

Citizen Recognition Award

The Missouri Catholic Conference honored Dean Dutoi with its 2022 Citizen Recognition Award for helping to build up the St. Vincent de Paul Society in his parish and the diocese.

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Jesus's suffering Mother models patience, compassion



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight presides at the Mass at the outdoor altar on Sept. 11, for the annual Fall Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg. Pilgrimages to the shrine have been an annual event since 1891. — Photo by Don Kruse

By Jay Nies and Don Kruse

The Mother of Christ, who bore inscrutable sorrow throughout her Son's suffering and death, stands resolutely beside all of her adopted children in their times of greatest need.

"In Mary, the Church receives the gift of a mother's love," stated Bishop W. Shawn McKnight. "A mother who nurtures, intercedes for, and loves with an unconditional and unflinching love."

Bishop McKnight offered the closing Mass for this year's Fall Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg.

The pilgrimage has been held annually since 1891 on the Sunday closest to the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.

The skies cleared after an early-morning rain, allowing several hundred people to take part in the day's activities.

In his homily, Bishop McKnight pointed to the Christian understanding that suffering needn't lack value, purpose or meaning.

"That is what makes us different as Christians: not that we are without the problems or sufferings of this life, but because of our faith, we can bear them differently — gently, with hope and without despair," he said.

Jesus, aware that those who follow Him would endure difficulties and tribulations in this life, announced: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me," (Luke 9:23).

"In our devotion to the Sorrowful Mother, we seek the assurances of grace so that we can bear life's difficulties with hope in the resurrection of our Lord," said Bishop McKnight.

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Hispanic Heritage Month is a chance to reflect on Hispanic contributions to society, the Church

By Jay Nies

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed in the United States from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 each year.

The dates coincide with the Independence Day celebrations for five Latin American countries.

The purpose is to note the contributions and positive influences of Hispanic people in this country.

The theme for this year's observance is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation."

"Hispanic" generally refers to people who came from Central or South America or the Caribbean, or whose ancestors did so, and who speak Spanish as a first or main language.

Their collective heritage spans numerous nationalities, cultures, dialects and places of origin, encompassing roughly two-thirds of the Western Hemisphere.

U.S. Census figures show the number of people who identify as Hispanic within the boundaries of the Jefferson City

diocese rose by 25 percent between 2010 and 2019 — from 27,634 to 34,615.

They are currently the youngest and fastest-growing demographic in these 38 counties.

Some arrived here recently, some go back many generations.

Many are Catholic or at least have strong familial or cultural ties to the Catholic Church.

An increasing number of parishes in this diocese offer a Spanish-language option for Sunday worship.

Many parishes with large Hispanic populations report robust Mass attendance, along with vigorous engagement in parish activities and spiritual movements such as Cursillo and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

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Sept. 23 — Fr. Joseph J. Wilberding, St. Boniface, Brunswick (1980)

Sept. 28 — Fr. Joseph P. O'Rourke, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Anthony (1973)

Sept. 30 — Fr. Herman J. Mayer, St. Lawrence, St. Elizabeth (1959)

Oct. 1 — Fr. Kenneth M. McDonnell, St. Joseph, Fayette (1981)

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Basi Family concert to offer fun, variety while helping people with Down syndrome

DATE: September 25
TIME: 2 pm

Time flies when you're having fun and making good music.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia will host the fifth annual Basi family concert on Sunday, Sept. 25.

It will be at 2 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive, near Stadium Boulevard and I-70.

A free-will offering will be taken up to support services for people with Down syndrome in mid-Missouri.

As in years past, Christian and Kate Basi and their children will perform a variety of music, cleverly presented within a story.

This year's theme is "Somewhere in Time."

The premise is that all the music has mysteriously disappeared. Time-traveling cinematic characters, played by members of the family, will race to repair the space-time continuum and bring back the music.

Featured music will include selections by Rachmaninoff, Scott Joplin, Edith Piaf, Alan Silvestri and Katy Perry.

The past four family concerts have raised about \$30,000 total to help people with Down syndrome.

The couple's daughter, Julianna, was born with Down syndrome, in 2007.

"I didn't know it then, but she had already turned our en-

tire world upside down, and the view was going to be fabulous," Mrs. Basi stated.

She said having Julianna as a member of the family creates a new perspective on what it means to be pro-life.

"Individuals who have disabilities, like Julianna, can thrive with the right support," Mrs. Basi noted. "But that means more than supporting a birth. It means making sure parents have appropriate emotional, financial and development support, and ensuring that individuals with disabilities have access to inclusive school and work environments, support to help them realize their full potential, and affordable medical care."

The Basi family has faced multiple hospital stays with Julianna, including one where she almost died from a common respiratory disease when she was just a few months old, and another stay where she had open-heart surgery to correct multiple holes in her heart that were discovered shortly after she was born.

Earlier this year, Julianna was diagnosed with celiac disease, meaning she can't eat anything containing gluten, a common compound found in wheat and other grains.

While the Basis have health insurance, many families don't or have other complications due to the lengthy medical stays.

"Our health system has deep flaws, from a mismatch between service and cost, from never knowing how much a service is going to cost until the bill comes, and much, much

more," Mrs. Basi stated.

She said the family has become advocates for inclusion, compassion in our society, and support for those who have significant challenges every day.

"To some people with disabilities, doing everyday tasks is like climbing Mount Everest," said Mrs. Basi. "As a society, we should be helping them get up that mountain."

From the top

Mrs. Basi, who has a master's degree in flute, had been organizing annual concerts for a few years as a way for her and Mr. Basi to keep up their musical skills with challenging pieces.

One of Mrs. Basi's friends started using her own performances as community benefits.

Mrs. Basi loved that idea, "so we began doing the same — putting our talents into the service of causes near and dear to our faith," she said.

In 2018, Down Syndrome Innovations-Central Missouri announced its first big fundraiser.

The organization wanted to raise money to bring regular support programs to the mid-Missouri region.

The Basis put forth a show-stopping performance to help.

The following year, Julianna gave her debut performance as she teamed up with her brother Alex to perform "Beauty and Beast."

In 2020, the family took a step back because of COVID, but offered a virtual concert, with everyone performing and

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Cathedral Undercroft, kitchen will rest on pillar of hospitality

System, utility upgrades form the backbone of a more useful, hospitable space

By Jay Nies

Lots of words could have been used to describe the downstairs Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Joseph for its first 53 years of existence.

“Welcoming” probably wasn’t one of them.

The tube lighting, unfinished concrete floors and hospital-yellow cinder-block walls gave it a bunker vibe that no bunting or holiday lights could conceal.

Not anymore.

“I’m really excited about the finishes we’re using down there,” said Abigail Steck Flippin, a principal architect with the The Architects Alliance. “They’re practical and low-maintenance but tie very nicely into the Cathedral upstairs.”



Work progresses on vast improvements to the downstairs Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City. The work is part of a yearlong renovation and expansion of the 53-year-old Cathedral to upgrade the building’s aging systems while enhancing its beauty, functionality, capacity for hospitality and uniquely Catholic identity.

— Photos by Jay Nies



The Undercroft, including its meeting hall, kitchen, restrooms and storage areas, is having its full potential realized as part of a thorough, yearlong renovation, expansion and renewal of the 53-year-old Cathedral.

The purpose is to upgrade the building’s aging systems while enhancing its beauty,

functionality, capacity for hospitality and uniquely Catholic identity.

“The system upgrades are very necessary at this point in the building’s history, as is the emphasis on hospitality and better serving the needs of the community,” said Mrs. Flippin, a member of neighboring St. Martin Parish in St. Martins.

Cathedral of St. Joseph parish is paying the full cost of the Undercroft portion of the renovation, using some of the savings the parish has built up over the past several years.

“The work that’s been done really refreshes the space,” Mrs. Flippin stated. “It was not ever really completed down there. Now it’s going to be a finished space.”

Will be beautiful?

“Yes, I’d say it will be,” she stated.

“And technology that wasn’t available in the past can now be used to enhance the lighting and sound systems to help make it much more functional and versatile,” she said.

Form and function

A key addition to the Cathedral and Undercroft will be an elevator, enhancing access between the Cathedral’s upper and lower levels.

“We put the elevator into what was the north stairwell that wasn’t required for egress,” said Mrs. Flippin. “It will make it much easier for people to get downstairs after Mass.”

Previously, people who couldn’t navigate the stairs had to exit the Cathedral and walk or drive around to the Undercroft entrance on the opposite

side, regardless of the weather.

“This will be a massive improvement in terms of welcoming and hospitality,” said Mrs. Flippin.

Other significant upgrades are under way in the Undercroft kitchen. Food service consultant Michael Key, who specializes in kitchen design and cooking equipment, consulted with the parish’s Knights of Columbus council and the organizers of various parish functions and funeral luncheons.

“We went through and evaluated all the equipment in there,” said Mrs. Flippin, “what was working and what was not, and all the different things this kitchen is used for. We also evaluated any issues of keeping the space clean and up to code and compliance with health regulations.”

The new kitchen will feature an expanded cooking line for a more efficient workflow, and an enlarged hood for better circulation and fire protection.

“Some of the equipment is staying that operated well,” said Mrs. Flippin. “The parish

opted to replace the ranges, but people should be familiar with a lot of the equipment that’s still there.”

The kitchen will be a lot more versatile.

“You’ll be able to put down griddles to make pancakes for the breakfasts; fryers for the fish fry; or an extra range for the parish’s fall bazaar,” she said.

Cabinets, cases and freezers are being reworked or replaced, enhancing efficiency and organization.

“Overall, it won’t just look better, it will work better,” said Mrs. Flippin.

Epoxy floors, laminate cabinets, and FRP-fiber-reinforced plastic and stainless steel wall panels will make the kitchen easier to clean and maintain.

“It already feels brighter in there,” she said.

Strength and unity

Mrs. Flippin noted that many of the plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems in the Cathedral were nearing

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Bishop McKnight's Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sep 17-18 The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Meetings and Investitures, Omaha, NE

Sep 20 Council of Deans Meeting, 10 am; College of Consultors Meeting, noon; Presbyteral Council Meeting, 1 pm, Chancery

Sep 22-23 Catholic Partnership Summit “Living Synodal Leadership: Our Call to a Unified Church,” Leadership Roundtable, Washington, DC

Sep 29 Confirmation within Mass, 6:30 pm, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Boonville

Sep 30 St. Louis Province Bishops Dinner Meeting, 5:30 pm, Bishop’s Residence; Missouri Catholic Conference Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Bishop’s Residence

OCTOBER

Oct 3-6 Host USCCB Catholic Home Missions Subcommittee Meetings

Mon: Social & Dinner, Cathedral Rectory, 6 pm

Tue: School Mass followed by Blessing of Animals, 7:45 am, St. Martin Parish, St. Martins; Allocations Meetings, 9:30 am-5:30 pm, Chancery; Dinner, 6:30 pm, Bishop’s Residence

Wed: Tour and Rosary, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, 9 am, Starkenburg; School Mass, 10:30 am, St. George Parish, Hermann; Visit St. Peter School, Fulton, tour America’s National Churchill Museum, Westminster College, Fulton; Tour Catholic Charities Center, 4 pm, Jefferson City

Thu: School Mass, 8 am, St. Peter Parish, Jefferson City

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.

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

Por todos los que sirven en nuestra comunidad en primeros auxilios: que Dios los proteja de todo daño y que estemos agradecidos por los sacrificios que hacen por el bien común.

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

Missouri artist creates bas-relief sculpture for Pope Francis

Don Wiegand also created Mary, Mother of the Church sculpture in Laurie

By Laura Kosta

When Don Wiegand was a sophomore at Mercy High School in St. Louis, his art teacher, Sister Corlita, made a comment to him that changed the course of his life.

“She told me that I drew like a sculptor,” Mr. Wiegand said.

That idea stuck with him and has led him to a successful career, creating likenesses of figures including Bob Hope, Amelia Earhart and the Blessed Virgin Mary — and, most recently, Pope Francis.

Mr. Wiegand was scheduled to present his bas-relief sculpture of Pope Francis to the pope at the Vatican on Sept. 8.

“I’m not worthy! I’m not worthy!” he joked. “(The Vatican) has such an art collection, like the pieta ... to be part of it? I don’t know what to say.”

This won’t be his first time at the Vatican. In 2001, Mr. Wiegand presented Pope St. John Paul II with a stainless steel maquette model of the Blessed Mother, a 22-inch version of his 14-foot statue at the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, in Laurie.

After Pope John Paul II’s death, Wiegand was told that the model was found in the pope’s private living quarters.

Mr. Wiegand’s portrait of Pope Francis will be displayed

in the Casina Pio IV, home to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Wiegand’s longtime friend, Peter Raven, president emeritus of the Missouri Botanical Garden and member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, has been a liaison between him and the Vatican.

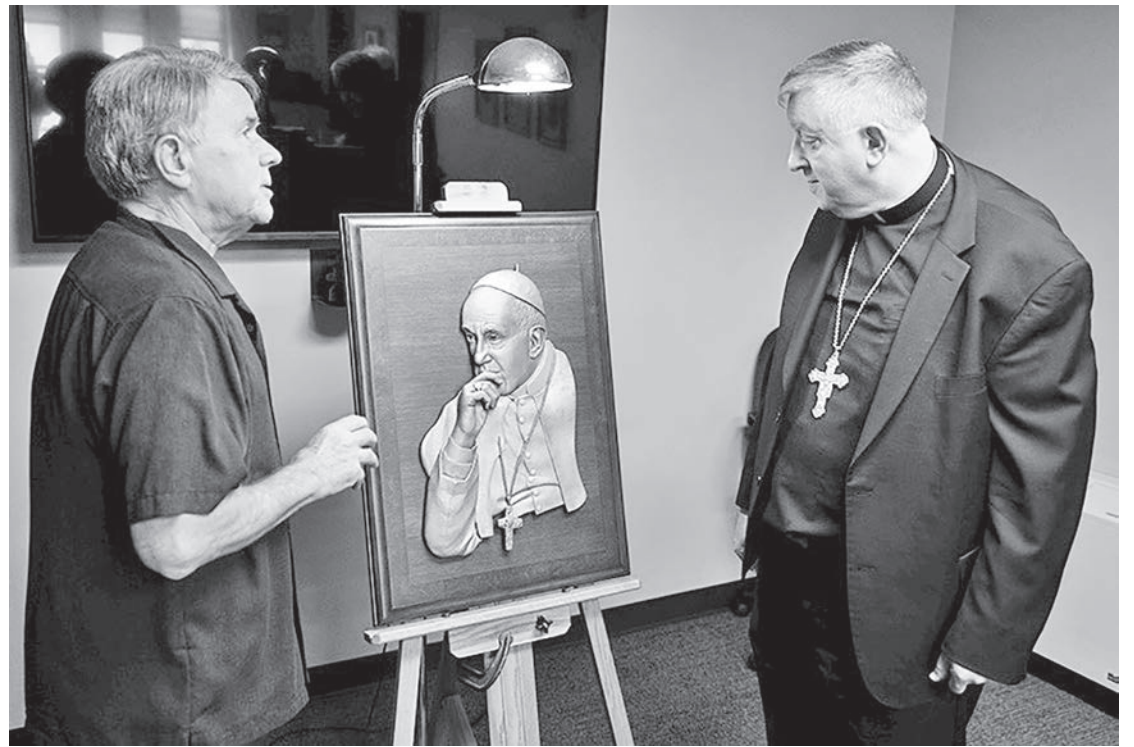
The idea to sculpt Pope Francis first came from Archbishop Emeritus Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis, who was impressed with Mr. Wiegand’s likeness of Pope St. John Paul II. That image is contained in the “The Eternal Priesthood” bas-relief on the wall of the Regina Cleri home for retired priests in St. Louis and was later made into medals and posters.

“He looked at me and said, ‘Don, you did a beautiful piece on John Paul; I think you really ought to start thinking about doing something on Francis,’” Mr. Wiegand recalled.

When Mr. Wiegand saw a photo of Pope Francis taken by Pat Raven — Peter Raven’s wife — he knew that was it.

Mr. Raven and other members of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences were discussing some of their scientific findings with Pope Francis when the photo was snapped.

“It’s a very contemplative pose. He’s thinking about problems — he’s in deep thought about a lot of things, I’m sure,” Mr. Wiegand said. “I fell in love with the photo and decided to sculpt it.”



Sculptor Don Wiegand, left, and Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of St. Louis talk about Mr. Wiegand’s sculpture of Pope Francis on Aug. 1 at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury.

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

Mr. Wiegand worked on the sculpture — a bronze portrait mounted on walnut — on and off over the course of about five years, completing it in early 2022.

The sculpture is a three-quarter view, which means the body is turned slightly toward the viewer. To make sure he got every detail of the pope’s crucifix right, he asked the Vatican to send a copy.

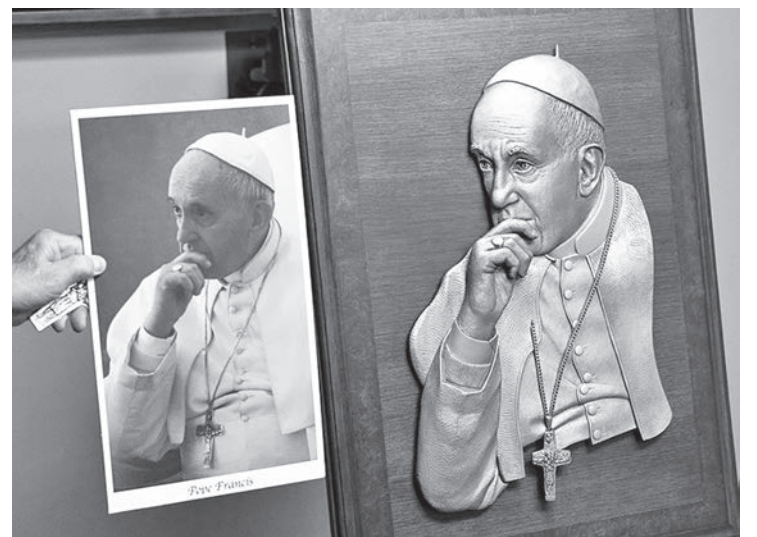
Mr. Wiegand is proud to use his talents to honor both Pope Francis and the work of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, especially the academy’s work on climate change and other environmental issues.

“The more we can help each other and respect that God’s given us this beautiful planet — that’s what we need. That’s why I like the Academy of Sciences,” the artist stated.

Mr. Wiegand, who grew up in Chesterfield in the St. Louis archdiocese and remains a member of Ascension Parish, was “more nervous about the plane flight than meeting Pope Francis,” he said with a laugh.

He chose to wear his South American jade bolo tie for the occasion as a nod to Pope Francis’ Argentinian heritage.

He also packed his favorite



Sculptor Don Wiegand created this bas-relief sculpture of Pope Francis from a picture taken by Pat Raven as the pope was having a discussion with members of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. Mrs. Raven’s husband, Peter, is a member of the academy.

— Photo courtesy, *St. Louis Review*

easel — handed down from the man who invented cue cards in Hollywood, but that’s another story — and a green velvet cloth sewn by his mother, Claire, for the unveiling.

“I like that kind of energy,” he said. “This is not a commercial thing — it’s from the heart.”

While many of his other sculptures depict high-profile people in history or Hollywood, Mr. Wiegand also enjoys doing smaller-scale portraits or casts of hands for families.

“I love life,” he said. “I love depicting life. I don’t just sculpt famous people — I just get more recognition on some of the famous faces, I’d say. We are all important in the eyes of God, every soul.”

And as “just a guy from

Gumbo, Missouri,” he’s never forgotten his roots. Many eyes have seen his sculpture of Pope Francis now, but his first audience was Sister Corlita and other friends from the Sisters of Mercy.

“I said, ‘I want you guys to see it first,’” he said. “I put it in front of them and unveiled it — they went nuts. They are just so sweet.”

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Ms. Kosta is a reporter for the St. Louis Review and Catholic STL, publications of the St. Louis archdiocese.

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Fall, winter Bible studies for women

Women are invited to two Bible studies, one this fall and one beginning in January 2023.

Both are being led by Leigh Tenkku Lepper, a retired professor and member of St. Michael Parish in Russellville, who has been facilitating a

Bible study for women since January 2020.

•“Women Saints” will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings from Oct. 4-Nov. 22. There is no fee and no material required for this series. Participants are also invited to attend the 7:30 a.m.

Liturgy preceding the program.

•“Being Catholic and Being Women” will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 3 through March 28. Participants will use the book, *We Believe*, by Vincentian Father Oscar Lukefahr. Guest speakers will present their experience in the Catholic Church as women.

Please register by Oct. 1 to ensure enough books will be available.

Both studies will be offered at the parish hall at St. Michael Parish, 13321 Railroad Ave. in Russellville.

For more information, contact Ms. Lepper at tenkku@gmail.com or 573-301-1128.

Presentation on Marian apparitions, miracles

DATE: October 7
TIME: 6 - 7:30 pm

St. Andrew Parish in Holts Summit will feature John Carpenter of Springfield, Missouri, at its “Wine & Shrine” event from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7.

It will be held in Veit Hall, at St. Andrew Church, 400 St. Andrew Drive, off Center Street in Holts Summit.

Mr. Carpenter will speak about Marian Apparitions from North and South Amer-

ica, which resulted in shrines and fascinating miracles.

The speaker converted to Catholicism in 2010 and became very interested in documented, alleged appearances of the Virgin Mary.

He has since started a weekly newsletter and an international podcast, titled “Journey With Mary,” and has authored several books.

He loves to inspire audiences with these amazing topics and detailed evidence.



Sedalia SHS Foundation seeking Hall of Fame nominations

Sacred Heart School is seeking nominations of outstanding groups and individuals to be inducted into its 2023 Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame.

Nomination forms must be completed and returned by Friday, Sept. 30, 2022.

The mission of the Sacred Heart School Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor the extraordinary accomplishments of the members of the Sacred Heart School (SHS) family and celebrate those who can be looked upon as legitimate role models by current and future Gremlins.

Candidates for strong consideration include alumni who have made a positive impact on the world in which they live during their Sacred Heart years and/or after leaving Sacred Heart. Candidates also can include groups (such as teams) and non-alumni (SHS faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers) who have in some way made a positive, meaningful and lasting contribution to Sacred Heart School.

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40 Days for Life kick-off rally

DATE: September 27
TIME: 6 pm

The kick-off rally for the Columbia 40 Days for Life Fall Prayer Campaign will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Columbia.

It will be in Flanagan Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive near Stadium Boulevard and I-70.

A candlelight vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 711 N. Providence Road, where abortion referrals are still given, will follow the rally.

The Columbia 40 Days for Life Fall Prayer Campaign will take place from Wednesday, Sept. 28, through Sunday, Nov. 6.

Daily prayer vigils on the sidewalk will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day of the campaign.

Now in its 15th year, this local observance of the twice-yearly, nationally observed period of prayer and fasting includes peaceful vigils from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood.

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

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

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Columbia Newman Center's first Mass on the Quad in three years draws hundreds to the altar

By Jay Nies

Several hundred young people, mostly students at the University of Missouri, Columbia College and Stephens College in Columbia, attended this year's Mass on the Quad the evening of Sunday, Aug. 28, in Traditions Plaza in the middle of the University of Missouri campus.

"As we enter the beginning of a school year, it's a chance for us to think of where we've gone

before and what this year will bring, and looking at what the future holds for us," stated Father Paul Clark, who presided at the Mass.

It was the first time the beloved tradition, organized by the St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish's campus ministry department and parishioners, could be observed in three years, due to inclement weather and the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, the Mass was celebrated with clear skies and mild weather, the hymns and prayers carrying on a dialogue with the regular Sunday night bustle of the campus around it.

Fr. Clark, who until July was associate pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish, presided and preached the homily, with priests who live and minister in Columbia concelebrating.

Focusing on that Sunday's readings, Fr. Clark pointed out that humility allows people to be truly free to live as beloved sons and daughters of the Father. He acknowledged how it can be easy for college

students to believe the lie that their worth or success is based on what they do and how well they do it, "while humility allows us to see ourselves as God sees us, and the revelation of that relationship is a far greater success than anything that we could achieve."

"I think of how many times I have had to learn the importance of humility — this importance of remembering who I am in the sight of God," Fr. Clark stated. "To remember who He is and who I'm not — and that's NOT God."

"If we're holding onto exceptions that are placed on us or on anyone other than God, then we need to let go of it," the priest advised. "Your heart is made in the image and likeness of an Eternal Being. Your fulfillment is not going to lie in anything outside of Him. Only your relationship with Him will fulfill that eternal longing and desire of your heart."

Congregants were encouraged to submit their contact information, keeping them connected with events and activities at the Newman Center, located at 602 Turner Avenue.

Fr. Clark is currently diocesan vocation director, moderator of youth and young adult ministry and director of seminarians, as well as chaplain of Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City.

Joining him at the altar were: Father Paulinus Aneke, associate pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish; Father José Enrique García Rizo from Spain and Father

Geo Tharakan from India, who are students at the University of Missouri this semester; Father Patrick Adejoh, chaplain at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital; and Father Ignitius Nimwesiga, chaplain of Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School.

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TOP: Father Paul Clark and concelebrating priests gather around the altar for the Consecration during this year's Mass in the Quad on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia. **RIGHT:** Concelebrating priests process into Traditions Plaza for the Mass on the Quad, a beloved tradition organized by the St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish's campus ministry department and parishioners.

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Ukrainian bishops back U.N. reports of citizens deported to Russia

Catholic News Service

Warsaw, Poland

Ukrainian bishops backed U.N. reports that civilians are being forcibly deported from Russian-occupied areas of their country, recalling scenes from earlier decades.

"Although we don't know precisely where people are being sent, or on what scale, these deportations are certainly happening," said Bishop Stanislav Szyrokoradiuk of Odesa-Simferopol. "Many children are being taken from orphanages in Kherson and other occupied towns — and though some have tried to return, this hasn't been possible. It's just one of many human rights

violations we are witnessing."

In a Sept. 9 interview with Catholic News Service, he said it had been difficult to make "clear factual distinctions between deportations and evacuations," or to obtain data on "forced and voluntary" relocations.

"While most Catholics from war-affected areas have escaped to Poland and the West, some pro-Russian citizens have also gone East, perhaps believing life will be better there," Bishop Szyrokoradiuk said. "But efforts are also underway to take as many Ukrainian children as possible and turn them into new people who'll belong to Russia."

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2022 MCC honoree has helped promote charity, mercy through St. Vincent de Paul Society

By Jay Nies

Several charter members of the St. Peter Parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Jefferson City set their sights on Dean Dutoi.

"My invitation was basically, 'We'd like you to join,'" Mr. Dutoi recalled.

"... And we'd like you to be president."

With that, the now-retired nuclear technician was off on an adventure that has brought him into contact with people in need all over the Capital City, as well as people in several central and northeastern Missouri locales who want to help.

The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) honored Mr. Dutoi on Aug. 30 with its 2022 Citizen Recognition Award for the Jefferson City diocese, for his years of service to the local and regional conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) and the Church.

Each year, in bestowing the award, the MCC, public-policy agency of Missouri's four Roman Catholic dioceses, "recognizes a Catholic citizen from each diocese who has exemplified good citizenship in promoting Catholic values in the public square."

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight presented this year's award to Mr. Dutoi.

"Thank you, Dean, for helping our Church to be recognized as a center of charity and a sanctuary of mercy, not only among parishioners but also in the wider community, so close to the State Capitol in our faithful city," Bishop McKnight stated.

"St. Vincent de Paul Society conferences are a very important structure for us — a mode of proclaiming the Gospel in not only how we worship but also in how we live," the bishop said.

Mr. Dutoi served for over a decade as president of the SVdP local conference at St. Peter Parish and as founding president of the society's North Central Missouri District Council.

"We're ordinary people," Mr. Dutoi noted. "But together, and with God's help, we're doing extraordinary things ... always mindful of our absolute dependence on God for the

grace to do it."

"A lot of hours"

Millie Aulbur, who nominated Mr. Dutoi for the award, pointed to several of his accomplishments as president of the St. Peter SVdP conference.

- moving from paper-based to computer-based record-keeping, and working with a volunteer programmer to create a custom database;

- transitioning from a single telephone landline "help line" to a system of cell phones, making services more accessible and allowing better coordination among volunteers; and
- bringing the local conference's tax-exempt status into line with requirements from the national organization.

"It's worth noting that Dean led the local St. Vincent de Paul response to the May 2019 tornado in Jefferson City and surrounding area," Mrs. Aulbur wrote. "He coordinated the assistance received from a SVdP response team based in St. Louis. This required a lot of hours."

She also highlighted his diligence and persistence in getting the regional SVdP district council established.

Important people

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international Catholic organization of lay men and women dedicated to helping its members grow spiritually and to addressing immediate needs in the community by offering person-to-person service.

The society has more than 900,000 members worldwide, spread among more than 46,000 conferences in 30 countries on five continents.

Five parishes in this diocese — Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia; St. Peter Parish



Father Jeremy Secrist, pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, parishioners Carol and Dean Dutoi, and Bishop W. Shawn McKnight gather before the altar in the chapel of the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center in Jefferson City Aug. 30, after Bishop McKnight presented Mr. Dutoi the Missouri Catholic Conference's 2022 Citizen Recognition Award for the Jefferson City diocese. Mr. Dutoi served for over a decade as president of St. Peter Parish's conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

— Photo by Jay Nies

in Jefferson City; St. Brendan Parish in Mexico; Immaculate Conception Parish in Montgomery City; and St. Pius X Parish in Moberly — have active SVdP conferences.

Each of these reflects the needs and resources of the parishes and communities they serve.

Each conference has active members, who carry-out most of the services; associate members, who help whenever they can; and contributing members, who offer financial and prayerful support.

Anyone in need is eligible for help, regardless of religious affiliation.

"We can't fix everybody's problems, but the people we do help, it makes a difference to them, and they are important," said Mr. Dutoi.

"From God, through us"

Mr. Dutoi joined the St. Peter Parish SVdP in Jefferson City in 2012, a few years after

its founding.

Members of the St. Peter conference logged over 200 hours of service and distributed over \$47,000 to people in need in 2021.

Much of its assistance to people comes as new mattresses for children, help with utility bills, a monthly meal at the Salvation Army Center of Hope, and aid for stranded travelers.

Money for these activities comes from parishioners of St. Peter Parish and Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, along with grants from the Three Rivers Electric Cooperative Foundation and gifts from various members of the community.

Members understand that they are encountering Christ in the people they serve, and commit to treating them with dignity and respect.

"We all see that there's nothing we can do without God's help," Mr. Dutoi noted.

With his help, the conference uncovered specific needs

that were not being met in the community and found sustainable ways to meet those needs.

For instance, it came to light over time that people living on the edges of financial security tend to move a lot.

"In doing so, many of them have to leave behind whatever they can't fit in the back of their car or a friend's car," said Mr. Dutoi.

That often rules out mattresses, and children wind up sleeping on the floor.

"We have developed a relationship with different furniture places, to get twin-size mattresses and sometimes bed-frames at a reduced price," he said.

Volunteers deliver the mattresses.

"And while they're there, they evangelize to people in a quiet and servant-oriented way," Mr. Dutoi noted. "The people are aware that this comes from God, through us."

Likewise, the conference has a helpful approach to giving utility assistance.

"When someone gets a disconnection notice from a utility, usually electric, it says, 'If you don't come up with this much money' — not the whole bill, just something — 'we're going to shut you off,'" said Mr. Dutoi.

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QUESTION CORNER

Better to go to church or be kind? / Tradition of lighting candles

By Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service



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

Q. Who is a better person? Someone who attends Mass every Sunday and receives Holy Communion but is not nice to people (rude, insulting, doesn't help the poor)? Or someone who attends Mass sporadically but is a kind, considerate and helping individual? (Gahanna, Ohio)

A. Is it better to walk on your right leg or your left leg? That question, in my mind, matches your own (whether it's better to go to church or to be kind). Obviously, we need both legs to walk correctly and well. And similarly, the Church is committed to regular sharing in the Eucharist — not only because that was Christ's command to us, but because it is from the strength of the Eucharist that we are enabled to live our lives unselfishly.

Jesus, of course, did say: "I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn. 13:34). He even suggested in Matthew 25 that the final standard on which each of us will be judged is whether we have helped people when they needed it most.

But Jesus also, on the night before He died, gathered the apostles to share His Body and Blood at the first Eucharist and told them that they should "do this in memory of Me." The Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has determined that for Catholics this means the obligation of celebrating Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

In doing so, we are following the example of the early believers who "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). So church attendance or daily kindness is not an "either-or" proposition. We are not forced into making this false choice. In fidelity to Jesus, we do both — and, in so doing, make steady progress in the Christian life.

Q. I have asked several people this, but no one seems to know: Why do Catholics light candles in church? When did this tradition start, and what was the reason? (Troy, New York)

A. The custom of lighting candles as a mark of respect and prayer actually predates Christianity. In Judaism, the Talmud prescribed that there be a perpetual lighted candle at the Ark of the Covenant where the writings of the sacred Scriptures were kept — as a sign of respect for the word of God.

(This may well have contributed to the current practice of Catholic churches in keeping a lighted sanctuary lamp near the tabernacle to mark the presence of the Eucharist and to call believers to special reverence and veneration.)

Today, many Catholic churches contain racks where vigil candles are lighted by parishioners in honor of particular saints or in memory of someone who is deceased.

The word "vigil" refers to keeping watch, and the symbolism is that the one who lights the candle desires to remain present to the Lord in prayer even while leaving to attend to other daily obligations. This Christian practice can be traced back as far as the 200s, when lighted candles were kept burning in the catacombs at the tombs of martyrs by Christians honoring them and praying for their intercession.

Blessed John Paul I, 'the smiling pope,' showed God's goodness

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Beatifying Blessed John Paul I, Pope Francis praised the late pope for showing the world God's goodness and for living the Gospel without compromise.

"Our new Blessed lived that way: in the joy of the Gospel, without compromises, loving to the very end," the pope said.

"He embodied the poverty of the disciple, which is not only detachment from material goods, but also victory over the temptation to put oneself at the center, to seek one's own glory" as he followed the example of Jesus and was "a meek and humble pastor," he said.

The pope spoke during a



Blessed Pope John Paul I is pictured at the Vatican in 1978.

— CNS photo/L'Osservatore Romano

homily in St. Peter's Square at a Sept. 4 Mass attended by an estimated 25,000 people under

dark skies and rain, with an occasional roll of thunder and clap of lightning.

"With a smile, Pope John Paul managed to communicate the goodness of the Lord. How beautiful is a Church with a happy, serene and smiling face, a Church that never closes doors, never hardens hearts, never complains or harbors resentment, does not grow angry or impatient, does not look dour or suffer nostalgia for the past," the pope said.

"Let us pray to him, our father and our brother, and ask him to obtain for us 'the smile of the soul' that is 'transparent, that does not deceive,'" Pope Francis said.

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The best is yet to come

By Sr Constance Veit, Isp



Robert Browning, John Lennon and Pope Francis.

What could a Victorian-era poet, a 20th century rock star and a 21st century pope possibly have in common?

Well, I recently discovered something — each of them has tried to assure us that old age is not as bad as it might seem. For all three, “the best is yet to be!”

“Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made,” wrote Robert Browning in 1864. Over a century later John Lennon recorded a song inspired by Browning’s words, “Grow Old with Me.”

Pope Francis recently echoed these words in his general audience talks on

aging. “Old age is the phase in life most suited to spreading the joyful news that life is the initiation to a final fulfillment,” he said. “The elderly are a promise, a witness of promise. And *the best is yet to come*. The best is yet to come: it is like the message of elderly believers, the best is yet to come.”

Pope Francis sees our final years as a time of joyfulness.

“Old age is the fitting time for the moving and joyful witness of expectation. The elderly man and woman are waiting, waiting for an encounter,” he mused.

Though seniors may no longer possess “the power of the energy, words, and impulses of youth,” in their weakness they make “the promise of the true destination of life even more transparent. ... A place at the table with God, in the world of God,” the pope said.

Though many of us think about death with fear and trepidation, Pope

Francis encourages us to have a more positive outlook, placing our confidence in God, in Whose hands we subsist.

Referring to the grilled fish Jesus served His followers after His resurrection, our Holy Father said, “This gesture of caring love gives us a glimpse of what awaits us as we cross to the other shore. Yes, dear brothers and sisters, especially you elderly, the best of life is yet to come ... Let us hope for this fullness of life that awaits us all, when the Lord calls us.”

“‘When will my Lord come? When will I be able to go there?’” the pope mused. “A little bit of fear, because I don’t know what this step means, and passing through that door causes a little fear. But there is always the hand of the Lord that carries us forward, and beyond the door there is the party ... He is expecting us. Just one step and then the party.”

One step and then the party! Many might find this way of speaking a bit

naïve.

Old age as we know it — or presume it to be — is commonly a time of chronic illness and loneliness, and the dying process is often accompanied by pain and suffering.

But it has been my experience as a Little Sister that the elderly often do await the Lord’s coming with eager expectation and a profound sense of peace. If the pandemic has taught me anything, it is that the elderly are surprisingly resilient, despite their evident weakness.

As Pope Francis was reflecting on the meaning of old age this summer, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and National Geographic published the results of their 2021 “Second Half of Life Study.”

“We can say with confidence that most prevalent opinions and stereotypes of aging were proven wrong,” an AARP press release states,

“On the whole, life is good, espe-

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A depopulated future

By Richard Doerflinger
Catholic News Service



I remember when people thought overpopulation would destroy us and the planet. Paul Ehrlich’s 1968 book *The Population Bomb* popularized this idea, leading to urgent calls for “zero

population growth.” Dr. Warren Hern even warned in 1993 that the human species was a global “cancer”: “We have become a malignant ecopathologic process,” he wrote. (Hern happened to be a practitioner of late-term abortions.)

Now I’ve lived long enough to read serious articles warning: “We need to consider ways to reverse or at least slow rapid depopulation.”

That is the subtitle of “The Unexpected Future,” published Aug. 20 in the online magazine *Quillette*. Citing United Nations data and other sources, researchers Joel Kotkin and Wendell Cox say we “need to worry about the potential ill-effects of depopulation, including a declining workforce, torpid economic growth, and brewing generational conflict between a generally prosperous older generation and their more hard-pressed successors.”

All developed nations, including the United States, are well below replacement level. Even populous countries like India and China show declining fertility, with East Asian countries like Japan facing especially rapid declines.

As to causes, the authors say young adults see a future of “greater economic insecurity, poorer living conditions,

and fewer opportunities” than their parents. Ironically, if their attitude leads to fewer young people working to support a rapidly aging population, it will help bring about that very outcome for any children they do have.

Concern about climate change has also led some young adults to forgo parenthood or even marriage — expecting a child to place strain on the environment, or at least to face a toxic one.

The authors say the result is a “post-familial” society, where a growing percentage of households consist of only one person.

They cite the likely adverse effects of this on economics, politics and social solidarity, but also hint at something deeper. “This is as much a civilizational or spiritual crisis as an economic one, and it requires a shift in values, including perhaps religious ones.”

Devout Christians, Jews and Muslims have more children than their secular neighbors, as discussed in the book, *Shall the Religious Inherit the Earth?* by Eric Kaufmann, professor at Birkbeck, University of London. This is not only about a particular religion’s teaching on birth control.

In a May 31 article in the online journal *Public Discourse*, author and attorney Alexandra Davis emphasizes the spiritual side of the problem. She writes that “the consequences of the dwindling birth rate are far greater than questions related to population figures.”

Young adults often forgo family life to enhance their individual autonomy and their hopes of success and comfort. What they may miss out on, says Davis,

REFLECTION

It never fails

By Mark Saucier

If you find yourself in a group of inmates and the conversation starts to lag, ask them about their grandmothers.

I’ve seen hardened men come to tears talking about their grandmas, many of whom raised them. These are the women who stepped up and in when parents bailed or failed.

I think about this when we get a call to cover when a grandchild is sick, school is cancelled, or our kids need a break. We are happy to help, grateful for the opportunity, but that’s just for a few hours or days.

Those other grandmas literally gave their lives, at least the lives they were accustomed to. They took on extra expenses, extra responsibilities and extra heartbreaks.

In Corinthians, Paul tells us that love is patient and kind. While no doubt true, it just seems too romantic for many real-life situations.

I’ve seen the patience and kindness, but in those grandmothers and others, there is a love that is tenacious and determined, tough and unrelenting.

In my parents and in friends, I’ve seen the pernicious path of dementia and Alzheimer’s. The person one has intimately known and cherished for years is slowly erased, as is the future they had planned together.

Freedom and travel are replaced by the mounting rigors of daily care. The sadness and the grief are acknowledged but delayed by the cleaning, the feeding and the comforting.

Life has changed, dreams have been stolen, but love soldiers on, accepting the sickness that came with the health.

Real love, vulnerable as it is, eventually makes no demands, renders no judgements, holds no expectation. It simply does what needs to be done.

A young mother gives birth to a child. Only when he fails to follow the developmental chart does she find that he came to her with a terminal condition.

She will have him for only a few years and then he will be ripped from her heart. She screams, curses and cries, and then gets on with giving him a lifetime’s worth of love.

I’ve seen this ungrudging love in parents, siblings of friends of those who don’t quite fit into our physical, mental, emotional or sexual molds.

I honor this selfless love, but it frightens me. I don’t know that I am capable of what these holy people do.

Their love is so deep, it is instinctive. They never had to say “yes” to it, because there never was a thought of a “no.”

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Busy days of truth and encounter in the Right to Life booth at the Missouri State Fair

By Jay Nies

Annette Owens was smiling at the baby in the stroller as the woman softly spoke.

"I had an abortion when I was 15."

The woman confided that she didn't tell her parents or her then-boyfriend that she was pregnant. Only her friends, who went with her to the abortion clinic.

"I still think about that baby all the time," said the woman, who later married the young man she had become pregnant with.

They had several more children.

When one of these sons came to her in his early 20s, he said, "Mom, my girlfriend is pregnant. We can't afford to have a baby. We don't have time. Our jobs won't allow us to do it."

The woman recounted her own abortion experience to her son.

"Don't do it," she told him. "You'll regret it for the rest of your life."

The son and the baby's mother listened.

Their baby, the woman's grandchild, seated in the stroller, smiled back at Mrs. Owens at the Missouri Right to Life (MRL) booth at this year's State Fair.

Mrs. Owens, a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Sedalia, was moved to tears.

"If there was no other reason for me to be there that day, for that timing to work out, for

God to put me there in that moment, that woman was the reason why," she said.

It turned out to be just one of several encounters Mrs. Owens experienced in her four hours in the pro-life booth, located in the Varied Industries Building at the Fair.

Volunteers from Sedalia's MRL chapter have been staffing the booth for the past 48 State Fairs.

"We want to help restore the respect for human life," stated Bonnie Diefendorf, also a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

"The Fair is a great way to meet people from all across our state and help them realize that a baby in the womb is alive and fully human from the moment of his or her conception," she said.

"We do this in a way that's loving, non-argumentative and non-confrontational, because our goal is to change people's hearts," she said.

Mrs. Diefendorf spent the opening and closing shifts of the 10-day fair in the booth.

This was her 47th year helping to staff the booth, having missed only the year when her daughter was born in August.

The group didn't think about skipping this year's Fair, held weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the 1973 and 1992 decisions that had legalized abortion-on-demand throughout the United States.



Veronica Cumpton greets visitors to the Right to Life booth at the 2022 Missouri State Fair in Sedalia.

— Photo by Jay Nies

The "trigger ban" on abortion passed by Missouri lawmakers in 2019 made this the first State Fair held since nearly all elective abortions here became illegal.

"I think it's still very important for us to maintain a presence there," Mrs. Diefendorf stated. "Even though we can say abortion is banned in Missouri, that doesn't mean we can say Missouri women aren't seeking abortions."

Besides, she stated: "Our ultimate goal is not the illegality of abortion, but to have a culture in our country where all human life is precious and abortion is unthinkable."

Committed to life

A week before the Fair opened, several dozen people of all ages gathered in the Knights of Columbus Council 831's hall in Sedalia to fill 3,000 plastic bags with pro-life materials and sort out the other featured giveaways.

Looking around the room, Mrs. Diefendorf defied the claim that pro-lifers are only pro-life until a baby is born.

"These are a lot of the same people you see volunteering at Birthright and Open Door and numerous other places, helping people in need, year-in, year-out," she said.

"These are wonderful people," added Sister Mary Ruth Wand of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, pastoral minister for St. Vincent de Paul Parish. "They give their all, and they're a wonderful example to the younger folks."

Many of the volunteers

bring their children along to help, Sr. Mary Ruth noted, and those children grow up and do the same.

Mrs. Diefendorf shared several heartwarming stories of encounter from past years' Fairs.

"It's always amazing to me to see how interested the young people are, especially the pre-adolescents and early adolescents, are," she said.

She noted that the materials given away at the booth point to the humanity of the baby in the womb, rather than the brutality of abortion.

"Our focus is on life, rather than death," she said.

She pointed out that Missouri has 87 pregnancy resource centers and 18 maternity homes for women and families in need.

"Their mission is to support not just a woman and an unborn child, but also the mother and the child after the child is born," she said.

Conversion of heart

People representing many faith traditions and backgrounds from in and near Sedalia spend four-hour shifts in the Right to Life booth throughout the Fair.

Each year, people pick up freebies such as pens, lapel buttons, refrigerator clips and bumper stickers at the pro-life booth.

The favorite for most children and teens is the "Precious One" — a tiny molded image accurately depicting what a pre-born baby looks like after 12 weeks in the womb.

"It's something a lot of

people seek out when they come to the Fair," said St. Vincent de Paul parishioner Liz Suter-Van Leer, Development Director for Sacred Heart School and the Sacred Heart School Foundation in Sedalia.

"I'm convinced that it makes an impression on them," she said.

Mrs. Suter-Van Leer has been part of Right to Life's outreach at the Fair for about 15 years.

She recalled the testimony of a visitor this year who works for an inner-city ministry in Kansas City.

"You're saving lives with what you're doing," the woman told her.

The woman went on to explain that three young teens she was helping all found out recently that they were pregnant.

All were planning to have abortions when they saw a "Precious One" model from the Fair, which helped each of them realize that an actual person is growing inside herself.

That friendly, silent witness made a difference.

"None of them aborted their babies," the woman told Mrs. Suter-Van Leer.

She's convinced that a culture of life is becoming an ever-more-distinct possibility.

"It's a conversion of heart that we're seeking," Mrs. Suter-Van Leer stated. "Every time we pass out a bag of information, every time we give a smile, every time we show a child or teenager that 'this is the progression of life within the womb,' we are taking part in that conversion, and that's what leads to a change of heart in this society."

"A great year"

Mrs. Owens attended her first pro-life demonstration before she was born.

"When my mother was pregnant with me, she protested at an abortion clinic in 1983," she noted. "She felt very strongly about respecting every human life, and she passed that on to me."

Mrs. Owens later heard the testimony of Melissa Ohden,

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HISPANIC

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community and accompaniment, people who are engaged in Hispanic ministry here are helping to lead Hispanics and Anglos alike into deeper communion with God in His Church.

Deep reverence

The Church in central and northeastern Missouri has much to celebrate and much to learn in ministering to, with and through Hispanic Catholics.

Hispanic culture and Missouri Catholic culture are becoming more firmly entwined.

First-, second- and third-generation Hispanics are taking up leadership roles in their communities and the Church.

Grounded in the Eucharist, in family, in community, in ethnic and Catholic identities, in personal devotions handed down from their ancestors, in evangelical zeal, and in reliance on the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, these Hispanic Catholics have invigorated and even in some cases revived the parishes they've become a part of.

Father Anthony Viviano recently became pastor of Annunciation Parish in California and neighboring St. Andrew Parish in Tipton.

The California parish has a vibrant Hispanic population.

Fr. Viviano quickly noticed the awe and reverence with which many Hispanic families approach the Mass and the Holy Eucharist.

"I can tell you from a personal, priestly perspective, their reverence is edifying and encourages me to see the importance of being a priest," he said.

He noticed that most of his Hispanic parishioners prefer to kneel for Holy Communion and to receive on the tongue.

He observed that while many come to Mass each Sunday, not all of them present themselves for Holy Communion.

"There is an ingrained understanding that has been taught and learned in their countries of origin, that the Eucharist is sacred, and you don't receive it casually," the priest noted.

He's working to allay their

reluctance by hearing Confessions with his limited Spanish-language skills.

"I am trying," he said.

Strong witness

Deacon John Weaver is the parish life collaborator for St. Mary Parish in Milan and the Mission of St. Mary in Unionville.

"The depth of the faith of many Hispanics must certainly be apparent to non-Hispanic community members," he stated.

He said a large Hispanic contingent helps bring abundant life to the Milan parish.

"The Hispanic prayer group meets weekly in church to pray for both particular and general needs of the community and beyond," he noted. "They also gather at any time of crisis or loss."

He said the vast majority of individuals offering an hour of Eucharistic adoration on the first Friday of each month in Milan are Hispanic.

The parish's Catholic Charismatic group, named in honor of San Juan Bautista, "is always at the front of the line to provide liturgical ministers or workers for parish projects."

"Hispanics provide the only live music we have available for Liturgies," he noted.

He lauded the parish's two Hispanic deacons, especially their preaching and their help with preparing families to have their children baptized.

Baptisms for Hispanics are true community events, Deacon Weaver noted.

Shared blessings

Father Francis Doyle, pastor of St. Peter Parish in Marshall and St. Joseph Parish in Slater, said the changing demographics of the Marshall parish reflect trends throughout the country.

"Our Sunday Mass in Spanish is our largest Mass at St. Peter," he noted. "And every Friday night, 60 or 70 people come to church for a prayer service."

He said that through decades of encounter, the Anglo and Hispanic parishioners do not see each other as members of ethnic groups but as individuals.



A mosaic depicts Our Lady of Guadalupe giving St. Juan Diego roses at a Guadalupe shrine at St. Juan Diego Catholic Church in Pasadena, Texas, Dec. 13, 2021. — CNS photo/James Ramos, *Texas Catholic Herald*

"And because of that, they work together really well," he said.

Father Gregory Meystrik, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Rolla, Immaculate Conception Parish in St. James and St. Anthony Parish in Rosati, said the diversity of the entire Phelps County community is an amazing blessing and gift.

"Given that it's Hispanic Heritage Month," he said, "I wish to express deep gratitude for the rich, diverse and faith-filled Hispanic cultures that thrive here in our community, including people originally from North America, Central America, and South America — all my brothers and sisters in Christ."

He noted that St. Patrick School in Rolla is blessed with four faculty and staff members who are Hispanic by birth or descent.

"I enjoy this diversity, and St. Patrick School and the Rolla Newman Center are probably among the most diverse and culturally rich schools and ministries of our diocese," he said.

Every year, at least one or

two students at St. Patrick start the year not knowing any English and are fluent by the time leave for the summer.

"This is blessing, in ways too numerous to count," he said.

Last year's celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick drew between 200 and 300 people from the Rolla area for prayer and fellowship.

Plans are already under way for this year's celebration.

"To my Hispanic brothers and sisters, I am especially grateful for your hospitality, welcome, your rich heritage and deep faith," said Fr. Meystrik. "I can hardly wait to see the school decorated for All Souls' Day."

Leadership and encounter

The U.S. Catholic bishops recently issued a report on the four-year Fifth Encuentro process for animating discipleship among Hispanic Catholics throughout the United States. (vencuentro.org)

"Encuentro" is Spanish for "encounter," which is a major basis for the process — namely, joyfully recognizing the shared

humanity and presence of God in all people, regardless of differences.

Hispanic Catholics in dioceses throughout the nation, including this diocese, took part in the work of consultation, discernment, intercessory prayer and evangelization at all stages of the process, culminating with a national gathering in Washington, D.C.

The result is a growing number of people within the Hispanic Catholic communities who are equipped to lead others to Christ and take up their rightful roles of discipleship and leadership in the Church.

Hispanic leadership has been brewing in this diocese for many years, including the ordination of nine Hispanic permanent deacons in 2019.

In addition to helping with Sunday Liturgies, these deacons work to identify appropriate avenues of outreach and to respond to other needs of Hispanic communities.

Such needs include sacramental and general catechetical formation, pastoral counseling and material assistance.

El Puente Hispanic Ministry in Jefferson City and California, founded in 1999 by Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, has grown and diversified in the services it offers, reflecting ongoing changes in the communities.

Many of the three-year pastoral plans that parishes throughout the diocese adopted in 2020 include making the parishes more hospitable to immigrants.

Language and culture remain a barrier for some Hispanic Catholics, especially adults whose children are becoming fluent in English at school.

Many of those children and grandchildren have come to occupy a more neutral place in this culture and society, identifying neither as being from their parents' nationality nor fully American.

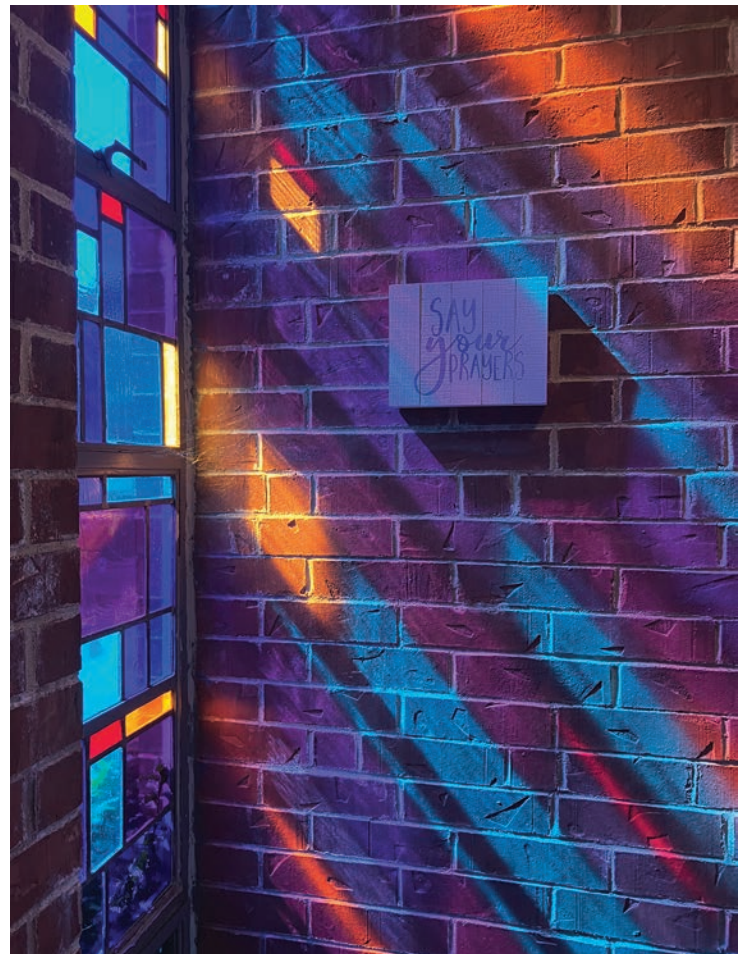
They are both. They are Hispanic/Latino. The Church must minister to them where they are.

The number of Hispanic parishioners who send their

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In a quiet church

LEFT: This photo by Sophia Coon, age 10, a member of St. Mary Parish in Shelbina, was part of the youth photography display in the 4-H Building at this year's Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. The photo was taken inside St. Mary Church. Sophia stated: "I wanted to take the photo because when I saw the candles lit in the shape of a cross I thought it looked pretty. I thought it was a good idea to light them in the shape of a cross because whoever came in to pray would have a cross to encourage them." She is in fifth grade at South Shelby Elementary School in Shelbina. **RIGHT:** Sophia Coon took this photo of stained glass in Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Ozark in August of this year.



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Polish nun has made teaching about Judaism her mission

Catholic News Service

Jerusalem

In 2018, Our Lady of Sion Sister Kasia Kowalska, the only Catholic nun to receive a doctorate in Jewish studies from London's Leo Baeck Institute, a rabbinical college, started teaching a one-week module on Jewish pilgrimage traditions at Bethlehem University as part of a class on religious pilgrimages at the Institute of Hotel Management and Tourism.

"For me, it is the most important work I am doing," Sr. Kasia said of the module, which concentrates on the religious aspect of pilgrimage, not only in the Holy Land, but also in Jewish places of pilgrimage in other parts of the world, including Morocco and Ukraine.

Since the Holocaust, the sisters of Our Lady of Sion have dedicated themselves to interreligious dialogue and prayer through the Church, Jewish people, and a world of justice, peace and love.

Responding in faith to a warming world — Mesa Verde

By Mike Hoey

For three years in the mid-1970s, my wife and I were Catholic volunteers in a program called VIDA, a peace corps-type program run by the diocese of Pueblo, Colorado.

In the summer of 1977, one of my wife's many sisters came to visit us and we took her to Mesa Verde National Park in the far southwest corner of the state.

My sister-in-law had just returned from a tour of Western Europe's most famous sites, but nothing she saw there, she said, could compare with the magnificent beauty of Mesa Verde.

Mesa Verde National Park contains some 600 cliff dwellings, now abandoned but once the home of ancient Puebloans who lived there from about 600 to 1300.

The dwellings cling to the sides of canyons while on the mesa above, at least until recently, large stands of pinyon and juniper offer refreshing clouds of bluish-grey color, which offset the otherwise stark and arid landscape.

We climbed up into some of the cliff dwellings and peered down into kivas where the Anasazi, as they are sometime referred to, held their religious ceremonies.

In the park's museum, we saw the famous black-on-white pottery, which is the famous trademark of these remarkable people.

One night, we gathered around a large campfire while a park ranger told us the story of the Anasazi.

The big mystery still not fully solved is why these ancient people abandoned Mesa Verde.

Was it because of increasingly ferocious raids by nomadic and warlike Utes or Apaches, or was it because of a severe drought that made it impossible to grow the corn and beans they depended on?

Mesa Verde is a rugged, semi-arid land where water can be scarce, and wildfires can blaze out of control scorching miles of forests and grasslands.

For a pueblo people having only stone-age technology of digging sticks and bows and arrows, there could have been only a narrow margin of error in the struggle to survive.

Scientists theorize that this area of the American Southwest

experienced severe drought in the 1200s. They base this on the narrow growth rings found in old trees from that era and from the seams found in the timber cut by pueblo people.

Whether drought was the main cause or not, sometime around 1300, the people began to drift away to more promising lands to the south and east, establishing pueblos on the upper Rio-Grande, such as Taos, New Mexico, where Anasazi's ancestors still live today.

In Mesa Verde today, another major transition is underway. A UNESCO report indicates the park is one of the most at-risk world heritage sites in the world.

A National Park Study declares that "Ongoing and future climate change will likely affect all aspects of park management, including natural and cultural resource protection, as well as park operation and visitor experience."

Fire and beetle infestations are killing off large stands of the parks' old-growth pinons that used to cover the mesa, over one-third is now gone, leaving a denuded landscape very unlike the one I saw in the 1970s.

Rock art painted by the Anasazi is being destroyed by wildfires.

Park officials and naturalists note that two species of squirrels are now gone, the juniper titmouse, a small songbird, has disappeared, and the Mexican spotted owl no longer visits Mesa Verde.

These changes may be the canary in the coal mine, representing the first signs of how a hotter and drier world may affect not just songbirds but us all.

Wildfires have always been a part of the natural cycle in this part of the American Southwest, so the increasing occurrence of destructive fires must be carefully measured with what is known of past fire activity.

Nevertheless, it appears that the current drought and fire cycle is exceeding past cycles in its intensity and possibly in its duration.

Already, the rapidly depleting waters of the once mighty Colorado River has led to urgent discussions among the states of the region — Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California — on how to allocate the precious water for each area.

The challenges of a warming world may be more apparent in the American West, a semi-arid region historically vulnerable to severe droughts, but the Midwest is likely to see increasing problems, too.

Severe heat waves coupled with other factors may lead to alternating years of drought and heavy rainfall.

We — 21st century Americans — have more far resources and advanced technology than the Anasazi of the 13th century,

but that doesn't make us impervious to the natural world and its cycles, which may be beneficial in some historical periods but destructive in others.

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

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Games
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Come meet old
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British Catholics, Pope Francis pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth II

By Simon Caldwell
Catholic News Service

Manchester, England

Catholics in the U.K. paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth II following her death Sept. 8 and the end of a reign that lasted more than 70 years.

Pope Francis sent a telegram addressed “To His Majesty the King, Charles III,” her son who immediately ascended to the throne.

“I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late queen’s eternal rest and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in His promises,” Pope Francis said.

The British sovereign died “peacefully” at Balmoral, the royal residence in Scotland, surrounded by members of her family. She was 96.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, paid tribute using many of the queen’s own words.

“On 21 April 1947, on her 21st birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, ‘I declare before you all that my whole life, whether

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children to Catholic schools is disproportionately low, as Catholic education in many of their nations of origin is not affordable.

Parishes with Catholic schools in this diocese are working to enroll more Hispanic children.

The final document for the Fifth Encuentro noted that the culture of encounter is deeply interpersonal and cannot be confined to institutional boundaries.

“It must encompass the whole world and every aspect of human life and striving within it,” the document states.

“By allowing the Holy Spirit to continue to work in us, we become God’s chosen instruments to forge a culture of encounter in every place and for all time — one encounter at a time,” it concludes.

it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service,” Cardinal Nichols said. “Now, 75 years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death and so full of admiration for the un-failing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.”

“Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II,” he said. “At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.”

The cardinal quoted Queen Elizabeth’s Christmas message from 2000, in which she said the teachings of Christ and her own “personal accountability before God” gave her a framework of how to live, and that

Christ’s words and example offered her “great comfort in difficult times.”

Cardinal Nichols said: “This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.”

He also offered prayers “for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office, even as he mourns his mother. God save the king.”

Bishop Hugh Gilbert, president of the Bishops’ Conference of Scotland, praised Queen Elizabeth for her life of “outstanding and dedicated public service.”

“Her determination to remain active to the end of her

long life has been an example of Christian leadership, which demonstrated her great stoicism and commitment to duty and was undoubtedly a source of stability and continuity in times of great change,” he said. “Scotland’s Catholic bishops will remember her in our prayers and pray for all those who mourn her loss.”

Queen Elizabeth died 17 months after the death of her husband, Philip, who died in April 2021 at age 99. Her 73-year marriage to Philip was the longest of any British sovereign.

The U.K. entered a 10-day period of mourning.

Elizabeth was born on April 26, 1926, to Prince Albert, Duke of York, and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

She acceded to the throne Feb. 6, 1952, and during her coronation in Westminster

Abbey June 2, 1953, Queen Elizabeth was open about her Christian faith.

“When I spoke to you last, at Christmas, I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my coronation — to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making,” the queen said in her address. “Throughout this memorable day, I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.”

During her reign, Queen Elizabeth met with four popes — Francis, Benedict, John Paul II and John XXIII, and as princess she met Pope Pius XII.

The queen sometimes joked about her longevity, once quoting Groucho Marx, saying: “Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough.”

UNDERCROFT

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the end of their useful life and needed to be upgraded or replaced.

“We encountered critical issues with the aging systems that needed more-urgent repair, such as decayed or clogging pipes,” she stated. “They aren’t exciting or visible improvements but needed to be done.”

“It also gave us an opportunity to look at the lighting and audiovisual systems and incorporate the new technology that’s available,” she said.

For instance, people who use the Undercroft will be able to adjust the lighting in keeping with the purpose and mood for the gathering.

“You’ll have a lot more customization,” she said. “You’ll be able to adjust it for a wedding reception or a fish fry, a dinner or whatever you’re having.”

A new focal point has been created in the meeting area, with a wooden backdrop and two dropdown screens with ceiling-mounted projectors, making the room ideal for presentations.

“There are going to be a lot more options for how you can use the space,” she said.

The Cathedral’s and Undercroft’s design schemes will also be better unified.

“Were incorporating a lot of finishes that reference the Cathedral upstairs into the Undercroft, but with more of a casual take on it,” said Mrs. Flippin.

Display cases will be provided for the Knights of Columbus and the Scouts, helping to tie parish history into the new design.

Further upgrades are making the build-

ing more energy-efficient, including new windows with Low-E Glazing, which dramatically limits the amount of ultraviolet light that passes through the glass.

The new, more efficient mechanical system and the installation of LED lighting throughout the building will also reduce the building’s energy consumption, saving money and helping to take better care of creation.

The restrooms in the Undercroft, already modified for increased handicap-accessibility about 15 years ago, are getting new plumbing fixtures, new lighting, new wall finishes and a durable new epoxy floor covering.

Mrs. Flippin said people who enter the Undercroft will be struck with a “wow factor” that has been long missing.

“I think that’s especially important for diocesan functions,” she said.

In God’s hands

Construction in the Undercroft is still on target for having the parish’s weekend Masses moved there temporarily in November.

That will free up the school gymnasium, which has been doubling as a worship space since January, for other purposes.

“It’s been challenging,” Mrs. Flippin noted. “A lot of material delays have affected this project. But I think the contractor, Sircal Contracting, is doing a good job of pushing the work on the lower level so they can have access to it early.”

Mrs. Flippin and her colleagues at The Architects Alliance are working in col-

laboration with church architect William Heyer, architectural consultant for the renovation.

“We’re the local architect and the architect of record and have been handling the design work for the Undercroft,” Mrs. Flippin explained.

“We’ve done the record documents and are managing the construction administration for the entire project,” she said.

She is grateful to get to be involved with many of The Architect Alliance’s Catholic projects.

“I feel especially honored to work on this one, the Cathedral for our diocese,” she stated.

Mindful of Bishop W. Shawn McKnight’s request for prayers for the renovation, Mrs. Flippin asks the people of this diocese to pray especially for the safety of the people who are working on the project.

“Also,” she suggested, “with the challenges that we’re facing with material delays, pray that everything can stay on track and on schedule while they’re working on these projects.”

Work on the Cathedral is scheduled to be completed in early March.

Since the Cathedral serves everyone in the diocese, Bishop McKnight invites Catholics throughout these 38 counties to contribute toward the cost of the renovation, as long as doing so does not reduce their regular, sacrificial support of their own parish.

Visit diojeffcity.org/cathedral-renovation for information.

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He noted that having a utility turned off is usually “the first domino of disaster.”

“When that happens, you can’t get reconnected unless you pay the entire bill, which is much, much more than the smaller amount, along with a huge deposit,” he said.

“Then, whatever home they live in is deemed uninhabitable,” he continued. “You can’t keep children there. Enter the Division of Family Services. It ends up breaking up families.

“So we step in to try to keep that from happening, to keep families together and help keep their finances from spiraling out of control,” he said.

Typically, SVdP will help someone pay the last \$100 of whatever they need to keep their utilities from getting shut off.

“We work with them,” said Mr. Dutoi. “They have to do the bulk of the work to come up with the rest of the money. But we help make that work possible.”

People also need help with transportation.

“The recent spike in gas prices has been brutal,” Mr. Dutoi noted. “The cost of getting to and from work has been ruinous for people whose finances are already hanging on by a thread.”

The St. Peter SVdP conference has opened up an account at a local gas station, with authorization to give a certain amount of fuel to people the conference sends there.

“That can hopefully keep them rolling long enough to get another paycheck,” Mr. Dutoi said.

Regarding food, the council tried sponsoring monthly hot meals in St. Peter Parish’s fellowship hall.

Few people came, due to transportation and other logistical issues.

Members of the conference now pay for, prepare and serve a meal at the Salvation Army each month.

Volunteers who answer the phone also know where to send people in need of things the conference can’t provide.

This helps the local conference maximize its resources by minimizing duplication of services.

“It’s all about adapt and overcome, and ‘where is our niche?’” he said.

Leverage

Mr. Dutoi noted that since the United States’ first SVdP conference was established in St. Louis in 1845, the society’s organizational structure has grown up around cities.

The scattered conferences in this diocese were not part of a district council, which brought added administrative burdens to each local conference’s officers and the national council.

Cooperating with people in the national headquarters, Mr. Dutoi helped organize the North Central Missouri District Council to serve all the current and future conferences in this diocese.

“It’s all about leveraging,” he stated. “It allows us to adapt the mostly urban model of organization to the geographical situation we have in our diocese.

“Having a district council helps with the paperwork at the local and the national levels,” he said. “Ideally, the better organized you are, the better your overall health is.”

Changing of the guard

Mr. Dutoi recently got “term-limited” out as president of St. Peter Parish’s SVdP conference.

Parishioner Mary Telthorst has succeeded him as president.

“I’m thrilled to have her as our leader,” said Mr. Dutoi. “She brings a different skillset, a wider skillset and a wider perspective than I have, and she’s doing great.”

He said that in accepting the MCC award, he was representing all the people in his parish who make SVdP work.

“The volunteers and the donors and the support of our pastor — none of this happens without them,” he said.

“I hope people see that I’m just an ordinary guy who fell in with a bunch of wonderful people in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and we’ve been able to do extraordinary things together,” he said.

He emphasized that his wife, Carol, has been amazingly supportive of his work with



Carol Dutoi admires the 2022 Missouri Catholic Conference Citizen Recognition Award plaque that her husband, Dean Dutoi, received on Aug. 30.

— Photo by Jay Nies

St. Vincent de Paul.

“She’s been right here, all along,” he said. “During the tornado response, she was right there next to me, or running an

errand to help the cause.”

Mr. Dutoi encouraged people — especially younger people — to volunteer as members of their local SVdP conferences

or in other charitable efforts.

He noted that it’s usually easier to recruit volunteers for specific tasks than for open-ended commitments.

“The challenge is convincing people to volunteer to do unnamed things,” he said, noting that both are essential for this kind of work.

“The pandemic really threw a grenade into so much of what we do,” he noted. “The needs never went away, but COVID made it that much harder to help address them.”

Mr. Dutoi asked for prayers, especially for future members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society: “for the strength and courage to step out of their comfort zone and do something they admire but normally wouldn’t do.”

Society’s founder saw charitable works as a path to encountering God

“Charity must never look back, but always ahead, for the number of its past benefits is always quite small, as the present and future miseries it should alleviate are infinite.”

— Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

By Jay Nies

Although now headquartered in the United States and active throughout the world, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) was founded in 1833 in Paris.

“That might be what you’d call our French connection,” said Dean Dutoi, past president of the SVdP conference at St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City.

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, an intellectually vibrant lay Catholic reformer, set out with his friends to encounter and glorify God through works of charity.

Blessed Frédéric was appalled by the tragic poverty and disparity of wealth he saw around him in the post-Revolution France of the early 19th century, as well as the indifference he saw among many of people of faith in that predominantly Catholic country.

He believed society needed nothing short of a complete overhaul to reorient it toward the message of Christ, revealed in the Gospel and upheld by the Church.

During a heated debate with Blessed Frédéric, Jean Broet, a French socialist demanded, “What is your Church doing now for the poor? Show us your works and we will believe you!”

Blessed Frédéric agreed.

“We Catholics,” he later stated, “must bring back to men the warmth of Christian love.”

He and his friends began gathering for prayer, lively discussion and most importantly,

Christian action.

They called their gatherings the Conference of Charity, later placing themselves under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, a 16th-century pastor and preacher who made concrete acts of Christian charity a pillar of his priestly ministry.

The society’s members, often referred to as Vincentians, still heed their founder’s directive: “The poor you will always have with you. They are a gift from God. Treat them as such and try to help them.”

Mr. Dutoi relayed his favorite story from the society’s earliest days.

“Frédéric Ozanam and his likeminded friends had set out to do something to help the poor,” Mr. Dutoi recounted. “It was winter, and people in parish were freezing in their homes.”

The group of friends acquired a load of firewood, took it to a poor neighborhood in Paris and wound up just leaving it in the street.

Blessed Frédéric then sought out Sister Rosalie Rendu, now Blessed, who was a member of the Sisters of Charity.

“He came right out and told her, ‘We have no idea what we’re doing,’” said Mr. Dutoi. “She said, ‘You have the firewood, I have the knowledge and insight and an ‘in’ with the people who live here. I will guide you in how to help the poor.’”

With her guidance, the society’s charter members were able to build a system that allowed them to serve more effectively.

“So, from the beginning, it was all about adapting and overcoming,” said Mr. Dutoi. “That’s still what we always seek to do.”

The society’s founder died on Sept. 8, 1853. Pope St. John Paul II presided at his Beatification Mass on April 23, 1997.



By Father Don Antweiler

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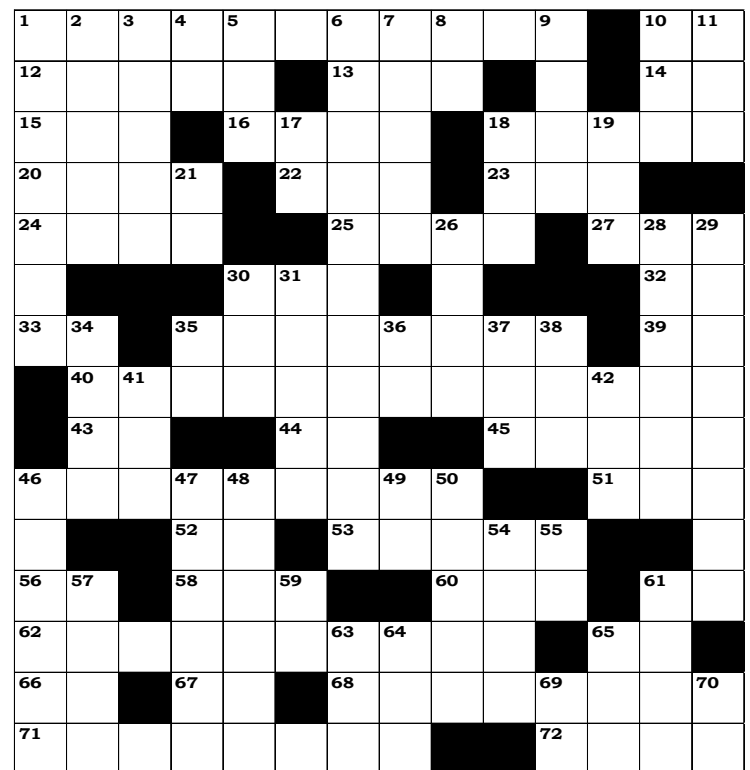
1. The mascot of the University of Central Missouri in ____, Mo. is Mo the Mule.
10. Short for Lieutenant.
12. "O Come Let Us ____ Him...." —from the Christmas hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful."
13. "A ____ is the lowest form of humor, unless you thought of it yourself" — Doug Larson.
14. Abbr. used for "in other words."
15. The sun, for the Romans.
16. ____-McGee; Oklahoma oil company founded in 1929; bought out by a Texas oil company in 2006.
18. "Jesus Christ is ____ Today," —Easter hymn written in Bohemia in the 14th cen.
20. Hello, in Mexico.
22. Evergreen tree.
23. Whatever knowledge you need, you can probably download an ____ for it.
24. Ancient Persia; now ruled by Mullahs.
25. Ark man.
27. A major TV network.

30. As she went on stage, she heard, Good luck! Break a ____!
32. Adults Only; movie rating.
33. Country internet code for Greece.
35. The mascot for Lincoln University in __. __ is Stripes, the Blue Tiger (2 wds.).
39. Short for a Zloty (____), the currency of Poland.
40. The mascot for Southeast Mo. State in ____, Mo. is Rowdy the Redhawk (2 wds.).
43. St. Pope John Paul ____ is credited with a central role in the fall of Communism, specifically the USSR.
44. "Death trampled our Lord underfoot, but ____ in His turn treated death as a highroad for His own feet," —St. Ephrem the Syrian, deacon and hymnographer; d. 373 AD.
45. A Muslim's religion.
46. The mascot of Northwest Mo. State in ____, Mo. is Bobby the Bearcat.
51. A globe.
52. Short for American Eagle; clothier.
53. "Great saints are born in troubled times, when everyone is feeling the need of something to believe in, as in the ____, the goddess Liberty, universal peace, or a new Messiah due next week," —*The secret of the Cure of Ars*, Henri Gheon.
56. Abbr. for room.
58. Letters for National Security Agency; codebreakers for U.S. gov't.

60. "...ghosts cannot abandon the ____-gotten gains they have buried in the earth when alive," —"Hamlet," Shakespeare.
61. The original 12-step program.
62. The mascot for Truman State University in ____, Mo. is Spike the Bulldog.
65. ____-GYN.
66. Prefix for core or tail.
67. Wide shoe size.
68. A clasp or latch.
71. A person with a broken watch?
72. "The Farmer in the ____," —Mother Goose rhyme.

DOWN

1. Many, though not all, grew up using the word "warshing" rather than ____ (hands, hair, dishes). This is a remnant of a Midland dialect that covers the Midwest, from Missouri to Ohio. It is much less commonly used today.
2. "...pray for us, too, that God may open __ to us for the word..." —Colossians 4:3 (2 wds.)
3. The mascot for the Missouri Univ. of Science and Technology in ____, Mo is Joe Miner.
4. Burlington Northern or Union Pacific.
5. ____! A mouse!
6. The mascot of Missouri State Univ. in ____, Mo. is Boomer the Bear.
7. Donkey, esp. in the West.
8. The United Nations (____) currently has 193 members and 2 permanent non-member observer states, Palestine and Vatican City/Holy See.
9. "Hold on with a bulldog ____, and chew and choke as much as possible," —



- Abraham Lincoln.
10. "There is a deceptively beautiful ____ behind every evil," —Remus, the man-wolf, to Stumpe, the tree-spirit in *Bogfolke*, Michael Nicholas Richard.
11. "Do not expect to have the Beatific Vision after ____ minutes of recollection," —*The God who Comes*, Carlo Carreto.
17. Sixth letter of the alphabet.
18. A cheer.
19. A place for massages and facials.
21. In science, short for analog.
26. Part of the opera often sung by a diva.
28. The parish youth group held a ____, a rummage sale and a car wash to fund their mission trip.
29. The mascot for the main campus of the Univ. of Mo. in ____, Mo. is Truman the Tiger.
30. A brand of jeans.
31. D through J.
34. The process for joining the Catholic Church.
35. ____ Morgan; a financial services corporate giant and the largest bank in the U.S. in assets.
36. Short for Consumer Reports: org. and mag. that tests and rates products for safety and performance; since 1936.
37. Prefix for angle and cycle.
38. 3 ____ = 9 ft.
41. Plane or conditioner.
42. Letters for Electric Light Orchestra; British band from the 1970s-80s selling over 50 million records worldwide, making them one of the best-selling music groups of all time.
46. "Eat anything sold in the ____..." (1 Corinthians 10:25).
47. New York baseball player.
48. Ship, for ex.
49. ____ *14 de juillet* (the 14th of July) in France is Bastille Day, celebrating the French revolution which overturned the corruption of the old order, but which led to the Reign of Terror, Napoleon, and a violent anti-Catholicism.
50. Sometimes the only choice we have is the lesser of two ____.
54. ____ down my guard and others suffered because of it (2 wds.).
55. ____ Bean; outdoor clothier and recreational equipment.
57. A type of skirt.
59. Letters for audio-visual.
61. Victim of his older brother Cain (Genesis 4).
63. Do it now! No ____, ands or butts!
64. Viva ____ Vegas!
65. "Those of us who survived the Mole City Battle share an unbreakable bond. Any ____ of us would have given our lives for the others," —*Mokane* [Mo.] to *Mole City: A Manchu Vietnam Memoir*, Stanley Adams.
69. Almost all schools today are co-____.
70. ____ Stine; the *Goosebumps* author.

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SORROWS

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Anyone who mourns the loss of a loved one is given the chance to exercise faith in Jesus Christ and His promise of eternal life.

“And being in touch with our own sorrows, without being consumed by them, motivates us to have care and concern for others who are suffering,” the bishop noted.

“As Christians, we are called to use our sorrows and sufferings for the spiritual benefit of all, especially those closest to us,” he said.

He pointed out that Mary, who was conceived without sin, suffered because of her own great love and her Son’s overwhelming passion for saving lost souls.

“From the Cross, Jesus, in His own terrible agony because of our sins, gave us His mother for our consolation,” said Bishop McKnight.

“The agony of Jesus was shared deeply in the heart of His mother, who suffered more than any other person of our race precisely because she was without sin and could love the most.”

“In time of suffering, our devotion to the Sorrowful Mother takes on a new resonance deep within our souls, as we contemplate the mystery of how someone so good could suffer so much,” he said.

The bishop pointed out that while God’s grace kept Mary safe from the stain of sin throughout her life, she was a human being, flesh and blood created by God.

“So we neither worship nor adore her,” he emphasized. “Instead, we celebrate and give great thanks for her, and honor, love and venerate her.”

Bishop McKnight called upon Mary’s powerful inter-



TOP LEFT: A pilgrim prays at the replica of the Holy Sepulchre on the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg on Sunday, Sept. 11. The skies cleared after an early-morning rain, and the annual Fall Pilgrimage to the historical shrine drew several hundred people. **TOP RIGHT:** The statue of the White Lady is carried back to the small chapel following the pilgrimage Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows. The chapel was built in 1888 for the protection of the White Lady, but a few years later, it was enlarged to its present size. **RIGHT:** Sunny skies greeted several hundred pilgrims on Sunday, Sept. 11, for the annual fall pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg.

— Photos by Don Kruse

cession in heaven to “help us to be more faithful and holy members of the Body of Christ by our acceptance of the sufferings of this life with patience and hope.”

“And may we be a consolation to others who suffer, by our works of charity and mercy,” he said.

Promises kept

Before Mass, pilgrims carried 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.

Bishop McKnight spoke in his homily of the fervent devotion the area’s Bavarian settlers had cultivated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

“Since the 19th century, many ordinary Catholics, like you and me, have found this shrine and its environs to be a sacred place to bring sorrows, troubles and sufferings of daily life,” he said.

“Today, we are keeping the promise of an annual pilgrimage made by our ancestors, who attributed to Our Lady many saving graces that averted floods, flus and famine.”

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Sep. 16-17

Eldon, Sacred Heart Parish rummage sale, 8 am-1 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

Krakow, 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; **Frankenstein**, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish fall festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Fulton**, St. Peter 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

Oct. 2

Argyle, St. Aloysius Parish & St. Boniface Chapel fall festival, 11 am-7 pm; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew Parish fall festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Martinsburg**, St. Joseph Parish Oktoberfest, 10 am-6 pm; **Morrison**, Assumption Parish fall dinner, 11 am-4 pm

Oct. 3

Jefferson City, "Swing for St. Mary's" annual golf classic & tennis/pickleball rally, 9 am-5:30 pm, Jefferson City Country Club, for info or to register visit stmarysfoundationjcmo.com/swing-for-st-marys.html

Oct. 5

Jefferson City, St. Peter Parish Ladies Sodality card party, 6:30-9 pm, Msgr. Hoog Hall

Oct. 8

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

Oct. 9

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Fulton**, Callaway County CROP Hunger Walk, 1 pm, Champ Auditorium at Westminster College, for info call 573-254-3455 or 573-826-0591; **Wardsville**, St. Stanislaus Parish fall supper, 11 am-6 pm

Oct. 10

Fulton, K of C Council 8400 (Holts Summit) golf tournament, 10 am-4 pm, Tanglewood Golf Course, for info call 573-619-0966 or email tschwartz@hotmail.com

Oct. 14-15

St. Robert, St. Robert Bellarmine Ladies Altar & Rosary Society annual Fall sale, 9 am-5 pm

Meetings/ Workshops

Sep. 19

Monroe City, Catechist & PSR teacher training, 6-9 pm, Holy Rosary Parish, for info or to register, call 573-635-9127 or email maureenquinn@diojeffcity.org

Sep. 20

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

Sep. 26

Jefferson City, Catechist & PSR teacher training, 6-9 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, for info or to register, call 573-635-9127 or email maureenquinn@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

Oct. 4

VIRTUAL, Marriage Prep Fa-

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

Oct. 7

Holts Summit, "Wine & Shrine" presentation on Marian Apparitions with John Carpenter, 6-7:30 pm, Veit Hall, for info call 573-619-6912 or email jenburewood@yahoo.com

Oct. 11

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

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

septiembre 17-18

Columbia, Retiro de Inicio, Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, 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

octubre 1-2

Marshall, Congreso Diocesano, edificio de usos múltiples del recinto ferial del condado de Saline, para más información contacte a Ilsi Palacios al 316-530-1004 o por correo electrónico a ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com

octubre 8

Marshall, Planificación Familiar Natural-Familia de las Américas, 9 am-12 pm, Parroquia San Pedro, diojeffcity.org/natural-family-planning

octubre 9-11

Griswold, IA, Retiro para Diáconos, ¡Cupo limitado a 20 participantes! para más información contacte a Diácono Enrique Castro al 573-680-3650 por su celular o por correo electrónico a ecastro@diojeffcity.org

Faith Formation & Spiritual Renewal

Sep. 20, 27

Jefferson City, "Tuesdays with Faith" fellowship group video

series with Fr. Dave Pivonka and Wild Goose Ministries, 6:30-8:30 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall

Oct. 8

Columbia, Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri Welcoming Prayer Retreat, 9 am-4:30 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish's Flanagan Hall, for info or to register, visit cocemo.org/calendar-retreats

Oct. 9 & 10

Jefferson City, "Surge of the Heart - A Parish Mission," with John Leonetti, 6:30-8 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral School gym, for info call 573-635-7991 or email julie.g@cathedraljlc.org

Liturgical

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

Oct. 11

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

Youth & Young Adults

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

Oct. 3

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

Oct. 5

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

Oct. 3

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

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Raymond & Dawn Wieberg, 30 years

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Dan & Linda Falter, 50 years
Bob & Judy Haller, 15 years

Fulton, St. Peter
Larry Hoard & Joanne Schrader, 35 years

Jonesburg, St. Patrick
Rich & Shirley Rose, 60 years

Louisiana, St. Joseph
Howard & Patricia Sommer, 50 years

Marshall, St. Peter
Floyd & Margie Riggins, 60 years

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart
Dennis & Rhonda Bax, 40 years
Cap & Jessica Luebbert, 15 years

St. Thomas, St. Thomas the Apostle
Leroy & Mary Jane Budnik, 55 years

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul
Henry & Rosann Saddler, 60 years
Glen & Linda Temple, 45 years
Kevin & Becky Houlotte, 40 years
Paul & Suzanne Arias, 35 years
Henry & Sherry Jo Torres, 30 years
Tim & Amy Carr, 25 years
Chris & Carrie French, 10 years

Taos, St. Francis Xavier
Matt & Marlene Baumhoer, 65 years
Jerry & Shirley Toeppen, 50 years

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels
Floyd & Deloris Rodgers, 60 years
Ralph & Pam Bertsch, 50 years
Charles & Shirley Stallo, 50 years
Kevin & Elaine Stallo, 25 years

Baptisms

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Braylin Saucedo**, son of Phung Saucedo; **Steele Best**, son of Jordan & Kelsie Best

Fulton, St. Peter — **Remi Jane Thornhill**, daughter of Joshua & Angela Thornhill

Marshall, St. Peter — **Carmen Santos**, daughter of Joedaro Mills Santos & Berolin Umwech; **Garmery Umwech**, son of Gary K. Umwech & Emerika Raymond

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Khloe Beth Bruemmer**, daughter of Theodore & Megan Bruemmer

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Brookelyn Rose** and **Ella Catherine Brendel**, daughters of Andy & Jennifer Brendel

Birthdays

Linn, St. George — **Leonard Voss**, his 91st on Sept. 16

Marshall, St. Peter — **Annie Collier**, her 97th; **Albert Markes**, his 92nd on Sept. 25

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Anna Mae Summers**, her 91st on Sept. 19; **Catherine Anne Lamm**, her 92nd on Sept. 26

Marriages

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Chelci Rogers & Nathan Muessig**

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For marriages and deaths, please use the form at diojeffcity.org/update-information/ so that we may update our mailing lists and records.

Deaths

Hermann, St. George — **Melva Stolte**

Holts Summit, St. Andrew — **Russ Rauba**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Dianne Herigon; Louis Vetter**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Leonard Kempker**

Morrison, Assumption — **Alice Rost**

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Mary Jane Henke**

Elections

Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians — **Russell Troesser**, President; **Paula Gabelsberger**, Vice President; **Donna Backes**, Secretary; **Michelle Starke**, Finance; **Donna Backes**, **Russell Troesser**, Social; **Pete Laughlin**, Maintenance; **Karen Gabelsberger**, Youth; **Paula Gabelsberger**, **Diane Kliethermes**, Spirituality; **Lisa Grellner**, School Principal; to the Parish Pastoral Council

DOERFLINGER

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are two things “central to human nature”: connection and meaning.

Parenthood teaches us to give ourselves to helpless others who depend on us — and to realize how much we depend on others, especially near the beginning and end of our lives.

And in ordering our lives around our own individual pleasure, we give up opportunities for a more meaningful life — one that survives and thrives through the suffering and disappointments that life can bring. Life in a family brings pleasures of its own, but it also brings an enrichment of the person that will never come from thinking of and relying on ourselves alone.

People of faith know this. My life is not just about me. In loving God and others, I become more fully human.

For both practical and more profound reasons, then, how unhealthy is it that, to many public officials and others in our society, the phrase “reproductive health” means efforts to sterilize us and eliminate our nascent children?

Doerflinger worked for 36 years in the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He writes from Washington state.

CONCERT

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posting their songs on YouTube.

The family was back in 2021, giving the audience a peek behind the curtain as to what life is really like in a musical

household of six as they performed the Great American Family concert.

Proceeds go toward improving support for Down syndrome services in the

mid-Missouri region.

Support has come in the form of educational and social programs for families, including parents and siblings who have a family member with Down syndrome in their household.

As a result, families are more prepared for the future, and individuals with Down syndrome are receiving services such as speech, language and physical therapy; seminars for peers in schools; and workshops for parents with topics such as school transitions and financial planning.

The ultimate goal is to create an inclusive community where individuals with Down syndrome can thrive and be contributing members of their community.

Dozens of families in the mid-Missouri area have members or loved ones with Down syndrome.

“By providing the appropriate support and assistance, these community members can live independently, hold jobs alongside us and enjoy what Columbia has to offer in an inclusive community,” said Mrs. Basi.

SR. CONSTANCE

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cially for older Americans — especially those over 60. And the person you see in the mirror is far different from the type of person younger generations might think you are,” AARP wrote to its members.

The study found that about 80 percent of those in their 80s live with one or more serious or chronic health conditions, and yet, over 75 percent rated their health good, very good or excellent.

“There’s a survival benefit to resilience,” a spokesperson reported. “People can reframe their situation and make the best of it.”

AARP also shared that most of those age 80 and older say they’re living their ‘best possible life’ or close to it, compared with one in five younger adults ... Psychologically, people notice and prioritize the positive and let the negative go as they age.”

So perhaps as we begin to feel the burdens of age, rather than trying to recapture our lost youth we should spend more time with those who are older than ourselves.

We might enjoy their company and at the same time learn that the best is yet to come!

Sister Constance Veit is the communications director for the Little Sisters of the Poor in the United States and an occupational therapist.



Crossword puzzle answers

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A clean new start

Members of Cub Scout Pack 4 at St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, along with siblings and parents, finish tidying-up the St. Peter Catholic School grounds on Aug. 13, the Saturday before Open House and the first day of school.

— Photo from the St. Peter Sept. 4, 2022, parish bulletin

Riding along the Katy Trail

Students of Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek and their coach, Eddie Mulholland, enjoy their first I.C. Katy Trail bike ride of the new school year on Sunday, Aug. 28.

— Photos from the Immaculate Conception School, Loose Creek Facebook page



“Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack!”

Students of St. George School in Linn singing “Take Me Out To The Ballgame” on the field and on the scoreboard during a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. St. George student Ali Russell got to throw out the first pitch for winning a pro-life essay contest sponsored by the Vitae Foundation.

— Photo from the St. George Home & School Association Facebook page



God allows Satan to test Job

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

One day, the angels of God came to present themselves before the Lord.

Satan also came among them.

“Whence do you come?” God asked Satan.

“From roaming the earth and patrolling it,” Satan replied.

God asked if Satan had noticed a man named Job.

“There is no one on earth like him, blameless and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil,” God said.

Satan was not impressed.

“Is it for nothing that Job is God-fearing? Have You not surrounded him and his family and all that he has with Your protection? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his



livestock are spread over the land. But now put forth Your hand and touch anything that he has, and surely he will blaspheme You to Your face,” Satan said.

“Behold, all that he has is in

your power; only do not lay a hand upon his person,” God said.

Satan left God’s presence and set out to make Job’s life so miserable that he would blaspheme God.

One day, as Job’s 10 children were feasting in the eldest brother’s home, a messenger came to Job.

He reported that the Sabeans had carried off the oxen and donkeys and killed the servants.

“I alone have escaped to tell you,” he said.

A second messenger rushed in to report that he was the only one to survive lightning from heaven that had struck and consumed the sheep and servants.

A third messenger rushed in. He alone had escaped a raid by the Chaldeans, who had carried off the camels and killed the servants.

A fourth messenger brought the most devastating news of all.

“Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking

wine in the house of their eldest brother, when suddenly a great wind came across the desert and smote the four corners of the house. It fell upon the young people and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you,” he said.

Job arose, tore his cloak and cut off his hair. He fell to the ground and worshipped.

“The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord!” Job said.

Despite everything bad that happened to Job, he did not sin, nor did he say anything disrespectful of God.

Read more about it... Job 1

1. Who came among the angels?
2. What was God’s opinion of Job?

Bible Accent

In the New Testament, we read about another person whom the devil tried to lead into wrongdoing.

In Luke 4, we learn that after Jesus was baptized, He spent 40 days in the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Jesus did not have anything to eat during this time, so the devil told Jesus to command a stone to become bread.

“It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone,’” Jesus replied.

The devil took Jesus to a high place and showed Him all

the kingdoms of the world.

“All this will be Yours, if You worship me,” the devil said.

“It is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve,’” Jesus said.

The devil led Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem and had Him stand on the roof’s edge.

“If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written: ‘He will command His angels concerning You, to guard You,’ and: ‘With their hands they will support You, lest You dash

Your foot against a stone,” the devil said.

“It also says, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test,’” Jesus countered.

The devil realized he could not tempt Jesus, so he left.

Trivia

Where did Job live?
(Hint: Job 1:1)

Answer: In the land of Uz.



Saint Spotlight

St. Marguerite D'Youville

Marie Marguerite Dufrost de Lajemmerais was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, in 1701. She married a scoundrel who died in 1730, leaving her with two young sons and the

debt he had accumulated. To provide for her family, she ran a general store and then began nursing poor women in her home. The latter endeavor led to her overseeing Montreal’s only hospital and founding the Sisters of Charity of Montreal. During the French and Indian Wars, her nurses gained much respect for tending to everyone. Canada’s first native saint died in 1771, and we remember her on Oct. 16.

Puzzle

Using the hints provided, put a T next to the sentences about Job that are true and an F next to the ones that are false.



1. ___ Job had five sons and five daughters. (Job 1:2)
2. ___ Satan struck Job with boils. (Job 2:7)
3. ___ Job's five friends came to offer him comfort and sympathy. (Job 2:11)
4. ___ God wanted Satan to spare Job’s life. (Job 2:6)



Answers: 1. F, 2. T, 3. F, 4. T.



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Mother Teresa filmmaker says new documentary is 'work of the Holy Spirit'

By Kurt Jensen

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Washington, D.C.

A new documentary about St. Teresa of Kolkata, produced by the Knights of Columbus, aims to show how her mission and spirit continues in the work of her order, the Missionaries of Charity.

"Mother Teresa: No Greater Love," directed by Emmy award-winning filmmaker, David Naglieri, was shown at the Vatican Sept. 2 and had its American premiere Sept. 11 at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington.

On Oct. 3-4, the film will be shown in about 900 theaters — including the Regal Columbia Stadium 14 in Columbia and the Eagles Landing Cine in Lake Ozark — as part of Fathom Events' Saints series.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly told the audience that the film intends to reach a younger audience that might not be as familiar with the work of the saint who died 25 years ago.

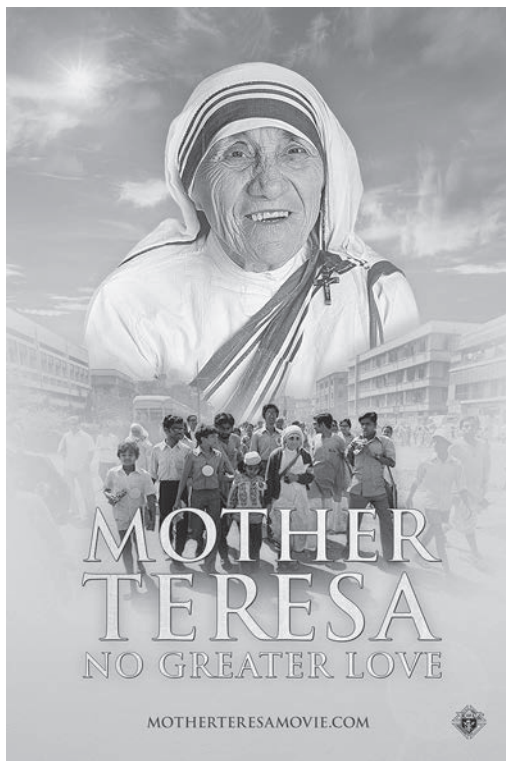
He also said Pope Francis praised the film in a letter.

The papal letter of Aug. 25 says: "Thank you for promoting this type of initiative that helps, in a creative manner, to make accessible the zeal for evangelization, especially for the young generations promoting the desire to follow the Lord Who loved us first."

The Washington screening capped a weekend of events dedicated to the saint, including a special Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the dedication of the Mother Teresa Institute in Washington, designed "to preserve, protect, promote, and develop the authentic legacy of St. Teresa of Kolkata to the Church and to the world."

The institute will offer resources to scholars and researchers.

During the Mass, which marked the 25th anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa, Washington Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory encouraged the



the work of the Holy Spirit."

The particular challenge was that there's not much vintage film footage of Mother Teresa available. She was not a seeker of personal publicity and didn't become well-known until British journalist Malcolm Muggeridge made a 1969 documentary, "Something Beautiful for God," about Mother Teresa's work beginning in 1948 in India serving the physical and spiritual needs of "the poorest of the poor."

Public fascination with this practitioner of "radical poverty" developed instantly and built

faithful to look to the holy woman as a role model and "continue to fill up what she left undone in serving and loving the poor."

"While we admire her work and extraordinary example of love, mere admiration is not enough when it comes to saints who inspire our lives," Cardinal Gregory said. "St. Teresa was a woman of uncanny abilities, and she used all the gifts that God gave her for others. Her example must spur us all on to emulate God's Mercy in caring for those whose lives continue to be at risk."

The cardinal noted that Mother Teresa "has not been exempted from criticism in our contemporary world that always needs some how to find fault in even the most generous and loving individuals."

"St. Teresa herself would be the very first to acknowledge that there was so much more that she could and would have loved to have done to care for God's poor," Cardinal Gregory said. "Becoming a saint does not mean that a person has done everything perfectly — just that they did everything that they did do heroically and generously."

In a panel discussion about the new documentary after its screening, Naglieri said the process of filming new interviews and finding footage for the new documentary took 11 months and was "very much

for the rest of her life. Mother Teresa, born in North Macedonia in 1910, went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and was elevated to sainthood by Pope Francis on Sept. 4, 2016.

New documentary on Sr. Thea Bowman highlights her faith, justice work

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A new documentary on Sister Thea Bowman shines a light on her life and work as an advocate for racial justice and intercultural understanding.

The idea for the documentary came to Franciscan Sister Judith Ann Zielinski, who wrote and produced the film, after the 2020 death of George Floyd while in police custody in Minneapolis.

"I thought, I have to do something, what can I do?" and "Thea Bowman popped into my head. She was a Franciscan sister, a woman who had been fighting systemic racism in her own time and in her own way."

The documentary is a comprehensive look at Sr. Thea, the first African American member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and one of six Black Catholics known as a "Servant of God."

It also makes a case for her sainthood and for contempo-

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.

"We didn't want to do a chronological biography," Naglieri said. Instead, the goal was to "show how her mission and her spirit continues today."

As a result, the documentary shows the Missionaries of Charity working with children and adults in Brazil, India, Kenya and New York City. The sisters are currently in more than 130 countries.

Sister Mary Bernice, a Missionary of Charity in the Bronx, New York, retells a story in the film about Mother Teresa encountering a gang-infested neighborhood in Chicago in the 1970s that quickly moved into legend.

She ordered the sisters: "Take me now to the door where they are shooting us."

"We could not believe it. As we were walking toward the

door, all these buildings surrounding us, the rifles were pointed out and kept shooting at us. Not one bullet touched us. And when we reached the door, this big man said to Mother Teresa: 'Mother, you can't come in here. I have business in here.'

"And Mother put her head down. And she looked up at him and she said: 'I, too, have business in here. Let us make a deal.' The man was so shocked that Mother would speak this way. He said: 'You can come in here, Mother. I can't stop my business. But I will protect your sisters.'"

Contributing to this story was Richard Szczepanowski, managing editor of the Catholic Standard, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington.

rary spirituality, Sr. Judith Ann said.

"Going Home Like a Shooting Star: Thea Bowman's Journey to Sainthood," comes from NewGroup Media and the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi. Along with archival media of Sr. Thea, the documentary features interviews with her colleagues, friends, fellow Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, former students and African American scholars, priests and bishops.

The one-hour film, a part of the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission's fall documentary season, will begin airing on ABC stations nationwide Oct. 2.

Redemptorist Father Maurice Nutt, associate producer and biographer of Sr. Thea, called her an "apostle for racial reconciliation in our Church today."

Noting that she died in 1990, Fr. Nutt said the film would make her known to a new generation. He also said her life resonates with much of what

younger Catholics are looking for in the Church — someone who speaks truth to power.

"Her call for justice, justice for the roles of women, justice for those who experience no matter what ethnicity, oppression or hatred" speaks to "us

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who tells audiences of her own experience of surviving an attempt to abort her in the womb.

"That left a very strong impression on me," said Mrs. Owens.

She and her husband Jeff moved to Sedalia a few years ago and enrolled their children at Sacred Heart School.

Both parents became very interested in going to Mass with their children and in learning what the children were learning.

"I had never been to a Catholic Mass," Mrs. Owens noted. "It really spoke to our hearts. Catholicism just soaked me at a whole new level."

They decided to seek Sacraments of Initiation through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

They were welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

"I think it was the first time I ever cried on Easter," said Mrs. Owens.

She joined the Sedalia circle of the Daughters of Isabella a few months ago. Mrs. Diefendorf attended a recent meeting and invited members to volunteer for the Right to Life booth at the State Fair.

"It turned out to be perfect timing," Mrs. Owens stated. "I signed up and wound up working with Liz, who I knew from when we enrolled our children at Sacred Heart. I felt



Volunteers gather in Knights of Columbus Council 831's hall in Sedalia on Aug. 3, to fill 3,000 bags with informational materials for the 48th annual Right to Life booth at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia.

— Photo by Jay Nies

very comfortable around her."

Having braced for possible confrontation, Mrs. Owens found nothing but affirmation in the Right to Life booth.

"The thing that stands out to me was how very welcoming and receptive everyone was," she said. "People nodded and smiled. Some came up and said, 'It's going to be a great year for babies.'"

One girl picked up pro-life stickers to share with a classmate in her school band.

The classmate had secretly removed the pro-life stickers from the girl's band case.

"The girl just wanted to help her classmate realize when it comes up in conversation that the little person in the womb has his own DNA

and fingerprints and a brain and feelings," said Mrs. Owens.

"She said, 'I want her to know that every pregnant woman is carrying another person inside of her.'"

Mrs. Owens believes those are the kinds of everyday encounters that can change the tide toward a universal respect for life.

"Liz reminded me that it starts with the heart, with talking to your neighbor," said Mrs. Owens. "Maybe it starts with a girl who picks up some really cute pro-life stickers.

"We're not going to go out and make a huge demonstration," she said. "But every conversation we have, every word we say, I pray that it will eventually make a difference and help change someone's heart."

Support network

Mrs. Suter-Van Leer lauded Mrs. Diefendorf and her fellow stalwarts of the pro-life movement.

"They've been fighting the good fight for many, many years," said Mrs. Suter-Van Leer. "The success they're seeing now gives me hope that we can change hearts and that the culture can change. And that hope keeps me going."

Mrs. Diefendorf recalled that when she started working on the front lines, her mother didn't feel suited to stand with her in the Right to Life booth at the Fair.

"Instead, she always watched my kids so I could go and do it!" said Mrs. Diefendorf. "Those are the kinds of

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as a Church being the body of Christ," he said.

Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz of Jackson, Mississippi, petitioner for Sister's Thea's cause and executive producer of the documentary, said the film "speaks the need for the church to never give up that desire to be more united and more universal."

The bishop also remarked at the depth of her call, describing her as gifted, charismatic, prophetic and a "dynamo of energy."

Sr. Thea was born Bertha Bowman in 1937 in Yazoo City, Mississippi, to Dr. Theon Bowman, a physician and Mary Esther Bowman, a teacher. At age 9, Bertha became Catholic and at age 15, she left home for La Crosse, Wisconsin, to attend the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration's high school, later joining the community and taking the name Sister Mary Thea.

Sr. Thea went on to receive her doctorate from The Catholic University of America and returned to La Crosse to teach English and linguistics at Viterbo University.

In 1984, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She died March 30, 1990, at age 52.

She was declared a "Servant of God" in May 2018 and the U.S. bishops voiced their consent to her canonization cause at their Nov. 2018 fall general meeting in Baltimore.

To watch a preview of the film, search "Thea Bowman PREVIEW" at [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

Daily Readings

Sunday, Sep 18

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Am. 8:4-7
Ps. 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Tm. 2:1-8
Lk. 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday, Sep 19

St. Januarius, bishop and martyr
Prv. 3:27-34
Ps. 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Lk. 8:16-18

Tuesday, Sep 20

Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, priest,
and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and
companions, martyrs
Prv. 21:1-6, 10-13
Ps. 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44
Lk. 8:19-21

Wednesday, Sep 21

St. Matthew, apostle and
evangelist
Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13
Ps. 19:2-3, 4-5
Mt. 9:9-13

Thursday, Sep 22

Eccl. 1:2-11
Ps. 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc
Lk. 9:7-9

Friday, Sep 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
Eccl. 3:1-11
Ps. 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4
Lk. 9:18-22

Saturday, Sep 24

Eccl. 11:9-12:8
Ps. 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Lk. 9:43b-45

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 25

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Am. 6:1a, 4-7
Ps. 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Tm. 6:11-16
Lk. 16:19-31

Monday, Sep 26

Ss. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs
Jb. 1:6-22
Ps. 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7
Lk. 9:46-50

Tuesday, Sep 27

St. Vincent de Paul, priest
Jb. 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23
Ps. 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8
Lk. 9:51-56

Wednesday, Sep 28

St. Wenceslaus, martyr;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and
companions, martyrs
Jb. 9:1-12, 14-16
Ps. 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15
Lk. 9:57-62

Thursday, Sep 29

Ss. Michael, Gabriel and
Raphael, archangels
Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv. 12:7-12a
Ps. 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
Jn. 1:47-51

Friday, Sep 30

St. Jerome, priest and doctor of
the Church
Jb. 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Ps. 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab
Lk. 10:13-16

Saturday, Oct 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
virgin and doctor of the
Church
Jb. 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Ps. 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130
Lk. 10:17-24

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things people can do every day to help pro-life."

The local MRL chapter recently started a Prayer Warrior program "for the people who have been such faithful workers in our movement but are now in a state of life where they're in an independent- or assisted-living situation and can't be out and about," she said.

"We've invited them to

pray for us when we're out on the front lines," she stated. "I know it's making a difference every day."

She mentioned two local pro-life pioneers — Shirley White-Schieberl and Trudy Karigan-Knight — who recently died.

"I'm convinced we have a couple of really strong crusaders in heaven," she said.

Cathedral Parish “Surge of the Heart” mission, Oct. 9-10

Internationally-renowned Catholic speaker and author Jon Leonetti will lead a parish mission for Cathedral of St.

Joseph Parish in Jefferson City on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 9 and 10.

Sessions will be held from

6:30 to 8 p.m. both evenings in the St. Joseph Cathedral School Gym, 2315 Main St.

The theme will be: “Surge of The Heart — A Parish Mission.”

All are invited and welcome to attend either or both sessions.

Mr. Leonetti will take participants on a deep-dive into the truth and beauty of Catholicism.

The sessions are “designed to create meaningful momentum in your parish for Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church,” organizers stated. “Surge of the Heart is a parish mission where you will laugh, grow, be inspired and never forget!”

Sunday’s topic will be “Who is God and why does that matter?”

“To love God, we have to first know God,” Mr. Leonetti stated. “So how do we come to know God? We examine the ways He’s revealed Himself to us. And in understanding the ways He’s revealed Himself to us, we better understand who we are and the unique mission of holiness God has for us.”

Monday’s topic will be “God’s dream for your life.”

“There is no other meaning, reason or purpose to our lives than to be in Heaven with God for all eternity,” Mr. Leonetti stated. “We are called to become saints. How do we get there? We need a plan; a plan given to us by Jesus and His Church.”

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