

Papal representative visits Catholic Charities

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Pope Francis's representative to the Church in the United States, tours the Catholic Charities Central Offices in Jefferson City.
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Cathedral rededicated: symbol, tool for deeper communion



The choir leads an antiphon while deacons prepare the newly consecrated altar in the Cathedral of St. Joseph during the Rededication Mass on May 5. Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, presided and consecrated the altar. The Mass marked the near-completion of a 16-month renovation of the diocese's mother church. — Photo by Annie Williams

"I never weary of great churches. It is my favorite kind of mountain scenery. Mankind was never so happily inspired as when it made a Cathedral."

— Robert Louis Stevenson

By Jay Nies

A vigil candle once again flickers through light and darkness.

The Blessed Sacrament stays present in renewed quarters, precious and imperishable.

Hints of incense and Chrism and candle wax linger.

Warm lights animate the artwork throughout the open, inviting, acoustically resilient enclosure.

As always, Christ is at the center.

"In this sacred space, we encounter the living God in the proclamation of the Word, in the celebration of the Sacraments, in the persons of the holy ministers, and in the sacred assembly — you!" Bishop W. Shawn McKnight articulated from the ambo of newly renewed and expanded Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

"It is in this place that God sanctifies us, and we bless God in response with hearts full of gratitude and thanksgiving," he stated in his homily for the Mass of Rededication the morning of May 5.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Pope Francis's official emissary to the United States, presided at the Mass and anointed the new altar with Sacred Chrism.

Concelebrating the Mass with him and Bishop McKnight were all of Missouri's Roman Catholic bishops, including Metropolitan Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of St. Louis and Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos, retired bishop of Jefferson City, along with the priests of this diocese.

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Families, young people well represented at CathedralGLOW vigil on eve of rededication

Bishop McKnight, apostolic nuncio make an unscheduled visit to the event

By Jay Nies

A light shone in the darkness, and it was wonderful to behold.

The May 4 CathedralGLOW event drew hundreds of high school- and college-age teens, families with children, and curious adults of all ages for a lively prayer vigil the night before the rededication of the renewed Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

Following a meal in a nearby park, participants walked to the Cathedral, learned about its significance and function, explored the stained glass, shrine and sanctuary, sang hymns and reflected on their own role in leading others to Christ.

"I'm happy that I'll have the privilege of consecrating this new altar, this renewed church," Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, told the assembly.

"I think it's one of the most meaningful liturgies of the Catholic Church," he said of the following day's Rededication Mass. "It's full of symbolism and helps us rediscover what the Church is all about. ... Because the Church is our home."

A steady line of penitents led up to one of the confessionals, where the Sacrament of Reconciliation was available throughout the evening.

Emma Crippen, a Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionary at the University of Missouri in Columbia, said God is calling all to be missionary disciples.

She encouraged everyone to turn to the Blessed Mother for inspiration.

"She is the greatest missionary and the most steadfast intercessor, a perfect and blessed mother," Ms. Crippen stated.

Erick Chinchilla, an intern in the diocesan Office of Faith Formation, reflected on the Cathedral's newly created mosaic

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The full job listing can be found at diojeffcity.org/cfo. To apply, email resume to Brent Morton, Vice President, Catholic Recruiter Associates, Brent@CatholicRecruiter.com.

Seminarian Hoffmann to be ordained a transitional deacon June 3 in J.C.

DATE: June 3
TIME: 10 am

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has summoned Christopher Hoffmann, a seminarian for the Diocese of Jefferson City, to be ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday, June 3.

The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

The people of the diocese are invited to attend.

Please visit diojeffcity.org/ordination-hoffmann

to RSVP for the Ordination Mass, which will also be livestreamed.

A Sedalia native and graduate of Sacred Heart School, Mr. Hoffmann is a seminar-

ian at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

He hopes to be ordained a priest of this diocese next year.

Pray for deceased priests

May 15 — Fr. Norman J. Ahrens, St. Joseph, Martinsburg (1990)

May 17 — Fr. James J. Burns, Immaculate Conception, Shackelford (1959)

May 18 — Fr. William D. Baskett, Sacred Heart, Eldon (1965)

May 21 — Fr. James P. Owens, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas (1987)

May 23 — Msgr. Bernard A. Timpe, Holy Family, Freeburg (1973)

May 27 — Fr. James P. Stanley, St. Anthony of Padua, Folk (1970)

Life in The Spirit Seminar

DATE: June 3
TIME: 8 am

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, in the St. Thomas More Newman Center, 602 Turner Ave. in Columbia.

It will be a day of prayer, praise, and fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

Lunch will be provided.

Seating is limited. Register online at comoneyman.breezechms.com/form/lifeinthespirtseminar or in person at 7:30 a.m. the day of the seminar.

Email paul@comoneyman.org or call 573-449-5424, ext. 202, for information.

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

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Responsibilities include: preparing presentation materials and strategic briefings for deans and pastors; planning, coordinating and executing events and activities; providing administrative support for the departments; working closely with the directors as a team partner to recognize donors and convey the impact and importance of the spirituality of stewardship.

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Bishop announces changes in parish, diocesan personnel

Most changes in May 3 decree to take effect July 1

By Jay Nies

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has issued a decree appointing several priests to new assignments in parishes and in the Chancery Offices of the Jefferson City diocese.

Most of the changes will take effect July 1.

Priests taking up new parish assignments announced the news to their parishioners at Mass the weekend of May 6-7.

Father Joseph Luzindana, associate pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia, has been appointed associate pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City and moderator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the diocese.

Father Paul Clark, currently serving as moderator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, will continue in his other roles as diocesan vocation director, director of seminarians, and chaplain at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City.

Succeeding Fr. Luzindana as associate pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia will be **Father Andrew A. Auer**, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Father Derek J. Hooper

and **Father Philip M. Kane** will switch assignments.

Fr. Kane, currently parochial administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg, Sacred Heart Parish in Vandalia and the Mission of St. John in Laddonia, will become associate pastor of St. George Parish in Hermann, Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland, Immaculate Conception Parish in Owensville and St. Alexander Parish in Belle.

Fr. Hooper, currently associate pastor of the parishes in Hermann, Rhineland, Owensville and Belle, will become parochial administrator of the parishes in Martinsburg and Vandalia and the Mission in Laddonia.

Father Paulinus C. Aneke, Ph.D., currently temporary associate pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Boonville and St. Joseph Parish in Pilot Grove, will become parochial administrator of St. Anthony Parish in Camdenton.

He will succeed **Father Daniel L. Vacca**, a priest of the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, who will return to his home diocese after serving in Camdenton for four years.

Father Simeon A. Etonu, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Edina, St. Aloysius Parish in Baring and St. John Parish in Memphis, has been granted a leave of absence to complete studies in canon law at The

Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., from May 15 until Aug. 31 of this year.

Father Walter Kisputa, currently associate pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Holts Summit, having recently provided temporary coverage at Holy Rosary Parish in Monroe City and St. Stephen Parish in Indian Creek, will serve as temporary administrator of the Edina, Baring and Memphis parishes during Fr. Etonu's absence.

Father Colin Franklin, pastor of St. George Parish in Linn and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Frankenstein; and **Father Mark Smith**, pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Boonville and St. Joseph Parish in Pilot Grove, have returned to their assignments from health leave.

Father Jason T. Doke will step down as moderator of the curia for the Chancery offices and will continue as pastor of St. Martin Parish in St.

Martins, dean of the See City Deanery, and chairman of the Diocesan Building Commission.

A successor as moderator of the curia will not be appointed at this time.

Bishop McKnight in July 2019 appointed Fr. Doke to serve as full-time moderator of the curia, but later added pastor of St. Martin Parish, chairman of the Diocesan Building Commission and dean of the See City Deanery to Fr. Doke's list of responsibilities.

At the same time, Fr. Doke noted, "the Chancery has added many new staff members and we have developed standard operating procedures to serve Bishop McKnight's vision for the diocese." As such, the majority of his duties in the Chancery offices will be taken up by other Chancery personnel.

Titles and ongoing pursuits

Under Church law, each parish is entrusted to a pas-

tor who "exercises the pastoral care of the community entrusted to him under the authority of the diocesan Bishop, whose ministry of Christ he is called to share, so that for this community he may carry out the offices of teaching, sanctifying and governing." (c. 519)

A parochial administrator possesses the same rights and responsibilities as a pastor, though in certain cases his authority can be more clearly defined by the bishop.

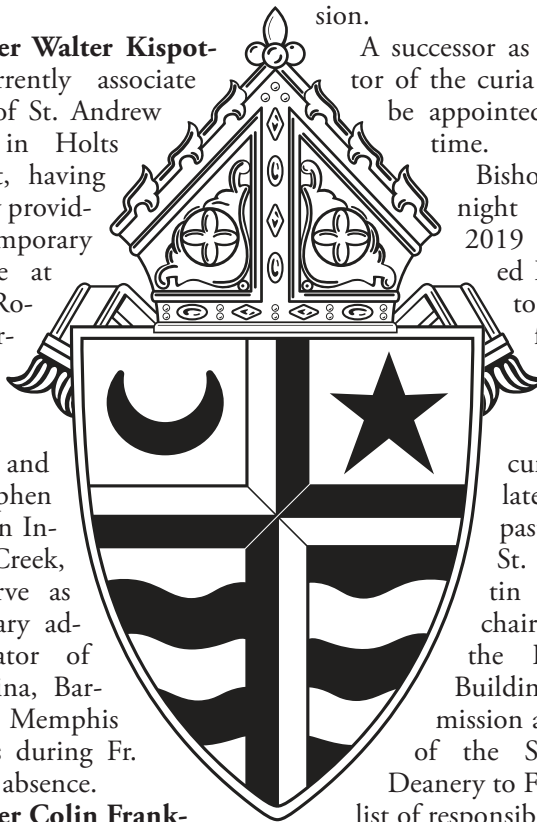
An associate pastor cooperates with the pastor and under his authority shares his labor of pastoral ministry. (cf. c. 545)

This Decree of Appointments — dated May 3, 2023, signed by Bishop McKnight and authenticated by Benjamin Roodhouse, chancellor of the diocese — reflects the bishop's and his advisors' best efforts to build up the Church and promote the sacramental life throughout these 38 counties.

Bishop McKnight made the appointments following extensive consultation with the diocesan Priests' Personnel Board and his cabinet of advisors.

His objective was "to provide the most effective pastoral care for the Diocese of Jefferson City."

The full Decree of Appointments can be found online at diojeffcity.org.



Bishop McKnight's Calendar

MAY

- May 12** St. John Apostle of Charity Society Dinner, 5:30 pm, Bishop's Residence
- May 13** Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Mass and tour of the cathedral, 10 am, Cathedral of St. Joseph
- May 14** Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School Graduation, 2 pm, Columbia
- May 21** Helias Catholic High School Graduation, 4 pm, Jefferson City
- May 25** Diocesan Lay Retirement Meeting, 10 am, Chancery
- May 29** Mass of the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church and Diocesan Prayer for the Synod, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, 10 am, Laurie
- May 30** Mass at Camp Lolek, 11:30 am, Conway

Clear Creek Memorial Day Service

DATE: May 29
TIME: 9:30 am

The St. John's Cemetery Association in Clear Creek will hold its 12th annual Memorial Day Prayer Service at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 29.

It will be held in the St. John Cemetery, 11750 Twenter Way Drive, weather permitting. Otherwise, it will be in St. John Church.

Participants will honor

loved ones and people who have served in the military that have passed.

Robert Bader, retired from the U.S. Air Force, will be the Hometown Hero Speaker.

Bishop McKnight's May prayer intention for our Local Church

For the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City; may the reopening of our cathedral strengthen our communion with God and one another in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

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

Por el clero y los fieles de la Diócesis de Jefferson City; que la reapertura de nuestra catedral fortalezca nuestra comunión con Dios y entre nosotros en la Iglesia que es una, santa, católica y apostólica.



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



Sr. Jean Dietrich SSND to remain in Jefferson City in retirement

By Jay Nies

Sister Jean Dietrich of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) is stepping down but not stepping away from Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City.

Nearly 40 years after joining the school's leadership team, the longtime principal and current office administrator, liaison to Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) and frequent substitute teacher is retiring from full-time work.

"You know, I'll still volunteer here as needs come," she stated. "I also want to spend some time down at Catholic Charities. I've worked in the food pantry there a few times and I really did enjoy that."

"And I want these kids to know that I know them and I love them, and I'm still going to be at their events," she said.

At least for now, Sr. Jean is the last of many SSNDs to serve full-time as educators and administrators at Helias Catholic.

"Our role as School Sisters is transforming the world through education," Sr. Jean pointed out. "You do that one kid at a time. And you know, I think that's what we've been doing."

The school, opened in 1956, and its predecessor, St. Peter High School, which opened in 1931, were originally staffed

by SSNDs and De La Salle Christian Brothers.

Last year, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight presented honors from Pope Francis to Sr. Jean and Brother Stephen Schonhoff, the last De La Salle Christian Brother on the school's faculty, who accepted on behalf of their respective congregations.

Sr. Jean arrived at Helias Catholic in 1983 to serve as assistant principal and a part-time chemistry teacher.

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

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

"It's been wonderful," she stated. "And the kids have been great!"

She can't recall a single time she has asked a student to help her do something, and had that student say "no."

"Not once!" she said. "And we're not talking about the most glamorous stuff — picking up trash or whatever. But they've always taken the time to help."

In God's presence

Growing up in Quincy, Il-



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight congratulates Sister Jean Dietrich SSND after presenting her the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice ("Cross for the Church and Pontiff") medal in October 2021, in recognition of distinguished service to the Church and papacy.

— Photo from Helias Catholic High School Facebook page

linois, Sr. Jean wanted to be like the School Sisters of Notre Dame who taught her at Quincy Notre Dame High School.

The SSND congregation was founded in Germany to promote the unity for which Jesus entered this world. Most of the sisters are involved in education or parish ministries.

Sr. Jean noted that assisting people in need — especially families, mothers and children — has always been a pillar of the SSND mission.

"When I pray with the kids,

I usually try to remind them that we are always in God's presence, we've all been endowed with talents and gifts," said Sr. Jean. "And ... we're responsible to use those gifts to serve other people and give God glory."

"I think if we send kids out of here knowing that and believing that about themselves, we're going to make a difference," she stated. "That's what we're all about."

She has been living and working in Jefferson City long enough that it feels like home to her.

She enjoys interacting with adults whom she got to know as students.

"They've got kids here now!" she said. "And some are even older."

She recently saw the child of a Helias Catholic graduate get baptized in church.

"And you know that makes me really glad to see that the faith is still living and active and being practiced in kids that have graduated from here," she said.

First things first

Sr. Jean acknowledged that lately, it's been getting more difficult to remember all of the students' names.

"One of the most important things we can do for kids is to know them by name," she insisted. "That's one way we can bring Jesus to them because that's what he does with each of us."

"We help to bridge that gap and help them understand what it means for God to call them by name," she said.

She believes her role at Helias Catholic has always been to be an advocate for the students.

"First and foremost, we've always got to be thinking about what's best for the kids," she stated. "People here are doing that, and I love to see it."

Her prayer has always been for the students to stay faithful to the Lord — "that they don't get caught up in only academics, athletics or whatever — although that's also important."

"But ultimately, what we're doing here is working together on refining our life with God," she said. "That's got to come first. That's what makes us Catholic."

That, along with apostolic zeal.

"It's not just you and God," she pointed out. "You have to go out and spread it among everyone God sends your way."

"In God's time"

Over a half-century into her life as a religious sister, Sr. Jean got to teach theology for the first time last semester.

"The best part of it was the good conversations we had," she said. "We learned together."

She has found that effective catechesis has to be "a happy marriage between content and being led into a deeper relationship with Jesus."

"When you're teaching theology, it's always important to connect head and heart," she said. "And after you've made that connection, you've got to put it into action."

Now, as one phase ends and another begins for her, St. Jean asks for prayers to be "blessed with health to do whatever the Lord is calling me to do."

She called to mind an SSND saying that "whatever is going to happen will be in God's time."

"You know, you often make plans, and then God tells you what the real plans are," she said. "So, I ask for prayers to be able to recognize what God is calling me to at this point in time, and do it."

Starkenburg Spring Pilgrimage

DATE: May 21
TIME: 10 am - 3 pm

Father Philip Niekamp will lead this year's Spring Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg on Sunday, May 21.

It will begin at 10 a.m. with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the chapel.

The pilgrims will carry a replica of the "White Lady," an image that has been at the Shrine since 1852, in a Rosary procession through the Shrine grounds, stopping at each of the outdoor Stations of the Cross.

A traditional German meal will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Valentine Hall, which is air-conditioned and handicapped-accessible.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The St. Anne's Ladies Sodality will have a country store and quilt raffles.

Religious articles will be available for sale and will be blessed in the afternoon.

Weather permitting, Benediction will take place at the outdoor altar at 1 p.m., and Fr. Niekamp will celebrate an outdoor Mass at 2 p.m.

In case of rain, the Mass will be celebrated in the nearby St. Martin's Church Museum.

"We look forward to welcoming pilgrims from all over Missouri to our Spring Pilgrimage," said Fr. Niekamp, pastor of St. George Parish in Hermann, Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland, Immaculate Conception Parish in Owensville and St. Alexander Parish in Belle.

"All are invited to spend a refreshing, prayerful day in the pastoral environs of this beautiful Shrine," he said.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is located in Montgomery County, 2 miles north of the Katy Trail, on Highway P.

The street address is: 197 Hwy P, Rhineland, MO 65069.

The Shrine is accessible to people with mobility impairments.

The Shrine and St. Martin's Church Museum are open daily for visitors.

For more information about the history and about this and other events at the Shrine, visit risensavior.diojeffcity.org, or call 573-236-4390.

15 men accepted as candidates for the permanent diaconate

Will continue discernment, study, formation

By Jay Nies

April 28 marked an important milestone in the lives of 15 men of the Jefferson City diocese, as Bishop McKnight accepted them as candidates preparing to become permanent deacons of the Church.

It was the first formal milestone in a five-year process of discernment and formation for the Diaconate.

Candidacy is a point of transition from discernment to a focus on preparing for the possibility of becoming ordained servants of charity and the altar.

“Compelled by the love of Christ and strengthened by the inner working of the Holy Spirit, you have come to the point of making a public declaration of your desire to devote yourself to the service of God and others in Holy Orders,” the bishop told them. “We welcome this desire with joy.”

He did so in the context of Evening Prayer at the beginning of this year’s annual weekend gathering in Jefferson City of deacons, deacon candidates and their spouses.

Joining the bishop and the 15 candidates before the altar in Cana Hall at the Cathedral of St. Joseph was Father Daniel Merz, diocesan vicar for the Diaconate.

The candidates include:

•**Kenneth Arthur**, a member of St. Patrick Parish in Rolla;

•**Robert Czarnecki**, a member of St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardsville;

•**Louie Delk**, a member of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City;

•**Osmaro DeLeon**, a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish of Pettis County;

•**Michael Dorrell**, a member of St. Bonaventure Parish in Marceline;

•**Chad Freie**, a member of St. Clement Parish in St. Clement;

•**Edward Galbraith**, a member of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City;

•**Denis Gladbach**, a member of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City;

•**Dwayne Goodwin**, a



Edward Galbraith, Louie Delk, Charles Ochoa, Harvey Million Jr, Robert Czarnecki, Michael Dorrell, Chad Freie, Kenneth Arthur, Keith Henke, Dwayne Goodwin OFS, Osmaro de Leon, James Rangitsch Jr, Mark Oligschlaeger, Denis Gladbach and Brian Lutz gather outside the Cana Hall entrance to the Cathedral of St. Joseph April 28 before being admitted to candidacy, an important milestone in the five-year process of discernment and formation for the Diaconate.

— Photo by Jay Nies

member of the Secular Franciscan Order and of St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra;

•**Keith Henke**, a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Taos;

•**Brian Lutz**, a member of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Boonville;

•**Harvey Million Jr.**, a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Centralia;

•**Mark Oligschlaeger**, a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City;

•**Charles Ochoa**, a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia; and

•**James Rangitsch Jr.**, a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish of Pettis County.

“Aware of the Lord’s concern for his flock and realizing the needs of the Church,” the bishop told everyone present, “our brothers here consider themselves ready to respond generously to the Lord’s call.”

He said that the 15 candidates must now cultivate their vocation more fully, relying on the prayers and help of the whole Church.

He directed them to turn even more often and more deeply to prayer, listening attentively for God to reveal His will for them and help them with His grace.

If summoned to holy orders, these men will assist the pastors of their assigned parishes. They

perform this role while balancing their first vocation to their marriage and family life and also balancing their workplace duties.

Sacramentally, their faculties will allow them to baptize and to witness marriages. They will also be able to proclaim the Gospel and preach homilies at Mass, and preside at Holy Communion services in the absence of a priest.

“Only after they have been duly tested, shall we call them and, by the particular seal of the Holy Spirit, ordain them for the ministry of God and the Church,” the bishop stated.

“For by their sacred ordination they will receive the mandate to continue personally the saving work of Christ, which he accomplished on earth ... They will serve the Church and build up the Christian communities to which they are sent by proclaiming the Word and celebrating the Sacraments.”

The Bishop told the men that through their shared experience of formation, they will learn each day to live in accordance with the Gospel and to be strengthened in faith, hope and charity.

“By practicing these virtues, you’ll grow in the spirit of prayer and in zeal to win all mankind for Christ,” he said. “For our part, trusting in the Lord, we will assist you with our love and prayers.”

Noting that the pastors and teachers in charge of their formation had testified favorably on each candidate’s behalf, the bishop asked them whether they intend to continue preparing themselves in mind and spirit, giving faithful to Christ and His Church.

Together, they answered, “I do.”

“The Church accepts your resolve with joy,” Bishop McKnight told them.

The men will continue taking classes, undertaking service opportunities and remaining prayerfully watchful with their families for guidance from God.

They hope to be ordained deacons in 2025.

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Festive celebration of Catholic Charities Food Pantry's first year

By Jay Nies

An oasis in what was once a food desert has become a community where people nourish one another.

All in a year's time.

"It just keeps getting better," stated Bill Heberle, a volunteer at the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Jefferson City.

He was partaking of the revelry during an early-spring celebration of the client-choice pantry's one-year anniversary.

Cake, balloons, live music and an abundance of visitors filled the space where people with limited resources are welcomed and helped.

"I can't say enough about the staff here," said Mr. Heberle. "Their hearts are all in the right place."

Anyone who needs it can start a membership at the client-choice food pantry with just a photo I.D.

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

It allows members to choose foods that are familiar, fresh and culturally appropriate in

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

"This area in particular is part of a low-resource community," said Lori Stoll, food programs coordinator for Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri. "A lot of people in this area don't have transportation.

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

Mr. Heberle has been volunteering at the pantry since shortly after it opened.

He remembers being advised at orientation, "If you have to err, err on the side of generosity."

"And that really got me," he said. "I knew right away that this is the right place for me."

He started out working on Wednesday evenings during



Lori Stoll, food programs coordinator for Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, gives tours of the agency's client-choice food pantry in Jefferson City during a festive open house on March 21 to celebrate the pantry's one-year anniversary.

— Photo by Jay Nies

pantry hours and has settled into stocking shelves on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"It's an enlightening experience to see how lucky and blessed I am," said Mr. Heberle, a member of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City. "And being able to do just a little bit to help somebody else, I think, is working my faith in action."

The pantry is open two mornings and two evenings per week.

People often arrive ahead

of opening just to enjoy each other's company.

"I'm stocking shelves at 3 o'clock and the pantry doesn't open until 4, and we have a whole group of people, and they're visiting with each other," said Mr. Heberle.

It's more than a community: "It's a family!" he stated. "And it's just growing all the time. Wonderful clients, wonderful staff, wonderful volunteers."

The food pantry unites people of many backgrounds and faith traditions to help and to be helped.

"I think it is a fantastic way for the Church to be with the flock, to be with those who need help," Mr. Heberle stated.

It adds up

By the end of 2022, 1,577 households were enrolled in the Catholic Charities Food Pantry, bringing 4,063 pantry members a step closer to food security; and 300,000 pounds of food had been brought home by pantry members, reallocating \$500,000 in grocery money back into family budgets.

For the first three months of 2023, more than 600 total households received assistance from the pantry, with the total number of people in those households increasing from 1,694 to 1,735.

A total of 114,013 pounds of food were provided in January through March, while volunteers in the food pantry clocked 832 hours of service.

Mr. Heberle has been retired for about two years and found out about the Catholic

Charities Food Pantry while volunteering at a local food bank.

He hates ever having to miss his shift.

"I get more out of it than the people who come here and get food," he stated. "The smiles, the kids, the people are so appreciative."

He believes it's good for people who have been materially blessed to see firsthand that "not everybody has everything they need" — and try to help.

He admires how Catholic Charities doesn't just give people something to eat and send them on their way.

"With all the other services that are available here, they're really trying to help people make their own lives better, one at a time," he said.

"Moments of contact"

Mr. Heberle suggested praying for continued success of the pantry and all of the programs at Catholic Charities.

"That they continue to grow and meet the needs of the people where they're at, and use these moments of contact to help make their life a little better," he said.

Catholic Charities, an entity of the Diocese of Jefferson City, responds to the needs of people in 38 counties regardless of faith, culture or situation.

This includes services for refugees and immigrants, those with food insecurity, mental health needs, health and nutrition education, and basic needs.

Catholic Charities is a partner of The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri, which provides food to partner pantries at no cost.

The food pantry and all Catholic Charities Health & Nutrition Services programming receives support from the Community Health Improvement Services program of SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital.

Support for the agency's SmartChoice online inventory and ordering software has been provided by the United Way of Central Missouri's Community Support Grant program.

For more information about how to donate or volunteer, visit ccnmo.diojeffcity.org.

Apostolic nuncio tours Catholic Charities Central Offices

By Jay Nies

"It's wonderful! I'm deeply impressed. It's not just functional, it's also beautiful."

Pope Francis's official delegate to the Church in the United States and diplomatic ambassador to the U.S. government expressed admiration while touring Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri's Central Offices in Jefferson City.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio, joined Bishop W. Shawn McKnight on a tour of the facility and its client-choice Catholic Charities Food Pantry May 4.

The archbishop was in the



Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, joins Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, Sister Kathleen Wegman SSND, interim executive director, and members of the Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri staff for a photo while touring the Catholic Charities Central Offices on May 4.

— Photo by Jay Nies

diocese for the following day's rededication of the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

He spoke to members of the Catholic Charities staff, including Catholic Charities Family Immigration Services,

which is committed to reuniting separated family members through the immigration process and helping people apply for U.S. citizenship.

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New president appointed for Sacred Heart School in Sedalia

Nikki Howell to succeed Mark Register, who will retire June 30

By Liz Suter-Van Leer

Following a prayerful, extensive and thorough search process that yielded four strong and qualified candidates, the St. Vincent de Paul Parish leadership, Sacred Heart School Advisory Council, and the Diocese of Jefferson City are pleased to announce the appointment of Nikki Howell as president of Sacred Heart School in Sedalia.

She will succeed Mark Register PhD, who will retire from his service as president on June 30.

As president, Howell will serve in an outward-facing role, taking the good news of the school to the broader community.

Her primary responsibilities will be to build community relationships, implement and expand strategic plans, and provide business management to ensure the financial stability of Sacred Heart School (SHS).

“Our school and parish are blessed with many accomplished, dedicated and talented individuals,” said Father Joseph Corel, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish of Pettis County.

“We give thanks to the Holy Spirit for leading us in our president’s search toward one of our own,” he said. “Mrs. Howell’s love and enthusiasm for SHS, St. Vincent de Paul Parish and its people, com-

bined with her professional expertise, make her the ideal candidate to partner with us in this next chapter of growth.”

Mrs. Howell was born and raised in La Monte, near Sedalia.

She attended Truman State University in Kirksville, earning a bachelor’s in communications with an emphasis in journalism.

She has spent over 20 years in the business-to-business and business-to-consumer markets, successfully serving in leadership roles focused on financial management, strategic planning, operation vitality, new revenue generators and building relationships.

Her career took her to Minnesota, Texas and Oklahoma, where she delivered data-driven results for Raycom Media (2001-2006), Griffin Communications (2006-2011) and Brief Media (2011-2016).

In 2016, Mrs. Howell formed her own business as a leadership and media advisor, serving both the for-profit and non-profit sectors.

She returned to the Sedalia area that year to be closer to family.

“Growing up on a farm outside Sedalia, I have always admired Sacred Heart School,” she stated. “My dad encouraged me to enroll my two kids, so I did. There was an immediate feeling of belonging. My kids were happy and thriving. I



Nikki Howell has been chosen to serve as the next president of Sacred Heart School in Sedalia, beginning July 1.

appreciated the focus on God while also having high academic standards to which they were held, and I quickly felt a calling to join this wonderful team.”

Mrs. Howell joined the Sacred Heart School faculty in 2017. She has taught computer science and business classes for the past six years.

As Student Council Advisor, she oversaw the construction and launch of the STU-CO Gremlin Student Store and Café.

As Yearbook advisor, Mrs. Howell and her teams have earned three national awards for excellence. She also established a communications team and created processes for greater efficiency and effective internal and external content delivery.

“Simply put, the president position is tailor-made for Mrs. Howell,” said Jane McMullin, a 1987 graduate, SHS Hall of Fame inductee, and veteran faculty member.

“Nikki’s work ethic, collaborative spirit, and unwavering commitment to quality education and student success quickly gained her respect and trust among her colleagues and students,” Ms. McMullin continued.

“Above all else, Nikki loves her Sacred Heart family, and that certainly is evident in the way that whatever project comes her way, she leaves it better than what she found it.

“While we hate to lose her in the classroom, I know her heart and abilities are calling her to this new role, and we are

excited to watch our school community thrive,” Ms. McMullin stated.

Mrs. Howell will work closely with finance, development and the Sacred Heart School Foundation members. She participated in and helped develop the school’s 2017 strategic plan for operational vitality. She said she’s eager to connect with stakeholders to work on measuring progress and updating strategies for long-term success.

Kyle Herrick, a 1982 graduate and SHS Foundation president, said Mrs. Howell is a natural-born strategist and leader.

“I’ve had the pleasure of working with her on several school and foundation projects, and I’m confident she’s the right leader to guide Sacred Heart through the challenges and opportunities ahead,” he stated.

Mrs. Howell is also an active member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. “I have felt for some time that my calling was to serve the Lord and my community in a bigger way,” she stated. “I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to my school, my parish, and the community that has become my home.”

Mrs. Van Leer is development director for Sacred Heart School and the Sacred Heart School Foundation.

Cathedral rededication a moment of hope, recollection

By Jay Nies

The program from the 1974 Dedication Mass for the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City called the altar servers “boys representing the various areas of the diocese.”

Not quite.

“We were all at St. Joseph School over here,” said Kevin Stiles.

He, John Weber and Joe Meystrik — three who served at the Mass 49 years ago — sat together and reminisced at the Rededication Mass on May 5.

“This brings back wonderful memories,” said Mr. Stiles.

All three were accustomed to serving at Mass with the bishop.

“We were kind of frequent-fliers back in the day,” Mr. Stiles recalled. “They’d always come over and recruit us because we were close-by.”

“And we didn’t mess up!” said Mr.

Weber.

Those were good times. Are these?

“I think so,” said Mr. Meystrik. “I think the renovation is a great chance to bring some rebirth and revitalization to the parish community.”

Mr. Weber said the Cathedral renovations brought a lot of changes, “but there’s still some familiarity as far as what’s still here.”

“It’s refreshing to see what they’ve done,” said Mr. Meystrik. “There’s more light. It looks more open and inviting. And I hope that’s the feeling that it conveys to people.”

Glorious strains

Deacon Robert Rackers, a charter member and longtime choir director for Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, attended the Rededication Mass on the 44th anniversary of his diaconal ordination.

His wife, the late Mary Rackers, was the parish organist for many years. They both served in their respective roles for the first Mass in the Cathedral on Dec. 24, 1968, and Mrs. Rackers sang in the choir directed by her husband for the Dedication Mass in 1974.

“It was amazing,” Deacon Rackers recalled. “The sound difference was tremendous compared to that little area of the old church.”

Even so, there was almost no reverberation.

“The building was strictly designed for the P.A. system and not for singing,” he said.

The choir originally occupied the first few rows of pews on the organ side of the Cathedral.

“Our directive was for the choir to be seen as an integral part of the congregation,” he recalled. “So for those first

few Masses, we sang from there, and we saw that it wasn’t working acoustically or logically.”

That’s when Deacon Rackers decided to place chairs for the choir directly in front of the organ pipes.

“That arrangement stuck,” he said.

Cutting edge

An important part of the honor guard regalia for Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is the sword.

Steve Meystrik, director of stewardship for Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, pointed out that the Knights serving in the honor guard at the Rededication Mass were seated next to the sword that belonged to the late Fred Vogel.

Mr. Vogel served in the honor guard at the Cathedral dedication 49 years ago.

QUESTION CORNER

Jesus raised the dead. Where were their souls?

By Jenna Marie Cooper
OSV News



Q: Regarding the people Jesus raised from the dead, where were their souls while they were dead? (Location withheld)

A: Among the many miracles Jesus performed as part of his public ministry, some of the most remarkable include his raising several recently-deceased people from the dead. In the Gospels we read of the raising of Jairus' young daughter, (see Mt. 9:18-26; Mk. 5:21-43; and Lk. 8:40-56), as well as the only son of a widow in the city of Nain. (Lk. 7:11-17) Perhaps most famously, chapter 11 of John's Gospel recounts the raising of Jesus' friend Lazarus, brother of Martha and Mary.

While each of these were indeed truly raised from the dead in a miraculous way, it would be more appropriate to speak of their "revival" rather than their "resurrection." That is, Jairus' daughter, the widow's son, and Lazarus would all eventually die a second time, and definitively. In contrast to this, when Jesus was "resurrected" in the proper sense of the term, he moved totally beyond death and could never die again. (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 646)

To your question, it's notable that in accounts of Jesus raising these people from the dead, the Gospels give us plenty of what we might call "human interest" details; Jesus tells Jairus to give his newly-raised daughter something to eat (Lk. 8:55), and Jesus wept upon hearing of his friend Lazarus' death. (Jn. 11:35) But they do not tell us clearly where these people's spirits went or what was experienced in death. Likewise, as far as I have been able to find, the Church doesn't give us a direct, specific answer to the question. But we may take into account the Church's traditional understanding of what happened on Holy Saturday, namely that Jesus descended into "hell" (understood in this sense as simply the underworld or the realm of the dead, rather than a freely-chosen state of separation from God), in order to triumphantly open the gates of heaven to all of God's faithful who were awaiting their redemption from his sacrifice on the cross.

The Office of Readings from the Liturgy of the Hours for Holy Saturday includes an ancient homily which contains an imaginative meditation on Jesus' descent to the underworld during the time between his death and resurrection: "He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. ... At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: 'My Lord be with you all.' Christ answered him: 'And with your spirit.' He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.' ... Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated."

So, if we wish to speculate a little, my own guess is that Lazarus and the others would have — for however brief a time — shared in the hope and longing of all the other souls of the dead who were awaiting their salvation in Christ.

Jenna Marie Cooper, who holds a licentiate in canon law, is a consecrated virgin and a canonist whose column appears weekly at OSV News. Send your questions to CatholicQA@osv.com.



Papal Audience May 10, 2023

Brothers and sisters!

It is with great joy today that I greet His Holiness Tawadros II, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of St. Mark, and the distinguished delegation that is accompanying him.

His Holiness Tawadros accepted my invitation to come to Rome to celebrate with me the fiftieth anniversary of the historic meeting of St. Paul

VI and Pope Shenouda III in 1973. It was the first meeting between a Bishop of Rome and a Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church, which culminated in the signing of a memorable joint Christological declaration, on 10 May precisely. In memory of this event, His Holiness Tawadros came to visit me for the first time on 10 May ten years ago, a few months after his and my election, and proposed to celebrate the "Day of Coptic-Catholic friendship" every 10 May, which since then we have celebrated every year. We call each other on the telephone, we send greetings, and we remain good brothers, we haven't quarreled!

Dear friend and brother Tawadros, thank you for accepting my invitation on this dual anniversary, and I pray that the light of the Holy Spirit may illuminate your visit to Rome, the important meetings you will have here, and in particular our personal conversations. I thank you from my heart for your commitment to the growing friendship between the Coptic Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church.

Holiness, dear bishops, all of you, together with you I implore God Almighty, by the intercession of the saints and martyrs of the Coptic Church, that He may help us grow in communion, in a single and holy bond of faith, hope and Christian love. And speaking of martyrs of the Coptic Church, who are also ours, I want to recall the martyrs on the Libyan beach, who martyred a few years ago.

I ask all of you present to pray to God that he may bless Pope Tawadros' visit to Rome, and protect the entire Coptic Orthodox Church. May this visit hasten us to the blessed day when we will be one in Christ!

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's audience, especially the groups from England, Finland, India, Korea, Indonesia, Egypt, South Africa, Australia and the United States of America. In the joy of the Risen Christ, I invoke upon you and your families the loving mercy of God our Father. May the Lord bless you all!

PILGRIMAGE

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own conversion experience in 2002, involving a profound recognition of the beauty of the Eucharist and the Catholic faith.

"When we have an increased love of the Eucharist, it helps us to want to participate more fully at Mass, to realize what we're receiving at Mass, and to want to prolong that experience through Adoration," she stated.

That's particularly timely for families that want to pass the faith along to their children, which is becoming increasingly difficult.

Tours of the recently renovated and expanded Cathedral will be available, with docents explaining the significance of the sacred artwork and sanctuary fixtures.

"It's one thing to see how nice it all looks, and quite another to be able to appreciate the beauty and theological sig-



nificance of each piece and have it help you in your prayer and worship," Mrs. Schneier noted.

She's convinced that this "mini-pilgrimage" will be time well spent for all participants, regardless of the distance they travel.

"To take time out to in a

holy place with other Catholic women from all over the diocese to share encouragement and fellowship and be rejuvenated in our faith together — that's not something you get to do every day," she said.

To prepare for the day, she suggested spending 10 minutes in church, quietly adoring Christ.

"Start with a few minutes and see how it can change your life," she said.

As she prepares for the event, she requested prayers "that Jesus will have his way in the heart of every woman who attends this event and that the Holy Spirit will then take over."

Register online for the "Spring into Summer" pilgrimage at: diojeffcity.org/wmjuneregistration

For more information about Mrs. Schneier, visit her website at pattyschneier.com.



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Hand-me-downs, pick-me-ups and ‘the creativity of love’

By Christina Capecchi



It all started with a used coat.

Betty Henson didn't need her fuzzy green coat anymore, so she offered it to her son, an aspiring puppeteer. Jim stuffed and stitched

it, creating a round head, a dense torso and lanky limbs. He folded a deep mouth and split a ping pong ball to make the eyes.

An adorable amphibian was born: Kermit the Frog.

In 1955, Kermit debuted in “Sam and Friends,” airing on WRC-TV, a local Washington, D.C. station. The frog proved remarkably expressive, thanks to Jim's decision not to stuff the head. With only his hand inside it, each movement became a subtle change of expression. Somehow, Kermit reached through the television and connected with viewers.

He would soon become a star, paving the way to the global phenomenon of “The Muppet Show” — all thanks to a mother's hand-me-down.

I've been reflecting on her gift this May, as we celebrate Mother's Day and

power through a busy month held together by moms armed with snacks, schedules and stain remover, the family's comprehensive to-do list etched into their sleep-deprived brains.

Their daily sacrifices make it all possible. Sometimes their dreams are spurred in surprising ways, and the Church — the Body of Christ — springs into action.

That's what happened to Mindy Hofer, a 42-year-old mom of eight who belongs to the Church of St. Pius X in White Bear Lake, Minn. For years, her wedding dress sat in a brown box in the closet, professionally cleaned and tucked away. Out of sight, out of mind.

It had been perfect for her June wedding — a David's Bridal “Lady Eleanor” dress with a sheer overlay and beaded floral design.

It wasn't until Mindy's oldest daughter, Eva, was preparing for her First Holy Communion that it occurred to the busy mom: perhaps her wedding dress could be made into a First Communion dress. Mindy couldn't find anyone willing to take on a project of that scope, so instead, she contributed her wedding veil for Eva's big day.

Life marched on, but Mindy never

forgot her vision to give the old dress a new purpose.

Last year at their parish fundraiser, Mindy's name was drawn in a raffle. She could pick one item from the live auction before it began.

Mindy recalled that a parishioner named Debbie had donated an alterations certificate and that her daughter, Cecilia, would be making her First Holy Communion the following spring...

Mindy made her choice.

Debbie was more than receptive to the idea. The two women discovered “a unity in dream and desire to draw my daughters closer to Jesus through the dress,” Mindy said. “The Holy Spirit's involvement became abundantly clear.”

As Debbie worked, the dress proved to be “a vehicle for evangelization,” Mindy said, sparking conversations with friends, neighbors and grandchildren about its special purpose.

Twenty years after Mindy wore her wedding dress, it was worn for another

sacrament: Cecilia's First Communion.

God blesses our faith-filled efforts. He multiplies our generosity — finding the seamstress, making the way. He simply asks us to set things into motion.

Pope Francis expressed this during Lent of 2020, early into the Covid-19 quarantine. He preached, “This is what we need today: the creativity of love.”

What some might call magic or luck — the winning of a raffle, the work of needle and thread, the transformation of an old green coat — has a more apt name. The creativity of love.

So go ahead with your meager offerings. Give up your scraps, your bad jokes, your early mornings. Reheat the leftovers and say a prayer. Offer up your off-key songs and your lumpy body, your half-baked ideas and your overcooked ham. Toss it all into the Strega Nona pot and trust the creativity of love.

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‘We’re not that kind of parish’ should inspire change

By Shemaiah Gonzalez
OSV News



On the last bitter morning of winter, with spring just threatening, my husband slipped on an icy pathway outside our home, detaching his quadriceps muscle from his knee. The next

12 hours were a whirlwind: emergency surgery, picking up our children from school, feeding them and leaving them with a neighbor before rushing back to the hospital.

When I brought my husband home late that night, it was clear we would need help during his three-month recovery. Exhausted, I posted to social media with a call for support. We live two states away from family, and I hoped a few friends could pitch in, but I felt certain our parish and children's Catholic school would support us — isn't that what the Body of Christ is for?

The next day, I received a call from my priest. As he is not on social media, someone from the parish had alerted him to my post. He offered prayers and said that he would alert church staff.

A few days later, I received an email from the director of children's minis-

tries. I recounted my husband's accident and gave her the link to the “meal train” calendar I had set up, so she could share it with the other families. She emailed to me a very welcome DoorDash gift card and let me know she would pray for us.

I did not hear from our church for the next two weeks. I set up a ground-floor bed for my immobile husband and scurried to keep up with the household tasks we used to divide as I cared for him. I attended Mass with my children, as my husband watched from home. The school never checked in with us. The parishioner who originally alerted my priest to my social media post, never connected.

My priest went on a retreat and when he returned, he did check in with a text, to see how we were faring. I let him know that beyond the children's ministry's reach-out, we'd heard from no one. As active members of this parish for 17 years, this was the first time our family had really needed the church, the Body of Christ, to be his hands and feet — to walk with, assist and comfort us.

My texted reply read, in part: “We have monetary and spiritual resources but are still struggling. What about those who do not? It seems like a lost

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REFLECTION

Getting in the way

By Mark Saucier

When we were taking care of our daughter's kids for a few days, one of the things we had to do was to take our grandson to Taekwondo practice.

I've been to a near-infinite number of practices — swim, dance, track, piano, and all manner of sports utilizing a ball — but I'd never been to Taekwondo.

I was amazed at the quiet patience of the *saboms* — the teachers — in wrangling a bunch of hyperactive 6- to 8-year-olds.

Whether it was wielding *nunchucks* without taking out teeth or side-kicking without landing on the floor, the kids repeated selected moves over and over under watchful eyes.

The “*dō*” in taekwondo means the way or the discipline. Taekwondo translates the Way of Foot (tae) and Fist (kwon.)

We see this in other martial arts like Judo, the Gentle Way, as an unarmed martial art, or Kyudo, the Way of Archery.

There is something else about the “*dō*” in martial arts. While each discipline has its own philosophy and teachings, they are all primarily performative. It is the practice of the Way that counts.

That's why particular skills and moves are repeatedly practiced. The goal is a seamless second nature in which the student instinctively exercises them.

I don't understand all the synapses and sidesteps of my mind, but this got me thinking about another Way, the one we talk about. You know, “I am the Way ...,” as Jesus declares in John's gospel.

Sometimes we forget that the early Church referred to itself as followers of the Way.

The first reference to this is in the Acts of the Apostles, where we find the pre-Paul Saul requesting letters to the synagogues in Damascus, “so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem,” (Acts 9:2).

This Way was performative, too. It wasn't just gathering for a ritual meal but practicing the “*dō*” of the One they followed.

The specific actions of this “*dō*” are laid out in the parables of Jesus and in his sermons on blessings and judgment.

He taught us to live in mercy: feeding the hungry, serving the poor, visiting the sick, comforting the suffering, bearing wrongs in humble patience and actively forgiving others.

We use the term “practicing our faith,” but I see my grandson much better at his practice than I am at mine.

I need to put a lot more doing in my “*dō*.”

Encounter

Unlocking joy and peace through counseling services

AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES



By Ché Wilson

"Frustration is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart."
—Ecclesiastes 7:3

In this scripture verse, we are drawn into what appears to be an obvious contradiction — a sad face being valued as something good.

Known as a man of unparalleled wisdom, King Solomon included this statement in his ruminations on life intentionally.

What, then, is he asking us to understand about the relationship between sadness and the heart in this verse?

A sad face can cover a multitude of circumstances: lack of confidence, lack of support, unhealthy relationships, loss.

Our sad face reflects our hurts.

Yet, in 1 Peter 5:7 we are called to "cast all your worries on him because he cares for you."

It is a comforting call, but the challenge remains to cast our burdens and anxieties on him.

When you look in the mirror or catch a glimpse of your-

self in the reflection of a window and see sadness, what is your response?

Do you look into the sorrowful eyes and grant yourself justification for your somber appearance?

Do you try to perk up your face with a well-meaning smile and a straightening of the shoulders?

Are you surprised to see emotions in the reflection you thought you were hiding well?

Our reflections tell the story of our "self" — sad face and all — but how do we acknowledge, accept and respond to dig to the root of those emotions?

Oftentimes, the answer is two-fold — we can lean on our faith in God the Creator of all that is good, and when the door is locked, we can seek help for our minds and bodies with professional mental health services.

Our God loves us beyond our limited comprehension, and he desires for us to lead a life of joy and peace.

His joy and peace are innate; independent of the possessions we have, whether or not someone likes us, receiving credit for our work or going on a dream vacation.

Joy and peace reside in the heart and the soul and are paramount to achieving mental wellness.

When we feel discouraged, our faith may waiver and we may feel that we have little joy or peace.

When the key of faith does not unlock a stream of peace and joy in our heart and soul, we may need to call a locksmith.

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quently asked questions" about therapy and what to expect on our website, where you can learn more and even schedule a free consultation with a provider.

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139:14).

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Crisis line workers can provide callers with information to lessen the severity of a crisis and connect them with local resources for continued care.

9-8-8 is not a line to call to receive therapy, but to receive immediate information about available mental health services.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! This article was written by Ché Wilson, who served as an MSW Practicum Student for the Counseling Services program at Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri.

In her time at Catholic Charities, Ché worked alongside then director, Dala Hemeyer, to observe client care and explore the link between faith and mental health access and care.

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World Youth Day advice from Pope: Speak to your grandparents

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Just under three months

before World Youth Day gets underway in Lisbon, Portugal, Pope Francis said young people

should consult their grandparents about how to prepare.

In a two-minute video mes-

sage recorded in Spanish and published May 4, the pope urged young people preparing

for World Youth Day to "look toward your roots."

"Try to spend time with the elderly. Many of you have grandparents; visit your grandparents," he said, and ask them "what do you think I must do?" to prepare for World Youth Day.

"Talk a little with your grandparents. They'll give you wisdom, but always go forward," said the pope.

Pope Francis is expected to attend part of the weeklong international meeting, which will take place Aug. 1-6.

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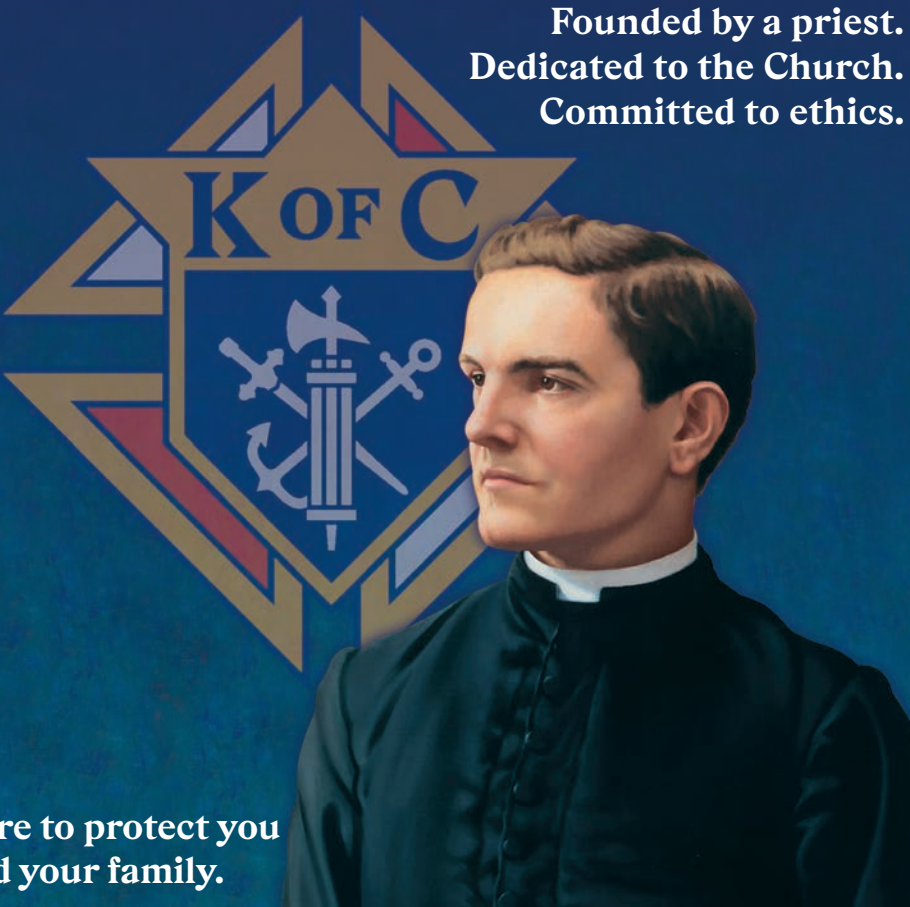
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GLOW

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of Mary under her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The mosaic is a replica of the miraculous image that appeared on the cloak of St. Juan Diego near present-day Mexico City after the Blessed Mother appeared to him in 1531.

"She is the star that leads us to Christ," Mr. Chinchilla stated.

Millions of conversions have been attributed to her message and prayerful intercession, to which an indigenous man named St. Juan Diego was the first witness.

"Just like him, we are all called to share Christ with others," said Mr. Chinchilla.

"Not done yet"

Father Daniel Merz — pastor of St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia, chairman of the Diocesan

Liturgical Commission, and a member of the steering committee for the Cathedral renovation — explained how each of the stained glass windows helps illustrate the Scripture verse emblazoned around the Cathedral's inside perimeter.

That verse, Verse 2:42 of the Book of Acts, states: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

Fr. Merz noted how 3,000 people in that same chapter of Acts heard St. Peter preach, were filled with the Holy Spirit and were baptized.

"The Holy Spirit's not done with the Church yet," the priest asserted. "The Holy Spirit is still being poured out today."



Those early Christians continued to be formed by the teaching of the Apostles and the celebration of the Eucharist.

"And every day, the Lord added to their number, those who were being saved," said Fr. Merz, quoting Verse 47.

"There's no reason why the people here today can't be do-

ing those real things every day," he stated. "And if we did, the Lord would add to our numbers every day of those being saved."

"Something better"

Deacon William Seibert, who assists the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City, spoke of Vener-

able Father Augustus Tolton, whose life and ministry are depicted in stained glass above the Cathedral's new baptistery.

Fr. Tolton, born into a family of enslaved people in part of what is now the Jefferson City diocese in 1854, was baptized where St. Peter Church in Brush Creek now stands.

He escaped as a child with his family during the Civil War to Illinois, a free state, where several priests and religious sisters and brothers and his family helped him discover and answer his priestly calling.

Ordained in Rome because no U.S. seminary at that time would accept a Black man, he was sent back to serve as a missionary in Quincy and Chicago, making him the Catholic Church's first recognizably Black priest in the United States.

He continued to suffer from the effects of racism until his death at age 43.

"It would have been easy for Fr. Tolton to become bitter and hateful," Deacon Seibert noted. "But instead, the true essence of our Catholic faith prevailed."

"As we observe the stained glass window of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton watching over us, please remember his faith journey and his strong belief in our Savior," the deacon stated.

"Also remember his words: 'As I looked back on my life, I realize that I thought that every time I was being rejected from something good, I was actually being re-directed to something better,'" he said.

"The great gift"

Father Paul Clark — diocesan vocation director; director of seminarians; chaplain at Helias Catholic High School; and moderator of youth and young adult ministry — explained the significance of the bishop's chair, ambo, tabernacle and altar.

The chair, known as the *caathedra*, is a symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

"Every bishop is a successor



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REFLECTION

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“His sword is back here with them as a way to honor Fred and his family, some of the original members of the parish, and all that he did for our church and diocese,” Mr. Meystrik stated.

He also spoke of Pat Gladbach, who sang in the choir at the 1974 dedication.

“She’s still a dedicated music minister and member of our parish choir,” Mr. Meystrik noted.

“Right at home”

Cathedral of St. Joseph parishioner Mary Rodeman remembers Christmas caroling as a fifth-grader to help raise seed money for Jefferson City’s newest parish and school.

The following year, she was a student at what was then St. Joseph School and attending Sunday Masses in the temporary parish church.

She and her husband stayed in the parish after the Cathedral was built and sent their own children to the school.

Having grown used to the Cathedral as it was for many years, Mrs. Rodeman thought of how her parents adapted to the way Mass was celebrated after the Second Vatican Council.

“Kind of like that, this will take some getting used to,” she said. “But I think once we’re all back in there, we’ll feel right at home again.”

She hopes people who scat-

tered to other parishes while Masses were in the school gym are ready to return.

“Come back home!” she said. “It’s time to come home and be a part of our community.”

“My church”

Brayden Holt and Keyton McKinzie, second-graders at St. Joseph Cathedral School, were days away from being among the first to receive First Holy Communion in the renovated Cathedral.

Brayden said he didn’t mind sitting on the gym bleachers for Mass, but he was ready for work on the Cathedral to be finished.

“It’s amazing,” he said. “They did a good job,” said Keyton.

Cathedral School seventh-grader Clarah Odneal said she’s looking forward to being confirmed in the Cathedral this June.

“It looks different now,” she

said, “but this is my church, this is where I go.”

Through children’s eyes

Parishioners Emily Harvey and Rachael Barfield both have daughters in second grade who were getting ready for First Holy Communion.

“It’s beautiful, and we’re really excited to be back in there,” said Mrs. Barfield. “It’s like whoever made all of this has the hands of angels.”

She was delighted at her daughter’s reaction to seeing the renovated Cathedral for the first time the previous weekend.

“Her jaw kind of dropped,” Mrs. Barfield recalled. “Looking at it through her eyes makes me even more excited about it. It’s a good feeling as a parent.”

Mrs. Harvey said it’s a relief to be back in the Cathedral for Mass after all these months.

“But honestly, I think after COVID, we were happy just be-

ing able to worship together, in the gym or anywhere else,” she said.

She’s grateful to the construction workers who plied their trades graciously around the everyday operations of the parish and school.

She wants visitors from other parishes throughout the diocese to feel welcome in the cathedral, “because it’s as much theirs as it is ours.”

“We’re proud to call it our parish, but it’s for everyone,” said Mrs. Harvey.

“Alive and well”

Seminarian Christopher

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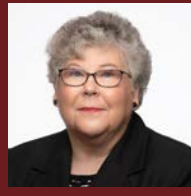
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CATHEDRAL

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It was the 49th anniversary of the original dedication of the Cathedral.

The Rededication Mass, filled with rituals, symbols and prayers harkening back to Biblical times, marked the near-completion of a comprehensive, 16-month renovation and expansion of the Cathedral to make it functional and timelessly Catholic for current and future generations.

“With holy water, Chrism, and the Eucharist, the liturgy of dedicating a church and altar for God’s service reveals just how important the physical structure of the Cathedral is to our faith and mission to evangelize,” Bishop McKnight pointed out.

Freshly-cast bells in new towers rang out glad tidings while archbishops, bishops, priests and deacons in brand-new vestments passed under the portico, across the threshold and through the greatly enlarged narthex.

The rain that had been forecast all week held back in favor of blue skies and a gentle breeze.

Bishop McKnight noted in his homily that Catholic churches stand as sacred symbols — “reminders to the whole community of the presence of God and the presence of the real Church that is you — the people who are the living stones of God’s holy temple.”

He spoke of the weaving together of classical, traditional and contemporary artistic styles throughout the renovated Cathedral “to manifest our communion with the one Church across the centuries.”

He pointed out the newly painted “IHS” mural affixed to the oculus at the peak of the Cathedral’s crown-shaped roof. Embellished with a cross and sunburst against a sky-blue background, those first three letters in Greek for the name of Jesus identify the assembly gathered below it as the body of Christ.

In that and so many other ways, the Cathedral functionally symbolizes and communicates the mystical union — known as communion — that all Catholics share, especially those of the same diocese.

“On the night before he died, Jesus prayed that we might



Concelebrating bishops and priests join Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, in praying the Eucharistic Prayer during the Rededication Mass of the Cathedral of St. Joseph on May 5.

— Photo by LG Patterson

be one as he and the Father are one,” Bishop McKnight noted. “Our communion with one another in the faith of Jesus Christ and with his Church needs to be strong so that we may fulfill the mission he has given to us in our time and in our place.”

Like the resplendent but as yet uncompleted Cathedral, this sacred communion remains under construction.

“We as individuals and corporately as the Church are still works in progress when it comes to our communion with God and one another,” Bishop McKnight acknowledged.

All are on a journey of conversion to living the light of Christ in a world that desperately needs it, he said.

Solid foundation

Donors are paying entirely for the renewal of the Cathedral proper, with Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish funding the rehabilitation of the downstairs Undercroft, now known as Cana Hall.

Completed in 1968, the Cathedral was originally designed with many of the ideals of the then-very-recent Second Vatican Council in mind. Among these are a circular configuration that highlights the importance of the assembled communicants and their active participation in the sacred mysteries.

The renovations embody even more of those ideals, including a conspicuously situated baptistery that highlights the dignity of the Sacrament of

Baptism and the Universal Call to Holiness that flows from it.

Likewise, the bishop noted, “the pillars surrounding the assembly evoke the foundation of the Apostles, on which our Church rests.”

Furthermore, he said, “the gift of the Spirit that continues to be poured out on us through the ministry of the successors to the Apostles is symbolized in the new and large (repository for Sacred Chrism, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens) in the sanctuary.”

The new ambo, from which the Scriptures are proclaimed, gives prominence to the preaching of the Word and relates to the altar, the table of the Word Made Flesh.

“With the image of Christ crucified up front, and the mosaic of the resurrection and the gift of the Spirit from the Father and the Son in the background, we see in one view the whole Paschal Mystery,” Bishop McKnight asserted.

Below the crucifix and mosaic are the tabernacle, where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, and the altar, the central focus of the entire Cathedral, “upon which the source and summit of our Christian Life is carried out.”

Bishop McKnight insisted that the rededication of the Cathedral marks not only the setting aside of a physical structure once again for sacred purposes — it also marks “our renewal of dedication to God through our belief in the teachings of the Catholic Church, through our

charitable works, and through our sacramental life.”

“These three things are the way we mark our belonging to the Catholic Church,” he stated.

Water and the Spirit

At the Rededication Mass, priests and other representatives of each of the five deaneries in the diocese processed in behind their deanery’s banner, each

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adorned with an emblem from the diocesan Coat of Arms.

On behalf of himself and Bishop Emeritus Gaydos, Bishop McKnight welcomed everyone present, including Missouri’s bishops, and thanked Archbishop Pierre for the care and concern he has shown this diocese while serving as the Holy Father’s personal representative to the Church in the United States and as his official ambassador to the U.S. government.

Members of the Cathedral Renovation Commission and the architects, contractor and artists took part in a ceremonial handing-over of the Cathedral.

Chris Hentges and Lacy Green of Sircal Contracting

Inc. presented Bishop McKnight the keys to the Cathedral, symbolizing completion of their work on the renovations; Abigail Steck Flippin of The Architects Alliance Inc. presented him a copy of the architectural plans that have now been realized in the renovated Cathedral; and William Heyer, architectural consultant for the project, presented a program explaining the Cathedral’s renewed art and architecture.

“People of God,” Bishop McKnight called out, “I think they’ve done a wonderful job. What do you think?”

The people responded with protracted applause.

Archbishop Pierre blessed water and used it to cleanse the altar and to sprinkle holy water on the people with the help of several concelebrating bishops.

He placed the relics of 10 saints — St. Aurelius, St. Benedict, St. Clement, St. Francis de Sales, St. Iranaeus, St. Isidore, St. John Vianney, St. Martin de Porres, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and St. Vincent de Paul — in a reliquary inside the new altar.

Afterward, he offered up the Prayer of Dedication, imploring the Father to help “your faithful, gathered around the table of the altar, celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Mystery and be refreshed by the banquet of Christ’s Word and his Body...”

“Here may the joyful offering of praise resound,” the nuncio prayed, “with human voice joined to the song of Angels, and unceasing prayer rise up to you for the salvation of the world...”

“Here may the poor find mercy, the oppressed attain true freedom, and all people be clothed with the dignity of your children, until they come exultant to the Jerusalem which is above,” he prayed.

Sweet aroma

Following the chanting of the Litany of Saints by the choir and congregation, Archbishop Pierre prayed the Prayer of Consecration. He recalled the altars that had been built by Noah, Abraham and Moses, as well as the table of the Last

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By Father Don Antweiler

ACROSS

1. Assumption Abbey is the only Trappist/Cistercian monastery in Missouri and also the _____ monastery in Missouri, founded only in 1950.
7. "It is better to give _____ than to store up gold..." (Tobit 12:8).
11. Letters for Congregation of the Missions, founded by St. Vincent de Paul; members taught some of the priests of our diocese.
13. Lamb's mom.
14. Assumption Abbey sits on 3,000 acres of _____ wooded hills and mountains near Ava, Mo., which suits the monks' manner of quiet contemplation.
17. That's a laugh!
18. Periodic Table letters for tin, from the Latin, *stannum*.
19. "Now Israel's eyes were _____ from age, and he could not see well," (Genesis 48:10).
21. "They had charge of whatever pertained to the ark, the table, the lampstand, the _____" (Numbers 3:31).
22. "In a famous passage, (Jewish historian) Josephus describes John _____ 'the Baptist,' a good man, exhorting Jews to 'lead righteous lives, to practice piety, and to join in baptism,'" —*Herod: King of the Jews and Friend of the Romans*, Peter Richardson.
23. Airport security group.
25. "Our humble and sincere request to the _____ for ourselves should be that we may bring the day of Pentecost to fulfillment," —St. Anthony of Padua, Doctor of the Church, patron of the poor (1195-1231 A.D.).
26. The Chiefs _____ the Eagles in the Superbowl was a great match-up.
27. Letters for the 2nd major part of the Bible.
28. Letters for Rural Electrification Admin., a Depression Era gov't. project that made a huge difference for country folks.
31. "God is the first and best defense of lone women, but I _____ no virtue in leaving all to him. I want no martyrs in my domain, and sanctity is small protection," —*Summer of the Danes*, Ellis Peters.
32. "Jesus, _____ me when you come into your kingdom," (Luke 23:42).
36. 4th year high school or college (abbr.).
37. "The man gave _____ to all the cattle, all the birds of the air..." (Genesis 2:20).
40. "Have joy of the wife of your youth, your lovely hind, your graceful _____," (Proverbs 5:19).
41. I got so _____ at the party that I left early.
43. Ararat or Nebo (abbr.).
44. Boxer Muhammed.
45. Peter's Apostle brother, who led him to Jesus (John 1:40-42).
47. "May God make Solomon more _____ than you..." (1 Kings 1:47).
49. Abbr. for Yoctosecond, a unit of time equal to 10 to the 24th power seconds.
50. "_____, product of years without sacraments or catechesis, had the spirituality and tepidity in which the Holy Spirit is felt more like a heavy fog than a fiery wind," —*The Cure D'Arts Today: St. Jean Vianney*, George Wm. Rutler.
51. "Sometimes when we are the most dejected and we feel that God has abandoned us, God simply turns _____," —*Jesus, A Pilgrimage*, James Martin.
52. "To have strong views of right and wrong is to be discriminating, which is the only _____ left on campus; just as toleration is the only universally acknowledged virtue," —1999 Catholic ed. talk at the Cath. Univ. of America by Supreme Court Judge Antonin Scalia.
54. "_____ men were angels, no government would be necessary," —Federalist Papers, #51, James Madison.
55. The staff of *Cook's Illustrated* magazine bestowed upon Assumption Abbey's fruitcakes "more first place votes than any other we sampled, largely because no one element was overpowering. The rum, _____ and fruit all worked well together."
59. "Pickett's charge represented the Confederate war effort _____ **microcosm**: matchless valor, apparent initial success, and ultimate disaster," —*Battle Cry of Freedom*, James McPherson.
60. Hair line?
62. Fastest cats on the African veldt, and the planet!
63. "I shall have him, Watson — I'll lay you two to _____ that I have him," —*A Study in Scarlet*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
65. "...I will grant you whatever you _____ of me, even to half of my kingdom," (Mark 6:23).
66. The Buckeye State (abbr.).
67. _____ *Publica*; in old Rome, the words for nation or state.
68. "Would you like some brandy? It'll take the chill off your bones," offered Holmes. 'And shorten my life by _____ years,' the guest replied with a merry smile," —*The West End Horror*, Nicholas Meyer.
70. The Palmetto State (abbr.).
71. Mrs. Harry Truman.
74. Burlington Northern or Union Pacific.
75. "It's better to be good than evil, but one achieves goodness at a _____ cost," —Stephen King.
77. "Everything about him suddenly seemed elongated more than usual, like a _____ carved in the vertical molding of a church porch," —*The Heretic's Apprentice*, Ellis Peters.
80. "You Dwarfs are as forgetful and changeable as the Humans themselves. I'm a beast, I am, and a Badger what's more. We don't change. We hold _____," —*Prince Caspian*, C.S. Lewis.
81. 1st major part of the Bible (abbr.).
82. He is very punctual, always arriving on the _____.
84. "Life's but...a poor player that struts and _____ his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more," —Shakespeare's "MacBeth," Act 5, scene 5.
87. Kin to Dr. or St.
88. Real _____ agent.
89. The Abbot says "it's something we can do slowly and prayerfully. We work in _____ when we are producing the fruitcakes. And we even pray over them."
8. Thomas Jefferson on his editing of the Bible: "I separate the gold from the dross; I restore to Jesus the former, and leave the _____ to the stupidity of some, and roguery of others, of his disciples."
9. Letters for the Mo. Trapshooters Assn.; headquartered in Linn Creek, Mo.; it boasts the 2nd largest trapshoot in Mo.
10. "...enable your _____ to speak your word with all boldness..." (Acts 4:29).
11. "From the (Civil) war sprang the great flood that caused the stream of Am. history to surge into a new _____ and transferred the burden of exceptionalism from North to South," —*Battle Cry of Freedom*, James MacPherson.
12. Essential for a sailboat.
15. Rowboat propulsions.
16. Letters for Dept. of Social Services; in Mo. this dept. focuses on children and family support.
20. "The family _____ the institution for which all others exist and must be served by any economic system for that system to be worthwhile," —"Sanity is the Key," Susan Sucher

DOWN

1. "Jesus Christ is the same _____, today and forever," (Hebrews 13:8).
2. "The clever _____, but never is he possessed," —on ownership, Lamine Pearlheart.
3. Letters for Union Electric, now Ameren, biggest supplier of electricity in our State.
4. "My _____, I love you!" —last words of St. Therese Lisieux, the Little Flower.
5. Trappist monks hold to a much _____ and stricter rule than most Benedictines, from whom they historically branched off in a reform movement.
6. In gov't., letters for Top Secret.
7. The list of _____ in WW

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REDEDICATE

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Supper and the cross — the altar upon which Jesus presented Himself as the perfect sin offering for humanity.

“Bless this altar built in the house of the Church, that it may ever be reserved for the sacrifice of Christ, and stand forever as the Lord’s table, where your people will find nourishment and strength,” the archbishop prayed.

He poured Sacred Chrism in the outline of a cross upon the altar’s center and four corners, then carefully spread with his hands the sweet-scented Chrism across the entire surface.

Archbishop Rozanski, Bishop James V. Johnston Jr. of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Bishop Edward M. Rice of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and Bishop McKnight then went forth to anoint the pillars, applying Chrism in the shape of a cross.

Anointing is symbolic of setting a person or place aside for

a sacred purpose. In the case of a Cathedral, this anointing is also a symbol of Catholic unity within the diocese.

Sacred Chrism — named for Christ, God’s Anointed One, and consecrated by the local bishop each year during the Chrism Mass — is most often used to anoint Catholics during their Baptism and Confirmation, as well as priests and bishops when they receive the Sacrament of Holy orders.

Then, as a symbol of the multiple prayers that would ascend to heaven from the sanctuary and of the perfect, eternal sacrifice of Christ that is made present every time Mass is offered, the archbishop burned incense in a brazier atop the altar.

The deans of each of the five deaneries presented five thuribles filled with incense at the altar, then incensed the rest of the Cathedral and the people.

The smoke danced with

light from the sun and the refracting mosaics.

Deacons, servers and members of the cathedral renovation commission then came forward to set the candles, flowers and altar linens in place.

As the candles were lit and the lights were turned on, the choir led the congregation in singing “Your light has come, Jerusalem; the nations will walk in your light. Alleluia!”

Archbishop Pierre prayed at the Offertory: “Make our prayers acceptable to you. May this building which we dedicate to your name be a house of salvation and grace, where Christians gathered together in fellowship may worship you in spirit and truth and grow together in love.”

After Holy Communion, while choir and congregation chanted “Tantum Ergo,” a traditional hymn of Eucharistic Adoration, Archbishop Pierre carried the Blessed Sacrament

in procession to the new tabernacle behind the altar.

Spirit of renewal

In his homily, Bishop McKnight called to mind how the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council exhorted the entire Church to be a leaven in a society being renewed by Christ and transformed into the family of God.

“The Council Fathers reminded us that the Church cannot take up an attitude of embattlement with the world, even though persecution has always been part of our experience in every age,” the bishop stated.

“No, our attitude is to be one that is more optimistic, that seeks out what is good in our culture, and open to the message of salvation, an attitude that tends to the values of hospitality and being a welcoming Church,” he said.

Pope Francis has refined that understanding through his teaching and the ongoing synodal process.

“He has shown us that the way to journey together is through communion, participation and mission,” said Bishop McKnight.

The Pope has put forth a pastoral vision of faithful, life-filled parishes serving all people in a geographic area, evangelizing through the proclamation of the Good News, growth in Christian life, worship and celebration of God, and the carrying-out of charitable works.

The parishes of this diocese are putting that vision into practice through their three-year pastoral plans, with the diocese collectively doing likewise in support of the parishes.

These pastoral plans apply the themes of promoting the spirituality of stewardship, the practice of co-responsibility, and the parish as a recognized center of charity and sanctuary of mercy.

“The renovations of this Cathedral reflect in a beautiful, symbolic and literal way the work we have been doing all along as the People of God here in this local church known as the Diocese of Jefferson City,” the bishop noted.

Toward greater communion

The renovation won’t be complete until all of the new stained-

glass windows, the bronze doors and the new pipe organ are installed in the months to come.

Bishop McKnight said that while the true Church of God is made up of living stones, with Christ as the capstone, the Cathedral is nonetheless a necessary and effective means of evangelization.

“This Cathedral stands as both a sign and symbol of our communion in the Catholic faith in what we believe, in how we live as Catholics, and in the celebration of the Sacraments — especially the supreme Sacrament that is the Eucharist,” he said.

Jesus repeatedly emphasized the inseparable relationship between ritual worship at the altar and the recognition of the image and likeness of God in one another in daily life.

“Therefore, our capacity for evangelization depends upon whether we tend to one another with compassion, patience and mercy, especially in the practice of reconciliation and forgiveness,” said Bishop McKnight.

“Let us not delay our giving thanks to the Father for all the blessings he has bestowed and will continue to bestow on us through the various liturgical celebrations that will take place here in this shrine, this abode of God, this gateway to heaven,” he said.

“May we continue the hard work of journeying together on the path to greater communion,” he proclaimed, “inviting all to recognize this place as their spiritual home. Let us give thanks to the Lord!”

“To the heart”

On behalf of Pope Francis, Archbishop Pierre bestowed a solemn Apostolic Blessing upon all who were present, with a plenary indulgence for all who were truly repentant and had confessed their sins and received Holy Communion.

He commended Bishop McKnight for the good things that are taking place in the diocese, including the work of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, which he had visited the previous day.

He said he enjoys traveling to smaller dioceses, spending time with the people and watching what they do.

“It’s simple but it speaks to the heart,” he said.

PUZZLE CLUES

From page 16

- in *Gilbert*, magazine of the G.K. Chesterton Society.
24. “A one-____ man is still good for something. And he still can hate.” —*The Summer of the Danes*, Ellis Peters.
 29. Wide shoe size.
 30. An ____ alert is an emergency child abduction alert to ask the public for help to find a child. The letters stand for America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response.
 33. Very long time periods.
 34. “Buttons and ____” was a popular 1948 song written for a Bob Hope film; won an Academy Award for Best Original Song.
 35. Garbage; waste.
 38. The Mo. Governor’s ____ in Jeff. City has been the official residence of Mo.’s Governor since 1872 and is one of the oldest in the U.S.
 39. The ____ of the cross: as you cross yourself, you pray, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son,” etc.
 42. A man, neat and trim in dress & appearance.
 43. Mizzou.
 46. What Huck and Jim floated on down the Missis-
 48. Killer whales.
 53. Comfort or Holiday.
 54. Irritate.
 56. I picked up several ____ at the garage sale.
 57. “Wherever No. 3 came from is also the source of No.s 1 and 2. ____, Watson?” —*The Adventure of the Three Students*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
 58. Fast flier.
 60. Our own Fr. Matt Flatley, ____ at Vienna, Hannibal and presently at I.C. in Jefferson City, lived and worked at Assumption Abbey for a few years, as he was discerning his vocation to the diocesan Priesthood. He said, “I baked many a fruitcake there.”
 61. After the resurrection appearances, Jesus gathered his apostles to see him ____ into heaven.
 62. Jean-Pierre Auge, a well-known world class ____, once in the private employ of the royals, the Duke & Duchess of Windsor, helped the monks experiment and concoct the present fruitcake recipe.
 64. “As a medical man, you are aware Watson that there is

no part of the body which varies so much as the human ____,” —*The Adventure of the Cardboard Box*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

66. “I get up each day and dust off my wits, and pick up the paper and read the ____,” —from the poem “I’m Fine Thank You,” unknown author.

69. Spanish for between.

72. Letters for Security Identification Display Area, the badge required for all who need to enter secure areas in an airport.

73. I can’t believe he got off ____-free!

74. Military college course/org.

76. Fish eggs.

78. “John Brown looked much like the Biblical warrior who slew his enemies with the jawbone of an ____ — though Brown favored more up-to-date weapons like rifles,” —*Battle Cry of Freedom*, James McPherson.

79. Pro football org.

83. *Adoro* ____ *Devote*.

85. Prefix for trance or core.

86. Dir. from Sedalia to St. Robert, Mo.

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Need more info about an event or want to see more events?
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Want your event listed?
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Fundraisers & Social Events

May 13

St. Thomas, Fennewald family benefit in memory of Aaron Fennewald, 4-7 pm, St. Thomas the Apostle parish center

May 14

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am

May 19

Linn, Vitae Foundation's 3rd Annual Pro-Life Golf Classic, 11:30 am-3 pm, Osage Country Club, for info or to register, visit vitaefoundation.org

Jun. 2

Freeburg, 5th Annual Freeburg Cruise-in, 5 pm-midnight, Holy Family Church parking lot

Jun. 4

California, Annunciation Parish picnic, 11 am-6 pm; **Krakow**, St. Gertrude Parish picnic, 11 am-6 pm

Jun. 11

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am

Jun. 12

Jefferson City, Vitae Foundation's Rackers Family Memorial Pro-Life Golf & Pickleball Tournament, 8 am-4 pm, Jefferson City Country Club, for info or to register visit vitaefoundation.org

Jun. 22

Holts Summit, Free concert to benefit Mary's Meals, 6-9 pm, Canterbury Hill Winery, for info or to RSVP email michelle.keller@marysmeals.org

Jun. 25

Linn, St. George Parish picnic, 11 am-6 pm

Meetings/ Workshops

Jun. 17

Jefferson City, Pre-Cana Conference for engaged couples, 9 am-4:30 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration

Jun. 30

Jefferson City, Practicum & follow-up workshop on Prepare/Enrich (P/E) Couple Assessment Facilitation, 1-5 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

mayo 12

Varios lugares, Asambleas de Jóvenes, 7-9 pm, para más información contacte a lsi Palacios al 316-530-1004 o por correo electrónico a ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com

mayo 20

Columbia, Planificación Familiar Natural – Familia de las Américas, 9 am-noon, Parroquia Sagrado Corazón, para información sobre instructores y clases contacte a Diácono Enrique o Crísthia Castro al 573-680-3650 o por correo electrónico a ecastro@diojeffcity.org; **Sedalia**, Noche de Oración para Jóvenes, 4-10 pm, Sagrado Corazón, para más información contacte a Kevin Morales al 660-473-9177

junio 3

Jefferson City, Retiro para Preparación de Quinceañera, 9 am-3 pm, San Pedro, para más información contacte el equipo de quinceañera de su parroquia; **Marshall**, Formación de Ministerios de Música – Parte I, 9 am-noon, San Pedro, para más información contacte a Lilianna Ruano al 660-202-0317 o por correo electrónico a nellymruanorn6@gmail.com

junio 9

Varios lugares, Asambleas de Jóvenes, 7-9 pm, para más información contacte a lsi Palacios al 316-530-1004 o por correo electrónico a ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com

junio 10

Sedalia, Taller de Cursillo, 9 am-4 pm, Sagrado Corazón, para más información o registrarse contacte a Maria Gomez al 660-620-3405 o Raul Lopez al 660-287-8920; **Sedalia**, Formación Ministerio de Evangelización Infantil, 8:30 am-noon, San Patricio, para más información contacte a lsi Palacios al 316-530-1004 o por correo electrónico a ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com

junio 17

Marshall, Planificación Familiar Natural – Familia de las Américas, 9 am-noon, Par-

roquia San Pedro, para información sobre instructores y clases contacte a Diácono Enrique o Crísthia Castro al 573-680-3650 o por correo electrónico a ecastro@diojeffcity.org

junio 18

Jefferson City, Misa y Celebración con Nuestro Obispo, 1-4 pm, Catedral de San José, para más información contacte a Diácono Enrique Castro al 573-680-3650 en su celular o en WhatsApp o por correo electrónico a ecastro@diojeffcity.org

junio 23-25

Kansas City, KS, Encuentro Regional, Savior Pastoral Center

junio 25

Sedalia, Kermes, 1-3 pm, capilla de San Patricio, para más información contacte a Maria Gomez al 660-620-3405 o Raul Lopez a 660-287-8920

Faith Formation & Spiritual Renewal

Jun. 3

Columbia, Life in the Spirit seminar, 8 am-4 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish, for info or to register call 573-449-5424 x202 or email paul@comonewman.org

Jun. 10

Jefferson City, Diocesan Women's Ministry "Spring Into Summer" pilgrimage, 10 am-3:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry

Jun. 17

Jefferson City, Pre-Cana Conference for engaged couples, 8:45 am-4:30 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration

Liturgical

May 14

Laurie, Mother's Day Mass, 3-5 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for info visit mothersshrine.com

May 21

Starkenburg, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows annual Spring Pilgrimage, 10 am-3 pm, for info visit risensavior.diojeffcity.org

May 29

Clear Creek, 12th Annual Memorial Day Prayer Service, 9:30-10:30 am, St. John's Cem-

etry; **Jefferson City**, Memorial Day Mass, 9-10 am, Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel

Jun. 13

Starkenburg, Second Tuesday Mass, 11 am-2 pm, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, for info visit risensavior.diojeffcity.org

Youth & Young Adults

May 21

Jefferson City, Young Adult Mass, third Sunday of each month, 5 pm, Immaculate Conception Church

May 23

VIRTUAL, Young adult Evening Prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, for ages 18+, 7-8 pm, for info or to register visit ssnd.org/events

May 29-Jun. 2

Conway, Mo., Camp Lolek session 1 for junior high boys, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/camp-lolek

Jun. 5-9

Conway, Mo., Camp Lolek session 2 for junior high girls, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/camp-lolek

Jun. 7

Jefferson City, Rooted/Connected/Searching in Community young adult group, first Wednesday of each month, 5-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall for info visit icangels.com/youngadults

Jun. 11-13

Conway, Mo., Camp Lolek session 3 for junior high boys, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/camp-lolek

Jun. 11-17

Ellington, Mo., SSND Summer Service Week at Whole Kids Outreach, for women ages 18-45, for info or to register by May 15 visit ssnd.org/events/summer23

Jun. 15-17

Conway, Mo., Camp Lolek session 4 for junior high girls, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/camp-lolek

Nov. 16-19

Indianapolis, In., National Catholic Youth Conference, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/national-catholic-youth-conference

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Anniversaries

Argyle, St. Aloysius

Philip & Mary Wieberg, 30 years
Leon & Elaine Deeken, 20 years
Matt & Stacey Schaben, 20 years
Ed & Kathy Gladden, 10 years

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul

Bill & Peggy Weber, 55 years
Tony & Jeanette Babbit, 40 years
Kelly & Lynn Vest, 35 years

Edina, St. Joseph

Bill & Margaret Delaney, 66 years

Jefferson City, St. Peter

William & Carole Jurgensmeyer, 50 years

Marshall, St. Peter

Paul & Ann Collier, 74 years

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows

Jim & Ashley Burnett, 20 years
Clayton & Laura Isenberg, 10 years

Taos, St. Francis Xavier

Dennis & Carolyn Forck, 50 years

Vandalia, Sacred Heart

Carl & Karen Daffron, 50 years
Michael & Leila Cole, 30 years

Baptisms

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Gracelynn Marie Kramer**, daughter of Carson & Amber Kramer

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Lottie Rice**, daughter of Brad & Danell Rice

MOMENT

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at the CathedralGLOW with a delegation of St. Thomas More Newman Center parishioners.

“The Catholic Church is alive and well,” she said, “and we’re still converting souls.”

A St. Louis native, Ms. Bruegenhemke came to Jefferson City for the event “because the Church is universal — a celebration for one of our brothers and sisters is a celebration for all.”

She said the minute attention to detail throughout the renovated Cathedral is a reminder of “how much tradition the Catholic Church holds and how we should take part fully in its liturgies and celebrations and never take little things for granted.”

“For God and for souls”

After the solemnity and revelry of

Birthdays

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **John Hoff**, his 95th on May 4; **John King**, his 94th on May 6; **Bert Hilden**, his 92nd on May 29

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Dorothy Mae Berendzen**, her 90th on May 11; **Viola Ihler-Lepper**, her 92nd on May 28

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Lorene Meissen**, her 100th on May 9

Marriages

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Cassidy Schrimpf & Justin Buschjost**; **Denise Haake & Timothy Simmon**

Deaths

Deacon Fred Weisel, 86 — a retired deacon of the Jefferson City diocese — on Mar. 31. A Memorial Mass is to be celebrated on May 13 in St. Thomas More Newman Center in Columbia.

Chamois, Most Pure Heart of Mary — **Marie Hackmann**

Hermann, St. George — **Nancy Tobin**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Helen Hirsch**

Macon, Immaculate Conception — **Mary J. Cook**

St. Martins, St. Martin — **Marvin Reinkemeyer**

the rededication subsided, Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, vicar general of the diocese and a lifelong student of history, reflected on a prescient exhortation from the past.

As archbishop of St. Louis from 1903-46, Cardinal John J. Glennon oversaw the construction of that city’s magnificent Cathedral Basilica — a challenge he received the day of his installation.

In the homily for Mass that day, Archbishop John Ireland of St. Paul, Minnesota, urged the future cardinal to “build your cathedral, but remember that when your career is over, the cathedral must draw its highest and sweetest honor from the fact that it is the monument of the glorious deeds done by you in the spiritual work of your episcopate — deeds done for God and for souls, for Church and for country.”

CHARITIES

From page 6

“They do great work!” said Sister Kathleen Wegman of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Catholic Charities interim executive director.

Archbishop Pierre toured the warehouse area and well-stocked aisles of the food pantry and visited the LaSalette community room and chapel, where staff members gather for prayer once a week.

The Catholic Charities Central Office, opened in January 2022 after extensive remodeling and expansion, was originally built in the 1950s as a chapel and gymnasium for the former Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette Seminary.

Looking outside, Archbishop Pierre noticed the array of solar panels that provides much of the building’s electricity.

The solar array and geothermal heating and cooling system minimize the amount of energy the facility draws

from local utilities, saving money and limiting the environmental impact.

“Also,” noted Ashely Wiskirchen, Catholic Charities’ senior director of communications, “it would keep us off the power grid in the case of a disaster, so that our pantry could continue to operate and we could function as a hub for emergency triage.”

Before departing, Archbishop Pierre prayed with the agency’s staff and asked for the Blessed Mother’s intercession under her title of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, patroness of the diocese.

He spoke with delight of Catholic Charities the following day at the end of the Cathedral Rededication Mass.

“It’s one of your priorities and I thank you for that,” he told the assembly.

“It’s beautiful and also correspondent with the teachings of our Church,” he stated. “This is the kind of Church you want to be.”

GONZALEZ

From page 9

opportunity and a huge gap in the institution.”

He agreed, but as a cathedral parish, with so many commuters, he texted back, “We just aren’t that kind of parish.”

He promised to bring it up at the next meeting, though, and again promised to pray for us.

Now, don’t get me wrong. I sincerely appreciate any and all prayers for my family, at any moment. Prayers are wonderful, and I am grateful. I believe in the power of prayer.

But especially when they lead to action.

We speak at church about helping others. My parish has amazing ministries serving the homeless, those who struggle with mental illness and women in crisis pregnancy.

We have a vegetable garden to supplement our cathedral kitchen, which serves meals to hundreds of people a day.

We’ve sponsored families escaping Afghanistan and Ukraine and helped set them up in new homes.

But after nearly two decades as a parishioner, I couldn’t help wondering: Was there nothing in place to insure that someone could bring over a lasagna or take out our trash?

This isn’t about casseroles, though. We can, thankfully, afford to order from DoorDash, if need be.

It is about feeling like a true part of a community; feeling really seen, supported, encouraged — dare I say

it: loved. To feel Christ’s loving arms around us through his people as we walk a tough path.

There is a saying, attributed to St. Teresa of Avila, that goes: “Christ has no body but your body; no hands, no feet on earth but yours.”

Lord, show me where I can be your hands and feet to those who sit in the pews next to me.

We are finding a rhythm in my husband’s recovery — and he will recover, thank you God.

When he does, I want to live out what I say I believe. I want to make certain another family doesn’t ever feel this disconnected and unsupported as we sadly have during a difficult stretch.

Shemaiah Gonzalez is a storyteller and essayist living in Seattle, Washington.

Crossword puzzle answers

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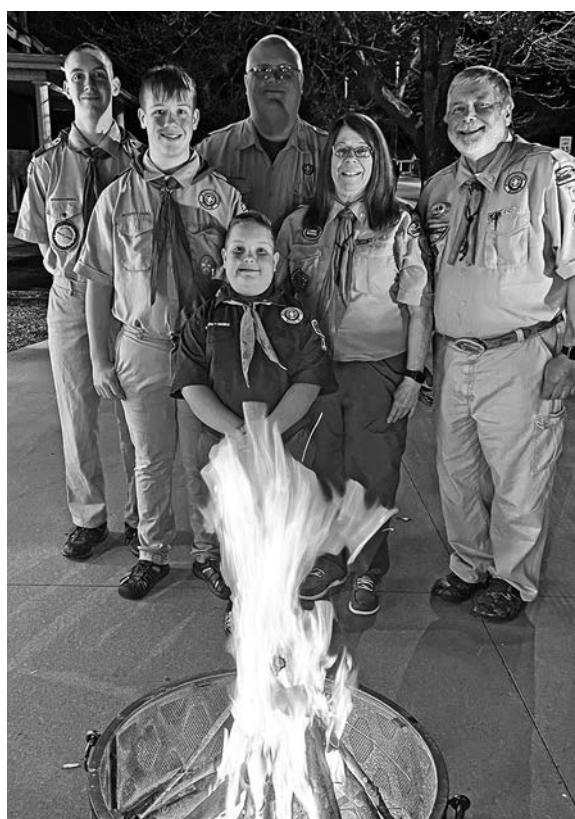


Seeing how a bridge gets built

Eighth-graders of Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City visit the construction site of the new Missouri River Bridge in Rocheport on April 21. The MoDOT Central Missouri District I-70 Rocheport Bridge Replacement Project contractor Lunda Construction has worked with I.C. School to participate in a STEM program this year. This experience has really opened the students' eyes to what is possible in this career field.

— Photo from the Immaculate Conception Catholic School Facebook page

A fire into many flames divided



Celebrating kindergarten



Kindergartners at St. Peter School in Marshall celebrate National Kindergarten Day April 21. — Photo from the St. Peter School Facebook Page

Gremlins at the Chancery



A group of Hispanic high school students from Sacred Heart School in Sedalia, accompanied by their teacher, José María González, visit the Chancery offices of the diocese in the Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center in Jefferson City.

— Photo from the Ministerio Hispano - Diocesis de JC Facebook page



Scouts from Troop 17 and Pack 17 of Linn participate in building and lighting the fire for the Holy Saturday night Easter Vigil Mass held at St. George Church on Holy Saturday, April 8. Blessed palms and unused holy oil (Sacred Chrism, Oil of Catechumens, and Oil of the Sick) from 2022, along with Purification cloths used when celebrating the Sacraments, were burned. The new Easter candle was lit by Father Colin Franklin, pastor of St. George Parish in Linn and Our Lady of Help Parish in Frankenstein, from the fire the scouts built.

— Photos by Debbie Backes

Bible Accent

After the apostles returned to Jerusalem, Peter stood up and spoke to 120 of Jesus' followers.

"My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry," Peter began.

He pointed out a verse from the Book of Psalms: "May another take his office."

"Therefore," Peter said, "it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection."

Matthias and Joseph, who was called Barsabbas but also was known as Justus, were suggested to replace Judas.

"You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place," those gathered prayed.

Then the two candidates were given lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias, who then joined the other 11 apostles.

St. Joan of Arc

St. Joan of Arc was born into a peasant family in France in 1412. Although she couldn't read, she was very intelligent.

As a teenager, she heard "voices," or inner promptings, that urged her to save her homeland from England and Burgundy during the Hundred

Years' War. After she was examined by theologians and met with the dauphin — the king's eldest son — she led the French army to several victories. She was later captured by the Burgundians and sold to the English, who burned her at the stake for witchcraft and heresy in 1431. Her reputation was restored by a papal commission in 1456, and we remember her on May 30.



The apostles watch Jesus ascend into heaven

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic Courier

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke wrote to someone he called Theophilus, explaining that the resurrected Jesus appeared to the apostles and some of his other followers.

The first person to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection was Mary of Magdala as she was visiting his empty tomb. When Jesus first spoke to Mary, she mistook him for a gardener. But when she finally recognized him, Jesus asked her to tell the apostles that he was about to return to his Father in heaven.

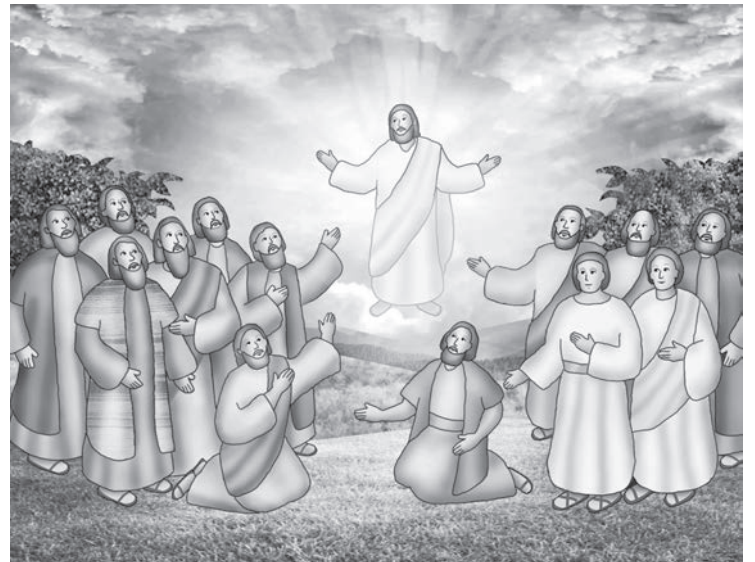
After appearing to Mary of Magdala, Jesus twice appeared to his friends who were staying in a locked room in Jerusalem.

And he walked with two of his followers along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus as they talked about the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection.

"While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit,'" Luke told Theophilus.

Jesus' last meeting with the apostles took place on Mount Olivet, Luke continued.

"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" the apostles asked him.



"It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority," Jesus replied. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When Jesus finished speaking, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

The apostles looked intently at the sky as Jesus was ascending. At first, they didn't notice that two men dressed in white garments were suddenly stand-

ing beside them.

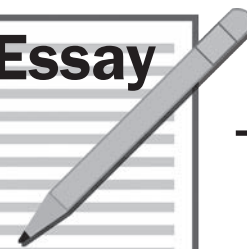
"Men of Galilee," the men asked, "why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Afterward, the apostles descended Mount Olivet and returned to Jerusalem.

Read more about it... Acts 1

1. Where did Jesus gather with the apostles?
2. Who suddenly appeared with the apostles?

Essay



Reading for
May 18, 2023:
Acts 1:1-11

Describe a time
when you had to wait
patiently for a promise
to be fulfilled.

Puzzle

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

1. ___ Many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. (Acts 2:43)
2. ___ Community members shared the money they made from selling their property and possessions. (Acts 2:45)
3. ___ Ananias and his wife, Mary, sold some property and gave all the money to the community. (Acts 5:1-2)
4. ___ Four men from the community were appointed to help some widows. (Acts 6:1-4)

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

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Good vs. evil: Exorcism becomes hot topic for film, books this Eastertide

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

Just as Catholics worldwide commemorated Jesus' resurrection and his triumph of good over evil on Easter Sunday, theaters across the United States were preparing for the release April 14 of the latest "supernatural horror thriller" of good versus evil with "The Pope's Exorcist."

And bookstores around the Vatican had stocked their shelves April 11 with Fabio Marchese Ragona's *Esorcisti contro Satana: Faccia a Faccia col Demonio (Exorcists against Satan: Face to Face with the Devil)*, which included a brief interview with Pope Francis and pages of testimonies from exorcists and people deemed to have been possessed.

Unlike a few of his modern-day predecessors, Pope Francis has never performed any exorcisms, preferring to refer people to more experienced priest-exorcists, he told Ragona.

No one is safe from the devil, who "tries to attack everyone," especially those who hold great responsibility in the Church or society, the pope said. "Even Jesus experienced temptation by the devil."

The book also includes a previously unpublished commentary by the late Pauline

Father Gabriele Amorth, a longtime and well-known exorcist for the Diocese of Rome who performed tens of thousands of exorcisms until his death in 2016 at the age of 91.

"I have never been afraid," he told Ragona in 2015. "I have been just a simple instrument in the hands of God, who is the only one capable of liberating (people) from the devil."

Even though many people, even cardinals, bishops and priests, have shown skepticism or indifference to this ministry, he said, Jesus gave him the strength to keep going and "battle the evil one every day."

Perhaps it was because of the priest's well-known spiritual strength that producers of "The Pope's Exorcist" chose Oscar-winning "Gladiator" actor, Russell Crowe, to play Fr. Amorth.

However, the film, inspired by the two memoirs written by the Italian priest, is a work of fiction, presenting "a young boy's terrifying possession" and "a centuries-old conspiracy the Vatican has desperately tried to keep hidden," according to media kit information by Sony Pictures Entertainment.

It's a mix of horror and a touch of humor with "little bits of Da Vinci Code, even little bits of Raiders of the Lost Ark," Crowe said in one

online interview April 6.

That, unfortunately, does not win points with actual exorcists.

The International Association of Exorcists, headquartered in Rome and co-founded by Fr. Amorth, said, "a viewing of the film's trailer confirms, as if that were needed, not only its nature as a splatter film — a genuine subgenre of horror films, but also its unreliability on such a sensitive and relevant subject."

"As in other films, everything is exaggerated," the association said in a communique March 7, after the trailer was released.

Such a depiction "distorts and falsifies what is really lived and experienced" by Catholic exorcists and "is insulting in regard to the state of suffering experienced by those who are victims of extraordinary action by the devil," it said.

"The end result is to instill the belief that exorcism is an abnormal, monstrous and fearful phenomenon, whose only protagonist is the devil, whose violent reactions are faced with great difficulty; this is the exact opposite of what occurs with exorcisms celebrated in the Catholic Church," it said.

The association's president, Father Francesco Bamonte, a member of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, has said that an exorcism is a "fundamental aspect of the Church's pastoral ministry"

Movie Ratings



Adults and Adolescents

On a Wing and a Prayer (PG)
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)



Adults

Air (R)
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret (PG-13)
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13)
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13)
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R)



Limited Adult Audience

Beau Is Afraid (R)



Morally Offensive

Renfield (R)

Ratings are supplied by OSV News Service.

as it continues Jesus' earthly ministry of driving out demons and "shattering Satan's tyranny over humanity."

Many films have shown an exorcist as a priest who is "nervous, tense and afraid" when in reality he is "serene, calm and sure" of Christ's power to free human beings from evil, he said in 2017 talk published on the association's website Feb. 24.

"Another misleading aspect of these films is the presentation of the struggle between good and evil" in a way that suggests it is a fight between "a god of evil fighting against a god of good," he said.

Sacred Scripture has revealed that "demons are angels created good by God but fallen and become evil forever by their own free choice," he said. "Demons are infinitely inferior beings to God, and however active they are in the world with the aim of doing great harm, they cannot prevent God's plan and his work of salvation fulfilled in Christ."

Also misleading, he said, is "the destructive fury of the demon," which "does not always occur in exorcisms or, at any rate, not with the virulence depicted in the movies."

Fr. Bamonte said the priest-exorcist is often depicted in films as if he were an indepen-

dent or lonely "freelancer," a doctor who makes house calls, dropping in "without establishing a human relationship, much less a spiritual one."


Instead, the Catholic Church requires the priest to have permission and support from his bishop to perform the rite of exorcism, he is required to assess the situation carefully, to talk with family members and others, and to make sure it is really a case of demonic possession, which is very rare, he said.

The exorcist must also help prepare and guide the person who is suffering to "acquire the inner dispositions necessary to achieve deliverance," he added.

Fr. Bamonte said that "unlike in the movies, we affirm the certainty that good prevails over evil, truth over lies, love over hate, humility over pride and this is precisely the truth made concretely visible during exorcisms."

If Catholics do not strengthen their own faith formation or are ill-prepared in discerning fact from fiction and lies, he said, "what might initially have been a good service to the Church" in representing the ministry of exorcism on film, "becomes Satan's usual subtle attack on the Catholic Church."

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VIGIL

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of the Apostles," said Fr. Clark. "The continuity of our faith is passed on to each bishop and people gathered here from various parishes and places around the diocese."

The tabernacle, where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed after Mass, is reminiscent of the ornate sanctuary tent in which God made his dwelling with the Israelites during their sojourn in the desert.

"Now, with the fulfillment that Christ has brought about, we recognize the tabernacle as where the Blessed Sacrament, Christ himself, dwells," Fr. Clark stated.

The ambo is an elevated place from which the Word of God is preached — reminiscent of the mountaintops from which God's decrees were proclaimed in Biblical times.

The altar, upon which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered, harkens back to the altars on which the Israelites offered animal sacrifices to God in keeping with the laws he gave them.

Jesus, by suffering, dying and rising, made himself into the one eternal sacrifice.

"We see with the altar the fulfillment, the image and actualization of the Paschal Mystery, the great gift of Christ Himself, the gift of his life, through which we are promised eternal life," Fr. Clark said.



Participants in the CathedralGLOW celebration and vigil join in singing a closing hymn before processing out of the Cathedral of St. Joseph by candlelight the night before the substantially-renovated Cathedral was to be rededicated.

— Photo by Jay Nies

Saints at rest

Fr. Clark pointed out that in the days of the early Church, especially in times of persecution, Masses were celebrated over the burial places of saints who had sacrificed their lives for the sake of living out the call to holiness they received at Baptism.

"We continue this tradition by placing relics of saints in the altars of our churches," he

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

said.

Together, the people then invoked the heavenly intercession of each of the saints whose relics were to be placed under the altar the following day.

They include: St. Aurelius, St. Benedict, St. Clement, St. Francis de Sales, St. Irenaeus, St. Isidore, St. John Vianney, St. Martin de Porres, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and St. Vincent de Paul.

"Each of us are also called to be saints," said Fr. Clark, "called to a vocation of holiness, to give our hearts to God, our lives completely in service to others, following the example of these wonderful saints."

Blessings

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Archbishop Pierre, who is Pope Francis's official delegate to the Church in the United States and the Holy See's diplomatic ambassador to the U.S. government — made a surprise visit to the gathering.

Archbishop Pierre was to rededicate the Cathedral and consecrate its altar the following day.

Bishop McKnight assured the young people present that they're not just the future of the Church, they're an essential part of the Church's present.

Archbishop Pierre described the Cathedral as a place for people to encounter God, day after day, Sunday after Sunday, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

He commented on the unity of the Catholic Church, spread throughout the world.

"In the United States, you have 196 dioceses, like this one," he said. "My job, my mission, is to represent the Holy Father to all these bishops, all these dioceses. My job is to help all the bishops be united with the Holy Father."

Archbishop Pierre and Bishop McKnight invited each person to come forward and receive a specially-cast medallion commemorating the Cathedral rededication, and a sticker depicting the new St. Joseph mosaic on the sanctuary wall.

Bishop McKnight invited everyone to stand behind the altar "and see what we see as priests when we look out and

Daily Readings

Sunday, May 14

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Ps. 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
1 Pt. 3:15-18
Jn. 14:15-21

Monday, May 15

St. Isidore (USA)
Acts 16:11-15
Ps. 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b
Jn. 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 16

Acts 16:22-34
Ps. 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Jn. 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 17

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
Ps. 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Jn. 16:12-15

Thursday, May 18

St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Acts 18:1-8
Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn. 16:16-20

Friday, May 19

Acts 18:9-18
Ps. 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Jn. 16:20-23

Saturday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, priest
Acts 18:23-28
Ps. 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
Jn. 16:23b-28

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for May:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Sunday, May 21

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1:1-11
Ps. 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph. 1:17-23
Mt. 28:16-20

Monday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia, religious
Acts 19:1-8
Ps. 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Jn. 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 23

Acts 20:17-27
Ps. 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn. 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 24

Acts 20:28-38
Ps. 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
Jn. 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps. 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Jn. 17:20-26

Friday, May 26

St. Philip Neri, priest
Acts 25:13b-21
Ps. 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Jn. 21:15-19

Saturday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps. 11:4, 5, 7
Jn. 21:20-25

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celebrate Mass."

Archbishop Pierre asked God to bless everyone present.

"We need blessings!" he stated. "The only one who can give a blessing is God himself. But, God has given us the possibility to share this blessing with your children, with our brothers and sisters. And this is what the Church is all about."

"Beautiful light"

Seminarian Gregory Clever gave one more reminder to

the people as they prepared to process out of the Cathedral by candlelight.

"The image we will all see as we exit the church reminds each of us that Christ is still in charge, even after we leave this holy place," he stated.

"He invites each of us to entrust every area of our lives to him," the seminarian continued. "But in trusting him fully with our lives, we receive this beautiful light in a world filled with darkness."

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Beauty of the Eucharist to be topic of Women's Pilgrimage

By Jay Nies

Catholic author, podcaster and presenter Patty Schneier is convinced that a single day can make all the difference.

She hopes women throughout the Jefferson City diocese will set that day aside and attend the "Spring Into Summer"

pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Saturday, June 10.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for women to come together, wherever we are in our journey of life, and share with each other the beauty of what we believe," said Mrs. Schneier, keynote presenter at the event.

The theme will be "The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Our Christian Life."

Organized by the diocesan Office of Women's Ministry, the pilgrimage will be from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the newly rededicated Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2305 W. Main Street, across the street from Memorial Park in Jefferson City.

It will be "a day of prayer, fellowship and faith formation."

It will include a break-out session on ways to deepen one's prayer life, Mrs. Schneier's keynote presentation on the Eucharist, and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Tours of the Cathedral will be available.

The \$10-per-person registration fee includes lunch.

Scholarship tickets are available.

Barbara Prasad, diocesan coordinator of Women's Ministry, hopes to organize similar events

each spring and fall.

Mrs. Schneier is a St. Louis native, lifelong Catholic, and mother of a priest of the St. Louis archdiocese.



Patty Schneier

She's the host of the "Daily Dose of Encouragement with Patty Schneier" podcast, heard over Covenant Radio and on-demand through major podcast distributors, and the author of

Love Letters From Mom on What Matters Most, with insights into raising children to keep the faith.

She has been traveling to dioceses, parishes and schools throughout the United States for the past 20 years, giving retreats and leading days of recollection.

"I want to help families grow in their love and reverence for the Eucharist," she said.

She said her overarching mission is — "to help people see the beauty and experience the joy of our Catholic faith."

"The ripple effect of that in our lives — we have no idea how that can send you on a whole new journey, drawing you closer to God," she stated. "And the ripple effect THAT can have on our families is huge!"

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May 14	Mother's Day Mass <i>Father John Schmitz, Rector, celebrant Unveiling new names on our Mothers' Wall of Life</i>	3:00 pm
May 27	Outdoor Summer Masses Begin at the Shrine! <i>Masses held each Saturday at 8:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am</i>	
May 29	Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church <i>Mass celebrated by Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, Diocese of Jefferson City followed by Marian Consecration</i>	10:00 am

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