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For Catholics in Baring, where St. Aloysius Church once stood and where a tornado recently wrought havoc, weekly Rosaries at their stone grotto help bring peace.  
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## Celebrating four milestones with Bishop Emeritus Gaydos



**Retired bishop offers Mass in Cathedral with fellow bishops, priests and faithful to mark his 80th birthday, 55 years of Diaconate and Priesthood and 25 years as a bishop**

By Jay Nies

The shepherd returned, glorifying and praising God for all he had heard and seen, just as it had been told to him.

Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos, who led the Jefferson City diocese from 1997-2018, offered Mass on Aug. 16 with fellow bishops, priests and faithful in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, in thanksgiving for four important milestones.

These include: his 80th birthday on Aug. 14; the 55th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate in May 1968; the 55th anniversary of his priestly ordination in December 1968; and the 25th anniversary a year ago of his ordination and installation as the third bishop of Jefferson City.

“How fitting it is that we join in these anniversary moments, sharing the Eucharist in thanksgiving for the abundance of God’s grace at the heart of this holy journey of faith!” said Bishop Gaydos, whose surname means “shepherd” in Slovak, the language of his ancestors.

Bishop Edward M. Rice of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, a friend of Bishop Gaydos for nearly half a century, preached the homily.

“You have served the people of God well here over these past 26 years,” Bishop Rice told him. “Fulfilling the words of your episcopal motto, you have given them a ‘shepherd’s care,’ and the Diocese of Jefferson City is all the better for it.”

Joining them at the altar were Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, current bishop

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Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos and Deacon Dan Joyce listen to the readings during a Mass Bishop Gaydos offered with fellow bishops, priests and faithful on Aug. 16 in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, in thanksgiving for his 80th birthday, his 55th anniversaries as a deacon and priest and his 26th anniversary as a bishop.  
— Photo by Jay Nies

## Financial protocols promote mutual trust through transparency, accountability at all levels

*This is an article to help increase the understanding of co-responsibility in the Church.*

By Jay Nies

With help from his advisors, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has put new safeguards into place for ensuring greater transparency and accountability in Church finances throughout the diocese.

These include uniform accounting standards for every parish, an increased focus on openness and transparency through the work of the Diocesan Finance Council, and the creation of a confidential hotline for anyone to report suspected financial misconduct in their parish.

“People can share that information in a confidential manner to make sure they know the gifts they’re giving are being put to the best use,” stated Gary Wilbers, newly appointed Diocesan Finance Council chairman.

“To truly have transparency and co-responsibility, we need to have systems in place that people can report if they see something that doesn’t add up,” Mr. Wilbers noted.

Similarly, ensuring that uniform financial policies are being followed in every parish will lead to transparency and accountability at every level.

“These policies and expectations are laid out very clearly, with proper checks and balances,” said Mr. Wilbers.

“They’re actually no different from good standard operating procedures in a business,” he added. “Everybody knows what’s expected and required.”

The uniform procedures will help all parishes carry out their financial responsibilities, whether the finances are overseen by volunteers or by full- or part-time professionals.

The purpose isn’t just to have better policies and procedures,

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Aug. 28 — **Fr. Thomas D. Sullivan**, St. Cecilia, Meta (1977)

Sept. 2 — **Fr. Herman J. Striewe**, St. Joseph Home, Jefferson City (1966); **Msr. Jacques J. Wenting**, St. Thomas Seminary, Hannibal (2004)

## Administrative Assistant



The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking an experienced administrative assistant to support the Director of Parish Services. This individual should be proficient in data entry and have excellent skills with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Occasional travel to parishes in the diocese may be required (with the Director); no personal car is necessary. This position is open to candidates of all faiths.

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- ability to travel within the diocese (no overnight travel); fleet vehicle provided for day trips

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## Official Notice of Appointments

*I am pleased to announce that the Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, has recently made the following appointments to provide the most effective pastoral care of the Diocese of Jefferson City:*

#### PRIESTS

**Rev. Jason T. Doke, STL**, appointed to the Diocesan Stewardship Council, effective June 20, 2023.

**Rev. Stephen W. Jones**, appointed to the Board of Directors of Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Development Center in Jefferson City, effective July 5, 2023.

**Rev. Louis M. Nelen**, appointed to the Diocesan Building Commission, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

#### DEACONS

**Deacon Michael S. Brooks**, appointed as the Southeast Deanery Representative on the Diocesan Stewardship Council, effective June 20, 2023.

#### LAITY

**Mr. Mike Aulbur**, appointed as the Central Deanery Representative on the Diocesan Stewardship Council.

**Mrs. Kyle Clark**, appointed as the North Deanery Representative on the Diocesan Stewardship Council.

**Mrs. Anne Hackman**, appointed as the See City Deanery Representative on the Diocesan Stewardship Council.

**Mrs. Theresa Krebs**, appointed as the Southwest Deanery Representative on the Diocesan Stewardship Council.

**Mr. Kent Monnig**, appointed as the Central Deanery Representative on the Diocesan Stewardship Council.

**Mrs. Barbara Prasad**, appointed as the See City Deanery Representative on the Diocesan Stewardship Council.

**Mrs. Mary Beth Strassner**, appointed as the Southeast Deanery Representative on the Diocesan Stewardship Council.

*These appointments are effective June 20, 2023.*

**Mrs. Julie Malstrom**, appointed to the Board of Directors of Immaculate Heart

of Mary Child Development Center in Jefferson City.

**Mr. Zachary Rockers**, appointed to the Board of Directors of Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Development Center in Jefferson City.

**Mrs. Gina Bailey**, appointed to the Board of Directors of Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Development Center in Jefferson City.

**Mrs. Kathy Smith**, appointed to the Board of Directors of Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Development Center in Jefferson City.

*These appointments are effective July 5, 2023.*

**Mr. Benjamin Roodhouse, JD, JCL**, appointed to the Board of Directors of the Diocese of Jefferson City Real Estate Corporation, effective July 25, 2023.

**Mr. Philip Macias, CPA**, appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese, effective Aug. 1, 2023.

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

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# MAKING CONNECTIONS



## Bishop McKnight

### Co-Responsibility: A people united in mission

One of the joys of presiding at Mass is the perspective it provides — the ability to see and appreciate the many faces who have come together to offer the Eucharist, the “source and summit” of our Catholic life.

There is such beauty in witnessing people of all backgrounds, careers, talents and interests joined as one in praise and thanksgiving, knowing God has called us together in the communion of our faith.

The celebration of Mass is one of the increasingly few places of unity in a world fractured by division and prone to emphasizing our differences. Our unique gifts from God — our abilities, our aptitudes, our perspectives on life — are often distorted by society and used as ways to divide and separate us from one another.

Our Church, where God dwells among us, does the opposite.

Our gifts from God must be tools that bring us all together. As Pope Francis recently proclaimed at World Youth Day, our Church is for “*Todos, todos, todos!*” — that is: “Everyone, everyone, everyone!”

Today in our diocese, we are striving to embrace this vision of Catholic communion centered on what we believe, how we pray, and how we live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our call is one of unity, of joining together to use our gifts to their fullest potential and as intended by God.

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— Bishop W. Shawn McKnight

Though we have different roles, responsibilities, gifts and talents, our diversity is a strength for our unity: all of us have a role to play in the mission of the Church, and all of us are called to have a mutual respect for one another.

Our Church calls this co-responsibility.

It’s the idea that as we move forward together, we continue to find inspiration and leadership from our clergy and religious, while acknowledging and respecting the charisms of all the baptized.

Putting this into practice means fostering a culture of stewardship within our dioc-

esan and parish communities, in which parishioners freely offer their gifts, talents and abilities, and conversely, Church leadership recognizes and gratefully utilizes the competence and expertise of all the baptized in the life and mission of the Church.

We’ve shared some examples of this concept in action in the current edition of *The Catholic Missourian* — people of faith who are rising from the pews and using their spiritual and natural gifts to help us manage our finances and promote a safe environment for all.

This style of shared leadership, of co-responsibility, must be embraced across our diocese as we move forward together. This is a direct expression of how we live our lives as stewards of God’s gifts and how we will help our parishes thrive as sanctuaries of God’s mercy.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis was speaking on the topic of co-responsibility. In his remarks, he twice returned to the phrase “A people united in mission.” That is a beautifully simple way to describe what we are seeking to become.

And what is our mission? Here is what Christ says: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Jesus’s marching orders are valid; his reassurance is true.

Through sacramental grace, we all get exactly what we need to spend our lives pursuing holiness and carrying out our personal share in our Lord’s Great Commission.

Each person, regardless of his or her state in life, bears particular responsibility for helping God “lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.”

The plan works when clergy, professed religious, and

laypeople of all stations in life trust in God and place their gifts in his hands. They also need to grow in their trust and confidence in one another.

We do so in communion with the whole Church, accepting one another’s gifts as a true reflection of God’s goodness, and respecting the different roles and responsibilities we have to carry out the Church’s mission.

Strengthened by the Sacraments, we carry out our appointed tasks with joy and gratitude, bolstering each other’s efforts while staying focused on our common mission: drawing fellow souls to take their place at the Eucharistic table.

As one body, we are greater than the sum of our parts. We carry Christ within us, who unites us and builds us up.

We pray, learn and worship together, asking God to give to us today whatever we need today to help carry out his plan.

We promote openness, accountability and trust within our ranks, offering help and healing wherever needed.

My prayer is this: that future generations will see and remember us as servants who cooperated fully with one another and the Holy Spirit.

And in seeing and remembering, may they see fit to do so themselves, as a people united in mission.

#### Bishop McKnight’s August prayer intention for our Local Church

For students, parents and teachers as another school year begins; may our Catholic community provide the proper environment and resources for our young people to thrive and excel in their formation as disciples of Christ, and sons and daughters of our Catholic Church. We pray to the Lord.

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

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

Por los estudiantes, padres y maestros al iniciar otro año escolar; que nuestra comunidad católica proporcione el entorno y los recursos adecuados para que nuestra juventud prospere y sobresalga en su formación como discípulos de Cristo e hijos e hijas de nuestra Iglesia católica. Roguemos al Señor.




### Bishop McKnight’s Calendar

**AUGUST**

**Aug 23** Diocesan Stewardship Council Meeting, noon, Chancery; Confirmation Mass, St. George Parish and Our Lady Help of Christians, Parish, 6:30 pm, St. George Church, Linn

**Aug 28** Quad Mass, 8 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish, Columbia

**SEPTEMBER**

**Sep 7** Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Mass and Dinner, 5:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph

**Sep 8-10** Deliver retreat to deacon candidates for the Diocese of Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA



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# CREANDO CONEXIONES



## obispo McKnight

### Corresponsabilidad: Un pueblo unido en la misión

Una de las alegrías de presidir la Misa es la perspectiva que brinda: la capacidad de ver y apreciar los muchos rostros que se han unido para ofrecer la Eucaristía, la “fuente y culmen” de nuestra vida católica.

Es muy bello presenciar a personas de todos los orígenes, carreras, talentos e intereses unidos en la alabanza y en acción de gracias, sabiendo que Dios nos ha llamado a estar juntos en la comunión de nuestra fe.

La celebración de la Misa es uno de los pocos espacios de unidad en un mundo fracturado por la división y que enfatiza nuestras diferencias. Nuestros dones únicos dados por Dios — nuestras habilidades, nuestras aptitudes, nuestras perspectivas de la vida — a menudo son distorsionados por la sociedad y utilizados para dividirnos y separarnos unos de otros.

Nuestra Iglesia, donde Dios habita entre nosotros, hace lo contrario.

Nuestros dones dados por Dios deben ser herramientas que nos unan a todos. Como proclamó recientemente el Papa Francisco en la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud, nuestra Iglesia es para “¡Todos, todos, todos!”.

Hoy en nuestra diócesis, nos esforzamos por abrazar esta visión de la comunión católica centrada en lo que creemos, cómo oramos y cómo vivimos como discípulos de Jesucristo. Nuestro llamado es a la unidad, a unirnos para utilizar nuestros dones a su máximo potencial y según la intención de Dios.

Aunque tenemos diferentes funciones, responsabilidades, dones y talentos, nuestra diversidad es una fortaleza para nuestra unidad: todos tenemos un papel que desempeñar en la misión de la Iglesia, y todos estamos llamados a respetarnos mutuamente.

Nuestra Iglesia llama a esto la “buena administración”.

Es la idea de que, al avanzar juntos, continuamos encontrando inspiración y liderazgo en nuestro clero y nuestros religiosos, y al mismo tiempo reconocemos y respetamos los carismas de todos los bautizados.

Poner esto en práctica significa fomentar una cultura de la ‘buena administración’ dentro de nuestras comunidades parroquiales y diocesanas en la que los feligreses ofrecen libremente sus dones, talentos y habilidades y, a la inversa, el liderazgo de la Iglesia reconoce y utiliza con gratitud las capa-

idades y la experiencia de todos los bautizados en la vida y la misión de la Iglesia.

Hemos compartido algunos ejemplos de este concepto en acción en la edición actual del periódico *Cath-*

*olic Missourian* — personas de fe que se levantan de las bancas y utilizan sus dones espirituales y naturales para ayudarnos a administrar nuestras finanzas y promover un ambiente seguro para todos.

Este estilo de liderazgo compartido, de

‘buena administración’, debe adoptarse en toda nuestra diócesis a medida que avanzamos juntos. Esta es una expresión directa de cómo vivimos nuestras vidas como buenos administradores de los dones de Dios y cómo ayudaremos a nuestras parroquias a prosperar como santuarios de la misericordia de Dios.

A principios de este año, el Papa Francisco habló sobre el tema de la ‘buena administración’. En sus declaraciones, volvió dos veces a la frase “Un pueblo unido en la misión”. Esa es una manera maravillosamente simple de describir lo que estamos tratando de llegar a ser.

¿Y cuál es nuestra misión? Esto es lo que dice Cristo:

“Vayan, pues, a las gentes de todas las naciones, y háganlas mis discípulos; bautícenlas en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enséñenles a obedecer todo lo que les he mandado a ustedes. Por mi parte, yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo”.

Las órdenes de marchar de Jesús son válidas; su afirmación es cierta.

A través de la gracia sacramental, todos obtenemos exactamente lo que necesitamos para dedicar nuestras vidas a

fiel reflejo de la bondad de Dios, y respetando las diferentes funciones y responsabilidades que tenemos para llevar a cabo la misión de la Iglesia.

Fortalecidos por los Sacramentos, llevamos a cabo nuestras tareas asignadas con alegría y gratitud, reforzando las acciones de los demás y manteniéndonos enfocados en nuestra misión común: atraer las almas de nuestros prójimos para que tomen su lugar en la mesa Eucarística.

Como un solo cuerpo, somos más grandes que la suma de nuestras partes. Llevamos

en nosotros a Cristo, que nos une y nos edifica.

Oramos, aprendemos y damos culto juntos, pidiéndole a Dios que nos dé hoy todo lo que necesitamos para ayudar a llevar a cabo su plan.

Promovemos la apertura, la responsabilidad y la confianza en donde nos encontramos, ofreciendo ayuda y sanación donde sean necesarias.

Mi oración es esta: que las generaciones futuras nos vean y nos recuerden como siervos que cooperaron plenamente unos con otros y con el Espíritu Santo.

Y al ver y al recordar, que ellos mismos crean oportuno hacer lo mismo, como pueblo unido en la misión.

**“Nuestro llamado es a la unidad, a unirnos para utilizar nuestros dones a su máximo potencial y según la intención de Dios.”**

— Obispo W. Shawn McKnight

buscar la santidad y llevar a cabo nuestra parte personal en la Gran Comisión de nuestro Señor.

Cada persona, independientemente de su estado de vida, tiene la responsabilidad particular de ayudar a Dios a llevar “al cielo a todas las almas, especialmente a las más necesitadas de tu misericordia”.

El plan funciona cuando el clero, los religiosos profesos y los laicos de todas las condiciones de vida confían en Dios y ponen sus dones en sus manos. También necesitamos crecer en nuestra seguridad y confianza unos con otros.

Lo hacemos en comunión con toda la Iglesia, acogiendo los dones de los demás como

## U.S., Japanese bishops pledge to work concretely toward ‘a world without nuclear weapons’

OSV News

Nagasaki, Japan

On the 78th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Archbishop Paul D. Etienne of Seattle and Archbishop John C. Wester of Sante Fe, New Mexico, joined three Japanese bishops in a formal pledge to

concretely work toward “a world without nuclear weapons.”

“In the spirit and teaching of Pope Francis, we recognize that even the possession of nuclear weapons is immoral,” they said in the Aug. 9 partnership declaration, signed by the two U.S. prelates and Archbishop Peter Michiaki Nakamura of Nagasaki; Bishop Alexis Mitsuru Shirahama of Hiroshima, Japan; and retired Archbishop Joseph Mitsuaki Takami of Nagasaki.

The five bishops, from areas “impacted by nuclear weapons,” urged “concrete progress” on this effort by August 2025, the 80th anniversary of the

1945 Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings.

They urged world leaders to take specific steps toward the abolition of nuclear weapons, outlined actions they will take in their own archdioceses and diocese, and said they will work with other dioceses and faith traditions to create an interfaith partnership.

“The road to peace is difficult — we cannot travel it alone,” they said.

The announcement of their initiative came at the conclusion of an Aug. 1-9 Pilgrimage of Peace to Japan by Archbishops Etienne and Wester.



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# Diocesan Review Board applies clear, multidiscipline perspective to reports of abuse, inappropriate conduct

*This is an article to help increase the understanding of co-responsibility in the Church.*

By Jay Nies

Patricia Joyce brings an unusual skill set to her role as chair of the Diocesan Review Board.

She previously served for 12 years as a country prosecutor, 15 years as a juvenile judge, and 14 years as a presiding circuit judge.

"I've certainly had extensive experience dealing with the issues and understanding them," said Mrs. Joyce, a member of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City.

The Diocesan Review Board is a confidential, consultative body that helps Bishop W. Shawn McKnight.

It advises him on policies and responses to allegations of violations of the diocese's Code of Pastoral Conduct, the U.S. bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and the Essential Norms which augment the *Charter*.

In doing so, it plays a crucial role in the diocese's efforts to make sure the Church is a consistently safe environment for children and anyone else who's vulnerable.

"Knowing that the best decisions are being made is critical to people's faith in the Church and ultimately their faith in God," Mrs. Joyce observed.

Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos established the Diocesan Review Board in 2003, in keeping with the *Charter for Protection of Children and Young People*.

Mrs. Joyce noted that some terrible decisions had been made in the past by people who thought they were doing what was best for the Church.

"It damages people's trust to see how some things were handled," she stated. "It helps people's confidence to know that the best work is now being done in this area."

## A thorough process

The Diocesan Review Board brings a wide range of experience and expertise to matters of safety and justice.

Whenever someone re-

ports having been abused or engaged in inappropriate conduct by a member of the clergy or an employee of the Church — whether recently or long ago — the diocesan victims assistance coordinator listens carefully to that person and prepares a detailed report to present to the bishop.

Additional information may come from law-enforcement, in addition to a thorough internal investigation.

The bishop then convenes the Diocesan Review Board, whose members then study the report, discuss it and possibly seek additional information.

The board's members include attorneys, counselors, educators, pastoral ministers, pediatricians and psychiatrists, people from the criminal justice, human resources, law enforcement and social services professions, as well as a priest, a deacon and a religious sister.

Once any members' questions are answered, the board works toward a recommendation on whether the allegation of abuse should be deemed credible under the directives of the Charter.

"We can ask for further investigation if something needs to be filled in, and then we make a recommendation about what we believe the bishop should do," said Mrs. Joyce.

Before deliberating, board members disclose to the others any friendships or past dealings they've had with the accused, and excuse themselves from the discussion if necessary.

"The last thing you want to do is let some bias or prejudice come into your decision-making," said Mrs. Joyce.

The bishop takes the board's guidance into account when deciding the next step, also in keeping with the Charter.

"We are an advisory board," Mrs. Joyce noted. "As is the case with all advisory boards, the bishop makes the final decision."

She said Bishop McKnight "listens very carefully and attentively to what we tell him."

## "Faith-filled people"

The Review Board also has

two regularly scheduled meetings per year, during which members review and make recommendations to the bishop about policies and procedures for maintaining safe environments throughout the Church for children and vulnerable adults.

The board also gets updated on how past recommendations have been acted upon.

Mrs. Joyce noted that all of these meetings begin with prayer.

Bishop McKnight said he values the board's insights.

"Their professional expertise, as well as their perspective as faith-filled people who know the importance of our Church, guide me in my decision-making," he stated.

Mrs. Joyce said she's impressed with the quality and professional backgrounds of her fellow Review Board members.

"It seems to me that every person who would come into contact with children from birth to age 20 is represented on the board," she said.

She volunteered to serve on the board in 2022, after retiring as the Cole County presiding circuit judge.

"I saw a notice about it in our parish bulletin," she said. "I thought about it and realized that there aren't many people who have my background and experience."

"I tried sexual-abuse cases when I was a prosecutor and presided over them as a juvenile judge," she noted. "In 26 years on the bench, I presided over quite a few cases of abuse, as well as many for disciplining and firing employees."

She also served as a facilitator for the Protecting God's Children training for Church employees and volunteers in the diocese.

"So, I figured that my experience could be valuable, and it seemed like an important role that I could help with," she said.

Bishop McKnight contact-



Patricia Joyce is chair of the Diocesan Review Board.

that the facts come out when both sides are presented."

## Proper perspective

Although the Review Board's work can be unpleasant, Mrs. Joyce finds consolation in it being necessary and making a real difference.

She's accustomed to keeping things in perspective.

"That's what 40 years of practicing law does for you," she stated.

She looks for every opportunity to see the good in people.

"As a lifelong practicing Catholic, there have been so many people who enhanced my faith life," she said. "You can't

let the bad things taint your relationship with God."

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ed her and asked her to serve as the board's chairperson.

Mrs. Joyce understands her responsibility in that as being "to help make sure the bishop has the full benefit of the experience of the board and its members, to make the right decisions regarding the protection of children."

"It can be uncomfortable to hear about some of these things," she noted. "But we have to do our best to give him the benefit of our experience so he can make the right decision."

She enjoys having in-depth discussions with fellow board members in a nonconfrontational forum, confident that everyone there is seeking what's just and true.

She noted that most people generally don't like conflict or ambiguity.

"They want it to be simple and cut-and-dried," she said. "But when you study law and put it into practice, you know

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# 140th dedication anniversary celebrated for newly renamed Proto-Cathedral of St. Peter

From the Greek word for “first” or “original”

By Jay Nies

Vibrantly hued sunlight, aromatic smoke and ethereal chants filled a thousand gothic arches, each pointing toward heaven.

Such it was 140 years to the day after the dedication and consecration of the newly renamed Proto-Cathedral of St. Peter in Jefferson City.

“Mindful that we are being built up by the Lord as a temple sacred to him, let us never forget who we are,” proclaimed Father Jeremy Secrist, pastor of St. Peter Parish. “Remember where the Lord has led us, and remember who the Lord is continuing to call us to be as his people.”

“Proto” is Greek for “first” or “original.” The new title recognizes that the church previously served as a cathedral for the diocese.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight signed a resolution on Aug. 10, calling for the name change and instructing the chancellor of the diocese to update the name in official documents.

Completed and dedicated in 1883, St. Peter Proto-Cathedral served as the cathedral from the Jefferson City diocese’s founding in 1956 until the completion of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in 1968.

The anniversary of the dedication of a parish church is celebrated in that parish each year as a solemnity.

Fr. Secrist offered Mass for the solemnity at St. Peter the morning of Saturday, Aug. 12.

Concelebrating the Mass were associate pastors, Father Brad Berhorst and Father Thomas Alber.

Rev. Mr. Christopher Hoffmann, Deacon Ric Telthorst and Deacon David Thompson assisted.

Seminarians served at the altar.

The St. Peter Schola, directed by Nicholas Liese and accompanied by organist Leslie Smith, led the singing.

In his homily, Fr. Secrist ad-



**LEFT:** The St. Peter Schola leads the singing during a Mass marking the 140th anniversary of the dedication of the Proto-Cathedral of St. Peter in Jefferson City. The church served as the cathedral for the Jefferson City diocese from 1956 through 1968. **RIGHT:** Father Jeremy Secrist, pastor of St. Peter Parish, elevates the Precious Blood during the anniversary Mass.



— Photos by Jay Nies

ressed an often-asked question: “Why do we as Catholics, if we are the Lord’s people, put so much emphasis on structures, on buildings?”

He referred to the reading from the First Book of Kings, in which King Solomon, standing before God’s altar in the newly built temple, recalls his father’s question: “Can it indeed be that God dwells on earth?” (8:27)

“The answer is YES!” said Fr. Secrist. “Because Solomon, at the command of the Lord, has erected this temple in Jerusalem as that place of sacred encounter, wherein the Lord’s people, mindful of their need for God’s mercy, for his pardon, would come before the Lord, and God would make his dwelling among them.”

That, the priest noted, is the extraordinary claim and reality of the Judeo-Christian faith: “that God has sought to make his dwelling among us, and not only just in a particular place, but as we all know and believe, that God made his dwelling in the womb of our Blessed Mother, Mary — that he took on our human flesh and made his dwelling among us!”

That reality is not just spiritual or intellectual.

“It is incarnational, it is sacramental!” said Fr. Secrist.

It is the same bedrock truth that empowered St. Peter to profess to Jesus: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

“And it is on that profession of faith that our faith has

its firm foundation,” the priest said.

Fr. Secrist encouraged everyone, therefore, to look ahead, “mindful that anything we do, any effort or endeavor that we enter into in this life is not merely our own — that it is Christ who is meaning to build us up as his living stones, into a temple that is worthy of his dwelling.”

## God’s dwelling

The third church for what was once the Capital City’s only parish was built in 1882, when Monsignor Otto Hoog was pastor, with substantial help from the Bender and Dulle families.

Msgr. Hoog offered the first Mass in the Church on Feb. 2, 1883.

Coadjutor Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan of St. Louis, who later became archbishop of Philadelphia, solemnly dedicated the church on Aug. 12, 1883.

Fr. Secrist called to mind the thousands of people over the past 14 decades who have been reborn in the Baptism in that same church, who have been fortified with the Sacrament of Confirmation there, united in the Sacrament of Marriage, and been restored, healed and forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing.

He spoke of “the hundreds of thousands of times the Most Holy Eucharist has been offered here as the primary means by which the Lord Jesus continues to feed, nourish, sus-

tain and fortify us, his people.”

He further noted that many priests were ordained in the sanctuary during the dozen years of the church’s service as a cathedral.

“The Sacraments of the Church,” he emphasized, “are

**More photos have been posted in *The Catholic Missourian’s* online edition, [cathmo.com](http://cathmo.com). Select “Photo Galleries” from the “Multimedia” tab on the menu bar.**

the Lord’s answer to the question of King Solomon: ‘Is it possible that God can dwell on earth?’”

“And our faith-filled answer to that question must always be, ‘Absolutely!’” he said.

## Lasting significance

Candles mounted to the outside walls, signifying that the walls had been consecrated with Sacred Chrism, flickered through the anniversary Mass.

The priests prayed the Eucharistic Prayer at the early-20th-century high altar, facing the same direction as the people.

In the Aug. 10 resolution, Bishop McKnight noted that Fr. Secrist and the parishioners “have been most dedicated to keeping this house of God both beautiful and worthy of its sacred nature while holding true to its significance to the

downtown community.”

It all belongs to God, Fr. Secrist noted.

“As the Psalmist said, ‘Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do the builders labor,’” he said. “The same is true in our lives of faith. The same is true in any parish, and the same is true for this Parish of St. Peter.”

## “Bells and smells”

Over a celebratory brunch in the parish’s Msgr. Hoog Hall, Deacon Telthorst presented to Fr. Secrist a copy of the resolution introduced by state Rep. David Griffith in the Missouri House of Representatives, commemorating the 140th anniversary of the church dedication.

Guest speaker Patrick Murphy of St. Louis, author of *Places to Pray: Holy Sites in Catholic Missouri*, reflected on the sense of beauty Catholics are fond of bringing to their churches.

“Look around at the detail and the beauty and the craftsmanship that went into churches like this one,” he stated. “When that kind of thing is powered by faith, you can come up with some really beautiful things.”

A grandson of immigrants from Ireland, Mr. Murphy talked about the tremendous effort generations of Catholic immigrants have put forth in building things that reflect

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# Gathered in prayer, Baring Catholics search for 'hidden treasures' in tornado's aftermath

By Jay Nies

"It could have been so much worse."

Joyce Delaney held back tears as she looked out at the storm-ravaged homes, businesses and trees, then back at the image of the Blessed Mother in a tall, stone grotto — fully intact.

Except that the hands, once folded in a prayerful posture, had been sheared off.

"We took it as a sign that our Blessed Mother was here with us, that she held us in her hands and helped protect us from any worse damage or loss of life," said Joyce, a lifelong Baring resident and member of the former Mission of St. Aloysius.

An EF-2 tornado struck the close-knit railroad town in northeastern Missouri with little warning in the late hours of Friday, Aug. 4.

Damage was extensive, but no one in the town of 124 was killed or seriously hurt.

"Only minor injuries," said fellow lifelong St. Aloysius parishioner Katie Delaney.

"Have you seen the senior housing?" she asked. "It's a miracle! They were pulling people out of there at 11:30 at night, where ceilings and roofs had collapsed. They were okay."

Katie and Joyce were part of a somewhat smaller-than-usual group that gathered around the grotto at 6 p.m. on Aug. 8 to pray the Rosary.

Catholics in and around Baring get together to meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries at the grotto every Tuesday from May through October, as well as the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries on the 13th day of each month.

This time was different for several reasons, including the tornado's aftermath, as well as the recent demolition of the St. Aloysius Mission Church, next to which the grotto was built nearly seven decades ago.

The 130-year-old church had become unsafe and too expensive for the small congregation to repair.

Parishioners now go to Mass at St. Joseph Church in Edina,



Members and friends of the former Mission of St. Aloysius in Baring gather to pray the Rosary around a Marian grotto in Baring that was built in 1955. The weekly Tuesday-evening prayers continued in the aftermath of a recent tornado.

— Photo by Jay Nies

said. "She was unable to move."

Heavy rain pouring in eventually softened the drywall, allowing her to break it apart and pull herself out.

Mr. Doyle applied for and received an Immediate Disaster

about 7 miles away, or in one of the other neighboring parishes.

"Our church has only been down for a few weeks," said Katie Delaney. "If it were standing when this tornado came through, who knows what other damage would have happened, or if somebody might have been seriously injured."

## Valley of tears

The post-storm Tuesday night Rosary group included Echo Menges, editor of the *Edina Sentinel* newspaper ([edinasentinel.com](http://edinasentinel.com)).

She was the first reporter in Baring when the tornado hit.

"They had no warning," Ms. Menges reported. "There were no weather alerts from the National Weather Service, and Baring does not have a tornado siren."

"On impact, many of the residents were sleeping in their beds and woke up to find their ceilings collapsing on top of them, which was followed by ferocious winds and heavy rain," she wrote.

The paper reported that the tornado destroyed or significantly damaged at least 35 homes and displaced at least 16 people in the Baring area.

Two minor injuries were reported.

There was also substantial flooding overnight throughout the area.

"Tornado victims reported trying to help their neighbors or needing help themselves,"

Ms. Menges wrote. "More than a dozen people had to be rescued from their homes, and every residence had to be checked."

Volunteers from neighboring communities arrived the following morning to help remove "the massive amount of debris strewn throughout the town," the *Sentinel* reported.

"Disaster relief teams from the Red Cross and the Salvation Army arrived with response vehicles and supplies for the victims," the paper continued. "Missouri Southern Baptist volunteers arrived with supplies and offered to help in any way they could."

About 100 local volunteers from Weaverland Disaster Services, a Mennonite disaster response ministry, were busy helping with clean-up operations.

The Weaverland volunteers are "a force to be reckoned with," said Baring resident, restaurant-owner and lifelong St. Aloysius parishioner Shannon Downing.

"They're like a well-oiled machine," she said. "They know what they're doing and they do it."

## Eyes of mercy

St. Joseph Parish in Edina took up a special collection at Sunday Mass two days after the tornado, bringing in about \$2,000 for relief.

Deacon Kenneth Berry, who assists the pastor of the Edina parish, contacted Cath-

olic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri ([cccnmo.org](http://cccnmo.org)) to help coordinate assistance to the tornado victims.

Catholic Charities participated in an Aug. 9 Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) event organized by the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency in the Knox County Community Building in Edina.

Thirty-five people who were affected by the tornado and flooding came to find out what resources were available to them.

"It's pretty impressive, the mindset of the people after all they've been through," said John Doyle, mobile resource coordinator for Catholic Charities.

"These small communities, they come together," he said. "Everybody there helping each other — it was good to see."

One resident told him she was sitting on her couch when the tornado hit her home.

"The roof got picked up and the ceiling fell on her," he

Funding Grant from Catholic Charities USA, which can help with such emergency expenses as rent, a deposit on a rental unit, insurance deductibles and immediate necessities for people affected by a disaster.

He plans to return to Knox County several times to make sure people are signed up to get the resources and relief they need.

While the devastation was extensive, Mr. Doyle said he's grateful that no one was seriously hurt.

"The Lord works in mysterious ways," he stated, "but he doesn't make mistakes."


## Most gracious advocate

About 10 people stayed around to visit after the Tuesday night Rosary at the grotto.

"The benches were all piled up on top of each other," Katie Delaney pointed out. "But as you can see, we got everything set back up, and it still looks good."

Joyce and Katie Delaney

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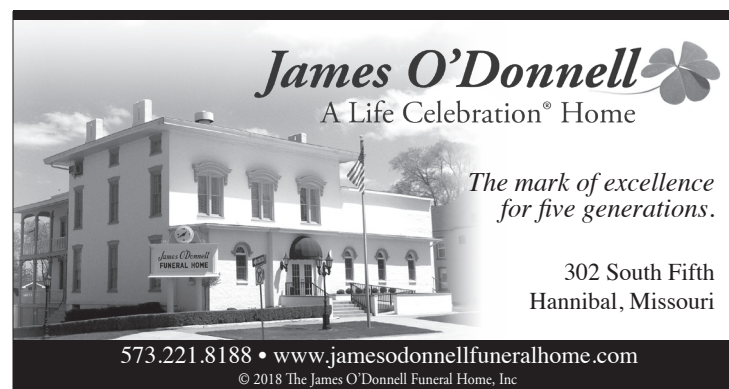
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## QUESTION CORNER

## What does the Church say about ghosts?

By Jenna Marie Cooper  
OSV News

**Q: When I was an Evangelical I was told there was no such thing as ghosts and that paranormal phenomena were likely demons. What does the Church say about this? Doesn't the Church teach that there are such things as "apparitions?"** (Brandenburg, Kentucky)



**A:** The word "ghost" can refer to several different concepts. For instance, one use of the word "ghost" is as a synonym for "spirit" — think of how 100 years ago Catholics would refer to the Holy Spirit as the "Holy Ghost." In that sense, since Catholics believe in spiritual beings, we would certainly believe in ghosts.

But when people say there is "no such thing" as ghosts they are generally using a more popular sense of the term to describe the souls of the dead who appear in, or otherwise interact with, the material world and those living in it. The Church doesn't have a specific teaching on these kinds of ghosts *per se*, although we can draw conclusions from other areas of theology.

We believe that all human beings have an immortal soul that survives the death of the body, and which will eventually be reunited with their resurrected body at the end of time. We also believe that the bonds of love can survive death, and that there can be communion between the living and those who have died — think of how we ask the saints to intercede for us with prayer. Within that communion, we sometimes read of people who report being visited and consoled by holy men and women, like Bl. Solanus Casey, and Bl. PierGiorgio Frassati during times of deep stress or illness.

Further, in accordance with our belief in purgatory as a time of post-mortem purification, we know that not every soul destined for heaven will get there right away. So, the idea of ghosts as souls who remain on earth due to some sort of "unfinished business" can be congruent with a Catholic world view.

Generally, hauntings or other paranormal ghostly activity are likely connected to one of two things: either demonic activity — which warrants the involvement of the appointed diocesan exorcist — or a soul in purgatory who is somehow "stuck." This is a situation where sincere prayers for the repose of that soul are in order. Interestingly, the Church of the Sacred Heart of Suffrage, not far from the Vatican, contains a small "Museum of the Souls of Purgatory" which reminds us to pray for those souls, displaying what the little church says are worldly relics of souls in purgatory reaching out to friends and loved ones for prayers.

It is also possible that something that appears to be a supernatural haunting in a given instance is actually something with an entirely natural explanation.

In any event, we should never seek out hauntings or try to contact the dead ourselves through means such as Ouija boards, seances or psychic mediums. This is a grave sin against the first commandment and participating in such activities runs the risk opening a door to the demonic in our own lives.

On the other hand, apparitions are our term for instances when a person from heaven — most often Our Lady — appears to a certain person or people for a particular purpose or with a specific message as she did most famously at Lourdes and at Fatima.

Although Our Lady in her various apparitions is indeed a spiritual visitor coming from somewhere beyond this earth, it would be odd to call her a "ghost." This is not only because Marian apparitions are very different from ghostly "hauntings," but also because Our Lady — unlike our typical idea of a ghost — was assumed body and soul into heaven.

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

## Papal Audience August 9, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters:

During my recent Apostolic Journey to Portugal for the celebration of World Youth Day, I witnessed a moving demonstration of the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ, at work in the hearts and lives of young Christians throughout the world.

Following the example of Mary, who "set out in haste" after the Annunciation, the young pilgrims expressed their desire to set out towards the future of hope promised by the Gospel.

The encounter of so many young people from different countries, all united by the love of Christ and the joy of the Spirit, reflected the face of the Church as the People of God, to which everyone, in every place and time, is called to belong.

In a world torn by poverty, injustice and war, we joined in prayer for the spread of the Gospel, the conversion of hearts, and the healing and peace that the Lord alone can give.

In this spirit, I also went as a pilgrim to Fatima, where I renewed the act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May this great outpouring of spiritual joy and love for Christ that marked these days foster an abundance of vocations and serve as a leaven of hope for the future of Portugal, the Church and our world.

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially the groups from Malta, Nigeria, Tonga 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!



## Pope calls for inclusive Church while in Portugal for World Youth Day

By Justin McLellan  
Catholic News Service

Lisbon, Portugal

Pope Francis asked the 1.5 million young people who attended World Youth Day to take "what God has sown into your hearts" back to their home countries and build a joyful Church that is open to all.

Young pilgrims interviewed by Catholic News Service during World Youth Day constantly returned to the pope's main point during the official welcome ceremony for World Youth Day Aug. 3: in the Church there is room for "everyone, everyone, everyone."

He asked the jubilant crowd of flag-waving young people to repeat the refrain with him in Lisbon's Eduardo VII Park and shouts of "*todos, todos, todos*" — "everyone" in Spanish and Portuguese — spread throughout the crowd.

As he did often during the trip, the pope solicited engagement from the crowd, asking them to repeat after him or consider in silence a question he



**Pope Francis, accompanied by Cardinal Manuel Clemente of Lisbon, Portugal, arrives at Tejo Park in Lisbon for the closing World Youth Day Mass Aug. 6.**

— CNS photo/Lola Gomez

posed.

Yet was during his meeting Aug. 2 with Portuguese bishops, priests, religious and pastoral workers that the pope first issued his "*todos*" message.

"Please, let us not convert the Church into a customs office" where only the "just," "good," and "properly married" can enter while leaving everyone else outside, he said. "No. The Church is not that," he said, rather it is a

place for "righteous and sinners, good and bad, everyone, everyone, everyone."

Asked during his inflight news conference Aug. 6 how the Church can be for everyone when women and gay people are excluded from some sacraments, Pope Francis said that "the Church is open to all, but then there is legislation

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## Sharing the great secret: Doing good makes us happy

By Effie Caldarola  
OSV News



Today I found myself in the multipurpose room of an old Methodist Church, waiting my turn to donate blood.

It was a sticky-hot summer afternoon. Since it was a workday, and because older folks are great at volunteering, most of those sprawled out on nearby tables with tubes sticking out of their arms were senior citizens.

After our blood was drawn, we drank juice, ate an unappetizing packaged cookie and were required to wait a few minutes to make sure we weren't going to keel over, which I imagine must be a rare but exciting event for those running the program. As we sat, we chatted, learning a bit about each other and our various faith communities.

And we each left with the same positive feeling: "I did something good today."

And that feeling is supposed to make us feel happier within our lives. At least that's the modern consensus. If you Google "Does doing good make me happy?" you'll find a host of articles

## What's it take to be a good Catholic grandparent?

By Bill Dodds  
OSV News



First, the comforting news: Being a good Catholic will help you be a good grandparent. Being a good grandparent will help you be a good Catholic.

And, of course, there's also that tight relationship between better Catholic and better grandparent.

Oh, that God of ours! Always one step ahead of us. Well, more than one, obviously. For example, you may have noticed that God seldom gives the job of grandparenting to someone who hasn't already paid his or her dues parenting.

Yes, there are exceptions, but it seems most often, in many ways, grandparenting is the equivalent of golf's mulligan. It's God giving you a do-over to deeply influence a child's heart, soul and mind, from tot to teen ... and beyond.

To love that grandchild with your whole heart, mind and soul ... and spend some time minding them. You free baby-sitter, you! But unlike becoming a new mom or dad — where you learn (and make mistakes) on the fly —

explaining how doing good does good for us. And there are scientific studies to back this up.

Apparently, engaging in altruistic or charitable behavior releases endorphins in the brain, which help us to feel happy. Volunteering can even help lift our depression.

As I write this, I imagine Jesus standing over my shoulder saying, "Oh, really?"

Jesus probably isn't sarcastic, but I do think he would like to remind me that his whole call to mission was to love our neighbor — that he told us 2,000 years ago that following him was the way to find that elusive peace which the world doesn't give.

That's happiness. It's not a new idea, even though Jesus never mentioned endorphins.

Being good to your neighbor as a way of living a peaceful and fulfilling life is a notion even older than Jesus: major religions throughout the ages believed charity toward others was something foundational.

Fifty years ago, Jesuit Father Pedro Arrupe delivered an address which influenced the future of his order and articulated this concept eloquently. Arrupe spoke of educating Catholics to be "men for others." This phrase, today ex-

now, as a veteran parent, you know a thing or two.

Looking back since the birth of your own child or children, you can be keenly aware of "what you have done and what you have failed to do" (to borrow a line from the Confiteor). You know you weren't, and aren't, a perfect parent. You know you won't be a perfect grandparent.

But!

That little child, those little children, are God's way of — no, not turning back the clock — giving you another at-bat. A second chance to step up to the plate. Hot dog! Apparently, God has faith in you helping a brand new generation be a witness. To see firsthand, to learn one to one, what the Faith means. How it can be lived out and loved.

### Being Christlike

We all know the Gospels never described those early followers of Christ as monkey-see, monkey-do, but they did learn a lot by watching how Jesus did what he did.

The love, the compassion, the feeding, the healing, the putting others first, the sacrifices, forgiveness and yes, the telling of some colorful and memorable

pressed as men and women for others, envisioned a person who would "give himself to others in love — love, which is his definitive and all-embracing dimension, that which gives meaning to all his other dimensions."

The modern "do good to be happy" folks are right, of course, but here's what they're leaving out: Living for others is not just another self-help scheme, "one and done" for the day. It is an all-day, every day attitude. It is a mindset and desire grounded in God, who is defined as Love. Living out this love gives meaning to our lives. The love we show for others is our "definitive and all-embracing dimension." It's who we are as Christians, and it is defined as our way of life.

Doing good for others means giving when it's sacrificial. It means forgiving when it's difficult. It means living with a focus on the "other," rather than how everything will work best for me.

Being a person for others enabled Franciscan Father Maximilian Kolbe to offer his life at Auschwitz in place of a husband and father who was targeted for death. We see Nicaraguan Bishop Rolando Álvarez, who refused a chance to flee persecution, remain incarcerated unjustly even today.

This love was embodied on the cross, by Jesus Christ.

Being a person for others may not call us to that kind of extreme sacrifice, but day by day, we can look for ways to be a person for others as a way of life, in our family, our neighborhood, our world.

And if one side effect of that effort is our own increased happiness, all the better!

*Effie Caldarola is a wife, mom and grandmother who received her master's degree in pastoral ministry from Seattle University.*

### REFLECTION

## "How long, O Lord?"

By Mark Saucier

The Germans have a word for it. From the people who gave us *schadenfreude* for that pleasure we get from another's failure, and *zeitgeist* for the spirit of the times, we get *weltschmerz*.

Most of us would have to admit to a little *weltschmerz* once in a while.

Who wouldn't? Our news is filled with reasons for it. To the east, a cruel and senseless war rages. To the west, fire abetted by a hurricane destroys an island in paradise.

Oceans are simmering, glaciers melting, rivers receding, and global temperatures are beginning to sound like NBA scores.

The institutions we have relied upon in the past have forsaken our faith, opting instead for profit and power.

Our politicians promise the world but can't deliver a flourishing neighborhood. The common good has no currency.

And we're left with *weltschmerz* — a world weariness, a sickness in the soul.

Our world has let us down, failed both our expectations and our needs.

There is a deep sadness, depression, and at times, anger.

*Weltschmerz* doesn't discriminate. It doesn't distinguish red or blue, me or you. No matter our political bent or religious flavor, *weltschmerz* embraces us all.

Stricken, often not knowing with what, we can retreat to our tribes, our creeds, our fortresses of like-minded victims.

And the world worsens, the *weltschmerz* mounts, and we become more separated from each other and from ourselves.

That German word has only been around a couple of centuries, but the feelings it describes are as old as our history.

The Israelites had *weltschmerz*. That's why many of the Psalms that survive today are expressions of lament.

These are prayer poems that arise from sorrow, grief, pain and fear. The authors are not hesitant to name the suffering.

"My soul is in deep anguish."

"All your waves and breakers have swept over me."

"Why do you hide yourself from me?"

There is a candid self-revelation that is the first step to the lament.

After the confession comes the ask. The request for relief is often for the "we" — for the community, not just for the individual.

It is made with a profession of dependence, an acknowledgment that change cannot happen without the aid of a power much greater than themselves.

The lament psalm ends in praise, not some obsequious flattery, but a confidence that what has been asked is already in the works.

Honesty. Humility. Trust. If you're feeling the *weltschmerz*, it might be worth a try.

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# Encounter

## AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

### Back to school reflections: New beginnings and old lessons



*As the swing of August sets in, we find ourselves once again at the close of summer and embarking on the new routines of fall.*

*Students across our diocese are preparing for their first day of school or wrapping up their first week, teachers are welcoming new students into their classrooms and parents in every community are gearing up for drop-offs, pick-ups, and so on.*

*At Catholic Charities, we remember in a special way the many students who have come through our doors — resettling with their families after turmoil and travel — to walk into classrooms in their new homes for the first time.*

*The Youth and Education support services at Catholic Charities Refugee Services program accompanies youth who are rebuilding their lives alongside their parents in new homes and communities across mid-Missouri — enrolling them in local schools, prepping school supplies and materials and gathering supportive services to help them succeed.*

*Andrea Bustillo Lozano and Nohemi Trujillo are two Catholic Charities staff members who take up this work in the Refugee Services program, with a special dedication to serving youth.*

*We hope you enjoy the encounters they share with you this week.*

#### New Beginnings

By Nohemi Trujillo

I started working at Catholic Charities Refugee Services about two years ago.

I was hired just around the time of the fall of Kabul, and we were receiving many families per week from Afghanistan.

My role at Refugee Services is primarily in youth services which entails enrolling the children in school, running two youth programs that promote English learning and community integration and much more.

Although I am not a refugee, I come from immigrant parents who had to resettle and start from scratch in this country with very limited English.

I can empathize with our youth because English was also not my first language and like many of our refugee youth — I had to be in English language learner (ELL) courses in elementary school.

As I work closely with our youth and families, it is moving to see the impact of the work we do at Refugee Services.

A specific moment that motivates and inspires me to continue this work is one I think of often, that happened only a few months ago.

I drove a number of teen clients to school for their first day — they were extremely nervous and quiet.

As we were walking into the school, another student ran towards us and enveloped me in a big hug — speaking nonstop English and quickly!

It was a former client of mine, speaking to me and embracing me with confidence and joy.

I was so encouraged to see how much she has learned and grown in just a couple of years.

It is incredibly heartwarming when clients recognize you and are happy to see you.

This one encounter gave me a renewed sense of hope for the students who would begin their first day, and for many more students to come.

I am grateful that I can assist newcomers with education and English learning while trying my best to make it an enjoyable learning experience for them as they settle into their new homes.

Working with youth is truly a gift, one I am grateful to share in.

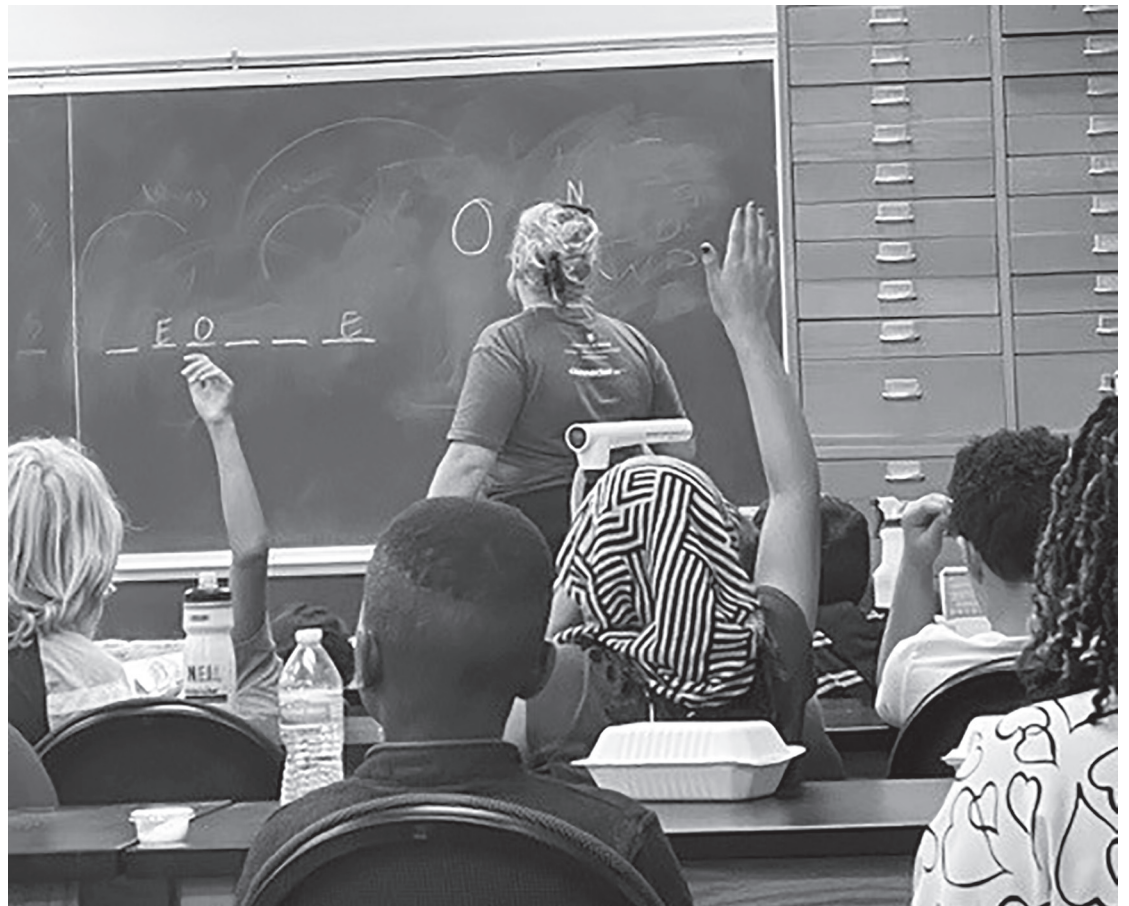
#### Old Lessons

By Andrea Bustillo Lozano

William Arthur Ward once said “Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing fact; it is acquiring understanding.”

Ever since I can remember, I have been surrounded by teachers.

My grandmother was a



**Students participate in a summer classroom learning experience through the Catholic Charities Refugee Services Youth and Education program. This program supports newcomers (refugees, asylees and others) to enroll in local schools, find resources to be successful in their education (like language support and translation materials), and enrolls youth in mentoring programs in their counties.**

kindergarten teacher back in Honduras.

After she retired, she would give free classes at a local church and take me with her from time to time.

School was never my forte when I was young.

I would prefer staying home reading my books than learning about equations.

I couldn't understand why my grandmother's students were so eager to learn.

My grandmother then told me that she keeps them curious, that curiosity was essential for a mind to grow.

Years passed and I was in my first semester in college studying for a business degree though I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. I was still looking for my purpose.

I started volunteering in my church and ended up in Mexico helping renovate a local church.

Everyone I experienced there was so welcoming and happy!

I felt like I was beginning to figure out what I wanted to do with my life.

I changed my major to social work as soon as I returned to school.

Afterwards, I moved to Columbia, Missouri and started working in a preschool.

Working with children, I learned that patience and kindness can make all the difference in someone's life.

When I started working with adults, I faced some difficulties in the transition, as it was not the same as teaching kids.

It is important to guide adults but keep their independence intact, and not assume what they can or cannot do based on our perception of them.

I have learned to ask and be their student too.

I remember the first time I saw improvement after weeks of hard work.

I felt so proud as a woman showed me how much she had been working on her English.

With her hard work, she inspired me to keep going, that learning is a process for both of us.

I still remember the first teacher that impacted my life, her name is Marilene.

She was always kind and made me feel safe to ask questions and make mistakes. I hope that one day I can be remembered the same way.

*Nohemi Trujillo and Andrea Bustillo Lozano are Catholic Charities staff members working in the Refugee Services program providing youth services and mentorship as Refugee Youth and Education Specialists. Their shared interest in educating and forming youth and their drive to see newcomers resettle safely in welcoming communities across mid-Missouri provides care and creates hope for those they serve. To learn more about Refugee Services and the areas of support Catholic Charities provides, visit [ccnmo.dio.jeffcity.org/refugee-services](http://ccnmo.dio.jeffcity.org/refugee-services).*

# Seminarian Shane Kliethermes admitted to candidacy for Orders

**Prayers urged for him and all seminarians**

By Jay Nies

Seminarians need prayers and encouragement as they continue listening to God and allowing him to reshape their hearts for service to the Gospel.

“It is our obligation to teach what Jesus taught and to remind the Christian faithful of exactly what Jesus did,” Bishop W. Shawn McKnight told priests and seminarians of the diocese. “And in word and in action, we conform ourselves to the pattern and likeness of Christ.”

Bishop McKnight offered the Saturday evening Vigil Mass Aug. 5 in Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City, during which he formally admitted seminarian Shane Kliethermes, who begins his theology studies at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago this month, into candidacy for the Priesthood.

“Trusting in the Lord, we will assist you with our charity and our prayers,” the bishop told Mr. Kliethermes.

It was the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The feastday celebrates how Jesus’s divine glory was revealed to three of his Apostles when they joined him in prayer atop Mount Tabor in the Holy Land.

The Rite of Admission to Candidacy is a pivotal step in the journey to ordained Priesthood. It is celebrated when a seminarian has reached a maturity of purpose in his formation and has demonstrated the necessary qualifications for ordination.

“From this day forward, you must cultivate your vocation in greater depth,” Bishop McKnight told Mr. Kliethermes, a native of Immaculate Conception Parish. “To that end, make particular use of whatever means may be offered to you for your help and support by the ecclesial community entrusted with this task.”

In the presence of the bishop and the people, Mr. Kliethermes expressed his intention to complete his prepa-



**Seminarian Shane Kliethermes, steps forward to answer questions from Bishop W. Shawn McKnight as part of the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders, during Mass on Aug. 5 in Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City.**

ration for Holy Orders, and his resolve to fully invest himself to that end, so that he will serve Christ and the Church faithfully.

Joining Bishop McKnight at the altar were Father Anthony Onyeihe, associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish; Father Donald Antweiler, who served as pastor from 2015 to 2022; and Father Paul Clark, vocation director for the diocese.

Mr. Kliethermes and seven of his nine fellow seminarians of this diocese, each preparing to return to studies and formation after spending the summer here, assisted the bishop during the Mass as servers and in various other roles at and near the altar.

In his homily, Bishop McKnight noted that the Transfiguration took place while Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem, where he knew he would give up his life and be raised up three days later.

The bishop reminded the people that the Catholic faith is bound up in Jesus’s death and resurrection.

“There is no greater way to reveal the love of God for us than becoming man to die for me, for you!” he stated.

“Our churches are to be a kind of Mount Tabor everywhere throughout the world and in every community,” the bishop said. “This is where we go when life gets rough — the difficulties of our various vocations, the providence of God at work in our lives.”

At Baptism, all believers are incorporated into the sonship

of the Son — “that special relationship that the Son of God has with the Father in the inner life of the Holy Trinity,” the bishop noted.

That initiation obligates all who are baptized to treat each other with respect and to recognize the image and likeness of God in every person.

The bishop noted that all who have a priestly vocation share in the same Baptism as the people they’re called to

serve.

“From among the baptized, the Church calls men into the ministry of the Priesthood to share in Christ’s prophetic, priestly and royal ministry, in service and in charity, in service to the revelation of God,” he stated.

He said Mr. Kliethermes has completed what is now known as the Discipleship Phase of his priestly formation.

“And now, he is about to enter a new phase, more immediate to ordination, that the Church calls the Configuration Phase of priestly formation,” he said.

As part of the Rite of Candidacy, Mr. Kliethermes stood before the bishop and stated his intention to live according to the Gospel and be strengthened in faith, hope and charity.

“By practicing these virtues, you will grow in a spirit of prayer and in zeal for winning all people for Christ,” Bishop McKnight told him.

The bishop asked God to bless Mr. Kliethermes, “so that he may persevere in his vocation, and clinging to Christ, the Priest, with sincere charity may able to take up apostolic office worthily.”

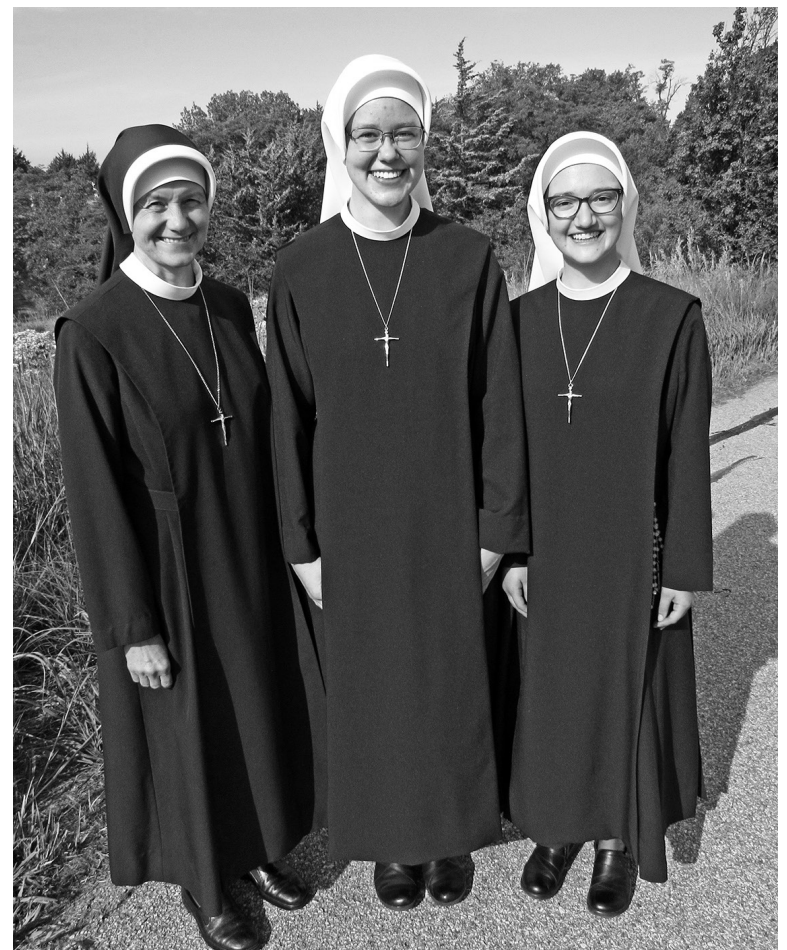
At the end of Mass, the bishop asked everyone present to “take a good look at the seminarians in the sanctuary” and to continue praying for them.

“One or more of them may serve in your parish someday in the future,” he stated.

## Sister from Laurie enters novitiate for School Sisters of Christ the King

**The School Sisters of Christ the King of Lincoln, Nebraska, welcomed two young women into the Novitiate on Aug. 5. During the Rite of Initiation ceremony, Hannah Tichy and Olivia Benz received the habit of the community, a copy of the constitutions and their new religious names, Sister Mary Kolbe and Sister Mary Vianney. Sister Mary Kolbe (right) is the daughter of Eric and Frances Tichy of St. Patrick Parish in Laurie. Sister Mary Vianney (center) is the daughter of Greg and Jane Benz of Our Lady of the Plains Parish in Byers, Colorado. The new novices are pictured with Sister Mary Fidelis (left), novice directress.**

— Photo from the School Sisters of Christ the King



# Bishop blesses, dedicates IHM Child Development Center in J.C.

**Could become a prototype for similar efforts in the diocese**

By Jay Nies

Families, friends and well-wishers formed a circle of prayer in the sunlight-saturated great room of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Development Center in Jefferson City.

"After much prayer and work by so many members of our community, we gather now to bless and dedicate this new center," said Bishop W. Shawn McKnight.

The new center was set to open the following morning, providing affordable, quality, faith-based childcare for infants and very young children

of diocesan employees and of employees of parishes and schools of the diocese.

"Here the young will learn of their Catholic faith and adults will deepen their commitment to live as Christ has taught us," Bishop McKnight proclaimed at the dedication. "We pray that the Word of God may always echo from its walls."

Every wall of the building, in fact, is adorned with some reminder of the Reign of God and the intercession of his saints.

At the dedication, Erin Vader Ed.D., diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, proclaimed a reading from the



Leann Rockwell, director of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Development Center in Jefferson City, displays an image of the Blessed Mother and her Immaculate Heart, during the blessing and dedication ceremony of the center on Aug. 6.

— Photo by Jay Nies

director, a pewter icon from Rome, depicting Mary and her Immaculate Heart.

"She is our diocesan patroness, and the center is named for her," he noted.

The bishop thanked Mrs. Rockwell and Dr. Vader for their leadership, "and all the benefactors who made this all possible."

Dr. Vader capped off a litany of gratitude by thanking Bishop McKnight, "because

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Bishop McKnight stretched out his hands and prayed:

"May all who come here know the presence of Christ, experience the joy of his friendship, and grow in his love."

He then went into every room in the building, sprinkling holy water onto the walls and fixtures.

Father Stephen Jones, chair-

man of the center's board of directors, and Dr. Vader then held ribbon across the room, and Bishop McKnight cut through it with a scissors.

"It's official now," Dr. Vader stated as the assembly cheered.

The bishop presented to LeAnn Rockwell, the center's

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# CENTER

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none of this would have been possible without him saying yes and his support.”

“None of this would be possible without all of us saying yes!” the bishop replied.

### “Ready for adventure”

Ann-Sophie McGuire and Paxten Wankum are teachers at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Center.

Ms. Wankum said she’s excited about fostering the kids love for school “and their love for our Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Ms. McGuire added: “It’s an amazing opportunity to see the little people of our community and help them learn to love Christ in such an open environment, especially through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

Ms. McGuire asked for prayers for guidance, success and “the power of the Holy Spirit to help us power through.”

“And for our hearts to be open to these children,” Ms. Wankum added.

One of the center’s primary purposes is helping to attract and retain teachers to work in Catholic schools.

Dr. Vader noted that the scarcity of childcare is a major factor in keeping many good teachers out of the classroom.

Helias Catholic High School faculty members Zachary Rockers and Elizabeth Twyman, who are both parents of very young children, approached Dr. Vader this year about possibly opening an early childhood center for the school’s employees.

The scope of the discussions turned to the need to help Catholic educators throughout the community.

When the fully furnished former Growing Hearts Montessori School became available, generous, anonymous donors stepped forward to help the diocese buy it.

Mrs. Rockwell recently noted that her goal is for the children who “graduate” from Immaculate Heart of Mary be ready to go on to pre-school programs in local grade schools — “for them to be ready for that adventure, and to know that there’s something more for them to do.”

She cited several “non-negotiables” for the Immaculate

Heart of Mary Center: “The nurturing, the love, the guidance and the safety of the program, and the growth. You want it to be a happy, safe place for the children to come to.”

### “One more benefit”

Opening Day the following morning brought smiles and a few tears, “but the parents got themselves under control very quickly,” Dr. Vader noted.

As of Aug. 14, the center had 16 children registered, with room for up to another 14, depending on the children’s ages.

She said the center currently has enough staff but might have to hire “a few more” people if more people enroll.

“We are very happy and blessed with how well this is going,” she said.

Similar to two Catholic high schools in the diocese, the center has its own board of directors led by Bishop McKnight, with bylaws for the board to follow and Dr. Vader giving oversight on the bishop’s behalf.

Fr. Jones said he’s excited for what the Immaculate Heart of Mary Center provides.

“Having a place like this center, which provides qual-

ity childcare and education at an affordable rate, within the diocesan system, is a game changer in providing some relief for our Catholic school teachers and other diocesan employees,” he said.

“It is one more benefit we can provide in return for the many benefits their ministry gives to the greater community,” he stated.

Dr. Vader said that if the Immaculate Heart of Mary Center is successful, “there may be other opportunities in the diocese for us to replicate this in the diocese.”

Call Dr. Vader at 573-635-9127, for information.



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight walks through the rooms of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Development Center, sprinkling holy water on the rooms and fixtures as well as the people who are gathered for the blessing and dedication ceremony.

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## BARING

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told stories they'd heard about how the late Father Stephen Carew, who was pastor at St. Aloysius for 34 years, rallied parishioners to build the over-size grotto in 1955.

It was part of the yearlong, worldwide observance of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's miraculous apparitions in Lourdes, France.

Fr. Carew wanted the grotto to be built like the stone walls in his native Ireland. He and a group of parishioners went to New London, Mo. to pick out weathered limestone rocks.

"They'd bring him a piece of limestone and say, 'Father, how about this one?'" Joyce Delaney recounted. "And he'd say, 'No, not that one,' and they'd take it back."

Finally, parishioners located enough suitable stones to build the grotto, which Fr. Carew dedicated on May 5, 1955.

Parishioners started gathering there for Tuesday Rosaries in 2017, the 100th-anniversary of Our Lady's miraculous apparitions in Fatima, Portugal.

Walla DeRosear said praying the Rosary with her neighbors brings her an unmatched sense of peace.

She and her husband Eric moved to Baring upon his retirement.

"My mom grew up here, and we had our son's funeral in the church here, so this is really home," Mr. DeRosear said.

Their son, Joel, was 22 when he died from a brain tumor. He is at rest in the parish cemetery, just outside of town.

"Praying the Rosary here with people helps me feel close to him," said Mrs. DeRosear. "I feel a bit of peace whenever I'm here."

### A moment's rest

Ms. Downing once heard that the last tornado to hit Baring was in the 1800s.

Finally home from work, she was resting and enjoying the rhythm of the rain on her roof when she heard two loud thumps and the sound of shattering windows.

She got up and stepped into the hall a few seconds before her bedroom window shattered, raining glass down onto her bed.

"By the grace of God, I was not asleep!" she said. "When I do fall asleep, I go into a semi-coma and I don't hear a thing. I would have been awakened by broken glass falling on me."

More thumps and more splintering glass.

"It got really quiet and then it got really loud again, and then it started raining really hard," she recalled.

She called her parents, who live a few miles out of town, and they drove in to pick her up.

The rain had become a steady torrent, and police cars, ambulances and emergency equipment were speeding by.

"There were trees and power lines down and we had to go three or four different ways just to find a route out of town," said Ms. Downing.

### "Never been locked"

Baring began as a stop along the Atchison, Topeka and Kansas Railroad, with trains carrying livestock from nearby farms to market.

The St. Louis archdiocese bought land there for a church in 1893.

The Catholic Extension Society of America helped pay for the church, which Archbishop John J. Kain of St. Louis dedicated and named in honor of St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

The church was expanded in 1922, and brick facing and stained glass windows were added in 1926.

In recent years, priests from Edina would drive to Baring to offer Sunday Masses during the summer months.

On Holy Thursday of this year, St. Aloysius was hosting a retreat for students from Truman State University when one of the lights in church quit working.

An electrician went into the attic to try to fix the light and saw major cracks in several beams and trusses.

Father Simeon Etonu, who was the pastor at that time, said the church needed to be closed and locked for everyone's safety.

"We don't have a key," Mr. Delaney told him. "It's never been locked before."

Subsequent inspections by Brad Copeland, diocesan build-



**TOP: Sunlight breaks through rain clouds over homes that were devastated by an EF-2 tornado in Baring. BOTTOM: The Baring Post Office stands in ruin following the Aug. 4 tornado. — Photos by Jay Nies**

ing and properties director, revealed that the church's walls, roof and foundation were too deteriorated to fix.

Joe Delaney saw no choice but to let the church go.

"As painful as it was, it had to happen," he said. "When they started taking it apart, you could see that there was even more damage than we knew about."

"Floor joists were rotting out," he said. "The foundation was giving way."

Katie Delaney recalled the homily Fr. Etonu gave during the last Mass he offered as pastor of Edina and Baring before being reassigned.

"Preaching on the Gospel reading, he said, 'You've got to look for the hidden treasure,'" she recalled.

"I think this was a hidden treasure," she asserted. "The church is down on our terms. People were able to get the things they needed and put

them to good use."

Joyce Delaney and Ms. Downing lauded the demolition workers for their sensitive approach. The workers were patient with parishioners and went out of their way to save the keystones above the windows and doors.

"We hope maybe we can build some kind of memorial here," Joyce stated.

### Remembering his mercy

Mr. Delaney noted that items from St. Aloysius Church are being put to use in many places.

Several statues have been moved to St. Joseph Church in Edina, St. John Church in Memphis, and the Catholic Newman Centers in Kirksville and Rolla.

Parishioners claimed the 13-foot-long wooden pews and the stained glass windows that were donated by their ancestors, while the kneelers were

given to the organization that maintains the historical former St. Mary Church in Adair.

The relief image of the Last Supper from the front of the altar will adorn the chapel in the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Edina, while other items will be used in St. Michael Church in Kahoka.

Mr. DeRosear hopes a pavilion can be built on the former church site, where local gatherings could be held and Mass could be occasionally celebrated.

Ms. Downing said she was as upset as anybody that the church had to be torn down.

"But looking back, it must have been part of God's plan," she said. "We don't always like God's plan. But maybe he saw this as the better option, for us to come to terms with losing it before it was taken away in the storm."

Mindful that the Church isn't only in church but also out in the community, "I've learned that you don't have to be in a building to be in communion with God," she said. "It happens all over the place."

She goes to Mass every Sunday and has become active in St. Joseph Parish in Edina.

"I was born and raised Catholic, and I'll be Catholic all my life until I die," she said.

One of her duties as a member of the St. Joseph Parish Stewardship Council is to make an announcement before Mass each Sunday: "Welcome to St. Joseph Church. To the members of St. Joseph, St. Aloysius and any visitors — we're happy to have you here."

She's looking forward to getting her restaurant rebuilt, and to her and her neighbors rebuilding their homes.

On behalf of all of Baring, she asked for prayers for patience "and a strong will to not give up."

She's convinced her hometown will survive the catastrophe.

So will the sons and daughters of St. Aloysius Parish, as they continue coming together for prayer while making their mark on neighboring parishes.

"God has a plan," Katie Delaney insisted. "We just have to wait and be attentive, and in his time, he will show it to us."

## FINANCES

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but to have everybody know how good those procedures are, said Benjamin Roodhouse, diocesan chancellor and director of canonical services.

"We have good finance policies in place," he stated. "We run things well. We're good stewards of people's money.

"So, what we're doing now is not just making it better but also making it obviously and undeniably so," he said. "By that, we mean both effective and transparent. We could have the best system in the world, but if it's too opaque, people won't trust us."

### Shared oversight

Mr. Roodhouse explained how the hotline for reporting suspected financial misconduct will work.

"We'll have a telephone number people can call to leave a voicemail regarding anything suspicious — finances, human resources, anything," he said.

When someone leaves a voicemail, it will immediately be sent by email to three people — one Chancery employee and two laypeople who are not employees of the diocese.

The three will confer and route the message to the correct people.

For a financial issue, it will be sent to an internal Chancery official and a member of the Diocesan Finance Council.

"Together, they will listen to the message and decide whether we need to gather more information or forward it to the full Diocesan Finance Council," said Mr. Roodhouse.

The Finance Council will review the contents of every call and make a recommendation to the bishop about whether a full investigation should be conducted.

The bishop would make the final decision on how to proceed.

Similarly, for an issue regarding human resources, the voicemail will be forwarded to one Chancery official and a lay volunteer, who will forward it to Bishop McKnight's cabinet, who will listen to it and make a recommendation to him.

Again, the bishop will have

the final say.

"In either case, there's no way that anything that gets reported can get buried or willfully ignored by one person alone," said Mr. Roodhouse.

Mr. Roodhouse said these are concrete examples of the bishop's commitment to promoting co-responsibility in the Church.

"This is an opportunity for the lay faithful to share in the oversight provided by our bishop," he said. "These are things he is responsible for. He's asking us to share in this process by ensuring that the process is fair and effective."

He emphasized that the financial and human resources hotline is distinct and separate from the phone number for reporting abuse or inappropriate conduct with a minor (573-694-3199).

Mr. Wilbers said having these safeguards in place gives everybody clearer vision.

"We're not relying on blind trust," he stated. "We're relying on what we're truly seeing and hearing."

### Open arms

Church law requires the diocese and every parish to have a finance council.

The finance council's purpose is to give the pastor solid advice, based on their professional experience and expertise, on how to safeguard and make the best use of the money people contribute to support the ministries of that parish.

The Diocesan Finance Council, made up of appointed lay professionals from throughout the diocese, serves the same purpose for the bishop.

"A key role of the finance council members is to help the faithful understand that their gifts are being put to use to serve the ministries in our diocese," said Mr. Wilbers, a member of St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardsville.

Mike Kelly, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia, is the council's newly appointed vice chair.

The council also provides guidance and oversight to the diocese's chief financial offi-

cer, a paid professional whose services are required in every diocese under Church law.

Diocesan CFO Phil W. Macias, CPA, recently succeeded Deacon Joseph Braddock, CPA, who had been CFO since 2004 and now serves as diocesan financial ombudsman.

Mr. Wilbers noted that the Diocesan Finance Council meets quarterly, providing general support and oversight, rather than day-to-day supervision of the diocese's finances.

"In simple terms, our job is to provide outside oversight for the finances of the diocese, to help ensure that the financial picture is a true and accurate representation of what's happening here," he stated.

Crucial to understanding the work of the Finance Office and the Diocesan Finance Council is the fact that every parish and Catholic entity in the diocese, rather than being self-contained, is part of the global, universal Church.

"We have a hierarchy, and we have it for a good reason," said Mr. Wilbers. "It's part of what makes us a universal Church, with ties to local Churches all over the world."

He said it's important for people to understand the essential services parishes receive from the bishop, his advisors, and the various diocesan ministries in the Chancery.

"The diocese and its ministries are truly the supporting arm for all of our parishes and our whole Church in these 38 counties," he said.

### "DOGWA"

Mr. Wilbers is the founder and president of Ascend Business Strategies in Jefferson City, and has extensive experience running businesses and advising nonprofit organizations.

He has been serving on the Diocesan Finance Council since 2014.

"Basically, I was asked to



Gary Wilbers, chair of the Diocesan Finance Council, has been a member of the council since 2014.

serve because of running a business, running financials for my own companies and knowing how to understand the financial needs and challenges people have," he stated.

Mr. Wilbers said Bishop McKnight makes good use of the expertise at his disposal among the Diocesan Finance Council's members.

"He generally wants feedback, he asks for input, he is very active in involving the council," said Mr. Wilbers. "For him, it's not just about seeing the numbers but also getting our input and insight on how money is being spent."

Mr. Wilbers said he's happy to serve the Church in this way, because God has given him a skill set and expects him to share it joyfully with other

people for the good of the whole.

He referred to a phrase from one of his books: "Finding your purpose is a gift from God. Sharing your purpose is your gift to God."

"The more we all share what God has given us, the better job we'll all do of leading people to him," he added.

He mentioned a bracelet he wears containing the word "DOGWA" an abbreviation for, "Doing Only God's Will Always."

"That's the important thing to keep in mind at all times," he said. "The problem is, we're human, so it's too

easy to want to do OUR will always!"

He said the key to submitting to God's will is to make time every day to spend with God in prayer and reflection.

"We need to find that time each day to center ourselves," he said. "It could be prayer, just thinking, just talking to the Lord."

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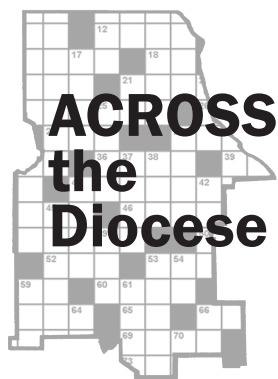
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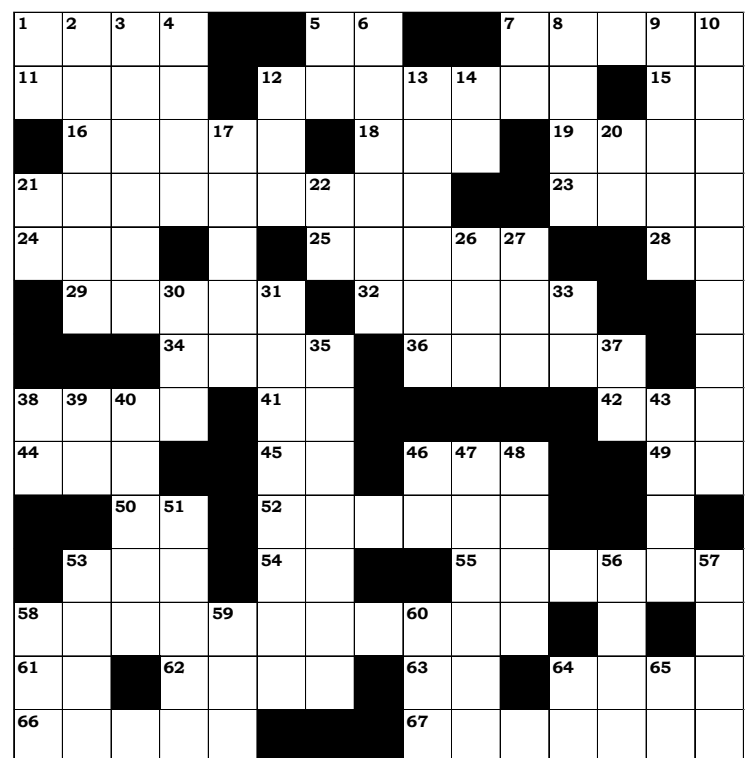
### ACROSS

1. One of the two military bases in Mo. is Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB). It is on the \_\_\_\_ of our diocese, 20 miles west of Sedalia, Mo.
5. Related to St. or Hwy.
7. "...for god loves a cheerful \_\_\_\_," (2 Corinthians 9:7).
11. "In his hand he \_\_\_\_ a small scroll that had been opened," (Revelations 10:2).
12. "Who gives one man speech and makes another \_\_\_\_ dumb?" —Exodus 4:11 (2 wds.).
15. Prefix for form and ride.
16. The store's power went out and shoplifters were having a \_\_\_\_ day!
18. The Cardinals and Royals both belong to this group.
19. "It is in the interest of the \_\_\_\_ spirit to make himself unknown," —Pope St. John Paul II, Papal Audience, August 1996.
21. Ash \_\_\_\_.
23. "In 1854, Papal Nuncio to the U.S. Cardinal Bedini, upon his departure for Italy, had to be smuggled aboard a ship in NY Harbor to escape an \_\_\_\_-Catholic mob," —*Battle Cry of Freedom*, James McPherson.
24. Dir. from Moberly to Palmyra.
25. "I have come to believe that death won't be that hard. \_\_\_\_ is the real test," —"Til the End of My Days," *The Catholic Mis-*
28. The most popular shows on \_\_\_\_TV are: Love It or List It; Fixer to Fabulous; Flip or Flop.
29. In the old TV series "Rawhide," the cattle \_\_\_\_ was always headed up the Sedalia Trail.
32. In 1955, Sedalia AFB was renamed for George Whiteman, an Army Air Corps pilot who was killed during the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor as he was trying to take off from Bellows Air Field to meet the \_\_\_\_\_. He was a native of Sedalia.
34. Pup, a-frame, pyramid.
36. The animated walking, talking \_\_\_\_ in the Geico insurance commercials speaks with a cockney accent, in case you were wondering.
38. "Woe to him who puts his \_\_\_\_ where it doesn't belong, for he shall see stars," Simon Peter in *My Perfect Wife, Her Perfect Son*, Joe Benevento.
41. Informal "thank you" in Britain.
42. Letters for Missouri State University, in Springfield, Mo.; 22,500 students; mascot: Bear.
44. A member of a colony.
45. Reading or B&O in Monopoly.
46. Anger.
49. Bone.
50. Prefix for chew or cape.
52. In 1986, Pres. Reagan and Sec. Gorbachev \_\_\_\_ to a reduction of nuclear missiles. The drawdown saw the phase-out of the missiles from Whiteman.
53. According to the CDC, letters for Heat Related Illness.
54. Cornhusker state (abbr.).
55. "I can't spare this man — he \_\_\_\_," —Abraham Lincoln, fending off demands for the removal of Ulysses S. Grant.

58. This state is the site of the Mark Twain home & museum where he lived for two decades and where he wrote *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
61. Abbr. for room.
62. Burl \_\_\_\_; 1909-1995; American folk singer, actor, and musician whose career spanned more than six decades. His guitar & banjo music covered folk, blues, pop & country.
63. Bachelor of science degree.
64. Very dry.
66. Paris's river.
67. The B-2 stealth bombers saw \_\_\_\_ in Serbia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya, capable of projecting American air power anywhere around the world. 21 stealth bombers were produced. 20 remain operational, all at Whiteman AFB.

### DOWN

1. "\_\_\_\_, what's up, doc?" Said Bugs to Elmer.
2. "Oh, Adam's sons, how cleverly you \_\_\_\_ yourselves against all that might do you good!" —*The Magician's Nephew*, C.S. Lewis.
3. Whiteman AFB started in WWII as a training base for \_\_\_\_ pilots and was known as Sedalia Army Air Field. The base became inactive in 1947.
4. "Just government has a claim to our obedience. Not an easy truth, because as \_\_\_\_ showed, obedience is not an easy virtue," —2010 speech to St. Thomas More Society; supreme court judge Antonin Scalia.
5. Prefix for view or port.
6. At the 40-year relicensing (2007) of Bagnell Dam by Ameren, the company agreed to reduce \_\_\_\_ to the Osage River's banks below the dam, prevent fish-kills due to the turbines, to replenish fisheries and improve the habitat for plants, animals, fish, etc. that are part of the Osage's normal, healthy ecosystem.
7. Abbr. for the book of Genesis.
8. I have no \_\_\_\_ why they said that about me!
9. Archie bunker's spouse.
10. A brother or sister in the



Catholic Church is almost always a member of a \_\_\_\_ order.

12. Letters after a dentist's name.
13. In 1951, the Sedalia Army Air Field was resurrected as the Sedalia Air Force Base for the USAF's 340th Bomber Wing, \_\_\_\_ stratojets and stratofreighters.
14. Stomach muscle.
17. Part of AWOL.
20. Letters for the internet country code for Vietnam.
21. "Far from justifying complaints about our time, (past ages) teach us how much \_\_\_\_ have to be thankful for," —from a sermon by St. Augustine.
22. The district attorney (\_\_\_\_), or prosecutor, plays a critical role in our criminal justice system.
26. Word referring to birth name.
27. Major American automobile company.
30. "\_\_\_\_ *missa est*"; "go forth, you are sent," —last words in a Latin Mass.
31. "Who will roll back the stone for us from the \_\_\_\_ to the tomb?" (Mark 16:3).
33. In text, letters for you know.
35. In 1963, Whiteman AFB transitioned from a bomber base to a missile base, housing the underground ICBM Minuteman I and later Minuteman II missile systems, with the capacity to hit \_\_\_\_ 6,300 miles away. Massive construction was necessary for the
37. Meditation mantra, esp. for Buddhists.
38. Letters for sodium.
39. "What happened \_\_\_\_ Earth, when Meledil (god) was born a man at Bethlehem, had altered the universe forever," —*Peregrandra*, C.S. Lewis.
40. The back of a boat or ship.
43. There is only one \_\_\_\_ of discipline, perfect discipline," —George S. Patton.
46. Abbr. for in other words.
47. "How long will they \_\_\_\_ to believe in me, despite all the signs I have performed among them?" (Numbers 14:11)
48. His rambling sermon needed someone to \_\_\_\_ it.
51. "When you \_\_\_\_ this way against your brothers..." —1 Corinthians 8:12 (2 wds.).
53. In 1987, Whiteman became the \_\_\_\_ for the new B-2 Stealth Bomber, the AF's premier conventional and nuclear weapons system, the world's only such system.
56. Mata \_\_\_\_; exotic Dutch dancer who was a notorious WWII German spy.
57. "Though a thousand fall at your \_\_\_\_..." (Psalms 91:7).
58. Letters for Catholic Relief Services.
59. First lady.
60. One of the major TV channels.
64. Short for audio/video.
65. Short for the parishes in Brookfield and St. James.

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## CELEBRATION

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of Jefferson City; Archbishop George J. Lucas of Omaha, Nebraska; Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas; Archbishop Emeritus Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis; Bishop James V. Johnston of Kansas City-St. Joseph; and Bishop Emeritus John J. Leibrecht of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, along with priests of the Jefferson City diocese and the St. Louis archdiocese.

### “New home”

Bishop McKnight, who succeeded Bishop Gaydos upon his retirement in 2018, welcomed Bishop Gaydos’s family and friends, fellow bishops and archbishops, the many clergy and religious, and all the faithful.

He called to mind part of Bishop Gaydos’s June 25, 1997, statement at the press conference announcing his appointment to lead the Jefferson City diocese:

“The close relationship between the Archdiocese of St. Louis, which has nurtured me from my birth, and the Diocese of Jefferson City is more than a mere concept or nice thought. ... In a very real sense, I am moving from ‘Home’ to ‘Home.’”

Central and northeastern Missouri’s third bishop’s official motto would be, “With a Shepherd’s Care.”

Bishop McKnight pointed to several great milestones his predecessor helped bring about during his two-decade tenure:

- The building of the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center, “a beautiful chancery office with plenty of parking and windows”;

- the establishment of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri “as the charitable right arm of the bishop of Jefferson City”; and

- the opening of Father Tolton Regional Catholic High School.

Bishop McKnight also noted that Bishop Gaydos dedicated four churches, ordained 21 priests and 63 deacons, and met with three popes during his various *ad limina* visits as a bishop.

Bishop McKnight pointed out that Bishop Gaydos is “the

first and only bishop to come to us with a Roman seminary education,” and that he has a demonstrated devotion to the spirit of fraternity among his fellow bishops.

“I am also grateful for Bishop Gaydos’s stories, his jovial spirit, and the fact that he is the best bishop-cook the diocese has ever had,” Bishop McKnight added.

“Thank you, Bishop Gaydos, for making the Diocese of Jefferson City your new home,” he said. “Congratulations! And may God continue to bless your ministry as our bishop emeritus.”

### “One who serves”

At age 13, Bishop Rice became one of the first people to welcome Bishop Gaydos to St. Cecilia Parish in St. Louis when the latter was assigned there as a young priest.

The parish reminded Bishop Gaydos of St. Agnes, the tight neighborhood parish he had grown up in a few miles away.

Memories of those days re-emerged in 2012 when Bishop Gaydos, Bishop Rice and fellow prelates of this four-state region made their “*ad limina*”

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visit to Pope Benedict XVI and the various offices and dicasteries in the Vatican.

“Pope Benedict was running a little late,” Bishop Rice recalled, “and so we bishops were mulling around waiting to be received, and I was looking out the window over St. Peter’s square, taking it all in, thinking to myself, ‘How in the world did I get here?’”

“And Bishop Gaydos came up to me and said, ‘Not bad for two kids from South St. Louis!’”

Bishop Rice spoke of Bishop Gaydos in the context of a statement in Pope St. Paul VI’s decree on bishops, given at the conclusion of the Second

Vatican Council: “A father and pastor, the bishop stands in the midst of his people as one who serves.”

“And that is the key to our celebration today!” the homilist declared. “Bishop Gaydos, you have stood in the midst of your people ‘as one who serves.’”

Bishop Rice noted that prior to being appointed to lead the Jefferson City diocese, Bishop Gaydos served diligently in the St. Louis archdiocese as a teacher, associate pastor, secretary to the archbishop, diocesan master of ceremonies, vicar general and pastor.

“As a priest, with every assignment, you were in the midst of the people ‘as one who serves,’” he stated.

### “Behold your mother”

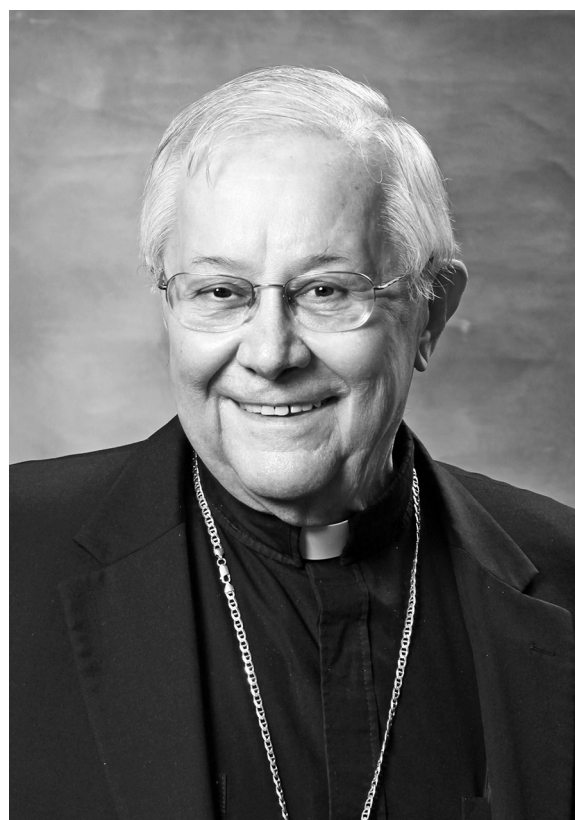
Taking on a new role as shepherd of the geographically vast Jefferson City diocese, Bishop Gaydos set about governing, teaching and ministering to the people under his care while also serving on various committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“It’s not that he didn’t have any work to do in his own diocese!” Bishop Rice acknowledged. “But each one of us as bishops must also have a concern for the larger Church, and he did that well.”

Bishop Rice applauded Bishop Gaydos’s decision to offer the Votive Mass for Mary, Mother of the Church, in the context of his anniversary.

“We recognize that with the loving help of Our Lady, the Church bears fruit day by day,” said Bishop Rice. “When all is said and done, that is what we celebrate today: a man, a priest and bishop, who ‘stood in the midst of his people as one who served,’ all under the mantle of Mary, Mother of the Church.”

“Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of the Clergy, has been with you every step of the way,” he said.



**Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos**

“Like Our Lady, you offered your own ‘*fiat*,’ saying yes to the will of God and as bishop you accepted the call to serve the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City.

“Like Our Lady,” Bishop Rice continued, “you made haste throughout your diocese to bring the Good News of the Savior, committed to that work for 25 years.

“And, like Our Lady, there were times I’m sure, moments unknown to any of us, times when the burdens of the office brought you to the foot of the cross because you had nowhere else to turn,” he said. “And there, shouldering the burdens, the worries of the shepherd for his sheep, you were strengthened and encouraged by those beautiful words ‘Behold your mother.’”

### “Something beautiful”

In a 2018 interview, Bishop Gaydos said there’d never been a day in the past half-century that he didn’t want to be a priest.

“Not every day has been easy, but every day, I am graced,” he said.

He emphasized repeatedly that his vocation is not his doing: “It’s the work of God, and God is calling all of us from beyond ourselves.”

He said it was a great honor

to be sent to serve “as shepherd of not just ‘a’ diocese, but this diocese.”

“You get up every day and can’t believe you’re doing this — being able to walk with some of the most wonderful people in the world,” he said.

“God knows we’re not perfect,” he continued. “But together, we are doing something beautiful. And it’s all God’s grace that’s doing this.”

He recognizes that God is always leading His people, even in times of difficulty.

“God’s creation is an awesome, wonderful thing!” he said. “Look around:

Whatever is beautiful that we experience in this life, whatever is TRUE, whatever is GOOD — that’s God’s creation! It’s what God is calling us to respond to and embrace and share and develop.

“As members of Christ’s Body, the Church, we have that call — each one of us, no matter what our vocation is, we have that great call to embrace that great adventure.”

### Steward and guardian

In lieu of gifts, people were encouraged to make contributions to Catholic Charities of Northern Missouri (*ccnmo.org*) in Bishop Gaydos’s honor.

Bishop Rice pointed out that his fellow bishop’s 25th anniversary Mass was originally scheduled for Aug. 15, 2022, but had to be postponed for health reasons.

“It’s good that we’re here!” Bishop Rice proclaimed. “... Twenty-five years of service, attending to the things that pertain to God, preaching the word, in season and out of season — you have been a faithful steward, a guardian of the mysteries of Christ.

You have fulfilled the hope of Holy Mother Church, that you be ‘a father and pastor, standing in the midst of your people as one who serves,’” he said.

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## Fundraisers & Social Events

**Aug. 20**

**Moberly**, St. Pius X Parish picnic, noon-6 pm; **St. Thomas**, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish picnic, 11 am-7 pm

**Aug. 26**

**Westphalia**, Lions Club tractor pull, 3 pm-midnight

**Sep. 1-2**

**Camdenton**, St. Anthony Parish garage sale, Fri 8 am-4 pm, Sat 8 am-2 pm

**Sep. 3**

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

**Sep. 10**

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

**Sep. 16**

**Jefferson City**, K of C Council #1054 Annual Bob Jones Golf Tournament, 9 am-3 pm, Oak

Hills Golf Course, for info or to register call 573-680-9495 or 573-690-1838

**Sep. 17**

**Marshall**, St. Peter Parish "Harvest Festival," 11 am-4 pm

**Sep. 23**

**Jefferson City**, Redemption Inside the Walls concert, featuring Christian & Gospel vocalist Natalie Grant, 5-10 pm, Jaycees Fairgrounds, for info or to register visit [redemptioninsidethewalls.com](http://redemptioninsidethewalls.com)

**Sep. 24**

**Adair**, St. Mary Church annual reunion, Mass at 1:30 with light refreshments following; **Fulton**, St. Peter Parish fall festival, 11 am-6 pm

**Sep. 28**

**Jefferson City**, Helias Catholic High School homecoming parade, 6:30 pm

## Meetings/ Workshops

**Sep. 9**

**Linn**, Parish Engagement and Charity Event, sponsored by

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, 1:30-4:30 pm, St. George Church, for info or to register call 573-635-7719; **Columbia**, "How do YOU...?" panel discussion on music & liturgy, sponsored by the Jefferson City diocesan chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, 9:30-11:30 am, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish's Flanagan Hall, for info or to register, email [jeffersoncitymo@npm.org](mailto:jeffersoncitymo@npm.org)

**Sep. 16**

**Lake Ozark**, Parish Engagement and Charity Event, sponsored by Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, 8:30-11:30 am, Our Lady of the Lake Church, for info or to register call 573-635-7719

**Sep. 23**

**Columbia**, Pre-Cana Conference for engaged couples, 9 am-4:30 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center, for info or to register visit [diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration](http://diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration); **Kirkville**, Parish Engagement and Charity Event, sponsored by Catholic Charities of Central and

Northern Missouri, 9 am-noon, Mary Immaculate Church, for info or to register call 573-635-7719

**Sep. 30**

**Rolla**, Parish Engagement and Charity Event, sponsored by Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, 8:30-11:30 am, St. Patrick Church, for info or to register call 573-635-7719

## Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

**agosto 20**

**Sedalia**, Retiro Parroquial: Buena Administración, 9 am-5 pm, San Patricio, para más información contacte a Diácono Enrique Castro al 573-680-3650 en su celular o en WhatsApp o por correo electrónico a [ecastro@diojeffcity.org](mailto:ecastro@diojeffcity.org)

**agosto 25-27**

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**agosto 26**

**Columbia**, Retiro Parroquial: Buena Administración, 9 am-3 pm, Sagrado Corazón, para más información contacte a Diácono Enrique Castro al 573-680-3650 en su celular o en WhatsApp o por correo electrónico a [ecastro@diojeffcity.org](mailto:ecastro@diojeffcity.org)

**septiembre 8**

**Varios lugares**, Asambleas de Jóvenes, 7-9 pm, para más información contacte a Ilsi Palacios al 316-530-1004 o por correo electrónico a [ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com](mailto:ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com)

**septiembre 16**

**Columbia**, Planificación Familiar Natural - Familia de las Américas, 9 am-noon, Parroquia Sagrado Corazón, para información sobre instructores y clases contacte a Diácono Enrique o Crithia Castro al 573-680-3650 o por correo electrónico a [ecastro@diojeffcity.org](mailto:ecastro@diojeffcity.org)

**septiembre 24**

**Sedalia**, Picnic de Colores, capilla de San Patricio, 1-3 pm, para más información o registrarse contacte a María Gomez al 660-620-3405 o Raul Lopez al 660-287-8920

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

**Sep. 23**

**Columbia**, Pre-Cana Conference for engaged couples, 8:45 am-4:30 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center, for info or to register visit [diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration](http://diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration)

## Liturgical

**Aug. 26**

**Cedron**, Mass at Assumption Church, 4 pm

**Sep. 10**

**Starkenburg**, Annual Fall Pilgrimage with Rosary procession, traditional German dinner, Reconciliation, Benediction and Mass, 10 am-3 pm, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, for info visit [risensavior.diojeffcity.org](http://risensavior.diojeffcity.org)

**Sep. 12**

**Starkenburg**, Second Tuesday Mass, 11 am-2 pm, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, for info visit [risensavior.diojeffcity.org](http://risensavior.diojeffcity.org)

**Sep. 24**

**Adair**, St. Mary Church annual reunion, Mass at 1:30 with light refreshments following

## Youth & Young Adults

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**Third Sundays each month**

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

**Nov. 16-19**

**Indianapolis, In.**, National Catholic Youth Conference, for info or to register visit [diojeffcity.org/national-catholic-youth-conference](http://diojeffcity.org/national-catholic-youth-conference)

## WYD

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that regulates life inside the Church."

"This does not mean that (the Church) is closed. Each person encounters God by their own way, inside the Church, and the Church is mother and guides each one by their own path," he responded.

At 86 years old, Pope Francis showed no sign of slowing down for the 42nd international trip of his pontificate, which he jokingly told journalists on the flight to Lisbon will "make me young again."

The pope's packed agenda had three to four official events per day, and he added private meetings with several groups and individuals at the Vatican nunciature in Lisbon where he was staying. Among them was a group of abuse survivors who met with the pope for over an hour Aug. 2, during which they "dialogued about this plague" of abuse, the pope said.

The pope celebrated Mass with 1.5 million young people sprawled across Lisbon's riverside Tejo Park Aug. 6 and told them not to be afraid of pursuing their great dreams to change the world.

In addition to listening the testimonies of young people and fielding questions from some of them during public events, Pope Francis had a chance for more direct interactions with several young people during the trip. He heard the confessions of three pilgrims and ate lunch with a group of 10 young people Aug. 4.

The pope later shared that he spoke to one young man who had previously considered

taking his own life and said youth suicide is a problem today, noting the challenge is especially prevalent in places where universities and the job market are very demanding.

After the closing Mass, the pope announced that Seoul, South Korea, would be the location for the next World Youth Day in 2027, drawing great applause from the South Korean delegations scattered throughout the crowd.

The previous morning, Pope Francis visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima, where he again put aside his prepared remarks and spoke off the cuff, focusing on Mary and skipping over an expected prayer for peace in the world.

He later said that "I prayed to Our Lady, and I prayed for peace" before a statue of Our Lady of Fátima, but "I did not advertise."

In the shrine's Chapel of the Apparitions, marking the exact spot where the three Portuguese children claimed to see Mary in 1917, he said the open-air chapel "is like a beautiful image of the Church, welcoming, without doors, so that all can enter."

During the Aug. 6 press conference, Pope Francis also brushed off concerns about eyesight issues that arose after he joked that his glasses "aren't working" at one of his events and continued to largely improvise his remarks for the rest of his trip. And he said his health and recovery from abdominal surgery in June is "going well."

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Donnie & Shanda Schwartz, 50 years

**Canton, St. Joseph**  
Meloy & Theresa Stahl, 68 years

**Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Rob & Rosemary Christensen, 50 years

**Hannibal, Holy Family**  
Spike & Theresa Ehrhardt, 60 years  
Tony & Gail Terrill, 50 years  
Ernie & Judy Kaylor, 45 years  
Jim & Colleen Closser, 40 years  
Denny & Chris Nichols, 25 years  
Adam & Ashley Orscheln, 10 years

**Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception**  
Daniel & Betty Fast, 50 years

**Marshall, St. Peter**  
Charles & Raeann Suppes, 60 years

**Wien, St. Mary of the Angels**  
Joe & Rhonda Weimer, 45 years

## Baptisms

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Wyatt Bryan Bennett**, son of Allen & Megan Bennett

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Jeff Sawyer Clark**, son of Kevin & Kristin Clark

## Marriages

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Maggie Wieberg & Jacob Rush**

# Martyred family's beatification prompts reflection, prayer

OSV News

Washington, D.C.

When the Ulma family is beatified Sept. 10 as martyrs who gave their lives to protect Jews during the Holocaust, it may be the first time the Catholic Church has beatified an entire, specific family together, as well as the first beatification of an unborn child.

Because of those circumstances, the Polish bishops have described this beatification as an “unprecedented” event, which experts say, has both pastoral and theological implications.

In 1944, after discovering the eight Jewish people the Ulmas were hiding on their farm near Markowa, Poland, Nazi police executed them, followed by

## Birthdays

**Monsignor Donald W. Lammers PA**, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese, his 90th birthday on July 28

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Helen Sellmeyer**, her 94th on Aug. 19; **Isabel Stoecklein**, her 90th on Aug. 19

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception — **Margaret Kliethermes**, her 97th on Aug. 15

St. James, Immaculate Conception — **Cletus Drone**, his 100th on Aug. 29

## Deaths

**Edward L. Fields**, 72 — brother of Father Robert Fields, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Kahoka and Shrine of St. Patrick Parish in St. Patrick — on Aug. 12. The Mass of Christian Burial was to be celebrated on Aug. 18, in St. Frances Cabrini Church with burial in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Paris. Eddie was also survived by siblings Jerry of Killeen, Tx., Ronnie of Paris, Mo., and Mary Grace and Gloria of Eldon.

Chamois, Most Pure Heart of Mary — **Leonard Keilholz**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Elaine Luebbert; Willemina Trchsel**

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows — **Bernard Koetting**

Rhineland, Church of the Risen Savior — **Grace Fehlings**

Taos, St. Francis Xavier — **Jerome Luebbert**

44-year-old Józef and 32-year-old Wiktoria, who was advanced in her pregnancy, and their six other children.

According to Vatican News, “The children shared in the operative faith of their parents, while the unborn child in Wiktoria’s womb received a baptism of blood.”

Thomas Grenchik, executive director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said having a family of saints — including an unborn child — to intercede for the Church will likely appeal to Catholics whose intentions involve family life, including parents who

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# ANNIVERSARY

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God’s glory and create a sense of belonging.

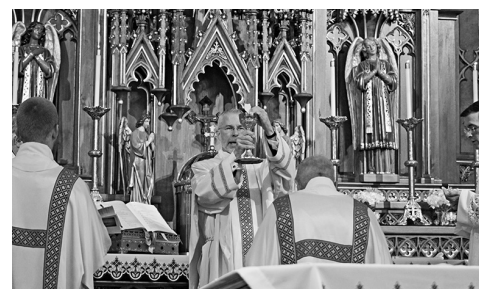
“They set out to let everybody know, ‘We’re capable of building things around beautiful ideas,’ he said. “And also, along with that, ‘We’re here, baby! And we’re not goin’ anywhere!’”

The author spoke of how centuries-old techniques of art, stonework, carpentry and stained glass design evolved and grew out of a need to be drawn into a prayerful state of mind and heart.

“We laughingly talk about ‘bells and smells,’” he said. “But there really is something to that — where it appeals to us as living, human beings, occupying and going places where you feel holiness, where you feel spiritual.”

He marveled at the abundance of Catholic culture and architecture within driving distance of the Capital City.

“I tell people all the time, ‘Go to Jefferson City, stay in Jefferson City, and plan around this book an itinerary, and see six or seven different churches,’” he said.



**Father Jeremy Secrist elevates the Most Blessed Sacrament during Mass on the 140th anniversary of the dedication of the Proto-Cathedral of St. Peter in Jefferson City.**

— Photo by Jay Nies

## DODDS

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stories to make his point while teaching.

So ... how 'bout that? To be grandparent-like is to be Christlike. And to be Christlike is to be one jim-dandy grandparent.

Come to think of it, your baked cinnamon rolls or gingersnap cookies, barbecued burgers, grilled Oscar Mayer wieners or some other family favorites, are not unlike Jesus having the coals ready on the beach for cooking the fish the disciples had just caught (Jn. 21:9-19).

Then, too, since his resurrection, “the living bread that came down from heaven” (Jn. 6:51), continues to feed us, to offer us himself under the appearances of bread and wine.

Yes, there may have been times you might have preferred he had said, “I am the warm chocolate chip cookie that has ...” — not to blaspheme here — but think about it: God saved that role (no, not “roll”) for you and your grandchild. You, the grill-master/cookie-queen, chosen by heaven to make that youngster or youngsters such divine-ish treats.

### Passing down the Faith

Again, our dear God, is always infinite steps ahead of us.

For instance, the “Lord of the Long View,” having your parent or grandparent patiently help you learn about cupcakes or sub sandwiches. About this or that or another skill, as you went on to do with your children. And can now do with your grandchildren. God willing, they may end up teaching those same how-tos to their kids or grandkids.

Beyond food, there was, is and lat-

er may be: Playing patty cake. Hosting a “tea party.” Drawing a stickman, woman or dog. Playing Crazy Eights. Whistling. Folding and flying a paper airplane. Knitting and/or spitting.

It may come to be said one of the finest legacies passed down from generation to generation in your family is how to make the world’s best snickerdoodles.

Which, thank you, God, can also be a conduit for passing down the Faith.

So much can be said, shared and shown while rolling that dough in sugar and cinnamon. It’s not multiplying the loaves and the fishes, but it is love — love, so necessary to even imagine a God who is love.

Small wonder it’s easier to believe in a Heavenly Father after being so close to an earthly grandma or grandpa.

*Bill Dodds writes from Washington.*

## Crossword puzzle answers

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## Keeping their eye on the ball in Palmyra



Young members and friends of St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra play outside as this year's Totus Tuus Catholic summer experience gets under way at their parish. Participants enjoyed skits, learned about the Mysteries of the Rosary, took in Bible lessons and enjoyed delicious food, music and fellowship facilitated by Totus Tuus missionaries the week of July 23. "Totus Tuus" is Latin for "Totally Yours" and was the papal motto of Pope St. John Paul (+1978-2005).

— Photo from the St. Joseph Catholic Church - Palmyra, MO Facebook page

## A good time lined up in Boonville



Young members and friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Boonville begin their first evening "Totus Tuus" program July 23 with ice-breakers and games and a witness given by one of the Totus Tuus missionaries who served in the diocese this summer. The time flew by and concluded with Night Prayer in church.

— Photo from the SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church - Boonville, MO Facebook page

## Taking over the pantry



**RIGHT:** Forty-five members of the Marching Crusaders of Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City "take over" the Catholic Charities Food Pantry on July 31. This is the first Helias Catholic team to kick off the 2023-24 school year volunteering as a group. Together, they sorted canned goods from local food drives and portioned items so the



pantry shelves can be kept stocked for neighbors to shop. Their combined efforts added up to over 33 hours of volunteered time for their neighbors in need.

— Photos from the Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri Facebook page

## Bible Accent

What is “the sign of Jonah” of which Jesus spoke?

The New American Bible’s introduction to the Book of Jonah offers two interpretations.

The first has to do with Jonah running away when God called him to preach against the wicked city of Nineveh.

Jonah tried to flee by ship, but God caused a massive storm. The superstitious sailors believed Jonah was the cause of their troubles and threw him overboard. God then sent a great fish to swallow Jonah, who remained in the belly of the fish three days and nights.

“His experience of three days and nights in the fish is a ‘type’ of the experience of the Son of Man,” the NAB noted, referring to Jesus’ resurrection three days after his crucifixion and death.

The second interpretation, the NAB said, has to do with comparing how the Ninevites reacted to Jonah’s preaching vs. how people of Jesus’ generation reacted to his preaching.

When Jonah preached to the Ninevites, they immediately repented of their sins. However, the people of Jesus’ generation failed to obey his preaching, even though he is greater than Jonah, the NAB pointed out.

## St. Guy of Anderlicht

In the late 10th century, St. Guy of Anderlicht was born into a poor, rural family near Brussels, Belgium. Despite being poor and at one time homeless, he had great faith and shared what little he had with others in need. His devout life impressed a parish priest who made St. Guy a church sacristan. St. Guy hoped to raise money for the poor by investing in a business scheme that ultimately failed. To repent for his unwise decision, he made a seven-year pilgrimage to Rome and Jerusalem on foot. Exhausted and sick from the journey, St. Guy returned to Anderlicht, Belgium, where he died in 1012. We remember him on Sept. 12.



## Jesus asks the apostles if they know who he is

By Jennifer Ficaglia  
Catholic Courier

One day, the Pharisees and Sadducees wanted to test Jesus. They came to him and asked that he show them a sign from heaven.

“An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah,” Jesus replied, and he left them and went away.

Jesus and the apostles then went across the sea, where he gave his friends a warning: “Look out, and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees,” he cautioned.

At first, the apostles thought Jesus was talking about bread, because they had forgotten to bring some.

“Do you not yet understand, and do you not remember the five loaves for the 5,000, and how many wicker baskets you took up? Or the seven loaves for the 4,000, and how many baskets you took up?” Jesus asked. “How do you not comprehend that I was not speaking to you about bread?”

Jesus looked at his friends.

“Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees,” he repeated.

Then the apostles understood that Jesus was not talking about bread but was warning them to be wary of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Jesus and the apostles then traveled to the region of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked them a question.

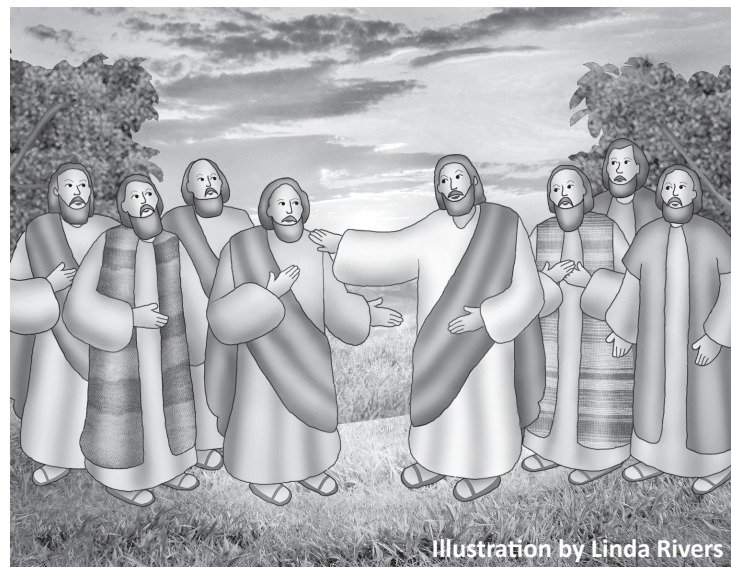


Illustration by Linda Rivers

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” he asked

“Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets,” they answered.

“But who do you say that I am?” Jesus wanted to know.

Simon Peter looked at Jesus. “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,” he answered.

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah,” Jesus replied. “For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.”

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I

will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it,” Jesus continued. “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Then Jesus strictly ordered the apostles to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Read more about it...  
Matthew 16

1. What question did Jesus ask the apostles?
2. Which apostle gave Jesus the correct answer?



**In Matthew 16, what did Jesus predict about himself?**  
(Hint: verse 21)

Answer: He would be killed and raised



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## Puzzle

Using the hints provided, fill in the blanks in the sentences about bread.

1. Give us today our \_\_\_\_\_ bread. (Matthew 6:11)
2. I am the bread of \_\_\_\_\_. (John 6:35)
3. If you are the Son of God, command this \_\_\_\_\_ to become bread. (Luke 4:3)
4. He went into the house of God and ate the bread of \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 12:4)

Answers: 1. daily; 2. life; 3. stone; 4. offering.

## Producer brings pint-sized faith lessons to kids in YouTube 'Juice Box' series

OSV News

Chicago

A Chicago film studio is blending faith with fun in a series of pint-sized catechetical videos just for kids.

Spirit Juice Studios recently received a 2023 Gabriel Award from the Catholic Media Association for its short feature "How to Pray," an episode in the company's new "Juice Box" series, available on YouTube.

Launched in November 2022, Juice Box "helps pass the faith on" to young children, especially those in the "age 3 to 6 group."

Spirit Juice president and CEO Rob Kaczmark told OSV News.

The free content is funded through donations to the studio's nonprofit Spirit Juice Entertainment Group and by Patreon supporters, who also can access additional Juice Box material.

Among the popular Juice Box episodes are "Questions for a Priest," "Lego Confessional," "Who Is Mary?" and "Let's Play Mass."

The series' combination of live action, animation, bright colors, song and dance — featuring both grown-up actors and kids — packs robust spiritual nutrition that goes down smoothly.

Kaczmark said he draws on his experiences as both a catechist and a parent when crafting the videos, using a light touch while remaining focused on imparting Church teaching.

"If (kids are) laughing, they're learning," he said, stressing as well the need to "stick with a theme" and avoid presentations that are "dry and boring."

The videos treat the central tenets of the Catholic faith, particularly Christ's suffering and death, in an age-appropriate manner that makes them accessible to very young children, said Kaczmark.

"Being part of a kid's childhood is really special; a unique privilege and opportunity," he said, adding that whether the project is "big or small, at the end of the day, this is a mission of the Church."

## Sister Josephine Garrett shares 'hope stories' of Black Catholics in podcast meant to inspire

OSV News

Huntington, Indiana

A podcast production by Catholic publishing company OSV (the parent company of OSV News) with a nationally-recognized religious sister is featuring "Hope Stories with Black Catholics" this summer.

"A hope story is a time in someone's life when he or she was called to hope in a deep way," Sister Josephine Garrett, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, told OSV News of the ongoing series.

"Hope (especially hope that is deep and profound and connected to the deepest desires of

our hearts) takes courage, and as we wait for what is longed for, we can experience grief, loss, joy, fear, expectancy — all sorts of feelings."





She added that "in each episode the guests share times in their life when they were brought to the thresholds of hope." In total, the podcast will consist of 15 episodes lasting around 30 minutes each while highlighting the stories of 17 U.S. Black Catholics from all walks of life.

One guest, Father Robert Boxie, chaplain at Howard University and priest-in-residence at Immaculate Conception Catho-

lic Parish in Washington, D.C. told OSV News he "absolutely enjoyed" being a part of the podcast, and his prayer is "that listeners will be inspired by the stories of Black Catholics, appreciate the unique witness that we bring to the Catholic Church."

Listeners can already tune in to the first several episodes of the production from OSV podcasts on a variety of platforms, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Overcast, Amazon Music, Castro, Castbox and Goodpods.

## Movie Ratings

 Adults and Adolescents	Barbie (PG-13) Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG)
 Adults	Gran Turismo (PG-13) Haunted Mansion (PG-13) Insidious: The Red Door (PG-13) Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) The Miracle Club (PG-13) Oppenheimer (R)
 Limited Adult Audience	The Last Voyage of the Demeter (R) Talk to Me (R)
 Morally Offensive	Joy Ride (R)

Ratings are supplied by OSV News Service.

## New book unlocks the significance of the Real Presence

Every year, it seems there's a new survey telling us that Mass attendance is down and that even Catholics in the pews are losing their belief in the holy Eucharist. With bishops and pastors mobilizing to meet this crisis with a revival of Eucharistic catechesis and a national congress in 2024, Catholic Answers Press has joined the effort with an important new book: *The Eucharist Is Really Jesus*.

Author and apologist Joe Heschmeyer (*Pope Peter, The Early Church Was the Catholic Church*) first tackles eucharistic disbelief with a clear and concise defense of the Real Presence.

Heschmeyer shows how this

teaching, rooted in Christ's own scriptural promises, is where the evidence leads us — not to sentimental or "spiritual" notions of a merely symbolic presence, but to the plain confession that it is *really Him*.

With that foundation laid, Heschmeyer then shows how Catholics shouldn't just stop at belief in the Eucharist — we must come to see the *entirety of our Christian faith, life, and worship* through its lens.

Today, as on the road to Emmaus, the key to seeing Jesus is found in the breaking of the bread.

"There are many excellent works of eucharistic apologetics out there, showing how the Real Presence is biblical and credible" said Todd Aglialoro, director of publishing for Catholic Answers Press. "But *The Eucharist Is Really Jesus* does more than argue for one Catholic doctrine in isolation: it demonstrates how the Eucharist is the master-doctrine that aligns the whole faith in a beautiful, coherent whole."

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## New principal in Frankenstein is grateful for community's support

By Jay Nies

"St. Mary School in Frankenstein is an amazing little school that I am proud to be part of and lead, with an incredibly supportive team and parish," said Principal Bobbi Rankins.

Although new to the principal's office, Ms. Rankins is starting her eighth year as an educator at St. Mary School. She recently completed her master's degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

She knows it will be challenging to be principal while also teaching kindergarten, first and second grade at the school, "but I am grateful for the support of the parishioners, school families and teachers," she said.

She believes her role as a Catholic school administrator is "to establish and maintain the mission of the school by leading the spiritual, educational and administrative duties that are necessary to the function of a successful school."

The purpose of a Catholic school, she said, is to provide a supportive, safe environment that places a strong emphasis on Catholic values and



Bobbi Rankins

a moral vision while encouraging healthy relationships.

A Catholic school must also help students deepen their relationship with Jesus and understand the importance of beginning each day with prayer and thanksgiving, she said.

She said it's essential for children to grow up understanding the importance of prayer and having Jesus front and center in their lives.

She's convinced that if a Catholic school does its job well, its graduates will be "confident, well-educated students who see the good in others and

know that God will get them through any challenges they might face."

Ms. Rankins asked for prayers "for wisdom from God in supporting all students, families and teachers in the upcoming school year."

Her favorite Bible verse is Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others."

She enjoys spending her spare time with her family.

She said that some good advice a mentor once gave her is "Just breathe!"

## Church Night at the Monroe County Fair



The St. Joseph Catholic Church Choir from Palmyra performs sacred tunes and praise anthems on Church Night at the Monroe County Fair in Palmyra on Sunday, July 30. — Photos by Andrea Barnes

## Some thoughts on welcoming a priest

By Jay Nies

I saw a post in an online Catholic discussion group, asking for suggestions about how to welcome their new pastor.

Here are a few suggestions

that came to mind:

Invite them to your home or out to share a meal. Ask if you may lead the meal prayer, and in it, ask God to bless the priest and all the people God will draw closer to himself through him.

Give him your business card or phone number and encourage him to call you if he needs anything.

Scratch down a quick note during Adoration, saying you

asked God to help him, and drop it by the rectory before you leave.

And as for your former pastor or associate, be sure to keep praying for him, too, and to let him know you're doing so.

Oh, yes ... and don't forget to say thank you whenever you get a chance.

Come to think of it, these are also good things to do for anyone else who's new in the parish.

## Daily Readings

### Sunday, Aug 20

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Is. 56:1, 6-7  
Ps. 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Rom. 11:13-15, 29-32  
Mt. 15:21-28

### Monday, Aug 21

St. Pius X, Pope  
Jgs. 2:11-19  
Ps. 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44  
Mt. 19:16-22

### Tuesday, Aug 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Jgs. 6:11-24a  
Ps. 85:9, 11-12, 13-14  
Mt. 19:23-30

### Wednesday, Aug 23

St. Rose of Lima, virgin  
Jgs. 9:6-15  
Ps. 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Mt. 20:1-16

### Thursday, Aug 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
Rv. 21:9b-14  
Ps. 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18  
Jn. 1:45-51

### Friday, Aug 25

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, priest  
Ru. 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Ps. 146:5-6abc, 7-9abc, 10  
Mt. 22:34-40

### Saturday, Aug 26

Ru. 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17  
Ps. 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
Mt. 23:1-12

### The Holy Father's prayer intentions for August:

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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## MARTYRS

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have miscarried or lost a child, as well as the pro-life movement.

Because it is presumed that the Ulmas' unborn child received sanctifying grace through martyrdom, his or her beatification doesn't actually challenge the long-debated concept of limbo, said Alan Fimister, assistant professor of theology at Connecticut-based Holy Apostles College and Seminary.

While the Church can hope that unbaptized babies may receive sanctifying grace by other means, he said, baptism is the one sure way to be cleansed of original sin. The beatification of an unborn child who could not have been baptized by water "is a significant moment" for the Church, he said.



# Catholic Charities Parish Engagement and Charity (PEACE) events

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri will hold six Parish Engagement and Charity Events on Saturdays this fall in parishes throughout the diocese.

Presenters will include Paul Crnkovich, director of adult faith formation for St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia, and Sister Kathleen Wegman SSND, Tori Bakers and Ashley Wiskirchen

of Catholic Charities.

Each event will include a morning or afternoon of faith-formation, fellowship and information on how Catholic Charities can help equip individuals, families and parishes to meet the needs of others in their communities through works of charity and mercy.

•Sept. 9 — 1:30-4:30 p.m., St. George Church, 615 E. Main St. (U.S. 50) in Linn

•Sept. 16 — 8:30-11:30 a.m., Our Lady of the Lake Church, 2411 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark

•Sept. 23 — 9 a.m.-noon, Mary Immaculate Church, 715 E. Washington, St., Kirksville

•Sept. 30 — 8:30-11:30 a.m., St. Patrick Church, 17 St. Patrick Lane, Rolla

•Oct. 7 — 8:30-11:30 a.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive, Columbia

•Oct 7 — 1:30-4:30 p.m., Catholic Charities Central Offices, 1015 Edmonds St., Jefferson City

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## Learn about the Mass

The Cathedral of St. Joseph will host "A Walk Through The Mass" with Father Paul Clark on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral, followed by dinner in Cana Hall. For information, contact Julie Gramlich at [Julie.g@cathedraljlc.org](mailto:Julie.g@cathedraljlc.org).

## Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows

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# 3pm SATURDAY AUG 26



**Catholic Charities**  
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## Parish Engagement and Charity Events

WE'RE COMING TO A PARISH NEAR YOU:

**Saturdays This Fall**

Join us for a morning or afternoon session of faith formation, fellowship, presentations on Charity and Mercy Grants and the opportunity to reconnect with Catholic Charities.

SCAN TO REGISTER:



<p><b>1</b> <b>September 9</b> <i>Southeast Deanery</i> St. George Catholic Church (Linn) 1:30 – 4:30 PM</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>September 16</b> <i>Southwest Deanery</i> Our Lady of the Lake (Lake Ozark) 8:30 – 11:30 AM</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>September 23</b> <i>Northern Deanery</i> Mary Immaculate (Kirksville)* 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>September 30</b> <i>Southeast Deanery</i> St. Patrick Catholic Church (Rolla) 8:30 – 11:30 AM</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>October 7</b> <i>Central Deanery</i> Our Lady of Lourdes (Columbia) 8:30 – 11:30 AM</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>October 7</b> <i>See City Deanery</i> Catholic Charities Central Offices 1015 Edmonds Street (JC) 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM</p>