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St. Ann parishioners in Warsaw have transformed part of their churchyard into a picturesque place of prayer and contemplation, adorned with loved one's names.
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Renewed Mokane church rededicated for a renewed parish



Members of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Mokane participate in the Rededication Mass for their church with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight on Oct. 22. The rededication capped a year's worth of renovations to the 1895-vintage church. — Photo by Annie Williams

By Jay Nies

No detail was overlooked in bridging the past, the present and the eternal inside newly renovated St. Jude Thaddeus Church in Mokane.

“What you see here when you look around is a product of faith, love and resolve,” Father Joseph Abah, pastor of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish and of St. Peter Parish in Fulton, said of the year-long process of restoring the 128-year-old church to its youthful vigor.

He said the completed project is a testament to a resilient and passionate community.

“This church building looks deceptively small,” he noted. “What remains invisible are the big hearts it contains.”

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight traveled to Mokane the afternoon of Oct. 22 to rededicate the church and consecrate its new altar.

“This church building is truly ‘an abode of God’ and ‘a gateway to heaven,’” the bishop said in his homily, echoing Genesis 28:17.

“This very structure is our shrine that raises up our souls, minds and even our bodies to heaven through the senses of sight, sound, smell, taste and texture,” he told a capacity congregation. “In this sacred place, God blesses us as we give him our worship and praise.”

The bishop reminded the people that “you and I are called to be temples of the Holy Spirit, with Jesus as our capstone, bearing the Word of God wherever we go.”

“And not just in our speech,” he emphasized, “but also in our actions full of the brilliance of the fire of charity.”

Therefore, said Bishop McKnight, this was not simply the dedication of a physical altar, “but the dedication

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Rest in peace, Fr. Clarence Wiederholt, 93, last of the diocese's 'pioneer priests'

By Jay Nies

Father Clarence Wiederholt once preached: “There can be no fathoming what glorious things our all-knowing, all-loving God has in store for us after we die.

“We serve him now because we know he wants us to be with him forever.”

Fr. Wiederholt, 93, the last of the priests who were ministering in these 38 counties when the Diocese of Jefferson City was created in 1956, died peacefully on Oct. 27, at Conception Abbey in northwestern Missouri.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Nov. 3 in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at the abbey, where Fr. Wiederholt was baptized shortly after his birth in 1930.

Benedictine Abbot Benedict Neenan of Conception Abbey presided at the Funeral Mass, with priests of the Jefferson City and Kansas City-St. Joseph dioceses and several Benedictine priests of the abbey concelebrating.

Father Mark Porterfield, a priest of this diocese who was baptized by Fr. Wiederholt, preached the homily.

“All who knew Fr. Wiederholt knew that he was a priest first, last and always,” said Fr. Porterfield.

“In his priesthood, he was united to our Lord Jesus Christ, the High Priest,” the homilist continued. “And in that union, we have hope, even as we mourn the death of Fr. Clarence.”

Ordained in 1955, Fr. Wiederholt was an assistant pastor at St. Pius X Parish in Moberly, then at St. Lawrence parish in St. Elizabeth, then at St. Patrick parish in Rolla before serving for nine years as a U.S. Air Force chaplain.

Back in Missouri, he served as pastor of what is now Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland; St. Patrick Parish in Gravois Mills (now in Laurie) and the Mission of St. Philip Benizi in Versailles; St. Mary of the Angels Parish

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I.C. parish in Jefferson City to host Christian dialogue on gun violence

DATE: November 21
TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

"How do we respond to gun violence in America?" will be the topic of Immaculate Conception Parish's inaugural Dialogue with Dignity forum in Jefferson City.

It will be on Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Pleus Hall next to Immaculate Conception Church, 105 E. McCarty St.

These dialogues will foster discussion in Christian charity of alternative viewpoints on major issues facing this country.

The goal is not a false or forced consensus but respectful consideration of different perspectives.

All are invited to attend and participate.

J.C. St. Peter Saturday Mass time

Throughout the winter, the Saturday afternoon Vigil Mass in St. Peter Church in Jefferson City will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m.

Confessions will be heard beginning at 3:30 p.m.



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Parishioner Larry Miller, a former federal prosecutor, will review responses currently under consideration and answer questions of "How do we respond?" and "Are there steps governments can take to protect us?"

Parishioner Mary Winter will facilitate questions and comments from attendees.

Father Matthew Flatley, pastor, will open with prayer and offer a Christian perspective.

Parishioner Carolyn Saucier will lead the closing prayer.

Pray for deceased priests

Nov. 16 — **Fr. John B. Roettger**, St. Anthony of Padua, Folk (1961)

Nov. 17 — **Fr. J. Patrick Quinn**, Sacred Heart, Rich Fountain; and St. Alexander, Belle (1999)

Nov. 18 — **Msgr. Jerome O. Sommer**, PA, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Robert (2012)

Nov. 24 — **Fr. Frank A. Bussmann**, St. Peter, Fulton; and St. Jude Thaddeus, Mokane (2017)

Nov. 25 — **Msgr. Joseph T. Bugler**, St. Mary, Shelbina (1997)

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MAKING CONNECTIONS



Bishop McKnight

The Church and world peace

During a recent trip to the Republic of Korea (South Korea), I visited a cemetery located high on a hill overlooking a river valley.

Standing amid the graves on this hill, one could see into North Korea, where U.S. Army Chaplain Father Emil Kapaun, Servant of God, was captured before giving his life in service to fellow prisoners of war.

The cemetery was intentionally built this way, facing north toward the land long seen as hostile enemy territory.

Many people buried there were North Koreans who had fled to the south during the decades-long war. Never able to return home, they died in exile.

The exiled North Koreans were reverently buried on this north-facing hill so that they could spiritually gaze upon their homeland in death.

This experience was a solemn reminder of the awful effects of war, especially how conflicts can leave families divided — loved ones never to be seen again.

I had been invited to travel to Asia for a conference held at the Peace and Unity Center in

Paju, South Korea, and at the Memorial Cathedral in Hiroshima, Japan.

The conference, held in late October, was convened to discuss the role of the Church in the promotion of peace and reconciliation on the Korean peninsula and in Northeast Asia.

It was my first time in South Korea and Japan, and I learned a lot about their cultures, the state of the Catholic Church in each country, the historical and present impact of war in Northeast Asia, and the importance of the Korean peninsula for achieving peace throughout the whole world.

I was a member of a delegation of three bishops from the United States with a contingent of Catholic policy experts from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the University of Notre Dame, and Georgetown University.

There were two archbishops, six bishops, and dozens of priests and laity from South Korea and Japan at the conference, as well as some UN and international NGO participants.

Together, we experienced

the solidarity that exists between the three episcopal conferences, as we are

united in our common mission of promoting the peace of Christ.

New friendships were formed, and we all benefited from the dialogue that took place between the policy experts, youth and pastors.

The last session was a dialogue between youth and the bishops present for the conference; I was encouraged and filled with hope by the faith and passion of the young people, just as I am with the youth of our diocese.

The most moving experiences for me, however, were those of our prayer together, especially the celebrations of Mass at the Roman Catholic chapel in the Joint Security Area military base on the Demilitarized Zone, and our Sunday Mass in the Cathedral in Hiroshima.

The active presence of the Catholic Church in these places, marked in their own ways by conflict and aggression, is like a light shining the darkness.

Obviously, my presence in the conference was as a pastor and not as a policy expert, although Catholic Social Teaching has a lot to say about the Christian values and principles we must always uphold even when justifiably defending ourselves.

I heard about the need to transition from policies of “peace through strength” to conflict-resolution based upon “peace through trust and verifiable accountability.”

The Church has her own mission of reconciliation among those who have been traumatized by the hellish effects of war long after the hostilities cease and treaties are signed.

Christ’s peace is not the peace that comes with a mere legal resolution of a dispute; no, it includes a sense of “restorative justice,” which serves



Bishop Richard Pates, administrator of the Diocese of Dubuque, Iowa; Virginia Farris, USCCB foreign policy advisor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; and Bishop W. Shawn McKnight stand together near the Genbaku Dome, which is part of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan. This was the only structure left standing in the area where the first atomic bomb exploded on Aug. 6, 1945. The ruins have been preserved and serve as a symbol of hope for world peace.

know. But new efforts are needed to reframe negotiations for the elimination or at least the reduction of these horrific tools of war based upon principles of trust and verifiable accountability.

I certainly pray harder now for politicians, diplomats and policy experts to break new ground in reducing these weapons for the security of the whole world.

We must first begin, however, with ourselves. Right now, war rages in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, Africa and Afghanistan, and war technically continues between North and South Korea.

As Catholics, we have spiritual solidarity with all our brothers and sisters who suffer the violence of war.

But to export peace to areas in conflict, we must first be agents of peace within our own families and within our own communities.

How might restorative justice practices be used more in our own schools and parishes as a means of dealing with past hurts, which normal discipline and punishment don’t adequately address?

The Bishops of South Korea have asked their flocks to pray for peace every night together at 9 p.m., a prayer born of our hope in the Risen Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May we join them with our prayers and in our efforts to promote peace through trust.

to heal past hurts, makes right what was done wrong, and provides a deeper and more authentic spiritual peace as a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Restorative justice requires both sides to listen to each other and face the awful reality of trauma done to others.

For me, our tour of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum drove home the need for us to face the reality of what nuclear weapons can do, and that our Catholic Faith obliges us to work toward the elimination of all nuclear bombs or any kind of weapon of mass destruction.

Easier said than done, I



Bishop McKnight’s Calendar

NOVEMBER

- Nov 10** Mass of Christian Burial, Sr. Angelina Marie Milligan, OCD, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 10 am, Jefferson City
- Nov 11** Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, 10 am, Chancery
- Nov 12-16** USCCB Fall Plenary Assembly, Baltimore, MD
- Nov 16-18** National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- Nov 19** Mass, Immaculate Conception Parish; presentation of the Missouri Catholic Conference 2023 Citizen Recognition Award to Jean Wankum, 9 am, Jefferson City
- Nov 29** Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School Board Meeting, 11 am, Chancery
- Nov 30** Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, 11 am, Chancery

Bishop McKnight’s November prayer intention for our Local Church

For our family, friends and benefactors of our community who have passed from this world to the next; may they attain a share in eternal happiness through our Lord Jesus Christ risen from the dead.

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

Por nuestros familiares, amigos y bienhechores de nuestra comunidad que han pasado de este mundo al otro, para que puedan alcanzar una participación en la felicidad eterna por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo resucitado de entre los muertos.



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

Ecumenical prayer services for Thanksgiving

In addition to Mass being available in many Catholic parishes on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 24), many local ministerial alliances organize ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer services in the days leading up to the holiday as a chance to pray as one faith community and take up an offering for local people in need. These services are a long-standing tradition in areas of the diocese and offer a rare opportunity to gather and pray united with members of other Christian congregations. Here is a partial list of ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer services that are scheduled in the diocese.

California — Sunday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 208 Oak St.

Centralia — Sunday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m., Antioch Baptist Church, 1249 E MO-22

Hermann — Sunday, Nov. 19, 4 p.m., Hermann Meth-

odist Church, 136 MO-100 West

Marshall — Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church, 710 E. Yerby St.

Monroe City — Monday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Promiseland Church, 514 S. Main St.



Dr. Mary Healy

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- 2:00 - 2:50 pm - Talk #2 (Church)
- 2:50 pm - Break (refreshments in the Gathering Space)
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm - Healing Prayer Service (Church)
- 5:00 pm - Mass



Dr. Mary Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a bestselling author and international speaker. She is one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is a consultant to the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.



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15 candidates for permanent diaconate instituted as lectors

By Jay Nies

Each of the 15 deacon formation candidates stepped forward and knelt down before Bishop W. Shawn McKnight.

From the bishop's chair, a symbol of his teaching authority, the bishop handed each a leather-bound Bible, stating:

"Take this book of Holy Scripture. Be faithful in handing on the Word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people."

This was part of the rite for instituting lectors — Catholic laypeople who are commissioned to proclaim God's inspired Word in the liturgical assembly and to instruct the faith.

For these 15 men, it was an important milestone in the five-year process of discernment and formation for the Diaconate.

Bishop McKnight instituted the new lectors during the regular 10 a.m. Sunday Mass on Nov. 5 in the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

The diocese's permanent deacons and their wives and the candidates and their wives attended the Mass together as part of their annual weekend retreat in Jefferson City.

In his homily, the bishop told the new lectors that the permanent commission of lector obliges them to become even more familiar with the Bible and the official teachings of the Church.

He said their pastors should be able to look to them for help proclaiming God's Word in the divine lit-



15 candidates for the Permanent Diaconate join Bishop W. Shawn McKnight in the sanctuary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph Nov. 5 after he instituted them as lectors. — Photo by Jay Nies

urgies of the Church, as well as with teaching the faith in classes for people who are preparing to become Catholic, in sacramental preparation courses, and with adult faith formation.

He urged them all to meditate on a passage of Scripture each day for the rest of their lives.

"With this routine, intimacy with the Incarnate Word of God will help you to see the world and the happenings in your life with a biblical vision — that is, the way God sees," Bishop McKnight told them.

It will help them maintain a proper mind and spirit for ministry, giving themselves entirely to being an authentic and genuine vessel of the Word of God, the bishop said.

With the end in mind

The newly instituted lectors include:

•**Kenneth Arthur**, a

member of St. Patrick Parish in Rolla;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

•**Dwayne Goodwin**, a member of the Secular Franciscan Order and of St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra;

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

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

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

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

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

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

They hope to be ordained deacons in 2025.

Universal call

Father Louis Nelen, pastor of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jefferson City, celebrated the Mass.

Deacon John Schwartz,

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diocesan director of deacon formation, and Deacon Michael Berendzen, diocesan director of deacon life and ministry, assisted.

Bishop McKnight noted that bishops, priests and deacons, who have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, bear particular responsibility for preaching God's Word with integrity and authenticity.

"We are admonished to be practitioners of the Word we preach, as well as our obligation to be faithful to the model of leadership shown to us by our Lord," the bishop said.

In fact, that directive to be proclaimers and doers of the Word applies to all who are baptized.

Such Christian witness helps others recognize God and draw them closer to him.

"If we simply use our

Catholic religious practices as a means of drawing attention to ourselves or to castigate others about how sinful they are without lifting a finger to help them, we are guilty like the scribes and pharisees of old," said Bishop McKnight.

Jesus was clear that people in authority who condemn without helping are to be obeyed but not imitated.

Toward this end, the bishop noted, Pope Francis is leading the whole Church, especially during the ongoing synodal process, "to redirect how we individually and corporately have been conducting ourselves and our ministry.

"Are we merely self-referential in our religious practices," the bishop asked, "or are we truly missionary in living out the privileged relationship we all share with the Incarnate Word of God, whose Body is broken and whose Blood poured out in the offering of the Holy Eucharist?"

God's remedy for spiritual dullness, insularity and lack of evangelical zeal is found in his Inspired Word contained in the Bible.

Accordingly, "we need an ongoing, intimate and personal relationship with the Incarnate Word in the Scriptures that we read and prayerfully meditate on," said Bishop McKnight.

That applies to all Catholics, lay and ordained.

"This is why Bible study groups or small-group catechetical series of one kind or another are important to maintaining a proper attitude and spirit in our relationship with God, in our relationship with the Church's objective authorities, and with one another," the bishop stated.

He pointed out that while many have particular vocations to Marriage, Religious Life or Holy Orders, "each and every one of us has a common vocation, by virtue of our Baptism."

"All of us are called to be witnesses of our Catholic faith," he noted. "We are called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, first and foremost, in how we live."

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Synod on Synodality: 10 top takeaways from the synthesis report and why they matter

By Peter Jesserer Smith
OSV News

The Synod on Synodality's first session at the Vatican has concluded, with its results wrapped up in a 41-page "half-time report" for the entire Church to digest, reflect on, and give feedback about ahead of the synod's final session in Rome next October.

The report, a synthesis of the Oct. 4-29 meeting, is fundamentally an instrument for discernment, and it is designed to elicit further reflection and response from the whole Church.

The synod's next session in Rome will have the task of making decisions about what concrete proposals to present before the pope.

Ultimately, the pope will decide what to implement coming out of the Synod on Synodality.

The following are 10 takeaways about the synod's synthesis report, with why it matters for Catholics in parishes and what happens next.

1. Synodality is about the Church's evangelizing mission, and baptism is why synodal governance matters.

The synod relates that "synodality is ordered to mission," recognizing that the Church's members — with diverse backgrounds, languages and cultures — share the "common grace of baptism."

The synod's themes of "communion, participation, mission" are the hallmarks for how the entire people of God in a synodal Church — the laity, consecrated religious, deacons and priests with the bishops united with the pope — relate to each other and live together the call to holiness, proclaiming Jesus Christ's good news to the world.

The synod explicitly says its work is rooted in the Church's dynamic and living tradition in the context of the Second Vatican Council's teaching.

But the synod also recognizes much remains to be done to clarify what "synodality" means, and to develop it into real processes and structures.

Part of that is figuring out how decisions are made in the

Church in a way that is faithful to its nature — including discerning how episcopal collegiality is exercised in a synodal Church — because the Church's members have "differentiated co-responsibility for the common mission of evangelization."

The synod's "conversations in the Spirit" — an experience of listening and sharing in the light of faith, and seeking God's will in an authentically evangelical atmosphere — is recognized as a helpful tool in this regard.

2. The synod calls for formation in "authentic discipleship," united by the Eucharist and nourished by the Word.

The synod stresses that all the Church's members are called to be "all disciples, all missionaries" who have the "responsibility of demonstrating and transmitting the love and tenderness of God to a wounded humanity." In other words, living discipleship is at the heart of being Catholic.

The synod suggested deepening the notion that a "mature exercise of the *sensus fidei*" requires not only reception of baptism but a life lived in authentic discipleship that develops the grace of baptism."

The synod recognizes this can help discern where the Holy Spirit is at work, as opposed to where the baptized are just advocating dominant thinking, cultural conditions or "matters inconsistent with the Gospel."

In this regard, the synod stresses that "the Eucharist shapes synodality," and so the Mass should be celebrated "with an authentic sense of friendship in Christ" that reflects beauty and simplicity.

The synod proposes "liturgy celebrated with authenticity is the first and fundamental school of discipleship."

It also proposes enriching Catholic life beyond the Mass with alternative forms of liturgical prayer, as well as popular piety, particularly Marian de-



Participants in the assembly of the Synod of Bishops meeting in the Paul VI Audience Hall at the Vatican Oct. 25.
— CNS photo/Vatican Media

votion — both of which form the faithful and can also help others outside the Church encounter the Lord.

3. Synodality is not about having more meetings, but it is about discerning together how to go on mission at each level of the Church.

The synod also emphasizes that synodality in the Church calls Catholics to discern intentionally as a community how Jesus is calling them to live out their mission.

It's not about self-referential meetings, but rather a style of carrying out "evangelical proclamation, service to those experiencing poverty, care for our common home and theological research."

The document emphasizes the need for formation, and also making spaces to receive the Church's teaching, and discern how to act on it.

The Church's social doctrine needs to be understood by the faithful so they can build up the kingdom of God.

Synodality is about gathering the disciple community together to discern what is their mission and how Jesus is sending them on mission.

Any effective structural change to make the Church's members "co-responsible" presupposes "profound spiritual conversion," both personal and communal, in order to carry out Jesus' mission.

At the same time, the synod calls for further consideration

on how the Church's theology and modern developments in science can dialogue, and effective ways to do that for the Church's discernment, particularly on complicated or controversial questions.

Above all, the synod says, "Jesus' actions, assimilated in prayer and conversion of heart, show us the way forward."

4. A synodal Church must reflect on what formation its priests, deacons and laity need to carry out their mission together.

The synod recognizes bishops and priests face disproportionate burdens of responsibility for the Church's mission.

It also identifies clericalism as opposed to Jesus' model of ministerial service, leading to "authoritarian attitudes," and vocations stifled by privilege and power that refuse accountability.

The synod suggests extensive discussion and consideration of revising priestly formation to address this.

Instead of forming priests in an "artificial environment separate from the ordinary lives of the faith," they should develop through "close contact with the People of God and through concrete service learning experiences."

The synod recognized there is universal agreement that priestly celibacy is "richly prophetic and a profound witness to Christ."

But it also suggested fur-

ther consideration of whether it is appropriate for the Latin Church alone to continue to insist on it — the Eastern Churches (Catholic and Orthodox) have a tradition of celibate and married clergy — when there are ecclesial and cultural contexts that make it more difficult for the Church's mission.

The synod is calling for a deepening reflection on the vocation of the deacon, "above all in the exercise of charity."

The synod indicated the importance of expanding women's access to theological formation, their inclusion in decision-making and responsibility in pastoral care and ministry, and even the exploration of new ministries where women could decisively contribute.

It noted the debate over women and the diaconal ministry, and expressed openness to continuing research and examining what has been done so far.

It also touched on lay ministry and called for more creativity in how these roles are thought of and lived at the service of mission: for example, developing the ministry of lector beyond its liturgical role, such as preaching in appropriate contexts.

It also envisioned possibly a lay ministry taken up by married couples to support married and family life.

5. Disciples listen to people and accompany them like Christ in whatever their personal, familial or social situations.

The synod says "listening is the word that best expresses our experience. This is listening given and received."

Listening really is where the Church discerns the mission Jesus is calling his disciples and their particular communities.

It also emphasized the

Catholic evangelizer Teresa Tomeo invites women at fall retreat to surrender to God's plan for them

By Jay Nies

It's long past time for women to stop letting themselves be defined by the things of this world.

God is who bestows their true identity and beckons them and all people onto a Eucharistic journey.

"We are daughters of the King of Kings," nationally-renowned author, commentator, radio host and Catholic evangelizer Teresa Tomeo (teresatomeo.com) told about 350 women of the Jefferson City diocese.

"All of us are created and called to serve God at this specific time in history, right now," she said. "God put us here — whatever we're doing in our lives — because he has a plan."

That plan finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ, offered up in sacrifice and given to all who receive him in the Holy Eucharist.

"Getting back to the basics of being defined by the Body, Blood Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ — that's everything," Mrs. Tomeo insisted. "That is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. And that's where we get the definition of who we are. Not from the world."

Mrs. Tomeo presided over a Ladies Night Out followed by a daylong women's retreat in the Cathedral of St. Joseph Oct. 6-7.

The diocesan Office of Women's Ministry organized both events.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight took part in both, giving thanks before the Italian meal in Cana Hall at the Ladies Night Out and leading the Rosary the next day during the retreat.

"It was inspiring to see the powerful faith of women from across our diocese," he said. "I am grateful for the engaging presence and uplifting message of Teresa Tomeo."

Surrender

Mrs. Tomeo is the host of



Teresa Tomeo, motivational speaker, nationally-syndicated Catholic radio host and award-winning author of a dozen books, addresses about 250 women at an Oct. 6 "Ladies Night Out" event in the Cathedral of St. Joseph. She also led a women's retreat the following day. Both events were sponsored by the diocesan Women's Ministry.

— Photos by Jay Nies

a syndicated daily radio show, "Catholic Connections" on the EWTN Global Catholic Network.

She has written a dozen books, including *Everything's*

women.

Throughout the events in Jefferson City, she urged her audience to identify and let go of whatever comes between them and God.



Coming Up Rosie: 10 Things My Feisty Italian-American Mom Taught Me About Living a Godly Life.

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

She speaks and writes extensively on issues pertaining to Catholicism, especially in the media and how they relate to

her marriage, in pursuit of success as a major-market TV news reporter.

She praised God for lifting her out of that environment, very much against her will, while restoring her marriage, equipping her to evangelize and entrusting her with a new mission in Catholic media.

"I can tell you, my sisters, I have never been happier, I have never been more fulfilled," she stated.

"God has such a great plan for each and every one of us!" she said. "It's designed perfectly. He has designed us and defines us."

Pointing to the Scripture quote emblazoned around the perimeter of the Cathedral — "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42) — she talked about the need to

with him, because that's the opposite of the Gospel. The first two letters of 'Gospel' are the word 'Go.'"

The Church exists to evangelize.

"That's its whole mission," Mrs. Tomeo noted. "We're called to help fulfill the Great Commission 'to make disciples of all nations.' We're supposed to go out."

It's a difficult but necessary assignment.

"It's really very simple: You give up yourself and you get a whole new life," she said.

Branching out

Mrs. Tomeo shared her favorite Bible verse, John 15:5: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

"In other words, 'Without me, you can do nothing,'" she said. "We can try and do that for a while and think we're all that and a bag of chips, which is what I did for many years.

"But at the end of the day, it's going to be empty, it's going to be meaningless," she said. "Because unless you fulfill God's call on your life, you are never going to be truly happy."

Where does answering that call to surrender begin? With surrendering to Jesus and recommitting to Jesus and his Church every day.

"Spend time in Adoration," Mrs. Tomeo advised. "Study Scripture and Church teaching. Immerse yourself in the Church's readings for each day."

She also recommended learning about the numerous Eucharistic miracles that have been scrupulously investigated and documented throughout the history of the Church.

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"What are you holding so tightly that you will not let God in?" she asked.

Years of hard-earned experience have validated the childhood lessons her mother instilled in her about "putting it at the foot of the cross."

"It has to start there," Mrs. Tomeo stated. "One of the most important things that we can do in our lives — and we have to do it not just once, you have to do it every single day — is to surrender."

She shared her story of pursuing success at all cost, including her faith, her health and

QUESTION CORNER

Why more letters from Paul than Peter, and how do the saints keep track of things?

By Jenna Marie Cooper
OSV News

Q: I'm confused as to why, if Peter was our first pope, we have only two of his writings in the New Testament. James, another early leader, only has one book included. John has five, but Paul, who never even met Jesus while Jesus was alive here on Earth, has 13 books included. As our first pope, it certainly seems like there ought to be more in Scripture from Peter. (New Middletown, Indiana)



A: Perhaps some apostles have more writings in the New Testament than others because — like their successors, today's bishops — they were human beings with different strengths, talents and particular pastoral concerns. You might as well ask why someone like Bishop Robert Barron, the bishop of a small rural diocese, has written more books than many bishops of much larger archdioceses.

Even though St. Peter was the first pope, his status as the “first among equals” among the apostles doesn't automatically mean that writing was his personal strong suit. Unlike St. Paul, who was a Pharisee and a scholar, St. Peter had been a humble fisherman before hearing Jesus' call to follow him.

St. Paul's ministry also had a different “theme,” as it were, than Peter's. Paul himself tells us in his letter to Galatians that Peter was an apostle to the Jews, working to bring the Gospel among those who already worshipped the one true God, while Paul saw his mission as directed toward the Gentiles, striving to evangelize the pagan cultures of the first century Roman empire (See Gal. 2:7-9). Because of this, St. Paul had to address a greater variety of people. He traveled more widely, and therefore he would have had a more pressing need to communicate via written letters. Naturally, the more letters written, the more were likely to have been preserved and later included in the canon of Scripture.

Many apostles have no extant writings at all, but we might reasonably suppose that most of their teaching was done via oral preaching in the context of the particular local church to which they devoted themselves.

Q: With over 7 billion people in the world, it stands to reason that at any given moment in time, thousands of people are praying to any given saint (Our Lady being an example). If the saints still have minds like they did when alive on earth, how can they possibly grasp and process all of those prayers? (Ruther Glen, Virginia)

A: I think a key phrase in your question is “if the saints still have minds like they did...”

There is a reason why we sometimes refer to a person's passing away as “entering into eternity.” Linear time as we know it is something specific to our mortal lives on earth and does not carry over into the afterlife. Heaven, like hell and purgatory, is a state that exists outside of time. (Although prior to Vatican II partial indulgences were sometimes referenced in terms of days or years saved from purgatory, this was meant to represent the amount of time it would take to obtain a similar amount of purifying grace for someone on earth, and not a literal timeline for the one actually in purgatory awaiting heaven.)

So, my thought is that the saints upon whom we call to intercede for us experience these requests as part of one large eternal “now,” not as a to-do list they struggle to fit into a schedule.

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
November 8, 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters:

In our catechesis on apostolic zeal, we have been reflecting on the spread of the Gospel through the witness of Christians of every time and place. Today we turn to the Servant of God Madeleine Delbr el, a 20th century French social worker, writer and mystic. After a period of agnosticism in her youth, Madeleine encountered Christ through the witness of her friends and, following her conversion, chose to live a life completely devoted to God, in the heart of the Church and the world. Madeleine was deeply

moved by the plight of the poor and the anguish of those struggling to find meaning in life; she saw this as an urgent summons to reawaken missionary fervour in the Church of our day. For over three decades, she lived, prayed and worked among the poor in the peripheries of Paris. Madeleine Delbr el's example of apostolic zeal reminds us of our own baptismal mission to share the joy of the Gospel with others, and, in the process, to grow in fidelity to the twin commandments of love of God and love of all our brothers and sisters.

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially the groups from England, Denmark, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the United States of America. Upon all of you I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!

**Rest in peace, Discalced Carmelite
Sr. Angelina Marie Milligan, 90**

Sister Angelina Marie of the Mother of God, O.C.D. (formerly Juanita Eva Milligan), 90, of Jefferson City, passed from this life to Eternity on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at Our Lady of Rickenbach Health Care Center in Clyde.

She was born Oct. 28, 1933, in Aragon, New Mexico, the daughter of the late Benjamin and Vickie (Aragon) Milligan.

She was baptized on Oct. 31, 1933, in Aragon, NM.

She received her Confirmation, as was customary at the time, on Oct. 17, 1934, at Santa Mino Church, where she also received her First Holy Communion on May 19, 1941.

She received her education at Aragon Public School, where Franciscan Sisters taught the students.

Sr. Angelina Marie entered Carmel of Santa Fe, NM, on Oct. 28, 1948 — her 15th birthday — and received the Holy Habit of Carmel on Oct. 29 of the following year.

She made her First Profession of Vows on Jan. 23, 1951, and professed Solemn Vows on



Sr. Angelina Marie of the Mother of God, O.C.D. (1933-2023)

Oct. 28, 1954.

She was one of the original sisters of the Jefferson City Discalced Carmelite Monastery, arriving on Feb. 22, 1963, from the Carmel of Santa Fe, three years after the Jefferson City Carmel's Foundation on May 1, 1960.

Sister loved her Carmelite Vocation and her community and prayed fervently each day for the Church, especially for our bishops and priests, together with all the friends and

benefactors of her beloved Diocese of Jefferson City.

Sister served her community in many offices throughout her decades in Carmel and was always grateful for any service done by the devoted friends and staff who assisted her during her later years.

She always had a ready and beautiful smile for everyone.

Surviving are two sisters and one brother and their spouses: Rita and Bob Baca, Teresita and David Magathon, and Jerome and Agnes Milligan.

Preceding her in death were seven of her Carmelite Sisters in Community; her parents; and four of her siblings: Jessie, Lucinda, Mary and Samuel.

The Mass of Christian Burial was to be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City and Bishop John R. Gaydos, bishop emeritus, presiding.

Burial was to be in the Carmelite Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy are suggested to Holy Masses for the repose of her soul.

Following the saints or followed by the saints?

By Father Patrick Briscoe
OSV News



We like to think we follow the saints, but sometimes the saints follow us.

As I walked home from class in Tours, France, I had an irresistible urge to explore the church I was passing by. As I entered, I marveled at the architecture. A choir of nuns happened to be singing Vespers.

The moment was like the scene where the main character experiences a revelation in every Hollywood movie, except it was actually playing out for me, in real life.

I knelt in a pew at the back of the church. The nuns kept chanting. And I began to pray.

Then I noticed something strange about the church. The altar appeared to have two tabernacles. How strange, I thought. This required investigation.

I rose and approached the sanctuary. Even as the sun fell, the neo-Byzantine church was luminous. Gazing up at the brass chest perched on top of the high altar, I couldn't determine what it was. I searched around for a brochure.

Discovering St. Martin

Then, thanks to the help of reading, I learned: the chest was not a second tabernacle, it was a reliquary. It contained a relic of the skull of St. Martin of Tours. And in fact, the church was not only dedicated to him but included his tomb. Twin staircases descended on either side of the high altar (not unlike St. Peter's in Rome). I continued my exploration.

The dimly lit crypt flickered in the candlelight. Ex-votos, mementos of prayers answered and favors received, adorned the sandstone walls. The smell of beeswax and the cold damp of the subterranean refuge were intoxicatingly peaceful. Again, I knelt in prayer. I prayed for my family. For my vocation. Probably for help with my French, too.

It was the first visit I made to a saint's tomb. And it was a complete accident.

I was baptized in St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Martinsville, Indiana. It was my grandmother's parish, my mother's family church. It was the place where I received the grace of faith. And here I was, an undergraduate in France, receiving grace through St. Martin, yet again.

The Basilica of St. Martin of Tours was once one of the greatest monuments in the Christian world. Today,

all that remains of the ancient church is one tower. The current church was rebuilt after the French Revolution. The building hadn't just fallen into despair. Revolutionaries used the church as a stable, then subsequently ripped it stone from stone. Then, to make sure it couldn't be rebuilt, they sold the stones.

But it was rebuilt.

Pursued by the saints

And there's a lesson in that. Jesus always has a way. Often that way is through his saints, who pursue us. The saints invite us to come to them, not for their own glory, but to know Christ.

St. Martin's story shows this clearly. A Roman soldier, he famously split his cloak in two and gave half to a beggar on the street one cold winter night.

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November: A season of resting before the Lord

By Margaret Rose Realy
OSV News

Not quite past autumn, but not yet winter, November is a difficult month to describe. Dried grass fronds and flower heads full of seeds sway in the late fall breeze, the berries and fruits of trees and shrubs glisten with frost.



This is the month when nature goes dormant, a time to be wrapped in restfulness. Summer has ended and all that remains are the products of a season now past.

I remember in early summer the abundant bright-magenta blossoms of the Prairie Fire crabapple that is now adorned with deep red pomes, and it makes me mindful of how the flowering of moral virtues helps produce our fruitfulness.

As I go about the garden and fields collecting ripened seeds for next year's growth, there is an anticipation of sowing goodness; a lovely metaphor from Our Lord for spreading his word.

The thing about being a sower, as a farmer or a gardener, is understanding all that took place in order to produce the fertile seeds that I now hold in my hand. We gather them from plants that had been successfully developed and grown before us. We know what the seed's purpose is, what fruit it will produce, and how it will feed us in body or spirit.

As with our great ancestry of Catholic saints, there was a desire by those men and women who endeavored before us to determine what needed to be

grown, and how to make the growth more abundant. They tried to strengthen them, over time, or further develop what is not yet "just right" — just as we do with those virtues that by grace are planted in our soul.

If a plant expresses dormancy — a state of resting, a time of minimal activity — it will have worked through a productive season and developed fruit and seed; it must rest. Many organisms require this cycle of "downtime." Without it the future holds reduced productivity and impaired vitality — plants don't flower, animals become obese and people distraught. Dormancy is the time when roots expand; when the overt activities of life decrease, and we become grounded in the soil of purpose.

This is when the true purpose of dormancy develops in us and our lives of faith. It is the time after we have prepared the soil of our soul and planted the seeds that Our Lord has given us to sow. We've worked, yoked to the Holy Spirit, and pulled the weeds, strengthened what was weak, watered with the word, and shared what was produced for the spiritual health of others.

Now, like the plants, we rest from active production (our evangelizing work), knowing that the seeds we've gathered that are to be sown merely await the movement of the Lord. We are in a fallow season, and all the work we've done, whether in the garden or in our soul, settles in for a period of dormancy and becomes the dream for future growth. When we will again "Sow

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REFLECTION

The "I's" have it

By Mark Saucier

Going through the mail the other day, I found a check for \$905.45.

Apparently, some overfed algorithm inferred that a retired couple of former Church workers could use extra cash.

It was a loan, not a gift, but preapproved — all we had to do was agree to the annual percentage rate of 94.87%.

In another envelope, there was a paper prayer rug with a picture of Jesus who looked like a Hindu swami with a thistle-woven skull cap.

Five-digit monetary blessings were promised. Just pray our need over it and return it, along with a donation. As it says in Proverbs, "Those who listen to instructions will prosper."

At church, we heard Matthew's version of Jesus preaching the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount — the one where he promised blessings for the poor, the meek, the suffering of our world.

Later, I turned to the news. There was an update of a court case involving a monument of the Ten Commandments, and politicians extolling us a Christian nation.

For some reason, my mind took all these as synchronous, as interrelated, not just random events.

I'm a fan of the Ten Commandments and I do believe that our claimed faith should affect everything, including our politics.

However, if we must keep reminding everyone that we are Christian, then perhaps our actions are not sufficiently revealing that fact.

And while the Ten Commandments are a solid foundation, and law a necessary structure built on them, it is still legal to prey on the poor and the desperate.

I wondered what it would be like if we put a little more emphasis on the Beatitudes, not as something carved in stone, but something etched in our hearts.

I know that would be a big leap. Jesus seems to be talking to the have-nots, oppressed, the victims of fate and society.

He is talking about humble recipients of mercy, not proud providers of justice.

He is talking about rewards delayed, or at least underplayed by today's standards.

This is not who we are, not who we wish to be. Yet, according to the Preacher, it is the weak, the needy, the mistreated who will be most blessed.

Maybe try reading the Beatitudes in the first person. "Blessed am I when I'm merciful ... meek ... poor in spirit ... pure of heart."

We might find that, here in our pain, our lostness, and our ultimate dependence, we are most Christian, most loving and most blessed.

Encounter

How implementing healthy boundaries allows us to thrive

AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES



By Ché Wilson

Picture this: it's 6:30 AM on a weekday morning, and you've woken up without hitting the snooze button even once.

Your partner and children are going kindly about getting ready for the day, the traffic is light on your way into work, and your favorite parking spot is waiting, seemingly, just for you.

For most of us, the reality is snooze buttons, wrangling family members, hitting what feels like every red light, and pushing through the morning "routine."

But how could that ideal scenario become a reality, or even the new normal?

Can you picture how your mindset might change if your mornings begin with hopeful expectation, rather than dread?

While we manage our daily tasks, we're confronted at every juncture with the demands of relationship, societal conflicts, and a myriad of inconveniences.

As we adapt to those interruptions, we sometimes experience an erosion to our positivity.

We begin

to think of others as the "enemy," a doting parent becomes a short-tempered dictator.

An industrious employee becomes the object of scrutiny.

A well-meaning friend becomes the bearer of unsolicited help, and at worse, a hypocrite.

How can we shed this mindset and find again the inner peace that helps us to meet daily challenges with grace?

One way to start is by implementing healthy boundaries.

Boundaries are parameters that we position for ourselves that not only protect *ourselves* but ensure that we have more positive and productive outcomes with others we encounter.

In her book *How to Have Meaningful Relationships*, Emma Powers writes that boundaries "enable you to set the standard for how you'd like to be treated."

While the outcomes of boundaries are described as positive, the work that we must put into establishing those boundaries is often

grueling.

Establishing boundaries requires us to be able to know ourselves, be unapologetic about protecting ourselves, and be respectful of others' boundaries.

Perhaps one of the most challenging steps is the first: knowing ourselves.

Knowing ourselves is a crucial skill for us to master.

One prohibition to knowing ourselves is falling prey to believing ourselves to be only that which others have told us we are.

When we define ourselves by others, rather than by Our Creator, we are tempted into a conflicted state of resentment and appeasement.

This conflict can then lead to resentment, because when we discard who God created us to be in favor of who others want us to be, we've chosen to ignore the beauty of our own selves.

Perhaps you've seen this play out in your own life.

Maybe when your plate was full, but you said "yes" to an event — then

found it to be a waste of your time.

Or, maybe you interrupted your schedule to help a friend and received no gratitude in return.

When we don't draw boundaries around our time, our well-being, or our mental peace, we end up sacrificing what we don't have, and in turn experience resentment of others asking more of us than we can provide.

It can be hard to remember that, though we're created in the image and likeness of our God, we are not omnipotent, omniscient, or omnipresent.

We strive to imitate His goodness, but if we neglect our own needs in constant appeasement of others, we'll soon run short of the energy needed to serve others with love.

So, drawing healthy boundaries is a means of protecting ourselves and that protection is also a form of self-care or self-love.

And when we care for ourselves well, we can begin to climb out of the burn-out of self-neglect and begin to notice again the people and things that bring us joy, make us feel worthwhile, and engage in God's work with a renewed energy.

To put it another way, while responding to others' needs by serving in any capacity is love in action, or charity, we each have limitations of time, energy, and mental peace.

Healthy boundaries can protect us from becoming drained or questioning God's direction in our lives, feeling lost.

Whether your faith life is young, or you think of yourself as a well-seasoned Christian, we all have times of questioning God's call and direction in

our lives.

It's important to ask yourself if that questioning is a passing time of discernment or welling up from an experience of continued burnout due to a lack of healthy boundaries.

As we draw our boundaries, we should be mindful of communicating those to others with grace, and especially mindful of others' boundaries for us.

Powers provides us with a few tips on respecting others while asking them what we need to find the balance between their and our own boundaries.

She encourages us to:

- Write a letter or send a text message, rather than calling or launching into the subject in person, to allow the other person to have time to think about the request and the response.

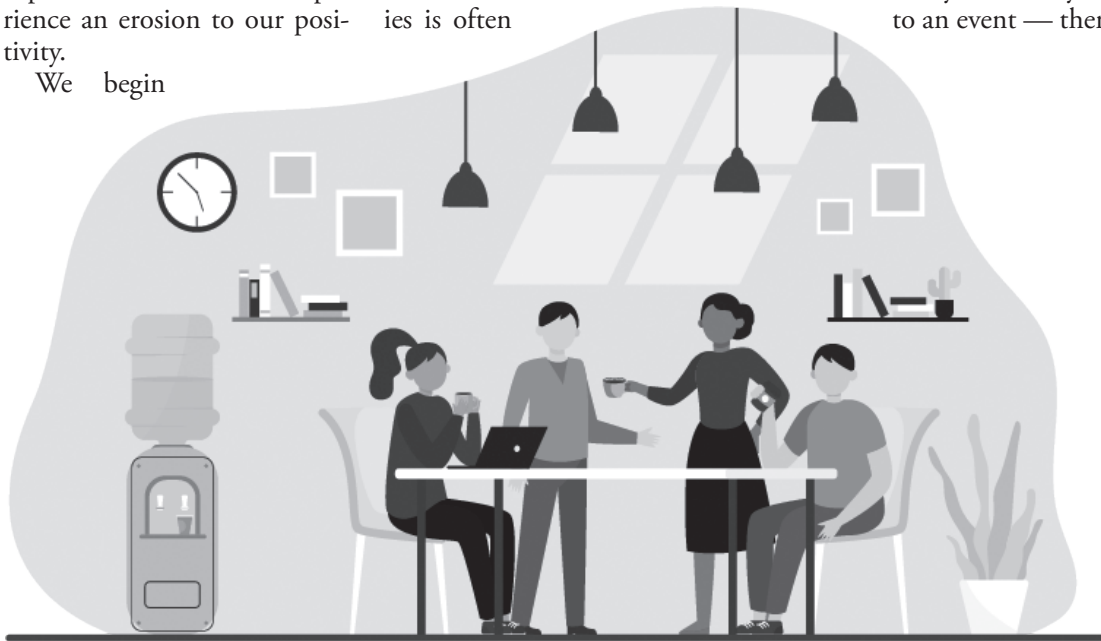
- Recognize time in our requests and be lenient as to when we expect others to act.

- Be aware of the other person's needs and abilities.

It's always important to remember that boundaries are not created to cut people off or insulate you from others' needs.

Healthy boundaries are meant to protect ourselves from demands that we are not able to fulfill and ultimately help us transform our mindset from "surviving" daily demands to "thriving" among them.

In Fall 2022, Ché Wilson served as an MSW Practicum Student at Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri in the Counseling Services program. Want to learn more? Read up on our Counseling Services program and find supportive materials online at ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/counseling-services.



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St. Ann Parish's new memorial prayer garden in Warsaw is a beautiful place of respite

By Jay Nies

It seemed like something God wanted from the very beginning.

Whenever an obstacle to building the new Memorial Prayer Garden outside St. Ann Church in Warsaw came up, the Lord took every opportunity to take care of it.

"Honestly, if God wasn't behind this, I'd lose everything betting on it," said David Grimes, president of the St. Ann Parish Pastoral Council. "Because whenever we

needed something or we needed someone to do something, there it was."

The Memorial Prayer Garden consists of a brick-paved plaza leading to an arc-shaped, illuminated grotto framing a statue of the Blessed Mother.

A granite plaque on one of the endcaps contains a laser-etched image of the original St. Ann Church, which served the parish from 1945 to 1996.

The plaque on the opposite side tells the story of the parish's first 75 years.

Lights illuminate the Blessed Mother statue and the trees behind it at night.

Fourteen Stations of the Cross are embedded in the wall below the grotto.

Paver bricks sponsored by parishioners and friends are engraved with the names of loved ones.

Benches have been placed along the walkway.

"It will be for a very long time a place where people will want to sit, reflect, pray or just be still and take in the scenery," said Mr. Grimes.

Father Benjamin Nwosu, pastor of St. Ann Parish and of St. Bernadette Parish in Hermitage and the Mission of Ss. Peter and Paul in Cole Camp, dedicated the Memorial Prayer Garden after Mass on Sunday, Oct. 29.

"It's a beautiful addition to our parish," Fr. Nwosu stated. "On many occasions Jesus withdrew with his disciples to a quiet place to pray. St. Ann's Memorial Prayer Garden will



Father Benjamin Nwosu, pastor of St. Ann Parish in Warsaw, St. Bernadette Parish in Hermitage and the Mission of Ss. Peter and Paul in Cole Camp, recently blessed the new Memorial Prayer Garden outside St. Ann Church.

— Photo by David Grimes

be for our parishioners, our friends and everyone visiting us, a special place to visit, to pray, to reflect and to treasure the memories of our loved ones, both the living and those who once journeyed with us."

Mr. Grimes noted that the garden was a community effort.

"We needed the support of the whole parish to get it done," he said. "They really stepped up to the plate."

In loving memory

Seeds for the garden were planted about six years ago, shortly after the death of longtime parishioner Jack Krier.

His wife, Kathy, had seen a prayer garden at the hospital where Mr. Krier was treated, and she brought the idea back to St. Ann with her.

It started out simple, with Boy Scouts clearing some land on the church property and

turning it into a contemplative space.

Parishioner Don Wilde liked what had been done but thought the parish could take it even farther. He had seen a memorial in Texas that included a walkway paved with memorial bricks that were paid for by parishioners.

"Don wanted it to be a place where people could sit outside and enjoy the church property," said Mr. Grimes. "This was a perfect place to make that happen."

The parish serves a stable year-round population along with vacationers and sporting enthusiasts at nearby Truman Lake and the Lake of the Ozarks.

Mr. Wilde saw that the garden could serve two purposes: "one, to have a really nice way to remember people, and two, for it to be a small fundraiser for the parish," said Mr.

Grimes.

The idea was coming together in October of 2022 when Mr. Wilde died in a car accident.

"It was Don's passion to get this built," Mr. Grimes noted. "His family got behind it. So did I."

Mr. Grimes started looking for a builder who could help design a memorial and figure out the cost.

He eventually sought out the contractor who had built the German Immigrant Memorial in nearby Cole Camp.

"His name is Mike Cravers and he lives in Warrensburg," said Mr. Grimes. "I called him. As it turns out, he's a Catholic and a Knight [of Columbus]."

They set a time to meet at St. Ann Church and started taking notes and making drawings.

"Within an hour, we knew what we were going to do," Mr. Grimes recalled, adding, "It was Mike's idea to put a big statue of Mary in the center."

The memorial garden was to be built solidly and beautifully, but the projected cost could have stopped it in its tracks.

"We needed the backing of parishioners sponsoring the paver bricks, so we got that process going," said Mr. Grimes.

The Wilde family came forward with a significant contribution in Don Wilde's memory. Other parishioners enthusiastically joined them.

"By that time, it had become clear that this thing was

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Students illuminate St. Anthony Cemetery for All Saints, All Souls

By Jay Nies

Lights shone in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome them.

Members of the eighth- through 12th-grade CCD religious education program at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in St. Anthony gathered on Sunday, Oct. 29, to place hundreds of flickering electric tealights throughout the parish cemetery.

The lights brought welcome warmth and brightness throughout the night on the Vigil and Solemnity of All Saints (Oct. 31 and Nov. 1) and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day (Nov. 2).

They also brought attention to the lives of deceased loved ones and to an all-too-often neglected spiritual work of mercy: praying for the dead.

"The cemetery to me has always been a focal point to show the faith of the community, of the people buried there," said Randy Holtmeyer, a lifetime St. Anthony parishioner and member of the parish's stewardship council.

"You look at headstones and



Moonlight and hundreds of electric tea lights illuminate St. Anthony Cemetery in St. Anthony near midnight on Nov. 1, the Solemnity of All Souls. Eighth- through 12th-grade CCD students placed the lights on headstones throughout the cemetery to remind people to pray for their deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed who are preparing to share the fullness of their Master's joy.

— Photos by Jay Nies

you see people who were married for 55 years or even more," he noted. "You see the rows where children are buried — anywhere from a few days old to 12 or 15 years.

"Some are from the early 1900s, and there are a lot of the same names of people in the parish now," he said. "The faith those people had to keep enduring — I'm trying to show the young kids that faith is basically what got them through life."

St. Anthony has been a

mostly Catholic community throughout its whole existence.

"It's a neat little town," said Mr. Holtmeyer. "There's a lot of faith here."

Early each school year, CCD students tour the cemetery in the daylight and become reacclimated with those who are buried there.

"You see them gravitate toward the headstones of people they knew," said Mr. Holtmeyer.

Each weekly class begins with a shared prayer and a round of personal prayer intentions.

"Very seldom do we get through the prayers without someone having us pray for the souls in purgatory," said Mr. Holtmeyer. "They pay a lot of attention to that. We hope it carries on when they go out from here."

Common threads

Mr. Holtmeyer noted that most of the people in St. Anthony are Catholic. St. Anthony Cemetery is the resting place for many of the students' ancestors, some going back several generations.

Also at rest in the cemetery are three priests and a man who died while serving in the Vietnam War.

Several rows of tiny headstones testify to a startling infant-mortality rate among the parish's early residents.

When Father John P. Walsh, a former pastor, died in 1992, he asked to be buried in that part of the cemetery, next to the simple crosses marking the

burial places of babies who died very young.

Father Joseph Lorenz died a year later, shortly after retiring as pastor. A stone in the cemetery marks his burial place.

At rest directly in front of the crucifix is Father Ignatius Lehman, who in 1939 succumbed to injuries from an explosion in the local community wellhouse.

Lauren Kliethemes, the parish's faith formation coordinator, found out about the old German Catholic tradition of lighting up a parish cemetery with "candles" from Our Lady of the Snows School in Mary's Home, where students have been keeping the tradition for years.

Last November, Mrs. Kliethemes, her husband Jacob and their daughters placed tealights throughout St. Anthony Cemetery in anticipation of an All Souls Mass offered by Father Christopher Aubuchon, pastor of the St. Anthony Parish and neighboring St. Lawrence Parish in St. Elizabeth.

"It was really a hit when people saw it," said Mr. Holtmeyer. "So we decided to do it again this year and invite the post-confirmation students to set it up on the Sunday before All Saints and All Souls."

It was also the conclusion of the Month of the Rosary.

Parishioners had been gathering on the first and third Sundays of each month to pray the Rosary in church since the Fourth of July weekend, in the middle of a persistent drought.

"Word got out, and we had people from four different parishes show up," said Mr. Holtmeyer. "A lot of people liked it, so we kept it going."

Communal Rosaries, including an outdoor Rosary in the churchyard, were prayed in

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From what Mr. Holtmeyer has been told, "when Fr. Lehman's family agreed for him to be buried there, it was with the understanding that the next male parishioner baptized in the parish would be named Ignatius."

Young people enjoy learning such tidbits about the history of their parish, which in many cases encompasses the history of their own extended families.

"We want to pray for all who have gone before us, for their eternal life," said Mr. Holtmeyer.

"Lead all souls to heaven"

Adults in the parish have been working to draw young people into the life of the parish and help them stay connected.

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Catholic educator offers colleagues advice on navigating forks in the road

By Jay Nies

Jeanne Livers wants her colleagues in Catholic education to be brazen in knowing that they're amazing.

"We're ALL amazing because we are all sons and daughters of the King!" Mrs. Livers, a junior-high math teacher at St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City, told Catholic school teachers of the Southeast Region of the diocese.

Before she was finished, she had them all up and dancing for joy.

"That's one of the many things I love about teaching in a Catholic school," she said. "I consider it a safe space for me to share my faith.

"I do some crazy things every now and then," she stated. "I always say, you never want to let them get bored. People will remember what you're teaching if you figure out a way to make them smile while you're doing it."

Mrs. Livers was the keynote presenter at the Jefferson City diocese's Southeast Regional Professional Development Day, held Sept. 11 at St. Joseph School in Westphalia.

Teachers and administrators from Holy Cross School in Cuba, St. Mary School in Frankenstein, Holy Family School in Freeburg, St. George School in Hermann, St. George School in Linn, Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek, Sacred Heart School in Rich Fountain, St. Patrick School in Rolla, Visitation Inter-Parish School in Vienna and St. Joseph School in Westphalia participated.

The theme was "Teaching is a work of the heart."

Mrs. Livers kept participants busy, engaged and laughing throughout her two-hour block between Mass and lunch.

"In Catholic schools, we don't just teach, we minister constantly," she said.

She focused on several of a subject that's close to her heart: The art of discernment.

Namely, how best to navigate the forks that all people encounter in the road each day and on a large scale at pivotal moments in their life.

"Pray, pray, pray!" she exhorted. "Patiently wait on the Lord! Pay attention to what the Spirit tells you, and then proceed."

Her topics ranged from candy to karaoke songs to "Winnie the Pooh" characters.

She talked to her fellow educators about acknowledging the fear and anxiety in their lives without letting it deter them from fulfilling God's purpose for them.

"You counterattack with prayer," Mrs. Livers stated, "understanding that the answer to our prayers might not be immediate ... or even what we expect."

She shared Bible stories and heartwarming anecdotes from her own experience to illustrate the importance of listening to God and trusting in his brilliantly laid plans.

"The enemy will try to convince you to stay in your safe space so you won't do the will of God," said Mrs. Livers. "Don't you believe him!

"Pray, wait, listen, then take that leap of faith, knowing that you are covered by the blood of the Lamb of God, and no power in hell can keep you from becoming all you are meant to be!" she stated.

She spoke of wonderful people and experiences she had encountered at some of the most difficult times in her life.

She lavished joy on how God has led her, sometimes against her will, through each phase of her existence, to the destinations he desires for her.

For the past nine years, since her retirement from satisfying work for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, that has

meant teaching at St. Joseph Cathedral School.

"I'm really enjoying myself here," she said in an interview with *The Catholic Missourian*. "I don't need to hide any of myself. I can be as loving as myself, as silly as myself, as strict as I need to be. Because I'm me.

"The kids accept me, the school accepts me," she stated. "Of all the jobs I've had, the ability to evangelize with every fiber of my being has made this the best job I've ever had."

"Come to church"

Mrs. Livers talked about how her parents, her siblings and she encountered the Catholic faith and were initiated into the Catholic Church when Mrs. Livers was a child.

She went to eight years of Catholic school and forged deep friendships that she doubts she could have experienced anywhere else.

Her family was very poor while she was growing up.

She inherited her mother's passion for math and set about cultivating it in college, later pursuing an advanced degree in computer programming.

Mrs. Livers never intended to become a teacher, although that's what her mother thought she'd eventually do.

Spencer Allen, who was principal of St. Joseph Cathedral School and is now principal of Helias Catholic High School, invited her to take it on, part-time, in retirement.

"It's one of the best things I've ever done," she said. "If teaching is truly what you're called to, it can be a source of tremendous



Jeanne Livers

satisfaction."

She loves her students, who all know that she expects greatness from them and is willing to help them achieve it.

"My husband calls it the 'grandma effect,'" she noted. "He says, 'They look at you and they don't want to disappoint you.'"

Not that they're perfect, or that she expects them to be. But they're comfortable with her reminding them of the reason for their existence.

"Every once in a while, we have a little 'come to church meeting' in our classroom," she said. "We talk about how we need to love one another, and what that looks like here in school."

She said she never stops praying for her students.

"Sometimes, I tell them, 'I'm praying for you to do well, that this will be of real benefit to you,'" she said.

With God's help

Mrs. Livers became comfortable sharing her faith while helping to lead prayer group meetings during her time in the Capitol.

She has given talks at Cursillo weekends, parish renewal retreats and at women's ministry

events at several locations in the diocese.

She once showed Mr. Allen her notes from a women's day of recollection she led at St. Stanislaus Parish in Wardville. He encouraged her to share her insights with more and even larger audiences.

She was nervous going into this fall's teachers' event in Westphalia, as she had never presented for such a long period.

She prayed for two weeks while preparing, then dove into the day headfirst.

"One lady caught me at break and she said it was the best professional development day ever," she recalled.

"Then I knew that God was answering my prayers."



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of our hearts, our renewal of dedication to God through our belief in the teachings of the Catholic Church, through our charitable works, and through our sacramental life.”

Fr. Abah and several other priests of the diocese, among them previous pastors of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, concelbrated the Mass.

They assisted in lighting the candles and blessing and anointing the walls.

The rededication was the culmination of more than seven years of planning and preparing.

Parishioners at first set out to build a new church, as the current one seemed to have deteriorated beyond repair.

They began raising money, but a series of turns and developments led them to reevaluate the current building and ultimately invest in its renewal.

A sacrificial gift by Dan and Pat Dickneite helped make the

project possible, along with contributions from fellow parishioners old and new.

People of all ages marveled and gave thanks upon seeing the church ready for Mass for the first time since last November, when they took up temporary quarters in the nearby parish hall.

“The things that are most meaningful in life require a great sacrifice,” Bishop McKnight pointed out in his homily. “Therefore, in our celebration of Mass at this altar, we shall make a sacrifice of praise to God, with hearts full of gratitude lifted up to him.”

Joyful offering

During the ceremonial handing-over of the church, the general contractor presented to Bishop McKnight a box containing a piece of stone from the church’s original 1895 foundation, with a



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and Father Joseph Abah join members of St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Mokane in a group photo outside their newly renovated church Oct. 22 after celebrating the Rededication Mass.

— Photo by Annie Williams

plaque noting the dates of the original dedication and the rededication.

The rite for rededicating a Catholic church is filled with rituals, symbols and prayers dating back to Biblical times.

Bishop McKnight blessed water and used it to cleanse the altar and to sprinkle holy water on the people with the help of concelebrating priests.

He placed relics of St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Francis of Assisi below the natural stone top of the new altar.

Following an antiphonal Litany of Saints, he offered the Prayer of Dedication, imploring the Father to help “your

faithful, gathered around the table of the altar, celebrate the memorial of the [life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ], and be refreshed by the banquet of Christ’s Word and his Body.”

“Here may the joyful offering of praise resound,” the bishop prayed, “with human voices joined to the song of angels, and unceasing prayer rising up to you for the salvation of the world.”

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

Bishop McKnight then pronounced the Prayer of Consecration of an altar.

He recalled the altars that had been built by Noah, Abraham and Moses, as well as the table of the Last Supper, and the cross, the altar upon which

Jesus presented himself as the perfect sin offering for humanity.

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

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

Concelebrating priests then anointed the walls, applying Chrism in the shape of a cross near the four corners.

Anointing is symbolic of setting a person or place aside for a sacred purpose.

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

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

The sweet smoke filled the church, mixing with the aroma of candles, the Chrism and the newly refinished woodwork.

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St. Robert Bellarmine Parish celebrates St. Francis feastday

Mass in parish Fellowship Hall concludes with blessing of pets

The following firsthand report is from a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in St. Robert.

By Maxine Heidbreder

Oct. 4 traditionally has been set aside as the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

Among other things, this quiet and gentle man is the patron saint of animals. If we have a pet, we seem to know all about St. Francis.

Our gardens even hold a special place for a statue of this holy man who was known to preach to not only the people of his time, but also to the birds.

So, it seemed fitting for the St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in St. Robert to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis in an outdoor Mass ... along with our pets.

The Mass was to end with a blessing of the pets, as well as all who would be in attendance.

Well, that was the plan. It rained ... it rained all day!

Thinking of the comfort of the parishioners and their furry friends, the entire event was moved indoors. So much for the camping chairs, tiki torches, and that closeness with nature!

Parishioners and their pets began entering St. Robert Bellarmine Parish's beautiful Fel-

lowship Hall.

Arriving with little fanfare was Bernard, a beautiful spirited Golden Retriever. Always looking for an adventure, Bernard settled down to a place up front to ensure visibility.

Bernard was followed by Daisy Mae, a recently adopted senior Staffordshire Terrier. It was apparent that she loved her new owner.

And then there was Eddie, a terrier. It was obvious that he had been voted "most likely to succeed" by his terrier peers. What confidence this little guy had!

Carried in was Sandy, the Yorkie ... clearly an aristocrat ... noble by birth.

Schnauzers Little Lucy and

Murphy soon appeared. Alert and focused, they were ready to chase anything, but preferably a squirrel.

Yang, a beautiful black rabbit, peered from his carrier oblivious to anything. He has a perfect name, as it is associated with all things positive, good and happy.

From Fort Leonard Wood was Manny, a Labrador, and Oakley, a Labrador Terrier mix. They seemed to be as young

and friendly as their owners.

Arriving slowly, like a respectful gentleman, was Jack. Proud of his mixed breed heritage, his movement might have been a bit stiff and difficult, but his attitude was young at heart. With him being 15 years old, one could just imagine the wisdom that this old soul has.

Last but not least was Sprinkles the cat. Refusing to

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Parishioners then came forward in procession to set the candles, flowers and altar linens in place.

The 1911-vintage bell in the rehabilitated tower echoed across the landscape as parishioners gathered after Mass for a photo with Bishop McKnight and Fr. Abah outside the church.

The people then shared a festive meal in the parish hall.

Now and then

St. Jude Thaddeus Church was originally built in 1895 to serve another congregation.

Father George Hoehn, who was pastor of the former St. Martin Parish in Starkeburg, bought the then-vacant Mokane church in 1910, renamed it in honor of one of the Twelve Apostles, acquired an altar and began offering Mass there.

The church was expanded and renovated several times through the decades.

"Each generation has made improvements on this building over the past 113 years," historian and fifth-generation parishioner Heather Murphy wrote in the rededication program.

"Each generation, in turn, becomes the caretakers of the building until that responsibility passes to the next generation.

"We know that it was our turn to leave our mark on the



Bishop W. Shawn McKnight leads the faithful in prayer during the Rededication Mass for St. Jude Thaddeus Church in Mokane on Oct. 22. The rededication capped a year's worth of renovations to the 1895-vintage church.
— Photo by Annie Williams

building," she wrote, "and we know without a doubt that while we would all enjoy the fruits of that labor for a few

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years, in reality, it was all done as a gift to the children of our parish."

The goal, however, was not just to preserve the church for future generations but to celebrate the people who had

come before.

Special care was taken at every level of planning to retain the look and feel of "that little white church on the hill that we've been since the days when Mokane counted itself among the railroad boom towns," Mrs. Murphy wrote.

A display cabinet inside the main entrance contains a striking collection of photos and mementos from the parish's early history.

"It is our responsibility to keep the flame of our ancestors alive — to remember their names, to tell their story," Mrs. Murphy insisted.

"And their story is our story."



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A group of women from St. Andrew Parish in Tipton gathers in Cana Hall of the Cathedral of St. Joseph after dinner during an Oct. 6 "Ladies Night Out" event with Catholic evangelizer Teresa Tomeo, sponsored by diocesan Women's Ministry. — Photo by Jay Nies

WOMEN

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"See that Jesus continues to speak to us over the centuries, that this IS his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity," she said.

She urged her sisters in Christ to shut out the noise that surrounds them every day through endless media and social media.

"How can you hear God's voice if you have all this garbage, all this junk coming into your world, into your house, into your head, into your heart?" she asked.

Silence aids in prayerful openness to whatever God has in mind.

"It all starts at the foot of the cross," Mrs. Tomeo insisted. "Maybe God has something better in mind for you. Maybe what you want is not bad or wrong, but is not what will fulfill you the most. Even though you don't understand it at the time."

"What I needed"

Mrs. Tomeo thoroughly enjoyed her visit to this diocese.

"It was definitely an amazing event!" she stated. "It was wonderful and truly a blessing to meet so many faith-filled ladies."

Energy from the audience spilled over into submitted evaluations and online comments.

"Thanks for an awesome God filled weekend," one participant posted online.

"It was exactly what I needed," another participant posted. "Thank you for making this available to us. I am already looking forward to the next one!"

"A wonderful evening," another wrote.

"It was so wonderful and inspiring," stated yet another.

Further reactions:

"All the speakers were delightful, genuine and meaningful."

"I loved the Friday night food and fellowship."

"I enjoyed the opening and closing hymns."

"It was wonderful, I am now a big fan of Teresa Tomeo."

Many hands

Barbara Prasad, coordinator of women's ministry for the Jefferson City diocese, said the events featuring Mrs. Tomeo were months in the making.

"We pray that everyone in attendance takes away something good and fruitful that they are in need of on their journey of growth and faith," she said.

She thanked all the volunteers who made the events possible, including the Cathedral of St. Joseph Events Committee volunteers and docents, the See City Core Team volunteers, and additional volunteers from throughout the diocese, ministry leaders who staffed the informational booths, and Chancery staff.

She applauded the members of the Men of Signum Crucis Catholic spirituality group in Jefferson City who took care the hospitality needs at both events.

Mrs. Tomeo lauded the efforts of Mrs. Prasad and her staff in promoting and organizing the events.

"It was a joy for me and my team to work with them," Mrs. Tomeo stated. "It was obvious that they were very engaged in the planning and wanted the ladies to really make the most of the retreat."

She said she felt honored to meet and speak with so many faithful women who came together to reflect on their relationship with Christ and grow even closer to him in the Eucharist.

"Many of them traveled for hours to take part," she noted. "I hope I helped in some way as they continue on their faith journey."

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Hermann parish offers hope and healing event for all who've lost an infant



Members of St. George Parish in Hermann attend a Mass by candlelight during Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. — Photo by Molly Cody

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, and St. George Parish in Hermann hosted a candle-lit Mass for any and all members of the community, young and old, who have ever lost a child to stillbirth, miscarriage, SIDS, or any other cause at any point during pregnancy or infancy.

A "Night of Hope and Healing" was held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenburg on Oct. 26.

Father Philip Niekamp, pastor of St. George Parish and of Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland and spiritual director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, offered the Mass.

The evening was sponsored by the Sisters of St. Zelig Ministry at St. George Church in Hermann.

Organizers invited families who had lost a child at any point in their lives to attend as well, and there was a reception after the Mass where the

attendees gathered in fellowship with one another.

Each family received a candle for each little one they have in heaven, and those children were prayed for aloud by name.

"It was such a healing evening for me and my husband," said parishioner, Molly Cody. "We lost our second baby early in pregnancy and, like most people who experience an early miscarriage, we didn't get to have a funeral service."

She said that in this culture, a miscarriage can be overlooked in terms of a loss.

"But in reality, the grief is there ... right along with the hole in your heart and in your family," said Mrs. Cody. "Attending this candle-lit Mass, where the life of our baby was acknowledged and honored, was so incredibly healing for us."

This was a first of what parishioners hope will be an annual event.

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Listen to, trust the lay faithful, pope tells synod members

By Cindy Wooden
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Vatican City

Pope Francis told members of the synod on synodality that they should respect and honor the faith of all baptized Catholics, including the women, trusting “the holy, faithful people of God” who continue to believe even when their pastors act like dictators.

“I like to think of the Church as the simple and humble people who walk in the presence of the Lord — the faithful people of God,” he told participants at the assembly of the Synod of Bishops Oct. 25.

In a rare intervention as the assembly was nearing its conclusion, Pope Francis told members to trust the fidelity of the people they listened to in preparation for the synod over the past two years.

“One of the characteristics of this faithful people is its infallibility — yes, it is infallible in ‘*credendo*,’ in belief, as the Second Vatican Council taught, he said.

“I explain it this way: ‘When you want to know ‘what’ Holy Mother Church believes, go to the magisterium, because it is in charge of teaching it to you, but when you want to know ‘how’ the Church believes, go to the faithful people,’ the pope said.

“The faithful people, the holy faithful people of God” have a soul, a conscience and a way of seeing reality, he said.

All of the cardinals and bishops at the synod, he said, come from that people and have received the faith from them — usually from their mothers and grandmothers.

“And here I would like to emphasize that, among God’s holy and faithful people, faith is transmitted in dialect, and generally in a feminine dialect,” the pope said.

“It is women who know how to hope, know how to discover the resources of the Church and of the faithful people, who take risks beyond the limit, perhaps with fear but courageously,” he said.

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Church needs to give its closeness, listening and accompaniment to those who feel alone in remaining faithful to the Church’s teaching on marriage and sexual ethics, as well as to those on the margins because of “their marriage status, identity or sexuality.”

The synod suggests further consideration of the point that listening “does not mean compromising proclamation of the Gospel or endorsing any opinion or position proposed” — but rather being like Jesus, who listens and loves unconditionally to share his good news.

It also emphasized the Church needs to extend its closeness to the lonely and abandoned, the elderly and sick.

The synod document called for further discernment about “Eucharistic hospitality” — the situation of people of different churches receiving Communion — and “inter-Church marriages.”

6. The Catholic Church needs strong Eastern Churches collaborating with the Latin Church.

The synod indicates it is vital for Catholics to realize that the Catholic Church is a communion of coequal sister Churches — Latin Church (the biggest and headed by the pope) and 23 different Eastern Catholic Churches, all enjoying communion through their unity with the pope.

The synod calls for all Catholic communities and clergy to learn about each other and actively work together modeling “unity in diversity.”

It stresses that the Latin Church’s members (for the most part known as Roman Catholics) need to help Eastern Catholics in situations where they do not have access to their own Churches to live out their traditions.

The synod said “Latinization” (making Eastern Churches conform to the traditions and practices of Latin Churches) is “outdated.”

The synod indicated that Eastern Churches must work out their relationship to role of the pope, whose role is rooted in the Latin Church, specifically in whether his assent is needed in the selection of bishops, and the fact that Catholics of these Eastern Churches are no longer confined to traditional patriarchal territories but are now all over the world.

It proposes a permanent council of patriarchs and major archbishops to the Holy Father, and that Eastern Catholics should be adequately represented throughout the Roman Curia.

7. The synod suggests a new path for ecumenism, particularly thanks to the martyrs.

There has been a lot of discouragement about dialogue between Catholic and other Christian confessions achieving its goal of actual unity — but the synod appears

to have made significant suggestions for moving ahead.

Among the proposals was that an “ecumenical martyrology” be developed, which would allow the Church to commemorate Christian martyrs who share a common baptism but not the same confessional boundaries.

The point has been emphasized most recently by the early 21st-century martyrdoms, such as in the Middle East, where Islamist militants killed Orthodox and Catholics for being Christians — among them the 21 Coptic Orthodox martyrs of Libya.

The synod emphasized that local churches can engage ecumenically with other churches in carrying out the work of the Gospel, and the importance of continuing to involve Christians of other churches and traditions in synodal processes “at all levels.”

Among the proposals is to find a common date for the celebration of Easter with an eye to the year 2025, the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

8. The synod emphasizes the Church needs to evangelize digital spaces intentionally as a dimension of its mission.

The synod views the digital realm not as a separate field but a “crucial dimension of the Church’s witness in contemporary culture.”

This means understanding digital culture in order to evangelize it and engaging the Church’s younger generation — clergy, religious and lay — in carrying out the mission here.

The synod proposes discernment on how the Church can be involved in helping make the online world “safe” for families — noting the dangers of intimidation, disinformation, sex exploitation and addiction — and how the Church can make the digital realm “spiritually life-giving.”

This challenges parishes and dioceses about how to engage here, especially forming and accompanying “digital missionaries” and networking them together.

It also suggests creating collaborative opportunities with influencers, particularly in areas of “human dignity, justice and care for our common home.”

9. Sex abuse is undermining the Church’s missionary life, and the synod recognizes that a truly synodal Church needs to get this right.

The synod stated, “Sexual abuse and the abuse of power and authority continue to cry out for justice, healing and reconciliation.”

It acknowledges this synodal process has seen the Holy Spirit pour out fruits of “hope, healing, reconciliation and restoration of trust.”

Furthermore, listening to and accompanying those who have suffered abuse in the Church have helped people feel no longer invisible.

At the same time, the synod makes clear “the long journey toward reconciliation and justice” remains and requires “address-

ing the structural conditions that abetted such abuse” and “concrete gestures of penitence.”

A synodal

Church requires a “culture of transparency,” respect for existing procedures to safeguard minors and people when they are vulnerable, and “further structures dedicated to the prevention of abuse.”

It noted bishops are in a difficult situation of reconciling their “role of father with that of judge,” and suggested exploring the possibility of giving the judicial task to another body specified in canon law.

10. The bishops must now figure out how to take these ideas to the pews for further discernment and bring that back to the synod.

The synod synthesis’ 41-pages are broken up into three sections with vital topics that truly interest and affect the entire People of God.

At this point, the synod leaves it to worldwide episcopal conferences to discern the next steps to take.

During the synod’s first session, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, acknowledged that the bishops would have to foster greater participation, including encouraging pastors to buy in. U.S. participation rate in the synod’s preparatory process was 1% of U.S. Catholics.

The prospect of getting this feedback within a year may seem daunting to bishops.

If the document is really going to be thoroughly discerned and feedback provided within 11 months, the lay faithful will likely have to raise their voices and volunteer to work with their pastors and bishops to get it done in time for the second October session.

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The synthesis report can be found at: synod.va/en/news/a-synodal-Church-in-mission.html

The synod explicitly says its work is rooted in the Church’s dynamic and living tradition in the context of the Second Vatican Council’s teaching.

“A sign of hope that promises resurrection”

Father Jeremy Secrist, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Salisbury, St. Boniface Parish in Brunswick, and St. Mary of the Angels Parish in Wien, offers Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery with students of St. Joseph School on Nov. 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, known also as All Souls Day.

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FR. WIEDERHOLT

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in Wien; St. Clement Parish in St. Clement; St. Joseph Parish in Edina and the Mission of St. Aloysius in Baring; St. Anthony of Padua Parish in St. Anthony and finally Our Lady of Snows Parish in Mary's Home.

He then served for several years as volunteer chaplain for the cloistered Discalced Carmelite nuns in Jefferson City and as sacramental minister for St. Michael Parish in Russellville.

He lived in Jefferson City through most of his retirement before moving to the infirmary at Conception Abbey earlier this year.

"Being a priest is a blessing far beyond any words can express," Fr. Wiederholt proclaimed in 2008.

"How I'd love to go back and do it all again!"

"Compassion and understanding"

Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos, who led this diocese from 1997-2018, looked back on Fr. Wiederholt as "the last of our pioneers."

"I was very grateful that he came back to serve here after his military service," said Bishop Gaydos. "And he did so with distinction."

"His passing is yet another reminder that we're standing on the shoulders of giants," the bishop emeritus stated.

Gayle Trachsel, who was principal in Mary's Home when Fr. Wiederholt was pas-

tor there, remembers his sense of humor and concern for people who were sick.

"He touched many lives with his caring and personal personality," she recalled.

Many took to social media upon hearing of Fr. Wiederholt's passing.

"Compassionate, kind, caring, loving, forgiving, yet firm and unbending with God's Commandments — the perfect shepherd for God's children!" stated Randy Holtmeyer of St. Anthony.

"Thank you for being such a wonderful shepherd," Laurice Stevens stated. "God bless you for all you did to get your flock to heaven."

Answered prayers

Fr. Wiederholt was born on Jan. 5, 1930, on a farm near Conception, one of 12 children of the late Valentine G. and Mary B. (Bliley) Wiederholt.

When his parents carried the day-old baby out of the snow and into the abbey basilica, the Benedictine priest there had to chip away at the frozen holy water in the baptismal font, put some into a can and shake it until it could be poured.

From that day forward, Mrs. Wiederholt carried a silent prayer in her heart: that young Clarence would become a priest.

He began to sense his calling at age 7, around the time his older brother died of an

infection.

The future priest entered Conception Seminary after eighth grade, continuing his studies through high school, college, philosophy and theology.

On Dec. 21, 1955, in St. Patrick Church in Maryville, Bishop (later Cardinal) John P. Cody ordained Fr. Wiederholt a priest of the former Diocese of St. Joseph, which spanned all of northern Missouri.

Seven months later, upon the creation of the Jefferson City diocese, Fr. Wiederholt became the new diocese's youngest priest.

One night while serving at St. Pius, Fr. Wiederholt answered the rectory doorbell.

The woman on the porch told him about a visit she had just received in her home nearby. Twice, a man dressed

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in white came and stood at the foot of her bed, the second time telling her to go to the nearest Catholic church.

She entered St. Pius X Church and immediately noticed the image of Christ above the high altar.

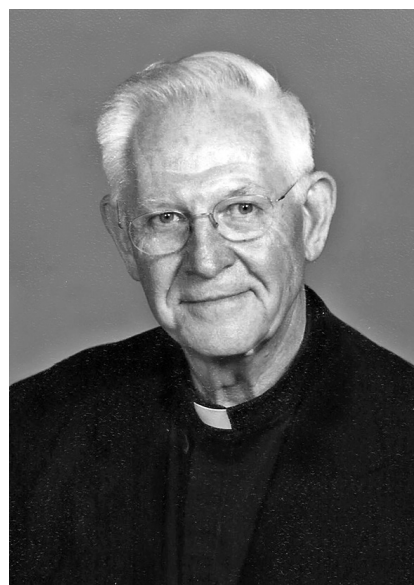
"She said it was the same man who had stood over her bed," Fr. Wiederholt recalled in 2019.

The priest agreed to give her instructions so that she could become Catholic.

"She was my first convert," Fr. Wiederholt recounted with awe. "The Lord took care of her and brought her into the Church in such a beautiful way. All I had to do was believe her and give her instructions."

Fr. Porterfield spoke of Fr. Wiederholt's belief that everyone he encountered was a gift sent by God.

"And he was not going to return that gift to God without multiplying it," the homilist stated.



Fr. Clarence Wiederholt (1930-2023)

"And raise you up"

Fr. Wiederholt ministered in Rolla while preparing to enter the U.S. Air Force chaplain corps.

Before reporting for duty in June 1959, he went home to spend a week with his parents, stacking his packed belongings onto their back porch.

His mother summoned him in the middle of the following night. His father was having a heart attack and dying.

The priest ran to his hodgepodge of possessions and by God's grace grabbed the bag containing the Oil of the Sick.

One last time, he administered for his father the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Mountaintop experiences

In the Air Force, Fr. Wiederholt received some adventuresome assignments, including five Cold War surveillance stations in isolated parts of Alaska.

From a base near Anchorage, he would fly to remote military outposts to provide Mass for Catholics, services for Protestants and Jews, and comfort and counsel to all who needed it.

One night, he headed up Indian Mountain to visit the "top camp" at the mountain's peak, where a blizzard with 80-mph winds, temperatures of -40 degrees, and feet upon feet of drifting snow moved in.

The wind began to blow the roof off the tank holding the

water that was used to heat the complex.

If the heat had failed, everyone there would have frozen to death.

Late that night, all the base personnel gathered in and around the tiny chapel, where Fr. Wiederholt led them in prayer.

As they prayed, the wind began to die down.

In a later assignment, he ministered to Air Force personnel at three U.S. Army installations near Darmstadt, Germany.

That's when he baptized an infant named Mark Porterfield, who would become a priest of the Jefferson City diocese.

Fr. Wiederholt often referred to baptizing a future priest as "one of the best, most important things that happened to me."

Wearing o' the green

As straightforward and direct as Fr. Wiederholt could be with his homilies and teaching, "he was equally compassionate in the confessional," said Fr. Porterfield.

Fr. Wiederholt often said, "God is perfectly just. But Jesus says, 'I prefer my mercy.'"

A nephew, Mark Wiederholt, called to mind an instance when God used Fr. Wiederholt to assure the whole family of his constant care.

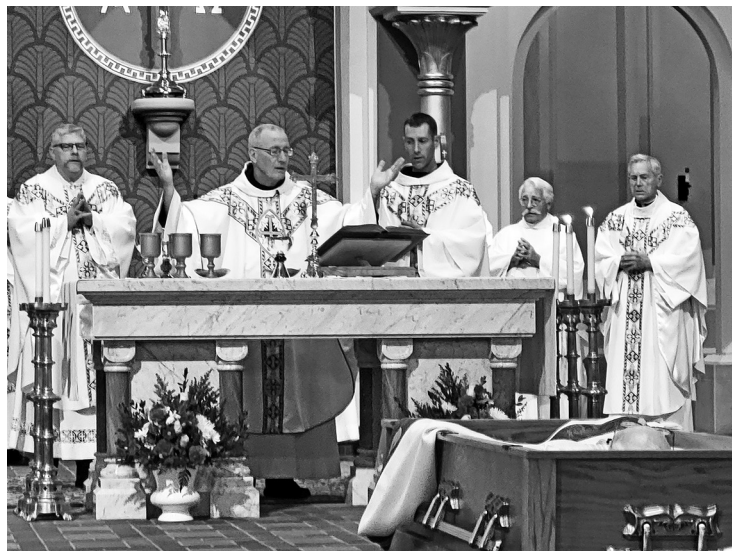
Mark's father, Donald, who was the priest's brother, was scheduled for emergency surgery for pancreatic cancer on Dec. 29, 1973.

"It was about the same time that Father was preparing to say the early Mass for his parish before coming to St. Luke's Hospital to be with Don and our family," Mark recalled.

Upon entering the church sanctuary, the priest noticed the distinct medicinal smell of an operating room.

"He was familiar with that aroma, as he often went into the operating room to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to people before their surgery," Mark noted.

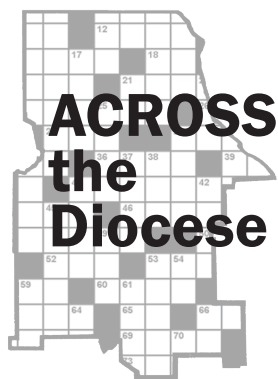
After Mass, Fr. Wiederholt drove for three hours to be with his family.



Benedictine Abbot Benedict Neenan of Conception Abbey and concelebrating priests pray the Eucharistic Prayer at the Funeral Mass for Father Clarence Wiederholt, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese, on Nov. 3 in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at the abbey.

— Photo by Jay Nies

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By Father Don Antweiler

ACROSS

1. From the beginning, the Church has always evangelized through preaching and the written _____. This puzzle features some of the more modern modes of papal communication for the Church to continue its mission today.
5. Big Bend Ranch State Park on the _____ Grande river in Texas offers rugged mountains, amazing views, unparalleled night skies, and solitude in a high desert setting.
7. This State's capital is Concord. Its Mt. Washington, the region's highest peak, is notorious for its very sudden and very extreme weather (abbr.).
9. In text, letters for Same Here (i.e., I agree); on TikTok, they mean Self-Harm.
11. Prophetess at the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (see Luke 3:36).
12. Letters for Old English, the English language spoken in the early Middle Ages (roughly 450-1100 A.D.).
13. 7th note.
14. This State's capital is Raleigh. It is likely that Rolla, Mo.'s name is the phonetic spelling of Raleigh, from the southern drawl of settlers from this southern State (abbr.).
15. RADIO—Pope Pius XI asked the _____ of the radio, Guglielmo Marconi, to develop a radio station for the Vatican. The Pope broadcast the first Vatican radio message to the world (in Latin of course) in Feb. of 1931.
18. The Mo. Dept. of _____ works to promote and protect the 100,000 farms in Mo. and connect them with and for consumers (abbr.).
19. The New _____ was the slogan of FDR's second (1936) presidential election which was a referendum on his first term policies. He won.
21. "It's a pity there is no wall

ever built high _____ to keep out a man determined to get in," —*The Rose Rent*, Ellis Peters.

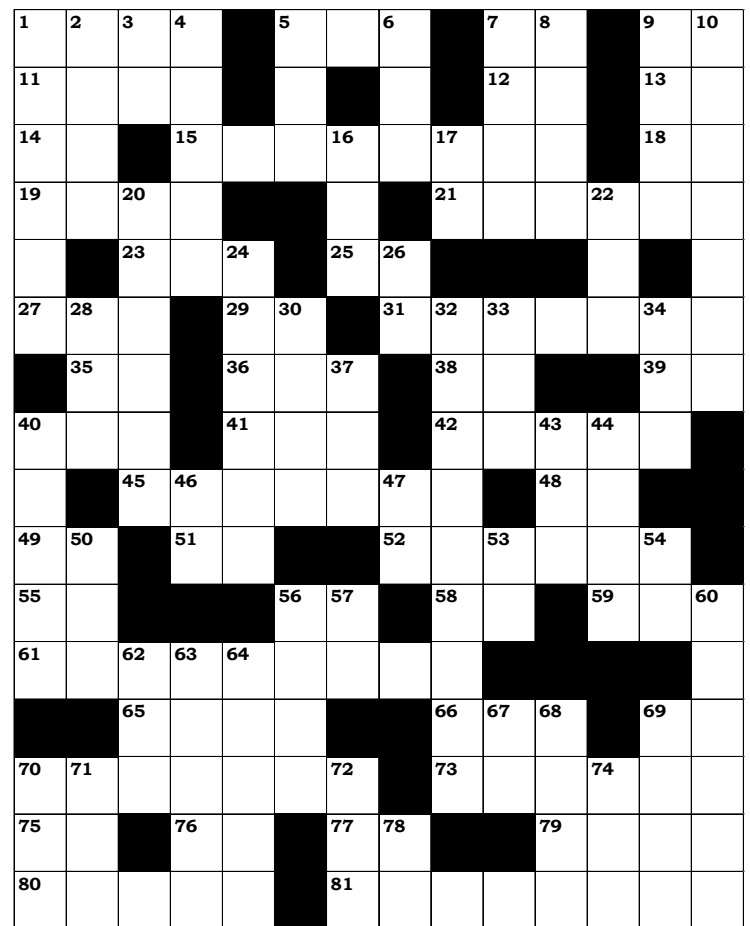
23. A type of bread.
25. "We all _____ what is necessary, Cain. You're in no position to be lecturing me. Nor are you, Nova. You're both killers too," —*The Bourne Treachery*, Brian Freeman.
27. Genetic material.
29. The Plaza de _____ Constitution in St. Augustine, FL. Is the oldest public park in America.
31. "All goes well for those gracious in lending, who conduct their _____ with justice," (Psalms 112:5).
35. Stomach muscle.
36. Short for International Space Station.
38. My _____ grandpa was a man I sure looked up to.
39. "If we cannot all think alike on all topics, we can _____ least be united on the great essentials," —*The God Who Comes*, Carlo Carretto.
40. An _____ is a belt for traditional Japanese clothing and for Japanese martial art styles.
41. "Love does not measure what it gives. Great love makes great sacrifice a great _____," —Mark, *Good News for Hard Times*, Fr. George T. Montague.
42. VATICAN LIBRARY—Pope Nicholas in the 1450s opened the papal library for all in the "court of Rome" both clergy and _____. Today with its over one million books and 75,000 codices, in the interest of sharing Church history and wisdom, it went online in 2018.
45. YOUTUBE—Vatican YouTube _____ launched in 2009; search for "Pope Video" or "The Digital Pope."
48. The _____ Mans auto race in France is one of the world's most prestigious dating back to 1923. It is a 24-hour race which tests sport car drivers, teams and machines, drawing millions of spectators, TV viewers and listeners.
49. Letters for New Balance footwear company; founded in 1906 in Boston, Ma.
51. "Why don't you preach like a great man? _____! How I delight in those great sermons which do no harm to anyone, but leave people to live in their own way and do

what they like," —*The Cure d'Arts Today*, Fr. George Wm. Rutler.

52. _____ General has 28 distribution centers in the U.S. including the one in our diocese in Fulton, Mo.
55. Abbr. for "in other words."
56. "...they turned toward the desert, and _____, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud!" (Exodus 16:10).
58. _____-Fi.
59. Letters on a tombstone, perhaps.
61. APP—for the app, go to "Vatican.va App" or "Click To Pray;" this app was made _____ in Jan. 2013 under Pope Benedict XVI.
65. "Way! Hey! _____ the man down..." —sea shanty from the 1860s.
66. "At Ransom's awakening, he saw reality and thought it was a dream. Round the base of the indigo tree was coiled a small dragon with scales of _____ gold," —*Perelandra*, C.S. Lewis.
69. Letters for Associated Press, a not-for-profit news agency founded in 1846.
70. INSTAGRAM—the Pope's Instagram _____ is at @Franciscus; began in 2016 under Pope Francis.
73. VATICAN NEWS—the Vatican's official news _____ is *vaticannews.va*, began in 2015 under Pope Francis.
75. _____5 hair shampoo.
76. Juanita's yes.
77. Pope St. John Paul _____.
79. Doing harm to oneself is often _____ for help (2 wds.).
80. Since his land _____ on mine, I'm glad we are good neighbors.
81. President Lyndon Johnson came to Independence, Mo. to sign the Medicare Act of 1965. He praised Harry Truman sitting next to him calling him "the real daddy of Medicare." Harry became its first _____.

DOWN

1. "...the Lord made them _____ in the desert forty years..." (Numbers 32:13).
2. "Yes," said Queen Lucy. "In our world too, a stable _____ had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world." —*The Last Battle*, C.S. Lewis.
3. Medical professional.
4. N E W S P A P E R —*L'Osservatore Romano* is the official _____ Vatican newspaper, one of the most in-



fluent in Italy and the de facto voice of the Holy See; was founded in Rome in 1861 by Pope Pius IX.

5. Abbr. for the last book of the Bible.
6. TELEVISION—though the Vatican does not have its _____ TV station, the first Pope televised was Pope Pius XII on French TV in 1949. Vatican Media broadcasts online and to European Catholic TV stations.
7. "At morn—at _____ at twilight dim, Maria! Thou hast heard my hymn!" —Edgar Allan Poe.
8. "I will face my death like a _____ coming home," —Pop, in the TV series "Blue Bloods."
9. Male deer; or a brand of beer.
10. "Glory to God in the _____," —opening line of the Gloria at Mass.
16. "This circle of misery and violence and fear must tend to some _____, or else our universe is ruled by chance, which is unthinkable," —Sherlock Holmes in *The Adventure of the Cardboard Box*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
17. _____ *amo*; I love you, in Spain.
20. WEB PAGE—at *vatican.va*, the Vatican web page is presented in nine languages, including partial versions in _____, Chinese and Latin; was inaugurated by Pope

John Paul II in 1995.

22. Prefix for verse or form.
24. "...and _____ went up by a whirlwind into heaven," (2 Kings 2:11).
26. Letters for Overeaters Anonymous.
28. Grab; snatch.
30. "...I see four men unfettered and unhurt, walking in the fire, and the fourth looks like _____ of God," —Daniel 3:92 (2 wds.).
32. TWITTER—daily tweets in nine languages at @Pontifex (50 million _____); set up in 2012 under Pope Benedict XVI.
33. Old abbr. for Florida.
34. The doctor said I first needed to get a x-_____ and then come back.
37. Prefix for thesis or optic.
40. "*Per _____ secula seculorum*"; literally, "Through all the ages of ages; it basically means forever and ever; ending for many prayers in the Latin Mass.
43. "While he looked at the box which had been the cause of his _____-doings, it seemed to me there was more sorrow than anger," —*The Sign of Four*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
44. The movie was very sad, a real _____-jerker.
46. Part of a laugh.
47. Sullivan or Asner.

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PUZZLE CLUES

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50. The In _____ Company, headquartered in Belgium, produces Budweiser, Corona, Stella Artois, etc.
53. 51 for Cicero.
54. This State is known for sailing and Gilded Age mansions (abbr.).
56. Bocce ball and _____ bowling are cousins. The main differences are, in the first, the ball is round and is thrown underhanded; in the second, the ball is round on one side and elliptical on the other, causing it to curve, and the ball is rolled, not thrown.
57. _____-GYN.
60. Spinach-eating cartoon sailorman.
62. The first 3 of 26.
63. "Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that _____," —Luke 15:9 (2 wds.).
64. St. _____ of France Parish is in Bonnots Mill, Mo. which is notable for its unique French beginnings and its beautiful hilly old world setting along the Osage River.
67. Letters for Employee Owned; considered a good business model.
68. He had large _____ speakers mounted in his pickup which assaulted the ears of anyone nearby.
69. God's Green _____ Ranch in Hillsboro, Mo. is a non-profit org. for girls ages 11-18 to experience unique and outstanding horse riding. The purpose is to build confidence and life-long friendships.
70. Assumption Trappist Abbey is near this southern Ozark town.
71. Part of the goodness of summer is buttered and salted corn on the _____.
72. His bow _____ made him look distinctive and even distinguished.
74. Letters on the NYSE for Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.
78. "It's natural to believe _____ the supernatural. It never feels natural to accept only natural things," —*The Miracle of Moon Crescent, Fr. Brown of the Church of Rome*, G.K. Chesterton.

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CEMETERY

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or near St. Anthony each week in October.

Organizers planned to have students and adults pray the Rosary in the cemetery after setting the tealights in place, but cold rain sent the group to pray in nearby St. Anthony of Padua Church.

"We had a good turnout, especially when you factor in the weather," said Mr. Holtmeyer.

"Intimacy and intensity"

Mr. Holtmeyer noted that young people and their families have a multitude of activities vying for their attention.

Keeping them active at church helps them stay connected.

"Whenever we ask for help, we get a good turnout," said Mr. Holtmeyer. "When they come, we thank them and let them know how important it is, and it builds from there.

"Lauren and Kara Schuelen at St. Lawrence in St. Elizabeth are doing a great job with the youth," he added. "Our attendance for our youth program is close to 100 percent."

St. Anthony of Padua has always been a hands-on, can-do parish. Four decades ago, Fr. Lorenz wrote that the parish had retained its "family" image.

"The parish has always had a 'do-it-yourself' type of operation where each neighbor depends upon the other to do his or her share," Fr. Lorenz wrote. "There is an intimacy and intensity among the parishioners, with everyone feeling they 'belong' to a degree that only a small parish enjoys."

All of this has become even more important in recent years because the parish no longer has a resident pastor.

"A lot of our people are getting older," said Mr. Holtmeyer. "Younger people are seeing the need to participate and are figuring out ways to do that."

GARDEN

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doable," said Mr. Grimes.

Mr. Cravers got busy building the garden and finished up about a month ago.

"It's made of stone and concrete and brick," said Mr. Grimes. "It's built to stand for ages."

It extends north from the main walkway near the church entrance to a large pine tree in the churchyard.

The bricks are set in sand above leveled and packed gravel with a drainage system underneath.

"It's designed not to need a lot of maintenance," said Mr. Grimes. "The way he did it, I don't think it's going to give us any trouble at all."

A time to celebrate

Parishioners and Fr. Nwosu set Oct. 29 for the dedication.

The regular 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass was moved to 10 a.m., followed by the dedication, then a luncheon prepared and served by parishioners.

"We invited everyone who had a part in (the garden), including the Wilde family," said Mr. Grimes. "Most of them came."



Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus serve as the honor guard during the blessing of St. Ann Parish's Memorial Prayer Garden in Warsaw on Oct. 29.

— Photo by David Grimes

It was a bit cold and wet, but the rain held back just enough for the blessing to take place.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in full regalia served as the honor guard, saluting with their polished swords as Fr. Nwosu pronounced the blessing and mixed holy water with the cool mist.

"I love our Memorial Prayer Garden," said Fr. Nwosu. "I am grateful to God and to all who made it possible."

The parish plans to engrave more bricks for the garden twice each year.

"More and more names will be added as the years go by," said Mr. Grimes. "People will be enjoying it and remembering long after we're all gone."



Pope prays for 'just peace' in Middle East and Ukraine

Catholic News Service

Vatican City

As the wars, violence and deaths continue in Ukraine and in the Holy Land, Pope Francis again urged people to pray for peace.

"Let us think about and pray for populations suffering from war," he said Nov. 8 at the end of his weekly general audience. "Do not forget the tormented Ukraine and think of the Palestinian and Israeli people. May the Lord bring about a just peace."

The pope then paused for silent prayer.

"They are suffering so much," he said. "Children are suffering. The sick are suffering. The elderly suffer. And many young people are dying."

"War is always a defeat," the pope repeated. "Don't forget this: It is always a defeat."

After giving his main talk in Italian and greeting groups of people from various countries present at the audience in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis turned to his aide, Msgr. Luis Maria Rodrigo Ewart, and asked if there was a text of an appeal for him to read. When there was not, the pope closed his eyes and made the appeal for prayers spontaneously.

The day before the audience, Vatican News and the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, published an interview with Cardinal

Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem.

"The war will end sooner or later, but the consequences of this war will be terrible," the cardinal said. "You see, there are two issues that seem particularly worrisome to me. The first is that both sides seem to lack a strategic vision that goes beyond the annihilation of the other. Even the land itself appears to have taken a back seat in respect to the desire for mutual destruction. There is no exit strategy."

The second issue, he said, is the difficulty Israelis and Palestinians have of "distancing themselves, even emotionally, from the heavy past of both peoples, the Holocaust and the Nakba, which was evoked on October 7th," when Hamas militants entered Israel and went on their killing and kidnapping rampage. "Nakba" refers to the mass displacement of Palestinians during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

"Something has broken. I hope not irreparably. But it will take a long time and a lot of effort to rebuild," the cardinal said, according to Vatican News in English. "The scaffolding was certainly shaky" before Oct. 7, "and we worked on it with great difficulty. Every now and then, a plank would fall. Now the entire scaffolding has come down. We will have to start all over again."

Need more info about an event or want to see more events?
Visit the diocesan EVENT CALENDAR at diojeffcity.org/events.
Want your event listed?
Fill out the ONLINE FORM at diojeffcity.org/event-listing.

Fundraisers & Social Events

Nov. 12

Glasgow, St. Mary Parish fall dinner, 11 am-2:30 pm; **Morrison**, Assumption Parish breakfast, 8 am-noon

Nov. 17-19

Jefferson City, "Helium" one-act play presented by Helias Catholic High School Theater Dept., Fri & Sat at 7 pm, Sun at 2 pm, Scene One Theatre

Nov. 19

Argyle, K of C fall chicken dinner, 11 am-5 pm; **Crocker**, St. Cornelius Parish dessert auction, 11 am-1 pm; **Jefferson City**, St. Cecilia Sing, sponsored by the Jefferson City Chapter of National Association of Pastoral Musicians, 3:30-5 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph; **Sedalia**, Community-wide Missouri Right to Life benefit breakfast, 9 am-1 pm, Knights Hall

Nov. 23

Camdenton, St. Anthony Parish free Thanksgiving dinner, 11:30 am-1:30 pm; **Tipton**, St. Andrew Parish Thanksgiving festival, 11 am-2 pm

Nov. 25

Starkeburg, Sounds of Starkeburg Holiday Concerts, 2 pm & 5 pm; soup supper & vendor market, 1-5 pm

Dec. 2

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus Parish Winter Market, 9 am-2 pm, school gym

Dec. 9

Holts Summit, St. Andrew Parish Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale, noon-5 pm

Dec. 10

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

Meetings/ Workshops

Nov. 15

Perry, Protecting God's Children for adults (VIRTUS training), 6:30-8:30 pm, St. William Parish

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

noviembre 18

Marshall, Noche de Alabanza, 6:30-9:30 pm, San Pedro, para más información contacte a Liliana Ruano al 660-202-0317 o por correo electrónico a nellymruanorn6@gmail.com

noviembre 18-19

Sedalia, Retiro de Crecimiento para mujeres y hombres, Escuela Sagrado Corazón, para más información contacte a Ilsi Palacios al 316-530-1004 o por correo electrónico a ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com

diciembre 1-3

Gibsonia, Pa., Retiro de Servidores, The Ark and The Dove, para más información contacte a Ilsi Palacios al 316-530-1004 o por correo electrónico a ComiteDiocesanoRCCH@gmail.com

diciembre 16

Sedalia, Retiro Parroquial: Buena Administración, 9 am-3 pm, Parroquia San Vicente de Paúl, para más información contacte a Diácono Enrique Castro al 573-680-3650 en su celular o en WhatsApp o por correo electrónico a ecas@diojeffcity.org

Faith Formation & Spiritual Renewal

Every Tuesday

Jefferson City, "Tuesday With Faith," small group discussions, 6:30-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall, for info, call 573-645-2478 or email jimkemna@gmail.com

Every Friday

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

Nov. 13

Jefferson City, "Dwell: A Blessed Is She Study on The Eucharist" for women of all ages, 7-8:30 pm, Mary Room at Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Office, for info or to register contact julie.g@cathedraljc.org

Nov. 18

Columbia/Jefferson City/VIRTUAL, "Living Flame 1" 7-session program on in-depth spiritual study and enrichment of centering prayer, 9 am-2 pm; participants may join via Zoom or in-person at Broadway Christian Church in Columbia or Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City; to register visit cocemo.org

Nov. 27

Jefferson City, "Dwell: A Blessed Is She Study on The Eucharist" for women of all ages, 7-8:30 pm, Mary Room at Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Office, for info or to register contact julie.g@cathedraljc.org

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Nov. 28

Jefferson City, "Seasons of Christmas" Spirit-filled evening presented by Arise Women's Ministry, 6-8 pm, St. Peter Parish's Selinger Centre, for info call 573-690-2882, to register email RegisterAriseEvent@gmail.com

Dec. 3

Columbia, "Biblical Healing, Then & Now," with Dr. Mary Healy, 1-6 pm, St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish, for info or to register visit comonewman.org

Dec. 4

Rolla, "Unwrap the Gift: The Joy of Being Catholic," Women's Ministry Advent Night of Reflection, 5:30-7:30 pm, St. Patrick Parish, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry

Dec. 5

Boonville, "Unwrap the Gift: The Joy of Being Catholic," Women's Ministry Advent Night of Reflection, 6 pm, St. Peter & Paul Parish, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry

Dec. 6

Jefferson City, "Unwrap the Gift: The Joy of Being Catholic," Women's Ministry Advent Night of Reflection, 6:30-8 pm, Cathedral of St. Joseph, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry

Dec. 7

Monroe City, "Unwrap the Gift: The Joy of Being Catholic," Women's Ministry Advent Night of Reflection, 5:30 pm, Holy Rosary Parish, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry

Dec. 8-10

Eureka, "Coming Home to Christ" Advent Retreat, led by Fr. Tom Santen and spiritual directors Lucia Signorelli and Steve Givens, Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, for info or to register, visit marianistretreat.com/events/advent-retreat-2023

Dec. 11

Jefferson City, "Dwell: A Blessed Is She Study on The Eucharist" for women of all ages, 7-8:30 pm, Mary Room at Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Office, for info or to register contact julie.g@cathedraljc.org

Dec. 14

VIRTUAL, "Fuel the Body, Fuel the Soul," monthly program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, 7-8 pm, for info visit <https://bit.ly/fuel-the-body-and-soul>

Dec. 18

Jefferson City, "Dwell: A Blessed Is She Study on The Eucharist" for women of all ages, 7-8:30 pm, Mary Room at Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Office, for info or to register contact julie.g@cathedraljc.org

Liturgical

Nov. 14

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

Nov. 15

Jefferson City, Crusader Family Mass, 7:15-8:30 am, Helias Catholic High School's St. Pius X Chapel

Nov. 26

Starkeburg, 150th Anniversary Mass of St. Martin Church, 8:30-9:30 am

Youth & Young Adults

First Wednesdays each month

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

Third Sundays each month

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

Dec. 6

Jefferson City, Praise, Prayer & Pizza, 7-8 pm, Immaculate Conception Parish's Pleus Hall

Health & Wellness

Nov. 30

Columbia, Blood drive, 9 am-3 pm, Fr. Tolton Regional Catholic High School; **Jefferson City**, Blood drive, 10 am-4 pm, Helias Catholic High School; **Laure**, AGINGbest "Keeping Your Keys" aimed at helping seniors stay medically and physically fit to drive, to be able to prepare for driving retirement and give the tools and resources to help keep you safe on the road, 1-2 pm, St. Patrick Church

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Anniversaries

Fayette, St. Joseph
Frank W. & Pam Flaspohler, 45 years
Donnie & Jennifer Barnhill, 15 years

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception
Don & Debbie Hilke, 30 years

Kirksville, Mary Immaculate
Jerry & Lysle Meyer, 55 years
William & Mary Mangini, 45 years
Jim & Betty Cox, 40 years
William & Eileen Fuhr, 35 years
William & Trish Sexton, 35 years
Justin & Elizabeth Wiles, 15 years

Mary's Home, Our Lady of Snows
Joe & Deb Schulte, 45 years

Palmyra, St. Joseph
Rick & Pauline Jones, 45 years

St. Clement, St. Clement
Larry & Mary Twellman, 45 years

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul
James & Patricia Fall, 70 years

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels
Larry & Norma Weimer, 50 years

Birthdays

Sr. Laura Magowan — a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word who served at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City — her 91st on Nov. 14

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Luann Conway**, her 95th on Nov. 2

Fayette, St. Joseph — **Ken Wies**, his 93rd on Nov. 6; **Jane Weiland**, her 93rd on Nov. 11

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Robert West**, his 90th on Nov. 5

Morrison, Assumption — **Rose Rost**, her 95th on Nov. 8

Rhineland, Church of the Risen Savior — **Virginia Mae Hinrichs**, her 93rd on Oct. 22

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Helen Rudroff**, her 96th on Nov. 1

Baptisms

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Brynn Krisley** and **Terrin James Helton**, children of Traeton & Hannah Helton; **JoAnna Mae Reinkemeyer**, daughter of Michael & Sarah Reinkemeyer

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Baylor James O'Kane**, son of Bryant & Kaci O'Kane

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Emerson Renee Ashcraft**, daughter of Allie Ashcraft; **Charlotte Marie Branch**, daughter of Joshua & Nicole Branch; **Emma Rey Wilbers**, daughter of Jamie & Kara Wilbers

Marriages

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception — **Donna Monnig & Robert Wideman**

Jefferson City, Cathedral of St. Joseph — **Carolyn Videtich & Doug Smentkowski**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Nicole Grefrath & Daniel Castillo**

Lake Ozark, Our Lady of the Lake — **Kris Rothlisberger & Ted Lenhart**

Deaths

Argyle, St. Aloysius — **Hildegard Bax**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Raymond Thebeau**

Jefferson City, Immaculate Conception — **Charlotte Elsberry; Kathleen May; Thomas Shea**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **Elizabeth Kampeter**

Religious sisters honored for fighting human-trafficking

OSV News

London

On Oct. 31 in London, the spotlight was on the exceptional contribution of Catholic sisters to the anti-trafficking movement, at the inaugural Sisters Anti-Trafficking Awards, SATAs.

The SATAs are co-hosted by Arise foundation, the Conrad H. Hilton Foundation and the International Union of Superiors General.

The awards brought together an audience of 200 people from across and

Free Thanksgiving meal for people in, around Camdenton

DATE: November 23
TIME: 11:30 - 1:30 pm

St. Anthony Parish in Camdenton will hold its 18th annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner for people in the Camdenton area who would enjoy having a holiday meal with others.

The sit-down dinner, featuring roast turkey “and all the trimmings,” will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 23 in the lower level of St. Anthony Catholic Church, 1874 North Business Route 5.

All are invited, especially people who are homeless, alone, who cannot afford the “holiday trimmings,” and all who would enjoy sharing a free dinner in the company of others.

Deliveries are available in the Camdenton area for those who are homebound or cannot come to the parish hall.

Contact the parish office at 573-346-2716 or Kris Pauls at 573-292-0309, or Tracy Peters at 573-480-6886 for delivery.

REALY

From page 9

for yourselves justice, reap the reward of loyalty; break up for yourselves a new field, for it is time to seek the LORD...” (Hos. 10:12)

We work, we pray, we contemplate, and, by doing so, we grow ever deeper our roots of faith. Our ability to produce good results is greater from these periods of inactivity; for we gather

ourselves before the Lord, seeking out his embrace and awaiting the next season and its fruitfulness.

Margaret Rose Realy is a Benedictine Oblate and the author of “A Garden Catechism: 100 Plants in Christian Tradition and How to Grow Them” (OSV, 2022).

FR. BRISCOE

From page 9

Christ later came to him in a dream, revealing that he had been the beggar. The inscriptions around his tomb bear eloquent testimony to the power of his intercession.

St. Martin’s love of Christ is what made him a saint. And through the centuries pilgrims can discover that love anew for themselves. Devotion to him is what inspired the reconstruction of the once-destroyed basilica. And through Martin’s intercession, the faithful are still discovering new grace.

I know St. Martin was pursuing me that day, now 16 years ago. We are closer to the saints than we often think. And, pray God, may we one day be numbered among them.

Father Patrick Briscoe, O.P., is a Dominican friar and the editor of Our Sunday Visitor.

Crossword puzzle answers

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Helping Hands



Ross and Karen Dames, members of St. Joseph Parish in Palmyra, facilitate a ministry project with the St. Joseph Church high school students Oct. 22. The students created an application for parishioners to fill out, asking for assistance with jobs around the house, such as painting or yard work. Applications were received and students were paired up with Ross's Men's Prayer Group of Pete, Steve and Shane, along with high school PSR teachers Joe and William, who oversaw each project and provided tools and transportation. The students cleaned up yards, removed bushes, power washed, organized and cleaned basements and more. They also visited with the people at each home, creating lots of full hearts. The teens and adults also enjoyed lunch and dinner together thanks to generous parents and grandparents. — Photos by Andrea Barnes

A proud Hannibal tradition



The eighth-graders at Holy Family School in Hannibal model their matching hoodies Oct. 10, a time-honored school tradition for their final year as students there. — Photo from the Holy Family School – Hannibal Facebook page

Happy Homecoming!



Members of the Fr. McCartan Memorial School Student Council in Marceline celebrate on Oct. 3 after helping to build a school float for the Marceline High School Homecoming Parade. — Photo from the Fr. McCartan Memorial School Facebook page

Go marching in!

Students of Holy Cross School in Cuba dress up as their favorite saints Nov. 1 for a schoolwide All Saints Day celebration.

— Photos by Melinda Osentoski



Bible Accent

In the Old Testament, we can read about another leper whom God healed.

In 2 Kings 5, we read about a gentile man named Naaman, who commanded the king of Aram's army. Although he was valiant and respected, Naaman was a leper.

In one of their raids against Israel, the Arameans had captured a little girl, who became the servant of Naaman's wife.

"If only my master would present himself to the prophet in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy," the girl said to Naaman's wife.

Naaman received the king's permission to visit Samaria so he could be cured.

He went to the home of Elisha, who was a prophet of God.

Elisha did not speak to Naaman directly. Instead, he sent Naaman a message.

"Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean," Elisha's message said.

Naaman was angry. He had expected Elisha to come to him in person, call on the name of God and put his hand over the leprous spots on his skin to cure him.

Naaman left in anger, saying that he could wash in better waters than the waters of Israel.

His servants ran after him and convinced him to return and do what Elisha said.

Naaman came back and washed himself in the Jordan, and his leprosy was cured.

St. Catherine of Alexandria

St. Catherine is thought to have been born to a noble family in Alexandria, Egypt, in the late third century. After having a vision, she converted to Christianity and began evangelizing others. She even evangelized the wife of the pagan emperor, who was persecuting Christians. According to legend, she defied the emperor and refuted philosophers who were brought in to test her faith. She was imprisoned, tortured and martyred in 305. We remember her on Nov. 25.



Jesus heals 10 lepers, but only one thanks him

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic Courier

During his travels, Jesus told the people many parables.

One time, he told parables about lost things, like sheep, coins and a son. Other parables warned against loving money more than God.

One day, Jesus was invited to dine at the home of a leading Pharisee. Everyone there was watching him carefully.

Jesus noticed that one of the guests was a man who was suffering from abnormal body swelling.

"Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath or not?" Jesus asked as he looked at the man.

Everyone kept silent as Jesus healed the man and then dismissed him.

"Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" Jesus asked.

Then Jesus told two parables about how invited guests should conduct themselves.

As Jesus continued his travels, he spoke to the apostles about temptations to sin.

"Things that cause sin will inevitably occur, but woe to the person through whom they occur," Jesus warned. "It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck and he be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin."

Jesus also told his friends how to forgive others.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he wrongs you sev-



Illustration by Linda Rivers

en times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, 'I am sorry,' you should forgive him," he said.

As they journeyed toward Jerusalem, they traveled through Samaria and Galilee.

When Jesus and his friends entered a village, 10 lepers met them. The lepers stood off at a distance and cried out.

"Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" they said.

"Go show yourselves to the priests," Jesus told them.

As the lepers left, they were cleansed.

One of them, a Samaritan, realized that he had been

healed. He returned to Jesus and glorified God in a loud voice. He then fell at Jesus' feet and thanked him.

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked. "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you," he told the Samaritan.

**Read more about it...
Luke 15, 16 & 17**

1. Who met Jesus at the village entrance?
2. How many people thanked Jesus?

Essay

Reading for
November 15, 2023:
Luke 17:11-19

Why should we be thankful for what God does for us and has given us?

Puzzle

Using the hints provided, draw a line between the person and the illness he or she had that Jesus cured.

<p>Simon's mother-in-law (Matthew 8:14-15)</p> <p>High priest's servant (Luke 22:50-51)</p> <p>Woman who touched Jesus (Luke 8:43-44)</p> <p>Man on a stretcher (Luke 5:17-225)</p>	<p>ear cut off</p> <p>paralyzed</p> <p>fever</p> <p>hemorrhages</p>
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Answers: Simon's mother-in-law/fever; high priest's servant/paralyzed; Jesus/hemorrhages; man on a stretcher/paralyzed.

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Detroit archdiocese releases new children's book on purgatory

Christian Newswire

In a recent meeting with the Archdiocese of Detroit's Confraternity for Holy Souls, an archdiocesan apostolate to foster intercessors praying regularly for the souls in purgatory, bestselling author and renowned "Purgatory Lady" Susan Tassone urged members to impart the Church's teachings on Purgatory to the next generation of Catholics.

The archdiocese has partnered with Tassone to provide her new children's book, *New Friends Now and Forever: A Story About the Holy Souls* (susan-tassone.com/books/) to every school and parish in the archdiocese.

The archdiocese is encouraging pastors and principals to consider using this resource in their parishes and schools and is also providing the book as a resource for all chancery staff.



New Friends Now and Forever is the first children's storybook on purgatory.

"This beautifully illustrated and engaging book will be a valuable addition to our faith community," stated Father Jeffrey Day, vicar general for the archdiocese.

"It offers an age-appropriate explanation of purgatory, a topic often viewed as complex and challenging for young minds to grasp," he said.

Written for children ages 6-10, *New Friends Now and Forever* bears an Imprimatur and also includes guidance to help adults teach chil-

dren about purgatory, a "Seek-and-Find" Catholic symbols activity page, and special prayers for the holy souls.

It is a delightful story of twins who learn that purgatory is real and that it is nothing to fear because it is a special way God shows his love for us.

This book takes the fear out of purgatory and replaces it with God's merciful love.

"This collaboration with Susan Tassone represents an important effort in our ongoing commitment to fostering a

deeper understanding of our faith and a more profound connection with the Church's teachings," said Fr. Day.

"We are excited about the positive impact *New Friends Now and Forever* will have on our community and look forward to seeing the spiritual growth it nurtures in the hearts of children and adults."

Movie Ratings



General Patronage

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG)



Adults and Adolescents

A Million Miles Away (PG)



Adults

The Creator (PG-13)
Freelance (R)
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13)
Killers of the Flower Moon (R)
Priscilla (R)
Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (PG-13)



Limited Adult Audience

Dumb Money (R)



Morally Offensive

Deliver Us (R)
The Exorcist: Believer (R)
Expend4bles (R)
Saw X (R)

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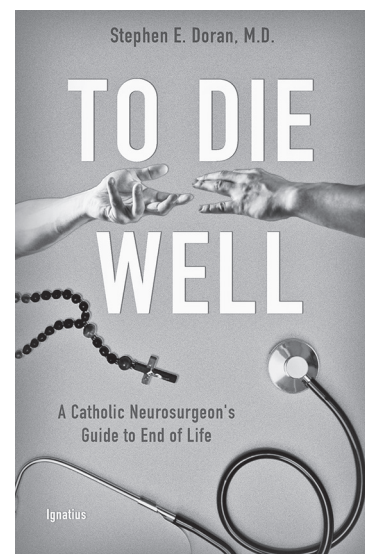
Catholic neurosurgeon Dr. Stephen Doran, M.D., believes so, as does the Catholic Church, which he lays out in his new book, *To Die Well: A Catholic Neurosurgeon's Guide to the End of Life* (Ignatius Press).

Dr. Doran, a board-certified neurosurgeon with more than 25 years of experience, is an ordained permanent deacon and serves as the bioethicist for the Archdiocese of Omaha.

His writings in bioethics, neurosurgery and gene therapy for brain disorders have been widely published in national media outlets, academic journals and neurosurgery textbooks.

He is married with five sons. Along with his wife, Sharon, he is the cofounder of the Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study.

The Catholic Church has definitive teachings on most death-related topics, such as euthanasia, abortion and burial rites, but even so, many Catholics (and non-Catholics) have lingering questions about such difficult topics.



They may feel overly responsible when a loved one is on life support and they need to make a life-or-death decision. Or pregnant moms and their families may be at a loss when they receive a poor diagnosis for the growing baby.

How does the Catholic Church guide the faithful in these decisions? Dr. Doran lays out the reasoning for Catholic teachings on death in *To Die Well*, using his vast personal experience as a neurosurgeon.

But it's not just end-of-life topics Dr. Doran addresses in *To Die Well* — he also en-

treats readers to think about their own deaths and how to prepare well for it when the end comes.

"Dr. Doran demonstrates that the Catholic way of life and death brings about a degree of human flourishing and fulfillment unmatched by various new age cults or the purely secular and materialistic mainstream," said Al Kresta, president and CEO of Ave Maria Communications and host of "Kresta in the Afternoon."

"To die well, one must live well," he said.

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PETS

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be transported in a carrier, she was wrapped up in a blanket like an enormous burrito and carried into the hall. Needless to say, she voiced her animosity toward anyone and everything that looked in her direction.

Father Michael Murphy, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish and St. Jude Parish in Richland, began the service speaking eloquently of Pope Francis.

Fr. Murphy explained that choosing the name Francis was definitely a nod to St. Francis of Assisi and the Franciscan order that he founded.

The priest began the Mass with normal reverence and extended greetings to all parishioners. *The Book of Saints* was employed for creating a familiarity to the Feast of St. Francis.

As always and in preparation of the reading of the Gospel, parishioners stood ... and,

of course, every dog in the Hall also stood!

Bernard, the Golden Retriever was excited. "Mum," he said, "is it over now? Do I get my pup cup? ... Oh boy, oh boy, I'm getting a pup cup!"

At that point, everyone sat down for the homily. A bit confused, Bernard settled down and took a nap.

At the end of Mass, Fr. Murphy successfully worked his way through parishioners and their furry friends, gently blessing each pet with a gentle sprinkle of holy water.

Sprinkles the cat eventually rolled out of the burrito blanket just in time to be blessed, but still declaring her displeasure of the entire situation. My guess was that she was contacting her ancestors in an attempt to plot world domination!

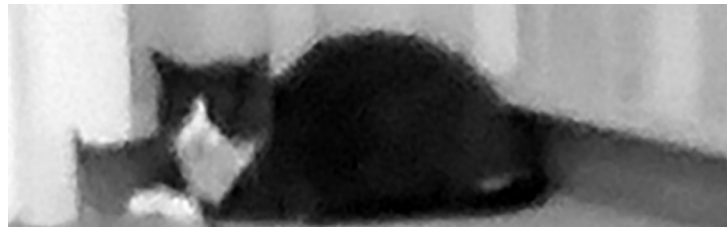
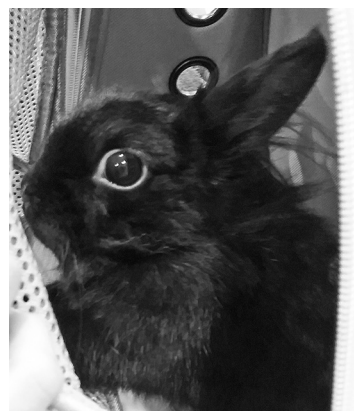
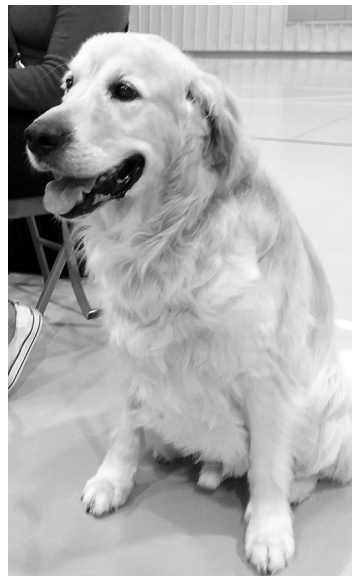
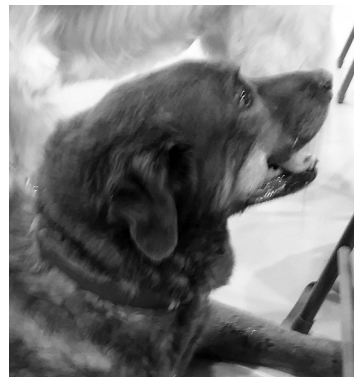
As the service and blessings ended, parishioners and their



pets began to file out of the Fellowship Hall. A few spent a few moments at the remembrance candle and a table containing various mementoes belonging to those pets who had passed.

We certainly know that those dogs and cats loved their owners and families unconditionally during their short lives.

We also know that we will always keep them close to our hearts for the rest of our lives.



— Photos by Maxine Heidbreder

PRIEST

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In the post-op recovery room, his brother asked, "Why did you have your green vestments on when you were here earlier?"

Upon reflection, the priest realized that he had started Mass, wearing a green chasuble, and noticed the oper-

ating-room smell at the exact time his brother's surgery got under way.

"Loved by so many"

Macular degeneration eventually claimed much of Fr. Wiederholt's eyesight.

He continued offering

Mass and praying the Divine Office each day with help from a powerful magnifying glass and a computer that pulled up the daily readings in large type.

Abbot Neenan said it was a privilege to have him in residence at the Conception

Daily Readings

Sunday, Nov 12

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis. 6:12-16
Ps. 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thes. 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Mt. 25:1-13

Monday, Nov 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin (USA)
Wis. 1:1-7
Ps. 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10
Lk. 17:1-6

Tuesday, Nov 14

Wis. 2:23-3:9
Ps. 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Lk. 17:7-10

Wednesday, Nov 15

St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church
Wis. 6:1-11
Ps. 82:3-4, 6-7
Lk. 17:11-19

Thursday, Nov 16

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, virgin
Wis. 7:22b-8:1
Ps. 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175
Lk. 17:20-25

Friday, Nov 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Wis. 13:1-9
Ps. 19:2-3, 4-5ab
Lk. 17:26-37

Saturday, Nov 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul, apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin (USA)
Wis. 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Ps. 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43
Lk. 18:1-8

Sunday, Nov 19

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Prv. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 Thes. 5:1-6
Mt. 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday, Nov 20

1 Mc. 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Ps. 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158
Lk. 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Mc. 6:18-31
Ps. 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Lk. 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov 22

St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr
2 Mc. 7:1, 20-31
Ps. 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15
Lk. 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov 23

St. Clement I, pope and martyr; St. Columban, abbot (USA); Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest and martyr (USA); Thanksgiving Day
1 Mc. 2:15-29
Ps. 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11
Lk. 19:41-44

Friday, Nov 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest, and companions, martyrs
1 Mc. 4:36-37, 52-59
(Ps.) 1 Chr. 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd
Lk. 19:45-48

Saturday, Nov 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr
1 Mc. 6:1-13
Ps. 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16, 19
Lk. 20:27-40

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for November:

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Abbey infirmary in the last months of this life.

"We were influenced and helped by his presence," the abbot stated.

Fr. Wiederholt was buried in his family plot in the parish cemetery on the grounds of the abbey.

Family members built his casket.

"Loved by so many more than we know!" stated his niece, Sharon Cowden. "He was so good to so many and shared the words of God with so many, as he was blessed and ordained to do."

NPM "St. Cecilia Sing"

DATE: November 19
TIME: 3:30 pm

The Jefferson City chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will hold its annual St. Cecilia Sing event at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2305 W. Main St. in Jefferson City.

Music ministers from across the diocese will gather for fellowship to share their musical gifts. The public is invited to attend.

The Jefferson City chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM)

Dec. 4-6 Women's Ministry Advent events with Patty Schreier

"Unwrap the Gift: The Joy of Being Catholic" will be the theme for four separate Advent evenings of fellowship with the women of this diocese.

Dates and locations are as

follows:

- Monday, Dec. 4 in Rolla, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at St. Patrick Church, 17 Saint Patrick Lane;

- Tuesday, Dec. 5 in Boonville, 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 322 Seventh St.;

- Wednesday, Dec. 6 in Jefferson City, 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2305 W. Main St.; and

- Thursday, Dec. 7 in Monroe City, 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Holy Rosary Church, 405 S.

Main St.

Patty Schreier will give the reflection at each event.

The women's ministry team at each participating parish, in cooperation with the Diocese of Jefferson Women's Ministry, will add its own flair to the evening, inviting women from throughout the diocese to join them.

There will be a \$15 fee for the catered dinner on Dec. 4 in Rolla.

Visit diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry for information.

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Sounds of Starkenburg
Holiday Concerts
Saturday, November 25
2:00 pm & 5:00 pm

St. Martin's Church Museum, 197 Hwy. P
Starkenburg, MO

FEATURING
1860s Pfeiffer Pipe Organ - Barry Bierwirth, Organist
Vocal Performances - Melanie Bush, Tammy Bruckerhoff, MaKaylynn Ray
Instrumental - Audrey Bush
Sing-alongs

Soup Supper & Vendor Market
1-5 pm at Valentine Hall

85TH ANNUAL
Thanksgiving Festival

Thursday, November 23
Dinner served from 11 am-2 pm

St. Andrew Church, Tipton
Adults \$15 • Children (5-12) \$6 • Under 5 Free
Carryout (\$15 per meal)

Dinner served in the Knights of Columbus Hall
Carryouts available in school cafeteria 10:30 am-1:30 pm
Sandwiches after 4 pm in the school cafeteria

**TURKEY & BURGERS' BAKED HAM
WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS**

Live Auction at 2 pm & 6 pm
Silent Auction, Games & Prizes
beginning at noon

★ ARGYLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ★
CHICKEN DINNER
Sunday, November 19
11 am-5 pm

513 2nd Street - Follow the signs
ARGYLE

Pan fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy,
green beans, coleslaw, applesauce and dessert
\$14 per person - Drive-thru/Carry-Out (inside seating available)

★ PLUS... Prize drawings! ★

Thank God for Life!
Community-Wide Breakfast Fundraiser
for Missouri Right To Life

Sunday, November 19
9 am - 1 pm

Knights Hall, 1708 Elm Hills Blvd.
Sedalia

Serving Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Pancakes, Coffee & Juice
Freewill Offering

BAKE SALE - HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE - PRIZE DRAWINGS

All proceeds benefit Keep Missouri Pro-Life Campaign to
defeat the proposed amendment to the Mo. Constitution
that would legalize abortion-on-demand.