

First day of school

Students and faculty at St. Mary School in Glasgow begin the 110th school year in their current building, with prayers, family traditions, a new preschool and a bus for students from Fayette.

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Catholic camps were venues for friendship, encounter



Girls at this year's Camp Siena Catholic summer camp experience for high school girls pause for a "selfie" during a packed day of activities. One hundred sixty middle school and high school teens took part in Catholic camps sponsored by the Jefferson City diocese this summer.

— Photo by Maureen Quinn

By Jay Nies

Eliza Randle knew what she was getting into when she signed up for Camp Siena this summer.

"It wasn't just a camp with Jesus," she said. "It was Jesus with a camp."

Which is not say it wasn't lots of fun.

"The facility was really nice and there were a lot of things to do," she said. "We went to a slip 'n slide, horseback riding and on a float trip. I really liked the float trip."

Eliza went to camp to meet Jesus, and she got to know Him better through her fellow campers and the adults who brought the camp into being.

She was one of 160 young people from 37 parishes who took part in Catholic camps sponsored by the Jefferson City diocese this summer.

Twenty-eight attended the week-long Camp Maccabee for high school boys; 34 attended Camp Siena for high school girls; 50 attended Camp Lolek for junior high boys; and 48 attended Camp Lolek for junior high girls.

The theme for all of the camps was "Courageous Trust," based on Matthew 14:22-33.

Camp Siena and Camp Maccabee are long-established, weeklong adventure camps designed to build leadership skills, a strong faith community and prayer opportunities for high school teens, in order to help equip them for their faith journey.

This year's addition of the three-day Camp Lolek for middle school teens brought numerous opportunities for faith, fun and community.

The camp got its name from a

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Delegation from diocese takes in the basics, outcomes of stewardship at Wichita conference

By Jay Nies

Catholics of all ages in this diocese might soon be able to recite the late Monsignor Thomas McGread's definition of Catholic stewardship.

But what, in fact, does "the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts out of love of God and neighbor" look like in everyday life?

Ten people representing five parishes in the Jefferson City diocese explored that question in-depth during the Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference, held Aug. 10-11 in Wichita, Kansas.

"Stewardship is all about following Christ. Living as Christ lived is our roadmap," stated Anne Hackman, chairman of the St. Martin Parish Stewardship Council in St. Martins, who attended the conference.

"Using the gifts and talents we've been given to strengthen

our parish helps others discover His ways and deepen their faith, as well," she said.

Msgr. McGread was a nationally-recognized pioneer in promoting Catholic stewardship.

He served for 31 years as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Wichita, Kansas, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's home parish.

Promoting stewardship as a way of life is one of the priorities in the pastoral plan the Jefferson City diocese adopted in February 2021.

Msgr. McGread articulated four pillars for a stewardship way of life: hospitality, prayer, formation and service.

Kathryn Coulson, principal of St. Brendan School in Mexico, attended the Msgr. McGread Conference with her pastor, Father David Veit.

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Bible study: Isaiah and the World of Prophets — 9 Mondays in J.C.

Carolyn Saucier will lead a Bible study on the Prophet Isaiah on nine Mondays in Jefferson City.

Classes will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Aug. 29; Sept. 12 and 26; Oct. 10 and 24; Nov. 7 and 21; and Dec. 5 and 19 in the Art Gallery of the Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams St.

“Come join us for a heart-stirring, eye-opening journey with the prophet, Isaiah!” said Mrs. Saucier. “He will unnerve you, challenge you, speak truth to power, offer you a vision for peace, and pull you deep into the mystery of God.”

The Old Testament prophets are the most disturbing voices in the Bible and some of the strangest people in the world.

“But their communion with God and hope-filled vision for God’s people is matched only by Jesus,” said Mrs. Saucier.

Isaiah is perhaps the greatest of these prophets. He contrasts the holiness of God and the sinfulness of humans. He warns of the judgment and wrath of God, but his voice is ultimately steeped in the love and mercy of a God beyond your wildest imaginings.

“To understand Isaiah is first to grasp the when, where and why of his ministry,” said Mrs. Saucier. “It is to know his sacrificial love for the Jewish/Israelite people and his total surrender to God.”

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Official Decree of Appointments

The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, hereby makes the following appointments to provide the most effective pastoral care of the Diocese of Jefferson City:

PRIESTS

Reverend Thomas L. Alber, from associate pastor of St. Brendan Parish, Mexico and ministry to the Hispanic community of St. Joseph Parish, Louisiana; to associate pastor of St. Peter Parish, Jefferson City and to provide ministry to the Hispanic community of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Ozark, effective Sept. 10, 2022, with continuing ministry to the Hispanic community of Sacred Heart Parish, Columbia.

Reverend Derek J. Hooper, granted temporary leave of absence from associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Columbia and assistant master of ceremonies for the bishop,

effective Aug. 2, 2022.

Reverend Simon Jude Kanyike, to associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Columbia, effective Sept. 13, 2022.

Reverend Jason T. Doke, to chairman of the Diocesan Building Commission, effective July 19, 2022, and continuing as pastor of St. Martin Parish, St. Martins and moderator of the curia.

Given at the Chancery this 18th day of August, 2022.

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

Mr. Ben Roodhouse, JD, JCL
Chancellor

Pray for deceased priests

Sept. 7 — **Msgr. Harold J. Beeler**, Ss. Peter & Paul, Boonville (1960)
 Sept. 13 — **Fr. Joseph F. Lorenz**, St. Anthony, St. Anthony (1993)
 Sept. 14 — **Fr. William L. Forst**, Columbia hospital ministry (2009)
 Sept. 16 — **Fr. Leonard S. Misey**, St. Boniface, Brunswick; St. Joseph, Hurricane Branch; St. Raphael, Indian Grove (2011)
 Sept. 17 — **Fr. Anthony J. Grellner**, Chaplain, St. Joseph Home, Jefferson City (1982)

Director of Youth Ministry

Holy Family Church in Hannibal, Mo., is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Youth Ministry. The position includes, but is not limited to, coordinating the high school and middle school youth programs including worship, social and service activities for the youth in the parish community. Hourly position with benefits included. Interested applicants should contact Father Alex Gabriel at algabri567@gmail.com or 573-221-1078.

Secretary/Bookkeeper

St. Anthony and St. Lawrence parishes have an immediate opening for a secretary/bookkeeper position in St. Elizabeth, Mo. This is an hourly position with benefits included. Interested applicants should contact Fr. Aubuchon by email at caubuchon@diojeffcity.org. The deadline for application is Friday, September 9, 2022.

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Fr. Christopher Cordes serving the diocese as vicar for priests

By Jay Nies

Father Christopher Cordes delights in the brotherly bond he shares with those who minister in the person of Christ at altars throughout the Jefferson City diocese.

Now, he ministers not only with them but to them.

"In 27-plus years as a priest, I have valued the relationships I have with the priests in this diocese and I enjoy interacting with them," said Fr. Cordes, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, whom Bishop W. Shawn McKnight appointed this spring to serve also as diocesan vicar for priests.

"I appreciate that Bishop McKnight has confidence in me to serve in this role," he said.

All priests minister in union with their bishop, but as a vicar, Fr. Cordes actually carries out his diocesan duties on Bishop McKnight's behalf, specifically in matters pertaining to priests.

"A vicar is appointed by the bishop to represent him either in a broad range of matters or in a particular area of ministry and governance," Fr. Cordes explained.

This is true for all the vicar assignments in the diocese, including the judicial vicar (who oversees the work of the Mat-

rimonial Tribunal), the vicar for the Diaconate, the vicar for Prison Ministry, and the Vicar General.

Some of Fr. Cordes's responsibilities as vicar for priests include:

- arranging coverage for weekend and holyday Masses when the pastor or the priest assigned to that parish or mission will be away for vacation, other ministry assignments, illness or any other reason;

- communicating with and assisting priests experiencing illnesses or other health or personal challenges;

- assisting with the arrival of missionary priests from other countries;

- planning some aspects of and facilitating the annual Priests' Institute for continuing education and diocesan business and the two options for the annual diocesan priests' retreat;

- facilitating the ministry of the deans in the diocese; and

- serving as a member of the bishop's cabinet, the Council of Deans, the Presbyteral Council, the Priests' Personnel Board, and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

"In each of these, the vicar doesn't act alone, but collaborates with the bishop, the vicar general, diocesan directors and staff, and parish leadership,"

Fr. Cordes said. "This is essential for me, as I balance this role with serving as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia."

Consistently one of his biggest challenges is arranging for substitute priests for weekend Masses throughout the diocese.

"Our number of priests who are available to fill-in is small," he said, "and some of them have health limitations that impact their availability."

In some cases, the only alternative is for parishes and missions to have Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest presided over by a deacon, instead of Mass.

"We try to limit these," said Fr. Cordes, "but sometimes it is unavoidable."

Fr. Cordes succeeds Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, who served temporarily as vicar for priests. This change returns to Bishop McKnight's original plan to have two separate priests serve as vicar general and vicar for priests.

"I'm still relatively new to the position," Fr. Cordes noted, "so the practical carrying out of it is still developing."

He spends most Wednesdays in his office in the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center in Jefferson City.

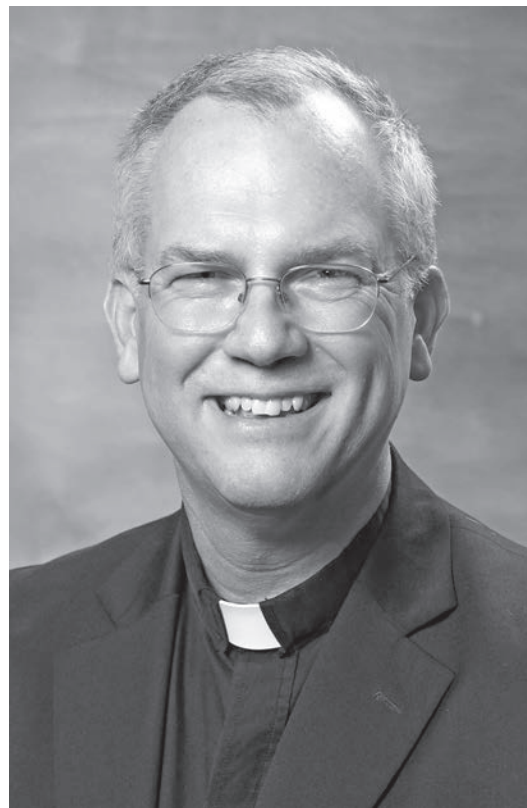
He also occasionally travels to the Chancery for other meetings, participates in the bishop's weekly cabinet meetings through Zoom, and carries out other duties remotely throughout the week.

This does affect his availability in his parish.

"I'm grateful to have staff and parish leadership who are supportive and able to carry on the ministry of the parish with less presence from me," he stated.

It's a challenge, but Fr. Cordes believes in its value for the sake of priests and parishioners throughout the diocese.

"I see it as part of my response of service and obedience," he said. "I also believe it's important to have a priest



Father Christopher Cordes

assigned to serve both the bishop and the priests in this way."

Fr. Cordes grew up in Jefferson City. The St. Peter School and Helias Catholic High School alumnus studied at Truman State University in

Kirkville and Conception Seminary College in Conception before undertaking theology studies at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis.

Ordained to the Priesthood in 1995, he has served as associate pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City and as sacramental minister at St. Michael Parish in Russellville; then as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Shelbina and St. Patrick Parish in Clarence; then as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Montgomery City and sacramental minister of St. Patrick Parish in Jonesburg; then as pastor of Mary Immaculate Parish in Kirkville and the Mis-

sion of St. Rose of Lima in Nowinger.

He has been pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, the largest parish in the diocese, since 2015.



Bishop McKnight's Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 7** Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Board of Directors Meeting, noon, Catholic Charities Center, Jefferson City
- Sep 11** Annual Fall Pilgrimage Mass, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, 2 pm, Starkenburg
- Sep 12** USCCB Committee on Priorities and Plans, noon, Washington, DC
- Sep 13-14** USCCB Administrative Committee Meetings, Washington, DC
- Sep 15-16** Initiative on Restorative Justice and Healing, University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, MN
- Sep 17-18** The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Meeting and Investitures, Omaha, NE
- Sep 20** Council of Deans Meeting, 10 am; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery
- Sep 22-23** Catholic Partnership Summit "Living Synodal Leadership: Our Call to a Unified Church," Washington, DC

Bishop McKnight's September prayer intention for our Local Church

For all who serve in our community as first responders: that God may protect them from all harm, and that we be grateful for the sacrifices they make for the common good.

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Sr. Bernita Wasinger SSND — 70 years in religious life

By Jay Nies

One of Sister Bernita Wasinger's students called her "the different-est sister I've ever known."

That was nearly 70 years ago.

Some things don't change very much.

"I just feel like I'm an instrument, maybe more like a broken pencil. But God is using it to write His message," said Sr. Bernita, who will celebrate her 70th anniversary as a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) on Saturday, Sept. 17, in Loose Creek.

The Mass will be at 4 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Church.

This is Sr. Bernita's seventh year visiting nursing home residents and taking Holy Communion to people who are homebound in the Loose Creek, Linn and Westphalia parishes.

She previously spent many years teaching and leading Catholic schools, before serving as pastoral minister and director of religious education for St. Martin Parish in St. Martins.

"My thing is: dare to choose a life," she said. "Because you'll never know for sure, ever — not in this life, anyway. So you dare, and every day, you work on it."

The ninth of 11 children — seven boys, four girls — born to the late Pete and Susanna

Wasinger, Sr. Bernita spent her early childhood in Victoria, Kansas.

She said her mother was a saint and her father was born to evangelize.

The family moved to a farm near Linn, where young Bernita and her siblings attended St. George School.

"Back then, it was a public school taught by nuns" — specifically, School Sisters of Notre Dame, she recalled.

"They weren't allowed to teach religion after 9 a.m., and that's when our bus got us there," she said.

Most of what she learned about her faith came from her parents at home.

She had two aunts, a cousin and even some teachers in Kansas who were Sisters of St. Agnes.

When she told her dad she was thinking about being a sister, he encouraged her to find a community that allowed her to dress like the people she was being sent to serve.

There was no such religious community at the time, but things would eventually change.

After eighth grade, she asked if she could go to Notre Dame High School that was located in the SSND Motherhouse in St. Louis.

It was a girls' Catholic high school and an aspiranture for young women who were thinking about becoming SSNDs.

"In my mind, it was just a boarding school," Sr. Bernita recalled.

Over the summer after graduation, she decided not to enter the SSND congregation.

"The letter I wrote said I'm not coming," she recalled. "They wrote back, 'Who made that decision, you or God?'"

"I thought to myself, 'I did! And who am I next to God?'"

She and her parents spent the two weeks before entrance day hastily preparing for her to enter the SSND candidature.

Her mother and two of her siblings took her to St. Louis.

"When I got there, I went into a side room and I put on a postulant's dress," she said. "My brother saw me and said, 'Good heavens!' That was the strongest reaction I got."

Know, love and serve

Sr. Bernita majored in philosophy and religion at the former Notre Dame College in St. Louis.

She was given the religious name Sister Thomas Ann — a combination of one of her brother's and her mother's names.

Early on, she felt called to be a hospital chaplain, but her superiors knew that she was a good educator and didn't want to let those skills go to waste.

SSNDs, like all the other religious orders and congregations at that time, wore elaborate habits every day.

She remembers Father Thomas Fox, pastor of the former Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hannibal, visiting the sisters in their convent every Sunday while she was student teaching there.

Everyone but Sr. Bernita was shocked to hear him predict that in 20 years, the only way people would be able to tell which community a sister belonged to would be by her lapel pin.

She professed first vows on Aug. 1, 1952, and final vows exactly six years later — promising God to live a life of poverty, chastity and holy obedience to Him through her religious



Sister Bernita Wasinger SSND

superiors and the SSND constitutions.

She completed a master's degree in education at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, with a heavy emphasis in school administration.

She later completed a certificate in theology through the master's program at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

She spent her first 10 years teaching primary-grade children in Catholic schools. She then moved up to grades 5 through 8.

She took an interactive approach to helping children learn the answers to the questions in the *Baltimore Catechism*, which was the universal resource for grade school religious instruction.

"I would break the questions down for my students," she said. "What does it mean to you that God made you? What does it mean to know Him, love Him and serve Him in this life?"

"We took each question so far apart that they basically had it memorized by the time we were through talking about it," she said.

Families of faith

For 29 years, she taught and was principal at five schools in St. Louis and at Sacred Heart School in Poplar Bluff.

Some regretted when the SSNDs changed over from

habits to regular clothes and simple veils, but Sr. Bernita did not.

"I was happy to let the habit go," she said. "After that, people could see that I was a person like them."

She was also pleased to be able to go back to using her baptismal name.

Sr. Bernita served as associate superintendent of Catholic schools for the Jefferson City diocese from 1985-88.

After taking a one-year sabbatical to study theology at Gonzaga, she started branching out into parish work, first in St. Louis, then in St. Martins, where she spent the next 28 years.

There, as pastoral minister, she directed the parish religious education program for children and teens; prepared high school youth for Confirmation; coordinated the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; instructed altar servers; visited the sick in nursing homes; and took Holy Communion to nursing home residents and people who were too sick to go to church.

With help and support from Father Edwin Schmidt, now deceased, and St. Martin parishioners, she helped start a 50+ Club for people age 50 and over; started an annual Vacation Bible School and saw it triple in size; and helped organize the parish's popular Lenten soup suppers.


She developed a highly interactive series of "learning Centers" for students and their families preparing for Confession and First Holy Communion.

She organized a vocation day for fifth-graders at St. Martin School, a combination of "a lot of crazy games" and some quiet prayer time.

"It takes a lot of energy to teach religion," she noted. "It takes prayers and contemplation. Like art and music, it comes from inside you. If you don't have it, you can't teach it."

She built an intergenerational program for Confirmation preparation, with parents

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Bishop to offer Mass during Fall Pilgrimage to Starkenburg

DATE: September 11
TIME: 10 am - 3 pm

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will offer Mass at this year's Fall Pilgrimage to the historical Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows to be held on Sun-

day, Sept. 11.

It will include Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament beginning at 10 a.m.

The Pilgrims will then carry a replica of the "White Lady," an image of the Blessed Mother that has been at the Shrine since

1852, in a Rosary procession through the Shrine grounds, stopping at each of the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

A traditional German meal will be available for \$12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in nearby Valentine Hall, which is handi-

capped accessible and air-conditioned.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following the meal.

Benediction will take place at 1 p.m.

Bishop McKnight will offer Mass at the outdoor altar at 2 p.m., with priests from neighboring parishes concelebrating.

The blessing of religious articles will take place during the Mass, which will conclude the pilgrimage.

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

The shrine is located 10 miles northwest of Hermann, at 197 Hwy P, Rhineland, MO 65069.

The shrine and Valentine Hall are handicap accessible.

For more information or directions, call Brenda Van Booven at 573-236-4390, or visit historicshrine.com.

Memorial service for National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

DATE: September 10
TIME: 10 am

The St. Andrew Parish

ProLife Committee in Holts Summit and Columbia 40 Days for Life will hold a prayer service for the ninth


annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Saturday, Sept. 10.

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

Father Richard Frank, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese, will offer Mass in church, followed by a memorial service at about 10:45 p.m. at the Memorial to the Unborn Monument in front of the church.

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

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Annual Fall Pilgrimage September 11

with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight

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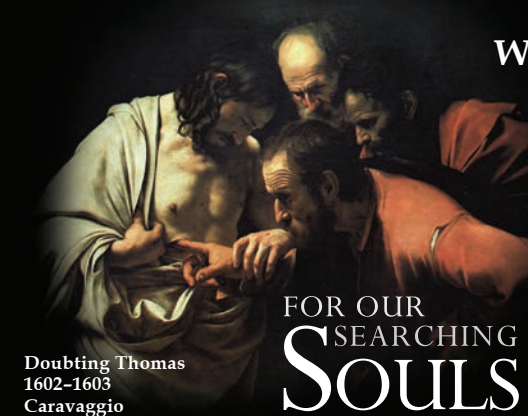
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A brand-new school year for St. Mary School in Glasgow

Families make huge difference

117 students, including 17 in new preschool, start the year off right

By Jay Nies

“We are rooted deep in tradition here.”

Callie Westhues watched 3- and 4-year-olds play together in a bright, open room stocked with toys and reminders of their faith.

It was opening day at St. Mary School and the brand-new St. Mary's Little Saints preschool in Glasgow.

“We are one big family, truly a little home away from home” said Mrs. Westhues, the preschool teacher. “Our goal is to assist parents in raising their children to be the best version of themselves. God made each one of them unique and has a great plan for their lives.”

She and her husband Chad are both St. Mary graduates, as are his and her parents.

“Parental involvement has always been a huge key to student success here at St. Mary School,” Mrs. Westhues stated. “They are the first educators and models of faith.”

The couple's four children, including preschooler Grey, are students at St. Mary.

“I want them to grow up to be the saints God made them to be, to let God be their guiding light,” Mrs. Westhues said. “I want them to know they are loved for who they are.”

Light on a hill

A new year has begun for all 37 Catholic grade schools and three Catholic high schools in this diocese, each ranging from 16 to over 700 students.

Nick and Julie Monnig are St. Mary graduates, and three of their children currently attend St. Mary School.

“We are all working to do our best to strengthen our children's faith in God and help them be who God has called them to be,” said Mrs. Monnig. “We feel like the teachers are part of our ‘team.’”



LEFT: St. Mary School Principal Kent Monnig greets students and parents at the front door on Aug. 18, the first day of school. RIGHT: Children attend their first day at St. Mary School's brand-new Little Saints Preschool.



— Photos by Jay Nies

She said it's important, especially in this time of great division, for children to learn to unify around something.

“At SMS, it's Christ,” she stated. “Our children receive a faith-centered, Catholic education at St. Mary's. Every aspect of their education centers on Christ.”



Fourth-graders at St. Mary School start their first day with morning prayers.

She added that the school provides “a warm, loving environment for our children.”

Visitors are often enchanted with the well maintained, 1912-vintage building, with portions that have been adapted for new uses throughout the years.

Doors, windows, stair rails and wainscoting touched by generations of hands endure, with sunlight through the gothic-arch-shaped windows above the front door illuminating the reminder above the main staircase: “Let your light shine!”

Religious reminders are everywhere. Kindergarteners

touring the school on their first day set about counting images of the Blessed Mother.

“That's 13 and 14,” one of them said while visiting the seventh-grade classroom on the third floor.

Eighth-grader Ava Fuemeler and sixth-grader Lydia Friederich paused to reflect on what the new year will bring.

Ava hopes that by the end of this school year, “I've gotten smarter and I've made a bit stronger bonds with the people in my class.”

Both have been St. Mary School students since kindergarten.

“I like that when I first got here, I made a lot of friends,” Ava stated. “And I now have three or four really close friends.”

Her favorite subjects are spelling, PE and art.

Lydia said she enjoys spelling and handwriting.

Ava said that when her classes get difficult, “I try to concentrate harder on what it's about and study more.”

Lydia said she likes the homey lunches in the cafeteria.

“When you go to school, you want the food to be good because it gets you going during the day,” she said.

Ava added that Carol Morris, the head cook, greets everyone with a smile and a kind word.

All aboard!

Frank and Katy Flaspohler live in Fayette, some 13 miles from Glasgow.

They recently bought a specially-outfitted school bus from the public school district in Omaha, Nebraska, had it painted and are using it to transport students to and from St. Mary School.

The bus seats 12 children and a driver. It has seatbelts and built-in fold-down booster seats with three-point restraints for young children.

“We have nine who are gonna' ride it this year,” said Mr. Flaspohler, who went to St. Mary School, as did his father and his grandfather.

The couple are convinced that a strong Catholic education for their children is well worth the extra effort.

“Our faith has to permeate our lives,” said Mr. Flaspohler. “For children this age, the main part of their life is at school. It's really important for faith to be an active part of that, and getting to spend the day in fellowship with kids who share your faith is valuable while they're growing up.”

Extended family

St. Mary School graduate Kent Monnig has been the principal since 2000 and previously taught sixth grade at the school.

“So, this is Year 35 for me here, total,” he noted.

He said Glasgow is a small but thriving community, and the school is sold mostly by word-of-mouth.

“They come because they had a good experience here and that's what they want for their kids,” he said.

He lauded the fully certified faculty and staff, some of

whom are now teaching the children of some of their former students.

This past winter, parishioners saw a need for a preschool to help satisfy the need for daycare, immerse young children in the daylong practice of their faith, and maybe have them continue at St. Mary School.

“It wasn't like we had money to pull from the parish to do it,” Mr. Monnig noted. “It had to be done with gifts of time, talent and treasure, and it's all paid for.”

He believes St. Mary School will play an important role in helping St. Mary Parish reclaim the spirituality of stewardship, in keeping with the diocesan Pastoral Plan.

“What we do at the school is going to permeate easier and will go up and out,” he said. “Father has to do his work in the pulpit, but I think the school is going to have to be involved with it for families to really buy into it.”

Through the years, Mr. Monnig has witnessed families that have drifted away from the faith be drawn back into active discipleship through the school.

“Just by their kids coming home and talking about it, it triggers something and they come back to the faith,” he said. “They start out thinking, ‘I don't want my kids to get left behind from this,’ and they end up exploring it for themselves and thinking, ‘Yeah, I want this for myself, too.’”

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ST. MARY SCHOOL

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“Little Saints”

Children from Glasgow, New Franklin, Fayette, Salisbury and Slater are the new preschool’s first students.

“We’re serving a wonderful need that has cropped up in the wider community, and the community has responded very well,” said Fr. Joshua Duncan, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Glasgow and Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Fayette.

Planning for the pre-school started last December. Members of the committee researched the cost of creating space for it, along with assessing the ongoing demand and commitment to keeping it going.

The estate of a lifelong parishioner had already paid to build a storage building beside the school about a decade ago.

Families pledged the money needed to renovate the structure into the preschool and connect it to the rest of the building.

“We wanted everything in this preschool to be Catholic,” Fr. Duncan noted. “We have such a phenomenal education here at St. Mary, and we wanted to extend that into one of the most crucial development ages for kids and help their parents teach them about the rich treasures of our faith.”

The main purpose is to help them claim the eternal salvation that Jesus won for them, he said.

Mrs. Westhues said each day will include “a mixture of constructive play, and hands-on learning experiences while learning all about the life of Jesus and the saints.”

Ultimately, we incorporate our faith in all curriculum, helping them become the little saints that God made them to be,” she said.

They will attend Mass with the rest of the school — 3-year-olds on Wednesday and 4-year-olds on Friday — and will sit with the eighth-graders near the front of the church.

“In that way, they’ll be able to see what church behavior looks like,” said Mrs. Westhues. “When our little kiddos see our big kids lead by example, they in turn learn proper church etiquette.”



LEFT: A Prayer table and bulletin board adorn the first floor hallway of St. Mary School in Glasgow. **RIGHT:** Preschoolers and their teacher ascend the stairs in St. Mary School.



— Photos by Jay Nies

Purple fingers

Stephanie Moore, the school’s new music teacher, was getting ready for her first class of children.

“Today, we’re going to learn how to listen to music, love music, sing music and move to music,” she said.

A puppet named Milo the Music Monster would assist.

“Milo only sings,” Mrs. Moore noted. “She’s very shy, but she loves to sing. And if children sing to her, she sings back to them.”

Mrs. Moore said she’s happy to be teaching in a school where her daughter, now a college student, learned to thrive.

“It’s a loving and nurturing, academically strong place,” she said. “I’m thrilled to be here.”

Many of the teachers are St. Mary graduates.

Some originally taught some of their colleagues at the school.

Janet Himmelberg, who teaches seventh grade, taught for 34 years at Keytesville R-III School before stepping down to take care of her mother.

“Later, after she passed away, this position came open and I interviewed for it,” she said. “The people at Keytesville were like a second family to me, but I have found a whole new world here.”

New, yet perennially familiar.

“It’s somewhat different from when I graduated here,

but a lot of it is still the same: the structure, the religion, the uniforms,” she said.

She is convinced that school uniforms are the way to go.

“Every day, they know what they’re going to wear,” she said. “It’s easier for parents and definitely helps them in terms of ‘this is my uniform, this is my structure, this is what I’m supposed to look like, this is how I’m supposed to act.’”

It’s also a symbol of the school.

“Everyone knows that if you wear it, you go to St. Mary’s,” she said. “I think it reflects well on the families and well on the school when people see them in their uniforms after school.”

She marveled at how teaching and learning technologies have evolved since she first started teaching in 1977.

“I remember when you could always recognize a teacher because they had purple fingers from the mimeograph machine,” she stated.

The new technology allowed the students to continue learning at home through the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020.

“It’s such a blessing,” she said. “There’s no way we could have gotten through COVID without it.”

Always new

First-grade teacher Donna Owens has taught one or both of the parents of nine of her 10 current students.

She never stops learning in the hope of making a difference in the lives of others.

“We as teachers have to be open and ready for change, because of how society and the world has changed,” she said. “Your on-the-job training never ends. You have to be willing to change yourself to become better every day.

“Sometimes, you have to stop what you’re doing and just listen to what your students have to say and take in their amazing questions and answer them honestly,” she said.

Having gone to St. Mary School herself, Mrs. Owens considers it an honor and privilege to be teaching there for 36 years.

“We have a wonderful school, full of grace and love, great supportive families and great friendship among the faculty and students,” she said. “How could you not want to be here when we can share our faith and grow and experience the love of Jesus?”

She lauded Fr. Duncan’s and Mr. Monnig’s faith-filled leadership that makes this an awesome place to be.

“Every single day”

The preschool teachers led their students on a scavenger hunt through the entire build-

ing, looking for clues about where to find their friend, Jesus.

The last clue pointed them toward church.

“Bubbles in your mouth and marshmallows on your feet,” Mrs. Westhues reminded them as they approached the soaring edifice overlooking the Missouri River.

In the vestibule, they stood by the ornate font in which many of them had been baptized, and were reminded that Jesus was there and that they could call on Him and ask Him for help whenever they need it.

At an all-school Mass later that week, Fr. Duncan emphasized for the children that their purpose in life is to become the saints that God created them to be and to spend all eternity in heaven with Him.

“We do this by loving God, Who created us, above all things of this world and by letting that love spill over into love for our neighbor — fellow students, teachers, family and all the people we meet,” he said.

“What we do here and now, during this school year, will either help us on our journey to heaven or hurt us,” he stated. “So, we want to do everything we can to love God and our neighbor every single day.”

QUESTION CORNER

Did Jesus feel abandoned? / Prayers during adoration

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



This column originally ran in 2017. Father Doyle is now retired.

Q. When Jesus was dying on the cross, according to the Gospel, He cried out, "My God, why have You abandoned Me?" Why was He saying this? Did He really feel that His Father had abandoned Him? (Coxs Creek, Kentucky)

A. Half a century ago, when I first began to think about the meaning of scriptural verses, the conventional explanation was this: The passage you quote is only the first verse of Psalm 22, a prayer well-known to Jews of Christ's time. That psalm, which begins as a cry of abandonment, actually ends up to be a prayer of hope and praise, a vote of confidence in God's saving love.

Verse 25 of that psalm, for example, reads: "For (God) has not spurned or disdained the misery of this poor wretch, did not turn away from me, but heard me when I cried out."

This explanation was meant to assure the questioner that Jesus, the divine Son of God, could never have felt distanced from His Father.

For me, to be honest, that explanation never rang true. Jesus did not "pretend" to be a human being. He really was one of us, subject to all the vulnerabilities that we ourselves experience.

How could He not have felt isolated, even abandoned by God? In the midst of His excruciating torture, all but one of His friends had fled in fear, their leader had denied even knowing Jesus, and Judas had betrayed Him to His captors.

Fortunately, more than 20 years ago, Scripture scholarship caught up with what our instinct was telling us to be true. In the 1990s, Father Raymond Brown, then the world's most noted Catholic New Testament scholar, argued that Jesus did truly feel abandoned as He hung on the cross.

Fr. Brown pointed to the fact that, while praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before, Jesus had addressed His Father with the Aramaic word "*Abba*," a term of filial intimacy best rendered by our own word "Daddy." But here on the cross, just moments before His death, Jesus now uses the word "*Eloi*," a much more formal term for "Lord," indicating a greater sense of separation.

Personally, I feel much more attracted to this very real human being — and much more confident that He understands us in our own moments of loneliness.

Q. Is it appropriate for people to say prayers out loud during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? I have always cherished this silent time with the Lord, but in the parish I go to, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, people start praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy even before the priest has left the sanctuary. (Lincoln Creek, Oregon)

A. To my knowledge, there is no "rule" that prohibits public prayers during the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. That having been said, the main goal of such a devotion is to foster private prayer and meditation.

On the feast of Corpus Christi in 1967, the Vatican, in an "Instruction on Eucharistic Worship," said that the practice "stimulates the faithful to an awareness of the marvelous presence of Christ and is an invitation to spiritual communion with Him" (No. 60).

The liturgical guidelines of the Diocese of Lansing in Mich-

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Papal Audience August 31, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters:

Today we begin a new series of catecheses dealing with discernment, the process of making sound decisions about the meaning and direction of our lives. In the Gospels, Jesus uses everyday discernment practised by fishermen and merchants to teach the importance of wisely choosing to live a life in accordance with God's will. Authentic discernment calls for knowledge, insight and experience but also the wisdom of the heart, firm commitment and unremitting effort. As an exercise of our God-given freedom, spiritual discernment seeks to know our place in the Creator's plan for ourselves and for our world. For our decisions, good or evil, can make the earth either, as God intends, a magnificent garden or a lifeless desert. True discernment, born of our loving relationship with God and our human freedom, brings with it a deep spiritual joy and fulfilment. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide us in our daily efforts to live lives of holiness, wisdom and fidelity to the saving truth of the Gospel.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims taking part in today's audience, especially those from Malta, Nigeria and the United States of America. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, joy and peace. God bless you all!



Contemplative Prayer Workshop in J.C.

DATE: September 28-29
TIME: 6:30 pm

Father Matthew Flatley, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City, will lead a two-evening Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 28 and 29, in Immaculate Conception Church, 1206 E. McCarty St.

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

The theme will be "Be still and know that I am God," (Psalm 46).

"Is this God's invitation to move your prayer life to a more profound level, to travel more deeply into the Inner Room, of which Christ speaks?" the workshop's organizers stated. "Noise and modern distractions are a constant in our busy lives. At times it seems impossible to escape their intrusion."

"Come and learn the way God leads us beyond the noise, the anxiety, the restlessness of contemporary life ... to an inner stillness and peace."

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Finding common ground on the abortion battlefield

By Greg Erlandson
Catholic News Service



The divide that separates pro-life and pro-choice advocates seems to have gotten deeper and wider since the Supreme Court's stunning reversal of 50 years of precedent and two key

decisions legalizing abortion.

If folks thought that bouncing the issue back to the states would somehow turn down the temperature with regard to this mother of all culture war issues, they quickly have been disabused of that notion.

Nearly every state and federal election will be the battlefield for the abortion debate, now and for the foreseeable future. Both parties see it as to their advantage to harden their positions, egged

on by saturation media coverage.

How voters will react remains to be seen, but appeals for their votes are not subtle. Pro-lifers are painted as sex- and women-hating fanatics, while pro-choicers are described as having a cavalier attitude toward the extinguishing of human life, selfish and ugly to boot.

But amid all this heat, there is a bit of light. There are growing pro-life voices asking for a political reset. Whether appeals — including by the U.S. bishops — for more aid to mothers and children will have bipartisan appeal and provide a bit of common ground remains to be seen.

The U.S. bishops Aug. 1 issued a statement calling on Congress to act on a series of proposals to help moms and families, including an expanded child tax credit that would also help pregnant women, federal paid family leave policy, protection for pregnant workers and assistance for low-income families.

Although some of these proposals have been advocated for years by liberals, conservatives are starting to climb on board. A Republican plan called the Family Security Act 2.0 is proposing a monthly cash benefit for children, starting four months prior to birth. While how it would be funded and who qualifies is likely to be debated, it is another hopeful sign.

Finding common ground isn't a slam dunk. *The New York Times* July 28 reported that the states with the strictest anti-abortion laws often give the least aid to pregnant women and children and have higher maternal and infant mortality rates.

On the other hand, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a strong advocate of legal abortion, recently vetoed \$20 million in funding to support adoption programs, pregnancy resource centers and grants to help struggling mothers.

Charles Camosy, a pro-life theolo-

gian who has long argued for finding ways to break out of the pro-anti impasse on abortion, is now calling for Pro-life 3.0 — a movement seeking common ground in support of pregnant women and families.

The very pregnancy resource centers that Gov. Whitmer is so unwilling to support — and which are vilified by pro-abortion groups like Jane's Revenge — in fact, Camosy argues, provide an example of how women can be given more support, not less.

Despite what op-ed writers might believe, both pro-life and pro-choice women and men share a common concern for women. For the most part, both sides would agree that women should not be prosecuted for attempting an abortion. Both sides are concerned for maternal health and well-being. This shared concern may lead to legislation

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Climate change heroes

By Effie Caldarola
Catholic News Service



It's been described as a slow-motion emergency, this relentless advance of catastrophic climate change.

But in the midst of this oppressive and sweltering summer of heat, I found some climate heroes.

I grew up on a Midwestern farm, and I was familiar with heat. We had no air conditioning in those days, not even noisy window units. I would lie in my bedroom and yearn for some kind of cross-draft that might ameliorate the relentless summer temperatures.

Little would I have guessed then, as a kid, that the world would heat up in my lifetime, not just on the humid prairies, but in every part of the globe. I am one of a minority in the world who has the luxury of air conditioning. I feel guilty about this sometimes, and I try to use it moderately. As it cools me, I know it contributes to the problem.

Millions on earth do not have what so many of us do, and heat-related deaths are rising. Crops are threatened by scorching heat and blistering drought. Livelihoods are impacted, and climate refugees clog the roadways used by those escaping political violence and war. If it's a "slow-motion" emergency, it is nonetheless an emergency right now.

I'm terrified for my grandchildren. But who's paying attention? Do our political and religious leaders care?

Well, some young congressional

staffers care, and they did something heroic in July. With recess approaching in August, it appeared climate legislation proposed by the Biden administration was doomed. This legislation was called a "last chance" effort.

A large group of staffers launched a sit-in in the office of Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer. Of course, Schumer was pushing the legislation, but it wasn't going well. Congressional staffers thought he could push a lot harder. They felt that no one had the sense of urgency that was necessary for these catastrophic times.

Congressional staffers are usually young, often poorly paid and serve at the pleasure of their congressperson. They do their bidding, represent their employer and don't make waves. They are in Washington not to make policy but to support the policymakers.

A sit-in was unprecedented. When asked to leave Schumer's office, many of them did, but some of them were arrested for sticking around. My heroes, all.

Pope Francis, also a hero, has been a prophetic voice in this battle. His encyclical, "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home," sounded a clarion call that urged us to understand we are all connected to each other and to our struggling environment.

Before Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus-Benedict XVI decided that the Vatican would go solar. Today, the Vatican is committed to an investment policy that discourages oil and mining industries and invests in companies working to protect the environment and promoting clean

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REFLECTION

Following his dreams

By Mark Saucier

There is an old story in the Jewish Hasidic tradition of the Rabbi Eizik, son of Yekel.

He was a poor rabbi who lived in Cracow.

One night, Rabbi Eizik had a dream. In this dream, he was led to a certain bridge in Prague, under which was buried a treasure.

At first, he was amused. When the dream reappeared, the rabbi became curious. When he dreamt it a third time, he scrounged what little money he could and headed for Prague.

When he arrived in the city, he found the bridge in his dream. To his dismay, though, guards were posted under the bridge.

Rabbi Eizik knew he would never get past the guards, but he went to the bridge every day and thought about the treasure beyond his reach.

One day, the captain of the guard approached him.

"What are you doing here?" he asked. "I see you here all the time, staring under the bridge. Is something wrong?"

The rabbi, feeling the treasure was hopelessly lost, decided to tell the man the truth.

He related to the captain his recurring dream and his journey from Cracow to Prague to find its treasure.

"You stupid little man," the captain berated, "walking all those miles, thinking you would find the treasure in your dream."

"I can tell you about those crazy dreams," he continued.

"I had one like yours. My dream revealed a treasure buried under a stove in a room in Cracow. The dream even told me that the room belonged to a Jewish man named Eizik who was the son of a man named Yekel.

"I was tempted to go, but then I realized that half of the men in Cracow are named Eizik and the other half are called Yekel.

"Even if there was a treasure," the captain laughed, "I would never find this Eizik, son of that Yekel."

Rabbi Eizik bowed humbly to the guard, turned around and went home. Back in his room, he moved the stove, dug deep in the floor and found the treasure, which he used to build a House of Prayer.

In Martin Buber's *The Book of Man*, a rabbi explains this story: "There is something you cannot find anywhere in the world, not even at the zaddik's (Hasidic spiritual leader's), and there is, nevertheless, a place where you can find it."

Jesus put it more succinctly: "The kingdom of God is within you."

But you still have to dig.

Helias Catholic H.S. hosts visiting students from Spain, Italy

By Anna Campbell

Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City has a few new faces, as the community has hosted visiting students from Spain and Italy.

Thirteen visiting students hail from Navalmoral de la Mata, Spain, and are members of Whitney English Academy, an after-school enrichment program operated by a Helias Catholic alumna, Whitney Griffin.

They are also joined by one student from Italy.

The academy is now in its fifth year.

"I never thought I would live in Spain," Ms. Griffin said.

"I think even my Spanish teachers here would have probably thought I would have been the last person working in a different country, especially with Spanish," she added. "... A lot of people told me growing up that I would be a really good teacher, but I never really wanted to be a teacher. But ultimately that's what happened."

This is the second time students from the academy have visited the United States, and Ms. Griffin said she hopes it can become an every-other-year occurrence and possibly become an exchange program with students from Helias



TOP LEFT: Frances Grellner, right, and Ana Blanco react to a comment Aug. 24 as they joined other students visiting from Spain and their host family for an interview at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. Blanco, a visiting student from Spain, stayed with the Grellner host family. **TOP RIGHT:** Matteo Chignoli, left, talks about spending a week at Helias Catholic High School and visiting Missouri during an interview Aug. 24 in the library at Helias Catholic. Chignoli is from Italy and attends the Whitney English Academy in Spain but was in Missouri for about two weeks to sample American culture. **RIGHT:** When asked what one of her favorite new foods in America is, Adriano Lozano, right, replied "Pop Tarts," which drew laughter from her new friends at the table. Lozano has really become a fan of the sweet breakfast pastry. Lozano was staying with host sisters Kearra, middle left, and Cora Steinlage, at left, while attending Helias Catholic High School for seven days.

— Photos by Julie Smith, courtesy of the *Jefferson City News-Tribune*



Catholic.

During their time here, students have been visiting parts of Jefferson City, including the State Capitol, attending classes at Helias Catholic, visiting the Lake of the Ozarks, spending time with their host families and doing normal day-to-day activities.

Matteo Chignoli, the lone Italian student, said his favorite thing so far has been spending time at the school.

Alvaro Martinez said he has loved feeling like a part of the school and like one of the family in his host home.

Alvaro's host mom, Lacy Ralston, agrees that Alvaro has

fit right in.

"I have three young boys, and they've enjoyed having a big brother," Mrs. Ralston said.

The boys have taught Alvaro how to throw an American football and play wiffle ball, and Alvaro has taught them a little Spanish and some soccer skills.

Ana Blanco said she liked spending time on the Lake, and host sibling Frances Grellner said she's been enjoying learning about the visiting students' culture.

There have been a number of surprises for the students, as well.

Adriana Lozano said the

Visiting Auschwitz, cardinal prays for grandmother who died there

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

When Canadian Cardinal Michael Czerny visited Auschwitz to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Edith Stein, he also prayed for his grandmother who died there — a Catholic whose parents were born Jewish.

"My mother's family — both parents and two brothers — were also Catholic but shared the Jewish origins that the enemy abhorred," he said in his homily Aug. 9. "My maternal grandmother Anna, my grandfather Hans and my uncles Georg and Karl Robert were all interned in Terezín (a concentration camp near Prague

in the Czech Republic), where Hans died. My grandmother and uncles were transported to Auschwitz," said the cardinal, who is prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

His uncles were later sent to labor camps elsewhere "and eventually murdered there" while his grandmother, Anna, died somewhere at Auschwitz from typhus in May 1945, after the camp had already been liberated and a few months before World War II ended.

"I still do not know where she was buried," he said at a Mass he celebrated Aug. 9 at a Carmelite convent nearby.

schedule came as a shock. She is used to waking up around noon and eating lunch around 3 p.m. and supper around 10 p.m. — a typical Spanish meal schedule.

Sometimes, when she overslept, her host mom came into the room and sang a song to wake her up.

She must have a good voice, said teacher Cortes Gonzalez: "It hasn't rained that much. We say in Spain that when someone sings (badly) it rains."

Ana said she was surprised to find that nearly every building here is air-conditioned.

"The (drinking) water is really cold, and people still put ice in it," she said with a laugh.

Another thing that surprised Adriana was Americans' use of taxidermy to decorate their walls. Host sibling Cora Steinlage recounted what she said when she first saw deer heads on the walls: "She walked in the house, and she was like, 'How do you sleep at night?'"

The cuisine has been a journey of discovery as well. Matteo said American food is not to his taste, since it is based around fast food and isn't very

healthy.

"I love fast food, so it's not a problem," Alvaro said, particularly Culver's and Chick-Fil-A.

Adriana enjoyed soft pretzels and strawberry Pop Tarts, and Ana loved Goldfish crackers so much that she wanted to take some back with her.

And while the students had plenty of different ideas about the flavors of Pop Tarts they liked best and the activities that have been the most fun, there were a few things they agreed on.

The American students said they wanted to visit Spain in the future, and the visiting students from Spain and Italy said they wished they could stay longer.

The students arrived Aug. 13 and left Aug. 31.

They planned to spend a few days in New York after leaving Jefferson City.

Ms. Campbell is a reporter for the Jefferson City News-Tribune (newtribune.com). A version of this article was published Aug. 25 in the News-Tribune and is republished here with permission.

Catholic Charities increases footprint with new office location in Columbia

By Ashley Wiskirchen

Columbia

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) has relocated their Columbia offices from 916 Bernadette Drive to 1240 E. Brown School Road and was scheduled to reopen to the public on Sept. 1.

The move increases the footprint of Catholic Charities in Columbia, more than doubling the number of offices for staff, adding meeting rooms and gathering spaces that welcome clients and honor their needs for a variety of services.

"As the local resettlement agency for central and northern Missouri, Catholic Charities has grown rapidly in recent months to provide services for families and individuals arriving from Afghanistan, Ukraine

and other nations," stated Ken Palermo, CCCNMO's director of refugee services."

As the agency's services have grown, so has the need for a more welcoming place that can comfortably accommodate the agency's clients.

"We're very blessed to have the opportunity for a larger office setting that reflects our desire to serve each of our clients with the dignity and care they need as they rebuild their lives in mid-Missouri," Mr. Palermo stated.

The move north also opens the door for Catholic Charities to expand wrap-around services in Boone County, by adding office space for staff in additional programs, including Family Immigration Services, Community Services

and visiting staff who travel back and forth from Jefferson City to Columbia frequently.

Catholic Charities will host a "Holiday Open

MO director of programs and services.

"The increased office space allots more room for our programs and allows us to interact with clients in

hope for those we encounter," she said.

CCCNMO, an entity of the Diocese of Jefferson City, responds to the needs of people in the 38 counties the make up the diocese, regardless of faith, culture, or situation.

This includes services in mental health, food security, health and nutrition education, disaster preparation and response, family reunification through immigration legal services, and resettlement of refugee as the local resettlement agency of mid-Missouri.

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Mrs. Wiskirchen is director of communications for CCCNMO.

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House" event in December 2022 to welcome community partners and stakeholders into the new office space, with details and invitations to follow later this fall.

"The Brown School Road office will support our agency's mission to serve all regardless of faith, culture, or situation," said Alissa Marlow, CCCN-

private meeting rooms," she said.

"We are really looking forward to using our larger conference room for trainings and in-services that will build up our agency's capacity to serve," Mrs. Marlow continued.

"Because at the end of the day, that's what this is all about — providing care and creating

Pope creates 20 new cardinals, including San Diego bishop

By Junno Arocho Esteves

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

In a ceremony to create 20 new cardinals, Pope Francis encouraged the College of Cardinals to have the same spiritual zeal for all people, whether they are in positions of power or ordinary Christians.

"A cardinal loves the Church, always with that same spiritual fire, whether dealing with great questions or handling everyday problems, with the powerful of this world or those ordinary people who are great in God's eyes," the pope said Aug. 20 during the consistory, a prayer service during which he personally welcomed 20 Churchmen into the College of Cardinals.

Those who have this apostolic zeal are compelled "by the fire of the Spirit to be concerned, courageously, with things great and small," he said.

During the ceremony, each of the new cardinals, including Cardinal Robert W. McElroy of San Diego, California, professed their faith by reciting the Creed and formally swore fidelity and obedience to the pope and his successors.

They then approached Pope Francis, one by one, to receive their biretta, their cardinal's

ring and the assignment of a "titular" Church in Rome, which makes them part of the Roman clergy.

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on Jesus' words to His disciples, in which He declared, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled."

Focusing on the image of fire, Pope Francis said that the "flame of the spirit of God" represents His love "that purifies, regenerates and transfigures all things." It also evokes the charcoal fire made by the Risen Christ for His disciples along the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

"That charcoal fire is quiet and gentle, yet it lasts longer and is used for cooking. There on the shore of the sea, it creates a familiar setting where the disciples, amazed and moved, savor their closeness to their Lord," he said.

Jesus' words, he continued, are also emblematic of the "fiery mission" entrusted to the newly created cardinals.

For those "who in the Church have been chosen from among the people for a ministry of particular service, it is as

if Jesus is handing us a lighted torch and telling us: 'Take this; as the Father has sent Me, so I now send you,'" the pope said.

The fire of God's divine love

in secular environments, yet still are true Christian witnesses who keep the flame of God's love alive through their lives and actions.

The pope also recalled the example of Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, a full-time Vat-

ican diplomat for decades who served as Vatican secretary of state from 1979 to 1990.

Despite his responsibilities, the pope said the late cardinal would find time to visit young inmates at a juvenile prison in Rome.

Concluding his homily,

Pope Francis called on Christians to contemplate on "the secret of the fire of God, which descends from heaven, brightening the sky from one end to the other, and slowly cooking the food of poor families, migrant and homeless persons."

"Today too, Jesus wants to bring this fire to the earth. He wants to light it anew on the shores of our daily lives. Jesus calls us by name; He looks us in the eye and He asks: 'Can I count on you?'" the pope said.

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is what also inspires countless missionaries who "have come to know the exhausting yet sweet joy of evangelizing, and whose lives themselves became a gospel, for they were before all else witnesses."

Recalling the life of St. Charles de Foucauld, the pope praised those Christians, both consecrated and lay, who live

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Second Tuesday Masses will be celebrated on Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8 in the chapel of the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg (*historic shrine.com*)

Confession will be available at 11 a.m., and the Rosary will be prayed at 11:40 a.m. Mass will begin at noon.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to people who are infirm or elderly.

A light lunch will be served in nearby Valentine Hall immediately after the Mass.

For large groups, please contact the rectory at 573-236-4390 so enough food can be prepared.

The Shrine is located 10 miles northwest of Hermann, at 197 Hwy P in Rhineland.

Sept. 15 meeting in Villa Ridge for Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage

Father Timothy Foy will host an informational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15, for people considering the five-day, 45-mile walking pilgrimage on the Katy Trail in honor of the Blessed Mother.

The meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. in the St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus Church Rectory, 5567 Gildehaus Road in Villa Ridge.

Pilgrimage participants will walk along the scenic Katy Trail while engaging in meaningful fellowship and prayer.

Highlights will include daily Mass, Adoration, prayer and

fellowship; overnight accommodations and transportation provided, as well as reasonably-priced dinner arrangements.

Catholic or non-Catholic

participants of all ages are welcome.

Visit *KatyTrailPilgrimage.com* for information, or email *Pilgrimage77@gmail.com*.

Sedalia prayer service in memory of those who died in abortions

The Sedalia chapter of Missouri Right to Life will hold a prayer service for the ninth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

on Saturday, Sept. 10.

It will be at 11 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel, 421 W. Third St. in Sedalia.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

This ecumenical service will include local pastors and community leaders. A funeral procession to the Innocents Memorial in Crown Hill/Calvary Cemetery will follow the service at Sacred Heart, and the prayers will continue.

For information, contact Bonnie Diefendorf at 660-620-4773 or *bdiefsbs@yahoo.com*.

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(Front row, at table) Teresa Kuss, Carol Fay, Puri Wilson, Judith Bock, Mary Catherine Heimburger, Leticia Pulley, Mary Ann Puglis, (first row standing) Father Christopher Cortes, Ellie Saitta, Meg Brown, Joanne Slama, Margaret Gladbach, Carol Nierling, Jean Wolinski, Warren Zahler, Valerie Gohring, Georgia Andersen, (back row standing) Tom Vranicar, Mike Maag and Stan Wolinski, who are the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, gather for a membership formation session called Ozanam Orientation on July 8 and 9. The Ozanam Orientation is a foundational program for all Vincentians covering the spirituality, purpose, history, approach, and structure of the Society. Vincentians are expected to go through this orientation when they are new to the society and should repeat it every couple of years. In addition to Mass and introductions, participants learned about the history of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the local conference, the gift of Vincentian spirituality, the organizational structure of the conference, the structure of the organization, understanding poverty, home visitation, use of case-management software, how the Columbia conference serves the poor, and how the work at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen is accomplished. The Our Lady of Lourdes SVdP Conference is planning to host a one-day Ozanam Orientation session in the fall so other SVdP conferences in the diocese may attend. Interested conferences or individuals should contact Carol Nierling at ca.nierling@gmail.com for information.

J.C. Room at the Inn orientation, Sept. 13 at Catholic Charities

The Jefferson City Homelessness Task Force will hold a volunteer training event for Jefferson City Room at the Inn (JCRATI) from 6 to

8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Community Room of Catholic Charities, 1015 Edmonds St. in Jefferson City. JCRATI is an emergency,

low-barrier, winter, overnight shelter providing a warm, safe place to sleep when no other options are available.

This shelter is fully volunteer-staffed and lots of help is needed with a variety of roles available. Plans are under way to recruit and train volunteers so the shelter can open on Jan. 1, 2023.

Participants at the training event will have the opportunity to get a copy of the host handbook, learn about the different shifts, do a walk-thru of the shelter, see role-plays of scenarios, sign up as an individual or with a group, meet other volunteers and ask questions.

Search "JCRATI volunteer training" on Facebook to sign up for the training or for information.

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Online survey by Sept. 5



Parishioners and others who are affiliated with a Catholic parish in this diocese are encouraged to take a short online survey before midnight on Monday, Sept. 5.

The multiple-choice survey asks nine simple questions about progress parishes are making on carrying-out their pastoral plans.

Scan this QR code or visit facebook.com/diojeffcity to find the link to the survey. Results will be provided to each pastor and the chairman of each parish's pastoral council.

People who are not registered in a parish but are affiliated with a parish in some manner, such as having a child who attends a Catholic school in the diocese, are welcome to complete the survey.

If you'd like more information, your pastor, parish staff or parish pastoral council members can help.

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STEWARDSHIP

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“It provided good reminders of why stewardship works and how it builds us up spiritually as individuals and as a community,” said Mrs. Coulson. “I also left with a renewed focus on the pillar of hospitality.”

“It’s a journey”

Mrs. Hackman said her No. 1 takeaway from the conference was to stay focused on Jesus — not on time, talent, treasure or the number of volunteers.

She found helpful guidance in discussions about how to engage more people in the faith, especially younger adults.

“We talked about ways a family practices stewardship and getting children involved early on,” she said.

Topics included ways to encourage young parents to attend Mass and other activities, offering Sunday school, and organizing “parents’ night out” events.

She found the speakers to be helpful and hopeful.

“Bishop (James R.) Golka (of Colorado Springs, Colorado) was so down-to-earth in his examples, and Father (Joel) Sember (from the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin) talked about the pitfalls and successes of his journey in a way that was so authentic, one could believe it could happen here,” she said.

Mrs. Hackman noticed recurring messages that stewardship is a lifelong process, and that giving to God what is His is important.

“Every person has the same amount of time — 168 hours per week,” she noted. “God asks for one of them.”

She noted that pastors lead the way toward stewardship in their parishes but don’t have to do all of the heavy lifting.

“Developing lay leaders and trusting your councils not only relieves some of the burden for the pastor but also develops leaders for the future when perhaps another pastor takes his place,” she said.

Other points she brought home are that a parish can never have enough hospitality, that sacraments are key moments for connecting parishioners with the community, and that



Ten representatives of parishes in the Jefferson City diocese join Catholics from 15 states in learning about the stewardship way of life on Aug. 10-11 during the Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference in Wichita, Kansas.

— Photo from the Stewardship for the Diocese of Jefferson City Facebook page

newly-initiated Catholics are “on fire” and can help energize others.

She recognizes that parishes can no longer rely on the same people participating in ministries and the sacraments.

“Parishioners are aging out,” she noted. “We must engage younger generations by listening to their needs and ideas, not by trying to fit them into the ‘old’ ways, but finding new ways of energizing our parishes to continue celebrating our faith.”

Mrs. Hackman suggested keeping a long view.

“Don’t get frustrated with naysayers or a lack of progress,” she said. “It’s a journey that we take one step at a time.”

The narrow road

Mrs. Coulson emphasized that stewardship isn’t some program that must be followed or something that must be done because the bishop wants it to be done.

“It’s really about helping us be better disciples than we were yesterday and being aware of ways we can grow into the saints God calls us to be,” she said.

She noted that humans tend to want to create something in order to “do it better.”

“But what our diocese is doing with the stewardship renewal process is what comes from Christ’s instruction in Sacred Scripture, and if followed doesn’t need to be improved upon,” she said.

Jesus couldn’t have made

Himself any clearer.

“It is by gratefully recognizing those gifts of talent, time and treasure given to each of us by God, and then sharing those gifts in love of God and neighbor, that we fulfill what Christ challenges us to do in leading a life as a disciple,” she stated.

She said attending the conference in Wichita gave her a chance “to see all of this from a different perspective, appreciate where we currently are in the stewardship renewal process, and reflect on what we need to continue working toward.”

The first thing she sees Jesus asking for is a change of heart.

“Open up the Bible and listen to what He challenges us to do as we learn about our faith, as we pray and as we sacrificially give in our lives,” Mrs. Coulson stated.

“Jesus gave us what it takes to enter the Kingdom of Heaven,” she said. “To follow Him is not easy in our secular world, but by truly putting the spirituality of stewardship into practice, you are following Christ and will grow closer to God as well as growing to be more joyful in what gifts you receive in the process.”

The effects can be dramatic.

“Even if everyone increased just a small amount in each area of prayer, participation and sacrificial giving, a great amount of good can be accomplished within a parish and all the ministries it provides, including our schools,” said Mrs. Coulson.

“It can happen when a spiritual growth occurs and we live out our lives in such a way that shows God how much we love Him,” she said.

“Holy Moments”

Mrs. Hackman’s husband, Bob Hackman, chairman of the St. Martin Parish Finance Council in St. Martins, also attended the conference.

“God gave us blessings and talents,” he noted. “It’s up to each of us to use them and give them back to God.”

He said his No. 1 takeaway was that everyone has talents and will get involved if they feel welcomed and included.

“People will pray when they are included with people of faith,” he said.

Mr. Hackman found talking to Catholics from all over the United States about their experiences with stewardship to be very helpful.

“Most parishes have the same issues where a few people have appointed themselves to run the ministries with their same friends,” he noted. “It’s difficult for a person wanting to participate to feel included and welcomed. In many cases, they have a bad experience and won’t come back.”

He relayed that pastors lead by following the stewardship way of life.

“The pastor makes the ultimate decisions but should delegate, listen and let the people carry-out their assigned ministries,” he said.

He reiterated that drawing

entire parishes into a stewardship mindset begins with hospitality.

“Start by smiling and greeting people in the parish and beyond,” he said. “Make an effort to welcome people, whether they’re new parishioners or they’ve been in the parish for years. Introduce yourself.”

Other lessons flowed organically from the talks and informal discussions, Mr. Hackman recalled, such as: “Be inviting and inclusive. Let people have a choice in how they use their talents God gave them instead of telling them what to do.

“The paid staff should do their assigned work and allow others to give back by working in their ministries,” he said, adding that ministries can include praying, as well.

“The author Matthew Kelly writes about Christians collaborating with God to make ‘Holy Moments,’” Mr. Hackman noted. “These Holy Moments can be minutes, hours or days and will show others that they, too, can have Holy Moments.”

The right mindset

Mrs. Coulson observed that many people want to focus on the money aspect of stewardship because it’s tangible and easy to track and talk about.

“But stewardship includes so much more, and focusing on the four pillars and being specific in how they are lived out in parishes may bring a better understanding,” she said.

Mr. Hackman noted that when most people hear the words “stewardship” and “tithe,” money is the first thing that comes to mind.

“But if we really focus on helping people become disciples of Christ and getting involved in the stewardship way of life, the tithe will come,” he said.

“If someone is involved in supporting any charity or organization, they will donate their treasures naturally,” Mr. Hackman stated. “Likewise, if people pray, get involved in the parish, and feel welcomed in doing so, they will tithe.”

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CONFERENCE

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Catholic hospitality

Mrs. Coulson said attending the conference and staying at the Wichita diocese's Spiritual Life Center was a good experience, as it required her to step away from the tasks of her busy life.

"It gave me an opportunity to listen and reflect and pray," she said. "By doing so, I considered in what ways I personally needed to change and evolve so I am living as God wants."

She returned to work at St. Brendan School with a challenge to the faculty and staff to put even more energy into the pillar of hospitality by building relationships with parishioners and with parents who have children in the school.

"In that way, we can invite greater participation and prayer among families," she said. "We also work to help students grow with an internal understanding of living as a disciple through prayer, formation, service and hospitality."

The conference speakers reinforced for her that hospitality is the starting point.

"Hospitality begins with noticing, followed by acknowledging and then inviting," she noted. "If we enter into every moment of our parish life with the intent of providing hospitality to all those we meet, our Church will grow in substantial ways."

Stewards united

Father Stephen Jones, diocesan director of steward-

ship, encourages clergy and lay representatives of parishes throughout this diocese to attend the next Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference in Wichita in March 2023.

He said the conference helped people from this diocese see that stewardship isn't a "Diocese of Wichita thing" or a "Diocese of Jefferson City thing."

"It's a Catholic thing! And it's being practiced by parishes all over the country and all over the world," he said.

Diocesan Associate Stewardship Director Patricia Lutz said learning about stewardship from diverse perspectives gave people a clearer understanding of the transformation that's under way here.

"More importantly, they saw where we are really on the cutting edge of stewardship, because we're doing this as a diocese," she said. "Most of the other people there were representing parishes, rather than whole dioceses."

Mrs. Lutz pointed out that the purpose for promoting stewardship is to help people get to heaven, "because that's the mission of the Church."

Toward that end, "stewardship is how we'll be able to serve our parishes and provide them with the hospitality, the prayer, the formation and the service that they desire," she said.

"If everyone is living as an active steward, they're going to grow in their faith and they're going to give sacrificially, and that's going to help our Church grow in faith and

in communion," Mrs. Lutz stated.

It will also help every member of every parish in the diocese understand that he or she is part of one united Church.

"It isn't about individual parishes," she said. "We are all one Church family, and we should be there to help each other."

She emphasized how deeply the Catholic understanding of stewardship is rooted in the Eucharist.

"Eucharist' means 'thanksgiving,'" she noted. "We are giving thanks to God for all the many gifts that He gives to us, and in doing so, we give those gifts back to him."

Such gratitude is the foundation of discipleship.

"This is about helping people hold themselves accountable and realize that all we have and all we are is because of God," said Mrs. Lutz.

"Stewardship is discipleship," she pointed out. "We are all called to be disciples and to followers of Christ."

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Msgr. McGread shared message of stewardship in this diocese

By Jay Nies

Wisdom from the father of Catholic stewardship in the United States echoes down through the decades.

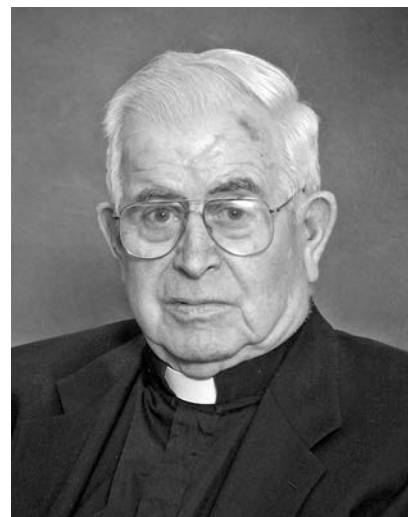
Monsignor Thomas McGread (1928-2013), from whom the Msgr. McGread Stewardship Conference takes its name, visited the Jefferson City diocese in 2004 and gave the keynote address during a diocesan stewardship retreat in Columbia.

In that presentation, he observed that much of the Bible focuses on the multitude of God's gifts. He noted that "God gives" appears 161 times in the Book of Leviticus, and that in Scripture, Jesus talks more about stewardship than He does about salvation.

Msgr. McGread was a nationally-recognized pioneer in the field of promoting Catholic stewardship.

He served for 31 years as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Wichita, Kansas — Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's home parish.

At the 2004 retreat, he stated repeatedly



Msgr. Thomas McGread (1928-2013)

that Catholic stewardship is a decision and a lifestyle, born out of gratitude to God Who is the source of everything.

"We're born with nothing, we leave with nothing," he said. "We're never owners. We're just stewards of God's gifts to us."

He told the people of this diocese that Christ made the ultimate sacrifice, and that He continues to give of Himself fully in the Eucharist.

"He does so because He loves us," said Msgr. McGread. "And all He de-

mands of us is our love in return. And we show that love by realizing that all the gifts that we have all come from God."

He said that in his experience, once a person adopts the spiritual way of life — one that focuses on gratitude for and stewardship of all of God's gifts — for a year, "they're on it forever."

"Everything must be for God," he emphasized. "We don't do it for the parish; we don't do it for the pastor; we do it for God, out of thanksgiving for what God has done for us."

Pope advances sainthood causes, including priest killed in Ukraine

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Pope Francis recognized the martyrdom of Hungarian Father Péter Oros, who was killed at the height of the Cold War by Soviets in Ukraine.

During a meeting Aug. 5 with Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, the pope also signed decrees advancing the sainthood causes of four other men and one woman.

According to the dicastery's website, Fr. Oros was born in Biri, present-day Hungary, in 1917 and was ordained a priest for the Ruthenian Eparchy of Mukachevo in 1942.

Some records indicate a Byzantine bishop born in the same year with a similar name. Although the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints states Fr. Oros was

an Eastern-rite Catholic priest, it was not unusual at the time for an auxiliary bishop to be named clandestinely.

After the annexation of the Transcarpathian territory in present-day Ukraine, the suppression of Eastern Catholic churches forced Fr. Oros into hiding. After a warrant for his arrest was issued in 1953, he was shot and killed by a police officer at a train station in Siltse, Ukraine, while attempting to flee.

The other decrees approved by Pope Francis recognized:

- The heroic virtues of Father Jesús Antonio Gómez Gómez, a Colombian priest born in 1895 who died in 1971.

- The heroic virtues of Capuchin Father Umile da Genova, founder of Sorriso Franciscano, a charitable foundation for young

people in need, and the Little Handmaids of the Child Jesus. He was born in 1898 and died in 1969.

- The heroic virtues of Spanish Father Juan Sánchez Hernández, founder of the Secular Institute of the Servants of Christ the Priest. He was born in 1902 and died in 1975.

- The heroic virtues of Redemptorist Father Vittorio Coelho de Almeida, a Brazilian priest who was born in 1899 and died in 1987.

- The heroic virtues of Ursuline Sister Maria Celina Kannanaikal, who was born in Kundannoor, India, in 1931 and died in 1957.

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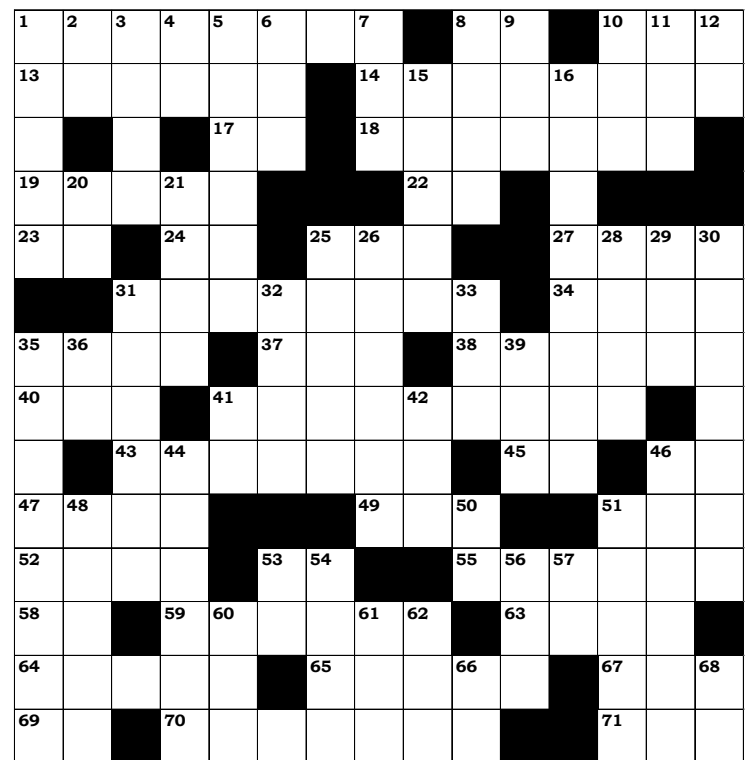
1. Oak trees are ____ in the forests of Missouri.
8. The Bill Clinton Presidential Library is in this State (abbr.).
10. I wouldn't do that for all the ____ in China!
13. As the sheriff approached the car, it suddenly peeled out, did ____ in the parking lot, and sped away (2 wds.).
14. Buying and selling stocks online.
17. Letters after a physician's name.
18. "(God) brings you His all, while you can only bring Him your ____," —*The God Who Comes*, Carlo Carretto.
19. After the accidental death of his 4-year-old son, legendary guitarist Eric Clapton underwent a first, then second ____ to finally rise from his 2-decade alcohol/heroin addictions.
22. Abbr. for rupees, the money of India.
23. 52 wks. make a ____.
24. Prefix for bar or tail.
25. Football scores.
27. Scrape.
31. Oaks account for the highest lumber production of any ____ tree.
34. Letters for the process for coming into the Church.
35. Blunder.
37. Letters for earned income (tax) credit.
38. This inning had ____ and one error (2 wds.).
40. Spherical body.

41. Oak's superiority in ship-building between the 1500s to mid-1800s ____ oak forests globally.
43. Besides floors, oak is used extensively in bourbon/whiskey _____. As the oak interacts with the alcohol it gives each type of whiskey its unique flavor.
45. Thanks, in Britain.
46. Little Rhody State (abbr.).
47. Fashion magazine.
49. Short for Europe.
51. In ____ is the Belgian-based company that took over Anheuser-Busch in 2008. In a hostile takeover of the 5-generation family company, it paid out \$52 billion. It is now the world's largest brewer.
52. We got tickets for the second ____ along the third base line.
53. ____ (Allen Percival) Green founded his fire brick factory in Mexico, Mo. in 1910, providing 500 jobs. His products played an essential role in winning two World Wars and the massive rebuilding afterwards.
55. There are 600 oak species across the world; 21 of these are ____ to Mo.
58. According to Mo. statute, a property owner can post his property against trespassing by putting splotches of purple paint ____ trees or posts around the area.
59. "I, John, found myself on the ____ called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus," (Revelations 1:9).
63. ____ Ruth is considered by most as the best baseball player of all time.
64. River embankment built to prevent floods.
65. "The Missouri," by Lee Andrew Weber; "Spring on the Missouri," by Peter Makuck; "Waiting Room in Missouri," by Judith Root; they are all ____ written about Missouri

- State and/or River.
67. Short for a popular breed of dog.
69. 34th book of the Bible (abbr.).
70. "...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and ____ and to the ends of the earth," (Acts 1:8).
71. Old Testament priest who raised Samuel, a future prophet, in the temple at Shiloh (1 Samuel 1-3).

DOWN

1. Central ____ Ice Cream Parlor in Jeff. City is a popular spot for both locals and visitors.
2. Short for overdose.
3. Oaks host over 900 butterfly and ____ species, which draws and sustains many varieties of birds.
4. The Church Fathers (1st through 8th centuries) focused on defending the newborn Christianity from both pagan and Jewish accusations, and explaining the content of the faith ____ a language and understandable way for their contemporaries.
5. In terms of diversity and ____, oak trees are the most productive plant in the U.S.
6. Letters for American Tire Distributors.
7. "The alliances and rivalries, traps and intrigues of 3 decades of (Nazi) Party rule are filed in metal stacks: ____ thousand webs, spun from paper threads," —*Fatherland*, Robert Harris.
8. ____ and crafts.
9. Mizzou-____! Tiger cheer.
10. One of Dorothy's companions: the ____ man.
11. Short for England.
12. Letters for Attorney General, government legal advisor.
15. A human body's trunk.
16. A lesser known benefit of oak trees for early settlers was acorns and bark used to treat inflammation and _____. Even flour for baking was made from ground-up acorns.
20. Comparative suffix.
21. "...Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite slave, and Geshem the ____ mocked us and ridiculed us," (Nehemiah 2:19).
25. Oaks are large, growing up to 100 ft. high, trunk diam-



- eter up to six ft., the width of their canopy ____ the size of their height.
26. Compliant; obedient.
28. Although its acorns are highly sought after, the leaves and wood of an oak contain an ____ that makes its leaves bitter and even toxic to wildlife.
29. Command to Fido.
30. His ____ aggressive personality made him hard to deal with.
31. The world's first space-based telescope was named by NASA after Missouri-born (Marshfield, Mo.) Edwin _____. He scientifically confirmed one of the greatest astronomical discoveries of the 20th century, postulated by Fr. Georges Lemaître, that the universe is expanding.
32. Acorns are such a staple for so many wild animals, from ____ to woodpeckers, that only occasionally will an acorn have the opportunity to become a new tree.
33. Genetic material.
35. "Of his own free will, Jesus ran to meet those sufferings that were ____ in the Scriptures concerning him," —Treatise on the Incarnation by Theodoret of Cyrus, bishop (393-458 AD).
36. In photography, letters for low resolution (less pixels).
39. Walter ____, a petroleum engineer, in the 1940s opened a restaurant near Carthage and started serving his famous creamy salad dressing, which bears his

- name, made like his mother used to make.
41. Cousin to St. or Rd.
42. The Bears university in Springfield, Mo. (abbr.).
44. Eagle's nests.
46. "A human being, Hastings, cannot resist the opportunity to ____ himself and express his personality which conversation gives him. Every time he will give himself away," —Hercule Poirot, *A.B.C. Murders*, Agatha Christie.
48. "(The bride of the Lamb) was allowed to wear a bright, clean ____ garment," (Revelations 19:8).
50. Patient care professional.
51. He is very anti-religion. He considers all Christians as ____-thumpers.
53. Sportscaster Michaels or politician Gore.
54. ____ Johns Pizza; this franchise's first pizza was made in a broom closet in Indiana; now has 5,000 locations in 45 countries.
56. Stomach muscles.
57. In psychology, short for transactional analysis.
60. "Then I saw something like a ____ of glass mingled with fire," (Revelations 15:2).
61. Partner with neither.
62. *Ad Majorem ____ Gloriam*; To the Greater Glory of God; Jesuit motto.
66. Cape Cod is in this State (abbr.).
68. Prefix for annual or centennial.

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CAMPS

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childhood nickname of Pope St. John Paul II, who famously proclaimed, "God made us for joy!"

Camp Lolek provided a packed schedule, which started each day with a modified version of Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours.

Activities during the day included fishing, swimming, putt-putt golf, a waterslide, archery tag, metal stamping art, water fights and more.

The evenings provided bonfires, outdoor movies and a carnival with a DJ priest.

Daily Mass, Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation were also provided.

One parent noted: "My daughter said the activities were one after another, so there was never any 'boring' time. This comment helped me understand that the camp was well planned and well organized."

According to online surveys, 94 percent of young women who attended Camp Siena experienced a one-on-one encounter with God during the camp.

Sixty-seven percent of survey respondents from Camp Maccabee said they had encountered God there; and 73 percent of the boys and girls who attended Camp Lolek said they had such an encounter.

Mass and Adoration were the most mentioned as venues



Young people take part in Catholic camps sponsored by the Jefferson City diocese this summer.



for these encounters.

Many of the young men who attended one of this year's two Camp Maccabee sessions indicated community and fellowship as their favorite parts of the experience.

"I enjoyed meeting all these new people and growing together in Christ," one of them stated in a survey.

"All the guys are so cool and really helped me to grow as a man," said another.

Most stated that they want to return as campers or counselors next year, to spend time with the new friends they made.

Many parents said they

noticed a difference when their sons and daughters came home.

"The most exciting thing we heard from our daughter was that she learned how to pray in silence," a parent stated in a survey. "She grew in her faith and closeness to God."

Another set of parents marveled at the message their son shared about how all men are called to be fathers.

He told them, "We have to listen to God's call to what kind of father we should be."

Longing for connection

Maureen Quinn, diocesan director of religious education

and youth/young adult ministry, pointed out that people long to experience an authentic relationship with God.

"We have found that young people especially are most likely to experience that encounter within a community and in the context of one-on-one relationships with adults and their peers," she said.

High school senior Allie Mathews called her fourth annual Camp Siena experience "phenomenal."

She hopes to participate next year as a counselor.

"Just being able to spend time with girls my age who

I know also have questions about their faith, and being there to get (those questions) answered in so many ways was very meaningful," she said.

Sister Irenaeus and Sister Maria Fatima, Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, Michigan, were at Camp Siena all week and enhanced the experience with their witness.

One day at this year's camp, groups of eight spent a day floating on rafts down the Niangua River.

Allie noted that she and

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Fill out the ONLINE FORM at diojeffcity.org/event-listing.

Fundraisers & Social Events

Sep. 2-3

Camdenton, St. Anthony Parish Sisters in Christ Labor Day weekend garage sale, 8 am-5 pm

Sep. 4

Freeburg, Holy Family Parish picnic, 11 am-11 pm; **Mary's Home**, Our Lady of Snows Parish picnic, 11 am-7:30 pm

Sep. 9

Montgomery City, K of C Summer fish fry, drive-thru only, 4:30-6:30 pm

Sep. 11

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Folk**, St. Anthony of Padua Parish fall festival, 11am-6:30 pm

Sep. 17

Jefferson City, Bob Jones Golf

Tournament, sponsored by K of C #1054, 8 am-5 pm, Oak Hills Golf Course, for info email GK.Helias1054@gmail.com

Sep. 18

Krakov, St. Gertrude Parish chicken dinner, 11 am-6 pm; **Montgomery City**, Immaculate Conception Parish harvest picnic, 11 am-4 pm, Montgomery County Fairgrounds; **Russellville**, St. Michael Parish fall festival, 11 am-5 pm

Sep. 19

Columbia, Paul Prost Memorial Golf Tournament, 11 am-6:30 pm, Columbia Country Club, for info or to register call 573-864-6604 or email ggerke@gerke.com

Sep. 25

Columbia, "A Most Excellent Time-Travel Musical Adventure," presented by the Basi family, 2 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church; **Fulton**, St. Pe-

ter Parish fall festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Marshall**, St. Peter Parish harvest festival, 11 am-4 pm; **Vienna**, Visitation Parish fall festival, 11 am-5 pm

Meetings/ Workshops

Sep. 6

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

Sep. 7

Jefferson City, Informational meeting for Holy Land pilgrimage with Fr. Matthew Flatley, 7-8:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall

Sep. 13

Jefferson City, Volunteer training event for Jefferson City Room at the Inn, 6-8 pm, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri's Community Room, for info email jeffcityrati@gmail.com; **St. Martins**, "Praise, Pizza and Pitchers" evening of prayer and fellowship for adults 40 and older, second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm Rosary and Mass at St. Martin Church, followed by dinner at Pizza Haus, for info visit Facebook @Praise, Pizza and Pitchers

Sep. 20

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

Sep. 28-29

Jefferson City, Centering Prayer Workshop with Fr. Matthew Flatley, 6:30-8:30 each evening, Immaculate Conception Church, for info call 573-635-6143 or email icchurch@icangels.com

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

septiembre 4

Marshall, Taller para Facilitadores de Preparación Matrimonial, 8:30 am-1 pm, Parroquia San Pedro, para más información contacte a Diácono Enrique Castro al 573-680-3650 por su celular o en WhatsApp | ecastro@diojeffcity.org o a Jamie Schulte al 573-635-9127 | faithforma

tian@diojeffcity.org; **Sedalia**, Picnic de Colores, 10 am-9 pm, parroquia del trébol Dell, para más información contacte a Oswaldo Diaz al 660-829-5213 o por correo electrónico a deleono@sedalia200.org

septiembre 17-18

Columbia, Retiro de Inicio, Parroquia Segrado Corazón, para más información contacte a Jacqueline de la Cruz al 573-673-2091 o por correo electrónico a jpuertoplata@yahoo.com

septiembre 24-25

California, Retiro de Crecimiento, Parroquia Anunciación, para más información contacte a Emilio Juarez al 573-680-9326 o por correo electrónico a emiliojh@outlook.com

Faith Formation & Spiritual Renewal

Sep. 3

Jefferson City, Couples Retreat: Love & Life, 8:30 am-4 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation

Sep. 10

Columbia, Pre-Cana Program for engaged couples, 8:45 am-4:30 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/precana-registration

Liturgical

Sep. 11

Starkenburg, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows Fall Pilgrimage, 10 am-3 pm, for info visit historicshrine.org

FR. DOYLE

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igan explain that "as properly understood, adoration is reverent and private time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament."

The Vatican instruction does allow that, during the period of adoration, "to foster personal prayer, there may be readings from the Scriptures together with a homily, or brief exhortations which lead to a better understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist" (No. 62).

But that same document is quick to add that "it is desirable that there should be periods of silence at suitable times" and notes that "during the exposition everything should be so arranged that the faithful can devote themselves attentively in prayer to Christ our Lord."

Sep. 13

Starkenburg, Second Tuesday Mass & luncheon, 11:30 am-1 pm, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows

Sep. 17

Laurie, Pilgrimage with Kathleen Lindemann, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for info or to register call 573-374-6279 or email shrinemothers@gmail.com

Youth & Young Adults

Sep. 7

Jefferson City, Rooted and Connected youth and young adult faith sharing group, 6:30-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish, for info visit ican.gels.com/youngadults

Sep. 12

St. Martins, "Pews and Brews" evening of prayer and fellowship for young adults in their 20s and 30s, first Monday of each month, 5:30 pm Adoration and Confession, 6 pm Mass at St. Martin Church, followed by fellowship at Last Flight Brewing in Jefferson City, for info visit Facebook @ Pews&Brews

Sep. 21

Jefferson City, Rooted and Connected youth and young adult faith sharing group, 6:30-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish, for info visit ican.gels.com/youngadults

Health & Wellness

Sep. 14

Jefferson City, Heartsaver CPR class, 5:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall, registration required; email dhilke@icangels.com or 573-690-8077

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Terry & Jane Milford, 40 years
Adam & Jordan Lichtenberg, 15 years

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes
Joseph & Rosaline Baumann, 45 years

Fayette, St. Joseph
John & Beth Witte, 35 years
Tiano & Angela Mateu, 15 years

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows
Alvin Jr. & Emma Jean Koetting, 50 years
Donald & Cindy Lepper, 35 years
Josh & Shannon Lage, 15 years
Dustin & Kimberly Acklie, 15 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph
Tim & Ruth Ann Wright, 35 years
Matt & DeAnn Gottman, 20 years

Pilot Grove, St. Joseph
Greg & Pam Twenter, 40 years
Robert & Leah Lorenz, 20 years

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence
Randy & Sharon Helton, 40 years

St. Martins, St. Martin
Don & Jane Kempker, 60 years

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus
Marvin & LaVena Richter, 65 years
Harold & Diane Otto, 40 years

Birthdays

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception
— **Robert Devoy**, his 96th

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Filipe Regalado**, his 96 on Sept. 11

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Fred Evers**, his 93rd on Sept. 28

Pilot Grove, St. Joseph — **Dorothy McGuire**, her 101st on Sept. 1

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Cecelia Twenter**, her 93rd on Sept. 7

Baptisms

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Noah Louis Falter**, son of Eric & Hilary Falter; **Nevaeh Marie Otto**, daughter of Dustin & Jerica Otto

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Brooks Michael Marek**, son of Adam & Kimberly Marek

Marriages

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Kayla Yanksey & Grant Bryan**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Gift-Lynn Moufa & JJ Samo**

Deaths

Bernard J. Flanagan, 92 — brother of Monsignor Michael T. Flanagan, a retired priest of the diocese — on Aug. 21 in Boyle, Co. Sligo, Ireland. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 25 in St. Attracta Church in Killaraght, Ireland, with Msgr. Flanagan concelebrating. Burial was in Killaraght new cemetery.

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **John Burns**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **John Hurst**

Fulton, St. Peter — **Mary Leake; John "Fred" March; Betty Lou McAtee**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Juanita Henry**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Gary Struemph**

Marshall, St. Peter — **Mildred Moore**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Anna Schulte**

St. Robert, St. Robert Bellarmine — **Margarita Cone**

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle — **Dawn Herigon**

ERLANDSON

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that protects both mother and baby.

For the U.S. bishops, this may be an opportunity to move beyond the impression that the church can only say no. Now is the time for the church to loudly say yes, taking its message to the pulpits, press and legislatures in support of expanded financial aid and health care for mothers and children.

The abortion battle has served the interests of both parties in polarizing their political bases. Perhaps the church can help bridge the divide, helping families and communities while saving lives.

Erlandson, director and editor-in-chief of Catholic News Service, can be reached at gerlandson@catholicnews.com.

CALDAROLA

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energy. The Vatican is joining the United Nations on their climate resolutions and is part of the 2015 Paris climate accords.

Pope Francis has asked us to “repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems.” Our earth, he has warned us, is “reaching a breaking point.”

Here’s a sobering paragraph written by Andrew Marantz in the July 27 *New Yorker*: “The truly tragic irony is that there are a few thousand people on Earth (fossil-fuel profiteers, government officials, and some who fit both descriptions) who could decide, right now, to start abating the emergency, if only they wanted to.”

You and I are probably not among those few thousand. But can we influence them? Join Catholic Climate Covenant (catholicclimatecovenant.org) and find how your parish can be involved and how you can reach out to your elected representatives.

SR. BERNITA

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and sponsors attending about seven meetings with those preparing to be confirmed.

“You had families participating together and the parents learning with the kids,” she said. “It was wonderful seeing the parents, sponsors and candidates take hold of questions and Scriptures and discuss them.”

Adults would stop her in church or after class to day, “Thank you! I didn’t know my child is so spiritual. I love being where my kid is.”

Change of plans

Sr. Bernita was preparing to move to St. Charles and take up less-strenuous ministry seven years ago when she got a call from Father Mark Smith, who was pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Westphalia and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Folk.

He had been conferring with Father Louis Nelen, who was pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek and St. Louis of France Parish in Bonnots Mill, and Father Daniel Merz, who was pastor of St. George Parish in Linn and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Frankenstein.

They wondered if she would consider living in the convent in Loose Creek and ministering to elderly parishioners.

“They told me what they had in mind, that I would be ministering in the nursing homes and visiting the homebound and bringing Communion

to them,” she said.

That had been one of her favorite activities during her time in St. Martins.

“I said I would do that unless you

already have a Eucharistic minister who was taking people Communion,” she recalled. “I don’t want to preempt someone who offered to do that.”

All three priests, almost all at once, said, “But you would still go visit them, won’t you?”

“I said I’d love that,” she recalled.

Community

Sr. Bernita said the people of the parishes have been welcoming and very supportive of her ministry.

“I always have the whole Notre Dame community that I can rely on for my needs,” she stated. “But the community where I live, even if not with any other sisters — I really depend on their support and their encouragement.”

She lived in community with her classmate, Sister Irene Marie Schmitz SSND, now deceased, until Sr. Irene moved to St. Louis in 2017.

St. Bernita believes what she’s doing is an ideal “retirement” ministry for some-

one who’s been blessed with such good health at her age.

“I just feel like I’m an instrument, maybe more like a broken pencil. But God is using it to write His message”

— Sr. Bernita Wasinger SSND

“I minister in the morning and ‘retire’ in the afternoon!” she said.

“They keep telling me to come back, so it must be working,” she added.

She’s convinced that God is still calling women to lives of prayer and service in the Church as religious sisters.

“The only way you can find out is by prayer and letting God take the lead and discover it for yourself,” she said.

Sr. Bernita begins each day with a visit to the chapel in her convent, where she prays and listens with her heart.

When asked for what prayers would be appropriate for her jubilee, she answered, “There’s a lot.”

“I think the bottom line would be: Pray for a deeper trust and belief in God so that we can let go of the less-valuable things,” she said.

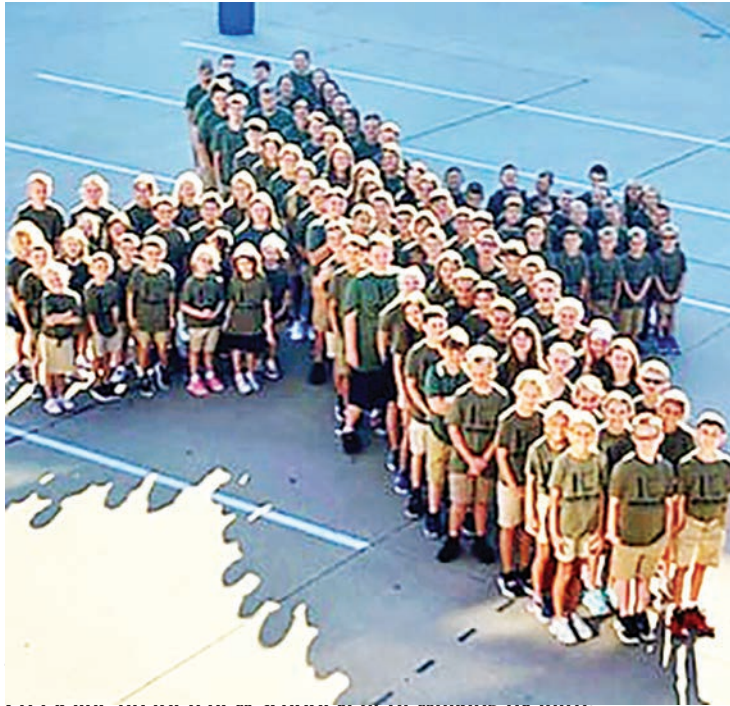
She reiterated Church teaching that the home is the domestic Church.

“If there’s prayer in the home, if worship is truly being given to God, it is Church,” she said. “So, I pray that all homes are Church, where worship is the priority — worship of God.”

Crossword puzzle answers

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Loose Creek cross-walk



Cross-walk line up for a new school year of walking by faith.
— Photo from the Immaculate Conception School, Loose Creek Facebook page

Something from the Sunshine State



Seventh-grade geography students at St. Joseph School in Salisbury open their first U.S. Pen Pal Project care package as a group on Aug. 25. This one came all the way from a math teacher in Pensacola, Florida, and included a special sea turtle ornament for the school's Christmas tree. The items opened up a discussion about state parks, Fort Pickens, sea turtle nests, and the first railroad in Pensacola. The students' goal is to receive something from all 50 states by the end of this school year.

— Photo from the St. Joseph School-Salisbury Facebook page



Who's in third?



LEFT: Students of Mrs. Keilholz's third grade class at Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City are rocking the "selfie" at the beginning of the new school year.

— Photo from the Immaculate Conception Catholic School Facebook page

Honored guests in Wardsville

Fulton native Dominican Sister Magdalena Dudenhoeffer and Monsignor David Cox, pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardsville and St. Margaret of Antioch Parish in Osage Bend, visit the fourth-graders at St. Stanislaus School on Aug. 22.

— Photo from the St. Stanislaus School Facebook page



Jesus raises a widow's son from the dead

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

Jesus and the apostles had just visited Capernaum. The elders of the city had asked Jesus to heal a centurion's slave who was ill and about to die.

The centurion sent messengers to Jesus. They said the centurion felt he was not worthy enough for Jesus come into his home, but he believed that just a word from Jesus would heal his slave.

"I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith," Jesus said.

When the messengers returned home, they found the slave in good health.

Soon afterward, Jesus and His friends, along with a large crowd, traveled to a city called Nain.



As Jesus came upon the city gate, He saw a very sad sight.

A crowd of people was with a widow, whose only son had died. They were following behind the body as it was being

borne out of the city. Jesus was moved with pity for the woman.

"Do not weep," He told her. Jesus stepped forward to touch the coffin.

"Young man, I tell you, arise!" he said.

The young man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

At first, the people were seized with fear. Then they began to glorify God.

News of what happened spread all around Judea and the surrounding region.

The followers of John the Baptist heard about it and all the other things Jesus was doing, like curing people of their diseases, sufferings and evil spirits, and granting sight to many who were blind.

John's followers told him about Jesus. Then he summoned two of his followers.

He told them to go to Jesus and ask, "Are You the One Who is to come, or should we

look for another?"

The two followers went to Jesus.

"John the Baptist has sent us to You to ask, 'Are You the One Who is to come, or should we look for another?'" they said.

"Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the Good News proclaimed to them," Jesus replied. "And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

Read more about it...
Luke 7

1. What sight did Jesus see in Nain?
2. Who wanted to know more about Jesus?

Bible Accent

There are several other places in the New Testament that talk about people being raised from the dead.

For example, in John 11, we read that Jesus' friend, Lazarus, became ill and died.

Four days later, Jesus went to Lazarus' tomb, said a prayer to His Father and cried, "Lazarus, come out!"

Lazarus walked out of the tomb, still wrapped in burial cloths.

In Acts 9, we learn that Tabitha, a follower of Jesus from Joppa, became sick and died.

Peter was sent for. He prayed next to the body and then said, "Tabitha, rise up."

Tabitha opened her eyes, saw Peter and sat up.

And in Acts 20, we read that a young man named Eutychus was sitting on a windowsill listening to Paul preach. Paul talked so long that Eutychus became sleepy and fell three stories to his death.

Paul went to him and said, "Don't be alarmed; there is life in him."

Paul then finished his preaching, and afterward, Eutychus went home alive.

Essay

Describe a time when you have glorified God for something good that happened to you.

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St. Thérèse Couderc

Marie-Victoire Couderc was born to a French farm family in 1805.

When she grew up, she joined a new religious teaching order and took the name Thérèse. Instead of teaching, however, she was sent to manage a mountain hostel for women pilgrims at the shrine of St. John Francis Regis. Under her guidance, the hostel became a successful retreat house. The order decided to split into a teaching ministry, the Sisters of St. Regis, and a retreat ministry, the Congregation of Our Lady of the Cenacle. St. Thérèse was superior of the Cenacle sisters until 1838, when Jesuit advisers began replacing her with a succession of wealthy women. She lived out her days as an ordinary nun, suffering deafness and painful arthritis at the end. She died in 1885, and we remember her on Sept. 26.

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Sentence:

Answers: tell, arise, man, I, young, you; Young man, I tell you, arise.

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Two new books underscore harmony between science, religion

Discovery and Revelation: Religion, Science and Making Sense of Things, by Peter Manseau and Andrew Ali Aghapour. Smithsonian Books (Washington, 2022). 160 pp., \$29.95.

Finding God in the Universe, by Guy Consolmagno. Fortress Books (Minneapolis, 2022). 87 pp., \$12.75.

Reviewed by Timothy Walch
Catholic News Service

Conventional wisdom suggests that science and religion are at odds — facts versus faith.

These two books, however, make a persuasive case for the “relational unity” between powerful fields of human thought.

In this effort, the authors draw on the spirit of Pope St. John Paul II as expressed in an address at the Vatican Observatory in 1987.

In those remarks, the sainted pope called for theologians and scientists to find the harmony between science and religion.

“We move toward unity,” he stressed, “as we move toward meaning in our lives.”

His challenge was daunting, but these slim volumes offer important thoughts for our consideration.

Neither book provides a blueprint for how science and faith fit together, but both books help us to ask better questions.

Discovery and Revelation is an extension of a Smithsonian

exhibit of the same name. It’s a book of both text and illustrations “that examine the mutual influence of two ways of knowing that continue to shape the American experience.”

Both the book and the exhibit address fundamental questions.

“Science and religion are both well equipped to offer possible answers to humanity’s ultimate existential questions,” note the authors. “What does it mean to be human? What is unique about our species and our consciousness? What are our bodies made up of? Where did we come from?”

The authors highlight how faith and science have worked together in significant moments in history.

The first theme is “revolutions” and concentrates Enlightenment ideas in the 18th century.

The second theme is “evolution” and focuses on the clash between scientific and religious thought in the 19th century. The third theme is “complexity” and evaluates the interaction between religion and science in the 20th century.

In the process of developing these themes, the authors feature not only well-known scientists and events, but also those that are not common knowledge.

Of significance, the narrative notes the importance of women and people of color in science and the considerable achievements of non-Chris-

tians.

This is a rich and substantive book with a lofty goal.

“By examining the subject both chronologically and thematically,” write the authors, “*Discovery and Revelation* seeks to highlight any patterns that may appear, which in turn could provide new ways of approaching moments of conflict and congruence that we cannot yet imagine.”

Astronomer and Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno might well add a prayerful amen to *Discovery and Revelation*.

Brother Consolmagno is a physicist and the director of the Vatican Observatory. His new book, *Finding God in the Universe*, is something of a homily on science and religion.

This is a deeply personal book.

“I encounter God with the same tools that I use to encounter the universe: my senses, my reason, my imagination,” he writes in his conclusion. “That is to say, I use everything that makes me human: my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will.”

That’s powerful testimony coming from a world-class scientist. As a man of both faith and reason, he leans on the skills and abilities that God has given him to define science as something of an act of prayer.

Both books underscore that science and faith are, indeed, partners in the search for truth.

The authors reiterate the words of St. John Paul II from 1987 at the Vatican Observatory. Scientists and theologians must move in unity to find the meaning of life.

Also of interest: Extraterrestrial Intelligence and the Catholic Faith: Are We Alone in the Universe With God and the Angels? by Paul Thigpen. Tan Books (Gastonia, North Carolina, 2022). 456 pp., \$29.95.

Walch is a historian of American Catholicism and the author of *Parish School*.

Movie Ratings discontinued



As of July 30, movie ratings are not being currently supplied by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Film and Broadcasting Office.

New book details incredible conversions throughout history

“What is truth?” asked Pontius Pilate to Jesus on the day of His crucifixion more than 2,000 years ago.

The question is still being asked today, and really has never stopped being asked since Jesus’ time.

The journeys to that answer are almost always fraught with peril, frustrations, anxiety and challenges, as Tom Hiney brings to life in his new book, *The Song of Ascents: Lives of Rage and Stillness* (Ignatius Press).

Hiney converted to Catholicism in 2020, and is preparing for ordination to the Priesthood.

He is a native of England and a journalist who has written for the *Spectator* and the *London Observer*. He is the acclaimed author of *On the Missionary Trail* and of *Raymond Chandler: A Biography*, a New York Times Notable Book of the Year.

The Song of Ascents brings readers on journeys of people who overcame extraordinary obstacles and challenges in their lives with the sole goal of finding the truth and eventually leading to Christ.

Included are stories of: a composer in Communist Poland (Henryk Górecki), a trapped Arctic whaling vessel (the *Diana*), a lost explorer (David Livingstone), and a disobedient general (Charles Gordon).

The Truth is bigger than we are, and “it falls from heaven,” writes Hiney. “It can fall at four in the morning when you are cold with insomnia, and it can refuse to fall when advertised. It has a life of its own.”

The Song of Ascents tells the stories of lives laid bare by love, stories that, over the years, gradually spurred the acclaimed author himself up the ragged mountain of his own conversion from atheism to Anglicanism to Roman Catholicism.

“These stories,” he says, “are about people turning to God in horrible moments, with faltering human hearts like mine, and finding Him to be faithful.”

Hiney’s is garnering high praise.

“*The Song of Ascents* is one of those deeply satisfying books that looks at different people in various times and places, and sees, within seemingly disparate narratives, the hand of God,” said Sally Read, poet and author of *Night’s Bright Darkness: A Modern Conversion Story*.

“Tom Hiney is an absorbing and engaging writer, and by the end of the book the reader feels not only the frisson of coming closer to the divine, but also the sense of having made a new friend.”

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ENCOUNTER

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her fellow campers spent most of their down time in small groups, visiting with fellow campers and enjoying each other's company.

Many of the friends she made are from small towns like the one she's from, where opportunities to form Catholic community are somewhat limited.

"We found that connection and continued to be there to support each other," she said.

Faith and friendship

This was Eliza's first time at Camp Siena.

The days were filled with fun activities, but "I knew the main reason we were there was to become closer to God," she said.

This was the first time she spent an entire hour in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

"It was probably the greatest 'Jesus thing' I did at the camp," she said. "I think everyone gained from that. It was very peaceful."

There were many optional prayer opportunities throughout the week. Many of the young women opted-in to most or all of them, she said.

Each Camp Siena participant received a prayer journal. Eliza is putting hers to good use, writing down prayers so she can look back and remember how God answers them.

"That's something that's stayed with me after I got home," she said. "I think I've really gained from it."

Good times

Jacob White, a sixth-grader at St. Joseph School in Salisbury, was part of a capacity crowd at this year's inaugural Camp Lolek for boys.

"I signed up because it sounded like a lot of fun," he said. "I brought one of my friends with me."

He made several additional

friends and is looking forward to going back next year.

He said the most memorable parts were the float trip and the games.

"My favorite was probably



High school teens complete an outdoor challenge during this year's Camp Maccabee for young men.

archery tag," he stated. "You have two teams and you try to shoot each other with arrows that have what look like marshmallow tips on them."

He recalled that the campers also learned about saints.

Sixteen high school students — most from Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City and Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School in Columbia — served as volunteer junior counselors for Camp Lolek.

"We witnessed their prayerful transformation throughout the week," Mrs. Quinn stated.

Eye-opening

Ten priests assisted at the camps to help provide sacraments and witness.

Six seminarians assisted at a majority of the camps.

Adults representing 20 parishes functioned in many roles.

"We're just trying to serve our Lord and help our people!" said Danielle Freie, a member of St. Clement Parish in St. Clement.

Mrs. Freie served as a nurse and helped in the kitchen at Camp Siena, and with her husband Chad, helped out at Camp Lolek.

It's something she's been feeling called to for several

years, so she jumped in when she got the chance.

She said the camps were a great time for the adult volunteers to bond over work, jokes and shared spirituality.

"Those are things you really look forward to," she stated.

Mrs. Freie appreciated how Father William Peckman offered a late-evening Mass with the adults at Camp Lolek, because they were hard at work when the campers were at Mass.

She recalled the fun the young women had in Sister Irenaeus's and Sister Maria Fatima's company, especially on the float trip.

"I could see Christ very clearly in those moments," she said.

That, she is convinced, makes it easier to recognize Him in other places.

"It makes you open your eyes more and not take anything for granted," she said.

A third element

Fr. Peckman, who helped establish Camp Maccabee for young men 13 years ago, is convinced that these Catholic summer camps are successful because they include three important elements of drawing people to God.

"One is going to Mass and actively worshipping God," he said. "Another is education — learning about the faith."

Fr. Peckman refers to the third and often-missing component as "integration."

"These camps give them this wonderful opportunity to take the things they learn in their parish, in their school and in their CCD/PSR programs, and bring them into an intentional community of likeminded individuals their age," he said.

"They quickly see that that integration element is about a relationship with God but also about being part of the Body of Christ," he added.

Daily Readings

Sunday, Sep 4

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis. 9:13-18b
Ps. 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Phlm. 9-10, 12-17
Lk. 14:25-33

Monday, Sep 5

1 Cor. 5:1-8
Ps. 5:5-7, 12
Lk. 6:6-11

Tuesday, Sep 6

1 Cor. 6:1-11
Ps. 149:1b-6a, 9b
Lk. 6:12-19

Wednesday, Sep 7

1 Cor. 7:25-31
Ps. 45:11-12, 14-17
Lk. 6:20-26

Thursday, Sep 8

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

Friday, Sep 9

St. Peter Claver, priest (USA)
1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22b-27
Ps. 84:3-6, 12
Lk. 6:39-42

Saturday, Sep 10

1 Cor. 10:14-22
Ps. 116:12-13, 17-18
Lk. 6:43-49

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for September:

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Sunday, Sep 11

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14
Ps. 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Tm. 1:12-17
Lk. 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday, Sep 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary
1 Cor. 11:17-26, 33
Ps. 40:7-10, 17
Lk. 7:1-10

Tuesday, Sep 13

St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church
1 Cor. 12:12-14, 27-31a
Ps. 100:1b-5
Lk. 7:11-17

Wednesday, Sep 14

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

Thursday, Sep 15

Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor. 15:1-11
Ps. 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Jn. 19:25-27 or Lk. 2:33-35

Friday, Sep 16

Ss. Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs
1 Cor. 15:12-20
Ps. 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15
Lk. 8:1-3

Saturday, Sep 17

St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor of the Church
1 Cor. 15:35-37, 42-49
Ps. 56:10c-14
Lk. 8:4-15

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He noted that team building activities have been built into the Camp Maccabee experience from Day 1.

"You're going to learn to look out for each other, look for each other's strengths, help to overcome each other's weaknesses — basically how to succeed as a corporal body, rather than seeking individual achievement," he stated.

Fr. Peckman was amazed to see how Camp Lolek's organiz-

ers had to rearrange the schedule on the night of Adoration, because so many of the boys still wanted to go to Confession.

"You could really see those connections clicking in their heads and them wanting to apply what they were learning to real life," he said.

Much of the information in this article came from a report prepared by Mrs. Quinn.

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