now or takes away the time we thought we had when we need it most. The enslaved Israelites groaned to God for over 200 years in Egypt before anything tangible occurred. How long, O Lord? This is a question we recognize instantly.

How long must we suffer, how long must we wait, how long do we have,

are questions forever in our hearts. No wonder we often are seduced into skipping ahead, ending the suffering, escaping the wait.

Time, Augustine thought (in the fourth century), is not our enemy, as it often seems, but rather God's gift. It is the container God creates for us, so that we can receive God's life. And by receiving God in time, we learn to live and come to be more and more like God.

If God gave us everything all at once, without the protection of time, Augustine thought, it would be too much for us. We would be shattered by the limitlessness of God. Instead, God gives us a way to receive and come into the divine life, as we move through time.

We can come to an awareness of

ourselves as beings-in-time — not as prisoners completing a sentence, but as guests being offered life eternal. Still we must ask, How long, O Lord?

How long? As long as it takes for us to encounter God. From verse 4 to verse 11, as David shows in Psalm 6. That time can also come in an instant, suddenly (verse 11).

God, who is beyond eternity, descends into time, choosing to be contained by it so that we can be held within it and come to life. We touch one another, as we touch God, within time — so that we can go beyond time. When the time is right.

We sense this in the deep encounters

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2022: Expecting the unexpected

By Maureen Pratt



Catholic News Service
No New Year's resolutions for me!

After the many twists and turns of the past several months, the notion of being able to set fixed goals in 2022 seems almost laughable.

Just when life seems to be returning to "normal," another challenge or obstacle arises.

So, instead of making a list of "musts" that will be obsolete by midmonth, I'm going to hold fast to faith and God's abiding love and proceed with one, simple, overarching "resolve": Expect the unexpected.

It's not a comforting thought.

Unexpected external events upset our routines and can prompt anxiety as we face something sudden that we're unprepared for.

However happy they might be, unexpected events can make us feel frightfully inadequate, even a little silly, much like realizing we've set a dinner party table for 11, but have invited 12 people instead.

Unexpected internal events might also be unsettling; the nudge of the Holy Spirit, when it turns into outright "change-your-life-direction" realization is exciting yet translating this into practical steps can be nerve-racking as the inspiration we feel inside meets with resistance and "practical considerations" on the outside.

Difficult challenges, such as health crises or natural disasters, bring stresses that can hit us with a force that sets us reeling, turning joy to tears. The tornadoes and wildfires that have caused so much destruction for so many of late are examples of this.

When the unexpected occurs to loved ones, our own level of worry and stress can rise, too, understandably.

We cannot prepare for every eventuality, nor set dates and times on our calendars for the unexpected.

However, in keeping with my one "resolution" this year — "Expect the unexpected" — there are some actions we can take to be better able to navigate 2022 with confidence.

The better we know ourselves, the more we can nurture helpful habits that support us through unexpected occurrences.

If we know, for example, that we might react angrily to sudden snags in our carefully planned lives, we can take steps now to learn to constructively cope, be less apt to erupt and bring overall calm to the situation instead of more stress.

To gain better insight on ourselves, regular prayer is helpful, as is a practice such as the Examen, which offers an opportunity to reflect on our actions and reactions in light of God's mercy.

Knowing our environment at home and in our communities is important at all times, but especially if unexpected events occur.

Do we know what kinds of local weather events occur, and do we know where our tools for coping with them are? Do we have our neighbors' contact information, do our children know the drill if a weather event suddenly separates family members?

Is our legal paperwork (health care directives, insurance documents) updated and accessible? Are our mobile devices charged and close by?

January of a new year is an excellent time to review these practical preparations. We hope never to have to use them but will be in better shape if the need for them arises.

Faith gives us countless inspiring ex-

amples of people who faced unexpected events with God's grace and protection. Sacred Scripture and song uplift us in

times when we experience detours and

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REFLECTION

Itinerant preacher

By Mark Saucier

He knew it wasn't his best sermon. He wandered, gave too much information, and few got his hilarious joke.

He failed to read the room and lost most listeners before he got halfway.

Greeting people as they left church, he noticed that some avoided him completely. Many who did come through the line were half-hearted in their pleasantries. He was feeling defeated by his poor pulpit performance until a visitor came up and enthusiastically thanked him for the service.

"Your homily," she added, "was full of the peace and mercy of God."

Feeling better, he fished for more affirmation.

"How so?" he asked.

"Well, like the peace of God, it surpassed all understanding. Like God's mercy, it seemed to endure forever."

We've all heard good homilists — those who could tell a story, bring the Word alive, and speak from a profound personal depth.

The good ones were not all silver-tongued orators. Not all have this gift, but the good preachers who don't have it ably compensate with a singular focus, an intentional brevity, and a humble authenticity.

But even the good ones have off days. Like an all-star hitter, they can get in a slump. They can have a hectic week, interrupting preparation.

There can be family or other personal issues that distract them. They, too, can hit a spiritual dry patch.

I demand a lot of preaching. I want to be inspired and moved. I want to see a scriptural passage in a different way and be challenged to act differently because of it.

That is not going to happen every week, but I am learning that there are ways to increase the odds.

First, I read the readings beforehand, and then listen attentively when they are proclaimed. Some of the burden for finding something new falls on my shoulders, as well.

In three readings and a Psalm on Sunday, there is always at least one that is familiar. I try to recall how I have changed since I last heard it and how it is speaking to me differently now because of that change.

I can take a phrase or image from one of the readings, or an accidental nugget from a meandering sermon, and reflect on it.

And, if I am still tempted to judge the preaching, I can ponder how I would lead others through the labyrinth of meaning in any given passage.

Turns out that good preaching, just like faith itself, is a community effort.

Fr. Peckman releases 'A Young Catholic's Guide to Spiritual Warfare'

By Jay Nies

The devil can't make hell look good, so he has to make the road that leads there look good.

Denying that fact doesn't make the road or its destination go away.

"We're up against someone who doesn't want what's good for us," Father William Peckman warned. "The devil can't 'make you do it,' but he is very good at tempting us."

Fr. Peckman offers straightforward advice for battling the forces of evil in his recently completed book, *A Young Catholic's Guide to Spiritual Warfare*.

The 117-page book is available in print or digital form at Matermedia.org or Amazon.com.

It is written for young people of all ages.

"I specifically directed it toward Catholics from age 15 to 30," said Fr. Peckman, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Macon, St. Mary Parish in Shelbina, St. Patrick Parish in Clarence and the Mission of the Sacred Heart in Bevier.

"Although, given the general dearth of available catechesis on this topic, I think anybody could benefit from picking it up and reading it," he said.

He said the book is a wake-up call.

"These things are real and need to be dealt with," he insisted. "The last several popes

have made that very clear to us."

The book carries an *"Imprimatur"* from Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and a *"Nihil Obstat"* from Father Dylan Schrader, moderator of youth and young adults and religious education for the Jefferson City diocese.

This means the book has been reviewed thoroughly and found to be free of objectionable content or doctrinal error, although it does not necessarily mean those who reviewed the book endorse the content.

Battling the lie

Fr. Peckman said the entertainment industry has damaged many people's perceptions of spiritual warfare.

"Everyone wants to jump to 'The Exorcist,'" he said, "but spiritual warfare is actually much more about how we deal with temptation in the day-to-day choices we make."

Those decisions can be particularly difficult in a culture "where so much of what we in the Church recognize as sinful is seen as normal by people outside the Church," he said.

Nonetheless, spiritual warfare is nothing new. It's nearly as old as humanity itself.

"The Scriptures consistently present a very pronounced idea of doing battle with temptation and the forces of evil — from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation," said Fr. Peckman.

There's also a consistently clear distinction between tempting and enticing, which the devil does very well, and actually making people do something bad, which the devil cannot do.

"Temptation makes sin look positive, like it's something for your good," Fr. Peckman noted. "But in the end, it's always a lie."

"This is real"

Fr. Peckman, who has been a priest since 1997, speaks from personal experience.

"I wrote this book because these are things I struggle with," he said. "I personally know what spiritual warfare looks like. It's part of my daily life. I've had to fight these fights and I continue to fight these fights."

His interest in spiritual warfare started early in life.

"I knew about it because it was something my dad really understood well and instilled in each of us children," he said.

Fr. Peckman later took up the writings of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila. All three found compelling ways to express the eternal struggle between good in evil in this life.

As a seminarian, Fr. Peckman got to listen at length to a priest who was serving as an exorcist.

"While he could not tell me any of the details, he wanted to make it absolutely clear to me that this is real and cannot to be taken lightly," he said. "That has always stuck with me."

"Stand firm"

Fr. Peckman speaks more directly in the book than he's accustomed to writing or preaching.

"It's pretty in-your-face," he said. "The goal the reader to engage and ponder, 'How does all of this come into play in my own life?'"

He wrote and his editors edited in a style that's very accessible, "so that someone in their late teens or early 20s would pick it up and be engaged with

it."

The first chapter is an introduction to what the Church knows and teaches about such things as the devil, sin, mortal sin, temptation and the human

devil."

Many sources

Fr. Peckman's approach and most of the insights in his book come from saints and many great spiritual masters of the Church, going back through the ages.

"I try to only steal from the best," he said.

He further draws from the work of Dom Lorenzo Scupoli, the 16th-century author of a book called *The Spiritual Combat*, as well as Father Gabriele Amorth, the former exorcist for the Archdiocese of Rome; Dr. Ralph Martin, who helped bring about the spiritual renewal at Franciscan University in Steubenville; and Father Chad Ripperger, who comments on many of these things in his podcasts and online posts.

He quotes extensively from the Bible and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

"These are things the Church has always taught," he noted. "Just because they're not talked about very often doesn't mean they're not an important part of the Deposit of Faith."

He pointed out that for centuries, Catholic theologians wrote reams about doing battle against evil.

The well ran dry about 60 years ago, when secular values began overtaking Christian virtues in many Western societies.

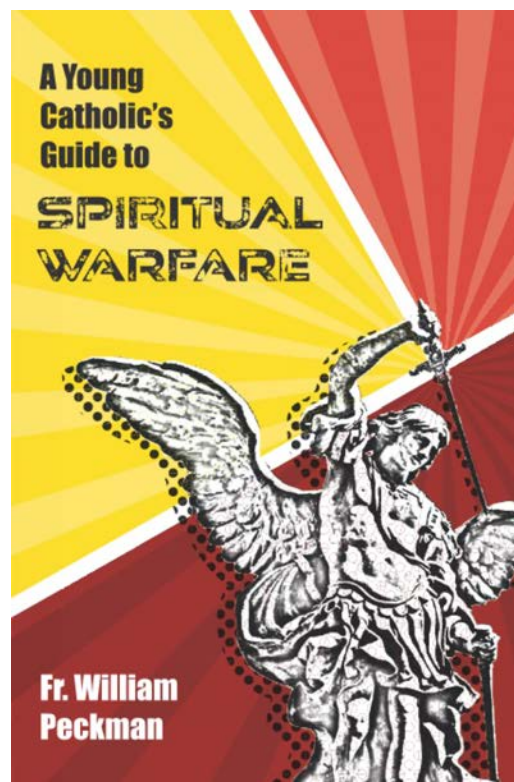
"As humans, we tend toward extremes," said Fr. Peckman. "We somehow went from hell, fire and brimstone to butterflies and rainbows instead of reaching a healthy balance between the two."


As a result, "whether you're talking about sexuality, consumerism, greed or gluttony, these things that used to be seen as sinful are now widely accepted as good, as sources of happiness," he said.

Merciful heaven

As pastor of three parishes and a mission, Fr. Peckman usually writes only on his days off and during vacations.

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Nearby Texas Catholic church reaches out during hostage crisis at synagogue

By Matthew Smith
Catholic News Service

Colleyville, Texas

As the tense hours of a Jan. 15 hostage standoff situation unfolded at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area, so too did an unbelievable manifestation of faith and community at nearby Good Shepherd Church, according to Franciscan Father Zachary Burns.

"Just seeing not only the Good Shepherd community but people from other faiths and the community in general coming together to help one another was so unbelievable," the parish's parochial vicar told *North Texas Catholic*, the news outlet of the Fort Worth Diocese.

That morning a British citizen later identified as Malik Faisal Akram, 44, entered Congregation Beth Israel armed during the synagogue's Sabbath morning service and took four hostages, including Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, and engaged in an 11-hour standoff with law enforcement officials.

All four were eventually released unharmed though Akram was killed in the incident.

Officials from numerous law enforcement agencies and media outlets made use of Good Shepherd's parking lot and facilities during the standoff.

"We were able to open the parish hall for them and congregants from Congregation Beth Israel so they could get out of the cold, warm up and get coffee," said Mike Short, the diocese's director of security.

Short oversaw the diocesan Guardian ministers' efforts to assist law enforcement officials.

"We had a great response from (Guardian ministers) from throughout the diocese who provided security and help throughout the day," Short said. "It was amazing — the support from staff, parishioners, other faith leaders and

members, and the community just pulling together to do everything they could to help."

The diocese's Guardian Ministry is a community-led safety and security volunteer ministry that provides parishes with a peaceful and safe place to worship.

"I cannot even begin to tell you how thankful we are for our Guardian ministers," Fr. Burns said. "So thankful we have these guys willing to be that line of defense and yesterday's response was unbelievable. I couldn't begin to tell you how many Guardians showed up."

Members of Christian, Jewish and Islamic faith backgrounds and a representative from the city attended

a prayer vigil in Good Shepherd's chapel.

"It was a late development deal that lasted about 45 minutes," Fr. Burns said. "Just a chance for anyone to get up and offer a prayer or reflection, just people trying to support each other."

Food prepared for a marriage ministry event scheduled that night that was canceled was donated to feed those on hand. Parishioners and others arrived throughout the day with food and offers to help.

"We actually got more requests to help than we could take," Short said.

Fr. Burns, who came to the parish about two years ago from "up north" joked that he was told beforehand that people in Texas, Catholic and otherwise, tend to live out their faith in everyday life.

Walker, a proponent of interfaith dialogue, has long been a friend of Good Shepherd.

"My whole time here has been under the pandemic, so I haven't had a chance to meet with many area leaders of other faiths," Fr. Burns said.

"That was very evident today," Fr. Burns said.

Fort Worth Bishop Michael F. Olson agreed.

"Thanks be to God for their safety," Bishop Olson tweeted after the hostages' safe release.

Bishop Olson also thanked the leaders of Good Shepherd, first responders and members of Congregation Beth Israel.

Fr. Burns noted that Rabbi Cytron-Walker, a proponent of interfaith dialogue, has long been a friend of Good Shepherd.

"He noted that he and Good Shepherd's pastor, Franciscan Father Michael Higgins, "had lunch with Rabbi Charlie recently and it's ironic that yesterday I saw maybe the largest interfaith gathering I've ever seen out of what was a very hectic and tragic day."

In an interview with Channel 8, the local ABC-TV affiliate, Fr. Higgins said: "When our brothers and sisters in the Jewish community were suffering, we suffered with them. It was terrible that they had to go through this. This was a frightening experience for the



Law enforcement vehicles in Colleyville, Texas, are seen Jan. 15, near the area where a man took four people hostage at a synagogue during services that were livestreamed. After about an 11-hour standoff with an FBI crisis response team on the scene, the incident ended with the hostages' release and the hostage-taker being fatally shot.

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es in a New York court in 2010 and being held in federal prison in Fort Worth.

The woman, Aafia Siddiqui, was found guilty of attempting to murder American soldiers in Afghanistan.

The FBI and other law enforcement officials were investigating Akram's arrival in the United States at John F. Kennedy International Airport about five weeks ago, his subsequent travel to the Dallas area

where he stayed in a homeless shelter for some nights in early January, and how and when he bought the gun he used in taking the hostages.

Two teenagers were arrested Jan. 15 in Manchester, England, as part of the investigation.

The teens were later identified as being Akram's sons.

Smith writes for the North Texas Catholic, the news outlet of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Contributing to this story was Mark Zimmermann in Washington.



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Holy Spirit's fire enlightens, purifies those in legal profession

By Tony Gutiérrez
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Phoenix

In a liturgy inviting “tongues as of fire” from the Holy Spirit to guide lawyers and government officials, it seemed oddly appropriate that the fire alarm inadvertently went off just before the Diocese of Phoenix’s annual Red Mass began Jan. 11 at St. Mary’s Basilica.

“You will notice that I asked the basilica to set off the fire alarm right before Mass so that it would be in your mind already,” joked Father Paul D. Scalia, the homilist, who is the son of the late U.S. Supreme Court Associ-

ate Justice Antonin Scalia and a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia.

The Red Mass is celebrated annually for members of the legal profession. In the United States, the Red Mass has typically been celebrated to mark the opening of the judicial year, but in Phoenix it is celebrated to mark the beginning of the Arizona state legislative session.

The name of the Mass comes from the red vestments of the presiding clergy.

Fr. Scalia, who is episcopal vicar for clergy for the Arlington Diocese and pastor of St. James Parish in Falls Church, Virginia, noted in his homily

that the “time of Pentecost” referenced in the Acts of the Apostles was not what we celebrate on Pentecost Sunday, but rather a feast in ancient Israel commemorating when the law was given to Moses at Mount Sinai.

“There are two ways of viewing human laws. Either they correspond to the truth, or they’re instruments of power,” he said. Although the nation’s Founding Fathers were flawed men, they understood this truth.

They sought, however imperfectly, to establish the government according to the truth of the human person — truth that transcended any one group or power bloc,” said Fr. Scalia. “They appealed to self-evident truths and unalienable rights to shape society.”

The Christian Pentecost fulfills the events of Mount Sinai, he said. Rather than God

appearing in a cloud of fire to hand down the law on stone tablets, he enables people to live it by the fire of the Holy Spirit. This fire enlightens, purifies and strengthens those in the legal profession, he said.

“This enlightenment is particularly important for the work of law so that those so doing can see and grasp the truth and the dignity of the human person whom our laws should serve,” said Father Scalia.

He compared human reason to a window, saying that just as a dirty window can distort the light, so can humans’ fallen nature distort the enlightenment of reason. Using the abolitionist movement as an example, he noted that the immorality of slavery is a truth accessible to human reason.

“But greed for power or financial gain had rendered reason impure and untrue,” said Father Scalia. “It was the Christians of the abolitionist movement who shed light on the issue, and whose faith purified reason of its selfishness.”

Priests and legal professionals can both face temptation to vanity, pride and selfish gain, said Father Scalia, noting that it can be easy to make decisions based on what others might think, say or publish.

“It is the fire of the Holy Spirit that strengthens our will to do what we know we should do, not only to see the good, but to choose that good has to be done,” he said. “The Spirit bestows the strength of will to give counsel or to render a decision that might make a person unpopular or even a little poorer.”

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well received,” Fr. Jones stated.

He pointed out that promoting the spirituality of stewardship will continue for generations.

The ultimate goal is to build up vibrant faith communities that assist and welcome their neighbors and follow Christ to heaven.

“That’s how we grow a community of saints,” said Fr. Jones. “The life of the parish culminating in the parish Eucharist is the ‘dim mirror’

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Photos taken the weekend of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord show the vastness of the interior of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City. Work has begun to update the 52-year-old Cathedral's systems and utilities and make it more beautiful, more welcoming and more recognizably Catholic. — Photos by Jay Nies

CATHEDRAL

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larger rest rooms and an elevator to a renovated downstairs Undercroft, site of numerous parish and diocesan gatherings.

Signature elements of the mid-century Cathedral, including its circular design, geometric windows, Douglas fir beams, crown-shaped roof, terrazzo floor and white travertine marble, will be preserved.

A new altar, tabernacle, ambo, bishop's chair and proximate baptistery will be created

for the reconfigured sanctuary.

New wood paneling and the cross for the new crucifix will be made from regional white oak.

New stained-glass windows will draw more sunlight into the Cathedral. Each will depict scenes from the Old and New Testaments and saints of the Church, united under the theme of Acts of the Apostles 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the

apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

New sculptures, mosaics, painting, stenciling and colorful stonework will help define other areas of prayer throughout the Cathedral, including shrines devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, St. Isadore the Farmer and his wife, Blessed Maria, and Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, who was born and baptized in northeastern Missouri.

Antique polychromatic Stations of the Cross will be framed with brass and installed in the ambulatory.

A new, custom-designed organ, incorporating parts of the current instrument, will be installed.

"It's going to be a wonderful space," said church architect William Heyer, architectural consultant for the project.

He noted that careful planning over the past year is yielding an even more thoughtful use of materials and artwork than conceived in the initial plans for the renovation.

"What's really exciting is the amount of artwork that's going to be installed in the Cathedral, something I think people are going to be very surprised and happy about," said Mr. Heyer.

"Certainly, the new stained glass will be a lot more colorful and brighter than any of us had foreseen," he said. "The mosa-

ics and marble work are going to be more colorful and intricate."

Artisans from as far away as Germany and Italy and as near as St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago will create the artwork.

Mr. Heyer said the purpose

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

of every detail will be to make Christ's invisible presence more visible.

"This is what we specialize in," he said, "the celebration in the best way possible of all the efforts that were put forth when this Cathedral was built, while making it more beautiful and more recognizably Catholic."

Timeless beauty

A cathedral is a symbol of unity for all Catholics in a diocese. In the Roman Catholic tradition, its name comes from its unique position as the church which houses a chair used only by the diocesan bishop.

Known as a *cathedra*, this chair is a symbol of the bishop's responsibility to teach the faith

authentically, in union with the pope and with bishops throughout the world.

The Cathedral of St. Joseph was completed in 1968 in a style that has come to be known as Mid-Century Modern.

The renovation will incorporate classical elements into the Cathedral's familiar structure, enhancing its beauty, functionality, capacity for hospitality and uniquely Catholic identity.

Mr. Heyer worked with Architects Alliance Inc. of Jefferson City on the plans.

"What we're trying to do is take the building out of the world of style and into the realm of sacred time, into the time of Christ's sacraments, which are truly timeless," he said.

He noted that the building's original architect wanted to create a recessed area at the back of the sanctuary. But that would have been difficult structurally as the entire circular shape of the Cathedral is supported by a steel tensile ring inside the sanctuary wall.

Mr. Heyer revisited the idea while working up initial plans in 2020, only to have structural engineers tell him that keeping the tensile ring intact is essential for holding the building together.

He was determined to press forward and resolved to remove the wall around this steel

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tensile ring but leave the structural ring intact.

The exposed steel ring beam will now be encased in a wood beam and have the new crucifix mounted on top.

“The symbolism of that struck me immediately,” he said. “Christ is supporting His church. He’s basically saying, ‘Without Me, this all falls apart.’”

That will be one of many striking symbols already built into the architecture that will be revealed or re-emphasized through this renovation.

“It expresses this Cathedral’s uniqueness, something that was not visible before but will be visible now,” Mr. Heyer stated.

Clearly Catholic

Father Louis Nelen, pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, said the Cathedral has served the people of the parish and the diocese well for the past 52 years but is now in need of practical and aesthetic updating.

Electrical systems and other utilities are worn out and outdated, as are the lights and sound system. The rest rooms need to be larger and more accessible.

The renovated interior will attract the faithful into deeper communion with God through beauty.

“It will be a blending of modern and traditional,” said Fr. Nelen. “We’re trying to maintain connections to the timeless tradition of the Church while respecting and building upon what we have here.”

In preliminary surveys, many parishioners, especially young parents, said they want inspiring and instructive images surrounding them.

“It goes back to the days of when the faith was taught not just by the spoken word but also through symbols and art,” Fr. Nelen stated.

People passing by on West Main Street will also have a clearer idea of the Cathedral as a place to encounter the Lord through prayer, worship and fellowship.

“When you see it from the outside, beginning with the canopy over the front door, you will recognize that this is

a sacred space, a place of welcome, a truly Catholic place, and you will want to come in and visit,” said Fr. Nelen.

The Undercroft will be made more inviting and useful for large gatherings, with easier access to the Cathedral-proper.

Since the Cathedral serves everyone in the diocese, Bishop McKnight welcomes lay Catholics to join their priests and deacons and contribute toward the cost of the renovation, as long as doing so does not reduce their regular, sacrificial support of their own parish.

Priests and deacons of the diocese are giving sacrificial support.

Priests have pledged over \$90,000 toward the cost of the new altar and ap-
point-

ments. Deacons have pledged over \$31,000 toward the cost of the new ambo.

Father Stephen Jones, director of stewardship for the diocese, noted that a separate fund for ongoing maintenance will be established after the renovation is completed.

Those who wish to support the cathedral project financially are asked to send their donations to the Chancery or contact the diocesan Direc-

tor of Development, Mr. Jake Seifert.

A place of blessing

Bishop McKnight and Mr. Heyer worked with a renovation commission composed of Father Louis Nelen, pastor of the

bishop’s delegate for pipe organs, and Cathedral of St.

Joseph parishioners Julie Malmstrom, Millie Schell and Edith Vogel.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission reviewed

and helped refine the initial renovation

proposal,

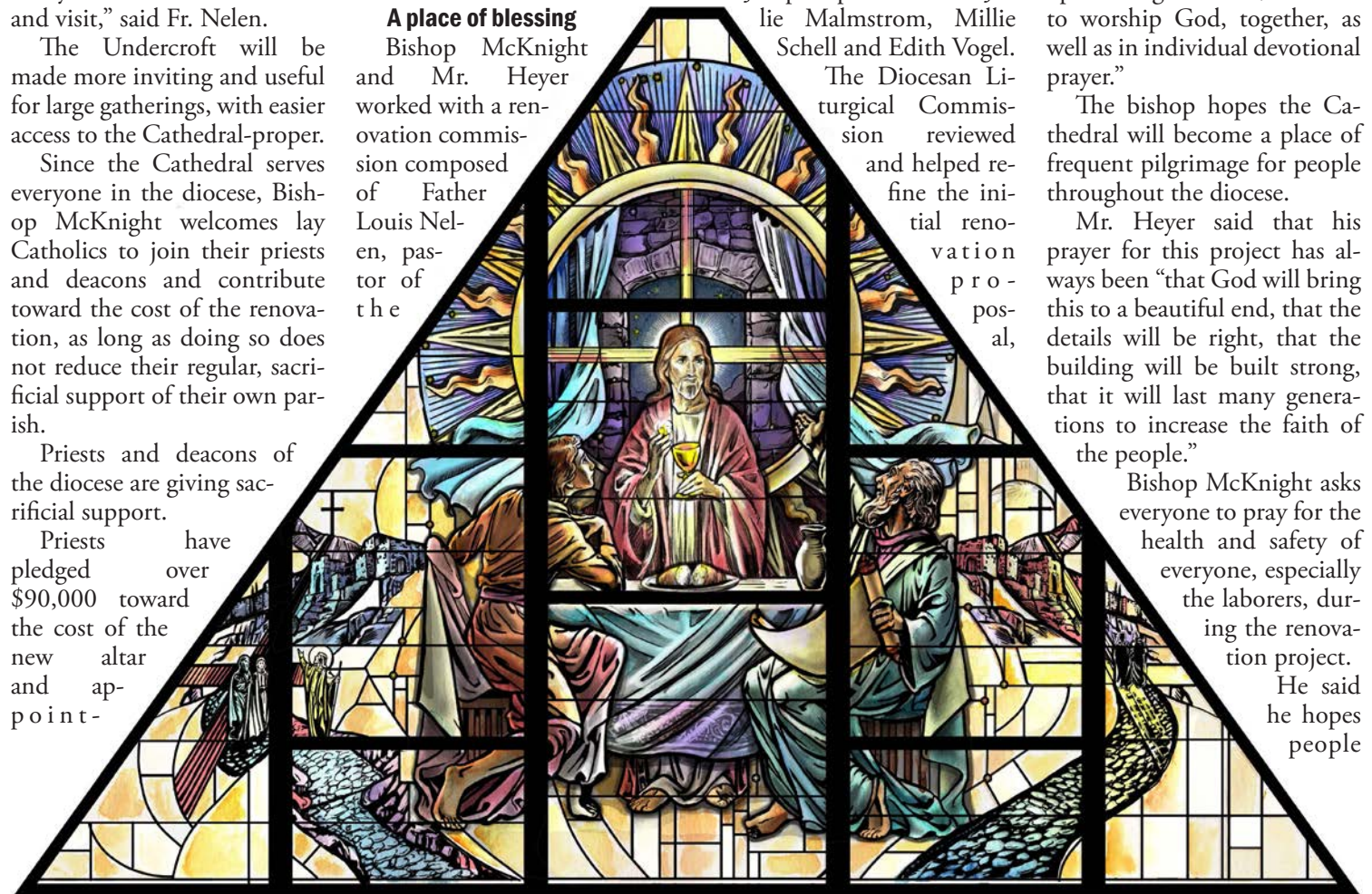
blesses us as we give Him our worship and praise,” said Bishop McKnight. “Here, we come to worship God, together, as well as in individual devotional prayer.”

The bishop hopes the Cathedral will become a place of frequent pilgrimage for people throughout the diocese.

Mr. Heyer said that his prayer for this project has always been “that God will bring this to a beautiful end, that the details will be right, that the building will be built strong, that it will last many generations to increase the faith of the people.”

Bishop McKnight asks everyone to pray for the health and safety of everyone, especially the laborers, during the renovation project.

He said he hopes people



This is a concept design for one of the brilliant new stained-glass windows being created for the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Depicted here is Jesus teaching two disciples on the Road to Emmaus on the day He rose from the dead, and then having them realize Who He is in the breaking of the bread.

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Cathedral Parish, Father Daniel Merz, chairman of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Father Jeremy Secrist,

followed by the priests of the diocese during their annual institute last fall.

“In this sacred place, God

throughout the diocese will consider making a pilgrimage to the Cathedral after its rededication next year.

Temporary locations for Mass

During the renovation of the Cathedral of St. Joseph and its Undercroft, Mass is scheduled to be offered in the following places:

- The 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass and the 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday Masses will be in the St. Joseph Cathedral School gymnasium. There is a ramp for people who cannot walk up or down the steps to the gym door.

- The 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be in the chapel of the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center, down the hill from the Cathedral.

- The 8 a.m. weekday Mass on Thursday and Friday will be in the school gym whenever school is in session and a school Mass is scheduled. Drop-off time for children in school lasts until about 7:45 a.m. on school days.

- When school is not in session, the Thursday 8 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in the parish Adoration chapel, on the east side of the Cathedral campus.

- The 8 a.m. Saturday Mass will be in the

chapel of the Catholic Center unless an event is scheduled there at that time.

- The 12:10 a.m. weekday Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be in the Adoration chapel, on the east side of the Cathedral campus.

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Saturday afternoons in the Adoration chapel.

When renovations to the Undercroft are completed late this year, Masses for the parish will be moved into the Undercroft.

Father Louis Nelen, pastor, noted that some parishioners — “especially those who have who have difficulty walking or may not feel comfortable going to Mass in the gym” — will visit other nearby Catholic churches while the renovation is taking place.

“We’re fine with that,” he said. “We just want people to keep going to Mass.”

He is confident that they will also continue to support the parish, he said.

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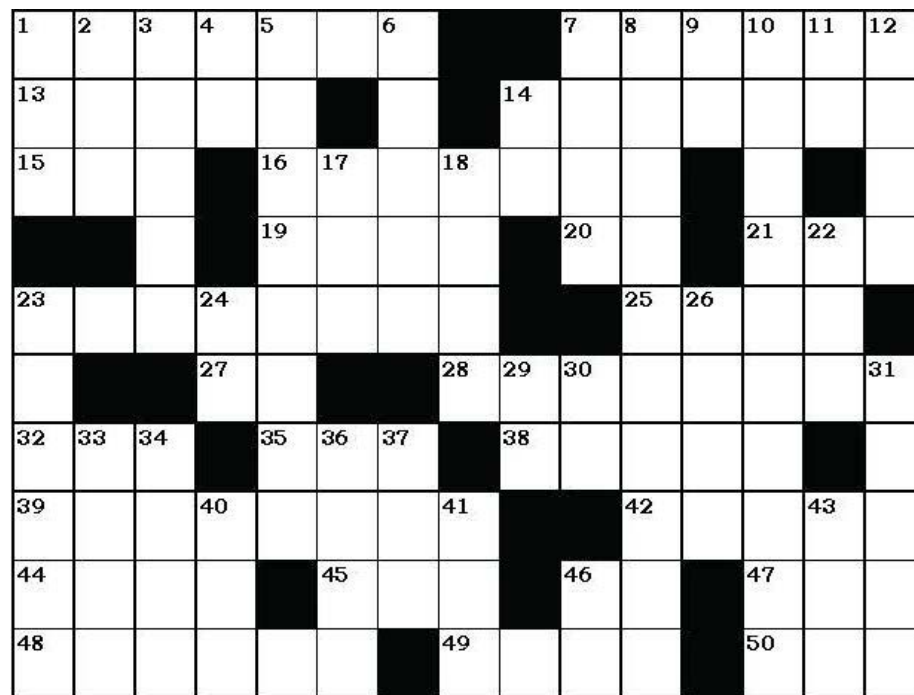


The following puzzle was originally published in the Feb. 3, 2017, edition of *The Catholic Missourian*. Look for a new puzzle in our next edition.

By Father Don Antweiler

ACROSS

1. Independence, Mo. was the jumping-off place for the three most famous trails leading west for settlers and traders. Today the _____ Trails Museum in Independence highlights their stories.
9. After only two days into their trip, the Lewis & Clark expedition almost ended tragically when Meriwether Lewis, atop a 300-foot river _____ started to slide, only saving himself by thrusting a knife into a crevice in the rock face.
13. The Oregon Trail was established in the 1830's by fur trading _____ men. The first wagon train was organized in 1836. It eventually reached from Independence, Mo. to Willamette Valley in Oregon. This 2,170-mile trail and its many offshoots (California Trail, Mormon Trail, Bozeman Trail) was used by 400,000 settlers, miners, ranchers, etc.
14. Abbr. for "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story."
15. This State's nickname is "Little Rhody" (abbr.).
16. Abbr. before Sinai and Rainier.
17. Clean or Green Jeans.
18. Yak.
19. "Ain't nobody here but _____ chickens," —1947 Jazz hit by Louis Jordan.
20. Short for each.
21. _____/GYN.
23. The 900-mile Santa Fe Trail from Independence, Mo. to Santa Fe (Mexico) was pioneered in 1821 by Wm. Becknell, Missouri businessman and later, judge and legislator. It was the earliest trail west and was heavily traveled as the vital _____ and military connection to the southwest until the introduction of the railroad in 1880.
26. ISO country code for Denmark.
27. "Cast the _____ over the right side of the boat..." —John 21:6.
29. Lots of solicitude.
30. Airport letters.
31. This country boasts three of the world's five oldest rivers in the world: the New, the Susquehanna, and the French Broad are each hundreds of millions of years old.
33. "_____! The Dim Shadows of Night are Waning"; a hymn by Pope St. Gregory the Great (540-604) to be used for Morning Prayer (Lauds).
34. In the MLB, letters for Designated Hitter.
35. "The _____"; name of a 1958 sci-fi classic starring Steve McQueen who tries to protect his town from a gelatinous alien life form.
36. Electronic post office of sorts.
38. _____ and flow.
40. Despite modern depictions, hardly anyone on



- these trails rode in covered _____. They were springless, very rough, too dusty and it was too hard on the livestock to be riding.
44. This third most populous State has a thriving dairy industry (abbr.).
45. Bric-a-_____: a whatnot, curio or knickknack.
47. River in Angola.
48. Boy Scouts of America (abbr.).
50. In psychology, abbr. for expressed emotion, a measure of the family environment of a patient.
51. There are five parishes in our diocese named for the _____ Heart of Jesus: in Columbia, Eldon, Rich Fountain, Sedalia and Vandalia.
53. _____ Chaplin is a Spanish actress with a notable ancestry: daughter of the Am. actress Geraldine Chaplin; granddaughter of the early film star Charlie Chaplin; great granddaughter of Am. playwright Eugene O'Neill.
55. Letters for "Russia Today," the Russian Television network funded by the gov't; directed to audiences outside of Russia.
56. The merchants in Independence met the need for what was considered the two most basic and needed items for those going west which were _____ (200 lbs.; one barrel for each individual) and a large keg for carrying water.
57. Most of these "prairie schooners" were pulled by _____ or mules. Unlike horses, both were consid-

ered durable and able to survive on prairie grass (i.e., didn't have to be fed).

DOWN

1. Not AM.
 2. Sixth book of the NT.
 3. An umpire's call.
 4. In biology, abbr. for *nomen novum* (i.e., new name); replacement name for an old scientific term which is outdated or otherwise inappropriate.
 5. Letters for telegraphic transfer, electronic method of moving funds; used primarily for overseas transactions.
 6. God's name (Exodus 3:14).
 7. The Emerald Isle.
 8. Health care professional.
 9. The California Trail (including the long eastern part of the Oregon Trail) ran from Independence, Mo. to Sacramento, Calif. and was said to be about 2,000 miles (depending on which _____ and cut-offs were used) and ideally took 4-6 months to travel.
 10. Wolf.
 11. The Independence merchants provisioned pioneers with recommended amts. of beans (60 lbs.), coffee (25 lbs.), sugar (40 lbs.), dried _____ (40 lbs.), and a keg of lard.
 12. A needed qualification for a parish administrator is to be _____ responsible.
 18. The California Trail was heavily used from 1845 until after the Civil War, esp. for the _____ and silver mines in Nevada and California. About 250,000
- used this trail; it helped convert California into a U.S. possession. It was displaced by railroads in 1869.
20. Ending for a university's electronic communications.
21. Let's get _____ with it.
22. "...the Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth _____" —Deuteronomy 4:39.
24. This State's official nickname is the Constitution State, but is also known as the Nutmeg State (abbr.).
25. This town in our diocese is the home of St. Cecilia parish and also the home office of Diamond Pet Food.
28. The Independence merchants also provided such recommended items as _____ (for trading with Indians and other pioneers as well as personal use), salt pork (150-180 lbs.) and boots (often 2-3 pairs of boots would wear out on the trip).
32. How Jesus addressed God.
37. Silly, stupid.
38. Ancestor of Abraham (Genesis 11:14-17) and of Jesus (Luke 3:35).
39. _____ "the Hitman" Hart; widely regarded as one of the greatest professional wrestlers of all time; "one of, if not the greatest, to have ever graced the squared circle."
41. Wise man.
42. "_____ the river and through the woods to grandmother's house I go ..." —poem by Lydia Maria Child. Originally sung for Thanksgiving but then became a Christmas carol, though not widely sung anymore.
43. Auction action.
46. Short for cerebrospinal fluid, a liquid that cushions the brain within the skull and circulates nutrients and removes waste products from the brain.
48. Ghost talk.
49. Red or white.
52. *Et* _____; literally, "and the rest" (i.e., additional items to a list).
54. Prefix for them or gel.



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FR. HARTLEY

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Since he and his family lived so close to Ss. Peter and Paul Church, he frequently got last-minute calls to serve at Mass and Saturday-night Benediction.

He got hit by a car when he was 5 and woke up from a coma on Easter Sunday.

Around that time, he started thinking about being a priest.

He attended Ss. Peter and Paul School and graduated from Laura Speed Elliot High School, both in Boonville.

He considered entering the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) while studying theology and philosophy from 1973-77 at Rockhurst University in Kansas City.

He eventually discerned that he would be better suited to parish ministry than teaching.

Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe, now deceased, of Jefferson City accepted his application to enter formation and discernment for possible priestly ordination in this diocese.

Fr. Hartley earned a master's degree in divinity while in formation at St. John's Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota.

On May 30, 1981, in Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Boonville, Bishop McAuliffe ordained him to the Holy Priesthood.

Fr. Hartley told his hometown newspaper at that time that he would be happy wherever the bishop sent him, and that he would focus on building relationships and "trying to make every place I go a little better."

He served as associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City from 1981-84; pastor of Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland from 1984-87; pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Tipton from 1987-91; pastor of St. Mary Parish in Shelbina and St. Patrick Parish in Clarence from 1991-93; pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Owensville and St. Alexander Parish in Belle from 1993-98; pastor of St. George Parish in Linn from 1998-2001; pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Macon

and Sacred Heart Parish in Bevier from 2001-04, while also serving as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Shelbina and St. Patrick Parish in Clarence from 2002-04.

He served as administrator of St. Michael Parish in Kahoka, Shrine of St. Patrick Parish in St. Patrick and the former Mission of St. Martha in Wayland from 2004-12, then as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Vandalia and the Mission of St. John in Ladonia from 2012-17, then of St. Mary Parish in Glasgow and St. Joseph Parish in Slater from 2017-2021.

He was appointed pastor of the Montgomery City, Jonesburg and Wellsville parishes in January 2021.

"Every parish has been different and has contributed to my ongoing formation as a priest," he told *The Catholic Missourian* in 2006. "Through the good and the bad, people help you to be more Christ-like. You chip away at what's not important and get down to what can bring Christ into their midst when they truly need Him."

Fr. Hartley wrote in 2010 that offering Mass each day and hearing Confessions were the center points of his priestly ministry.

"Everything else revolved around those two powers I share with every priest because those are specifically what we are ordained to do," he stated.

Six months into his final assignment, he received a cancer diagnosis. Bishop McKnight placed him on medical leave so he could focus on his treatment.

Fr. Hartley's goal was full recovery "so I can resume my priestly duties as I want to," said Fr. Hartley.

"It's not fun," he told *The Catholic Missourian* on Sept. 17. "But what's nice about it is all the support I've received from the three parishes I'm at."

Prayerful dedication

The announcement of Fr. Hartley's death brought reactions and memories over social media from all over the diocese.

"Such a caring person. Will

be greatly missed," wrote Elizabeth Pfeiffer.

"He was a very kind and compassionate man," stated Laura Riddle Flannery.

"You will be missed, Father," said Vanessa Collins.

Fellow priests recalled his relentless curiosity and commitment to learning.

"He was a very good student and anything he took, he was determined to do it well," said seminary classmate Father Michael Coleman, pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Centralia and a chaplain at Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia.

"He loved his parishioners and would do everything he could to help them grow in their faith," Fr. Coleman added.

"He was a very good and faithful priest and concerned about the salvation of souls," said longtime friend Father William Korte, pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in St. Elizabeth. "He was diligent in his prayer life. And he was a very good friend. Very supportive. I always knew I could count on him."

"He was a faithful priest, very conscientious about his parish work," said longtime friend Father Richard Frank, a retired priest of this diocese. "He certainly believed in the Sacraments and into going to Confession regularly."

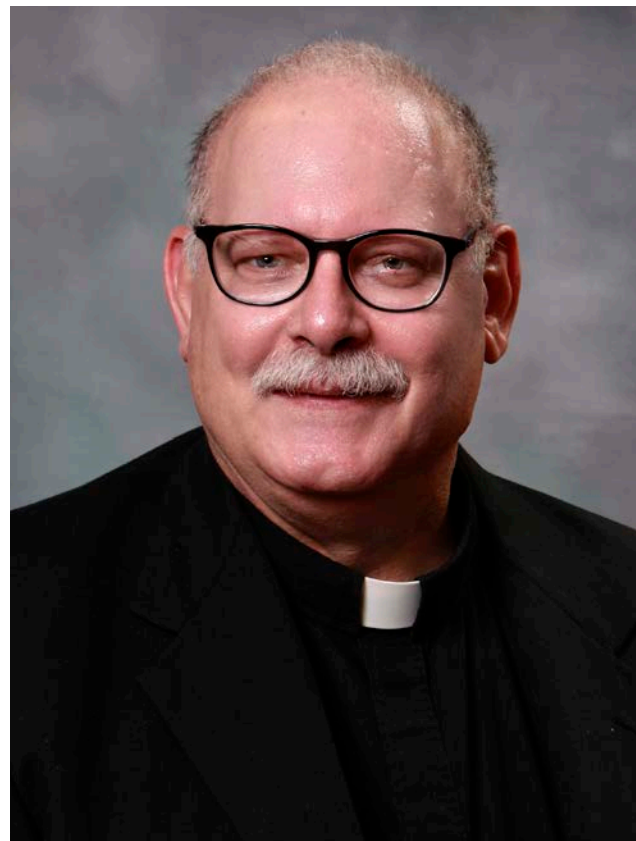
Fr. Hartley's reading habits were legendary.

"He was the proverbial book worm," said Monsignor David Cox, pastor of Mary Immaculate Parish in Kirksville and the Mission of St. Rose of Lima in Novinger, who was ordained the same year as Fr. Hartley.

"I rarely saw him without a book in his hand," Msgr. Cox stated. "He was the one to consult when in search of

a fact. He was always well informed."

He was particularly well-read in theology and spiritual



Father Paul M. Hartley (1955-2021)

subjects.

Fr. Hartley had a rapacious memory and enjoyed offering his parishioners a chance to grow in faith and knowledge of such things as Church history, Sacred Scripture, the Church Fathers and the Sacraments.

"I always saw Fr. Paul as an intellectual," said Father Gregory Frankman, a priest of the Diocese of Sioux City, South Dakota, who was to preach the homily at Fr. Hartley's Funeral Mass.

He and Fr. Hartley were friends since their seminary days and often spent their vacations traveling together.

"He would always come out and join my family for a couple of weekends during pheasant season," Fr. Frankman recalled. "That worked really well. We could hunt on Saturday with my family, and then the two of us could cover the Masses for my parishes."

One time during their travels, Fr. Frankman said he couldn't keep up with something Fr. Hartley was trying to explain to him.

"Well, read my mind!" Fr. Hartley fired back with his requisite deadpan.

It became a running joke for them.

Strong connections

Fr. Hartley wrote in a letter to his parishioners in Glasgow and Slater when he left there for a new assignment a year ago.

"Each of you," he stated, "in some way has helped to make me a better priest, and I deeply appreciate the many signs of your care and support that you have given me in my years with you."

His health took a sharp turn for the worse during in December 2021, about two-thirds of the way through his infusion treatments.

He spent

Christmas Day in the Intensive Care Unit.

Parishioners gathered on Wednesdays to pray the Rosary for his recovery. People were also encouraged to stop by church throughout the week and offer prayers for him.

Current and past parishioners stayed in contact with him, which he appreciated very much.

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

He offered Mass whenever he could, continuing to observe an admonition he received on his Ordination Day: "O priest, offer this Mass as if it were your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass."

Surviving are two sisters, Jayne Evatte and Monica Hartley; a brother, Mark Hartley; nieces and nephews; and his brother priests.

Fr. Korte asked for prayers for Fr. Hartley's family and for the repose of his soul.

"I have confidence about where he will be if he's not there already," he said.

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Want your event listed?
Fill out the ONLINE FORM at diojeffcity.org/event-listing.

Fundraisers & Social Events

Jan. 21
Columbia, Sacred Heart K of C #14414 fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm, Burr Oak Brewery (825 Trade Center Drive); **Jefferson City**, Helias Catholic High School marching band trivia fundraiser, 6-10 pm, old gym; **St. James**, K of C Bonus Fish Fry, 4-7 pm, Immaculate Conception parish hall

Jan. 22
Fulton, K of C Ladies Auxiliary candlelight lasagna dinner, 6-8 pm; **Hannibal**, Holy Family Youth Group benefit Trivia Night, 7:07 pm, K of C hall

Jan. 29
Linn, St. George School alumni basketball game, 2-8 pm, school gym

Jan. 30
St. Thomas, K of C pancake, egg & sausage breakfast, 8-11:30 am

Jan. 30-Feb. 5
St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish online silent auction, on Facebook search "St. Thomas the Apostle Church"

Feb. 5
St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish "Virtual Winter Fantasy," 6:30 pm, on Facebook search "St. Thomas the Apostle Church"

Feb. 6
Argyle, Argyle/Koeltztown Fire Department drive-thru breakfast, 7:30-11:30 am, K of C hall

Feb. 9
Jefferson City, K of C Council #12992 Annual 50/50 Super Raffle

Feb. 12
Kirksville, Mary Immaculate Parish sweetheart dinner, 6-10 pm, White Oaks Barn (23255 MO-11)

Feb. 13
Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am, church basement

Feb. 19
Lake Ozark, Pregnancy Help Center benefit trivia night, 6 pm, Bestgen Hall behind Our Lady of the Lake Church; **Sedalia**, St. Vincent de Paul Parish Ham & Bean Dinner for vocations, 11 am-7pm, St. Patrick Chapel basement

Feb. 26
Moberly, St. Pius X School Redono social, meal, auction and dance, 5pm-midnight, school gym

Adult Faith Formation

Jan. 25
Jefferson City, "Cookies, Coffee & Catholicism," featuring Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series, 6:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall

Feb. 1
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"Catholicism" series, 6:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall

Feb. 7
VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 pm, to RSVP email MidMoN-FP@gmail.com

Feb. 8
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Feb. 26
Columbia, Grand Reunion for all in the diocese who have taken part in Cursillo, 9:30 am-4 pm, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School

Mar. 4-6
Moberly, Engaged Encounter

weekend, St. Pius X Parish, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/engaged-encounter

Mar. 7
VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 pm, to RSVP email MidMoN-FP@gmail.com

Liturgical

Jan. 25
Columbia, "Blue Mass" to pray for and thank people in law-enforcement, fire-protection, first-responders, ambulance personnel, EMTs, etc., 5:30 pm, Sacred Heart Church

Vatican announces 'Pilgrims of Hope' motto for Holy Year 2025

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Vatican City
Pope Francis approved "Pilgrims of Hope" as the motto for the Holy Year 2025.

The motto aims to give a concise sense of the full meaning of the jubilee journey, Archbishop Rino Fisichella told Vatican News Jan. 13.

The words "pilgrims" and "hope" also represent key themes of Pope Francis' pontificate, said the archbishop, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, which is in charge of the Holy Year planning efforts.

The archbishop said the pope approved the motto Jan. 3 and that he is awaiting further instructions from the pope. In the meantime, the council already is working with Vatican and Italian authorities on the best way to welcome a large number of visitors during the year.

Traditionally for holy years, the celebrations begin with the pope opening the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve and ends with the sealing of the door one year later. The holy doors of St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major are opened for the year, too.

A holy year or jubilee is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy,

Health & Wellness

Jan. 23
Columbia, Blood drive, 8 am-1 pm, Newman Center 2nd-floor Multipurpose Room

Liturgical

Feb. 12
Columbia, Diocese of Jefferson City Catholic Schools Job Fair, 9-11 am, Parkade Plaza, 601 Business Loop 70W

based on the Old Testament tradition of a jubilee year of rest, forgiveness and renewal. Holy years also are a time when Catholics visit designated churches and shrines, recite special prayers, go to confession and receive Communion to receive a plenary indulgence, which is a remission of the temporal punishment due for one's sins.

Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Holy Year in 1300 and decreed that they would be celebrated every 100 years. But just 50 years later, a more biblical cadence, Pope Clement VI proclaimed another holy year. Pope Urban VI thought holy years should be celebrated every 33 years as a reminder of the time Jesus lived.

Finally, in 1470, Pope Paul II established the celebrations every 25 years, which has been the practice ever since. However, special anniversaries have called for special holy years, for instance, in 1933 to mark the 1,900th anniversary of Jesus' death and resurrection and in 1983 to mark the 1,950th anniversary.

Pope Francis, seeing a need to emphasize God's mercy and to encourage Catholics to return to the sacrament of reconciliation, declared an extraordinary Year of Mercy, which ran in 2015-16.

MARROCCO

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of our lives, when we feel time breaking open. Between "I love you" and "I love you too." Between "let it be done unto me" and the Incarnation. In the encounter between the paintbrush and the canvas, between the baby and the breast, is the infinite moment in which God offers himself and waits for our "yes."

In the encounter with the Beloved, we discover what time is for. And we discover that it is not so much we who are waiting, as God. "For God, time means the duration of the expectant waiting between his knocking on the door and our act of opening it" (see Revelation 3:20), writes Dumitru Staniloae.

Time is painful no matter what, and can carry greater pain still, such as the anguish of separation from the beloved who went ahead of us into eternity. Yet time is brushed with the divine

and intertwined with eternity.

Time and eternity aren't parallel or opposing things, after all. We absorb this most intensively in the Eucharist, where time and eternity meet.

That's why there can be unity among us, between one person and another, one group or nation and another. Unity among Christians means all Christians around the world, but also all Christians across time. This is the "apostolic" faith, the faith of the apostles who walked the Earth a long time ago.

God, the same God, meets humanity down through the ages. The God who met Moses in the burning bush and David in his writing of Psalm 6 is the same God who took flesh in Bethlehem, was pierced by nails in Jerusalem, harrowed hell — and waits for you and me to open to his knock.

So let us be at peace in our time.



Impressive harvest



LEFT: Junior-high students at St. Stanislaus School in Wardsville load up canned good to take to Samaritan Center in Jefferson City on Nov. 18, 2021. The St. Stanislaus student body collected and donated 1,960 cans. — Photo from the St. Stanislaus School Facebook page

RIGHT: First-graders at St. Stanislaus School gather up the canned good they collected for their school food drive on Nov. 18. — Photo by Mandy Libbert Steinlage

Give them something to eat



Food for the journey

RIGHT and BELOW: Seventh- and eighth-graders at Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City prepare to deliver the food the student body collected during their annual food drive to the Food Closet at the First Baptist Church.

— Photo from the Immaculate Conception School-Montgomery City Facebook page

www.cathmo.com



Members of the St. Peter Parish Youth Group in Marshall conduct a food drive for an Advent service activity on Dec. 19, 2021.

— Photo by Carol Wolfe



Saul becomes a follower of Jesus

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

A Jewish man named Saul was working to destroy the church by helping to imprison the followers of Jesus.

He went to the high priest in Jerusalem for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, in case he found any men or women there who were Christians. If he did, he planned to bring them back to Jerusalem in chains.

As he and two companions traveled to Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around Saul. As he fell to the ground, he and his companions heard a voice.

“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” the voice said.

“Who are you, sir?” he asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you



are persecuting,” the voice replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

When Saul got up from the ground, he opened his eyes and could not see anything, so his companions led

him to Damascus.

Meanwhile, in Damascus, a man named Ananias had a vision from Jesus.

“Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named

Saul. He is there praying, and in a vision, he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, that he may regain his sight,” Jesus said.

“Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man, what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem,” Ananias replied. “And here he has authority from the chief priests to imprison all who call upon your name.”

“Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before gentiles, kings and Israelites, and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name,” Jesus said.

Ananias went to find Saul.

“Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit,” Ananias said as he laid his hands on Saul.

Things like scales immediately fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized, and he ate and recovered his strength.

Saul at once began proclaiming in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

Read more about it Acts 8 & 9

1. Who wanted to destroy the church?

2. Who spoke to Saul?

Bible Accent

There are many times in the Acts of the Apostles where Saul (who became known as Paul) was persecuted for his belief in and preaching about Jesus.

For example, in Acts 16:16, we read that Paul and Silas traveled to Philippi, where they were beaten and put in prison. The jailer was told to guard them securely, so he placed them in the innermost cell and secured their feet to a stake.

Around midnight, there suddenly was an earthquake so severe that the jail’s foundation shook, all the doors flew open and all the prisoners’ chains were pulled loose.

The jailer woke up and was distraught to see what had happened, thinking that all the prisoners had escaped.

“We are all here,” Paul shouted to the jailer.

The jailer asked for a light and made his way to Paul and Silas’ cell. He fell before them

and asked what he needed to do to be saved.

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you and your household will be saved,” they said.

Question

Where did Saul go on his first mission? (Hint: Acts 13:1-4)

Answer: Cyprus

Saint Spotlight

In the third century, St. Nestor was the bishop of Magydus in the Roman province of Pamphylia, which is now Turkey.

The Roman emperor at the time, Decius, required all citizens to sacrifice to Roman gods, and they had to produce certificates to prove they were doing so. Those who did not comply would be imprisoned and tortured. Many Christians who wanted to save themselves complied and took up this pagan practice.

Nestor, however, stood his ground and refused to comply. He also sent into hiding many Christians who wanted to save themselves but did not want to sacrifice to pagan gods.

Nestor was arrested and tortured. When he told his torturers he would ever be with Christ, they crucified him.

Nestor died around 251, and we honor him Feb. 25.

Puzzle

Using the hints provided, fill in the blanks in the sentences about Saul/Paul.

1. Saul and _____ were set aside to do the Lord’s work. (Acts 13:2)

2. At Lystra, Paul healed a man who could not _____. (Acts 14:8)

3. Paul and Silas _____ and sang hymns in prison. (Acts 16:25)

4. _____ fell to his death while Paul was preaching, and Paul raised him from the dead. (Acts 20:8-12)



Answers: 1. Barnabas; 2. walk; 3. prayed; 4. Eutychus

Pope encourages young people to be the critical conscience of society

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Pope Francis told young people that, with Jesus, people can find the courage to swim against the current, to be free and authentic, and to stand up for their dreams and ideals of truth, love, justice and peace.

“Be the critical conscience of society. Don’t be afraid to criticize. We need your criticism,” he said, citing for example, the disapproval coming from many young people about environmental destruction.

“Be passionate about truth, so that, with your dreams, you can say, ‘My life is not captive to the mindset of the world. I am free, because I reign with Jesus for justice, love and peace!’” he said.

Celebrating Mass on the feast of Christ the King in St. Peter’s Basilica Nov. 21, the pope directed much of his homily to the world’s young

people.

As the Church begins its journey toward the next intercontinental celebration of World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023, the pope asked that young people to reflect on the image in the day’s Gospel reading of Jesus standing before Pontius Pilate and declaring, “I am a king.”

“We are struck by Jesus’ determination, his courage, his supreme freedom,” the pope said, because Jesus could have tried to defend Himself or compromise to avoid being condemned to death.

Instead, Jesus did not hide His identity and He took responsibility for His own life and for His mission to testify to the truth, he said.

Pope Francis urged young people not to be “enchanted by the sirens of the world, but to take our lives in hand, to ‘take a bite out of life,’ in order to live it to the full!”

One swims against the tide “so as to become more like Jesus,” the pope said.

Bishop Hying's reflections prod readers' spiritual lives in practical way

Love Never Fails: Living the Catholic Faith in Our Daily Lives, by Bishop Donald Hying. Ignatius Press (San Francisco, 2021). 187 pp, \$16.95.

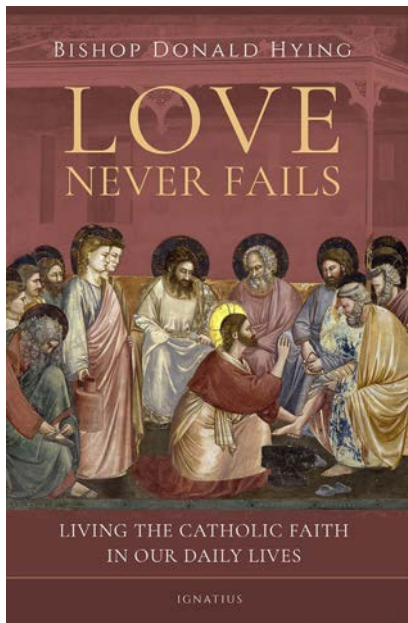
Reviewed by Brian T. Olszewski
Catholic News Service

Sometimes when reading reflections, one can almost hear what the author is saying. When they are published, it's as though the printed word is transformed into an audiobook.

That is what the reader will experience with Bishop Donald Hying's *Love Never Fails*.

Bishop Hying, who heads the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin, and previously served as an auxiliary bishop in Milwaukee and as bishop of Gary, Indiana, asks thought-provoking questions.

In a chapter titled "Spiritual Spendthrifts," he asks, "How can I ever really know the joy of salvation unless I lift up my experiences of anxiety, dread, sin and isolation to



God on the cross? Can I really appreciate the gift of my life in Christ until I have somehow been painfully uprooted from my complacent self-sufficiency?"

He draws upon a variety of sources, quoting Scripture, Robert Frost, G.K. Chesterton, Henry David Thoreau, Pope Francis and a number of saints, including Augustine, Teresa of Avila and John Paul

II, not as an academic exercise but to make a point.

Love Never Fails is inspirational but never preachy.

When Bishop Hying writes about concerns throughout the Church, e.g., providing excellent faith formation for children, youth and adults; parishes that are "lively, flourishing, welcoming and loving," and where celebration of sacraments is done well; and living the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, he invites but doesn't lecture.

When he calls gratitude and thankfulness "hallmarks of the mystical journey," the reader can almost hear Bishop Hying's words aloud:

"Let your life be more about praising than complaining, more about what has been given than what is lacking. Gratitude and humility contain the great secret of joy and peace. ... What we are searching for has already been given. We just need to reach out and receive it and then pass it on." Numerous times, he mentions his family, growing up as the youngest of six boys in a home where the Rosary was prayed every evening.

He speaks of love and admiration for his parents and notes how their example and the environment in which they raised their sons had an impact upon his vocation to the Priesthood.

In an All Souls' Day reflection, he writes about his

Movie Ratings



Adults and Adolescents

American Underdog (PG)
Sing 2 (PG)



Adults

Being the Ricardos (R)
The King's Man (R)
The Matrix Resurrections (R)
National Champions (R)
Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)
The 355 (PG-13)
West Side Story (PG-13)



Limited Adult Audience

Nightmare Alley (R)

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10-year-old brother Patrick, who died of liver cancer.

"Going through my own sorrow and watching my parents grieve up close as a 6-year-old forever marked my heart and life. ... Our sorrow and loss as a family gradually healed through faith, prayer and the kindness of family and friends, but the experience both wounded and transformed us," he writes.

He continues, "As painful as it was, my brother's death blessed me. This tragic experience opened me to ask the big questions and brought me to a richer faith, gave me a deeper compassion for the suffering of others, and granted for me a powerful intercessor in heaven. ... I feel that my vocation to the priesthood was nurtured by the tragic death of Patrick."

Bishop Hying's stories can make a reader cry, but they can also make one laugh.

In a reflection on Pentecost, he writes, "I'm afraid that if Pentecost happened today, instead of immediately going out to evangelize, the early Church would have formed a long-range study committee, wrote up long plans on how to evangelize and organized countless meetings. Thankfully, they did none of that!"

The chapters devoted to Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter provide more of the "speak-to-the-heart" material that is a consistent thread throughout the book. Priests and deacons in need of homily material might cull ideas from what the bishop writes.

In a chapter titled "Everyone is Called to Evangelize," Bishop Hying relates how he heard Matthew Kelly speak about his book *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* and that he was so "fired up" by what the author said that he ordered 5,000 copies of the book and gave them away.

Love Never Fails prods readers' spiritual lives in a pastoral, practical way. They may say, "I've read all that," but one can be certain they haven't read it the way Bishop Hying presents it.

They might not be moved to buy another 5,000 copies, but they will certainly share what they've read with others.

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

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

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

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

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

He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows

to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

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

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

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

JACOBS

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again, he said.

"We haven't stopped the death penalty. We haven't stopped wars," Jacobs said. "But we have raised consciousness for a lot of people about what it means to be a human and what it means to be a Christian."

Jacobs' close friend and fellow protester Jeff Stack said that they also have been arrested a few times for protesting the death penalty at the Boone County Courthouse.

Stack said they attended several vigils over the years and wanted to encourage the use of land to feed people instead of committing genocide.

Jacobs wrote a play that he and Stack performed in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Jefferson City in the 1990s. To protest the death penalty, they had a mannequin and the grim reaper there and performed a play where they ultimately de-

cidated to save the man instead of killing him.

More than 20 years later, they are still protesting the death penalty. They stood up and told the judge at the sentencing of Ernest Johnson, who was executed this fall, that they were citizens of Missouri and were opposed to Johnson being killed.

After nearly 40 years of living and working in the St. Francis House and protesting regularly, Jacobs, 66, has no plans of retiring.

"As long as I am a part of the solution instead of creating more problems for people, then I would like to do this for as long as I can," he said.

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— Steve Jacobs

SPIRITUAL

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He planned to write a chapter or two while on vacation in the mountains this past fall.

Becoming ill shortly after arriving, he wound up devoting his full energy to completing the book before returning home.

"God has a sense of humor and impeccable timing," he stated.

The writing became for Fr. Peckman a prolonged examination of conscience.

"In the seminary, they used

to tell us to never preach a homily you don't need to hear," he said. "By that same token, you should never write a book that you don't need to read."

He said spiritual warfare starts with people understanding the importance of their relationship with God, how sin damages that relationship, and how His grace and mercy ultimately restore it.

"God not only gives us opportunities to combat temptation but also to be reconciled

with Him once we have fallen," he noted.

He pointed out how combatting temptation and sin in one's own life is an important part of leading other people to Christ.

"We can't be good evangelizers when we're tied down with sin," he said. "A person who practices spiritual warfare uses the grace of God to hold back their sinful tendencies so that the love of Christ shows through them."

Daily Readings

Sunday, Jan 23

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Ps. 19:8-10, 15
1 Cor. 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk. 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Sunday, Jan 30

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
Ps. 71:1-6, 15-17
1 Cor. 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13
Lk. 4:21-30

Monday, Jan 24

St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church
2 Sm. 5:1-7, 10
Ps. 89:20-22, 25-26
Mk. 3:22-30

Monday, Jan 31

St. John Bosco, priest
2 Sm. 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Ps. 3:2-7
Mk. 5:1-20

Tuesday, Jan 25

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps. 117:1bc, 2
Mk. 16:15-18

Tuesday, Feb 1

2 Sm. 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3
Ps. 86:1-6
Mk. 5:21-43

Wednesday, Feb 2

The Presentation of the Lord
Mal. 3:1-4
Ps. 24:7-10
Heb. 2:14-18
Lk. 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday, Jan 26

Ss. Timothy and Titus, bishops
2 Tm. 1:1-8 or Ti. 1:1-5
Ps. 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10
Mk. 4:1-20

Thursday, Feb 3

St. Blaise, bishop and martyr; St. Ansgar, bishop
1 Kgs. 2:1-4, 10-12
(Ps.) 1 Chr. 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12abcd
Mk. 6:7-13

Thursday, Jan 27

St. Angela Merici, virgin
2 Sm. 7:18-19, 24-29
Ps. 132:1-5, 11-14
Mk. 4:21-25

Friday, Jan 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church
2 Sm. 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Ps. 51:3-7, 10-11
Mk. 4:26-34

Friday, Feb 4

Sir. 47:2-11
Ps. 18:31, 47, 50, 51
Mk. 6:14-29

Saturday, Jan 29

2 Sm. 12:1-7a, 10-17
Ps. 51:12-17
Mk. 4:35-41

Saturday, Feb 5

St. Agatha, virgin and martyr
1 Kgs. 3:4-13
Ps. 119:9-14
Mk. 6:30-34

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for January:

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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Fr. Peckman hopes the book will help people avoid equally paralyzing and danming extremes.

"Letting down our guard is not wise," he said. "We never take for granted our salvation, nor do we ever take for granted our condemnation."

Sin has real consequences, but so does God's mercy.

"Yes, we must talk the reality of hell and eternal condem-

nation," he said. "But on the other hand, we're not 'sinners in hand of an angry God,' with that last thread about to fray, and then boom, we're gone."

He's convinced that humility is the key to finding "the middle ground where truth is found."

"Humility is honesty before God about who I am, Who God is and who I am before God," he said.

Schedule of Listening Sessions for the Synod

Here is an updated list of dates, times and locations for online and in-person listening sessions in the Jefferson City diocese, for the 2021-23 Synod on Synodality.

All sessions are open to the public. However, individuals

are asked to register in advance so that adequate hospitality and materials will be available. Registration can be made online at diojeffcity.org/synod.

•**Tuesday, Jan. 25**, 7 p.m. — via Zoom

•**Tuesday, Feb. 1**, 7 p.m. — via Zoom

•**Saturday, Feb. 5**, 10 a.m. — Our Lady of Lourdes, Columbia

•**Saturday, Feb. 5**, 2 p.m. — Immaculate Conception, Macon

•**Sunday, Feb. 6**, 5 p.m. — St. Patrick, Rolla

•**Tuesday, Feb. 8**, 7 p.m. — via Zoom (available in Spanish)

•**Thursday, Feb. 10**, 6:30 p.m. — St. Patrick Chapel, Sedalia (available in Spanish)



•**Friday, Feb. 11**, 7 p.m. — St. Peter, Marshall (available in Spanish)

•**Saturday, Feb. 12**, 10 a.m. — St. George, Hermann

•**Saturday, Feb. 12**, 1 p.m. — Immaculate Conception, Jefferson City

•**Sunday, Feb. 13**, 1:30 p.m. — St. Brendan, Mexico

•**Sunday, Feb. 13**, 6 p.m. — St. Pius X, Moberly

•**Tuesday, Feb. 15**, 7 p.m. — via Zoom

•**Saturday, Feb. 26**, 3:30 p.m. — Holy Family, Hannibal

**Volunteer Fire Department's
Drive-Through Breakfast**

Argyle K of C Hall
Sunday, February 6

Serving from 7:30 til 11:30 a.m.
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Catholic School Career Fair in Columbia

DATE: February 12
TIME: 9 - 11 am

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Jefferson will hold a Career Fair from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Parkade Plaza, 601 Business Loop 70W in Columbia.

Schools have openings across all grade levels, early childhood through high school.

“Representatives from Catholic schools across

mid-Missouri will be present to talk about how you can serve young people and help form them in the faith,” said Dr. Erin Vader, superintendent of Catholic Schools. “DJC schools offer competitive salaries, great benefits and a beautiful, Christ-centered community in which to work.”

For information, visit:
diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools/

Blue Mass at Columbia Sacred Heart

DATE: January 25
TIME: 5:30 pm

Monsignor Gregory L. Higley, pastor of Sacred Heart Par-

ish in Columbia, will celebrate a “Blue Mass” on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 5:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church, 105 Waugh St.

The special purpose will be

to pray for and give thanks to the people who serve in law-enforcement, fire-protection, first-responders, ambulance personnel, EMTs etc.

Introduction to Centering Prayer

DATE: January 29
TIME: 10 am - 1 pm

Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri (COC-EMO) will hold an Introduction to Centering Prayer on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of Holy Family Church, 1111 Broadway in Hannibal.

All are welcome to this ecumenical Christian presentation.

Father Matthew Flatley, pastor of Holy Family Parish and of St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra, and spiritual advisor to COCEMO, will be the presenter.

For over 30 years Fr. Flatley has engaged the daily discipline of Centering Prayer. He has taught Centering Prayer and led many retreats and workshops, beginning in 1994.

“This Introductory Workshop will help you to find

the God within, and to hear with the ear of your heart,” Fr. Flatley stated.

Participants will learn about prayer as relationship, the simple method of Centering Prayer, how to deal with thoughts, and how the fruits of prayer are manifested in daily life.

“We’ll also share experiences of Centering Prayer,” said Fr. Flatley. “Quiet, con-

templative prayer can help us become more peaceful and still, as we seek a deeper relationship with the living God.”

Registration will start at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee, tea and lemonade will be served. Participants are welcome to bring a snack to share.

Contact Fr. Flatley at (573) 202-3590 or mflatley@diojeffcity.org for information.

Pro-life Rosary Rally in Wardsville

DATE: January 22
TIME: 8:30 am

A Rosary Rally will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, in St. Stanislaus Church, 6418 Route W in Wardsville.

It will be the 49th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court rulings that legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.

Monsignor David Cox, pastor of the Wardsville parish and of St. Margaret of Antioch Parish in Osage Bend, and The Legion of Mary will lead the praying of the Rosary for an end to abortion.