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## Catholic Charities food pantry puts faith into action



**Pantry grand opening  
Community Resource Fair  
draws hundreds**

By Jay Nies

Doors and hearts flew wide open at the new Catholic Charities Center in Jefferson City the morning of March 25.

A Grand Opening celebration for the client-choice food pantry and the agency's first-ever Community Resource Fair drew hundreds to the spacious landmark, headquarters for Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCNMO).

The aromas of fresh produce and new recipes filled the reception area and food pantry, located within walking distance of 400 homes served by the Jefferson City Housing Authority.

Upstairs, in the community room that only weeks ago served as an overnight warming shelter for people without homes, representatives from Catholic Charities and other health and social service agencies visited with clients and with each other.

"It's been really fun," said Lori Stoll, CCNMO food programs coordinator, who organized the fair.

"I think the agencies that participated and the neighbors who came here to avail themselves of the pantry have been excited about the services and just being able to be a part of the community again," she stated.

Visitors toured the food pantry, set up their memberships, shopped for food, took part in food safety demonstrations and sampled meals cooked from ingredients on the pantry shelves.

Catholic Charities personnel filled about 75 food orders and sent about 2,000 pounds of food home with pan-

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A visitor checks out the selection during the Grand Opening celebration of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri's new food pantry in Jefferson City March 25. Hundreds of people signed up for food assistance and picked up contact information from various service agencies during a Community Resource Fair.  
— Photo illustration by Jay Nies

## Pope consecrates Ukraine, Russia to Immaculate Heart of Mary

People here and throughout the world join him

By Junno Arocho Esteves  
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

As Russia's violent monthlong invasion continued to devastate Ukraine, Pope Francis laid the fates of both countries at the feet of Mary in the hopes that peace would finally reign.

"Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine," the pope said March 25, pronouncing the Act of Consecration after leading a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica.

Praying before a statue of Mary that was loaned by the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at San Vittoriano on the outskirts of Rome, the pope pleaded with Mary to "accept this

act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end, and peace spread throughout the world."

Sitting in front of the statue, which was placed before the steps of the main altar on a red platform and adorned with white roses, the pope proclaimed the act of consecration. During the prayer, the pope paused at several moments to gaze at the statue of Mary before continuing to recite the prayer.

"To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world," he prayed.

After the consecration, the pope, accompanied by a young boy and girl, placed a bouquet of white roses at the feet of the statue. He then remained for a few moments, with eyes closed and head bowed in silent prayer, before stepping away.

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Apr. 8 — Fr. Bernard H. Mers, Holy Guardian Angels, Brinktown (1984); Fr. Richard Cronin, Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek (2019)

Apr. 10 — Fr. William F. Flanagan, Holy Rosary, Monroe City; and St. Stephen, Indian Creek (2014)

Apr. 15 — Fr. Edwin A. Schmidt, St. Martin, St. Martins (2017)

## Chamois, Morrison Masses

Effective the weekend of April 23-24, the 6 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass will be offered in Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Chamois. The 8 a.m. Sunday Mass will be offered in Assumption Church in Morrison.

### Principal Opening

St. George School in Hermann, Mo., is seeking applications for a Principal position for the 2022-23 academic year. St. George School has an enrollment of 160 students, Pre-K to 8th grade, from four parishes. Candidates must be practicing Catholics in good standing, at least three years of successful teaching experience, master's degree in Education, and currently holding or working toward certification in School Administration, and will be expected to submit performance references. Apply at [diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools/](http://diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools/) no later than April 6.



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## Official Decree of Appointments

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

**Reverend Ernest Dike**, from modified temporary Parochial Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montgomery City, St. Patrick Parish, Jonesburg, and Church of the Resurrection Parish, Wellsville, to Parochial Administrator of those same parishes without limitation.

**Reverend Paulinus Anke**, to temporary Associate

Pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish, Columbia, until June 30, 2022.

**Deacon Ronald E. Deimeke**, from temporary Par-

ish Life Collaborator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montgomery City, St. Patrick Parish, Jonesburg, and Church of the Resurrection Parish, Wellsville, effective immediately, to regular diaconal ministry in the parishes of Montgomery County, until June 30, 2022.

*These appointments are effective March 26, 2022.*

Given at the Chancery this 26 day of March 2022.

*Shawn McKnight*

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

*Constance Schepers*

Mrs. Constance Schepers  
Chancellor

## Good Friday Way of the Cross at Columbia Planned Parenthood

A solemn "Way of the Cross" service will be held on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 711 N. Providence Road in Columbia, on Good Friday, April 15, at 10 a.m.

Staff of the former abortion clinic, where thousands of abortions took place, still refer clients for out-of-state abortions.

"On Good Friday we will remember all the victims of abortion — the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted — in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service," the service's organizers stated. "Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abor-

tion and for a final end to this injustice in our land."

For information, contact Kathy Forck at 573-821-5130.

## Chrism Mass livestream

This year's Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Jefferson City, to be celebrated at 10 a.m. on April 12, the Tuesday of Holy Week, will be livestreamed on the diocese's Facebook channel, [@diojeffcity](https://www.facebook.com/diojeffcity).

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will preside at the Mass and preach the homily.

He will bless all the sacramental oils and consecrate the Sacred Chrism that will be used in administering the sacraments throughout the diocese this year.

Priests of the diocese will join Bishop McKnight in renewing the promises they made at their priestly ordinations.

### Director of Religious Education

Immaculate Conception Parish in Owensville, Mo. is looking for a Director of Religious Education for youth and adult programs. For information, please call 573-437-3086 or 573-832-1473.

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# Opening Curia posts to laity, pope is implementing Vatican II, experts say

By Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

## Vatican City

A Vatican office led by a cardinal or archbishop has no more authority than one led by a layperson because all offices of the Roman Curia act in the name of the pope, said experts presenting Pope Francis' new constitution on the Curia's organization.

"Whoever is in charge of a dicastery or other organization of the Curia does not have authority because of the hierarchical rank with which he is invested, but because of the power he receives from the Roman pontiff and exercises in his name," said Jesuit Father Gianfranco Ghirlanda, the canon lawyer who helped draft the document.

The constitution, "*Praedicate Evangelium*" ("Preach the Gospel"), was published in Italian by the Vatican March 19, and experts involved in its development, including Fr. Ghirlanda, spoke at a Vatican news conference March 21.

The document, emphasizing that the Curia supports the pope and local bishops in the Church's mission of evangelization, said that because every baptized Christian is called to be "a missionary disciple," the reform of the Curia also needed to "provide for the involvement of laymen and women, including in roles of governance and responsibility."

"If the prefect and the secretary of a dicastery are bishops, this must not lead to the

misunderstanding that their authority comes from the hierarchical rank they have received, as if they were acting with a power of their own and not with the vicarious power conferred on them by the Roman pontiff.

"The vicarious power to carry out an office is the same whether received by a bishop, a priest, a consecrated man or woman, or a lay man or woman," he said.

Replacing "*Pastor Bonus*," Pope St. John Paul II's 1988 constitution, the new document opens the leadership of all but two offices of the Curia to laypeople: the prefect of the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature, the Church's highest court; and the president of the Council for the Economy.

Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, who served as secretary of Pope Francis' international Council of Cardinals from 2013 to 2020, when much of the work on the constitution was being done, told reporters the pope's decision to open most leadership roles in the Curia to laypeople was one way in which the document attempts to put into fuller practice the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and, specifically, its focus on the dignity and responsibility of the laity.

"For me personally, Marcello Semeraro, this is something beautiful," he said. "To put at the head of a dicastery, and not only on its staff, a member of the lay faithful — this is an important fact."

Fr. Ghirlanda told reporters that by opening Curia leadership roles to laypeople, Pope Francis clarified a matter that had been debated by canon lawyers since the Second Vatican Council.

The new constitution, he said, "confirms that the power of governance in the Church does not come from the sacrament of orders, but from the canonical mission" given to

the person.

"Obviously, there are and will be dicasteries where it is more suitable to have laypeople — for example the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life because it is a sector

At the same time, Fr. Ghirlanda said, the constitution "does not abrogate canon law" or the hierarchical structure of the Church, which, for example, reserves the celebration of the sacraments, the office of pastor and the judgment of other clerics to priests and bishops.

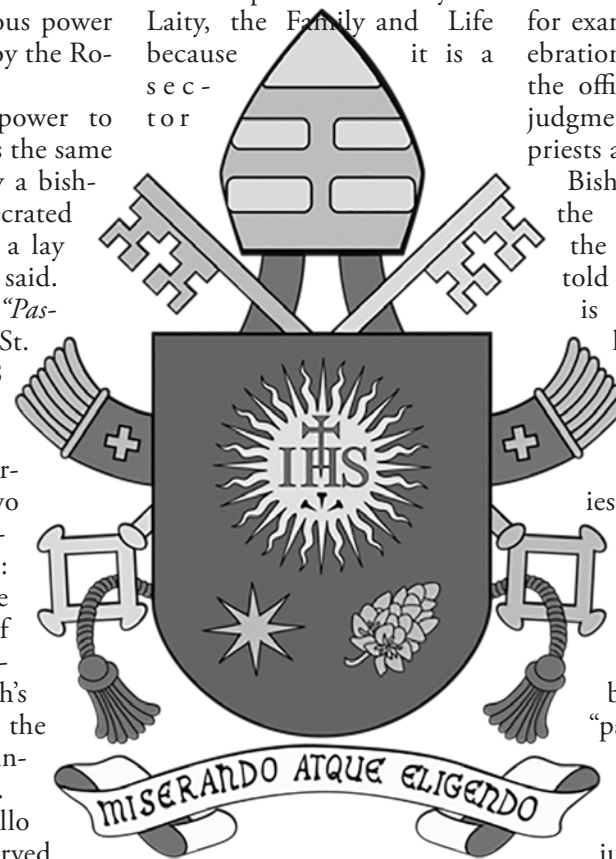
Bishop Marco Mellino, the current secretary of the Council of Cardinals, told reporters that the idea is not simply to name laypeople to more offices, but to evaluate the needs and responsibilities of the specific dicasteries and find appropriate people to lead them.

The constitution, Cardinal Semeraro said, specifies that the choice will be based on the dicastery's "particular competence, power of governance and function."

"So, it cannot be just anyone," he said.

"But I would add, this 'not just anyone' goes also for a cleric, a religious or a layperson. The fact that I'm a bishop does not mean that I can be competent in leading a dicastery."

where they live and have more experience — and others where perhaps it is less suitable, but there is no established exclusion, just good sense."



## Bishop McKnight's Calendar

### APRIL

- Apr 3** Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, 2 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral School Gymnasium, Jefferson City
- Apr 4** Catholic Rural Life Board Meeting, 10 am, Virtual
- Apr 5** Very Reverend Deans Meeting, 11 am; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery; Confirmation Ceremony, Immaculate Conception Parish, 6:30 pm, Owensville
- Apr 6** Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, Mission of St. John, Laddonia, and Sacred Heart Parish, Vandalia, 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Church, Martinsburg
- Apr 8** Diocese of Jefferson City Real Estate Corporation Meeting, 10 am, Chancery
- Apr 9** Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, 10 am, Chancery
- Apr 10** Palm Sunday Mass, 10 am, St. Joseph Cathedral School Gymnasium, Jefferson City
- Apr 10-11** Missouri Bishops' Province Meeting, Archbishop's Residence, St. Louis
- Apr 12** Chrism Mass and Priests' Jubilarian Luncheon, 10 am, St. Andrew Parish, Holts Summit
- Apr 14** Mass of the Last Supper, 7 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral School Gymnasium, Jefferson City
- Apr 15** Good Friday Liturgy, 7 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral School Gymnasium, Jefferson City
- Apr 16** Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral School Gymnasium, Jefferson City
- Apr 19** Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Parish, Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Folk, 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Church, Westphalia
- Apr 20** Midwest March for Life Rally, 10 am, Capitol, Jefferson City

### Bishop McKnight's April prayer intention for our Local Church

For the opening of hearts and minds closed to the Good News of Christ's Resurrection from the dead.



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

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# 12th annual Midwest March for Life to be held at State Capitol

**DATE: April 20**  
**TIME: 7:45 am - 3:30 pm**

All are invited to take part in the 12th Annual Midwest March for Life on Wednesday, April 20, on the grounds of the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City.

Nationally renowned speaker and pro-life activist Abby Johnson, founder of “And Then There Were None,” will be the keynote presenter.

Participants are encouraged to wear red for life.

Events will begin at 8 a.m.

with the praying of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, led by Father Anthony Viviano, diocesan moderator of pro-life ministry for the Jefferson City diocese.

A pre-rally will be held at 9:15 a.m. The March will begin at 10 a.m. at the Capitol, with the main rally following the March.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and priests will lead the marchers, followed by students of St. Joseph School in Westphalia carrying the banner. The school is being rec-

ognized as the most pro-life school that attended the March in 2021.

Open-air activities will be held on the Capitol South Lawn. More than 35 exhibitors will be present to display their life-affirming ministries.

The day's activities will draw thousands of people to the downtown Jefferson City and the Capitol grounds.

Fr. Viviano said it will be a prime occasion for “the one” to stand with “the many.”

“The March affords a powerful platform to gather as a force for good — that we can be galvanized as warriors for the unborn,” said Fr. Viviano, who is also pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk.

He said it will be a unique opportunity to take a public stand — “to be witnesses for the most defenseless among us.”

“In an age when we can be bombarded by a secular media

which relentlessly promotes the culture of death, one can feel overwhelmed,” the priest

Life; Rachel Blackmore, outreach & development director for Churches for Life; Susan Klein, executive director of Missouri Right to Life; Chuck and Linda Raymond of Silent No More; and Hope Miller, pro-life youth activist.

Fr. Viviano

pointed to Jesus's words in Matthew 18:20 — “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.”

“Whatever sacrifices we make for life, they will be rewarded beyond what we have put forth,” the priest said.

As the event approaches, Fr. Viviano suggested praying for the opening of hearts and minds of our judges and legislators of our country, that they choose life.

“And let us pray for the fervor and perseverance to ‘keep showing up’ and doing everything we can for the unborn child and their mothers,” he added.

For information, visit: [midwestmarchforlife.com](http://midwestmarchforlife.com)

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## Clear Creek Knights of Columbus council celebrates first century

By Dan Gerke

After being delayed 11 months due to the pandemic, the Knights of Columbus Clear Creek Council 2261 celebrated its 100th anniversary on Saturday, March 5, with a Mass offered by Father Mark Smith, followed by a dinner and program.

The council was chartered on April 24, 1921, with 56 members.

The council was formed when six men from the area were initiated into the Knights of Columbus in Boonville, and later chartered this council in the Clear Creek area near Pilot Grove.

Current membership has grown to a robust and active 218 men.

Through the 100-year history, the council has followed the ideals of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. These ideals include charity, fraternity and unity.

Over the years, the council has supported the Religious Information Bureau program, Right to Life, as well as provided various means of help to members and families with health or other problems, and in sharing the Catholic faith.

Combing through the 100-year archives of the Clear Creek Council revealed many activities, including: rebuilding barns for members and widows; holding a rally against the Ku Klux Klan; cutting firewood for widows; helping sick or injured members with the fall harvest; providing financial support for seminarians; supporting pro-life activities and initiatives; holding an annual turkey shoot; and sponsoring blood drives.

The council's current grand knight, Andrew Felten, emceed the centennial celebration.

An inspiring keynote speech extolling the accomplishments of the council was given by the leader of the Knights of Columbus in Missouri, State Deputy Mike Grudzinski.

Other state officers attending included: State Secretary Doug Kissinger, State Faith Director Chris Teel, and State Program Director Lucas Volkman.

Earl Twenter was honored as the member with the most years of service — 77 years! At age 95, he still regularly attends the council meetings.

The Clear Creek Knights of Columbus remain very active with a thriving membership and looks forward to many more years of service to our Church and community.



## Fr. Kaimann gives Lenten meditation on Jesus's Baptism, time in the desert

By Jay Nies

Jesus's 40 days in the desert cannot be fully understood without considering His Baptism in the River Jordan that preceded His public ministry.

“At the Baptism of Jesus, three things were proclaimed: His identity, His mission and His ultimate goal,” stated Father Gerald Kaimann.

Fr. Kaimann, a retired priest of the diocese who lives in Palmyra, gave the meditation at the Palmyra Area Ministerial Alliance's noon Lenten Devotion on March 30.

St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra hosted the event.

In the Biblical narratives of Jesus's Baptism (Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22 and John 1:29-34), the Father publicly affirms Jesus's identity.

“Namely: ‘This is My beloved Son,’” Fr. Kaimann quoted.

“His mission: to be the model of God's love for us even to dying on the cross, and His ultimate goal: that we might all be with Him in Heaven,” the priest noted.

Likewise, Christians receive an identity, a mission and a goal at Baptism.

“God claims us as His own son or daughter giving us great dignity,” said Fr. Kaimann.

He noted that it's one thing to be given an identity, a mission and a goal, “but it's quite another thing to accept it and live it out.”

While Jesus was fasting and praying for 40 days in the desert (Luke 4:1-13), the devil tempted Him to take shortcuts, go the easy way and forego His reason for fully entering the human experience.

“Jesus, being like us, was tempted to not live out His identity and His mission,” said Fr. Kaimann.

The priest noted that people tend to live out who they see themselves to be, “so it's terribly important to believe in the dignity that God has given us.”

“We have the same mission as Jesus: to be a model of God's love for us in loving others as He has loved us,” said Fr. Kaimann. “We are so often tempted to not live out that dignity in our lives.”

The final goal is to spend all eternity with God in heaven.

Fr. Kaimann closed his talk with a challenge: “Do we desire that everyone go to heaven?”




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# Artist's hand-carved crucifix depicts precise moment in salvation history

**Delbert Hayes's greatest artwork adorns gathering area in Hannibal church**

By Jay Nies

Delbert Hayes looked up at the life-size crucifix he had worked on for three years and was startled to realize the moment he had captured.

It was the instant Jesus bowed His head and yielded up His spirit.

"I want you to go up to the cross and look up into Jesus's eyes, and you'll see that it's the very moment when He died," Mr. Hayes told a delegation of students of Holy Family School in Hannibal.

Mr. Hayes, a lifelong Marion County resident and 45-year member of Holy Family Parish, spoke to the students March 10 in the newly-created gathering area of Holy Family Church.

He answered their questions about the wood-carving project that had consumed much of his free time for three years, two decades ago.

"It was the Holy Spirit that inspired me," he said.

"I know it's the best piece of work I've ever done in my life. I let the Holy Spirit work through me."

He said he made the crucifix for the people of the Church, adding: "My intention was to



**Delbert Hayes, a member of Holy Family Parish in Hannibal, spent many hours carving this crucifix in the 1990s for what is now the gathering area of Holy Family Church.**

— Photos by Jay Nies

put Jesus forward and leave myself in the background."

Mr. Hayes, 84, grew up in the country and always enjoyed working with his hands. *LOOK* magazine featured him in its Nov. 21, 1950, edition in a photo essay titled "A Modern Tom Sawyer."

He and his wife Vivian met in high school and became re-acquainted during a chance encounter at a bus station in St. Louis.

Mr. Hayes resolved to become Catholic after they got married.

Woodworking remained a favorite hobby. He built

a workshop outside their home and carved hundreds of wooden ducks to give away to friends and members of his large, extended family.

"It was a great joy to give them away because I knew that whenever I entered a home, there was a piece of me there," he said.

He never forgot the beautiful wooden image of Jesus he had seen in the Philippines while serving in the U.S. Navy in 1964.

"I always wanted to carve a full-size crucifix," he recalled.

He got busy on the project in 1997 after attending a Cursillo weekend in Quincy, Illinois, where he was reminded that God is counting on him to lead other people to Christ through prayer and evangelization.

## "Behold the wood"

Mr. Hayes had bought several large pieces of ponderosa pine that were salvaged from the stage of the old Park Theatre in Hannibal.

He counted the rings and determined that the slow-growth timbers for that structure, built in 1882, were over 300 years old.

"Barnum and Bailey brought the elephants to stand on that stage!" Mr. Hayes told

the students. "So these were big, heavy timbers."

The wood was knotted and colorful, having taken on reddish veins from mineral deposits in the ground while the trees were growing in Minnesota.

Mr. Hayes once told fellow Holy Family parishioner Sarah Deien that God planted those trees and waited for them to be used for this intended purpose.

The artist measured the lengths of his own arms and legs to approximate the proportions for the image of Jesus.

"I made big long pieces of paper out of those measurements, and I laid them on the wood, and that's how I got the dimensions," Mr. Hayes said.

He fashioned the arms, legs, torso and head from individual pieces of wood, gently drawing out the contours with a hammer and chisel.

The knots and mineral deposits in the wood gradually took on new significance as the wounds of Jesus's passion.



**Artist Delbert Hayes speaks to students of Holy Family School in Hannibal March 10 about the crucifix he carved for Holy Family Church.**

"A lot of the scars were already in the wood," he explained to the children. "Like that knot on the left hand side of the rib, and some of the bruises on the arms, like here on the elbows, that was in the wood itself."

Mrs. Hayes learned of the project after work was well under way.

He explained that he was making something for Jesus and the Church. She encouraged him to continue.

"There were days when I'd work on it all day long, eight hours of hard work, and I really enjoyed it," he recalled. "Some days, maybe just an hour or two."

There were times he knew he should stop.

"We're all sinners," he reminded the children. "And when I was working on this, my mind occasionally got kind of ornery. So I decided that whenever that happened, I wouldn't work on it. I'd go away and come back later."

## Piercing thorn

After carving each section, Mr. Hayes used sandpaper, broken pieces of glass and a small electric grinding wheel to make the wood smooth.

"Yeah, I got hurt," he acknowledged. "I got splinters in my hands, got hit with the hammer. Once in a while, I'd cut my finger or buzz my hand with the grinder or something like that."

The head proved to be the most challenging part, requiring the most attention to detail.

"When I started this, there was a movie called 'Jesus of Nazareth' on TV," he said. "So I paused the picture and I traced the profile of his face."

He carved actor Robert Powell's facial outline into a 1-by-1 square-foot board and used that as a guide for carving the facial features into the wood.

The crown is made of real thorns, taken from a black locust tree outside his studio.

"They were really sharp!" he stated. "And I broke off the very tips because I kept getting stuck with them. And it hurt!"

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

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## PANTRY

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try members in a three-hour period.

The 28 organizations represented at the Community Resource Fair helped more than 100 people learn about and sign up for available services to help support their families.

"This is just the beginning, and what a beginning it was!" stated CCCNMO Communication Director Ashley Wiskirchen.

She said it was also an exciting day for the Catholic Charities staff, which had moved into the renovated and expanded building this past winter in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Afghan refugee crisis and an unprecedented proliferation of programs and partnerships.

"We've gone through a tremendous time of growth and rolling-out of new services," she said. "We haven't had much time to pause and celebrate. It's great to be able to do that now."

### Joyful hearts

Balloons, decorations, door prizes, and an upbeat crowd helped generate a convivial atmosphere for the Community Resource Fair.

CCCNMO Mobile Resource Coordinator John Doyle answered questions and handed out literature from a table near the end of the room.

"Everybody's coming together as a community," he said. "A lot of people are coming by to learn about the services we offer who weren't here before."

Pantry member Cyndi Cushman, who lives nearby, beamed with excitement during the festivities.

Having signed up as a food pantry member during the "soft opening" in late January, she said she's fortunate enough to have a car, so she can give some of her neighbors a ride.

"I can't stand by and see people doing without," she said. "A lot of people don't have food. I bring food to my house whenever I have to. And if there's something I can't use,



**LEFT:** People visit 28 tables staffed by representatives of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) and other local service agencies and organizations March 25 during a Community Resource Fair in the Catholic Charities Center in Jefferson City. The event coincided with the Grand Opening celebration of Catholic Charities' food pantry in another part of the building. **RIGHT:** CCCNMO Mobile Resource Coordinator John Doyle staffs a table during the event.

— Photos by Jay Nies

I share it with others."

She said the pantry's client-choice model is helpful.

"You can pick what you need and don't waste anything," she said.

### Under one roof

CCCNMO Executive Director Dan Lester was amazed at the number of people at the Grand Opening and Community Resource Fair.

"To have the community

their families.

It also gave the staff more time to get to know some of the neighbors.

"We see people here today who have been shopping with us and visiting with us for a couple of months now," said Mr. Lester. "And because of the system we've put into place where people can come and shop more than once a month, we know that a lot of people are here looking for fresh produce and for new items we might have gotten since they were here a week ago.

"But they're also coming in just to say 'hi' to our staff that they're getting to know," he said.

That was always part of the dream.

"When we learned that we'd have access to this space and we'd be able to serve our neighbors in need right here in our local neighborhood, we knew we wanted to be more than just 'here's some food and we'll see you later,'" he said.

"We wanted to be good neighbors and good friends and have fellowship and genuine encounter."

### "Give them something to eat"

Located at 1015 Edmonds St. in Jefferson City, the food pantry is open every Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It allows members to choose foods that are famil-



iar, fresh and culturally appropriate in a grocery store setting that honors the dignity of each client, encourages healthy food choices, reduces food waste and provides learning opportunities and community-building experiences.

"This area in particular is part of a low-resource community," said Ms. Stoll. "A lot of people in this area don't have transportation.

"Our being here allows them access by walking," she stated, "and it's easy to catch a ride if you're just going down the street with another neighbor rather than all the way downtown or across town to get to the other pantries that are there."

### Forging bonds

Ms. Stoll deemed the Community Resource Fair a clear success.

"Especially since COVID," she said, "services have changed, and the key players have changed. I'm really excited, and our agencies are excited to be able to get together, to see what each of us has to

offer, and what we can do to help our neighbors in need.

"I really wanted all of us to be able to put faces with the names, with each other, with all of us who offer resources for the community, and for the community members, our neighbors, to be able to see that," she said.

She hopes to repeat the resource fair once or twice a year, "if that's what the community wants."

"We're so excited to use that space in our building and offer it to people to showcase any services they are willing to help the community with," she said.

### Faith in the marketplace

"You all have a blessed day," Ms. Cushman told the staff. "I really appreciate everything you're doing. Thank you for helping us all out!"

Sister Kathleen Wegman of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, CCCNMO's Director of Mission Integration, said God was conspicuously present throughout the event.

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

come together, the folks who need the services, who want the services, who are looking for the services — it's been really fantastic," he said.

He was happy that the pantry staff had undertaken a "soft opening" to learn and fine-tune the procedures and make sure everything was working right.

"We wanted it to all be smooth and efficient and effective so that even on a day like today, we could be successful," he said.

In the six weeks leading up to the Grand Opening, the pantry served more than 600 individuals (240 families), who took home more than 18,000 pounds of food to



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## QUESTION CORNER

## 'Lead us not into temptation'/ Collection basket in sanctuary

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



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**Q.** When we say the Lord's Prayer at Mass, we pray, "Lead us not into temptation." Why would God lead us into temptation? I know that God allows temptation to occur, but the word "lead" is an active verb that implies God may be actively involved in our being tempted. Would you please clarify the Church's teaching on God's role in temptation? (Chambersburg, Pennsylvania)

**A.** I agree with your concern over the phrase "lead us not into temptation." But more important, so does Pope Francis. In an interview in 2017 with Italian television, Pope Francis said, "That is not a good translation."

He suggested as a possible alternative, "Do not let us fall into temptation." And within two years, Vatican-approved translations in French, Italian and Spanish included equivalents such as "Do not abandon us to temptation."

That comports with the biblical Letter of James that says: "No one experiencing temptation should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; ... Rather, each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire" (1:13-14).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* clarifies that the Greek wording used in the Scripture "means both 'do not allow us to enter into temptation' and 'do not let us yield to temptation'" (No. 2846).

So be comforted: The God Who created us out of love would not purposely place us in temptation and set us up to fall into sin.

**Q.** Recently a new priest came to our church and started a tradition many of us think is disrespectful and distasteful. When the ushers take up the collection, they put it in a covered basket and march it up the aisle, right behind the gifts of bread and wine. Then the priest accepts the gifts, places the basket on the floor of the sanctuary and the Mass continues with the basket in front of the altar. Is there anything in Catholic doctrine that indicates whether we should or should not do this? (Atlanta)

**A.** The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* is the Church's official "guidebook" for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Here is what it has to say about the offertory procession: "The offerings are then brought forward. It is a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful. ... Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance" (No. 73).

That same section of the instruction addresses your concern over the particular placing of monetary gifts: "Money or other gifts for the poor or for the church, brought by the faithful or collected in the church, are acceptable; given their purpose, they are to be put in a suitable place away from the eucharistic table."

From the wording of the instruction, it seems clear that the position of the collection basket should not take the focus away from the Mass.

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



## Papal Audience March 30, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age, in the light of God's word, we now consider how the elderly Simeon and Anna can serve as an example for all the elderly. They too are called to offer a personal witness of faith and trust in the fulfillment of God's promises, and thus build bridges between the generations. While the passing of years dulls the physical senses, at this precious time in life the Holy Spirit can sharpen our spiritual senses. How much our society needs older persons capable of recognizing and welcoming Christ's

presence and the gifts of His Spirit. A society that exalts pleasure and cultivates the illusion of eternal youth can easily grow anaesthetized to the essential spiritual values of faith, wisdom, compassion and care for those in need. The lives and witness of the elderly can ensure this spiritual grounding and teach us the primary importance of discerning God's presence in our daily lives and the unfolding of his saving plan from one generation to the next.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's audience, especially the groups from England, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden, Israel and the United States of America. May our Lenten journey bring us to celebrate Easter with hearts purified and renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Upon each of you, and your families, I invoke joy and peace in Christ our Redeemer.

## "Mother of Mercy ..."

The students of St. Andrew School in Tipton gather in St. Andrew Church with fellow parishioners and Father Alexander Gabriel, pastor of the Tipton and California parishes, to pray the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Russia and Ukraine on March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord, in union with Pope Francis and bishops, priests and laypeople throughout the world.

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## The prayer of ordinary times

By Lucia A. Silecchia



Can a lazy lack of creativity ever be good for the soul? Normally, I would answer no — unless you asked me during Lent when I was 19 years old.

That was a Lent I intended to take more seriously than I had before. A growing realization that, ready or not, adulthood was dawning led me to reflect more thoughtfully on that sacred season. Even then, I understood that in the wisdom of the Church's ancient calendar, 40 days is a perfect length of time for a season of preparation.

I know that number has its origins in sacred traditions. But, as is true with so many things, the sacred tradition is beautifully matched with human nature. Forty days devoted to preparation is a season that is short enough that a commitment to something ambitious is less frightening than it might otherwise seem. Yet, it is long enough that a new practice or habit of the heart and soul has a chance of becoming more permanent.

## McGuffey readers

By John Garvey

Catholic News Service



When I was in high school, my English class read Ovid's "Metamorphoses" in an edition that showed Daphne in the altogether, as she was transformed into a laurel tree.

The principal caused a minor flap when he directed us to use a different version. Nowadays that instruction would land him in federal court.

The issue of what children can read has taken on cultural and political significance lately. *The Washington Post* reports that "at least 27 states are considering legislation this year that would limit how race, and in some cases gender, can be taught in schools."

Alongside disputes over the curriculum we see efforts to remove controversial books from school libraries.

There is a lot of pearl-clutching on the left over these conflicts. Terry McAuliffe, running for governor of Virginia last fall, said, "I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach."

The idea that parents should venture to instruct school boards, or worse, that legislatures should wade into the business of teaching, somehow upsets the natural order of things. I'd like to make a few observations that we might keep in mind in

In spite of my good intentions, when the Sunday before that long-ago Ash Wednesday rolled around, I had not yet decided what I could do so that my 19th Lent might be the season I hoped it would be. There were three days left, and nothing of note had crossed my mind.

Fortunately for me, that Sunday I was blessed to hear a homily that changed my life. It was filled with practical suggestions about Lenten practices that seemed especially intended for those of us who had not planned ahead. One that caught my ear was the simple, obvious invitation to attend Mass during the week during Lent. I had rarely given that any thought. Unless it was a special occasion, I was on the Sunday plan.

However, to my practical mind, this was a do-able Lenten suggestion. Conveniently, I walked past my parish church every morning on the way to my college classes. The three Masses celebrated every day meant no early wake-up was required. It was merely a half-hour time commitment. Most importantly, although I did not know the exact words from the *Catechism* at the time, I knew in my heart that Mass was

this discussion.

First, this is not a free speech problem. The First Amendment forbids the government to regulate the content of speech by private parties. But this regime doesn't make sense for speech by the government.

Government speech necessarily takes one point of view (e.g., in favor of immigration or higher taxes) and rejects others. The way we control government speech is by voting the speaker out of office.

Public schools are run by the government, and they have always taken a particular point of view. McGuffey Readers, widely assigned in the 19th century, taught early Americans a set of Calvinist values: piety, righteousness, honesty, industry.

Horace Mann, the father of the common school movement, proposed bringing together students from a variety of backgrounds and teaching them principles of character appropriate for a free society. The Pledge of Allegiance that children recite today is designed to promote the value of patriotism.

Second, a public school teacher works for the government. When she is on the job, she can't claim the same First Amendment freedom a private citizen has.

She may want to design a class around the *1619 Project* or ask the library to purchase *Melissa* (an Alex Gino book about a transgender girl in fourth grade). Those

"heart and summit of the Church's life."

Thus, for want of another plan, I very casually began a practice that has lasted, with varying degrees of regularity, to this day — decades after that long ago Lent drew to a close.

I found that I began to treasure this weekday celebration, secure in the happy knowledge that around the world in tiny remote chapels, grand urban cathedrals, crumbling city churches, secluded mountain monasteries, far-flung military bases, parochial school auditoriums, and quiet convents, countless others were doing the same. A weekday morning Mass is the Eucharist at its simplest. Without distractions, it is a quiet, intimate start to the day and a cherished oasis before the hectic pace of life begins anew.

I love a grand liturgical celebration. Whether it is celebrated with an enthusiastic student choir, or majestic organ music shrouded with incense, or, yes, even the felt banners and tam-

bourines of my childhood years, such celebrations fill the heart with awe. A large Sunday crowd gathered to praise the same God together is a beautiful reminder that we are all part of the family of God. A stirring Sunday homily, carefully planned, and an altar reverently adorned with flowers all point the way to God in a powerful celebration. The sometimes-too-rare moments of silence in a large Sunday crowd offer a chance to offer praise, petitions, apologies and thanks in the company of an extended parish family.

Yet, when I have the wisdom to make time for it, I also treasure those quiet celebrations during the week when two or three or more of us gather in God's name, bringing Him the hopes, happiness, worries and woes of the day and receiving far more in return. I am grateful for the silence before and after this celebration, the way this time of the day

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### REFLECTION

## Open-ended

By Mark Saucier

It is one of the most familiar parables. The son demands the inheritance from his father, gets it, blows through it living the high life, and then sinks into destitution.

Penniless, hungry and full of regret, he returns to his father, who can't even hear the young man's well-rehearsed apology because the homecoming has filled him with such joy.

With music blaring and the fatted calf on the spit, the father seeks his older son, who has refused to join the party.

The father tells him how he has always loved him; how everything he owns has always been the son's, as well.

Then the story abruptly ends. Was the older son able to forgive his brother and welcome him home? Or did his anger at him and his father become an impenetrable wall between them.

We simply don't know what happened next.

But when you think about it, isn't that the case for most of the stories in the Gospel? Something good — something even miraculous — occurs, but we never know how it all plays out.

Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, but that was no guarantee of sainthood. With a son-in-law as certain, stubborn and sometimes deceptive as Peter, there's little doubt that there were later bouts where she would once again lose her cool.

When Jesus saved the life of the woman caught in adultery, He told her, "Go and sin no more." I'm sure she took that to heart, at least for a while. But there's always the chance that her repentant heart was overcome again by emptiness, loneliness or desire, and she strayed once more from the straight and narrow.

Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead with the words, "*Talitha kum*" or "arise, little girl."

Years later, when she was no longer that *talitha*, would her way still be sheltered by that one childhood event, or would she succumb to something else that sapped her life?

We live in fits and bursts, in starts and stalls. An unexpected blessing can heal us, energize us, propel us forward.

But then there will always be another challenge — a setback, stumble or failure — that can once again leave us blind, paralyzed, hungry or lost.

Back in that unfinished parable of the prodigal son, there is a lesson of note. For both brothers and for us, God will always be there, open-armed and willing to help.

But first, and infinitely harder, we must admit our need.

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# Fr. George Kramer: 60 years of championing active discipleship

**Golden Jubilee Mass,  
noon, Saturday, April 2,  
St. Louis Parish Hall,  
Bonnots Mill**

By Jay Nies

"We need to be thankful for simple goodness among us," Father George Kramer insists. "Even though we often try to cover it up."

The Catholic priest from Bonnots Mill often laments the polarization and legalism he sees stamping out the joy in too many Christians.

"I think differently," he acknowledged. "I'm a dreamer. I'm always thinking about possibilities. I think in paradigms and philosophies. And that drives a lot of people nuts."

He paused before sighing. "Whatever."

That's a common interjection for Fr. Kramer, who taught ministry formation classes throughout the Diocese of Jefferson City for 35 years, has served as spiritual director of numerous Cursillo and Residents Encounter Christ weekends, and is currently celebrating his 60th priestly anniversary.

"It means, 'Let it go,'" he stated.

Fr. Kramer will offer a diamond jubilee Mass at noon on Saturday, April 2, in the St. Louis of France Parish Hall, located near the church, in Bonnots Mill.

A simple luncheon will follow.

"I've had a good life in Priesthood," he said. "I've enjoyed it all. I've had great

parishes and some wonderful people. Some fought me tooth and nail, but some just love me to death."

## Family dynamics

The two-time Ph.D. holds fast to his RFD roots.

"I am a simple country boy from Bonnots Mill, with French and German background," he said. "If you ask me a question, I'll ask you one back, because I don't understand where you're coming from until you tell me."

Fridolin and Leoba (Vogel) Kramer named the second of their three sons after his uncle, George, as well as Fr. George Haukap, the priest who married them and baptized him.

His parents had 12 siblings apiece.

"I've got tons of uncles, aunts, and cousins," Fr. Kramer pointed out. "I think I'm related to just about everybody in the area."

He served at Mass regularly in St. Louis of France Church atop a steep hill sloping down to the Osage River.

"All of our priests were good," he recalled. "But I think I liked Father (Gerard) Poelker the best. He was very creative back then. He was the first priest I ever saw say Mass with the altar facing the people."

"Fr. Poelker was an intellectual," Fr. Kramer continued. "He took care of the needy. He was always there for the parish."

Young George was quick to make known his priestly aspirations.

"I always said from the age of 4, 'I'm going to be a priest,'" he recalled. "I went through grade school, I went through high school, and no priest or nun ever said anything about it."

His background didn't endear him to many of his teachers at the old Bonnots Mill School, a public school staffed by Catholic religious sisters.

But his eighth-grade teacher, Ursuline Sister Scholastica (later Eileen) Mullen, saw his potential.

"She was the one who changed my life," he recalled. "She was the one who really got me going. She was one of the best teachers I ever had. She recognized what I could do and encouraged me to do my thing."

Fr. Kramer had two cousins — Fr. Herbert Kramer and Brother Norbert Kramer — who were members of the Society of Mary in St. Louis. He went up to visit their novitiate in Kirkwood.

"After that, I let it go for a while," he said.

He went to Fatima High School in Westphalia, where English and Latin teacher, Sister Diona of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, continued to encourage him.

After graduation, he became a clerk typist for the Missouri Office of Employment Security in Jefferson City.

"It took about two months for me to realize I didn't want to do that for the rest of my life," he said.

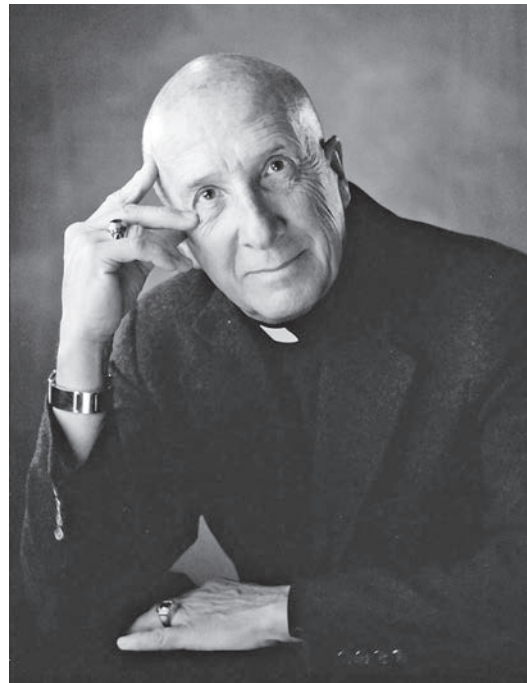
He talked to Msgr. Poelker, who helped him apply for the seminary.

## One for the books

Fr. Kramer studied philosophy and pre-theology for two years at Cardinal Glennon

Seminary, followed by theology studies at Kenrick Seminary, both in St. Louis.

He served as head librarian



Father George Kramer

at Kenrick for two years.

"I've always been a reader," he noted. "I kept abreast of everything that was going on — especially the (Second Vatican) Council and theology and the Liturgy."

Did he like what he was reading about the future of the Church?

"Yes! It was going where it was supposed to go," he said.

When the diocesan boundaries were changed and two new dioceses in Missouri were created in 1956 while he was still in the seminary, he was given the choice of remaining in the St. Louis archdiocese or becoming a priest of the new Jefferson City diocese.

"I chose to stay here in the country," he said.

## "Participate!"

On April 7, 1962, in what was then the Cathedral of St. Peter in Jefferson City, Bishop Joseph M. Marling C.P.P.S., founding bishop of Jefferson City, ordained Fr. Kramer to the Holy Priesthood.

He spent a few months at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, then was sent to Holy Rosary Parish in Monroe City to assist the pastor and teach high school and grade school religion.

He was appointed associate pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Rolla and moderator of the

Newman Club at what is now the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

"I was teaching in the grade school there, and high school classes, and in the Liberal Arts Department at the university," he recalled. "I loved it! I love teaching!"

After ministering for two years at the former Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hannibal, he became pastor of St. Mary Parish in Milan and the Mission of St. Mary in Unionville; then Immaculate Conception in Macon and the Mission of Sacred Heart in Bevier; then pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Moberly, and the former Mission of St. Mary in Higbee.

In all of these assignments, he preached, pleaded with and cajoled his parishioners to become active worshippers at Mass and collaborative participants in parish life.

"The message was: Participate! Be part of the action! Don't just watch me pray. I come as the representative of Jesus to unite your prayers!" he said.

## Back to school

After 16 years of parish work, Fr. Kramer was ready for a change.

"I told the bishop I was tired and wanted to go back to school," he said.

Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe, the diocese's second bishop, offered to send him to The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., to study canon law.


"That isn't what I had in mind," Fr. Kramer told him.

Instead, he wanted to explore new ways to help people embrace their baptismal call to active discipleship, which had been a major emphasis of the Second Vatican Council.

"Go ahead," the bishop told him.

"So I went back and studied group dynamics and psychology and Scripture and philosophy and renewal and even a bit of canon law," said Fr. Kramer.

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# Analysis: Putin's dream of "Little Russia" is another nightmare

*The author is a lifelong examiner of history and public policy.*

By Mike Hoey

Vladimir Putin had a sentimental but deadly dream.

He wanted to recreate "Little Russia," as Ukraine has long been called by ardent Russian nationalists.

That dream appears to be turning into a nightmare for Mr. Putin as he discovers that Ukrainians don't share his dream.

Ukrainians have their own country, and they wanted to keep it. It is their homeland.

Mr. Putin is fond of telling Westerners that both Russia and Ukraine trace their roots back to Kiev Rus, the ancient medieval state that centered on Kiev, or Kyiv as Ukrainians call their modern capital.

As with any founding myth of a people, there is some truth in these romantic musings but also many inconvenient and bloody facts that tell a much different story.

## Too close for comfort

It is true that there are strong religious and cultural ties between the two countries.

As in Moscow, magnificent Orthodox churches rise above the Kyiv skyline. Over half the people in both countries claim Orthodoxy as their faith. The Russian and Ukrainian languages are part of the larger family of Slavic languages.

In Putin's fairy tale of the past, however, many bloody events are glossed over and more-recent history is discounted.

He harkens back to an earlier time. Look at any map of the Russian empire dating from the 18th to the early 20th century and you will see Kyiv located on the western edge of the sprawling Russian empire.

In the 19th century, Russian writers celebrated Ukraine as a romantic land of sweeping steppes where mounted Cossacks would defend Mother Russia from the grasping hands of Western invaders.

When the Bolsheviks toppled the tsarist regime, they

laid claim to Ukraine as a part of their newly formed Soviet Union.

## Collectivization, starvation

At first the Bolsheviks, led by Vladimir Lenin, recognized Ukraine as an independent republic within the Soviet Union. The Ukrainian language and some Ukrainian customs were tolerated.

In theory, if not in practice, republics like Ukraine were considered part of the revolutionary vanguard that would bring socialism to the whole world.

That began to change in the early 1930s in a story Mr. Putin would like to ignore. Joseph Stalin sought to suppress the Ukrainian language and discourage Ukrainian nationalism.

For Stalin, Ukraine was just a part of the old Russian empire, a region meant to serve the Soviet state, not its own people.

As a servile colony of Stalin's Russia, Ukraine's rich "black earth" was a national asset that could be used to make the Soviet Union an industrial power.

But the old family farms were inefficient. Stalin wanted more grain from Ukraine — grain he could export to buy modern factory equipment.

To fulfill this Five-Year Plan, peasants lost their land to collective farms. Grain was taken at gunpoint, even the seed grain needed for next year's planting.

Emaciated people wandered the countryside, some even resorting to eating their dead.

Even when Stalin learned of the famine, and Ukrainians begged him for help, he kept exporting grain.

Ukrainians call this tragedy the Holodomor, a genocide most of the world has never acknowledged.

## Famine and terror

In Soviet Ukraine, at least 3.5 million people died of hunger and hunger-related diseases. In *Bloodlands: Eu-*



A Ukrainian service member walks past destroyed homes after they were hit during a Russian military strike in Kyiv, Ukraine, March 21, 2022.

— CNS photo/Gleb Garanich, Reuters

*rope Between Hitler and Stalin*, Timothy Snyder describes the human cost:

*To die of starvation with some sort of dignity was beyond the reach of almost everyone. Petro Veldii showed rare strength when he dragged himself through his village on the day he expected to die.*

*The other villagers asked him where he was going: to the cemetery to lay himself down. He did not want strangers coming and dragging his body away to a pit. So he had dug his own grave, but by the time he reached the cemetery another body had filled it. He dug himself another one, lay down and waited.*

## The Great Terror

The Great Famine was followed by the Great Terror of 1937-38. Stalin needed someone to blame for the famine. He found his scapegoat in local communist party members who had supposedly been overly zealous and Soviet citizens born in other countries, whom he accused of being spies and capitalists who had hoarded grain and let the people go hungry.

Those of Polish descent were often identified by the practice of their Catholic faith, such as carrying rosaries or showing up for Mass.

Black vans known as "black Marias" roamed the countryside looking for kulaks, saboteurs and wreckers, as the hapless victims were called.

Each local communist party had its quota to meet. In some instances, Stalin's police would surround entire villages and

then torture the men until proper "confessions" were obtained.

By the time the Great Terror came to an end, 681,692 people had been executed throughout the Soviet Union, many shot in the back of the head and pushed into mass graves.

## No friendship by force

Mr. Putin, like any good KGB operative, wants to hide away this bloody history, as if it never happened.

But Ukrainians have good memories.

What Mr. Putin will not acknowledge is that Ukraine has changed dramatically in recent years. It never really was "Little Russia" in Ukrainian eyes and it certainly isn't now.

Since 1991, Ukraine has been an independent nation and over time it has developed a thriving market-driven economy and a democratic form of government.

It is a modern European country almost the size of Texas with a pre-war population of 44 million.

Unlike Russia, Ukraine has free and fair elections, despite Mr. Putin's attempts to subvert them.

Unlike in Russia, Ukrainians don't go to jail for speaking their mind.

In his book *The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine*, historian Serhii Plokhy argues that Russian aggression in Ukraine "presents a major threat to international order, with its bedrock principles of sovereignty and territorial in-

tegrity of nation-states, on a level not seen since the end of World War II."

Mr. Plokhy wrote his book *after* Russia annexed Crimea but *before* the latest Russian attack on the Ukrainian heartland.

Clearly, the United States and its Western allies have failed to deter Mr. Putin.

The West, and more tragically Ukraine, are now paying the price.

That price goes up every day. Since Mr. Putin cannot defeat the Ukrainian army, he has turned to mass destruction, killing innocent civilians while targeting schools, hospitals and other places of no military significance.

These are war crimes pure and simple.

Now, Mr. Putin appears to be pulling back from Kyiv and setting his sights on claiming the Russian-speaking eastern regions of Ukraine for his empire.

Friendship has to be a free choice.

But you can't force people to love you, and you don't create "Slavic brotherhood" by dropping bombs on people.

As Mr. Putin is learning, even overwhelming brute force has its limits; you cannot extinguish a people's desire to be free.

## Broken links

Tragically, many Russians have family and friends in Ukraine. These Russians do not understand why Mr. Putin thinks he has to take over and control Ukraine.

Ukraine is not a threat, in their eyes, it could be Russia's friend.

In Kyiv shimmers the golden domes of St. Sophia's Cathedral, which houses beautiful mosaics and frescoes from the 11th century.

It could be a sign of the historic links between Russia and Ukraine.

But Mr. Putin is destroying links with every missile that continues to rain down on innocent civilians.

*Mr. Hoey is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City.*



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## Vintage Stations of the Cross undergoing restoration for Cathedral

**Local artist considers it a privilege to do the work**

By Jay Nies

Whenever artist Doris Davis of Westphalia goes someplace to worship God, she wants to be able to walk in and “feel” the spirituality.

“People might not realize it, but when they enter a church where everything works and flows, they can actually feel it as opposed to just seeing it,” she stated.

“All of the art and special details help make that happen,” she said.

Mrs. Davis is restoring the Stations of the Cross that will be installed in the Cathedral of St. Joseph during the year-long renovation and expansion taking place there.

The Cathedral’s first major renovation in its 53-year history will incorporate classical elements into the familiar mid-century structure, enhancing its beauty, functionality, capacity for hospitality and uniquely Catholic identity.

Church architect William Heyer, architectural consul-

tant for the project, acquired the Stations in his home state.

They date from the early 20th century and previously adorned a now-closed Catholic church near Marion, Ohio.

In a style reminiscent of classical mosaics, the oil-paint-on-copper images depict 14 moments that culminate with Jesus’s crucifixion, death and burial.

Mr. Heyer visited Mrs. Davis’s studio in Westphalia, surveyed her work and ultimately entrusted her with restoring the Stations to their original luster.

She recently worked on the Stations of the Cross in St. Joseph Church in Westphalia and St. Thomas the Apostle Church in St. Thomas.

“I performed a full restoration on the ones in Westphalia,” she noted. “St. Thomas was more of a repair and touch-up of the figures, and then the repainting and gilding of the outside frames.”

### High places

Mrs. Davis grew up in Taos, went to St. Francis Xavier School, studied fine arts and is now a member of

St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia.

She has contributed to the renovation of several churches in this diocese, beginning in 1998 with St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos.

She was working as a graphic artist at a print shop when a member of the parish’s renovation committee asked her to touch up the mural on the ceiling above the altar.

“I said, ‘Yes, if I can get up there, I will do it,’” she recalled.

Restoration consultant Tom Sader, who oversaw the renovation of the Taos church, walked her through the process.

She got the work done while perched on a scaffolding on top of another scaffolding.

After that, she went to work for Sandbothe Paint-



**The Fifth Station: “Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross,” an oil painting on copper, is one of 14 Stations undergoing restoration in order to be placed in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City as part of a substantial renovation. The Stations are from a now-closed Catholic church near Marion, Ohio.**

ing & Decorating in Jefferson City, which has helped renovate several local churches.

She has also repaired some of the decorative paintwork and gilding in the Missouri

State Capitol and the Governor’s Mansion.

“I like working behind the scenes,” she said.

She is now proprietor of Davis Creative Painting.

### Light and shadow

Mrs. Davis said the Stations chosen for the Cathedral are “in basically good shape.”

She noted that it was common for artists in Italy near the turn of the past century to apply oil-based paint to copper, “because it’s a good and stable surface.”

She said she approaches each Station with a heightened awareness of the little details that help draw people into the experience of the Lord’s total self-sacrifice.

“I really think about how

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# Helias Catholic H.S. boys' golf — a hall of fame program

By Eddie O'Neill

When it comes to boys' golf in Missouri, it would be fair to say the program at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City has in many ways set the gold standard.

Just look at the numbers since the program began in the late 1950s.

The Crusaders have earned four state titles (1958, 1983, 1993 and 1994) and five runner-up finishes (1984, 1986, 1997, 1998 and 2018).

For enduring prowess on the course, the program was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in Springfield in early February of this year.

"This was a great honor for the program," said Helias's current boys' golf coach, Jay Higgins.

The school was well represented at the induction ceremony, with three full tables of golf aficionados.

"Helias was well represented with current players and a lot of alumni who came back," said Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Dwayne Clingman.

Coach Higgins and Mr. Clingman both noted that at the heart of this program was retired Coach Ray Hentges.

Mr. Hentges led the boys' program for 34 years, ending his coaching career in 2004. Under his leadership, the program won three state titles and produced a PGA golfer by the name of John Daley.

Mr. Hentges is no stranger to awards and honors, as was inducted into the same hall of fame in 2013 for his legendary football coaching career at Helias Catholic.

"The success of this program is due to the fact that our kids grow up playing golf," he told *The Catholic Missourian*. "Many of them belong to local country clubs and start out with their dads at age 5. So, by the time they get to high school, they know what they are doing."

Coach Hentges added that during his tenure, he would have 20 to 25 students come out for golf.

There were no cuts, but he did institute a rigorous qual-



Past and present representatives of Helias Catholic High School's boys' golf program gather in Springfield for the program's induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

— Photo from the Helias Catholic High School Facebook page

ifying system for matches.

"Before a match, we would have a qualifying match in which the top five golfers would compete at the varsity meet and the next five at the (junior varsity)," he explained.

"We would do that before every meet. I did this because I

knew it would push the kids to work hard to hang onto their spot on the team. They had to keep working."

Mr. Clingman agreed that golf is a generation-to-generation tradition at Helias and credited Mr. Hentges for setting high standards on and off

the course.

"Ray is a great man," he stated. "He embodies everything that Helias Catholic has been and is supposed to be. And at age 83, he's still golfing

— very impressive."

Mr. Clingman added that good leadership did not stop at Mr. Hentges in terms of preaching excellence at school and on the golf course.

"Year after year, we have excellent coaches who put in the time and effort throughout the year, and not just during the season," he added. "We are also blessed with great access to local courses such as Oak Hills, Meadow Lake and Jeff City Country Club."

At the induction ceremony, Mr. Hentges spoke of the past glories, and Mr. Higgins talked about the present and the future of the program.

"The future is bright for us," Mr. Higgins stated.

"We've won districts and sectionals all eight years (I've been here) and qualified for state five of the past eight years. I don't see that changing as we move forward."

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## CONSECRATION

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According to the Vatican, an estimated 3,500 people filled St. Peter's Basilica, while 2,000 people watched on video screens from St. Peter's Square. Police asked pilgrims who entered St. Peter's Basilica carrying or wearing Ukrainian flags to put them away, since the event was a prayer service.

Among those present at the liturgy were Andrii Yurash, Ukraine's ambassador to the Holy See. The consecration, he tweeted March 25, is "another attempt (by the pope) to defend Ukraine from the devil's war," referring to Russia's attacks on the country.

Joe Donnelly, who soon will present his credentials to the pope as the U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, also attended the service.

The Vatican announced March 18 that Pope Francis also asked bishops around the world to join him in consecrat-

Pope Francis's apostolic nuncio to the United States, prayed Pope Francis's Prayer of Consecration while gathered in the Cathedral of the Holy Name during a conference in Chicago.

Bishop McKnight urged priests of the Jefferson City diocese to lead their congregations in praying the consecration prayers with Pope Francis at around 12:30 p.m. central time.

Parishes and schools throughout the diocese participated, including the students of Sacred Heart School in Sedalia, who gathered in Sacred Heart Chapel to pray the Rosary and the consecration prayer.

"I was moved by how well our student body prayed — out loud — the prayers and how intently everyone listened and prayed during the consecration prayer," Father Joseph



**Pope Francis venerates a Marian statue before consecrating the world and, in particular, Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 25.**  
— CNS photo/Paul Haring

Paul Parish in Boonville and St. Joseph Parish in Pilot Grove, led the prayer of consecration in Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Boonville, which was shared over livestream.

Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Columbia gathered at noon for a Holy Hour of Prayer, which included the Act of Consecration.

Diocesan chancery staff members gathered with Father Paul Clark for Mass in the St. Alphonsus Liguori Chapel for Mass and to pray the prayer the consecration prayer.

### The whole world over

At the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagatña, Guam, Archbishop Michael Byrnes led the faithful in praying the Rosary before reciting the Act of Consecration at 2 a.m. local time March 26.

Archbishop Georg Gänswein, private secretary of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, had told reporters that the former pope would join in the consecration from his residence.

In a video released before the liturgy, Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych, major archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, said he would join in the consecration "because today we need very much the victory of good."

The consecration, Archbishop Shevchuk said, "means that it is never possible to make a deal, to cooperate with this evil that emerges from Russia

"human reassurance is not enough."

"We need the closeness of God and the certainty of His forgiveness, and once renewed by it, Christians can also turn to Mary and present their needs and the needs of the world," he said.

Pope Francis said the Act of Consecration was "no magic formula but a spiritual act" of trust by "children who, amid the tribulation of this cruel and senseless war that threatens our world, turn to their mother, reposing all their fears and pain in her heart and abandoning themselves to her."

"It means placing in that pure and undefiled heart, where God is mirrored, the inestimable goods of fraternity and peace, all that we have and are, so that she, the mother whom the Lord has given us, may protect us and watch over us," the pope said.

In his prayer, Pope Francis specifically asked Mary to be with those suffering directly because of the war.

"May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs," he prayed to the Blessed Mother. "May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your sorrowful heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside."

The prayer for the act of consecration can be found online at:

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



**Father Kelechi Uzuegbu, pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish in Marceline, Immaculate Conception Parish in Brookfield, St. Raphael Parish in Indian Grove and the Mission of St. Joseph in Hurricane Branch, leads parishioners in praying the act of consecration on March 25 in St. Bonaventure Church.**  
— Photo by Brittany Husky

ing Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner, led a similar act of consecration at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

### "Ever with us"

Bishops from around the world had announced special services to coincide with the timing of the consecration in Rome, even in the early hours of the morning.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and fellow bishops, led by Archbishop Pierre Christophe,

S. Corel, one of two pastors in *solidum* of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Sedalia, stated over social media.

Students at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City paused their studies to pray the consecration prayer in their classrooms.

Helias Catholic administrators called it "an opportunity for our faculty, staff and students to unite their prayers for peace and the conversion of hearts with those of other Christians throughout the world."

Father Derek Hooper, associate pastor of Ss. Peter &

today."

"And that is why we must pray for its conversion, for the eradication of that evil, 'so that it,' as the Mother of God of Fatima said, 'might not destroy other states, might not cause yet another world war.' We, as Christians, have a duty to pray for our enemies," he said.

In Rome, the bells of St. Peter's Basilica rang out after Pope Francis concluded the Act of Consecration.

### An act of trust

In his homily during the Lenten penance service, the pope acknowledged that the war in Ukraine, which "has overtaken so many people and caused suffering to all, has made each of us fearful and anxious."

While calls to "not be afraid" may soothe one's helplessness in the face of war, violence and uncertainty, the pope said that



**Members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Sedalia pray the Rosary before the act of consecration on March 25 in St. Patrick Chapel.**

— Photo from the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Parish Facebook page

## STATIONS

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that journey went for Jesus and His mother and the bystanders and every other character," she said.

She also reflects on how the shade of the sky, the texture of the ground, the colors of indi-

vidual garments and other subtleties help create a mood that's conducive to contemplation.

"They're all very special to me," she said. "I go through every inch of every one of them I work on — from a technical

standpoint and just because I'm in awe of the idea that I'm even getting to do this."

### "All things work together"

Mrs. Davis considers it a privilege to play a part in the

renovation of a church, let alone the Cathedral for her home diocese.

"Whether it's the plumber or the roofers or the architect or the artists, it takes all of them to make this place 'work

as our place of worship," she stated.

She said applying her craft to a sacred purpose helps deepen her faith and enhance her relationship with God.

"I've always enjoyed the artwork in a church and the story it tells," she said.

It gives her joy to see the Cathedral being maintained and improved.

"What we have is something beautiful, and we should rejoice in the fact that we are taking good care of it," she said.

### Past and present

This will be the third set of Stations of the Cross to adorn the Cathedral since its completion in 1968.

The original, hand-carved wooden Stations spent nearly 40 years in the Cathedral before being transferred to the rebuilt chapel of the Catholic Newman Center near Truman State University in Kirksville.

They replaced the Stations that were lost in a fire that destroyed the center in May of 2007.

The carved marble Stations that adorned the Cathedral from 2008-22 are from Italy and previously adorned the chapel of the former St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary high school in Hannibal.

They have been given to Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, where they will be placed in the school's St. Pius X Chapel.

### Prayer and sacrifice

Since the Cathedral serves everyone in the diocese, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites Catholics from all parishes to contribute toward the cost of the renovation, as long as doing so does not reduce their regular, sacrificial support of their own parish.

He asks for prayers for the health and safety of everyone, especially the laborers, during the renovation project.

Mrs. Davis requested prayers for God to guide her eyes and hands in the right direction throughout the restoration of the Stations.

"He's already filled my heart," she stated. "I feel very blessed."

## CRUCIFIX

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so you know how painful it must have been for Our Lord."

Each piece of the image of the crucified Christ is attached to the others with a wooden dowel pin.

The body is fastened to the cross with light bolts that look like round nails from the front but cannot come loose.

He fashioned the cross from glued layers of 2-by-4 pine lumber boards.

"And I carved it to look old and weathered," he said.

### "Look at the man!"

A student asked Mr. Hayes if he knew from the beginning what the crucifix would look like when it was finished.

"I had seen other crucifixes around in the world and pictures of many others, so that's generally what my thoughts of a crucifix would be like," he answered.

"But I let the Holy Spirit guide me through the whole process."

He turned it over to God whenever he hit a roadblock or couldn't decide how to proceed with some important detail.

"For example, which way the head should be looking: This way or thataway?" he said. "I prayed about which way the head should be, and when the Holy Spirit said, 'Thataway,' that's the way I went!"

"And I also had the same thought about which leg should cross the other at the bottom: This way or thataway?" he said. "And I asked the Holy Spirit, and then that's the way I went."

Mr. Hayes didn't know when the crucifix was finished until he stopped and looked closely at the face.

"I didn't have any intention of making a face that showed the moment of death," he said. "After it was done, that's when I noticed it."

Mr. Hayes and Father Mike Quinn, who served as pastor of Holy Family Parish from 1998-2020, agreed that the finished crucifix would be an excellent addition to the Holy Family Adoration Chapel, which was separated by glass from the rest of the church.

The crucifix would be visible to people coming to spend a Holy Hour in the chapel, as well as to people departing after Mass.

Mr. Hayes's cousin and nephew helped him carry it from the studio to his truck, then from his truck into church.

"It's pretty heavy — I think it's about 250 pounds with the cross," Mr. Hayes noted.

Fr. Quinn blessed the crucifix after it was secured to the chapel wall.

### "Come and see"

Father Matthew Flatley, current pastor of the Hannibal and Palmyra parishes, explained to the Holy Family students

**"I had seen other crucifixes around in the world and pictures of many others, so that's generally what my thoughts of a crucifix would be like. But I let the Holy Spirit guide me through the whole process."**

— Delbert Hayes

that this crucifix is much more than a piece of religious art.

"An icon is an image that points us toward God," he said. "It manifests a portrait of faith and it also strengthens our faith."

"The intention that Delbert Hayes had for it to be displayed in our church, for it to be blessed by Fr. Mike, and for people to look upon it, to gaze upon it and pray ... through all of that, this beautiful piece of art has become an icon of faith," Fr. Flatley stated.

Holy Family Parish recently created a new adoration chapel in a large room behind the sanctuary. It is quieter and more private, with fewer distractions.

The former adoration chapel, located near the main entrance to the church, is now a gathering area for parishioners, a place for fellowship and activities before and after Mass.

"I'm thrilled that this crucifix is now the centerpiece of a very public space, where every visitor can walk up close to it and take a good long look, and even touch it," said Fr. Flatley. "I know I will encourage the children to do that."

He noted that he can see the crucifix from the sanctuary whenever he offers Mass there.

"It's a beautiful thing to look upon, to gaze upon as I am looking at the people and celebrating the Eucharist," he said.

"It inspires me."

### "Remember me"

Upon recognizing the face of Jesus at the moment of His death, Mr. Hayes thought of the repentant thief who was crucified near Jesus and asked Jesus to remember Him when He comes into His kingdom. (Luke 23:39-43)

"Amen, I say to you," Jesus told the man, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Mr. Hayes urged each of the students to look upon this representation of Jesus's face and think of Him saying the same thing to them.

"You know, when I was your age, I didn't care too much about religion," he said. "But you can experience that today and every day."

He encouraged the students to make a habit of communicating with the Holy Spirit every day.

"He is God's advocate," Mr. Hayes said. "He is all-knowing. He will not lie to you about anything. You don't have to tell Him to come be with you. He's right there all the time."

Mr. Hayes also told them to pray each night before falling asleep, "Jesus, thank You for being my Savior and my friend."

Holy Family School Principal Sara Hooley said the students often hear about what it means to be good Catholic stewards of their time, talent and treasure.

"What a gift it is to get to see this!" she said. "God places a gift in each one of us, and the Holy Spirit calls us to share that gift with others, whatever stage of life we're in."

### "That dreamer"

Mr. Hayes, who grew up Protestant, noted that many of his ancestors, some who await the Resurrection in St. Stephen Cemetery in Indian Creek, were Catholic, "so I feel like I've come full circle."

He recently suffered a major health crisis but with prompt medical attention and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was home from the hospital less than a week later.

He once told Fr. Flatley that his wife says he's a dreamer.

"And I'll probably die if I ever stop dreaming," he said.



# ACROSS the Diocese

By Father Don Antweiler

## ACROSS

1. The State of Nevada has its counterpart in Nevada, Mo. in \_\_\_\_ County.
6. "My Fair Lady," "Les Misérables" or "The Phantom of the Opera," for example.
12. Prefix for late or metric.
13. "...darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the \_\_\_\_," (Genesis 1:2).
16. Sorry if my curse word embarrassed you! It was a \_\_\_\_ of the tongue!
17. The State of Florida has its counterpart in Florida, Mo., birthplace of Mark Twain, in \_\_\_\_ County.
19. Not before.
21. Vegetable related to the onion.
23. Letters for the Fed. Communications Commission;
25. Prefix for core, code or case.
26. The State of California has its counterpart in California, Mo. in \_\_\_\_ County.
29. Norfolk Southern or Union Pacific (abbr.).
30. Letters for "Fighting Irish" Catholic Univ.
31. Cat talk.
32. Abbr. for each.
33. Not OT.
34. Biblical city (Genesis 12:8).
35. \_\_\_\_ Aviv; Israel's largest city.
36. The State of Louisiana has its counterpart in Louisiana, Mo. in \_\_\_\_ County.
38. Of all the wagon trails leading to the West from Independence, Mo., the Santa \_\_\_\_ Trail was the earliest and one of the most important in terms of trade.
39. "Rich men have their clubs, where they can gamble and have a good time. Would you deny the poor man an \_\_\_\_ right?" —Kansas City Boss T.J. Pendergast in KC's "wide open" era.
41. "Anyone who can only think of one way to \_\_\_\_ a word obviously lacks imagination," —Mark Twain.

43. Letters for Florists' Transworld Delivery, a floral retail and delivery service, based in suburban Chicago.
44. The Univ. of Mo. (\_\_\_\_) system consists of four campuses, in St. Louis, KC, Columbia, and Mo. S&T in Rolla.
45. 981-mile river flowing from Pennsylvania to the Mississippi River.
47. "\_\_\_\_ longer call you slaves..." —John 15:15 (2 wds.).
49. A Coca-Cola diet soda.
50. "Blessed is the fruit of thy \_\_\_\_, Jesus."
51. Genetic material.
52. Moon of Jupiter.
54. Farm structure.
56. Abbr. for pound.
57. Seventh note.
58. Getting unjustly demoted was a bitter \_\_\_\_ for him to swallow.
60. Dark and pale.
61. Church repository for the Holy Eucharist.

## DOWN

1. "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any \_\_\_\_ to get what it wants," —St. Teresa of Kolkata.
2. Prefix for cape or teem.
3. Center of the Empire that ruled Israel in the time of Jesus.
4. If you told a lie, \_\_\_\_ up to it and get things reconciled.
5. "Future generations may find it incredible that their ancestors were still so \_\_\_\_-minded as to count the right to own slaves among the divine rights," —*Longer than a Man's Lifetime in Missouri*, memoirs of a German Immigrant in Missouri, ch. 21: Dangerous roads, Lynch Justice; 1830s-1880s; Gert Goebel.
6. Abbr. before a male's name.
7. This country has the longest land border in the world, nearly 5,500 miles (abbr.).
8. Suffix for terror or organ.
9. In music notation, symbol placed at the beginning of the staff giving the "key" to all the notes.
10. Boeing Aerospace, with a 14,000-employee engineering facility in St. Louis, was the largest \_\_\_\_ manufacturer in the world until recently bumped by Europe's Airbus.
11. Short for a long-playing vinyl record.
14. \_\_\_\_ what do I owe the pleasure?
15. Strange; weird.
18. The Earps fought the Clantons in Tombstone, AZ. at the \_\_\_\_ Corral.
20. The State of Washington has its counterpart in Washington, Mo. in \_\_\_\_ County.
22. "He was denounced to the Roman officials and that was the \_\_\_\_\_. Or the beginning," —Hillel of Nazareth in *Dear and Glorious Physician*; Taylor Caldwell.
24. "...about three o'clock Jesus \_\_\_\_ out in a loud voice..." (Matthew 27:46).
26. "\_\_\_\_ Yellow"; #2 hit song in 1966 by Scottish singer-songwriter Donovan.
27. Scotch or duct \_\_\_\_.
28. Univ. of Utah athlete.
31. \_\_\_\_ *culpa*.
35. Weed on the western plains.
37. Land of Lincoln State (abbr.).
40. Bird on Bishop McKnight's coat of arms.
41. Main character in Disney's Lion King.
42. Letters for Post Office Box.
43. Fee-Fi-\_\_\_\_-Fum.
46. The State of Oregon has its counterpart in Oregon, Mo. in \_\_\_\_ County.
48. California wine valley.
49. Airport security agency (abbr.).
51. In computing, abbr. for directory (filing systems).
52. "That is why many among you are \_\_\_\_ and infirm..." (1 Corinthians 11:30).
53. Crowd cry at a bullfight.
55. Bone.
57. Tea in Madrid.
59. Short for the doctrine of Mary's being free of original sin.

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# CHARITIES

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“The volume of people attending the Grand Opening gave a profound experience of the reality that we are all one family, looking after one another as Jesus calls us to do,” she said. “We really are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers.”

Mr. Lester asked for continued prayers for all of the people who work at Catholic Charities: “for us all to be able to recognize the face of God in everyone we’re able to

serve”; and for everyone who is in need: “that they would all have access to this kind of care, love and support.”

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## Fundraisers & Social Events

Apr. 1

Camdenton, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Chamois**, Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish seafood buffet, 4-7:30 pm; **Edina**, K of C fish fry, 5:30-7 pm; **Fulton**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Hannibal**, K of C fish fry 4:30-7 pm; **Hermitage**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-6 pm, St. Bernadette Parish Hall; **Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C Council #1054 drive-thru fish & shrimp fry with baked fish option, 4:30-7 pm; **Jonesburg**, St. Joseph Parish fish fry, 11 am-1 pm & 4-7 pm, Parish Hall; **Kirksville**, K of C fish fry, 5:30-7 pm, Mary Immaculate School cafeteria; **Lake Ozark**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm, Bestgen Hall; **Laurie**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Patrick Church lower level; **Mary's Home**, K of C fish fry, 6-8 pm; **Moberly**, K of C fish fry, drive-thru and limited seating, 4:30-7 pm; **Montgomery City**, K of C & Immaculate Conception Home & School fish fry, lunch dine-in/carry-out 11am-1 pm, dinner drive-thru/dine-in/carry-out 4:30-6:30 pm; **Rolla**, K of C fish fry 5-7 pm, St. Patrick Parish Hall; **St. Clement**, K of C shrimp & fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **St. James**, K of C fish or shrimp fry, 4-7 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish Hall; **St. Robert**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Robert Bellarmine Fellowship Hall; **Salisbury**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Shelbina**, K of C fish or shrimp fry, dine-in or drive-thru, 5:30-6:45 pm, Fr. Buhman Center; **Warsaw**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm

Apr. 2

**St. Thomas**, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Spring Fling, 10 am-2 pm

Apr. 2-3

**Columbia**, Sacred Heart Parish Spring bake sale, Sat 5:30-6:30 pm, Sun 9:30 am-2:30 pm

Apr. 3

**Vienna**, K of C breakfast, 7:30-11 am

Apr. 8

Camdenton, K of C fish fry, 5-7 pm; **Columbia**, Sacred Heart Parish K of C carry-out fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School; **Edina**, K of C fish fry, 5:30-7 pm; **Fayette**, K of C carry-out fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Joseph Parish Hall; **Fulton**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Hannibal**, K of C fish fry 4:30-7 pm; **Hermitage**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4-6 pm, St. Bernadette Parish Hall; **Jefferson City**, Fr. Helias K of C Council #1054 drive-thru fish & shrimp fry with baked fish option, 4:30-7 pm; **Jefferson City**, Immaculate Conception School Spring Fling fundraiser, 7-11 pm; **Jonesburg**, St. Joseph Parish fish fry, 11 am-1 pm & 4-7 pm, Parish Hall; **Kirksville**, K of C fish fry, 5:30-7 pm, Mary Immaculate School cafeteria; **Lake Ozark**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm, Bestgen Hall; **Laurie**, K of C drive-thru fish fry, 4:30-6:30 pm, St. Patrick Church lower level; **Linn**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Mary's Home**, K of C fish fry, 6-8 pm; **Montgomery City**, K of C & Immaculate Conception Home & School fish fry, lunch dine-in/carry-out 11am-1 pm, dinner drive-thru/dine-in/carry-out 4:30-6:30 pm; **Rolla**, K of C fish fry 5-7 pm, St. Patrick Parish Hall; **Russellville**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Michael Parish Hall; **St. Anthony**, K of C fish fry, 5-8 pm; **St. Clement**, K of C shrimp & fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **St. James**, K of C fish or shrimp fry, 4-7 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish Hall; **St. Robert**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7 pm, St. Robert Bellarmine Fellowship Hall; **Sedalia**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm; **Shelbina**, K of C fish or shrimp fry, dine-in or drive-thru, 5:30-6:45 pm, Fr. Buhman Center; **Taos**, K of C fish fry, 4:30-7:30 pm; **Warsaw**, K of C fish fry, 4-7 pm

Apr. 15

**Hannibal**, K of C fish fry 4:30-7 pm

Apr. 10

**Argyle**, St. Aloysius and St. Boniface parishes, chicken & ham dinner, 11 am-5:30 pm, Argyle VFW; **Belle**, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am

Apr. 26

**Columbia**, Vitae Foundation annual pro-life event, with keynote Rachel Campos-Duffy, 7-9 pm, Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, for info or to register visit [vitae.foundation.org](https://vitae.foundation.org)

Apr. 30

**Jefferson City**, Pregnancy Help Center of Central Missouri "Bounces & Bubbles" 5K walk/run, 8:30 am-10:30 pm, Memorial Park Pavilion, for info or to register visit [friendsofphc.org](https://friendsofphc.org)

## Meetings/ Workshops

Apr. 4

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

Apr. 5

**VIRTUAL**, Marriage Prep Facilitators' morning refresher, 10:30-11:30 am, for info or to RSVP email [faithformation@diojeffcity.org](mailto:faithformation@diojeffcity.org)

Apr. 16

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

Apr. 19

**VIRTUAL**, Marriage Prep Facilitators' evening refresher, 5:30-6:30 pm, for info or to RSVP email [faithformation@diojeffcity.org](mailto:faithformation@diojeffcity.org)

Apr. 20

**Jefferson City**, 12th Annual Midwest March for Life, 7:45 am-3:30 pm, Missouri State Capitol grounds

## Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

2 abril

**Marshall**, Planificación Familiar Natural-Familia de las

Américas, 9 am-12 pm, Parroquia San Pedro, [diojeffcity.org/natural-family-planning](https://diojeffcity.org/natural-family-planning)

5 abril

**VIRTUAL**, Sesión de Capacitación para Facilitadores de Preparación Matrimonial, 5:30-6:30 pm, envíe un correo electrónico a [faithformation@diojeffcity.org](mailto:faithformation@diojeffcity.org) antes del lunes anterior si planea asistir

19 abril

**VIRTUAL**, Sesión de Capacitación para Facilitadores de Preparación Matrimonial, 12:15-1:15 pm, envíe un correo electrónico a [faithformation@diojeffcity.org](mailto:faithformation@diojeffcity.org) antes del lunes anterior si planea asistir

22-24 abril

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23-24 abril

**California**, Retiro de Inicio, Parroquia Anunciación, para más información sobre este evento de Renovación Carasmática Católico y/o para registrarse contacte a Emilio Juez al 573-680-9326 o por correo electrónico a [emiliojh@outlook.com](mailto:emiliojh@outlook.com)

24 abril

**Sedalia**, Kermes, 9 am-9 pm, Iglesia de San Patricio, para más información llame Oswald Diaz 660-829-5213

30 abril

**Columbia**, Misa de Sanación, 10-11 am, Parroquia Sagrado Corazón, para más información contacte a Jacqueline de la Cruz al 573-673-2091 o por correo electrónico a [jpuertoplata@yahoo.com](mailto:jpuertoplata@yahoo.com)

30 abril-1 mayo

**Sedalia**, Retiro de Inicio, Parroquia San Patricio, para más información sobre este evento de Renovación Carasmática Católico y/o para registrarse contacte a José Resendiz al 660-281-4058 o por correo electrónico a [jehresendiz@gmail.com](mailto:jehresendiz@gmail.com)

## Faith Formation & Spiritual Renewal

Apr 27

**Jefferson City**, "God, Do I Really Have Time For This? A Women's Talk" with Patty Schaefer, sponsored by Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Women's Ministry, 6:30-8 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center

## Liturgical

May 8

**Laurie**, Mother's Day Mass, 10:15 am, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church

## Youth

Apr. 23

**Jefferson City**, "With Great Power" Confirmation Retreat, 10 am-4 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, for info or to register visit [diojeffcity.org/confirmation-retreat-2022](https://diojeffcity.org/confirmation-retreat-2022)

Jun. 19-24

**Camdenton**, Camp MacCabee (session 1) summer adventure camp for high school-aged young men, for info or to register, visit [diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-maccabee](https://diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-maccabee)

Jun. 26-Jul. 1

**Conway**, Camp Siena summer camp experience for high school-aged young women, for info or to register, visit [diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-siena](https://diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-siena)

Jul. 10-13

**Conway**, Camp Lolek (session 1) summer camp for junior high boys, for info or to register, visit [diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-lolek](https://diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-lolek)

Jul. 13-16

**Conway**, Camp Lolek (session 2) summer camp for junior high girls, for info or to register, visit [diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-lolek](https://diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-lolek)

Jul. 17-22

**Camdenton**, Camp MacCabee (session 2) summer adventure camp for high school-aged young men, for info or to register, visit [diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-maccabee](https://diojeffcity.org/youth-ministry/camp-maccabee)

Aug. 1-5

**Jefferson City**, Ancient Classics "Summa Camp" for youth entering 1st-5th grade, 7:30 am-5 pm daily, Immaculate Conception Parish, for info or to register contact Mark Rehagen at [mrehagen@heliascatholic.com](mailto:mrehagen@heliascatholic.com)

## Health & Wellness

Apr. 18

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

Apr. 24

**Jefferson City**, Blood drive, 7 am-1 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Kertz Hall

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 Kelly & Marilyn Elliott, 49 years  
 Russell & Cheryl Imhoff, 46 years  
 Ronnie & Mary Skelton, 42 years  
 Tony & Cindy Wesselman, 42 years  
 Eddie & Patty Smith, 41 years  
 Chris & Vicki Zeller, 40 years  
 Frank & Theresa Young, 37 years  
 Bruce & Brenda Quinlan, 32 years  
 Steve & Diana Huth, 30 years  
 Pete & Heidi Selenke, 28 years  
 Gary & Ginger Hook, 27 years  
 Larry & Linda Grissum, 26 years

**Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels**  
 Paul & Theresa Branson, 24 years

**California, Annunciation**  
 Jake & Mickie Bolinger, 50 years

**Fayette, St. Joseph**  
 John & Karen Lucke, 23 years  
 Casey & Traci Ballew, 12 years

**Jonesburg, St. Patrick**  
 William & Paula Peatross, 52 years

**Kirksville, Mary Immaculate**  
 Phil & Marsha Ordonio, 56 years  
 Don & Kathy Westhoff, 53 years  
 Robert & Peggy Maeder, 51 years  
 Winston & Pat Vanderhoof, 43 years  
 Albert & Margie Kurz, 38 years  
 Thom & Denise Bahr, 27 years  
 Tom & Cassie DeBlauw, 22 years  
 Elijah & Ilene Elmlinger 12 years

**Koeltztown, St. Boniface**  
 Mike & Tina Hagenhoff, 26 years  
 Chris & Monica Bax, 22 years

**Milan, St. Mary**  
 Daniel & Margaret Hatcher, 44 years  
 Antonio & Maria Lopez, 37 years

**Russellville, St. Michael**  
 Dave & Louise Hagenhoff, 47 years  
 Alan & Norma Lepper, 38 years  
 Eric & Loree Eynard, 32 years  
 Mitch & Becky Verslues, 28 years  
 Kevin & Melissa Brautigam, 26 years  
 Keith & Stacy Schrimpf, 21 years  
 Alan & Sandy Schrimpf, 20 years  
 Brad & Sarah Oligschlaeger, 19 years  
 Adam & Ginger Howard, 17 years  
 Rob & Tarin Gump, 12 years

**Taos, St. Francis Xavier**  
 Norman & Brenda Forck, 49 years  
 Dan & Paula Sanning, 40 years

**Unionville, St. Mary**  
 Ed & Shirley Brockmeyer, 41 years

**Vienna, Visitation**  
 Alberto & Liliana Esquivel, 15 years

## Birthdays

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Zeta Ryan**, her 98th



## Baptisms

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Evelyn RubyMarie Burmeister**, daughter of Michael Burmeister & Theresa McManus

Fulton, St. Peter — **Jacob Thomas Easley**, son of Justin & Amanda Easley

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Lester Chad Kingsolver**, son of Steve & Emily Kingsolver; **Lyla Margaret Scheuler**, daughter of Steven & Laura Scheuler

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake — **Kiera Lucinda Hardison**, **Kennedy May Kemp**

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Augustus Joseph Rademan**, son of Chris & Jill Rademan

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Rylan Robert Frank**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Cayde John Gassner**, son of Cory & Dayla Gassner

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Dani Marie Berhorst**, daughter of Nick & Amanda Berhorst

## Names for the People Page

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

Submissions for anniversaries (10 years or more), birthdays (90 years or more), and baptisms, deaths, marriages and initiations of local parishioners may be e-mailed to [editor@diojeffcity.org](mailto:editor@diojeffcity.org) or mailed to *The Catholic Missourian*, 2207 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914.

## SILECCHIA

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reminds me that the journey through the day is never traveled alone or without sustenance.

I am grateful for that chance invitation years ago that introduced me to the sacredness of the simple, daily Mass. Now, I share that invitation with you. Come and share this beautiful prayer of ordinary times.

May your journey through Lent be filled with blessings this year.

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## Deaths

**Peter C. Dolan**, 81 — brother of Father Patrick Dolan, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese who serves as sacramental minister for St. Mary Parish in Milan and the Mission of St. Mary in Unionville, and volunteers in Hispanic Ministry — on March 2 in Bronx, New York.

**Monsignor James T. Telthorst**, — a retired priest of the St. Louis archdiocese and brother of Deacon Ric Telthorst, who assists the pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City — on March 24. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on April 4 10 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church in St. Louis. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Camdenton, St. Anthony — **Sharon Hagedorn**, **Rick Vondrachek**, **Richard Wallace**

Canton, St. Joseph — **Jim Scott**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **John Cleek Sr.**

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Betty Jane Stratman**

Hannibal, Holy Family — **Juanita Smith**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Diane A. Landwehr**

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Mary Jane Doerhoff**, **Mary D. Haake**

Linn, St. George — **Mary E. "Betty" Jaeger**

Meta, St. Cecilia — **Marsha A. Meyer**

Novinger, St. Rose of Lima — **Marion Airale**, **Andy Grugurich**

Osage Bend, St. Margaret of Antioch — **Raymond J. Holtmeyer**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Maria Garcia**

Vienna, Visitation — **Margaret "Sissy" Viessman**, **Henry A. Wansing**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Arthur S. Hoelscher**

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Anna Mae Holterman**, **Walter F. Rehagen**

## GARVEY

From page 9

may well be condign lessons for her students.

But government speech is subject to democratic control. It is both natural and appropriate that the legislature should weigh in on how we teach about race and gender.

And because the ultimate authority in a democracy lies with citizens, it is equally fitting that parents should speak to teachers, and if need be, to school boards, about what they want their children to learn.

Third, if we look at the problem from the other side of the classroom we reach the same conclusion.

Last fall, a group of students and educators sued Oklahoma to enjoin a law governing the teaching of race and gender in public schools. The law violated the First Amendment, they said, because it would "rob (them) of the information,

ideas, and instructional approaches ... essential to the preservation of America's democratic system."

But as I said above, when the government speaks, it necessarily takes a point of view. That's how a democracy works.

It would turn the system upside down if we allowed courts to order government employees to put forward a different and competing set of ideas. It would be particularly undemocratic to do this at the behest of a group who are not yet allowed to vote.

Mind you, I've said nothing about what we should be teaching. Only that this is a matter for the people to decide, not courts or bureaucrats or teenagers.

*Garvey is president of The Catholic University of America in Washington. Follow him on Twitter @CatholicPres. Catholic University's website is [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu).*

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### Crossword puzzle answers

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# Cinnamon challenge



Members of the St. Lawrence Parish Catholic Youth Organization in St. Elizabeth help prepare more than 250 homemade cinnamon rolls to raise money during the American Legion Chili Supper and Pitch Tournament on Feb. 19. — Photo from the St. Elizabeth CYO Facebook page

# Favorite Job Day



Students at Immaculate Conception School in Montgomery City dress up for their favorite job before taking part in a prayer service and interviewing their prayer partners over lunch on Feb. 10. — Photos from the Immaculate Conception School-Montgomery City Facebook page

# Celebrating Catholic schools



Students of St. Brendan School in Mexico dress up as their patron saints (left) and take part in a school carnival during Catholic Schools Week in February. — Photos from the St. Brendan Parish bulletin

# With liberty and justice for all



Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2022 honor students of Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marceline who were winners of the post's 38th Annual Pledge of Allegiance coloring contest on Feb. 21.

— Photos from the Fr. McCartan Memorial School Facebook page

# Making connections



Carlie W. and Holly M., eighth-graders at St. George School in Hermann, display their prize-winning posters from the Lions Club Peace Poster contest. Carlie won first place and Holly won second. The theme was "We are all connected." The students were recognized at a Lions Club dinner on Feb. 22.

— Photo from the St. George Catholic School - Hermann, MO Facebook page

# Jesus prays in agony before His arrest

By Jennifer Ficaglia  
Catholic News Service

Jesus shared one last Passover meal with the apostles before He was crucified.

When the time came to eat, He took a cup and gave thanks.

“Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes,” He said.

Then He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them.

“This is My Body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of Me,” He said.

Then He took the cup in the same manner.

“This cup is the new covenant in My Blood, which will be shed for you,” He said.



Jesus explained to His friends that the person who would betray Him was at the table. The apostles began to debate who among them would do such a deed.

After the Passover meal, Jesus and His friends went to the Mount of Olives.

“Pray that you may not undergo the test,” He said.

Jesus withdrew from His

friends and knelt about a stone’s throw away. He began to pray.

“Father, if You are willing, take this cup away from Me; still, not My will but Yours be done,” He said.

Jesus was in such agony and He was praying so hard that His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. An angel from heaven appeared to Him to strengthen Him.

When He had finished praying, He rose and returned to the apostles. He found them sleeping from grief.

“Why are you sleeping?” He asked. “Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test.”

While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd approached. At the head of the crowd was the apostle Judas, who went up to

Jesus and kissed Him.

“Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” Jesus asked.

When the apostles realized what was happening, they asked whether they should strike with a sword.

One of them struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear.

“Stop, no more of this!” Jesus said as He touched the servant’s ear and healed him.

The chief priests, elders and temple guards in the crowd led Jesus to the high priest’s house after arresting Him.

**Read more about it...  
Luke 22**

1. Where did Jesus pray?
2. Who betrayed Jesus with a kiss?

## Bible Accent

Before entering Jerusalem to eat the Passover meal with the apostles, Jesus stopped at the Mount of Olives.

In Luke 19, we read that Jesus and the apostles were traveling to Jerusalem and were drawing near to Bethphage and Bethany.

At the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the apostles on a mission.

“Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat,” He said. “Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone should ask

you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you will answer, ‘The Master has need of it.’”

The apostles went off and found everything just as He had told them. When the owners of the colt saw them untying the animal, they explained that the Master had need of it.

They brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their cloaks over the animal and helped Jesus to climb onto its back.

As Jesus rode toward Jerusalem, the people spread their cloaks on the road. As He approached the slope of the Mount of Olives, the people

began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.

“Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest,” they said.

### Essay

Describe a time when you have felt betrayed by someone.



## Saint Spotlight

St. Zita was born in Italy around 1218. At age 12, she began working as a servant for a wealthy weaver in Lucca, Italy. She remained there for the rest of her life. Zita was very devout. At first, she would get into trouble for giving

lavish gifts of food to the poor, but her goodness gradually won everyone over. Eventually, she was put in charge of the entire household. Later in life, she spent a lot of time visiting the sick and imprisoned. She died in 1278, and we remember her on April 27.

## Puzzle

Unscramble the words and arrange them to form a quotation from the children’s story.

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Sentence:

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Answers: you, why, sleeping, are; Why are you sleeping?



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## Former school administrator develops 40-day journey to a closer relationship with the Lord

By Jennifer Brinker

When Lesa Keeven developed a prayer resource for spiritual directees, she had in mind the everyday Catholic who wishes to know and love God better.

*Rhythm: A Forty-Day Spiritual Journey* is more than a journal, she said; it's a several-things-wrapped-into-one book: a jumpstart into a deeper journey with the Lord through prayer, an evangelization tool and a faith formation resource.

The book, released in December, features a daily challenge, quotes and other inspiration from the Church. It includes questions to probe the reader's heart and mind, as well as space to write. It covers a 40-day period meant to develop a good rhythm of prayer; however, the content is not Lenten-focused — Keeven stressed that it may be used any time of the year.

It's her hope that the book serves as an interactive tool to deepen a person's conversation with God and develop a stronger relationship with Him as a result.

"Every relationship starts with a conversation," she said. "To grow in relationship with someone, we need to communicate. When you allow yourself into a deeper relationship with the Lord, you start asking the deeper questions."

Keeven is a former Catholic school administrator, including 12 years as assistant principal at



***Rhythm: A Forty-Day Spiritual Journey*, a prayer resource developed by Lesa Keeven, incorporates passages from the Catechism and other tools of the Church to help the everyday Catholic grow closer to God.**

— Photo by Jacob Wiegand, courtesy, St. Louis Review

St. Joseph School in Cottleville in the St. Louis archdiocese. She creates retreat days for teachers, women and couples. Several years ago while praying in the school chapel, she felt the Lord tugging at her heart to do something different in her life. Two years later, Keeven found herself enrolled at Aquinas Institute of Theology in its spiritual direction certification program.

"I remember painting my kitchen three times and thinking, 'Lord, what are You calling me to do?'" Keeven recalled. "I felt a very strong call to evangelization and prayer." Through her conversations with school parents, she discovered that many of them were learning more about their Catholic faith alongside their children. She also saw some of the prayer-related programs and resources her now-grown children tapped into when they participated in LifeTeen.

"There was so much I still needed to learn as well," Keeven said.

In receiving spiritual direction, Keeven said she has appreciated receiving a small takeaway — such as a Scripture passage, quote or other little nugget about the Catholic faith — that she could reflect upon in between meetings. That is what partly prompted her to create the book.

Keeven included quotes from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which she said can be challenging to read as a whole. "I wanted the richness of the *Catechism* to reinforce some of the points," she said. "To pair the *Catechism* with (the con-

tent) was a beautiful journey. It's my way of evangelizing the faith and helping others to receive the beauty of the Church and its teachings."

The book is for anyone, not just spiritual directees, Keeven said. She's received feedback from families who are using it as a tool to spark conversations at the dinner table. Another woman told Keeven that she's

## Movie Ratings



Adults

The Adam Project (PG-13)  
The Batman (PG-13)  
Dog (PG-13)  
Don't Look Up (R)  
The Lost City (PG-13)  
Marry Me (PG-13)  
Uncharted (PG-13)



Limited Adult Audience

Deep Water (R)



Morally Offensive

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been involved at the parish with social activities, such as fish fries and youth sports, but admitted she didn't know how to pray.

"Sometimes we need that starting point," Keeven said.

If we approach the faith with humility and simplicity, a greater understanding of our relationship with God can hap-

pen. "This ends up being your story," she said. "I just want to reach the everyday Catholic."

For more information on the book, visit [lesakeeven.com](http://lesakeeven.com).

*Mrs. Brinker is a reporter for the St. Louis Review and Catholic St. Louis magazine.*

## Author shares inspirational story of California hermitage

*The Hermits of Big Sur*, by Paula Huston. Liturgical Press (Collegeville, Minnesota, 2021). 192 pp., \$24.95.

Reviewed by Mitch Finley  
Catholic News Service

In the early 1970s when this reviewer was an undergraduate at Santa Clara University, an acquaintance told him about a community of hermits living in a monastery high atop a mountain in California's rugged and mountainous Big Sur area — about 150 miles south of San Francisco and 300 miles north of Los Angeles.

On three occasions, I drove U.S. Highway 1 south from the Bay Area until I found a dusty, unpaved road that left the highway and climbed to the top of a mountain where I found a contemporary-styled monastic church in the midst of a group of "cells," small huts with one occupant in each.

There I could look down on as much of the Pacific Ocean as I could see of the sky. At night, this view of the heavens revealed a blanket of stars that boggled the mind.

Nearby were several rooms strung together for retreatants or visitors to occupy, and on each visit I became one of those occupants. Welcome to New Camaldoli Hermitage.

Paula Huston's book fills a need long unmet. For many years an oblate of New Camaldoli, she is a National Endowment for the Arts fellow

who, with her husband, lives on four acres 80 miles south of Big Sur.

Huston's book is based on notes kept for over 60 years by a monk at New Camaldoli Hermitage.

She narrates the origins of the hermitage from the 11th-century Camaldolese community in the Apennine Mountains of Italy to the founding of a new Camaldoli in Big Sur, highlighting notable monks who contributed in particularly important ways to the 1958 foundation of the new community in post-World War II and pre-Vatican II California.

Central to the narrative of this book is Huston's description of the ways the new hermitage made the transition from its medieval tradition to its new home in the modern world where it located on 899 acres, 1,300 feet above the ocean.

Also noteworthy is how the monks of New Camaldoli dealt with the increasing interest of women in what they were about.

*The Hermits of Big Sur* tells one of the most interesting and most inspirational true stories to ever to develop in American Catholicism. Do not miss it.

*Finley is the author of more than 30 books on popular Catholic theology, including The Rosary Handbook: A Guide for Newcomers, Old-Timers and Those In Between, What Faith Is Not, and The Seeker's Guide to Being Catholic.*

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## FR. KRAMER

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The priest then returned to the diocese to work on his doctoral thesis in pastoral ministry, titled, "The Intensive Group Process and the Cursillo Experience: Implications for Spiritual Formation of Participants."

His thesis focused on developing effective follow-up for the three-day Cursillo weekend as a way of promoting long-term spiritual growth.

"Cursillo is the best thing you can do to regenerate your system, your life, and put some real joy into it," he said.

Since attending his first Cursillo weekend in 1972, Fr. Kramer has served on numerous Cursillos in the Jefferson City diocese and Quincy, Ill.

He also became involved in Teens Encounter Christ; Residents Encounter Christ for prison residents; Handicapped Encounter Christ for people with disabilities, and the Koinia movement for spiritual renewal.

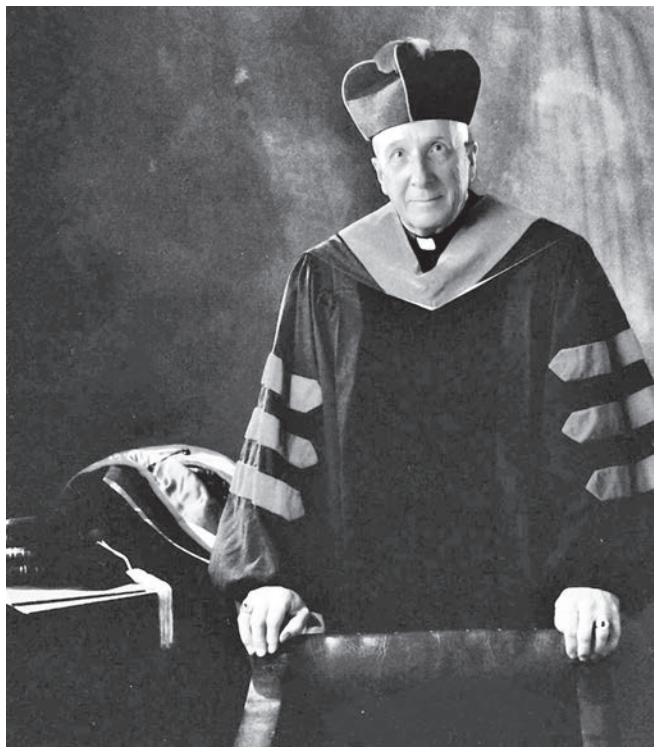
### The right questions

Fr. Kramer began teaching ministry formation classes throughout the diocese while serving as pastor of St. Peter Parish in Fulton and working on his second doctoral thesis, titled, "In Search of a Methodless Spirituality."

"It's different from other manifestations of spirituality in that most of them are 'head trips' built on structure that someone thinks is the only way to get there," he said. "This is a heart trip, in the spirit of St. Teresa of Avila. It's about a relationship."

In 1984, he became the full-time director of the diocese's ministry formation program, developing a seven-semester course to help laypeople discern and carry-out their specific ministry in the Church.

Several thousand people went through the course,



Father George Kramer is photographed while wearing his roman collar and doctoral academic garb.

studying the Biblical and sociological underpinnings of ministry, assessing their own strengths, reflecting on the needs of the Church around them, and developing a ministry for themselves.

"Ministry means being there for others in the name of Christ Jesus," said Fr. Kramer. "Formation means finding out who YOU are and letting your love go forth from that source."

The curriculum was heavy on reading, writing, discussing, sharing, bonding, discerning and practicing the universal baptismal call to holiness and action.

"I would give you something to read, have you write a personal reflection on it, and then we'd talk about it," he said.

"If you're not ready to ask the questions, you're not ready to learn the material," he added. "So we'd talk about the things you'd bring up, not the things I wanted to talk about. And we'd eventually get through almost all of the material that way, anyway."

Many still remember his exhaustive inventory of "Georgisms," including:

- "Name it, claim it, let go of it."

- Faith, hope and love, these three remain, but the greatest of these is a sense of humor."

- And his favorite: "Don't 'should' on yourself ... and

don't 'should' on each other!"

### "Being present"

Fr. Kramer regularly put over 60,000 miles per year on his car with the custom license plate, "FR-DRDR" — designating a priest with two doctorates.

The order of the letters is not an accident.

"I am a priest, first and foremost," he said. "Being a priest means to be the lover of your people."

This means spending time with the people and leading them by word and example.

"I believe in relationships," he said. "That's what the Church is. It's not a hierarchy of power. It's a relationship of all the people, who are one in Christ."

"The action is based in love," he added, "not in ruling, not in organizing, but in just being present to your people."

It bothers him how difficult it is for many people to embrace the joy of the Gospel.

"Salvation happened!" he said. "Do you realize and remember that Jesus loves you and saved you? Your salvation was given to you on the cross and at Easter. Now live with it!"

At his jubilee, Fr. Kramer asks for prayers for simplicity, humility, understanding, and love of all the people of God.

"There's always forgiveness in understanding," he said. "We really need to work on understanding each other better."

To those who believe God might be calling them to Priesthood, Fr. Kramer suggests: "Go for it. Give it a try!"

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, Apr 3

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
Is. 43:16-21  
Ps. 126:1-6  
Phil. 3:8-14  
Jn. 8:1-11

### Monday, Apr 4

*St. Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church*  
Dn. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62  
Ps. 23:1-6  
Jn. 8:12-20

### Tuesday, Apr 5

*St. Vincent Ferrer, priest*  
Nm. 21:4-9  
Ps. 102:2-3, 16-21  
Jn. 8:21-30

### Wednesday, Apr 6

Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
(Ps.) Dn. 3:52-56  
Jn. 8:31-42

### Thursday, Apr 7

*St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest*  
Gn. 17:3-9  
Ps. 105:4-9  
Jn. 8:51-59

### Friday, Apr 8

Jer. 20:10-13  
Ps. 18:2-7  
Jn. 10:31-42

### Saturday, Apr 9

Ez. 37:21-28  
(Ps.) Jer. 31:10-13  
Jn. 11:45-56

### Sunday, Apr 10

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
Lk. 19:28-40  
Is. 50:4-7  
Ps. 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Phil. 2:6-11  
Lk. 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

### Monday, Apr 11

Monday of Holy Week  
Is. 42:1-7  
Ps. 27:1-3, 13-14  
Jn. 12:1-11

### Tuesday, Apr 12

Tuesday of Holy Week  
Is. 49:1-6  
Ps. 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17  
Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38

Chrism Mass:

Is. 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9  
Ps. 89:21-22, 25, 27  
Rv. 1:5-8  
Lk. 4:16-21

### Wednesday, Apr 13

Wednesday of Holy Week  
Is. 50:4-9a  
Ps. 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34  
Mt. 26:14-25

### Thursday, Apr 14

Holy Thursday  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14  
Ps. 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18  
1 Cor. 11:23-26  
Jn. 13:1-15

### Friday, Apr 15

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
Is. 52:13-53:12  
Ps. 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25  
Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Jn. 18:1-19:42

### Saturday, Apr 16

Holy Saturday  
Easter Vigil:  
Gn. 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a  
Ps. 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22  
Gn. 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Ps. 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11  
Ex. 14:15-15:1  
(Ps.) Ex. 15:1-6, 17-18  
Is. 54:5-14  
Ps. 30:2, 4-6, 11-13  
Is. 55:1-11  
(Ps.) Is. 12:2-6  
Bar. 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
Ps. 19:8-11  
Ez. 36:16-17a, 18-28  
Ps. 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is. 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps. 51:12-15, 18-19  
Rom. 6:3-11  
Lk. 24:1-12

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## “Rachel’s Story,” April 5 in Wardsville

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High school and middle school students as well as adults are invited and encouraged to attend the event.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. The presentation will start at 6:30. Refreshments will be served.

Rachel Scott was the first victim of the April 20, 1999, Columbine High School tragedy in Colorado, in which two teens with guns killed 13 fellow students and injured 24 before taking their own lives.

“Learn about the movement that is awakening transformation in millions of lives, and promoting safer, more connected schools,” the April 5 event’s promoters stated.

motors stated.

Several months ago, members of a book club in Taos were talking about the bullying and meanness that takes place in many schools and communities.

“From this discussion, we felt that something needed to

be done,” said Shelle Sandbothe, one of the event’s organizers.

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