

“Represent the shield”

Helias Catholic High School’s 173 graduates were sent forth, told to put their faith and their gratitude for all they’ve been given into action.

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Bishop: Jesus’s mother unites his earthly, spiritual families



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight elevates the Most Blessed Sacrament, assisted by Deacon David Lovell, during Mass at the outdoor altar of the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, in Laurie, on May 29, the feastday of Mary, Mother of the Church.

— Photo by Jay Nies

Mass offered on Marian feastday at National Shrine in Laurie

By Jay Nies

The night before he allowed himself to be betrayed and executed, Jesus prayed aloud that all who would come to know him would be made one, just as he and the Father are one.

The next day, while nailed to the cross, he entrusted his beloved disciple to the care of his mother, and vice versa.

“Mary thus became the tender Mother of the Church, which Christ begot on the Cross,” Bishop W. Shawn McKnight proclaimed from the outdoor pulpit of the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, in Laurie.

“Mary, Mother of Christ, is also Mary, Mother of the Body of Christ — the Church — our mother!” the bishop stated.

Bishop McKnight was celebrating Mass the morning of May 29, the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, which coincided this year with Memorial Day.

“On this day when our country remembers those who have given their lives in service to their country, we as a Church Universal observe this Memorial feast of Mary, Mother of the Church,” the bishop stated.

An ample congregation of local parishioners and Memorial Day visitors to the Lake of the Ozarks gathered in the tiered seating area of the shrine, pausing to thank God for the gift of his mother.

The clear sky, mild temperature and restful breeze made for an almost perfect day for outdoor worship.

Strains of “Immaculate Mary” and “Hail Holy Queen, Enthroned Above” echoed through the hills and valleys.

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Rev. Mr. Christopher Hoffmann, seminarian, raised to Diaconate, presents self fully to God

Hopes to be ordained to Priesthood next year

By Jay Nies

Jesus came to do the will of the Father and to give his life as a ransom for many.

So, too, do those he chooses for sacred office in his Church.

“In just a few moments, you will literally give away your life, give your future away in service to Christ and the mission of his Church,” Bishop W. Shawn McKnight told Rev. Mr. Christopher Hoffmann shortly before ordaining him a transitional deacon on June 3.

“You are giving yourself to Christ,” Bishop McKnight insisted, “without reservation, even to the point of committing yourself to lifelong chaste celibacy to be completely free to serve his divine will and to be at the service of the needs of the body of Christ — that is, his Church.”

Celebrating the Ordination Mass were: Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos; Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicky, vicar gen-

eral; Father Steven P. Beseau, rector and president of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, where Rev. Mr. Hoffmann is receiving his seminary formation; Father Paul Clark, diocesan vocation director and director of seminarians; and many other priests of the diocese.

Assisting them were Deacon Robert Reinkemeyer and Deacon Enrique Castro.

Fellow seminarians of the diocese served at the altar.

Erick Chinchilla and Ryan Bax proclaimed the readings. Members of the Cathedral of St. Joseph Choir, conducted by Thomas Halpin, led the singing, with Annette Kehner serving as organist and Dewayne Carver serving as cantor.

Ongoing journey

This summer, Rev. Mr. Hoffmann will assist the pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City while working with the

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June 15 — **Fr. Lawrence E. Bray**, St. Peter, Marshall (1959); **Fr. Henry W. Wiesmann**, St. Anthony, Rosati (1973)

June 17 — **Msgr. Patrick E. Gavan**, St. Brendan, Mexico (1964)

June 18 — **Fr. Philip M. Moriarity**, St. Mary of the Angels, Wien (2009)

June 19 — **Fr. Albert M. Brincat**, St. Theresa, Dixon (1994)

June 20 — **Fr. William D. Ludwig**, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Robert (1974); **Fr. Henry J. Reichert**, St. Andrew, Tipton; and **Annunciation**, California (2009)

June 21 — **Fr. Carlyle B. Green**, Assumption, Morrison (1963); **Fr. Ferdinand C. Bonn**, Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Ozark (2007)

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City has been invited by the local bishops in India to experience the life and culture of the local Church there. In addition to visiting various church sites and rural villages, the trip would include a visit to the tomb of St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, sites in Delhi and the Taj Mahal. We have room for 10-12 people. If you would like more information or are interested in this trip, please contact Jake Seifert at 573-635-9127 or email development@diojeffcity.org.



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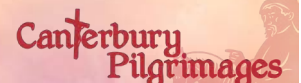
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Deacons putting diverse gifts to work in their communities

This the latest installment in a series of articles on the Permanent Diaconate:

By Jay Nies

In his book *Understanding the Diaconate: Historical, Theological and Sociological Foundations*, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight lays out a clear vision for the role of deacons in building-up the 21st-century Church.

He said deacons animate lay involvement while serving as ambassadors between a bishop and his diocese, between priests and parishes.

“Deacons are messengers. They are go-betweens, they are intermediaries,” he stated. “I see deacons as spiritual entrepreneurs in getting ministries started that are needed but currently don’t exist.”

Deacons also extend the ministry of the bishop and that of the priest in showing care and concern for whomever they meet, he stated.

Accordingly, the more than 90 active permanent deacons in the Jefferson City diocese carry their ministries into increasingly diverse environments, often moving beyond commonly understood parish structures.

Here are some examples:

Crisis and loss

Deacon Richard Telthorst, who assists the pastor of St. Pe-

ter Parish in Jefferson City, also serves as assistant chaplain to the Jefferson City Fire Department.

Bishop McKnight gave him permission to do so last September.

The Rev. Sam Powell, senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, serves as the department chaplain.

“Together, we minister to the spiritual needs of the department’s 75 firefighters stationed at five firehouses throughout the city,” said Deacon Telthorst.

The chaplains also respond to all residential fires that could result in residents being displaced.

“At the fire scene, we speak with the residents, obtain their contact information, and contact the American Red Cross to connect them with emergency shelter,” Deacon Telthorst stated.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity to support the brave men and women who protect our city, and to provide comfort and care to residents who are in a sudden crisis and experiencing a tremendous personal loss,” he said.

Sickness and health

Deacon Michael Berendzen, who assists the pastor of St.

Francis Xavier Parish in Taos, also serves as Coordinator of Columbia Catholic Hospital Ministry.

This involves overseeing the Catholic presence in multiple health care facilities: Boone

Hospital Center, University of Missouri Hospital (including Missouri Orthopedic Institute, Missouri Psychiatric Center, and Women’s Hospital), Landmark Hospital, Rusk Rehabilitation Hospital, and Columbia Post-Acute.

“Through our ministry, a devoted team of lay ministers and priests and I visit Catholic patients and their families, provide Holy Communion for those who would like to receive it, arrange for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, and assist with any other needs that patients or families might have,” said Deacon Berendzen.

In the course of a day, those needs may range from providing a rosary to a patient or simply praying with them, and later in the day sitting with a family and providing comfort and support as their loved one is finishing his or her earthly journey.

“I have had the opportunity to spend time with patients who are coming to grips with a diagnosis or emergency situation and have helped them ponder, ‘Where is God in this?’” he said.

He has also been able to provide information and resources to Catholics who are a long way from home and suddenly find themselves or their loved one in a hospital in central Missouri.

“As my hospital ministry mentor, Deacon Gene Kazmierczak, would sometimes say, these hospitals are like a parish made up of people from throughout our diocese and beyond, and we have the opportunity to serve them,” he said.

He relishes being an agent of grace and mercy and a link between Catholic patients and the Sacraments that they, their

families and health professionals wish to receive.

“I am reminded on a daily basis that as a deacon, I am there to serve others, to see Christ in them and to be Christ for them,” he said.

“The goal is to assist parishes in need of help as they serve our Hispanic brothers and sisters in their midst,” said Deacon Castro.

With the bishop’s permission, the deacons conduct Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest in Spanish in parishes when a Mass in Spanish cannot be provided, or assist the priest with the homilies.

“In addition, they help parishes identify ways to reach out and respond to the needs of the Hispanic community — such as sacramental and general catechetical formation, pastoral counseling, material assistance, communications,” he said.

Deacon Castro finds this ministry to be very rewarding.

“Working with pastors, priests, parishes and God’s people has been a blessing and a learning experience,” he stated.

“In addition, it has opened

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— Bishop W. Shawn McKnight

Diverse communities

Deacon Enrique Castro, who assists the pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, also serves as full-time diocesan director of Hispanic and Intercultural Ministries and executive director of faith formation, including marriage preparation and family life.

In that role, he oversees *“Evangelizando Juntos”* (“Evangelizing Together”), a diocesan Hispanic ministry project carried-out by Hispanic deacons and led by the diocesan Hispanic Ministry office.

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Bishop McKnight’s Calendar

JUNE

- Jun 10** Women’s Ministry: Spring into Summer Pilgrimage, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 10 am, Jefferson City; Knights of Columbus Mass, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 5:30 pm, Jefferson City
- Jun 11** Reverend Donald J. Antweiler’s 50th Ordination Anniversary Mass, Immaculate Conception, 1:30 pm, Jefferson City
- Jun 12-16** United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Plenary Assembly, Orlando, Florida
- Jun 18** Spanish Mass and Celebration, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 1 pm, Jefferson City
- Jun 23** Missouri Catholic Conference Public Policy Committee Meeting, 10 am, Virtual
- Jun 24** Regional Encuentro Mass, Savior Pastoral Center, 11 am, Kansas City, KS

Bishop McKnight’s June prayer intention for our Local Church

For our seminarians preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Orders; that they may grow closer to Christ the High Priest to be faithful teachers of doctrine, fervent priests of sacred worship, and servant-leaders of our community of faith.

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

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DATES: June 27 & 28

Matt Mordini, founder of Theology of Dance (theologyofdance.org), will lead a Theol-

ogy of Dance Retreat for adults from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Tues., June 27; and one for high school teens from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wed., June 28, in Columbia. These free events will be in Flanagan Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Berna-

dette Drive in Columbia. They will include ballroom dance, theology and dinner. Contact Lisa at lisageger@ourladyoflourdes.org to register.

SVdP meeting

DATE: June 24
TIME: 10 am-noon

All Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference members and presidents are invited to attend the annual meeting of the society's North Central Missouri Council from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 24, in Columbia. It will be in Flanagan Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive. Registration appreciated but not required. Contact Margaret Gladbach, district council president, at ncmdcjc@gmail.com to register or for information.



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Brookfield, Immaculate Conception
Robert Wideman

Columbia, St. Thomas More Newman Center
Amanda Bracken
Mitchell Glenn
Jenna Gruender
Ben Hahs
Amanda Leon
Denise Reno

Cuba, Holy Cross; Steelville, St. Michael; Bourbon, St. Francis Caracciolo
H. Lane Flowers
Allison Hoff
Nicholas Hoff
Katherine Lajzer Mason
Marcelo Leija

Fulton, St. Peter
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Brian Eidson

Hannibal, Holy Family
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Amber Nicole Hays
Michelle Shumaker

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception
Ashley Brewer
Kaylee Brewer
Madison Brewer
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Brennan Ranabarger
Courtney Ranabarger
Hunter Ranabarger
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Jennifer Young

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Aundrea Pollard
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Rhyen Squires

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Alicia Gerling
Michael Grissum
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Andrea Reuter
Dallas Shrewsbury
Derek Skaggs

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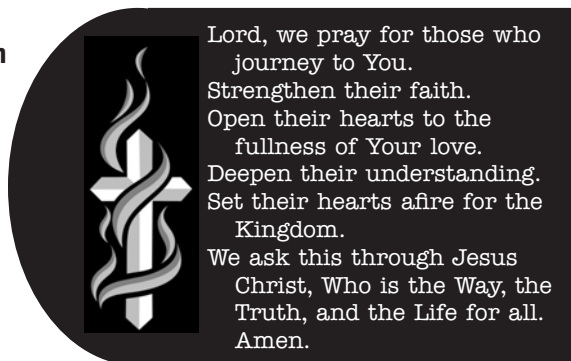
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Denise Rodriguez
Rylie Schlarb
Thomas Schlarb
Matthew Schneider
Susan Snavely
Cristal Quetzecua
Jose Maria Quetzecua

Vienna, Visitation
Traeton Helton
Madison Bax
Kaylee James
Kiley Newbert

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus
Angelina Ackerman
Mercedes B. Cannon
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Tracie A. Lloyd
Ronald C. "Chris" Neiman

Warsaw, St. Ann
Julia Armstrong



Lord, we pray for those who journey to You.
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Open their hearts to the fullness of Your love.
Deepen their understanding.
Set their hearts afire for the Kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.
Amen.

St. Clement, St. Clement
Katelynn Hammett
Emily Maiuro
Kerri Niemeyer
Dana Portwood
Mary Ann Scherder
Matt Scherder

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

— Acts 2:42

Cathedral parishioners put faith into action during service day

By Jay Nies

"Stewardship through Service, Discipleship in Action." The theme for Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish's inaugural St. Joseph Serves Day says it all.

"Such awesome disciples in action!" Julie Gramlich, director of adult faith formation for Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish, said of the Saturday, April 29, event.

St. Joseph Serves was an opportunity for parishioners — especially families — to spend a Saturday morning engaged in acts of service to others.

About 150 people participated.

"People were way more excited than just getting to spread mulch or paint a wall or visit people at home," stated parishioner Julie Gates, who helped organize the event.

"When you get people together and all the energy that it creates, you definitely see the Holy Spirit coming through," she said.

Volunteers signed up online ahead of time to work in a manner of their choosing.

Possibilities included: landscaping and clean-up work on



Members of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City take part in various service activities April 30 during the parish's St. Joseph Serves Day. — Photos from the Cathedral of St. Joseph - JC Facebook page



the parish grounds; painting and cleaning in the school; stocking food at the Catholic Charities Client-Choice Food Pantry; doing some light cleaning at the HALO transitional living program; spending time at two local nursing homes where parishioners live; preparing 100 bags of donated snacks, bottled water and personal-care items for parishioners to give to people who are homeless.

Another group spread out

to drop by about 50 parishioners' homes and personally thanked them for being engaged members of their faith community.

The event's organizers noted that many people in the parish already regularly volunteer at church, in school or in the community.

"Our biggest goal was to provide an opportunity for members of this parish to serve together," said Mrs. Gates.

Another goal was for parents and children to be able to

spend time serving together.

"We offered a wide variety of activities so individuals and families could select something that was important to them and gave them fulfillment," said Mrs. Gates.

Sent forth

Mrs. Gates believes the Holy Spirit was hard at work alongside every participant.

"The Spirit was with us in all of our planning meetings — and definitely throughout the day," she said.

Everyone gathered in the school gym at 8 a.m. for prayer and encouragement.

Father Louis Nelen, pastor of the Cathedral Parish, reminded the people that they were doing

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173 Helias Catholic grads told to give thanks with their lives

Graduating seniors discuss the journey, hopes for the future

By Jay Nies

Life can be difficult, but what about those times when everything seems to be going just right?

Sister Jean Dietrich of the School Sisters of Notre Dame found the answer in a Tim McGraw song:

“When those dreams you’re dreaming come to you, when the work you put in is realized, let yourself feel the pride but always stay humble and kind.”

“No matter how successful you become or how much you achieve, remember where you came from and the people who helped you get there,” Sr. Jean told the 173 members of Helias Catholic High School’s Class of 2023.

“Be grateful for every opportunity that comes your way and always be willing to learn from others,” she said. “These simple yet powerful values will serve you well as you navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.”

Sr. Jean, who retired from full-time administration and teaching after 40 years at Helias Catholic, gave the commencement address at this year’s graduation ceremony on May 21 at Ray Hentges Stadium in the Crusader Athletic Complex.

One hundred seventy-three graduating seniors accepted their diplomas from Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Erin Vader Ed.D., diocesan superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Among them were 15 students with a 4.0 grade point average, eight Bright Flight scholars, 60 students who qualified to receive A+ scholarships, and one committed to service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

“Every little bit”

Also joining Sr. Jean on the platform were: Spencer Allen, principal; Emma Williams, assistant principal; Dwayne Clingman, assistant principal and activities director; and Father Louis Nelen, pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City.

“Graduates, as you head



LEFT: Graduating senior Jack Klebba proclaims a reading from 1 Timothy during Helias Catholic High School’s 2023 commencement ceremony. **RIGHT:** The 173 members of the Class of 2023 toss their mortarboards into the air at the end of commencement. — Photos by Jay Nies



into your exciting future, you continue to represent the shield,” said Mr. Allen, referring to the Helias Catholic emblem.

“You also go out into the world as ambassadors of Christ,” he stated. “Live lives of gratitude for your gifts and talents. Cultivate what you have received from God. Continue to find ways to learn and grow. You’ve received gifts in abundance, so share them with others out of love and justice.

“And finally, remembering that all that we have comes from God, return those gifts to him with increase by pursuing holiness and being active members of your parish communities,” he said.

Sr. Jean focused not on everything God has given the Class of 2023 but instead on

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how to put those gifts to work.

“You have been blessed beyond measure,” she told the graduating seniors. “Be grateful for the people in your life, your family, friends and all who have helped you get to this point; for the experiences you’ve had, and for the opportunities that lie ahead. Embrace every moment and never take anything for granted.”

She noted that the world can be a tough and unforgiv-

ing place, “but that doesn’t mean you have to be.”

“Whether it’s a smile, a kind word, or a helping hand, every little bit counts,” she said. “And remember, kindness is contagious. When you show kindness to others are inspired to do the same.”

“Proud moment”

Mr. Allen reminded the graduating seniors that they are surrounded by people who have partnered in support of their high school formation as emerging scholars and saints.

“There is so much vision, talent and discipleship among you that it is a privilege to be among you,” he said.

Lily Winegar, one of the two Father Helias Award recipients — awarded for outstanding contributions during her time at Helias Catholic — led the opening prayer, praising and thanking God for the many blessings he has given.

“Help all of the Class of 2023 to remember that we are created in your image and likeness and called to be saints who serve you and our neighbor,” she prayed.

“We ask you to accompany us as we face new adventures and challenges. May the paths we take always lead to you and to the eternal joy that is ours through your Son.”

Fellow Father Helias Award recipient Jack Klebba proclaimed a reading from 1 Timothy, in which St. Paul admonishes his young friend to “train yourself to be godly” and “set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in

purity.”

2022-23 Student Council President Jonah Lanigan marveled at how memorable the past four years had been.

“As we go forward, it is important to be grateful to Helias for what we have been given to us in our education and our faith,” he said. “Helias has given us the tools to be successful wherever we end up in life.

“Let us be excited for the future, but not forget the memories and bonds we have all made with one another in these four years as high school students,” he said.

The bishop offered a prayer for the Class of 2023.

“Pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit upon these new graduates,” he prayed. “Through hard work, study, service and discipline, they have become young adults, ready to take on the world. May their witness of our Catholic faith shine the brightest when they fearlessly take up the cause for those who are most vulnerable, most defenseless and most in need.”

Impressive accomplishments

This year’s graduates have been offered a combined more than \$4 million in scholarships.

Ten received the John Baptist De La Salle Service Award for contributing 500 or more hours of service over their high school years: Danielle Buker, Antoniah Douglas, Lauren Gassen, Bridget Hollingsworth, Emma Komoroski, Kaitlyn Palmer, Kambria Quinn, Isaac Rackers, Landrey VanOverschelde and Alyssa Wobbe.

Sarah Case, Patrick Conley, Victoria Hentges, Aiden Hoeme, Leah Kolb, Miranda Kolb, Trevor Kolb, Avery Massman, Joseph Raley, Jacob Rembecki, Brooke Rutter, Tori Schmidt, Camryn Strobe, Abigail Tesreau and Kadence Wynn were honored as co-valedictorians.

Trevor Kolb and Tori Schmidt received the American Legion Citation, recognizing leadership, scholarship and service.

Jonah Lanigan and Faith Ann Meyer received the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award, recognizing citizenship, scholarship and good attendance.

Ongoing conversion

Graduating seniors Korbin Fisher, Jack Klebba, Hannah Luetkemeyer and Lily Winegar took part in an informal discussion about what Helias Catholic has meant to them and how they’ve changed in the past four years.

“I’m definitely going to miss the teachers here at Helias,” said Hannah. “I’ve made a lot of relationships and connections here through my classes and it’s helped me a lot.”

“I feel like everyone here is kind of family,” said Korbin. “Everyone is connected in some way and everyone’s nice to each other. It’s always been a good time. I’ve never wanted to leave Helias.”

“I think I’m going to miss the experiences most,” said Lily. “With school dances and football games and all the other things we do, we’ve been able to grow closer with each

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Daughters of Isabella Lillis Circle celebrates 100th anniversary

By Diane Brimer

Sunday, April 23, was a day of celebration in Boonville.

Members, family and guests of the Daughters of Isabella Lillis Circle #250 gathered at Ss. Peter & Paul Church to celebrate the circle's 100th anniversary.

They began by attending 10:30 a.m. Mass together, followed by a wonderful meal and program in the parish hall.

More than 100 attendees were present to recognize the history and accomplishments of the Lillis Circle over the past 100 years.

The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: Unity, Friendship & Charity.

The organization was established with Queen Isabella, Queen of Castille, Spain, as its Patroness.

Queen Isabella assisted Christopher Columbus in undertaking the greatest voyages of history and is known for her

sponsorship of new discoveries in places where Christianity was yet unknown.

Lillis Circle #250 was organized by Mrs. William Schmidt of Our Lady's Circle #222 from Tipton. This Circle number was awarded because it was the next number available through the International organization.

The initiation of the Lillis Circle was held April 22, 1923, in the Knights of Columbus Hall with 73 charter members. Our Lady's Circle from Tipton gave the Degree work to the members.

The Charter for Lillis Circle #250 was signed by Mrs. Mary Booth, who was then the National Regent, and Mrs. Mary Kay, National Secretary.

The selection of the Circle name, Lillis Circle, was in honor of the late Bishop Thomas Lillis, who led what was then the Diocese of Kansas City from 1913-1938.

The circle's first regent was Mary Garthoffner; 46 more elected regents have succeeded

her.

The first chaplain for the Lillis Circle #250 was Father M.F.X. Jennings.

The current 96 members of the Circle are comprised of ladies from parishes in Jefferson City, Pilot Grove, Boonville, and Glasgow, with Mrs. Patty Kueckelhan as the current Regent.

The afternoon program began with a group picture, followed by a catered dinner.

Recognition and appreciation awards were presented.

Father Kevin Gormley and Father Paulinus Aneke offered prayers and blessing over the meal and attendees.

Guests included members from Daughters of Isabella Circles from Sedalia, Marshall and House Springs.

The special event included many current members who have multiple years of service.

Adrienne Fairley, a 56-year member, attended with members of her family. She has served as Regent for the circle



Daughters of Isabella, Lillis Circle #250 members Christie Eichelberger, Peggy Fenical and Christine Oswald take part in the circle's 100th anniversary. — Photo by Bob Irish

on two different occasions.

Mrs. Kueckelhan thanked everyone for taking part in the celebration.

"One hundred years! What an accomplishment!" she said. "I believe there are over 60 sisters from our Circle and Circles around around the state that have joined us today."

She pointed out the presence of members whose ancestors were part of the original

Charter.

"That's says a lot about this community and our sisterhood," she stated. "We grow in Unity, Friendship and Charity."

The afternoon concluded with music entertainment provided by Kristina Hahn.

The fellowship shared on this day was a true example of the unity and friendship that is known within the Daughters of Isabella Circles.

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other through the year. I'm going miss those."

"For me," said Jack, "it's the sense of community here. I feel like we're a good community of Christians. We're offered the opportunity of Mass and there's reconciliation and just a sense of closeness."

Korbin said her faith wasn't a priority for her when she arrived at Helias Catholic four years ago.

"Here, they offer God's love to you, and you choose whether or not to accept it," she said. "One week, I accepted God and found out about chances to live out the faith here and do good things for others."

Jack went to several weekday Masses in the chapel before school as part of the freshman religion curriculum.

"I could see that there's a lot more going on at Mass than just some words out of the book," he said. "Since then, I've come to see my Catholic faith not as something I do but as something I want to be for the rest of my life."

Lily arrived at Helias Catholic with a faith that felt more forced than chosen.

"But this past year and this past semester, things have dawned on me, and I think about things and about how important my faith has always been," she said.

She wants to continue mending and growing in her relationship with God.

Hannah said she arrived at Helias Catholic with skewed priorities.

"School and activities were more important to me than my faith," she said.

She got involved with Young Life and volunteered to assist at Capernaum Camps for children with special needs.

All of this helped her connect with God's presence all around her at school.

"It makes me feel warm and comfortable to have such a strong faith life and be around these teachers and other students who want to be involved in my life as well," she said.

"Find the beauty"

Jack plans to study attend at the University of Dayton in Ohio in the fall.

Korbin plans to study business and play football at Truman State University in Kirksville. He hopes to work an internship in medial sales next summer.

Lily plans to attend the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and spend some time traveling afterward.

Hannah plans to study physical or occupational therapy and play volleyball at Westminster College in Fulton. She hopes eventually to become a physician's assistant and work with children.

The group talked about being thankful for their families, classmates, teachers, the good fortune they've had, and all the people who support the school.

"Basically, everything that I've been given," said Hannah.

"It's super important to be thankful for everything," said Lily, adding that she plans to continue writing five things she's grateful for in a prayer journal each day.

"It's a beautiful world. You've got to find the beauty," she said.

Korbin said one of the most important lessons he's learned at Helias is to be kind to other people.

"In this world, it's all about connections," he said.

"You never know what people are going through," Lily added. "Someone could be going through the worst day of their life. Being kind gets you so far." "It's also fun," said Hannah. "It makes you happy."

Hannah said that if she could go back and talk to her freshman self, she would tell her to "have more fun" and "go out and experience something."

Lily would remind herself that "it doesn't last."

"Don't stress about everything too

much," she said. "These are some high school memories you're meant to have. If you spend too much time stressing about certain things, you're going to miss out."

Jack would tell himself to "stand your ground and don't let anyone influence you in a way that you wouldn't want to act in front of your parents."

All four said they want to remain Catholic.

They asked for prayers for success in their endeavors, for lives lived to the fullest, for perseverance to overcome temptations and struggles, and for God to open everyone's hearts to accepting the faith.

"It's a bittersweet departure," said Jack. "We have a lot to look forward to."

"I feel like I'm ready to take on the next part of my life with this chapter closing up," said Lily.

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QUESTION CORNER

Does original sin need an update? Is a crucifix necessary at Mass?

By Jenna Cooper
OSV News



Q: My Catholic grandmother used to say that “original sin” was a sort of stamp all people since Adam and Eve have been born with, where God is still holding people guilty of Adam and Eve’s sin of disobedience even up through today, and that unless this stamp is removed through baptism, people will automatically go to hell at death. This seems a bit extreme to me and perhaps a bit “old school.” Wouldn’t a more modern take on the subject be that all people, even up through today, are simply continuing in an exiled state from Eden — “perfection” — and that God through Jesus offers a return? (Location withheld)

A: Thank you for this interesting question! First of all, I’m not sure exactly what you mean by “a more modern take.”

While over the centuries Catholic doctrine might be developed — that is, be explained in more detail and articulated with greater clarity — Catholic teaching itself doesn’t change.

So what was true in your grandmother’s day is still true in ours, and will remain true even for your great-great-grandchildren.

That being said, it is possible to explain unchanging Catholic teaching in new ways that could resonate better with different cultures and in different time periods.

Older catechisms often referred to the “stain” of original sin, and it’s not unreasonable to question whether this language may be potentially confusing or off-putting to younger generations.

At face value, neither you nor your grandmother are incorrect in your descriptions of original sin, although perhaps your grandmother’s terminology requires some additional context. Baptism does remove the “stamp” or “stain” of original sin, and this indeed makes it possible for us to live forever with God in heaven.

But, this is not because God would otherwise desire to punish us in some legalistic or vengeful way. Additionally, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* readily acknowledges that original sin is not the same as a personal choice to commit some evil act on our part (see *CCC*, No. 405).

Funnily enough, your description of original sin as exile is actually very “old school” as well. The book of Genesis itself describes Adam and Eve as being specifically “banished” from the Garden of Eden (Gn. 3:23). And many of us are familiar with the traditional prayer “Hail Holy Queen” (an English translation of the Latin chant “*Salve Regina*”), in which we ask for Our Lady’s intercession for us, the “poor banished children of Eve,” and then implore her to show us her son Jesus “after this, our exile.”

Q: Our priest has recently stopped using the processional cross, and now we have no crucifix on the altar during Mass or at any other time. I’ve always thought that there is supposed to be a crucifix on the altar to remind us all of the suffering and passion of Christ. (Location withheld)

A: Yes, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the “instruction book” for how Mass is to be celebrated, specifically indicates that “on the altar or close to it, there is to be a cross adorned with a figure of Christ crucified” (*GIRM*, No. 117).

Presumably, this is not only to remind us of Christ’s passion, but also to help call to mind how the holy sacrifice of the

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Papal Audience

June 7, 2023



Dear brothers and sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, we now turn to St. Therese of Lisieux, the universal patroness of the missions; happily, today her relics are here in our midst.

At an early age, Therese discerned a vocation to enter the Carmel and to devote her life to prayer for the Church’s work of evangelization.

She adopted several foreign missionaries as a “spiritual sister,” writing them letters of encouragement and supporting them by her prayers and daily sacrifices.

St. Therese longed for all people to open their hearts to the saving love of Jesus.

She interceded fervently for the conversion of sinners, even those most hardened.

In her final illness, she promised to continue that intercession even after her death.

St. Therese reminds us that charity and intercessory prayer, even more than projects and programs, are essential to the spread of the Gospel. Let us ask her to intercede for an outpouring of missionary zeal upon the Church in our day, so that the name of Jesus may everywhere be known and loved.

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s audience, especially the groups from Scotland, Indonesia and the United States of America.

Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all!

National Shrine in Laurie offering pilgrimages, display of Eucharistic miracles in June

**Eucharistic Miracles display,
June 7-14**

**Immaculate Heart pilgrimage,
June 17**

Daytime pilgrimages and a visit to The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church can enhance visitors’ time at the Lake of the Ozark in June.

The Mothers’ Shrine, adjacent to St. Patrick Catholic Church, 176 Marian Drive in Laurie, is providing a display of Eucharistic miracles, compiled by a teenager who may be the Catholic Church’s first millennial to be canonized, and a daytime pilgrimage event featuring a dynamic local speaker.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, who died in 2006 from leukemia when he was 15, is on the path to canonization.

He is perhaps best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles on a website before he died.

The Mothers’ Shrine is

hosting 40 displays inspired by his work June 7-14.

For specific hours, visit MothersShrine.com. There is no charge for the exhibit; donations are welcomed.

On June 17, from 10 am to 3:15 pm, a pilgrimage titled “In the End, My Immaculate Heart will Triumph — Mary’s ‘Fiat’” will be led by Felicia Anunoby, a parishioner of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City.

Originally from Nigeria, by way of London, Anunoby credits her experiences of “heaven on earth” to her devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The pilgrimage will include prayer, presentations, lunch, Adoration and reflection opportunities.

There is no charge for the day, but a reservation is re-

quested so adequate hospitality can be prepared.

Please email shrinemothers@gmail.com or visit MothersShrine.com to register.

The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church is nestled within the Ozark hills of Missouri on 60 acres in the Lake of the Ozarks region.

It is adjacent to St. Patrick Catholic Church at 176 Marian Drive in Laurie.

Colloquially known as the “Mothers’ Shrine,” the Shrine is dedicated to Mary, Mother of the Church and all mothers and features an awe-inspiring 14-foot stainless steel sculpture of Mary, with her arms outstretched to welcome all to her embrace.

More information can be found at MothersShrine.com or by calling 573-374-MARY (6279).

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In June, let your garden honor the hearts of Jesus and Mary

By Margaret Rose Realy
OSV News



We enter into June, and Ordinary Time, with the sense of sharing the faith and expanding the Church. The green of this liturgical season is symbolic of hope and new growth.

Seedlings sprout — those planted in the earth or those growing in our soul — and we anticipate flowering, and when managed properly, an abundant harvest.

Interestingly, this season begins with the month's dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and includes the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A more verdant pasture of hope would be hard to find! The Sacred Heart of Jesus signifies not only his physical heart but also his love for all mankind, and love is powerful. It is a restoration of peace which is encircled with a crown of thorns, for peace is not easily

gained. There is a harsh reality of love, because when we love, we are vulnerable to pain, loss and anxiety.

During our dedication to the Sacred Heart we give our hearts, an act of consecration, to him in return. And there are many beautiful ways to commemorate the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a garden. You can do so by using images or shrines attached to a tree or post, creating pavers, or adding symbolic plants and colors.

Plants for a Sacred/Immaculate Heart garden could include monochromatic or harmonious color schemes of reds and oranges, vines symbolic of clinging to God, or plants with heart-shaped leaves or flowers. If you plan to honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary, consider adding white or red roses, or a touch of blue representing her mantle.

A few of the more common flowers used for Sacred/Immaculate Heart gardens — both symbolically and in form — are anemone, angel wing begonia (*Begonia coccinea*), bleeding heart (*Dicen-*

tra) and carnations (*Dianthus*).

Also consider green — the color of hope — which is the foundational architecture of any garden. It is the varying shades of green that lend depth to our gardens, as does our varying intensity of hope to our faith. It is against this backdrop that the flowers (our virtues) are revealed more distinctly.

For greens in a Sacred/Immaculate Heart garden consider using heart-shaped leaves. A few suggestions:

Brunnera: This shade-loving genus comes in a range of leaf textures and venation, and has delicate blue flowers in spring — an excellent selection for a garden dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Colocasia and Alocasia: Both genera are tropical plants with exceptionally large leaves, many of them shaped like a heart, and symbolize growing towards heaven.

Cyclamen: This tuberous plant grows throughout the Mediterranean and parts of Europe, and red flowering cultivars are

readily available. It is symbolic of resignation both to love and to death.

Hosta: Nearly all species of this predominantly shade-loving plant have heart-shaped leaves, represent devotion and are closely related to the Virgin Mary.

Ipomoea batatas: A sun loving trailing vine whose cultivars vary from bright chartreuse to deep magenta. It carries the same spiritual meaning as a morning glory, which is an enduring love even through eternity.

However you intend to develop your prayer garden, it will be one created from the heart. It is an outdoor space that moves your faith forward with its creation, and a space where others who visit can learn the spiritual significance each plant holds for you. And isn't that a lovely way to evangelize?

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'Little more wind, little more hope': Spirit-led and flying high

By Jaymie Stuart Wolfe
OSV News



Spring is festival season in southern Louisiana — the weather is warm but not hot, the crawfish are plentiful, and there's always an excuse to gather and celebrate. Recently,

we trekked out to Baton Rouge to check out this year's "KiteFest," where I unexpectedly learned that kite-flying can teach us about the dance of the Holy Spirit in our lives of faith.

I've never had much success getting a kite to fly. As a kid I'd watch fancy box kites with long streamers rise into the sky with practically no effort and believed my kite was the problem. Of course, the problem wasn't the kite, but me. I'd run and run until the stitch in my side became unbearable, but never really thought about which direction I should be running in.

Many of us Catholics take a similar approach to our spiritual lives. We fill up our calendars and stay busy, but never fully consider whether we're running with the wind or against it — whether we will soar or plod. Every one of us is made to soar, but that takes open space and enough discernment to cooperate with the wind.

A kite doesn't catch the wind; the wind catches the kite. When the air is stormy or still, kites don't fly, no matter how much you run. But when there's enough wind, and you have perceived it rightly, you can

ride the sky.

When it comes to discipleship, our willingness to align our own will to the will of God determines how high we fly — and at the heights, we find stability. We don't control the wind; like the Holy Spirit it "blows where it chooses" (Jn. 3:8). And there is only one way to guarantee that we will have all the wind we need: We must spend time in the cenacle, the Upper Room of prayer, where the rushing wind is to be found.

Over the centuries, disciples of Christ have taken up the challenge of living for God. We frame it in different ways: answering the universal call to holiness, fulfilling the Great Commission, walking with Jesus, growing in virtue and more. But regardless of what we choose to call it, many of us still make the same mistake along the way, embracing God's purposes but then trying to live them out on our own power. We never quite figure out that there's a difference between being purpose-driven and Spirit-led, between racing to catch the wind or letting ourselves be caught.

If Pentecost teaches us anything, it's that the Christian life cannot be lived apart from the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Without it, the disciples of the Risen Lord hide behind locked doors. They wallow in disillusionment as they walk to Emmaus. They choose to doubt rather than to believe.

While flying kites, we are bound to encounter obstructions that hinder us.

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REFLECTION

'Til the end of my days

By Mark Saucier

The Hebrew Scriptures have many takes on aging and death.

There is the story of Enoch, the great grandfather of Noah, who "walked with God, and he was no longer here, for God took him."

No suffering. No death. Just a "closer walk with thee." But Enoch was 365 at the time of his heavenly hike, which seems a little unrealistic.

Then there's Moses, who "was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated."

This gets to the heart of the matter. He died, but at a ripe old age, with no obvious physical decline.

Recently, a friend, in his 80s, went looking for a nursing home for him and his wife. She needs skilled nursing. He's capable of living at home, but he can't bear to leave her.

Another older friend died earlier this year after spending his last nine months in a relentless downward spiral that ripped away his mobility, his mind and finally his very breath.

Working in Mexico last month, we met an elderly lady, nearly blind, confined to a wheelchair, in a remote village where so much is inaccessible to all, let alone the handicapped.

These are warnings about the condition of the road ahead, and neither modern medicine nor Google Maps has found a viable detour.

As we age, our energy sputters and our senses wither. Our taste buds decrease, our sense of smell diminishes, our hearing dulls — all this isolating us from pleasures of the past.

Memories fade and the chances of dementia increase.

As the years pass, gravity conspires with the grave, pulling us physically — and emotionally — closer and closer to the ground.

I've come to believe that death won't be that hard. Aging is the real test.

How will I accept the likely loss of health when it comes? Will I become bitter as my independence wanes?

Where is God in all this? Patiently waiting for my trial to conclude? Or at my side, guiding me through, pointing out all the blessings and the love that have not abandoned me at my cross?

Isaiah prophesied: "I will be your God throughout your lifetime — until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you."

I desperately want that, but I fear it's up to me. I need to actively believe in that now if I'm going to rely on it later.

Encounter

AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Commemorating National Immigrant Heritage Month ¡Celebremos el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Inmigrante!

By Marissa Flores Madden
and Moses Soisa

Marissa: As a spouse, granddaughter, and friend of immigrants, my life has been immeasurably blessed by relationships and cultures from all over the world.

Soy esposa, nieta, y amiga de inmigrantes. Mi vida es tan bendecida por los dones de las comunidades globales.

Moises: Como inmigrante, conozco íntimamente las luchas de la comunidad inmigrante, específicamente los hispanos.

Al mismo tiempo, reconozco las bendiciones de vivir, trabajar y adorar en una comunidad diversa.

As an immigrant, I know the struggles of my community, but I also recognize the blessings of living, working, and worshipping in a diverse community.

Marissa: We celebrate National Immigrant Heritage Month not only because of our own heritage, but even more so now because of our work in Catholic Charities Family Immigration Services.

Over the past two years, it has been an honor for us to work with immigrants from Cuba to the Congo, from Mexico to Myanmar, from Ukraine to the United Kingdom and everywhere in between.

Many come to the U.S. to reunite with close family members. Others have come seeking safety and opportunity. These are just a few of their stories.

¡Sí se puede! Yes, we can!

Moises: During an appointment to discuss citizenship, a grandma from El Salvador trusted me enough to share her struggles which began long before she immigrated to the United States and have only continued with a recent cancer diagnosis.

Despite the challenges, she



Moises Sosa (left) and Marissa Flores Madden (right), standing with many tokens of thanks gifted to the Family Immigration Services program over the years, are DOJ Accredited Representatives providing immigration legal services for clients at Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri.

is proud to live in the United States and grateful for the opportunities she has been given.

She worried that she wouldn't be able to complete the citizenship exam due to the language barrier, but she was resolved to try anyway.

Thankfully she passed and just a few months ago she attended her oath ceremony to become a United States citizen.

Similarly, an 80-year-old woman from Honduras who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's Disease, was determined to get her citizenship before her condition worsened.

She recently sent me a picture with her certificate of naturalization and a message of gratitude for the support we were able to provide.

¡Paciencia y fe! Patience and Faith!

Marissa: A little over a year ago, a young mother of newborn twins, who had come to the U.S. as a refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, called our office in tears.

She needed help to bring

her husband to the U.S., but as her story unfolded, we recognized she needed much more than legal assistance.

Since I am trained as a postpartum doula, I called the woman, conducted a simple assessment, and asked if I could stop by her home that weekend.

Over the next several months, I visited every Saturday. I cared for the mother as together we cared for the babies — bottles, diapers, loads of laundry, cooking, doctors' visits.

While her spouse's case is still pending, we were able to connect her to the additional services she required while awaiting his arrival.

I met with a new client this week. He's a U.S. citizen who had petitioned for visas for his siblings in Mexico more than 22 years ago.

Since visas will be available for his family soon, he wanted to transfer his case to our office for the final steps of the family reunification process.

When starting these types of cases, it seems impossible to

imagine the day will ever come for families to reunite.

So, it's exciting to be a part of a case that is nearing the end of a decades long wait.

Moises: A Mexican American officer in the U.S. army, who is currently stationed in South Korea, anxiously calls me for regular updates on his case.

I usually have to tell him, "We need to be patient. Everything

is okay. These cases just take time."

But this week when he called, I was able to share good news.

The first step in his case was approved. While his fiancé remains thousands of miles away in Mexico awaiting her visa and planning a wedding on her own; with this week's update, we are hopeful her visa will be available soon.

¡Juntos en la lucha! Together in the struggle!

Marissa: Since the fall of Kabul to the Taliban in 2021, Catholic Charities has resettled hundreds of Afghans.

Family Immigration Services has worked with all of these Afghan families on numerous types of processes, all with the goal of keeping them safe in the United States.

Many of the newcomers are eligible for a particular type of visa which can be granted based on their years of service with the United States government in Afghanistan.

The application process for this visa is tedious and at times

seems impossible.

One of the many requirements for this application is a personal statement of threats received as a consequence of employment with the United States government.

The first threat letter I read detailed the atrocities done to a family member who remained in Afghanistan.

I immediately wished I hadn't read it.

The reality of this violence that continues to permeate the lives of our clients fuels our commitment to securing permanent status for Afghans who are already in the U.S. and to reuniting families who have been kept apart for nearly two years.

¡Primeramente Dios! God willing!

Moises: I recently received a call from an asylum seeker from Nicaragua. Fleeing persecution, corruption, poverty, and violence in her home country, her journey to the U.S. Mexico border — two small children in tow — proved just as harrowing as the horror she was escaping.

Like so many other clients, she needed far more than immigration services.

I was able to refer her for social services, medical attention, and legal services that were beyond our office's scope of practice.

Just this week I met with a Mexican family needing to renew their green cards.

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Servant of God Julia Greeley: Possibly the first sight of her love, the Sacred Heart

By Jay Nies

Servant of God Julia Greeley's heart caught fire when she realized the intensity of Jesus's love for her and all humanity.

She would spend the rest of her life doing charitable works, sharing her newfound Catholic faith and promoting devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

By the end of her life in 1918, the Missouri native, who had grown up enslaved in part of what is now the Jefferson City diocese and moved west after the Civil War, had come to be known as "Beloved Julia" and "Denver's Angel of Charity."

She is now under formal consideration for being declared a saint.

Now, at the place of her conversion, a likely link to her first encounter with the Sacred Heart of Jesus has come to light.

"We know Julia Greeley joined the Catholic Church in 1880 at Sacred Heart Church at 28th and Larimer in Denver," said Capuchin Franciscan Father Blaine Burkey, biographer of Miss Greeley and ardent advocate for her beatification cause.

"Whether she had ever been in a Catholic church before that is something we don't know for sure," the priest stated. "Quite possibly, however, that was where she first saw an image of the Sacred Heart, to whom she dedicated her life."

Earlier this year, Father

Eric Zegeer, Sacred Heart Parish's new administrator, was cleaning out a huge storage room when he discovered the remains of what once was a beautiful painting of the Sacred Heart.

"It was providential," said Fr. Burkey, "that previous pastors had not found the painting, since the importance of Julia in the parish's history and the painting's relation to her would have not yet come to light, and it well might have been discarded."

The painting the pastor found was an age-worn canvas on a 9-by-4-and-a-half-foot wooden frame, the lower left side of which was in a charred condition.

Six or seven square feet of the canvas was missing entirely, though none of its precious image.

The image was a prominent fixture of Sacred Heart Church the first time Miss Greeley visited there and throughout most of her time as a parishioner.

"The painting presents a beautiful image of a handsome man carrying a huge wooden cross and pointing to his heart, which is exposed after the manner of other traditional images of the Sacred Heart," said Fr. Burkey.

Conformed to Jesus's heart

Miss Greeley, born into an enslaved family near Hannibal before the Civil War, is one of six African American Catho-

lics currently under formal consideration for being declared a saint.

One of the others is Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, the Roman Catholic Church's first recognizably Black priest in the United States, who was also born in part of what is now the Jefferson City diocese.

Compassionate and deeply spiritual, Miss Greeley was known even in her lifetime as an Angel of Charity.

Her self-effacing kindness, missionary zeal and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus emblazoned her memory onto the minds of people who encountered her in Colorado, where she spent most of her adult life.

She was blind in one eye due to the harsh treatment she had received as a slave. Her body bore the ravages of excessive, menial work.

She never earned much money as a housekeeper, even to a Colorado governor and his family.

But as a Catholic convert and professed member of the Secular Order of St. Francis, she held nothing back in helping people who were worse off than she was.

When she ran out of her own money to give away, she begged for more.

She worked in darkness and secret, in deference to the dignity of the people she was helping.

She died in 1918, to the tears of many.

The Denver archdiocese opened a sainthood cause for her in 2016.

The following year, her earthly remains were later moved to a new marble sarcophagus built for her in the



This photo shows what a large painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that was once prominently displayed in Sacred Heart Church in Denver looked like before it was damaged in a fire in 1911. The painting, recently found in storage, was probably the first depiction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that Missouri native Servant of God Julia Greeley ever saw. Born into a family of enslaved people in Marion County, Missouri, she moved west after the Civil War, became Catholic and wound up devoting herself to charitable work and promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart. She is one of six African American Catholics who are under formal consideration for being declared a saint.

Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver.

Unquenchable love

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost — June 16 this year.

Church-wide devotion to the Sacred Heart proliferated in the 1600s due in large part to messages given by Jesus in a series of apparitions to a French nun named St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

"Between 1673 and 1675, she received four visions of Christ's heart in flames, burning with love for humanity, with instructions to promote a special feast and First Friday

devotions," according to a 2018 Catholic News Service article.

The devotion spread, with numerous parishes and schools now bearing the name of the Sacred Heart, including what was Julia Greeley's spiritual home.

Fr. Zegeer photographed the massive, tattered image that once adorned Sacred Heart Church in Denver.

He sent the photo to Fr. Burkey, who imported it into a computer program that intensified the faded colors, giving an idea of how magnificent the image once was.

Fr. Zegeer also found a black-and-white photo of the painting in the January 1912 edition of the Sacred Heart Parish magazine, *The Monitor*.

The magazine also carried a three-page article titled, "The Fire. Sacred Heart Church."

The article began:

"Sunday, Nov. 26, 1911, was the most eventful date in the thirty-two-years history of the Sacred Heart Church. For on that day, it came very near going down in history as a thing of the past."

At 3 a.m., one of the Jesuit priests stationed at the parish was awakened by the ringing of the church bells.

Looking toward the church, he saw the building brightly illuminated.

He and the brother sacristan rushed to the church and found it afire.

Within 10 minutes, Fire Chief Terry Owens, Assistant Fire Chief John F. Healy and three companies of brave firefighters arrived and quickly extinguished the fire.

"Damage to the contents of the church was extensive," Fr. Burkey noted, "but the building itself was saved."

The furnace, gas pipes, and electric wires were found to be entirely intact.

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Addressing Gun Violence

“Miles Davis is in the building.” The message—a code identifying an active shooter—came over the intercom of the Central Visual and Performing Arts High School in St. Louis, just after 9 am on October 24, 2022. Within minutes, 19-year-old Orlando Harris had killed a student, Alexandria Bell, and a teacher, Jean Kuczka, and shot four other students.

Four months later, survivors of the shooting visited the Missouri Capitol to share their art and a message. Around 60 students traveled to the Capitol to advocate for legislation to prevent future tragedies. Specifically, the students called on legislators to pass red flag laws, which would allow a person to petition a judge for the temporary removal of a person’s guns if they appear to be a risk to themselves or others. Days before the school shooting, the gunman’s mother had asked the police for help removing his gun but they lacked the authority to do so.

Students from the school also presented an art display at the Capitol, much of it related to the school shooting. Bryanna Love, 17, said that she will carry the memories of that day forever. “You can’t hear certain noises without being taken back to that moment, hunched in the corner of your classroom comforting your classmates that are crying so it doesn’t get too loud,” she said.

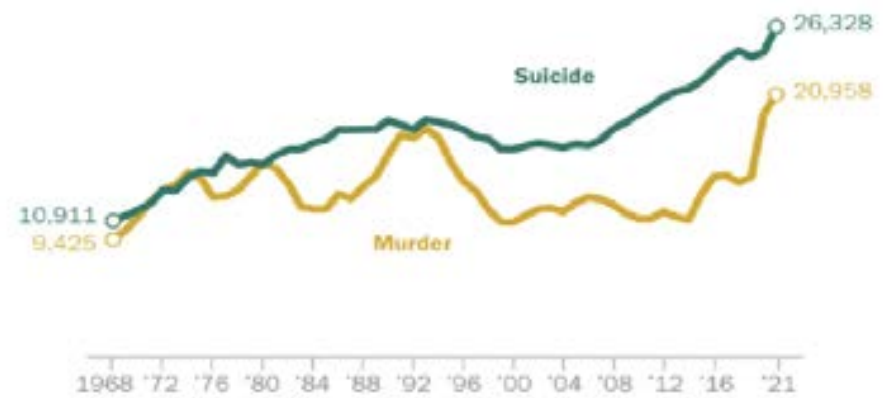
The attack on the St. Louis high school followed a string of shootings in Uvalde, Texas; Parkland, Florida; and Newtown, Connecticut. In March, a former student shot and killed three children and three staff members at a private Christian school in Nashville, Tennessee. While each tragedy brings a renewed call for legislative action, there is little agreement as to a policy solution. In this issue of *Messenger*, we examine the data on gun-related deaths and discuss what the Church says about gun violence.





U.S. saw record numbers of gun suicides and gun murders in 2021

Gun suicides and gun murders in U.S.



Note: Gun murders and suicides between 1968 and 1978 are classified by the CDC as involving firearms and explosives; those between 1979 and 2021 include firearms only.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

How frequent is gun violence?

Pew Research Center recently conducted an analysis of data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the FBI, and other sources related to gun deaths. More Americans died of gun-related injuries in 2021—the most recent year for which complete data is available—than in any other year on record. 48,830 people died from gun-related injuries, with the vast majority of those resulting from murders and suicides (the number also includes less common types of gun-related death: accidental deaths, those involving law enforcement, and those whose circumstances could not be determined)¹. Suicides accounted for 54% of gun-related deaths while 43% were murders.²

While the overall number of gun deaths in the U.S. is at its high, the *rate* of gun deaths is still below its historical peak, although the number has increased sharply in the last few years. There were 14.6 gun deaths per 100,000 people in 2021 (6.7 murders and 7.5 suicides), down from 16.3 gun deaths per 100,000 in 1974.³

1 <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/04/26/what-the-data-says-about-gun-deaths-in-the-u-s/>

2 Id.

3 Id.

One major area of concern is the increasing number of gun deaths among children and teens. In 2019, there were 1,732 gun deaths among U.S. children and teens under the age of 18. By 2021, that figure had increased to 2,590. The gun death rate also increased during that time period, going from 2.4 fatalities per 100,000 minor residents in 2019 to 3.5 per 100,000 two years later, a 46% increase.⁴ Both the number and rate of deaths of children and teens in 2021 were at their highest rate since the CDC began tracking such numbers in 1999. While the majority of gun deaths among adults were the result of suicide, 60% of gun deaths among children and teens were the result of murders.⁵

Gun violence is also closely tied to instances of domestic violence. Research indicates that 19% of domestic violence involves a weapon of some type.⁶ However, the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation has been found to increase the risk of homicide by 500%.⁷ In 2020 in Missouri, 67 women were murdered by men. In those instances in which a weapon was identified, 78% of female victims were shot and killed by guns.

4 <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/04/06/gun-deaths-among-us-kids-rose-50-percent-in-two-years/>

5 Id.

6 <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/ndv0312.pdf>

7 Risk Factors for Femicide in Abusive Relationships: Results From a Multisite Case Control Study <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1447915/>

More Americans died of gun-related injuries in 2021 than in any other year on record -CDC

About 8 in 10 U.S. murders in 2021 involved a firearm -CDC

Gun deaths among America's children rose 50% from 2019 to 2021 -Pew Research Center



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Mass Shootings

One aspect of gun violence that is difficult to track is the prevalence of mass shootings, because there is not one agreed-upon definition of such an event. The FBI defines an “active shooter incident” as one where one or more individuals actively engage in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area. Using that definition, there were 61 active shooter incidents in 2021, up from 40 in 2020, and nearly double the number in 2017.¹ The 61 incidents resulted in 103 individuals killed and 140 wounded.² Twelve incidents met the federal definition of a “mass killing”, meaning they resulted in three or more deaths.³ While such incidents account for a small portion of overall gun deaths, they have been steadily increasing over the last few years.

¹ Active Shooter Incidents in the United States in 2021, <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/active-shooter-incidents-in-the-us-2021-052422.pdf/view>

² Id.

³ Id.

Missouri Gun Laws

Missouri laws regulating guns have continued to loosen in recent years. The state currently does not require a waiting period for purchasing a gun, does not prohibit open carry, and in 2016, passed “constitutional carry”, allowing concealed carry of a firearm without a permit. In 2021, the General Assembly passed the “Second Amendment Preservation Act” which sought to nullify “all federal acts, laws, executive orders, administrative orders, court orders, rules, and regulations, whether past, present, or future, that infringe on the people’s right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution”. However, the law is currently tied up in a legal battle and was recently struck down by a federal judge. Regardless, Missouri remains one of the friendliest states for those supporting expanded gun rights.

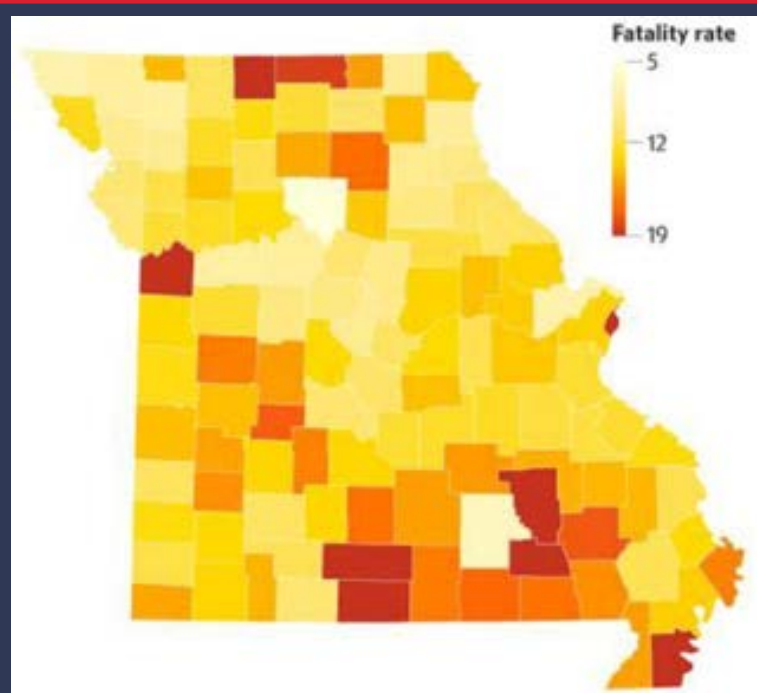
Statement from Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski Regarding Shooting at Central Visual & Performing Arts High School

“Once again people in our city have experienced the tragic loss of lives and the trauma of a school shooting. I am holding our neighbors in the Central Visual & Performing Arts High School community in my prayers. It is a sad irony that this tragedy comes the day before the multi-denominational Vigil to Save Children’s Lives and Interfaith Gun Safety Initiative launch. I urge all people of good will to join together in prayer for everyone affected by today’s shooting, and for divine guidance as we continue as a community to seek ways of addressing the dual crises of mental health and violence.”

- Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

Missouri Gun Fatality Rate per 100,000 (1998-2018)

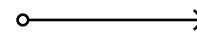
*Humera Lodhi and Neil Nakahodo,
The Kansas City Star*





Jessica Woolbright, Executive Director of the Saint Martha's domestic violence center in St. Louis, and Deacon Tyler McClay, Director of Advocacy, Catholic Charities of St. Louis, discuss the impact of guns in domestic violence situations, federal and state legislation, and the upcoming gun violence summit, in this episode of MCC from the Capitol.

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What does the Church say about gun policy?

The U.S. bishops have consistently advocated for federal and state policies to curb gun violence. After the tragic shooting in Uvalde, Texas where an eighteen-year-old shot and killed nineteen children and two teachers, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) called for “dialogue followed by concrete action” from Congress “to bring about a broader social renewal that addresses all aspects of the crisis, including mental health, the state of families, the valuation of life, the influence of entertainment and gaming industries, bullying, and the availability of firearms.”¹

In addition to policies addressing the larger societal causes of violence, the USCCB has also supported the following concrete policies intended to reduce gun violence²:

- A total ban on assault weapons, which the USCCB supported when the ban passed in 1994 (Congress failed to renew it in 2004);
- Measures that control the sale and use of firearms, such as universal background checks for all gun purchases;
- Limitations on civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines;
- A federal law to criminalize gun trafficking;
- Improved access to and increased resources for mental health care and earlier interventions;
- Regulations and limitations on the purchasing of handguns;
- Measures that make guns safer, such as locks that prevent children and anyone other than the owner from using the gun without permission and supervision; and,
- An honest assessment of the toll of violent images and experiences which inundate people, particularly our youth.

The USCCB also supports “wholistic measures, such as the promotion of mercy and peacebuilding in our communities through restorative justice policies and practices, ongoing encounters and discussions at the parish level regarding violence in communities.”

Keeping with this approach, the Archdiocese of St. Louis is planning a summit on gun violence on July 29, 2023. The non-partisan event will focus on the impact on public health and the Catholic perspective on the crisis of gun violence in our communities.

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¹ Letter to Congress on Gun Violence, June 3, 2022, <https://www.usccb.org/resources/letter-congress-gun-violence-june-3-2022>

² Backgrounder on Gun Violence: A Mercy and Peacebuilding Approach to Gun Violence, January 2020, <https://www.usccb.org/resources/backgrounder-gun-violence-mercy-and-peacebuilding-approach-gun-violence-january-2020>

MOTHER

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“We gather at this National Shrine in order to remember the role of Mary in the story of her Son and in the story of the Church,” the bishop stated.

He asked everyone also to remember their own mothers in prayer, “especially those who have gone before us and are deceased.”

The bishop clarified that although Mary was conceived and born without sin, and although the fullness of her grace meant that she was free from sin her entire life — “she was a woman of flesh and blood, human as we are human, and so we neither worship nor adore her.”

Instead, it’s important to give thanks for her and to honor, love and venerate her.

“For she — whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose her, his mother, to be our mother also — helps the Church to be more fruitful day by day,” the bishop said.

Mother to all

Bishop McKnight urged all the faithful never to stop seeking Mary’s powerful intercession.

“Especially on this day, may her prayers for us help us to be more faithful and holy members of the Body of Christ,” he said.

In Mary, the bishop emphasized, the Church receives the gift of a mother’s love.

“A mother who nurtures, intercedes for, and loves with an unconditional and unflinching love,” he said.

Through her, Jesus joined his earthly family to his spiritual family, with the Blessed Virgin presiding over both as “Mother.”

“This is why the Acts of the Apostles tells us that in addition to the Apostles and some of the women disciples, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers also joined together in the Upper Room, prayerfully awaiting the Gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost,” Bishop McKnight noted.

Through the ages

The bishop pointed out that Mary has always played an important role in the history of the Church, and that faithful

recognition of her role as Mother of the Church dates back to antiquity.

St. Augustine wrote in the fourth century that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, “because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church.”

In similar fashion, Pope St. Leo the Great, who led the Church in the fifth century, wrote that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body — “thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church.”

More recently, the Second Vatican Council, in its dogmatic constitution *Lumen Gentium*, concluded its teach-

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ing on the nature and role of the Church with the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is “mother of Christ and mother of men, and most of all those who believe.”

Pope St. Paul VI, at the conclusion of the Third Session of the Council in 1964, formally declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as “Mother of the Church — that is to say, of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother.”

Bishop McKnight noted that by entrusting Mary and all humanity to one another, Christ was pleased to “choose all disciples as ministers of his love toward his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.”

Holding to the truth

Pope Francis in 2018 instituted Mary, Mother of the Church as a universal memo-



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and a handful of priests of the Jefferson City diocese concelebrate Mass May 29, at the outdoor altar of the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, in Laurie. It was the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

— Photo by Jay Nies

rial to be celebrated each year on the Monday following Pentecost.

He did so “after having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety,” said Bishop McKnight.

This annual celebration is a necessary reminder “that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the offering of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed — the Virgin who makes her own offering to God,” Bishop McKnight stated.

“Indeed, the Mother standing beneath the cross accepted her Son’s testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal,” the bishop noted.

All creation echoing

Joining Bishop McKnight at the altar for Mass were: Father John Schmitz, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Laurie and the Mission of St. Philip Benizi in Versailles, and rector of the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church; Father Alex Ekka, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Eldon and Our Lady of Snows Parish in Mary’s

The congregants joined in praying the prayer Pope Francis requested for the international Synod of Bishops, followed by a special Prayer of Consecration to the Blessed Mother.

The celebration concluded with an indoor reception with ice cream, cake and watermelon.

“Thanks to all of you who made this part of your Memorial Day celebration here at our National Shrine,” Fr. Schmitz said to the congregation. “May the Blessed Mother continue to guide and care for you in a very special way.”


“Wonderful tribute”

An estimated 50,000 people each year visit the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church and enjoy the scenic, well-manicured grounds that include the avenue of flags, a prayer path, fountains and a larger-than-life image of the Blessed Mother.

The Shrine was dedicated in 1992, having been conceived the mid-1980s in what was once a drainage ditch at the rear of the St. Patrick Parish property in Laurie.

Longtime pastor Father Fred Barnett, now deceased,

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LAURIE

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had the idea of developing the Shrine in the form of a grotto to make 6,000-seat outdoor Shrine in room for more weekend com-

municants each summer.

The centerpiece is a 14-foot, 2,840-pound stainless steel sculpture of the Blessed Mother on a revolving pedestal above a reflection pool.

Sculptor Don Wiegand, who created the sculpture, described his subject as “an ageless lady, depicting love, balance and grace.”

Weather permitting, Sunday Mass is celebrated at the Shrine each Saturday at 8 p.m.

and on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

The Shrine also contains the Mother’s Wall of Life, a series of polished black granite panels inscribed with the names of mothers from all over the world, out of gratitude for the gift of life.

Bishop John R. Gaydos, bishop emeritus of Jefferson City, dedicated the Mother’s Wall on Mother’s Day in 1999.


Fr. Barnett emphasized repeatedly that the Shrine’s purpose is to honor the Blessed Mother and to help promote a deeper overall appreciation of motherhood, the preciousness of human life and the integrity of the family.

Calling it a “wonderful tribute to motherhood,” he said the shrine honors all mothers, living and deceased, and of every race, creed and skin color.

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ORDAIN

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diocesan director of religious education, youth and young adult ministry and the diocesan director of marriage and inter-cultural ministries.

He will begin his final year of seminary studies at the Josephinum this fall.

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

"This has been a journey," said Bishop McKnight, "and it will continue on as we look forward to next year's celebration."

As part of the Ordination Rite, Rev. Mr. Hoffmann stated his willingness to serve Christ's people, proclaim the faith in word and deed, pray daily for the people of the world, and do so obediently and respectfully to the bishop.

He then prostrated himself before the altar, as a symbol of his dying to self and of his complete helplessness apart from God.

"This gift of yourself, ritually acted out in the prostration of your very body during the Litany of the Saints before the altar — as if to Christ himself — will be a vivid expression to the entire assembly of your desire to embrace Christ fully and completely," Bishop McKnight told Rev. Mr. Hoffmann.

"It will also be a reminder to those of us in sacred orders, of the commitments we made on our own ordination day," he said.

The congregation and choir chanted the Litany of the Saints, imploring the holy men and women in heaven to pray for Rev. Mr. Hoffmann and for the entire Church.

Then, Bishop McKnight, while placing his hands on Rev. Mr. Hoffmann's head, called upon the Holy Spirit,



LEFT: Bishop W. Shawn McKnight presents the Book of Gospels to Rev. Mr. Christopher Hoffmann during his ordination to the Diaconate on June 3. **RIGHT:** Bishop McKnight and Rev. Mr. Hoffmann elevate the Most Blessed Sacrament during the consecration. **BELOW:** Deacon Hoffmann, Bishop McKnight and Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos stand outside the Cathedral of St. Joseph after Rev. Mr. Hoffmann's Diaconal Ordination Mass.

in the name of Christ and his Church, to set the new deacon aside for holy service in the world.

Deacon Robert Reinke-meyer, a permanent deacon who assists the pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Tipton and

what you teach."

At the Offertory, Rev. Mr. Hoffmann's parents, John and Linda Hoffmann, presented the bread and wine for consecration.

Rev. Mr. Hoffmann said later that throughout the Ordination Rite, he never lost sight of the mosaic image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary above the bishop's chair.

"I'm offering my 'yes' to God like Mary, and she's holding Jesus, whose Priesthood I am ultimately working toward," he said.

"Sacramental icon"

Even after priestly ordination, Rev. Mr. Hoffmann will also remain a deacon for the rest of his life.

As such, he will serve as "a pasto-

ral bridge between the shepherds and their flocks, with a special mission to remove the barriers and walls that might separate pastors from their flock," Bishop McKnight told Rev. Mr. Hoffmann in his homily.

"With your natural gifts and the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit," the bishop stated, "you shall assist your



bishop and his priests to help meet the pastoral obligations we have to those in our local Church.

"You will become a sacramental icon of Christ the Servant, who came not to be served but to serve," the bishop told him, "even to His death on the Cross."

The bishop reminded Rev. Mr. Hoffmann to lead by example, becoming blameless in the sight of God and serving joyfully as if He were serving Jesus Himself.

"Countless prayers"

The congregation sang "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" as Rev. Mr. Hoffmann prepared the altar for the Eucharist.

"Holy Father," Bishop McKnight prayed, "your Son chose to wash the disciples' feet and so set us an example. Accept, we pray, the obla-

tions of our service and grant that by offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice, we may be filled with a spirit of humility and zeal, through Christ our Lord."

At the end of Mass, the bishop prayed that Rev. Mr. Hoffmann would have a fruitful

ministry and "be found faithful as a minister of the Gospel, of the sacraments and of charity."

"It is with gratitude that I am able to share God's gift of my ordination with you and the Church," Rev. Mr. Hoffmann wrote to the people of the diocese. "My journey here has been paved with countless prayers and support from many people over the years, and for this I am extremely grateful.

"Know that you all will continue to be in my prayers as I enter ordained ministry," he wrote.

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By Father Don Antweiler

ACROSS

1. Nestled in the shade of Missouri's hardwood _____ in the rugged areas of the central Ozarks and St. Francis Mountains grows a very lucrative commodity: wild American ginseng.
8. The Ford _____ was one of the most spectacular failures in automotive history.
12. Tufts and Harvard are universities in this State (abbr.).
14. "I wish you were _____ or hot," —Revelations 3:15 (2 wds.).
16. Himalayan country sandwiched between China and India.
17. Four-term Gov. of N.Y. State, _____ Smith, in 1928, was the first Catholic to be nominated and run for the office of President of the U.S. He was defeated badly in large measure because of the rest of the country's extensive anti-Catholic sentiment of the time.
18. Two French Jesuit priests in China found in North Am. a related species of ginseng in 1716. The huge Chinese _____ ignited three centuries of a very profitable North Am.-Chinese trade in ginseng.
19. Prefix for fend or feat.
20. Abbr. for the prophet Joel, 36th book of the Bible.
21. Q — U.
23. Letters for Personal Digital Assistant, a handheld computer that functions as a personal organizer but also provides email and internet access.
24. Letters for European Union.
25. "Mary was his mother, and _____ not mothers know all about their sons?" —Lucanus (Luke) in *Dear and Glorious Physician*, Taylor Caldwell.
26. Letters for Economic Impact Payment, the one-time gov't. COVID relief payment, also called the stimulus check.
27. Many prolific early ginseng root diggers were fur _____ such as Daniel Boone. During the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington ordered Boone to gather ginseng to help fund the war effort.
31. "My father was an amazing man. The older I got, the _____ he got," —Mark Twain.
34. "Speak _____ I'll off and leave you to your own folly, and you'll find that cold company," —*Dead Man's Ransom*, Ellis Peters.
35. _____ cum spiritu tuo.
36. 101 to Cicero.
37. Very elite college in England, founded in 1440 by King Henry VI; has graduated a Who's Who of English leaders; tuition in U.S. dollars: nearly \$56,000 per year.
39. Very dry; barren.
41. Informal engineering shorthand for heat exchanger.
42. In 1895, the USDA encouraged farmers to grow the lucrative ginseng plant as a specialty _____. Soon after, successful ginseng nurseries sprang up in Mo.
45. "Not much doubt what Richard overheard and none that it sent him hotfoot on some urgent _____," —*The Hermit of Eyton Forest*, Ellis Peters.
47. The absent-minded professor forgot to wear pants again! _____ least he arrived on time.
48. The licorice flavor of _____ is used to flavor food, candy and alcoholic drinks.
50. Princess _____, popular royal (daughter-in-law of Queen Elizabeth), died in a car wreck in Paris, Aug. 31, 1997 amid huge and continuing press & TV coverage. Mother Teresa died 5 days later in India. Coverage was minimal.
51. Prefix for cure or rum.
52. At the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, ginseng growers in Houston, Mo. and Joplin, Mo. collected _____ for their product.
53. "The Popes passing the _____ (John Paul II to Benedict XVI) could not have been more different. One was mystical and Marian, the other learned and Christocentric," —Peter Seeward in *Pope Benedict XVI: Last Testament*.
55. To be full of; swarming.
57. _____-de-da.
58. Blue Tiger school.
60. Abbr. after a company indicating it's legally incorporated.
61. "The herd mentality often inclines _____ the status quo," —*Jesus, A Pilgrimage*, James Martin, S.J.
64. A Mizzou football SEC rival university in Louisiana's capital (abbr.).
66. Unfortunately, Mo. at this time has become a _____ for laundering millions of dollars' worth of international sale of suspected illegally harvested ginseng.
69. The _____ and the Missouria were the first tribes to sit in gov't. to gov't. council with the U.S. gov't. They lived on the upper Missouri river.
71. _____-Hoo; chocolate-flavored drink; created in 1928 in New Jersey; owned by Keurig Dr. Pepper.
72. "At _____, soldier," said the General.
73. Ginseng poaching in Mo. is rampant. 94% of all ginseng roots were dug illegally, out of season and nearly all were through poaching on public lands or trespassing on _____ property.
- 2:8).
8. "May he make of us an eternal offering to you so that we may obtain an inheritance with the _____, esp. with the most Blessed Virgin, Mary..." —Third Eucharistic Prayer.
9. Banned insecticide.
10. How did we _____ here again? We're lost and going in circles! (2 wds.)
11. Robert E. _____; Confederate general.
12. In 1784, Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a _____ investor in the first int'l. trade vessel to sail under the U.S. flag. Its destination was China; its cargo was over 30 tons of ginseng.
13. "He was only a fox like a hundred thousand other foxes. But I have made him my friend, and now he is unique in _____ the world," —*The Little Prince*, Antoine de Saint Exupery.
15. So-so yes.
22. Male turkey.
24. Pound-for-pound ginseng was almost always more profitable than most other produce (e.g., in 1891, ginseng _____ \$3.50 per pound; in 1947, \$11 per pound; today in 2023, over \$600 per pound).
25. One "who, without objectively valid reason, (does) disclose another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," —*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2477.
28. Informally, kangaroo.
29. "A partridge in a _____ tree," —from the "12 Days of Christmas."
30. "In 1895, Holmes had a succession of cases ranging from the _____ death of Cardinal Tosca, an inquiry which was...at the express desire of His holiness the Pope, to the arrest of Wilson the notorious canary-trainer," —*The Adventure of Black Peter*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
31. Sweet _____; a March Madness NCAA bracket.
32. Joan of _____; patron saint of France.
33. Prefix for port or mind.
36. "The worldly ideal is not _____, but safe sex," —1992 talk at the Judicial prayer breakfast on "Being Different"; Supreme Court Judge Antonin Scalia.
38. "The one who frees himself from _____ to possessions can follow Jesus," —*Jesus, A Pilgrimage*, James Martin, S.J.
40. "The country to the south is evacuated and our force is concentrating _____ and around St. Louis. The militia are all called out and every man is needed for duty," —*Troubled State [Mo.]: Civil War Journals of Franklin Archibald Dick*.
43. "Lincoln's fiery Secretary of State, Wm. Seward, was viewed by Britain as "an ogre fully resolved to eat

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PUZZLE CLUES

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- all Englishman _____," — *Northern Diplomacy and European Neutrality*, Norman Grebner.
44. Pittsburg's MLB team.
46. He didn't break any bones in the accident, except for a _____ or two.
49. Mt. Rushmore State (abbr.).
52. "The Lord called to Samuel, who answered 'Here I _____,'" (1 Samuel 3:4).
54. At the _____ of a cold, I take cold medicine, get plenty of rest and drink lots of orange juice.
56. _____ Bluff State Park near Eminence, Mo. is one of Mo.'s newest State Parks.
58. "...they saw through into the inner room the constant _____ on the stone altar which showed tiny and dim as a single spark..." — *The Hermit of Eyton Forest*, Ellis Peters.
59. Abraham's _____ ancestral home.
62. "_____ on a Grecian urn;" — famous poem by English Romantic John Keats in 1819.
63. Letters for Dept. of the Interior; in the U.S. it protects and manages the nation's natural resources & cultural heritage with a special responsibility for Am. Indians.
64. Mauna _____ volcano in Hawaii is considered the largest active volcano in the world.
65. "You've got a sack of smarts, a gallon of guts and a spark in your eye that suggests you mean to _____ them. May the good Lord be with you," — Nanna Walker to Skags in *Bogfolke*, Michael Nicholas Richard.
67. Tea (with acute mark) in Manila.
68. College degree.
70. Boob tube.

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SERVICE

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God's work, and asked God to bless them.

Members of the parish choir sang some uplifting songs, followed by a group photo.

Then, the groups headed off to work, wearing matching T-shirts that enhanced the sense of parish identity and cooperation.

The weather cooperated beautifully, so everyone who signed up for outdoor work got to do it.

Most of the projects were completed by noon, with participants parting company to think and talk about what they'd experienced and learned.

"We've received great feedback from these activities," said Mrs. Gates. "We have some great ideas for how we can expand it and do more next time."

More to come

Mrs. Gramlich and Mrs. Gates began organizing the service day in January.

They convened a team of parishioners to coordinate each aspect of the event.

"We put people in charge of things they're interested in, and they all ran with it," said Mrs. Gates.

She said it's incredible what happens when

the right people are gathered in the same room.

"You get people with a passion for acts of service together, and you'll be amazed at what

the Holy Spirit will have you do," she said.

"What we were offering families was a chance to give back while spending time

with each other," said Mrs. Gates.

"You also had people getting to know people they didn't know very well before, or visiting people they hadn't seen in years," she said.

The parish plans to schedule additional service days each spring and each fall.

"But we also hope we're helping to create an ongoing ministry where we're doing acts of service year-round," said Ms. Gates.

"We hope this becomes an ongoing ministry," she said. "We want this to be the nature of what we do."

Mrs. Gates is convinced that any parish in the diocese could organize a similar event, scaled up or down based on the size of each parish and needs of each community.

"The important thing is, you're providing opportunities that fulfill people's desire to give back, and then they want to go back and do it again," she said.

"We want this to be the nature of what we do."

— Julie Gates

DEACONS

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up our eyes to the challenging reality of our parishes when it comes to responding to the spiritual, sacramental and material needs of our Hispanic brothers and sisters," he said.

The gift of time

Deacon John Hill, who assists the pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Moberly, is heavily involved in ministry to the residents of the Moberly Correctional Center (MCC).

"Prison Ministry is simply about being present to and encouraging those who have a desire to strengthen their faith, have lost their faith or are trying to find something to believe in," Deacon Hill stated.

He spends Sunday mornings between Masses, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the MCC.

His wife, Margaret, and he have also helped with several Residents Encounter Christ weekend retreats.

"What I have received is a wonderful opportunity to be surrounded by Catholic and Christian men and women who have every opportunity to lose hope but have found a way of growing their faith — even in the restrictive, hampered environment they are in," Deacon Hill stated.

"The strength of their faith always inspires me to be a better husband, father, grandfather, friend and deacon," he said.

"In short — a better disciple of Christ."

Ministry of presence

Deacon John Schwartz, who assists the pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City and serves as director of deacon formation for the diocese,

spends time with residents of a local nursing home.

Deacon Schwartz didn't give much thought to nursing home ministry until Deacon James Kliethermes asked him to join him where he was actively ministering.

"In watching Deacon Jim, I saw the beauty of the ministry in how he brought Our Lord to the residents through the Blessed Sacrament and in the Liturgy of the Word," Deacon Schwartz recalled.

He wound up taking over the ministry when Deacon Kliethermes retired.

"It has been rewarding to facilitate the spiritual care for the Catholic residents, but also for anyone who wants to join us," Deacon Schwartz stated.

He enjoys interacting with the residents and sharing the Gospel message.

"I also try to know everyone by first name, including the staff that I interface with," he said.

Of course, there are also the moments when he's called on to be with the family as their loved one nears death.

"I take great solace in being able to facilitate the administering of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick by one of our wonderful priests," he said.

Deacon Schwartz finds deep satisfaction in honoring the Lord with his service.

"There is also great reward in the smiles that I get from the residents and from their heartfelt 'thank you,'" he said.

Access to justice

Deacon Dan Joyce, who assists the pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City, provides

pro bono legal services through the Samaritan Center Legal Care program.

Legal Care offers non-criminal legal assistance to qualifying low-income residents in Cole, Boone, Callaway, Miller, Osage and Moniteau counties.

Deacon Joyce got involved in the ministry about 10 years ago.

Since then, has been donating five to 10 hours per month, helping clients with civil law matters such as divorce, guardianship, driver's license suspension, and consumer law and landlord tenant issues.

"Deacons are called to serve, using the talents we have, giving our time to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters," Deacon Joyce noted.

Last year, he began offering legal consultation services once a month to clients of El Puente-Hispanic Ministry at its office in Jefferson City, and recently at its California office on the grounds of Annunciation Church.

The clients are new immigrants who need guidance navigating the legal system.

Cases have involved workplace treatment issues, domestic violence, or needed advice regarding divorce or help with traffic offenses.

El Puente has a cooperative agreement with Samaritan Center to provide legal services for qualifying clients and provides translation for Spanish-speakers.

"I feel blessed to be able to use my knowledge to help people and families navigate what sometimes can seem like an endless maze of laws and legal processes which they have to deal with," said Deacon Joyce.

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Fundraisers & Social Events

Jun. 10

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception Youth NCYC rummage sale, 7-11:30 am, McCarty Street Plaza

Jun. 11

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Loose Creek**, Immaculate Conception Parish picnic, 11 am-10 pm

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 vitae-foundation.org

Jun. 15-17

Fulton, St. Peter Parish rummage sale, Thur. 5:30 pm-8 pm, Fri. 7 am-6 pm, Sat. 7 am-noon

Jun. 17

Taos, St. Francis Xavier Parish picnic, 3-10 pm

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. 24

Columbia, World Refugee Day Celebration, 5-8 pm, MU Healthcare Pavilion, 1701 W. Ash St.; **Jefferson City**, Immaculate Conception Youth NCYC rummage sale, 7-11:30 am, McCarty Street Plaza

Jun. 25

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

Jul. 9

St. Martins, St. Martin Parish picnic, 11 am-9 pm

Jul. 16

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus Parish picnic, 11 am-7 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. 22

Jefferson City/VIRTUAL, Come & See Blackbaud event for parish staff/pastors, followed by Raiser's Edge training, 9 am-2 pm, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, for info email dbarnes@diojeffcity.org

Jun. 24

VIRTUAL, Introduction to Centering Prayer as an 11th-Step Practice, 8:30 am-1 pm, in-person option at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City or at Community United Methodist Church in Columbia, for info or to register visit cocemo.org; **Columbia**, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, North Central Missouri Council presidents and conference members meeting, 10 am-noon, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish's Flanagan Hall, for info call 573-449-8256

Jun. 25 & 26

Columbia, "The Death Penalty and Catholic Church Teaching," Sun. 5:30 dinner/talk or Mon. 9:30 am brunch/talk, to RSVP visit sacredheart-church.org

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

Jul. 1

Jefferson City, Practicum & follow-up workshop on Prepare/Enrich (P/E) Couple Assessment Facilitation, 8 am-noon, Alphonse J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center

Jul. 9

Lake Ozark, Lake Area Cursillo Ultreya, 3-5 pm, Our Lady of the Lake Parish's Bestgen Hall, for info call 573-552-5337, email glenda_hinrichs@yahoo.com or visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

junio 10

Sedalia, Taller de Cursillo, 9 am-4 pm, Sagrado Corazón, para más información o reg-

istrarse contacte a María 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 lls Palacios al 316-530-1004 o por correo electrónico a Comite DiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com

junio 17

Marshall, Planificación Familiar Natural - Familia de las Américas, 9 am-noon, Parroquia 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 ecas@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 María Gomez al 660-620-3405 o Raul Lopez a 660-287-8920

Faith Formation & Spiritual Renewal

Every Friday

Jefferson City, Centering Prayer Group, Immaculate Conception Parish, 11 am-noon

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. 7-14

Laurie, Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibition, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for details and schedule visit mothersshrine.com or call 573-374-6279

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; **Laurie**, "In the End, My Immaculate Heart will Triumph - Mary's Fiat," pilgrimage led by Felicia Anunoby, for info or to RSVP, email shrinemothers@gmail.com or visit mothersshrine.com

Jun. 27

Columbia, Theology of Dance retreat for adults, with ballroom dance, theology and dinner, 6:30-10 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, for info or to register email lisageger@ourladyoflourdes.org

Liturgical

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

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

Third Sundays each month

Jefferson City, Young Adult Mass, 5 pm, Immaculate Conception Church

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

Jun. 27

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

Jun. 28

Columbia, Theology of Dance retreat for high school students, with ballroom dance, theology and dinner, 4-8 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for info or to register email lisaeger@ourladyoflourdes.org

Jun. 19-24

Conway, Mo., Camp MacCabee for high school young men, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/camp-macabee

Jun. 25-30

Conway, Mo., Camp Siena for high school young women, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/camp-siena

Nov. 16-19

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

Health & Wellness

Jun. 19

Jefferson City, "Stop the Bleed" program, learn how to stop a life-threatening blood loss after a traumatic event, presented by Immaculate Conception Parish nurse ministry and MU Health Care, 5-6 pm, Pleus Hall

Jun. 20

Jefferson City, Blood drive, 11:30 am-3:30 pm, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri's Community Room

QUESTION

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Mass is the same thing as Christ's original sacrifice of his life on Calvary. GIRM 117 goes on to tell us that a processional crucifix may also be used for this purpose. But either way, it is clear that a crucifix is required. If it looks as though your own parish is not following this norm, the best thing to do would be to share your concerns directly with your pastor in a respectful way. Sometimes your local diocesan liturgy office can also be a good resource for these kinds of liturgical questions.

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@osu.com.

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Anniversaries

Argyle, St. Aloysius

Arnold & Pat Steinman, 55 years
Jim & Jean Kampeter, 50 years
Leroy & Leigh Ann Falter, 40 years
Steve & Amy Kramer, 35 years

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul

Bob & Jani Sandknop, 45 years
Bill & Sherry Shelton, 45 years
John & Bonnie Dillon, 35 years
Tony & Michelle Imhoff, 35 years
Rick & Jennifer Marshall, 30 years
Phil & Beth Rumboa, 30 years

Chamois, Most Pure Heart of Mary

Wayne & Paula Helle, 45 years

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes

Larry & Paulette Fick, 60 years
Don & Virginia Huckla, 50 years

Columbia

St. Thomas More Newman Center

Frank & Kathy Green, 50 years

Holts Summit, St. Andrew

Dennis & Margie Hagenhoff, 45 years

Indian Creek, St. Stephen

P.A. & Kay Turnbull, 50 years

Jefferson City

Immaculate Conception

John & Sandy Starke, 35 years

Kirksville, Mary Immaculate

Mike & Mary Carol Early, 50 years

Linn, St. George

Jerry & Debbie Backes, 35 years

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows

Michael & Kathy Schulte, 55 years
Michael & Tracie Brandt, 20 years
Craig & Jami Kallenbach, 15 years
Cory & Anna Bax, 10 years
Sheldon & Erica Boessen, 10 years

Meta, St. Cecilia

Gene & Janis Lapp, 60 years
Leon & Janice Schanzmeyer, 45 years

Moberly, St. Pius X

H. Gayle & Mary Ellen Wolf, 60 years

Osage Bend, St. Margaret of Antioch

Richard & Bernadine Klebba, 60 years

Salisbury, St. Joseph

Bob & Donece Henke, 50 years

Taos, St. Francis Xavier

Stanley & Laurine Verslues, 65 years

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus

Travis & Megan Bruemmer, 10 years

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels

Dale & Audrey Davis, 45 years

Marriages

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Christina Kempker & Gavin Herst**

Baptisms

Centralia, Holy Spirit — **Moxie Jean Manes**, daughter of Chase & Taylor Manes

Russellville, St. Michael — **Eleanor Kate** and **Meradith Marie Kleffner**, daughters of Chase & LeAnn Kleffner

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Leonard Eugene Tinker**, son of Daniel Tinker & MacKenzie Brandt

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Kade Benjamin** and **Koen Sonny Wilbers**, sons of Daniel & Jessica Wilbers

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **William Joseph Borgmeyer**, son of Scott & Taylor Borgmeyer

Birthdays

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Evelyn Schulte**, her 91st on Jun. 30

Belle, St. Alexander — **Fred Bethmann**, his 97th on Jun. 10

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Kenny Kempf**, his 90th on Jun. 1; **Joan Kammerich**, her 92nd on Jun. 14; **Leo Kraus**, his 90th on Jun. 24; **Gertrude Herigon**, her 91st on Jun. 29

Osage Bend, St. Margaret of Antioch — **Evelyn Bode**, her 97th on Jun. 5

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **George Henke**, his 96th on Jun. 7; **Dorothy Young**, her 96th on Jun. 11

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Helen Kuttenkuler**, her 99th on May 30; **Delores Claas**, her 90th on Jun. 27; **Mary June Hecht**, her 98th on Jun. 30

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Adele Lueckenhoff**, her 95th on Jun. 17

Deaths

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Dorothy Juergensmeyer**; **Urban Wieberg**

Meta, St. Cecilia — **Trudi Brune**

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Jacqueline Sturm**; **Marvin "Butch" Widmer**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Joan Schnieders**

STUART WOLFE

From page 9

Trees, tall buildings, utility wires and hills disrupt the wind; things become unstable, with unpredictable changes in direction and speed. And sometimes, kite flyers get tangled up in each other's lines.

This is true in living our faith, as well. Past disappointments, hurts, fears, and anxieties and missed chances for mercy can keep us stuck on the ground. That's especially painful when we see others flying high, and we know that there's enough sky for all of us.

The first thing most of us need to ask the Holy Spirit for is healing. That grace comes in many forms, but it usually requires us to take up the full weight of our own sins and missed marks, while letting go of the faults and mistakes of others that tie us down. Healing often takes lon-

ger than we wish it would. But the good news is that most of us can begin to fly — at least a little — even before the process is complete.

We are not orphans. The Holy Spirit lives in us and guides each Christian's journey upward and outward, but only when Pentecost becomes personal. When we allow its wind to catch us and draw us, soaring, far away from the crowded and unstable lines of doubt, resentment and clung-to hurts, we are lifted up toward heaven.

Jaymie Stuart Wolfe is a sinner, Catholic convert, freelance writer and editor, musician, speaker, pet-aholic, wife and mom of eight grown children, loving life in New Orleans.

ENCOUNTER

From page 10

**¡Gracias a Dios!
Thanks be to God!**

Marissa: Over the past year, I have worked with over one hundred Ukrainians who have temporarily moved to mid-Missouri.

Welcomed by extended family, friends, and even strangers, they are faced with the challenges of unexpected migration — new language, work, schools, culture, and the inexplicable complexities of the U.S. immigration system!

All the while loved ones remain in Ukraine amidst the daily threats of attack.

Some stayed to fight or be of service to their country. And some refused to leave their spouses who are fighting.

Others are physically unable to travel. Some are caretakers for their elderly relatives. And still others have lost their lives in the war.

As I meet with the families, empathy seems too simplistic as they question the destruction of their homeland and the uncertainty of their status in the U.S. All I can do is assure them that they are safe right here. Right now.

**¡Vaya con Dios!
Go with God!**

Moises: I am thankful to have a personal understanding of the immigration system and I feel blessed to work

for Family Immigration Services helping people like me, while letting them know *todo va a estar bien. Estoy aquí para escucharte y ayudarte.*

Marissa: We're here to listen and to help when we can — always grateful for the contributions of immigrants that have enriched our lives, our work, and our country. Happy Immigrant Heritage Month!

Marissa Flores Madden and Moises Sosa are DOJ Accredited Representatives practicing immigration law at Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri. Catholic Charities has been providing immigration legal services for over four decades — reuniting countless families and helping clients navigate the intricate and often challenging U.S. immigration system.

This month we celebrate Immigrant Heritage Month! Join us on social media for reflections and images that honor and celebrate communities we've served. Learn more online at: ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/family-immigration.

Crossword puzzle answers

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At your service!

The Class of 2023 at Sacred Heart High School in Sedalia repair fences, rake leaves, chop lumber and pull weeds during their Senior Service Trip to the Springfield/Branson area in March of this year. The 21 students attending and four chaperones also got some much-needed quiet, reflection, and relationship building time every evening after dinner lead by José María González, the school's faith formation director, and Father Cesar Anicama, associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. The group also got to have some fun at Silver Dollar City.

— Photos from the Sacred Heart School, Sedalia, MO Facebook page



Fourth-graders on the move!



With the sponsorship of Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School (OLLIS) in Columbia and local businesses, the school's fourth-graders on April 17 earned funds for Mobility Worldwide and had a chance to view the production of mobility carts. This local organization assists in giving "the Gift of Mobility for all of God's people in need" around the globe. OLLIS students teamed up to hand-paint the carts for the recipients.

— Photo from the Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School Facebook page

When life gives you lemons ...



Fourth-graders at St. Mary School in Glasgow display a check for \$662, representing the money they raised at their lemonade stand for Children's Miracle Network.

— Photo from the St. Mary School Facebook page



Where laws get made

Fourth-graders at Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City visited the Missouri State Capitol March 22 for their annual trip, which included meeting Gov. Mike Parson and walking around the outside of the Capitol dome.

— Photos from the Immaculate Conception Catholic School Facebook page

Bible Accent

In John 6, we can read more about Jesus helping a hungry crowd.

In verse 2, we learn that a large crowd was following Jesus because they saw that he was healing sick people.

Jesus went up a mountain and sat there with the apostles.

He raised his eyes, and he saw that the large crowd was coming to him.

“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” he asked Philip, one of his apostles.

Jesus already knew what he was going to do but he said this to Philip to test him.

“Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little (bit),” Philip said.

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” said another apostle, Andrew.

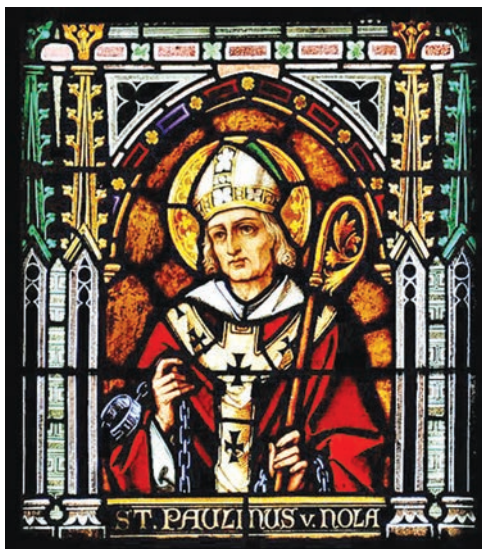
Jesus told the apostles to have the people recline on the grass. There were about 5,000 men in the crowd who did so.

Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them to those who were reclining, and he also gave them as much fish as they wanted.

When they had had their fill, the apostles collected the leftovers, which filled 12 wicker baskets.

St. Paulinus of Nola

St. Paulinus of Nola was born into a wealthy family in Bordeaux, France, around the year 364. He studied poetry and rhetoric, practiced law and held public office. He married a Spanish noblewoman, and after the death of their infant son in 390, they were baptized and gave up their wealth. They began to live a monastic life, first in Spain, and then in Nola, Italy. Paulinus was chosen to succeed the bishop of Nola, who died in 409. He served with distinction, and he was devoted to learning, writing and the care of his people. He died in 431, and we remember him on June 22.



Jesus calls himself the bread of life

Catholic Courier

One day, Jesus fed a huge crowd of people with only five loaves of bread and two fish.

That evening, the apostles crossed the Sea of Galilee by boat to Capernaum, while Jesus walked there on the water.

The next day, the people got in boats and crossed the sea to Capernaum to find Jesus.

“Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled,” Jesus said when the people found him. “Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal.”

“What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do?” the people asked. “Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven,” Jesus said. “For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst,” Jesus continued. “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

Some in the crowd murmured about him.

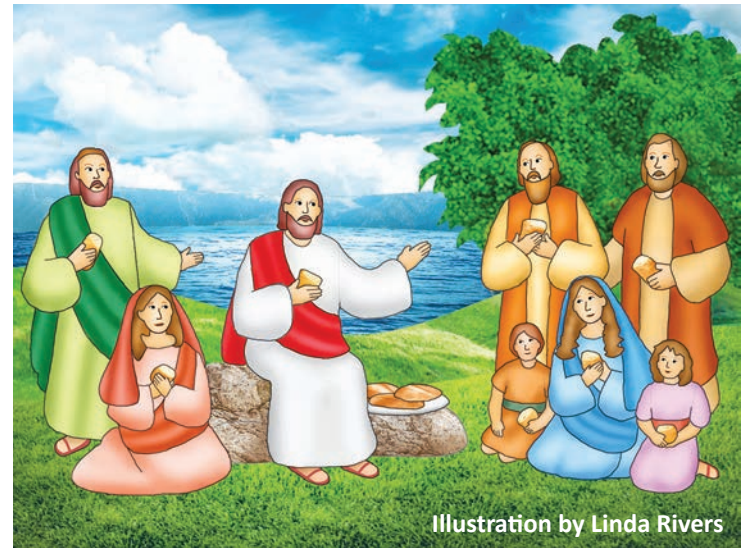


Illustration by Linda Rivers

“Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” they asked.

“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” others wondered.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day,” Jesus said. “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ... Just as the living Father sent me and I have life

because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

Read more about it...

John 6

1. Where did Jesus and the apostles go?
2. What did Jesus call himself?

ESSAY:

Describe what receiving Jesus’ body and blood – the Eucharist – means to you.



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Puzzle

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

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Sentence:

Answers: this, forever, cats, however, will, bread, live; Whoever eats this bread will live forever.



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'Padro Pio' contains graphic material, isn't what many were expecting

By John Mulderig
OSV News

New York

Viewers may be misled by the title of director and co-writer Abel Ferrara's historical drama "Padre Pio" (Gravitas).

The film is less a profile of the titular saint, played passionately by Shia LaBeouf, than a portrait of San Giovanni Rotondo, the Apulian town of his Capuchin monastery, in the period immediately after World War I.

Moviegoers in search of an uplifting hagiography, accordingly, should look elsewhere.

All the more so since Ferrara's script, penned with Maurizio Braucci, includes graphic material that precludes endorsement for a wide range of age groups as well as themes suitable only for the fully catechized.

As Father Pio grapples with tormenting Satanic visions, the Italian social tensions that would eventually set the scene for the rise of Fascism mount.

These are personified in wealthy, corrupt local landowner Renato (Brando Pacitto) on the one side and a group of virtuous socialists, including young would-be revolutionary Luigi (Vincenzo Crea), on the other.

The screenplay suggests points of coherence between Marxism and Christianity. But if that sounds like an uneasy mix, the attempted blending of the events unfolding inside the walls of the Franciscan refuge and those transpiring beyond it is equally unstable. Thus the picture manages to be at once respectful of Christian spirituality and anti-clerical.

The former stance leads to the moving scene in which Padre Pio receives the stigmata. The latter gives us the sight of the local parish priest, Don Anselmo (Piergiuseppe Francione), a dedicated ally of the oppressors, blessing their guns with holy water before a showdown with the good guys.

Such a caricature is, unfortunately, in keeping with the movie's ham-handed approach to history and ideology. It's a shame that LaBeouf's all-in performance — as is well-known, his participation in this project has resulted in his

conversion to Catholicism — should come wrapped in such a burdensome husk.





Somewhere inside Ferrara's flawed political and social retrospective is an intriguing biopic struggling to get out of confinement. A narrower focus would have yielded much stronger results.

The film contains brief but intense gory violence, demonic behavior, rear nudity, references to incest, several rough terms and a couple of crass expressions.

The OSV News classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association rating is R — restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

John Mulderig is media reviewer for OSV News. Follow him on Twitter @JohnMulderig1.

Movie Ratings

 General Patronage	The Little Mermaid (PG)
 Adults and Adolescents	Big George Foreman (PG-13)
 Adults	Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret (PG-13) The Boogeyman (PG-13) Fast X (PG-13) Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) Padre Pio (R) Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse (PG)
 Morally Offensive	Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13)

Ratings are supplied by OSV News Service.

America Media launches weekly 'Preach' podcast

OSV News

New York

America Media has launched a weekly podcast to help Christian preachers develop their craft "and captivate their congregations in more effective ways," said a news release announcing the podcast.

"Preach: The Catholic Homilies Podcast" is one of three projects from America

Media in New York "that will inspire and enable Catholic priests, deacons, lay liturgical preachers and those in training for ministry to cultivate compelling preaching in their own ministries," the release said.

Jesuit-run America Media is a leading provider of Catholic editorial content and *America* magazine, a national weekly, is its flagship publication.

Hosted by Jesuit Father Ricardo da Silva, "Preach" is funded by a grant awarded to America Media by the Compelling Preaching Initiative, a project of Lilly Endowment Inc.

On Jan. 6, the Lilly Endowment announced the first 32 grants in the new initiative, which was begun to "help Christian pastors strengthen their abilities to proclaim the Gospel in more engaging and effective ways."

"The ultimate aim is to foster and support preaching that better inspires, encourages and guides people to come to know and love God and to live out their Christian faith more fully," the Indianapolis-based endowment said.

"Preach: The Catholic

Homilies Podcast" will follow the Catholic Church's weekly liturgical calendar.

In each episode, listeners will meet Catholic preachers, learn about their communities and hear their Sunday homilies, delivered with a podcast audience in mind. In the second half of the show, preachers will unpack the making of their homilies with Fr. da Silva to offer "a privileged peek into their lives as ministers of God's Word, to enable all preachers to keep preaching the Good News."

The episodes will feature a diverse cast of Catholic preachers who will answer the questions "What makes a great Catholic homily? And what goes into the art of delivering it well?" by discussing their techniques, approaches to interpreting Scripture and the spiritual reflection necessary to enable great preaching.

To listen to the podcast trailer, go to americamagazine.org/preach-podcast-catholic-homilies or listen to it on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and other major podcast apps.

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SACRED HEART

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“It was found later that the fire started in the church’s basement chapel, where it short-circuited wires controlling the ringing of the church bells,” Fr. Burkey recounted.

Had the bells not rung due to the short circuit, fire personnel might not have been notified in time to save the church.

“Morally certain”

Fr. Zegeer, who found the huge Sacred Heart image this year, offered it to the Julia Greeley Guild.

The Guild was founded in 2011 to help share her story, promote her cause and encourage people to call upon her intercession before God’s throne in heaven.

The discovery of the painting provides a tangible link to her life.

“Julia probably never touched it with her hands, but we are morally certain that she



This is a color-enhanced image of a painting from Sacred Heart Church in Denver, recently found in storage over a century after having been damaged in a 1911 fire in the church. It has been donated to the Julia Greeley Guild, which was founded to help tell the Missouri native’s story and promote her cause for sainthood.

— Photo by Capuchin Franciscan Father Blaine Burkey

touched it very affectionately with her own damaged eyes,” Fr. Burkey stated.

He said there is probably no way the Guild could restore the painting.

“But hopefully, we can somehow preserve it for future veneration,” he said.

This article is adapted from an article in the February 2023 edition of the Lil’ Red Wagon, newsletter of the Julia Greeley Guild (juliagreeley.org).

Information about ordering the latest edition of Fr. Burkey’s book, In Service of the Sacred Heart: The Life and Virtues of Julia Greeley, can be found online at:

juliagreeley.org/index.php/the-book/

Copies of a devo-

tional booklet by Fr. Burkey titled An Hour with Julia Greeley can be ordered online at:

liguori.org/an-hour-with-julia-greeley.html

Daily Readings

Sunday, Jun 11

USA: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)
Dt. 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Ps. 147:12-15, 19-20
1 Cor. 10:16-17
Jn. 6:51-58

Monday, Jun 12

2 Cor. 1:1-7
Ps. 34:2-9
Mt. 5:1-12

Tuesday, Jun 13

St. Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church
2 Cor. 1:18-22
Ps. 119:129-133, 135
Mt. 5:13-16

Wednesday, Jun 14

2 Cor. 3:4-11
Ps. 99:5-9
Mt. 5:17-19

Thursday, Jun 15

2 Cor. 3:15-4:1, 3-6
Ps. 85:9ab, 10-14
Mt. 5:20-26

Friday, Jun 16

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Dt. 7:6-11
Ps. 103:1-4, 6-8, 10
1 Jn. 4:7-16
Mt. 11:25-30

Saturday, Jun 17

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Cor. 5:14-21
Ps. 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk. 2:41-51

Sunday, Jun 18

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ex. 19:2-6a
Ps. 100:1-3, 5
Rom. 5:6-11
Mt. 9:36-10:8

Monday, Jun 19

St. Romuald, abbot
2 Cor. 6:1-10
Ps. 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4
Mt. 5:38-42

Tuesday, Jun 20

2 Cor. 8:1-9
Ps. 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a
Mt. 5:43-48

Wednesday, Jun 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
2 Cor. 9:6-11
Ps. 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9
Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, Jun 22

St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop; Ss. John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs
2 Cor. 11:1-11
Ps. 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8
Mt. 6:7-15

Friday, Jun 23

2 Cor. 11:18, 21-30
Ps. 34:2-7
Mt. 6:19-23

Saturday, Jun 24

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Is. 49:1-6
Ps. 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
Acts 13:22-26
Lk. 1:57-66, 80

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Death penalty discussions in Columbia

Curtis Wichmer, legislative analyst for the Missouri Catholic Conference, will speak on the Church's teaching on the death penalty, on Sunday and Monday, June 25 and 26, in Columbia as part of Sacred Heart Parish's Nourishing Our

Faith series.

A dinner and talk will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Sacred Heart Activity Building, next to Sacred Heart Church, 105 Waugh St. A brunch and talk will be at 9:30 a.m. on Monday.

Pope Francis noted in a 2020 encyclical that the Church has a history of opposing the death penalty but has only recently made worldwide abolition of the punishment an official mission of the Church. In 1994, Pope John Paul II called for a consensus of the church to oppose the penalty, and in 2011 Pope Benedict XVI personally called for its abolition.

In 2018, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* was officially updated to say that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."

Sacred Heart parishioner Leo Agnew noted that the Knights of Columbus in 2005 issued a resolution on building a culture of life, adopted at the 123rd Supreme Council meeting, calling for action in line with "our continuing opposition to the death penalty and our deep commitment to protect human life at all stages — from the moment of conception to the last moment before natural death..."

Mr. Agnew cited two instances in the Bible in which Jesus stopped the death penalty from being carried out: the near stoning of the woman accused of adultery, and Jesus's exchanging his life for Barabbas's.



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