

A time to remember

People with ties to the Jefferson City diocese reflect on the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and on manifestations of God's grace and mercy in times of distress.

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Pieces falling into place at new CCCNMO headquarters



Mission and memory prominently illustrated throughout Catholic Charities; nearly completed center for charitable outreach

By Jay Nies

Jim Wisch and Doug Schrader were in the chapel installing the back-lit art-glass windows that shed light on the building's heroic past and promising future.

Energy Link technicians were outside installing an array of solar panels that will provide most of the building's electricity.

Things were starting to work together for good for those who love the Lord.

"I firmly believe that if you do the right things for the right reasons, everything's going to work out okay," said Mr. Schrader, project superintendent for the Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri's (CCCNMO) nearly completed new headquarters and center for charitable outreach in Jefferson City.

The expanded and extensively remodeled former La Salette Seminary chapel and gymnasium is scheduled to be completed next month.

"This is going to be good for the community, good for the people," said Mr. Schrader.

The solar array will double as a shaded canopy over part of the parking area for the client-choice food pantry that will occupy the building's lower level.

State-of-the-art equipment for harvesting free energy from the sun and the earth will help make the center one of the first nearly carbon-neutral buildings in Central Missouri.

A lofty, light-filled space that was once a seminary chapel will accom-

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These two new art-glass windows were created by Jim Wisch for the chapel of the nearly completed Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO) headquarters in Jefferson City. The first represents the building's past use as a high school seminary chapel and gym, as well as CCCNMO's first 10 years of existence. The second points to the building's future of paving and illuminating the path to God through the gateway of concrete acts of charity and mercy. — Photo collage by Kelly Martin

Diocese's victims' assistance coordinator committed to listening, accompanying

Baldwin serves as point of contact for people reporting abuse by clergy or anyone else working for the Church

By Jay Nies

Jacqueline Baldwin has devoted her career to helping people see light through darkness, even death.

She brings a compassionate ear and a wealth of diverse experience to her new role as victims' assistance coordinator (VAC) for the Jefferson City diocese's Office of Child and Youth Protection.

She is the point of contact for people reporting abuse by a member of the clergy or anyone else working for the Church, recently or long ago.

"I can absolutely be a tool that God uses to help people get the healing they need," said Mrs. Baldwin, "but only if they come forward to seek that healing."

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is part of how

the diocese complies with the U.S. Catholic bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The office's coordinator is Connie Schepers, diocesan chancellor.

Mrs. Baldwin recently succeeded Nancy Hoey, who served as VAC for 10 years before moving out of the diocese last year.

The VAC's role is to accept a report of abuse and offer support, resources and healing to survivors and families.

Mrs. Baldwin sees herself as an advocate and a companion for survivors of some of the worst kind of trauma.

"When someone has the courage to come forward, I see it as my responsibility to walk their journey with them as they go toward healing," she said.

That can mean many things to different people.

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Wellness Case Coordinator



The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City has an opening for a part-time Wellness Case Coordinator.

The Wellness Case Coordinator serves as an advocate for priests and deacons within the Diocese of Jefferson City. This individual is responsible for educating priests and permanent deacons so that they can take care of their own health, and if needed, can act as an advocate and liaison between the priest/deacon and their medical provider(s).

This is a part-time, virtual position with some travel within the diocese.

The ideal candidate will be a RN, LPN or Nurse Case Manager with a Missouri state nursing license, or a social worker with healthcare experience.

Qualified candidates should send a resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau



Diocesan Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a position working in collaboration with the Diocesan Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Youth Formation to develop and implement diocesan policies and programs related to Youth and Young Adult Ministry that will promote the three priorities of the diocesan Mutually Shared Vision: "Growing in Holiness, Forming Intentional Disciples, and Being Sent to Witness." Applicant must be a practicing Catholic. Preferred that applicants have a master's or bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry, theology, catechesis or Catholic education; another related degree will be considered. Employment or volunteer experience in youth or campus ministry at a parish, university, Catholic school or diocese is required. Full-time, exempt position. Evening and weekend hours, as well as extensive travel driving throughout southern Missouri will be required.

Digital Engagement Officer/Information Technology Specialist

Full-time, permanent position at The Catholic Center, that partners with the Director of Communications to develop, implement, maintain and continually improve all of the diocese's information systems, communications platforms and technology (ICT) systems. Manage and develop the diocese's website and digital presence and engagement. Manage and monitor server performance; configure data servers; upload and update Web pages; ensure that hardware and software are functioning correctly; answer consultation questions. Basic qualifications include: A practicing Catholic with a love for the teaching and mission of the Church; bachelor's degree in graphic design, web solutions, IT, computer technology, or relevant field.

Compensation includes competitive salary, excellent health benefits, and retirement plan based on diocesan guidelines. To request an application packet, including detailed job descriptions, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org, or call (417) 866-0841.

Loose Creek parish to celebrate 175th anniversary Oct. 9

DATE: October 9
TIME: 10:30 am

Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek will hold a 175th anniversary celebration of its founding on Sunday, Oct. 9.

It will start with a parade at 10:30 a.m. Participants will be limited to Loose Creek area residents and or individuals with ties to the area.

Dr. Gary Kramer, president of the State Historical Society of Missouri, will give a presentation on the parish's history at 1 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 121 County Road 402.

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will celebrate Mass at 3 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Church.

The event will also include live music beginning at 12:30 p.m.

There will also be food, vendors, cloggers, quilting demonstrations, games, a history museum, refreshments and tours of the parish cemetery.

Parish history books will be available for sale.

Shuttle service will be available from the parking lot at the Loose Creek Community Center, 173 County Rd 403.

Jesuit Father Ferdinand Helias, known as the Apostle to Central Missouri, founded the parish as a mission in 1845. The celebration was postponed last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The parish has about 350 registered households and 114 students in its school.

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

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Parishioners recently undertook an impressive restoration of the 1870-vintage Immaculate Conception Church.

Go to [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and search "Immaculate Conception Loose Creek" for more information.

Pray for deceased priests

Sept. 20 — Fr. Erwin R. Konrad, St. Peter, Jefferson City (2013)

Sept. 21 — Fr. Raymond F. Weis, Holy Spirit, Centralia (1979)

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

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

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

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

Oct. 2 — Bishop Joseph M. Marling, C.P.P.S. (1979)

Administrative Assistant



The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant to support the Director of Parish and Charitable Services. This position not only provides administrative support, but is closely aligned with direct ministry; therefore, the individual will need to have a good knowledge of the Catholic faith in order to be successful.

In addition to excellent organizational and Microsoft Office skills, the ideal candidate will need to be available for occasional evening and weekend work, estimated to be approximately 12 times per year.

This is a full-time, year-round position.

The Diocese of Jefferson City offers a comprehensive benefit package including paid holidays, paid vacation and sick days; group health, dental and vision insurance; flexible spending account and matching 403(b) retirement plan.

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Vatican releases guidance for dioceses to begin synodal path

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

Vatican City

The Vatican has issued the preparatory document and a “handbook” for dioceses as part of the global Church’s preparation for the 2023 assembly of the Synod of Bishops, discussing the theme, “For a synodal church: communion, participation and mission.”

“Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: ‘It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium,’” the new document said.

As such, the preparatory document and its questions are “at the service of the synodal journey, especially as a tool to facilitate the first phase of listening to and consulting the people of God in the particular churches in the hope of helping to set in motion the ideas, energy and creativity of all those who will take part in the journey, and to make it easier to share the fruits of their efforts,” it said.

“The purpose of this synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn

from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission,” the preparatory document said.

The handbook or “*vademecum*” offers guidelines for bishops and those helping facilitate the synodal process locally on how they can best listen to and consult with Catholics and the wider community, particularly those on the margins of society, as well as Christians and non-Christians.

The materials were released Sept. 7 at a news conference at the Vatican and online in English and Spanish at the synod’s official website: www.synod.va/en.html and www.synod.va/es.html.

Pope Francis is scheduled to formally open the synod process at the Vatican Oct. 9-10, and the bishop of every diocese should open the process in his diocese Oct. 17.

The diocesan phase runs until April.

Shared journey

The materials present a number of questions to help prompt reflection, input and ideas from as many people as possible.

The questions fall under 10 general themes, and people can address what is most pertinent to their situation and “share with honesty and openness about their real-life expe-

riences, and to reflect together on what the Holy Spirit might be revealing through what they share with one another,” the document said.

Some suggested questions include: “To whom does our particular church ‘need to listen to’” and “how are the laity, especially young people and women, listened to? How do we integrate the contribution of consecrated men and women? What space is there for the voice of minorities, the discarded, and the excluded? Do we identify prejudices and stereotypes that hinder our listening? How do we listen to the social and cultural context in which we live?”

However, the basic and most fundamental question guiding the whole process is: “How does this ‘journeying together,’ which takes place today on different levels — from the local level to the universal one — allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?” the document said.

Speaking at the Sept. 7 news conference, Cardinal Mario Grech, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops, and others explained the main objectives and characteristics of a synodal process, which is “a spiritual process” that requires listening to the Holy Spirit as well as to each other.

“The synod will succeed or fail to the extent to which we rely on the Holy Spirit,” the cardinal said.

The cardinal urged reporters to offer “correct communication” of what the synod and synodality are about, including not painting it as “a parliament” or as different sides playing against each other “in which the one who has more strength influences or subjugates the other.”

When asked about the possibility of allowing women to vote in a Synod of Bishops, Cardinal Grech said he felt troubled by so much focus being on “the vote,” saying “it is not the vote that matters.”

What matters is the larger process that involves the entire people of God coming together to find common ground, which

is not easy, he said.

“So perhaps we have to insist more on how we can dialogue, converse, discern together in order to possibly reach this harmony,” find consensus and not depend so much on the votes cast during the later phase of a synod, he said.

Xaviere Missionary Sister Nathalie Becquart, one of two undersecretaries to the Synod of Bishops, will be the first woman with a right to vote at a meeting of the Synod of Bishops.

In March, when she was appointed, Cardinal Grech said permitting her to vote in a synod was “a major milestone” and was something that should not be limited to just this one institution or just to voting rights.

Praying and listening

The handbook said even though dioceses will be asked to spend six months doing extensive outreach and consultation with as many people as possible, the synodal process “is not a mechanical data-gathering exercise or a series of meetings and debates.”

“Synodal listening is oriented toward discernment,” in which people listen to each other, to their faith tradition and to “the signs of the times in order to discern what God is saying to all of us,” it said.

Widespread participation is an important part of the diocesan process, the document said, with no one being excluded. “We must personally reach out to the peripheries, to those who have left the Church, those who rarely or never practice their faith, those who experience poverty or marginalization, refugees, the excluded, the voiceless, etc.”

This will require creativity, especially in parts of the world where restrictions aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19 are still in place, it added.

All the feedback that is generated throughout the listening process should be gathered into a “synthesis” after each gathering, followed by a “synthesis” to be written for each diocese and ultimately for each bishops’ conference.


Bishops’ conferences and the synods of the Eastern Churches will provide a synthesis of all the local feedback to the Synod of Bishops, and all of that material will be the basis for the writing of two working documents.

Bishops and auditors will then gather with Pope Francis at the assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023 to speak and listen to one another on the basis of the process that began at the local level.

The handbook said the synthesis “does not only report common trends and points of convergence, but also highlights those points that strike a chord, inspire an original point of view, or open a new horizon.

The synthesis should pay special attention to the voices of those who are not often heard and integrate what we could call the ‘minority report,’” it said.

Bishops have an important role throughout the synodal process as “pastors, teachers and priests of sacred worship,” the handbook said. “Their charism of discernment calls them to be authentic guardians, interpreters, and witnesses to the faith of the Church.”



Bishop McKnight's Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 17** Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Mass, St. Stanislaus Parish, 5:30 pm, Wardsville
- Sep 19** Confirmation Mass, St. Pius X Parish, 11 am, Moberly
- Sep 20-23** Catholic Extension Mission Bishops Conference, Chicago, IL
- Sep 24** Installation of Most Rev. Daniel Muegenborg as the 8th Bishop of Reno, St. Rose of Lima Parish, 2 pm, Reno, NV
- Sep 26** 75th Anniversary Mass, St. Ann Parish, 3 pm, Warsaw
- Sep 27-29** Fr. Emil J. Kapaun Funeral Rites, Wichita, KS

OCTOBER

- Oct 2-8** Annual Priests' Institute, The Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark



Bishop McKnight's September prayer intention for our Local Church

For a greater appreciation for the gift of friendship; that bonds of friendship may strengthen our resolve to be a people of communion in divisive times.

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

Por un mayor aprecio por el don de la amistad; que los lazos de amistad fortalezcán nuestra determinación de ser un pueblo de comunión en tiempos de división.

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

Encountering grace in the horrors of 9/11

Remembering a historic day, 20 years later

Sept. 11, 2021 was the 20th anniversary of the day two hijacked airliners were flown into the World Trade Center in New York, another was flown into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and another crashed in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Nearly 3,000 people died.

By Jay Nies

Father Alex Ekka once visited the 9/11 Memorial in New York City with his sister and brother-in-law.

They were amazed at how many Indian surnames were among the 2,983 carved in stone around the reflecting pools near where the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center once stood.

"I could have been one of them, but thank God I was not," said Fr. Ekka, a missionary priest from the Diocese of Jashpur, India, now serving as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Eldon and Our Lady of Snows Parish in Mary's Home.

He had spent the summer of 2001 filling-in for priests in New York.

"Normally, on my day off, I would have been out walking, looking up at all those tall buildings," he noted. "I would have been in the neighborhood."

He returned to India at summer's end, arriving home shortly before Sept. 11.

"We were watching TV in the sitting room when the

news came on about the Twin Towers," Fr. Ekka recalled. "And all the priests that were there said, 'Luckily, you came back. Otherwise you could have been one of the victims passing by.'"

"I'm grateful to God that I'm not one of the names on that memorial," he said.

"Out of Your way"

Deacon Raymond Purvis was giving a talk about the Diaconate to adults attending Sixth Grade Vocation Day nine years ago in the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

He shared a prayer first prayed by Franciscan Father Mychal Judge, longtime chaplain of the New York Fire Department, who was the first certified fatality in the attacks: "Lord, take me where You want me to go; let me meet who You want me to meet; tell me what You want me to say, and keep me out of Your way."

Deacon Anthony Mammoliti, who was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood at the time, listened intently.

"I was there when Father died," he told the group.

Deacon Mammoliti was just finishing up his night shift as an ambulance medic the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, when a radio call went out for all available units to report to the World Trade Center.

"Everyone was rushing to the scene," he recalled.

He arrived before either of the 110-story skyscrapers, having both been struck and



A group of firefighters in New York City stand on the street near the destroyed World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001.

— CNS photo/Shannon Stapleton, Reuters

set afire by commercial airliners with full tanks of jet fuel, collapsed.

As a U.S. Army reservist, he had been trained to work in mass-casualty situations.

"The Army teaches you

Rule No. 1: Soldiers die; and Rule No. 2: Medics can't change Rule No. 1," Deacon Mammoliti noted. "You go in with that mindset, to see who you can treat and who you can comfort as they go from this life to the next. And that's not easy."

First responders were rushing up the stairwells, against a torrent of humanity. Flaming debris was falling into the plaza. The noise was deafening.

"Here we were in the midst of this huge, catastrophic event," the deacon recalled. "And despite all the chaos, this unusual serenity came over me. God was reassuring me that He had given me the talent to help these people, to give them reassurance, and that's what I was doing."

"Oftentimes, we learn in our faith that something is a mystery. And you take it for what it is. There's no way of explaining it," he said.

That's how he describes how God used those moments of unspeakable horror to beckon him to something greater.

"It was absolutely the turning point in my spiritual life," he said. "I was a medic. I was treating people left and right. And then I came to realize that God wanted me to do something more. He allowed me to



The Pentagon in Arlington, Va., is pictured Sept. 16, 2001, after a hijacked commercial plane slammed into the building five days earlier. The Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon claimed the lives of 184 people.

— CNS photo/Larry Downing, Reuters

survive this event for a particular reason."

"Through a dark valley"

At that same time, God also was asking Liza Hernandez Jungmeyer for more than she had been giving Him.

Attending a conference in the hotel next to the Twin Towers, she felt the ground convulse as American Airlines

Flight 11 collided with the North Tower.

Within two hours, she was gasping for air and calling on the Lord to save her as two of the most massive structures ever built fell in on themselves.

She is now convinced more than ever that God took hold of her during those harrowing moments and began directing her to proclaim His love, "always, anytime, anywhere."

"Tragedy befalls us all, whichever side you are in the tragic event, the victim or the perpetrator," she noted. "God's love will reach you. Inevitably, only God's love can heal us all."

What Mrs. Jungmeyer experienced that dark day helped her affirm the sanctity of all human life, even that of people who have committed atrocious crimes.

"Everyone must be given a chance to change, to let God redeem them," she said. "I know, because God gave me another chance."

She grew up in the Philippines, an overwhelmingly Catholic country in Southeast Asia, went to Catholic schools and was very close to God.

But by 2001, she had moved to the United States and became very focused on career advancement. Her relationship with God had begun to suffer.

She didn't get much sleep the night before the attacks.

"It was eerie," she recalled. "Looking back, I felt some evil surrounding the area. There was just such a feeling of death."

After the first of the hijacked planes hit its target, everyone in the hotel ballroom ran into the lobby. They could see debris falling to the street outside the building.

"It looked like snowflakes," said Mrs. Jungmeyer. "The firefighters got there right away."

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40 Days for Life Kick-Off Rally to be held in Columbia

DATE: September 21
TIME: 6 pm

A woman who found healing after abortion will be the guest speaker at the Kick-Off Rally for the Columbia 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

It will be held at 6 p.m. in Flanagan Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 903 Bernadette Drive near Stadium Boulevard and I-70 in Columbia.

Light refreshments will be

served.

In addition, Polly Manning will deliver a message about her ministry to help moms who have no one to walk with them through their pregnancy experience.

It will conclude with a 7:15 p.m. caravan to the Columbia Planned Parenthood, 711 N. Providence Road, for an outdoor candlelight vigil on the sidewalk.

Now in its 14th year, this local observance of the twice-yearly, nationally observed period

of prayer and fasting includes peaceful vigils from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood.

Daily prayer vigils on the sidewalk will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Wednesday, Sept. 22, through Sunday, Oct. 31.

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

“Please sign up for an hour or two,” said Kathy Forck, coordinator for Columbia 40 Days for Life. “Your presence

is greatly appreciated. Your prayers are enormously successful in saving lives?”

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

40daysforlife.com/columbiamo

Wardsville Walk for Life Sept. 26

DATE: September 26
TIME: noon - 2 pm

The 44th annual Wardsville Walk for Life will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stanislaus Church, 6418 Route W at Highway B.

Participants are soliciting pledges and donations for the 1.7-mile walk from the church to the Lions Hall. The walk will take about two hours.

All proceeds will go to Missouri Right to Life, Birthright, Vitae Foundation, Columbia 40 Days for Life, LIFE Runners, the Pregnancy Help Center of Jefferson City, and PRO-LIFE Across AMERICA.

Pro-life displays and activities will be outside the Lions Hall.

Food and refreshments will be available.

Sponsors include Knights

of Columbus Wardsville/Osage Bend Council 8399, the Wardsville Lions Club and

the Pro-Life Committee of St. Stanislaus and St. Margaret of Antioch parishes.

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Bishop Emeritus Gaydos was in Washington, D.C., on 9/11

By Jay Nies

“Nothing is going to be the same after this.”

Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos was speaking to the prelate seated next to him at a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ administrative committee in Washington, D.C.

A staff member had just told the president of the bishops’ conference that a plane had been flown into one of the massive towers of the World Trade Center in New York.

“Those of us of a certain age could remember people talking about when a B-29 flew into the Empire State Building right after the Second World War,” Bishop Gaydos recalled.

The bishops paused briefly to pray for the injured and then continued with their meeting.

“It seemed like no time after that that we heard that a plane had flown into another one of the buildings at the World Trade Center,” Bishop Gaydos recalled.

“That’s when it dawned on us that something was very, very wrong,” he said.

Bishop Gaydos, who led the Jefferson City diocese from 1997-2018, recently shared his recollections of that horrific day, 20 years ago.

“Pretty soon after that, they came and told us that the Pentagon had also been hit by a plane, right there in Washington, D.C., where we were,” he

recalled.

Word soon followed that a fourth plane had been hijacked and was on a trajectory for Washington — presumably the White House or the Capitol.

“That’s the one that went down in Shanksville, Pennsylvania,” he noted.

At noon that day, all the bishops at the committee meeting walked across the street to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to concelebrate Mass.

The basilica was filled with students from The Catholic University of America.

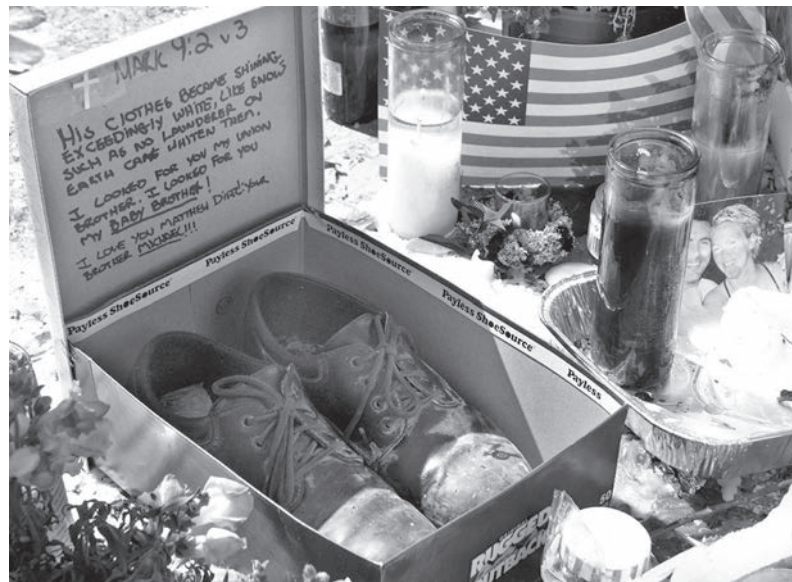
“A majority of the students there were from the East Coast,” Bishop Gaydos noted. “Many had relatives and acquaintances who were working in or near the World Trade Center.”

After Mass, the bishops quickly finished up their agenda and adjourned.

“I had flown into Washington,” Bishop Gaydos noted. “It quickly occurred to me that nobody was going to honor my ticket for my Thursday flight home.”

The Paulist Fathers extended their hospitality to him and about a dozen other bishops that night at their collegiate house of study on Catholic University campus.

“I was so grateful to be staying with them,” he said.



A pair of shoes are left on Sept. 17, 2001, in New York’s Union Square with a message of love from a family member. An extensive memorial was set in the area in memory of the victims of the Sept. 11 World Trade Center terrorist attacks. — CNS photo from Reuters

“Otherwise, I’d have been sitting alone in a hotel room and watching all of this unfold on TV.”

Instead, the bishops and priests watched the coverage together in the community room and talked about what was going on.

“That was a real comfort for me,” said Bishop Gaydos.

The next morning, a friend helped him track down one of the last available rental cars in the city.

He headed west on Interstate 64 and stopped in Charleston, West Virginia, for the night.

“There was almost no traffic on the highways, and no contrails in sky, no air traffic at all,” he recalled.

The next day, he continued on through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

He stopped to visit his mother in St. Louis before a priest from Jefferson City picked him up and drove him home.

This all gave him plenty of time to think about what was happening.

“If you look at the whole sweep of salvation history, you now that God is usually most keenly present at the very moments where He seems most absent,” said Bishop Gaydos.

“Even Jesus called out from the cross, ‘My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?’” he noted. “And the Father could not have been any

closer to Him than at that very moment, because He was absolutely doing His Father’s will.”

A sense of bewilderment and abandonment is to be expected in such times of horror

“The closer we can come to doing things the way God does, putting justice and mercy together, the better off we’re going to be.”
— Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos

and distress.

“But that doesn’t mean God is not present!” Bishop Gaydos declared. “Understanding that, you recognize the fact that when we most need God, that’s when He’s most present. I never had any doubt about that.”

The evening of the attacks, he directed the priests of the Diocese of Jefferson City to offer Masses for the repose of the souls of all who had lost their lives, and asked everyone to pray fervently for peace and healing.

“This is a time of shock and sorrow for us all,” he wrote. “I encourage all to pray for peace. For those who are suffering now because of the tragic events of this morning, we know that Christ is the One Who can help them during this difficult time. Please keep all of these people in your prayers.”

Disarming love

Twenty years later, Bishop Gaydos remains convinced that

even the people who master-minded and carried-out the attacks on 9/11 could not have imagined everything they were unleashing.

“The fact of the matter is, people have to be very desperate to do the kind of things terrorists do,” he stated.

They are generally devoid of all hope and wind up lashing out in their desperation, he said.

He asserted that the growing disparity between the people who have all the necessities of life and those who do not, only intensifies such desperation.

“A lot of that is at the heart of so much unrest all across the world,” he declared.

He said it’s especially important for Christ’s followers to give witness to “that message of mercy and hope and the understanding that things can get better if we can just open our hearts to trying to secure decent justice for everybody.”

“It’s possible,” he said. “We have the technology, the wherewithall to do it.

We just have to have the will.”

He pointed to the wisdom of Jesus’s command to “love your enemies and pray for those who hurt you.”

“Love can be transforming,” Bishop Gaydos stated. “It can be disarming. That’s the radical message of Jesus.”

He pointed out that God’s justice in this life is not a passive thing that puts everything back the way it was.

“In one sense, you can’t put humpty dumpty back together again,” the bishop noted. “But the justice of God is a healing justice that ultimately makes things right.”

Christians must work without vengeance to help bring that justice into being.

“The closer we can come to doing things the way God does, putting justice and mercy together, the better off we’re going to be,” he said.

“It is my fervent prayer that we can continue to witness to the fact that there’s a better world, and it’s ours to be had if only we work together,” he said.

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Bishop points to sacrifice, faith in the Risen Lord as keys to St. Brendan School's 100 years of success

By Jay Nies

"The parish school ought to be the heart of the parish, wherein one of the most significant elements of the mission of a parish is accomplished: the education and formation of our youth in the ways of faith."

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight addressed those words to the people of St. Brendan Parish in Mexico during an Aug. 22 Mass to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Brendan School.

Running briefly through the history of the parish and the school, Bishop McKnight pointed out that every generation has its own set of challenges to endure and address.

"Yet, the mission of the Church always continues because of the blood, sweat and tears of the clergy and faithful," he said. "And this sacrifice is made possible because of the joys of our Catholic faith."

Bishop McKnight marveled at how the late Monsignor Patrick E. Gavin had been sent as a "temporary" pastor to St. Brendan Parish in 1921 and wound up remaining there for 43 years until his death in 1964.

The year Msgr. Gavin arrived, he established St. Brendan School and invited Sisters of the Most Precious Blood from O'Fallon to serve as its teachers.

There were about 40 students enrolled that that year. The number continued to rise.

A combination church-school building opened in 1924, including a parish high school that continued until 1959.

Precious Blood Sisters continued to serve at the school until 1981, when they handed the work on to lay teachers.

"And the history of St. Brendan School and Parish continues to this day," said Bishop McKnight.

There are now about 170 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 8.

Bishop McKnight noted how the Scripture readings for that Sunday spoke providentially of the necessity of accept-

ing in faith the difficult things in the Christian life.

He asserted that belief in the Risen Lord has carried the people of St. Brendan Parish and those who came before them through times of doubt, discouragement, difficulty, sacrifice and adversity.

"No matter the human catastrophe, no matter how desperate things seem to be, we can still choose to be a people faith, hope and charity," the bishop said.

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

"There is no amount of poverty, no depth of despair, no lack of understanding that forces us to give up on our belief in Jesus."

Bishop McKnight challenged all who were present to grow in understanding of the importance of the mission of their parish, "in this place and in this time, to proclaim the Kingdom of God in word and deed."

"Your parish community is a living, breathing center of charity and mercy, which stands as a beautiful reminder of the presence of God among all who live in your community," he stated.

He emphasized that St. Brendan School is part of the mission of the whole parish, not just the parents who have children enrolled there.

"A parish school, based on

the spirituality of stewardship and the sacrificial offering of time, talent and treasure by every member of the parish, is what sustains the parish's mission," he insisted.

He urged the people of the parish to continue their mission of proclaiming God's Kingdom by forming young people in the ways of faith; by serving as a center of charity and mercy to all who are in need; and by lifting up their sacrifice of praise in fervent prayer and devotion, "especially by celebrating the Eucharist

with adequate preparation, care and devotion."

The bishop lauded Fr. Schrader, "whose great intelligence has only served his trusting faith and not eclipsed it."

"As we observe this moment in the life of your school and parish," the bishop exhorted, "do not forget the active providence of God clearly evident in your history, which tells of your humble beginnings."

"Be not afraid to trust in God's providence, especially in times of difficulty, for you have a future full of hope," he said.



LEFT: Father Thomas Alber, senior associate pastor of St. Brendan Parish in Mexico; Father Dylan Schrader, pastor; Deacon Louis Leonatti; Bishop W. Shawn McKnight; and Deacon James H. Farnell join the assembly in prayer during an Aug. 22 Mass for the 100th anniversary of St. Brendan School. RIGHT: A parish liturgical ensemble and choir leads the singing at the Mass.

— Photos from the St. Brendan Catholic Church Mexico, MO Facebook page



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QUESTION CORNER

Baptism and non-Catholic parents/
Forgetting eucharistic fastBy Father Kenneth Doyle
Catholic News Service

Q. A friend of mine asked me recently to find out if the parish I was raised in would baptize her new baby. My friend is not a Catholic, so I was surprised that she asked me this. The priest at my parish said that he could not baptize the baby because the parents were not Catholic. I was disappointed that the Catholic Church would turn away anyone seeking baptism. I think that the Church should

welcome people from all paths of life; that would open the way for them and eventually they might come to the Church. I wondered what Jesus would do, and I think that He would baptize anyone who sought it, regardless of their faith. I am wondering what your take is on this. (New Albany, Indiana)

A. First off, let me clear up a misconception. There are some Catholics who believe that, if a child dies without ever having been baptized, that child cannot go to heaven. That is not true. At one time, it may have been the common belief of Catholics that an unbaptized child would go to "limbo," a state of natural happiness but short of the glories of heaven.

But in 2007, the Vatican's International Theological Commission, with the approval of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, said that the concept of limbo reflected "an unduly restrictive view of salvation" and that the mercy of God offers good reason to hope that babies who die without being baptized can go to heaven.

As to your question about parents who are not Catholic wanting their child baptized, the relevant guideline is Canon 868 of the Church's *Code of Canon Law*, which states that "for an infant to be baptized licitly ... there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion."

Baptism involves the pledge of the parents to raise and educate their child in the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith, and the baptismal ritual itself requires an affirmative response by the parents to that pledge.

Now I suppose that, theoretically, parents who were non-Catholics might have the firm intention of raising and educating their children as Catholics, though that does seem a bit unusual. But if that should be the case in this instance, I would suggest that you have the parents of the baby speak to the priest.

Q. Recently I graduated from high school, and I have a question about the eucharistic fast. This morning I went to the 7:30 Mass and had a cup of coffee with a protein shake in it before I left for church. The church was only a few minutes away, and I received Holy Communion at the Mass, not thinking anything about the fast. Is this a mortal sin? It was a complete mistake, but I feel so horrible for accidentally disrespecting the Eucharist, and I would greatly appreciate your guidance. (City and state withheld)

A. Of course it's not a mortal sin — or any sin at all. It was simply — as you said — a mistake, done without any thought at all. Sin requires a deliberate intention to do something wrong. And here is my question for you: What do you think God is really like?

For me, God is not some giant scorekeeper in the sky whose primary interest it is to keep track of rights and wrongs. God is the person Who brought you into existence out of love, wants you to be happy here on earth and to be with Him forever in heaven. So try to relax and know how much God loves you.

Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.

Horrors of Holocaust must not
be forgotten, pope tells Slovak JewsBy Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

Bratislava, Slovakia

The violence of the Holocaust and the atrocities committed against the Jewish people are tantamount to blasphemy, Pope Francis said.

"The divine name, the Lord Himself, is blasphemed whenever the unique and distinctive dignity of the human person, created in His image, is violated," the pope said Sept. 13 at a meeting with members of Slovakia's Jewish community.

The meeting took place in Rybné námestie Square, site of a memorial tribute to the 105,000 Slovak Jews who were killed in the Holocaust.

The memorial includes a black wall with an etching of

the Neolog synagogue that once stood in the square before it was destroyed by communist authorities in 1969 to make way for a bridge.

A bronze abstract sculpture topped with the Star of David with the word "Remember," inscribed in Hebrew and Slovak, stands at the center of the square.

Daniel Feldmar, a 19-year-old member of the Jewish community in Bratislava, told Catholic News Service (CNS) he saw Pope Francis' visit not only as an acknowledgment of "the tragedies of the Holocaust but also to acknowledge that the Jewish presence in Bratislava and in Slovakia is still strong."

"I am so happy that a person

who is considered to be holy in the Christian religion decided to come and walk through the parts where this synagogue once used to be," he said.

Feldmar said that although the Jewish community is small, it is still strong. Nevertheless, anti-Semitism is still alive in Slovakia, due in part to "a lack of communication."

"People usually don't know or have never met a Jew so, of course, they will be prone to those prejudices, and they will be happy to find a scapegoat," Feldmar told CNS.

"However, that is one of the reasons why I am happy that the pope came here today to meet with us. This dialogue

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Msgr. Higley to talk in Holts Summit
about end-of-life issuesDATE: October 6
TIME: 6:30 pm

Father Gregory L. Higley, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Columbia and judicial vicar for the Jefferson City diocese, will give a presentation about end-of-life decisions

at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6, in St. Andrew Church, 400 St. Andrews Drive, off Center Street in Holts Summit.

He will discuss how Church teaching relates to important questions and decisions people face when a loved one's life is ending.

2nd Tuesday Mass in Starckenburg

DATE: October 12
TIME: noon

The Second Tuesday Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starckenburg will be celebrated on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 11:20 a.m. The Rosary will be prayed at 11:40 a.m.

Father Philip Niekamp, pastor of St. George Parish in Her-

mann and Church of the Risen Savior Parish in Rhineland, will offer Mass at noon.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available for people who need it.

A light lunch will be available for \$7.50 in nearby Valentine Hall immediately after Mass.

Anyone who cannot attend the Mass but wishes to participate with the group is en-

couraged to light their Second Tuesday Candle.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is open daily for self-guided tours. Guided tours are available upon request by contacting the rectory at 573-236-4390. For more information about the churches and grounds at Starckenburg visit historicshrine.com.

The final second Tuesday Mass of 2021 will be on Nov. 9.

Chamois,
Morrison
Mass times

Weekend Mass times will change Oct. 2 and 3 for Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish in Chamois and Assumption Parish in Morrison.

Through the winter, Masses will be at 6 p.m. on Saturdays in Morrison and at 8 a.m. in Chamois.

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Trapped in the self

By Richard Doerflinger
Catholic News Service



Recently I've seen television footage of two protests against vaccine and mask mandates. In my home state of Washington, a protester held up a large sign saying, "My Body My Choice." A protest in Louisiana featured the slogan "Freedom of Choice."

These, of course, have been mantras of the pro-abortion movement: Whatever I choose regarding myself is valid and beyond reproach, simply because

it's my choice.

Of course one's choices about abortion and the pandemic affect more bodies than one's own, devastatingly so in the former case. But some protesters were probably staunchly pro-life, objecting to vaccines that were developed (or later tested) using a cell line from an abortion performed decades ago. How must they have felt, seeing those slogans?

For me, that question leads to political, cultural and even spiritual reflections.

Libertarianism — emphasizing individual freedom and some distrust of government power — has always been part of American politics.

In recent decades, both major parties

have embraced it to some extent, applying it differently: Democrats favored a strong government in economic matters but maximum freedom on moral issues of life and sexuality; Republicans favored the free market economy but defended traditional norms on the "social issues."

That seems to be breaking down. Corporate America promotes the freedom to choose one's sexual orientation and even one's gender; and formerly "pro-choice" Democratic politicians work to force others to fund and even perform abortions.

Culturally this has been a long time coming. Social commentators once called the baby boom generation, born during the prosperity after World War

II, the "Me Generation." But some of the boomers' descendants make them look socially responsible by comparison.

In the 1980s, sociologist Robert Bellah and philosopher Charles Taylor called the dominant worldview of our time "expressive individualism." It sees persons as atomized individuals, who fulfill themselves by expressing their inner truth so they can invent their own destiny and even identity. Personal autonomy is the core of the person.

Law professor O. Carter Snead points out in his impressive new book "What It Means To Be Human" that on matters of life, death and procreation,

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When our children leave the faith

By Greg Erlandson
Catholic News Service



Once upon a time, you may have prayed for your darling child to become a nun. Odds are you never prayed that she become a none.

Gallup reported earlier this year that church membership by Americans has hit a historic low, falling for the first time below 50%. More disturbing is the growing number of young people who identify as "nones," those without any religious affiliation.

Right now almost one out of every three young people (those under the age of 40) claim no religious affiliation. These numbers hold true for Catholics as for non-Catholics.

What the statistics don't show is the pain felt by so many parents who watch their children drift away. Those who have raised kids in the faith, went to Mass every Sunday, sent their children to religious education programs or to Catholic schools, feel this pain most deeply.

"What did I do wrong?" we ask. "What should I have done differently?"

Catholics have always put great stock in the fact that the faith is inherited. One is "born Catholic," or "a cradle Catholic." This is no longer true, as Sherry Weddell points out in her powerful book, *Forming Intentional Disciples*. God has no grandchildren, she says. These days, you don't inherit the faith like you do your eye color or your skin tone.

That parents worry about the faith lives of their children isn't something new. Such worry is as old as St. Monica praying for her son St. Augustine.

But talk with Catholic parents these days, and it feels more widespread than ever. On any Sunday, there are likely

dozens of Monicas in your parish and mine praying that their teenage or adult children return to the faith, get married in the Church or have their grandchildren baptized. The unbaptized grandchild is a particularly deep wound.

There is a lot of anger and a lot of guilt swirling around this topic. The sociologist Christian Smith once warned lukewarm parents that "we'll get what we are." Lukewarm begets lukewarm, he was saying.

Yet what seems increasingly common are parents who love the faith, who feel it is an essential part of life, and who feel as if they've done something wrong when their kids wander away. What they are getting is not what they are.

If such disaffiliation from the faith of their fathers and mothers is nothing new for young people, the scale of the departure is. There are lots of explanations of why it is happening.

Weddell believes that a fundamental problem in the Church — including priests and parents — is a lack of personal relationship with the Lord.

We follow the rules, we do the right things, but we really don't know Jesus and we don't do a good job of talking about our relationship with Jesus. That somehow feels, well, Protestant.

For the same reason, it can be hard for some of us to communicate with our children, adult or otherwise, what Jesus means to us, who He is in our lives.

Yet I also think that for many young people, they simply don't have time to invest in faith.

They live in a world almost mad with distractions, and many of the messages buried in all those distractions is that religion is not something to be taken too seriously. It's worse than hostility. It's apathy.

Faith is something they'll get around to someday. Maybe when they have children. Maybe when they have can-

cer. It isn't essential now.

The real enemy of the faith in our age is indifference. Combatting this enemy may be the biggest challenge facing our

parishes, and our families, today.

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REFLECTION

Without a doubt

Mark Saucier

Our daughter-in-law was changing her 2-year-old. The little one looked up at her mother and said, "Mommy, you're pretty."

Mommy gently kissed her and replied, "Caroline, you are pretty, too."

Caroline recoiled at her mother's words. "No, I'm not," she declared. "I am a big girl."

Caroline already had a sense of identity. What was important to her was that she be seen as a big girl capable of doing some things independently and, definitely, of having her own opinions.

It's encouraging for a parent to see this confidence and self-assuredness in a small child. Parents also know that this will erode over time.

Rejection by friends, challenges in the classroom, and limitations in sports will painfully shake the pillars of a child's identity.

Adolescence brings its own exciting mess of self-understanding. As a child makes the arduous trek to adulthood, she is bombarded by questions of relationships, careers, independence and some vague need for an anchor of meaning.

You might be tempted to think that by the time one starts a family, embarks upon a profession or puts down roots, one would recapture the certainty of a 2-year-old's identity.

But that is seldom the case. Off in the shadows, there are questions of self-worth, the unsettling suspicion that one's roles in life may have become one's identity.

I have found no relief from this with age. I had hoped that I would have gained some of Caroline's rock-hard conviction of who I am and what I should be about.

Instead, I find myself as a stranger to myself, now that former roles have disappeared.

Perhaps, though, the ultimate failure in the search for identity is not a lack of identity, but a lack of an abiding search.

Jesus didn't come into the world with a rehearsed script. He struggled with His own identity, from those first temptations in the desert to the last pleading in the garden.

At Cana, His "time had not yet come" but He did His mother's bidding. Sparring with the Syro-Phoenician woman over the "crumbs of the table," He discovered His mission beyond His own kind. He grew into His life.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus seeks some quiet place to pray. In these moments, He no doubt struggled with His identity, finding it in God, not in a single for-all-times revelation, but a daily unveiling of the way — of His way.

I pray that Caroline, when she is a "big girl," finds this as well.

CHARITIES

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modate community gatherings and events.

The former sanctuary area will serve as a small chapel, adorned with reminders of the prayers and works that originated in this holy space in decades past.

Among these are a vintage stained glass image of Jesus and His Most Sacred Heart, the building's original cornerstone from 1956, and a wooden cross fashioned by Mr. Shrader from weathered cedar salvaged from the building's former facade.

"I'm one of those people who when I see something like that, I think what's part of the history should stay there in some way," said Mr. Shrader.

The same goes for subtle traces of the building's manifold uses since its seminary days — a retreat house, a house of worship for another Christian congregation, a community center for senior citizens, a youth sports venue, and a live theater.

"You're basically taking an older building that had left its origins and has now come back to its origins, and turning it into something you can use," Mr. Shrader said of the "Open Hearts, Open Doors" renovation project.

He said the building is sound, solid and worth rehabbing — scars and all.

"And you know, a lot of the people that are going to be helped here, they've got scars, they've got history, they've had problems, too," he said. "So we made a conscious effort to leave some things the way they are. Why take all the scars away? It's all part of the history, part of what it is."

Great panes

Mr. Wisch, a retired construction executive and active member of the CCCNMO board of directors, designed and created the two new art-glass windows for the chapel.

The first incorporates the corpus and banner from a crucifix given to Catholic Charities by La Salette Father René Butler, a former instructor at



LEFT: Dan Lester, executive director of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (CCCNMO); board member Jim Wisch; Leslie Prenger, director of support services; and Doug Schrader, project superintendent for the "Open Hearts, Open Doors" building renovation project, react to the lights being turned on for the first time behind the newly installed art glass windows in CCCNMO's nearly completed new building. **RIGHT:** Technicians from Energy Link in Columbia install solar panels outside the building on Sept. 2.



— Photos by Jay Nies

the seminary.

The crucifix matches the one two young visionaries saw the Blessed Mother wearing around her neck while weeping in an 1846 apparition in La Salette France.

The hammer and pincers on the cross are recreated from copper salvaged from another

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portion of the building.

"This first window tells our history and the important historical fabric which we are preserving for future generations," Mr. Wisch stated.

The roses and eagle in the window echo the coat of arms of Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos, who as leader of the diocese founded CCCNMO in 2011.

The image of a quail — an allusion to the Eucharist and to God providing for the Israelites during their time in the desert — is reminiscent of Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's coat of arms.

"Bishop McKnight has brought Catholic Charities to a new height with the construction of this new home and the many programs it will house that are intended to feed the hungry, welcome the newcom-

er and provide care for all who are in need," said Mr. Wisch.

The background colors show the richness of creation, entrusted by God to His people for safekeeping.

"The ever-changing sky colors depict the beautiful orange sunrise, dark water-laden clouds and the bright blue sky — all colors from the Lord's palette for us to enjoy," said Mr. Wisch.

The second window illustrates the "Open Hearts, Open Doors" theme that describes the building's future.

An orange heart in the sky symbolizes openness to all people, regardless of their religious faith, background or situation, and represents the Lord and His working through His followers' generosity.

"The ray of light projects through the open doors of the stone wall fence, inviting everyone to enter and proceed on a path to eternal salvation," said Mr. Wisch.

The way to the open gate is paved for easy following and is well illuminated beyond the threshold.

Mr. Wisch added a bluebird above the archway, representing Missouri, home to this Catholic Charities affiliate and the target of its charitable works.

"The stone wall represents us, the faithful, dedicated to the charitable mission of Catholic Charities," he noted.

Some of the stones contain names, including founding and current members of the

CCCNMO administration and staff, two priests of the Missionaries of La Salette who supplied historical information and materials for the project, and many of the people who are engaged in the building's planning, design and construction.

Rugged cross

The 1983 bronze plaque designating the building the Shikles Center now hangs next to the elevator that the Shikles family paid to install when the Jefferson City Housing Authority renovated the building for use as a community center.

The cross hanging near the ceiling in the chapel is one of the three Mr. Shrader has been called on to make in his construction career.

The first, fashioned from part of a handrail from the old Cathedral of St. Joseph Rectory in Jefferson City, adorns the roof of St. Joseph Cathedral School.

The second rises above the canopy outside the Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum in Jefferson City.

He recalled helping Bishop Gaydos set the cornerstone of the St. Joseph Cathedral School addition into place in 2008.

"Before I started this job, I sat right there and prayed to God to help me get through this and be successful," he said. "I do that on every job."

"God will help you get through what you couldn't get through on your own," he continued. "He's not going to

interfere if you don't want Him to. You've just got to have faith and ask Him to help you, and He'll help you."

He lauded Mr. Wisch and his wealth of construction expertise.

"When something comes up that's a little unusual, he just rolls with it," said Mr. Shrader. "You just don't panic because there's a way through just about everything. Jim knows it will all work out."

"Still suffering"

Mr. Shrader pointed out the refurbished, almost life-size statue of the Blessed Mother that now adorns the front of the building.

It previously stood in the chapel of the old SSM St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City before the current hospital opened in 2014.

The late Monsignor Joseph Vogelweid, longtime pastor of St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City, helped convince the Missionaries of La Salette to locate their high school seminary in Jefferson City in the 1940s and spearheaded the expansion of St. Mary's Hospital in the 1960s.

Father Hillary Andebo, a missionary priest from Uganda who was serving as a hospital chaplain in Jefferson City, offered the last Mass in the old St. Mary's Chapel in 2014.

"God has blessed us greatly here," he stated in his homily that day. "We pray that when we go to the new place, our

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“For some, it may mean just being a very active listener,” she said. “For others, it may be getting them connected with resources for individual therapy.”

“In any case, it involves being truly present to people, wherever they are in their journey,” she said.

Listening and believing are essential.

“Does that mean that I’m the judge and jury? No,” said Mrs. Baldwin. “It does mean acknowledging that something significant has occurred in your life and you are likely stepping far out of your comfort zone to report it.”

She pointed out that the Church’s efforts at creating safe environments for children, young people and vulnerable adults are working.

“Most of the reports we now receive are for things that happened 20 or 30 or 50 years ago,” she said. “Healing is still possible for those who experienced abuse in the past.”

Lifelong Catholic

Mrs. Baldwin has been a practicing social worker for 30 years in a broad range of capacities including adolescent treatment, home health, hospitals, long-term acute-care hospitals, and hospice care.

“I’ve been truly blessed to be able to do what I do,” she

said.

She has been working with Compassus Hospice in Jefferson City for seven years. She started out meeting primarily in hospitals with patients who are drawing near to the end of life. She now focuses on helping bereaved families of hospice patients.

“I’ve worked with populations from the very young to the actively dying,” she said. “And that includes many age ranges among those who are actively dying.”

She holds a bachelor’s degree in social work from Missouri State University in Springfield, a master’s degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia and national certification through the Academy of Certified Social Workers, and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker through the state of Missouri.

She grew up in a large Catholic family on a farm just outside Jefferson City and graduated from St. Peter Interparish School and Helias Catholic High School.

She met her husband while they were working together as social workers at Boy’s Town in St. James.

Mrs. Baldwin believes all of her social work endeavors have been opportunities to do God-inspired work.

They have also helped pre-

pare her for the responsibility she now holds.

“It is absolutely a calling,” she said. “I truly feel like this is a God thing.”

Called to serve

When the diocesan victim’s assistance coordinator position opened up, a colleague encouraged Mrs. Baldwin to apply for it.

“It was not an opportunity I was seeking or anticipating, but I felt like it was God saying, ‘I need you here now,’” she said.

“When the bishop offered me the position, I asked for some time to pray about it some more,” Mrs. Baldwin recalled. “I did truly feel that God was telling me I needed to say ‘yes.’ I asked Him to give me the courage to say ‘yes.’”

As a way to prepare for the work, she attended this year’s national diocesan VAC conference a few weeks after accepting the position.

“I was able to meet some amazing people who have been doing this work for many years,” she said. “I was able to network and get resources and pull together a list of must-reads and must-dos, and I’m



Jacqueline Baldwin

is often particularly traumatic because the victims rightfully expected their abusers to protect them.

She is in awe of the courage and strength it takes for people to step forward and share their story, especially after feeling compelled to keep it to themselves for years, even decades.

“To me, it’s simply mind-boggling,” she said.

Her heart breaks for the people who carry the burden of betrayal and think they must continue to endure it alone.

“There’s still so much work to be done for the victim survivors and how much they have felt ostracized or blamed or not believed,” she said.

Grace and healing

Mrs. Baldwin is convinced of God’s eagerness to help people heal from the trauma of abuse by an agent of the Church, and in some cases the trauma of not having been believed.

Survivors of abuse often feel as if something is wrong with them and that they somehow caused the abuse to happen.

“One thing I always emphasize to victim survivors of sexual abuse is that it is NOT their fault,” she said.

She noted that such abuse

making headway on those.”

She understands she is an agent for God’s healing but not its source. She asks for prayers for God to give her the strength and wisdom to help every person who contacts her.

“Pray for grace,” she requested. “Grace for me and grace for the survivors to come forward.”

Mrs. Baldwin can be reached confidentially by phone or text message at (573) 694-3199 or by email at reportabuse@diojeffcity.org.

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faith may continue to grow, and many more people will continue to be touched by God’s good hand and God’s good teachings and will realize that true life is in Him.”

The Missionary Society of La Salette is an international men’s congregation founded in France in 1852, in obedience to the Blessed Mother’s instruction to “be sure to make known to all my people” her message of repentance, reconciliation, and respect for God’s holy name and His Sabbath.

The late La Salette Father Arthur Lueckenotto, originally from Meta, attended the seminary in Jefferson City and later taught there before serving for decades as a missionary in Madagascar.

“We belong to a world Church, a Universal Church, not simply an individual parish,” he once stated. “We are all part of the Mystical Body of Christ, and some of our members are still suffering. So we have a duty, an obligation to think of others and try to lessen their misery.”

He emphasized that anyone can be a missionary — just by realizing that all people are part of the universal Church and the Mystical Body of Christ.

“Offer up your prayers, your difficulties and anxieties for the conversion of sinners,” he said. “Conversion comes from the grace of God. With your prayers and sacrifices, you might do more good than we do walking to the village.”

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Monument on Capitol grounds honors families who lost loved ones in service to their country

By Jay Nies

Three rifle volleys followed by a bugle rendition of “Taps.”

These sounds melded with the antiphonal ciccadas, the stirring of summer leaves, and the muffled hum of diesel engines below the bluff, rumbling across train tracks that once transported thousands of U.S. Service men and women to training bases throughout the United States.

The loved ones of those who did not return from fighting the nation’s wars were left to carry on without them.

Those families are the subject of the newly-dedicated Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on the grounds of the State Capitol in Jefferson



LEFT: Sandra Deraps, a member of Annunciation Parish in California, gives the keynote address at the dedication of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on the grounds of the State Capitol Aug. 7. **RIGHT:** Members of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps bow their heads during the invocation given by Marine Corps League Chaplain Stanley Scott.



— Photos by Jay Nies

City. The unveiling and dedication, marked by solemnity and profound gratitude, took place Aug. 7, the Saturday before the

statewide celebration of Missouri’s 200th anniversary.

The crowd that attended included many relatives of people who had died while serving their country.

“Hundreds of thousands of people will be able to see this monument and will be reminded of those who we’ve lost and the families who have survived,” said Missouri Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe, a member of Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish in Jef-

erson City.

He said it’s appropriate for such a monument to stand near the entrance to the state’s

Veterans Plaza, which honors the men and women who fought for the United States in times of war.

The Gold Star Families Monument’s four large, polished black granite tablets are etched with images honoring men and women who died in battle, and the loss their families experience as a result.

Inscribed near the bottom is a quote from Missouri native President Harry S Truman: “Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices. Because of these sacrifices, the dawn of justice and freedom throughout the world slowly casts its gleam across the horizon.”

This is the 87th Gold Star Family Memorial Monument that has been dedicated across the United States and only the fifth to stand on the grounds of a state capitol.

Sandra Deraps, keynote speaker at the dedication, became a Gold Star Mother in May of 2006, when her youngest son, U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Leon Deraps, was killed in action in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

He was 19. His earthly remains are at rest in Assumption Cemetery in Cedron.

Mrs. Deraps, a member of Annunciation Parish in California, spoke of her youngest

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loved family member who was kind to everyone he met.

To his family, the loss is still very real.

"I want to say how proud I am of the Jefferson City community and central Missouri for all the wonderful patriotic people who took so much time and effort to share love for not

only the mothers of the fallen but the families: the dads, the daughters, the sons, husbands, wives, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and cousins," she stated.

She said the best way to serve the families of fallen service men and women is not only to provide support to them "but also to say their name and keep their sacrifice in our hearts."

"This memorial should serve as a reminder that we are free because of them" and the sacrifices they made, she said. "And please, also remember them as the family they are to us."

Cindy Stonebraker, assistant director of programs for the Woody Williams Foundation, which offers help and fellowship to Gold Star families, pointed out how much passion, dedication and hard work



Father Richard Frank, a retired priest of the Jefferson City diocese, whose uncle died in World War II, can be seen through a soldier-shaped opening in the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument during the dedication ceremony Aug. 7.

— Photo by Jay Nies

Cursillo Weekends to be held this fall

A Cursillo Weekend brings together a diverse group of Catholics to share the richness of many modes of worship and to broaden each one's appreciation for our Church.

The three days are filled with talks and group discussions with emphasis on the doctrine of Grace, the Sacraments, and Piety/Study/Action.

They also include fellowship, singing, good food, and time for privacy, meditation, prayer and walks. Mass is celebrated each day.

•Men's Weekend: Sept 30-Oct 3 in Moberly

•Women's Weekend: Nov. 4-7 in Moberly

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went into getting the monument designed and built.

She led the assembly in prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father, we are gathered here today to honor the brave men and women who have given

their lives for the freedom that we enjoy. ... Make each family know that they will never be alone, and that their loved ones

will never be forgotten."

She implored God to allow the monument to be a place of healing, "where these families can come and join together as a community that no one would ever want to be a part of."

The monument stands near the entrance to the soon-to-be-completed Bicentennial Bridge to Adrian's Island.

The public is invited to stop and spend time there.

After the ribbon-cutting ceremony and unveiling of the monument, people whose loved ones had made the supreme sacrifice in battle were invited to walk past the monument and linger there for a while.

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REMEMBRANCE

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It seemed like only seconds and they were there, instantaneously.”

They guided everyone out through a side door and told them to walk toward nearby Battery Park.

“So we were standing there in the park, looking up,” she said. “All of a sudden, the second plane hit the second tower. I couldn’t believe what I was seeing.”

After a while, Mrs. Jungmeyer was filled with an impulse to get farther away from the burning towers.

“I had this feeling something else was going to happen,” she said. “I said, ‘Come on, we have to move away from here!’”

Shortly after they started walking, the South Tower collapsed.

“That was the worst moment,” she said. “I thought we were all going to die. One second, it was daylight — beautifully clear. An instant later, it was night.”

The words of Psalm 23 began cascading from her lips: “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil. For You are at my side; Your rod and staff are there to shield me.”

Another chance

Mrs. Jungmeyer escaped to safety. Later that day, a friend lent her train fair to Philadelphia.

“I had two things with me: my wallet and my Rosary,” she recalled. “Praying the Rosary really comforted me all that time. It helped so much.”

Like thousands of other people who experienced 9/11, her perspective changed. Her priorities began to shift. She went from focusing on success and her career to asking some very difficult questions: “Why am I here?” “Why did God spare me?” “What is the reason for all of this?”

“Something in me began searching for more than what’s in this world,” she said.

She moved to Jefferson City, where she married Steve Jungmeyer in 2004.

She still grieves for all who lost loved ones on Sept. 11, and she prays that God helps them heal the way He has al-

lowed her to heal.

“I’m so thankful for getting another chance,” she said.

“Have mercy”

Father Edward Doyle, now deceased, had served as chaplain on numerous Residents Encounter Christ (REC) weekends in prisons throughout the Jefferson City diocese.

All were powerful manifestations of God’s ardent desire to heal and reconcile, but none was quite like the one held Sept. 14-16, 2001, in the Protective Custody Unity of the old Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City.

Months beforehand, the weekend’s director chose as its theme the song, “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” in honor of her daughter, a peace activist who had recently died.

It turned out to be perfect for an intentional community crying out for solace and serenity immediately following the events of 9/11.

The Scripture readings, scheduled for that Sunday back in the 1960s, told of God forgiving King David for his sins, and of Jesus’s parable of the Prodigal Son and the Forgiving Father.

Fr. Doyle preached a homily about the message of Divine Mercy. He showed the men an image of the Risen Christ, radiant in glory, with red and white beams of light streaming from His Most Sacred Heart, which had been pierced with a lance after He died on the cross.

“We are made clean with His Blood and the waters of Baptism,” the priest explained. “It is pleasing for Him to save us and forgive us and to make us agents of His unfathomable mercy.”

Only a few of the prison residents on the weekend were Catholic, but all of them hung on the priest’s every word. It was exactly what they needed to hear.

“Bigger than life”

There have been times when Deacon Mammoliti just broke down and cried.

“It could be something as simple as a certain smell,” he said. “And let me tell you, 20 years later, I can still smell that

jet fuel. It’s just one of those things that I can’t let go of.

“And yes, I remember the loss,” he said. “All the emergency workers and the firefighters. And seeing the great solemnity and respect with which they carried Fr. Judge out of the area. That iconic photo you see does not do justice to the reality of that situation. It was bigger than life. It’s something that just stays with you.”

It was Deacon Mammoliti’s faith — “my belief that God had a better purpose for me” — that sustained him through the horror of 9/11 and its aftermath.

“God helped me find serenity amidst the chaos,” he said. “I drew strength from the belief that God doesn’t abandon us. I knew what I had to do, that by physically helping people, I could help them see that hope was not lost.”

The depth and frequency of his prayer increased profoundly from that day forward.

As an Army reservist, he was activated in December 2002 and remained so through July 2015, serving at Fort Dix, New Jersey; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; and Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The Church of the Assumption is located just outside the gates of Fort Dix. Deacon Mammoliti and Father Joseph Farrell, the pastor, developed a strong rapport.

Early in 2005, the priest asked the reservist if he’d ever thought about being a deacon.

Deacon Mammoliti was received into diaconate formation and eventually became the Diocese of Trenton’s first active duty soldier to serve as a deacon.

He also received faculties through the Archdiocese of the Military Services, allowing him to serve on U.S. military bases throughout the world,



A large American flag is seen hanging from the Knights Tower of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 12, 2021. One day earlier was the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

— CNS photo/Matthew Barrick,

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

including when he was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood from 2012-14.

“Love one another”

Deacon Mammoliti still hears people ask where God was on 9/11.

“Evil does exist, but not because God wants it to exist,” he said. “Evil only exists because God endowed all of us with free will, with the ability to choose — to love or not to love.”

“But God never abandons us,” he insisted. “Throughout all of that misery, God was holding us all even closer to Him than at any other moment.”

The loss still looms in many New York neighborhoods, including the one where Deacon Mammoliti now lives.

He’s convinced that 20 years after the fact, there’s no right or wrong way to honor or mourn for those who died.

“The key word is remembrance,” he said. “Their lives still have meaning, and if we cease to remember, we will have really lost something. All

of humanity will have lost something.”

Despite all the suffering, terror and loss, he sees 9/11 as a bridge from one part of the Communion of Saints to the other.

“We are Easter people,” he insisted. “We believe in eternal life and in the tremendous bond we share with our loved ones on earth and in heaven.”

He believes 9/11 should be a national holiday — one that focuses on unity, fellowship, respect and love.

“Looking at it from a Catholic, Christian perspective, what unites us is the simple commandment that Jesus gave us all: ‘Love one another as I have loved you,’” he said.

“Imagine if we actually followed that precept!” he stated. “What a wonderful society we would have!”

Restless hearts

Mrs. Jungmeyer said she now sees life as simply the journey to heaven.

“Once, by the grace of God, you realize that, it seems like nothing else is important anymore,” she said. “What did St. Augustine say? ‘We belong to God and we will never rest until we rest in Him.’”

She is convinced that 9/11 allowed God’s love to be manifested both on the victims and the perpetrators.

“Judgement day is the only time that will end all conflict, unless we recognize that we truly are our brother’s keepers then Judgement Day is our only hope,” she said.

“God’s judgement is a form of love,” she added. “It slows down time and allows all to reassess the current state of affairs, and God’s love will eventually will make everything new.”

Freeburg students create artwork, model in order to “never forget” 9/11

By Jay Nies

Fifth- through eighth-graders at Holy Family School in Freeburg captured a moment in time that they did not experience.

They created posters and a three-dimensional image of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York as they appeared during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

“This day is very much alive in their hearts and minds, even though they were not even born yet,” said their teacher, Mary Holterman.

The students created the 9/11 monument to honor their country’s fallen heroes on the 20th anniversary of that historic day.

The fifth- and sixth-graders depicted their thoughts on posters, which were among those displayed at the Missouri State Fire Marshal’s Office at the State Capitol complex during the events held to mark the 20th anniversary.

Mrs. Holterman didn’t have to say much to prepare her students to honor the people who died in those attacks.

She simply asked: “Does anyone know what happened on 9/11, 20 years ago?”

Every student had something clear to share about the event, ranging from the perpetrators to how they carried out the attacks.

They knew that lives of many people were lost in the tragedy.

“They were aware of how the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City,” Mrs. Holterman noted. “They knew the hijackers took over the aircraft and flew it directly into the building, not caring if they lost their lives or anyone else’s.”

They knew that around 15 minutes after the first plane crash, a second plane was hijacked.

“The students were quite aware that the North Tower was struck a bit higher than the South Tower,” she added. “They explained that explosions and fires occurred.”

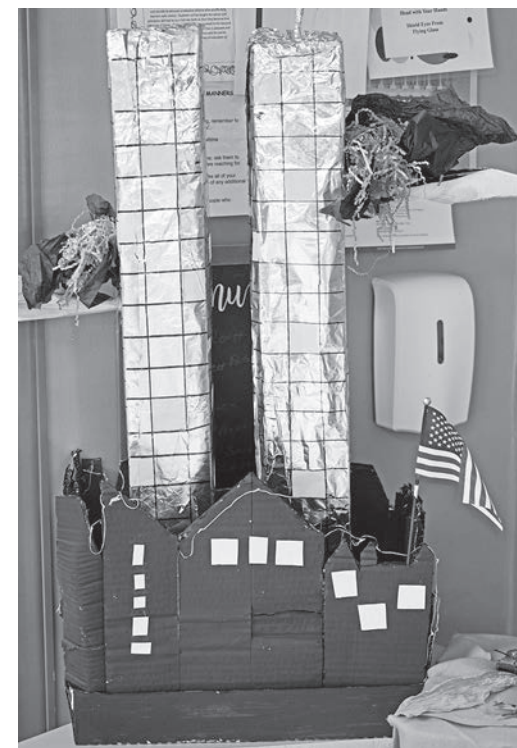
The seventh- and eighth-graders’ challenge was to recreate the Towers using common materials, along with realistic smoke and fire.

Mrs. Holterman shared with them her own recollections of the day.

“I totally recall hearing about this incident from my



LEFT: A Holy Family student’s artwork was among those displayed at the Missouri State Fire Marshal’s Office at the State Capitol complex in Jefferson City during the events held to mark the 20th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and rural Pennsylvania. **RIGHT:** This is part of a 9/11 memorial created by students at Holy Family School in Freeburg to mark the 20th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and rural Pennsylvania.



eldest child who was at work the day of the attacks,” she said. “I can still see the clock on the wall and him saying, ‘Mom, did you hear what just happened with the Twin Towers?’”

Since then, she has had the

opportunity to visit the place where the Twin Towers were located, to spend time at the memorial there, and “to imagine the forever loss families have endured from this horrific event.”

The attacks were traumatic

for every American who lived through it, whether nearby or far away, just as it is for students who learn about it today.

“But it’s important for us never to forget the people who died and to never stop praying for peace,” she said.

Louisiana Catholics reach out to help those hit hard by Hurricane Ida

Catholic News Service

La Place, Louisiana

The saying goes: “It takes a village to raise a child.”

While it will take more than a village, including help from local, state and federal government agencies, to bring relief to southern Louisiana from the devastation left in the path of Hurricane Ida, Covington resident Betty-Ann Hickey recently learned that one person doing one small thing can have an impact.

Hickey, with her son James, her friend Tammy Morris and Morris’ sons Kenneth and Matthew, traveled from St. Tammany Parish to help her friend Father David Ducote, pastor of St. Joan of Arc Church in La-Place, an area that was heavily devastated during Ida.

“I have never done anything like this before,” said Hickey, director of music at Most Holy Trinity Church in Covington and associate director of the Office of Worship for the

Archdiocese of New Orleans. “A true friend means you will be there to help people when they need it.”

Once the storm had passed, Hickey was posting on Facebook that she was OK to friends and family, since phones and emails weren’t going through.

While many were responding, it was a plea from Fr. Du-

cote about the need in his area for manpower to do clean up, remove trees, gut houses that impelled her to act.

“I didn’t have any damage to my home, so once we got power back, I didn’t want to sit around feeling sorry for myself,” Hickey told the *Clarion Herald*, archdiocesan newspaper of New Orleans.

A birthday blessing



Students of St. Brendan School in Mexico decorated the grotto outside their school in honor of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sept. 8.

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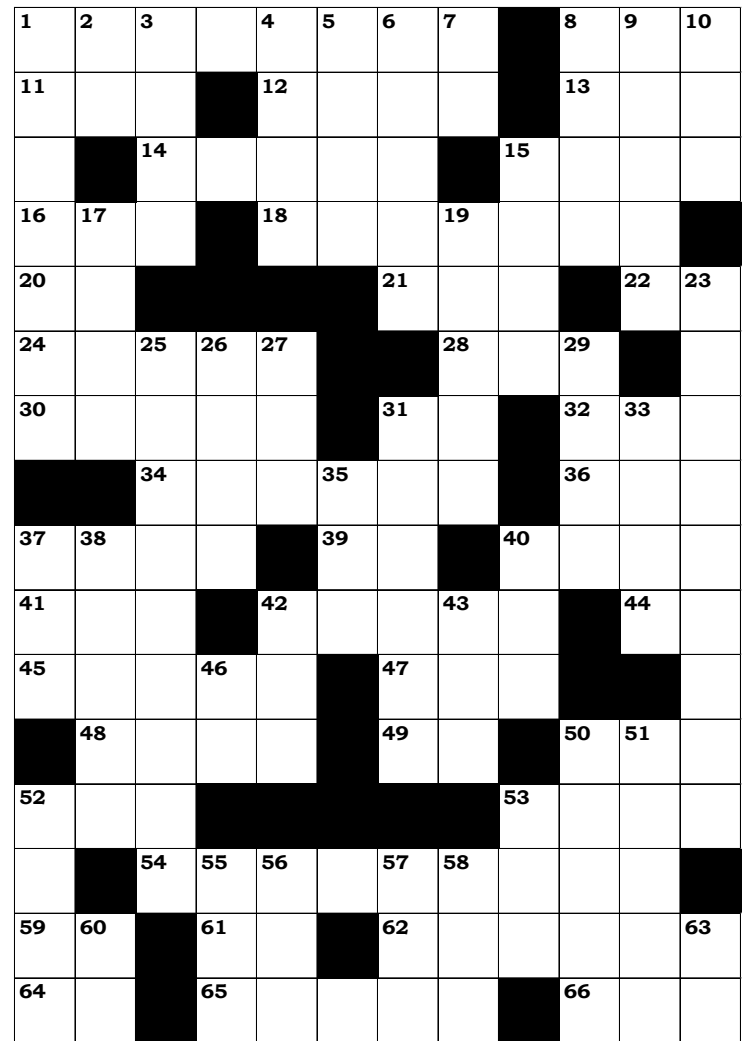
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8. Q - U.
11. "The crowd turned reluctantly away from the dangling body. Something had ended: more than a man's life, but less than an ____," —"Short Rope at Dawn," T.L. Davis, from Black Hats anthology.
12. Mo.'s official dinosaur is the hadrosaur, or "____-billed" dinosaur; a herbivore with 1,000 teeth; discovered in 1942 in Bollinger Co.; first and only dinosaur bones ever found in Mo.
13. When he finally realized how important his family really was to him, it was the greatest ____ moment of his life.
14. The ____ House Jesuit Retreat Center is on a beautiful 80-acre campus on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River south of St. Louis. Since 1922, it has provided a great place for groups and individuals to recharge and reconnect with Christ.
15. Sandwich cookie.
16. The word rise, day, or set can be attached to this word.
18. Mo.'s official fish is the ____ catfish, the most abundant large catfish in Mo. streams; done in 1997; popularly served at fish fries.
20. Internet code for (Western) Samoa; Polynesian island nation.
21. "You are ____ your sin. You are a new creation in Christ. You are a saint, a holy one," —*Wild at Heart*, John Eldredge.
22. Blue Tiger school.
24. These on our foreheads signify the beginning of our 6-week Lenten journey.
28. Distress call.
30. Hospital scans.
31. Letters for Common Era, often used instead of A.D.
32. Cleo killer.
34. Mo.'s official tree since 1955 is the flowering dogwood. Though small in size (rarely 40 ft. and 18 in. in diameter), it sprouts greenish yellow flowers in clusters of beautiful white _____. In the fall, the leaves turn orange with bright red fruits.
36. I'll wait here ' ____ the cows come home if I have to!
37. Loose ____ sink ships; WW II slogan.
39. If you pass it, you get \$200, in Monopoly.
40. Our diocese once staffed and supported 3 parishes in this country.
41. Muhammed ____; boxing great.
42. Smooth singer Tony Bennett left his in San Francisco, in 1961
44. Abbr. for "for example"; from the Latin, "*exempli gratia*."
45. Since 2003, Mo.'s official grape is the Norton/Cynthiana. This variety was able to self-pollinate in Mo.'s climate. It has been cultivated since the 1830s & is likely N. Am.'s oldest grape variety still commercially grown. Noted for its intense flavor, it produces lush, dry premium red ____ of world-class quality and distinction. In the 1800s, Mo. native grape vines would be used to rescue the European vintage industry which had been dying because of an insect infestation.
47. South Korean car company.
48. Hot or toilet.
49. "The grief of the Magdalen was ____ intense as to make her almost like an insane person," —*The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*, visions of Sister Anne Catherine Emmerich, mystic, stigmatist, 1774-1824.
50. Short form for the Hebrew name Rachel, meaning ewe (female sheep).
52. I think our team will hold ____ own in the final games of the tournament.
53. Since 1949, Mo.'s official State song has been the Missouri Waltz. First published in 1914, it gained in popularity & by 1939 had ____ 6 million records. Sales increased substantially after Harry Truman became President.
54. Mo.'s State aquatic animal since 1997 has been the paddlefish, also known as the _____. Only the 3 biggest rivers in Mo. support them: the Mo. the Miss. and Osage rivers, and also in some of the State's largest lakes. They are considered primitive because they have a cartilage skeleton rather than bone. One must "snag" them rather than "fish" for them. They commonly exceed 5 ft. in length, 60 lbs., and live 20-30 years.
59. Tea in Toledo.
61. Mt. Rushmore State (abbr.).
62. City in Germany once known for its famous wall.
64. Companion to #63 DOWN.
65. "It's not what happens to you, but how you ____ to it that matters," —Epicetus, Greek philosopher, d. 135 A.D.
66. "Go to the ____, O slug-gard, study her ways and learn wisdom," (Proverbs 6:6).

DOWN

1. The official insect of Mo. since 1985 is the honeybee. The honeybee is a State symbol in 17 States, primarily because these little wonders of nature play such an important role in agriculture & in plant life in general as pollinators. Honey and ____ are two valuable by-products.
2. Abraham's ancestral homeland.
3. "Big sisters are the crabgrass in the ____ of life," —Linus, in Charles Schulz's "Peanuts."
4. Federal Insurance program.
5. The 8th book of the Bible, right after Judges.
6. Mo.'s official State fossil is the crinoid, a cousin to starfish and sand dollars. It's an animal with a plant-like appearance, and so is also called a sea lily. It lived in the ____ that once covered Mo.; students from Lee's Summit in 1989 made the nomination.
7. _____. Chesterton; famous and prolific writer and essayist and convert to Catholicism.
8. "My nephew (is) more interested in what you have to say than what he is thinking, a trait too ____ in today's society," —*Murder, She Wrote: Design for Murder*, Jessica Fletcher (Angela Lansbury).
9. In 2007, the 3-toed box turtle became Mo.'s official State reptile. This familiar ground-crawling turtle, as the name implies, has 3 toes on each of its hind legs. Unfortunately, neither its slow speed nor withdrawing into its ____ helps them in crossing roads!
10. The Chinese word ____ means The Way, or Path, or Flow of the Universe, etc. It expresses the central tenet of the Chinese philosophy Taoism.
15. "The best thing to hold ____ in life is each other," —Audrey Hepburn.
17. Cold War foe.
19. "They have ears but do not hear, ____ but do not smell," (Psalms 115:6).
23. "For the domestic Church (the family) to be a place of prayer and formation, there needs to be times when everything is ____ ...so the members can "hear themselves think," —Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori.
25. Since 1925, the Bluebird has been Mo.'s official State bird. A popular symbol of ____, it is common in Mo. From early spring until late November.
26. "Peter kept his ____ fixed on Jesus, who remained standing on the shore," —*The Big Fisherman*, Lloyd Douglas.
27. Fast flier.
29. To satisfy, to the full.
31. "Many people spread their ____ on the road,"



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PUZZLE CLUES

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- (Mark 11:8).
33. I am confident that that stallion will ____ some great race horses.
35. "I am with you always, until the end of the ____," (Matthew 28:20).
37. Mo.'s official State motto: *Salus populi suprema lex esto*; Latin for "The Welfare of the People Shall be the Supreme ____." It is on Mo.'s State Seal and etched in stone across the top of the south side of Mo.'s capitol building.
38. In my recipes, ____ the ingredients in alphabetically order (2 wds.).
40. Parent/teacher ____ organization.
42. His Presidential Library is in Independence, Mo. (abbr.)
43. The ____ Grande River forms a 1,255-mile segment of the border between the U.S. and Mexico.
46. Short for Executive Asst.; key support person for a CEO, for example.
50. Home of 1 of the 5 St. Patrick Churches in our diocese and of Mo. S&T.
51. In Texas Hold 'em poker, the term ____ means you have committed the remainder of your chips to the middle. If you lose, you will have no chips left (2 wds.).
52. 4 ____ 24 is 6.
53. "____, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep..." (John 4:11).
55. Short for Parish School of Religion; program for young Catholics, esp. if not in a Catholic school.
56. A lyric poem.
57. Meet the Press, long-running news program on this TV channel.
58. What you do at the Isle of Capri in Boonville.
60. Alien.
63. Companion to #64 ACROSS.

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Fundraisers & Social Events

Sep. 18

Moberly, St. Pius X School Foundation golf tournament, 8 am, Heritage Hills Golf Course; **St. Clement**, St. Clement Parish "Kentucky Derby" dinner & auction, 5:30-10 pm, K of C Hall

Sep. 19

Bonnots Mill, St. Louis of France Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Centralia**, Holy Spirit Parish dinner fundraiser, 11 am-1 pm, multipurpose building; **Cuba**, Holy Cross Parish Fall Festival, indoor/outdoor dining or carry-out fried chicken & whole hog sausage dinners, 11 am-4 pm; **Hannibal**, Hannibal Catholic Schools Alumni Homecoming Celebration, 11 am-1 pm, Holy Family School; **Russellville**, St. Michael Parish drive-thru Fall Festival dinner, 11 am-6 pm

Sep. 20

Columbia, Sacred Heart Parish's 20th Annual Paul Prost Memorial Golf Tournament, 11:30 am-6 pm, Columbia Country Club, for info email ggerke@gerke.com or call 573-864-6604

Sep. 26

Columbia, St. Thomas More Newman Center K of C muffin sale, 9:30 am-12:30 pm (after 8:30 and 11 am Masses); **Frankenstein**, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Fall Supper, 11 am-6 pm; **Fulton**, St. Peter Parish fall festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Montgomery City**, Immaculate Conception Parish Harvest Picnic, 11 am-4 pm; **Vienna**, Visitation Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-5:30 pm, K of C Hall

Sep. 30-Oct. 2

Monroe City, Holy Rosary & St. Stephen Parishes Pro-Life Garage Sale, Thur 4-6 pm, Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 8 am-noon, Holy Rosary K of C Hall

Oct. 2

Hannibal, Holy Family Parish "Good Neighbor Autumn Auction," 6-9 pm, K of C Hall; **Sedalia**, St. Vincent de Paul dinner auction, 4-10 pm, Sacred Heart School gym

Oct. 3

Argyle, St. Aloysius & St. Boniface Parishes Fall Festival, 11 am-7 pm; **Holts Summit**, St. Andrew Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-5 pm; **Linn**, St. George Parish Fall Festival, 11 am-6 pm; **Martinsburg**, St. Joseph Parish Oktoberfest and car show, 10 am-7 pm; **Vienna**, K of C breakfast, 7:30-11 am

Oct. 8-9

St. Robert, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Fall Sale, 9 am-5 pm each day

Oct. 9

Loose Creek, Immaculate Conception Parish 175th Anniversary Celebration, 10:30 am-11:30 pm

Oct. 10

Belle, St. Alexander Parish breakfast, 7-11 am; **Brinktown**, Holy Guardian Angels Parish fried chicken & whole hog sausage dinner, 11 am-5 pm; **Wardsville**, St. Stanislaus Parish Fall Supper, 11 am-6 pm

Oct. 17

St. Anthony, St. Anthony of Padua Parish Fall Supper, 11:30 am-4 pm

Oct. 29

Hannibal, Holy Family Parish Council of Catholic Women annual Soup Supper, 11 am-6 pm, St. Michael's Hall

Eventos del Ministerio Hispano

6-7 Noviembre

Sedalia, Retiro de Crecimiento, Escuela del Sagrado Corazón, favor de inscribirse llamado a José Hernandez al 660-281-4078 o envíe un correo electrónico tyfn@hotmail.com

13-14 Noviembre

Sedalia, Retiro de Crecimiento, Escuela del Sagrado Corazón, favor de inscribirse llamado a Marcelino Chavez al 660-631-3748

Meetings & Conferences

Sep. 16

VIRTUAL, Cursillo School of Leaders meeting, 7-8 pm, for info or to register, visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo/

Sep. 18

VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 am, to RSVP email MidMoNFP@gmail.com

Sep. 22

Jefferson City, "A Matter of Balance," free class for aging adults on fall prevention, 10 am-noon, MU Extension Of-

fice, for info contact Cristal Backer at 573-635-7719 or visit cccno.diojeffcity.org

Sep. 25

Jefferson City, Garden Herbs Workshop, sponsored by Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri, 1:30-2:30 pm, Ramsey Garden at Quinn Chapel AME, to register email Erin Pery at eperry@cccno.org

Sep. 29

Jefferson City, "A Matter of Balance," free class for aging adults on fall prevention, 10 am-noon, MU Extension Office, for info contact Cristal Backer at 573-635-7719 or visit cccno.diojeffcity.org

Oct. 4

VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 pm, to RSVP email MidMoNFP@gmail.com

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

Jefferson City, "A Matter of Balance," free class for aging adults on fall prevention, 10 am-noon, MU Extension Office, for info contact Cristal Backer at 573-635-7719 or visit cccno.diojeffcity.org

Oct. 13

VIRTUAL, Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri refugee resettlement program orientation, 5:30-6:30 pm, for info or to register, contact Diana Twombly at 573-442-7568 or dtwombly@cccno.org

Oct. 16

VIRTUAL, Couple to Couple League natural family planning introductory session, 8-9 am, to RSVP email MidMoNFP@gmail.com

Oct. 18

Jefferson City, "A Season of Hope: A Home for All," 7-9 pm, Pleus Hall at Immaculate Conception Parish, for info or to RSVP email jimkemna@gmail.com or call 573-694-3125

Liturgical

Sep. 18

Holts Summit, National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, memorial service, 10-11:30 am, St. Andrew Church, for info email kathythebo@hotmail.com

Retreats & Spiritual Renewal

Sep. 25

Laurie, "Mary, Model for all Women" and "Mary and the Sense of the Sacred at the Holy Mass," pilgrimage with Fr. William Korte, 8:30 am-5:30 pm, National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church, for info visit thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com

Sep. 30-Oct. 3

Moberly, Men's Cursillo Weekend #69, St. Pius X Parish, for info or to register visit diojeffcity.org/cursillo

Oct. 3

Laurie, Missouri State K of C Pilgrimage, featuring Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Mass, lunch, and Benediction, 10 am-3 pm, for info or to RSVP, contact Rick Purdon at 573-372-6418 or RNS7691@gmail.com

Health & Wellness

Sep. 21

Meta, Blood drive, 2-6 pm, Citizens Civic League

DOERFLINGER

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this tends to reduce human relationships to contracts for mutual benefit, discarded when they no longer serve one's personal goals.

Even the human body becomes a mere instrument for achieving those goals — and vulnerable people at the beginning and end of life who cannot freely express and pursue such goals may not be persons at all.

Snead shows that this ignores fundamental aspects of the human condition. We are embodied beings, not sovereign wills trapped in prisons of flesh.

Our very existence depends on the love and care of others, beginning with our parents, and our flourishing depends on our learning to give and receive love.

What does expressive individualism make of religion? It can accept being "spiritual but not religious" — spiritual wayfaring can be yet an-

other way to advance oneself, and there is no religious authority to contradict that. But it has a serious problem with the Judeo-Christian claim that human flourishing comes from my loving God above all, and my neighbor as myself.

As Bishop Robert E. Barron says, "Your life is not about you" is a central Christian message. Jesus says to take up our cross and follow Him, that we must lose our life to save it. Explaining the Sign of the Cross, Msgr. Ronald Knox used to say that its vertical gesture spells "I" — and its second gesture crosses that out.

Nothing could be more alien to the self-absorption typical of our culture. Which means that nothing is more desperately needed.

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



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Dallas & Flo Howard, 51 years
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David & Jill Oser, 25 years
Joseph & Nikki Witting, 25 years

Brinktown, Holy Guardian Angels

Ralph & Carolyn Kloeppel, 60 years
Tom & Karen Campbell, 39 years

Brookfield, Immaculate Conception

Larry & Donna Wattenbarger, 50 years
Jim & Nancie Saccaro, 48 years
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Terry & Jane Milford, 39 years
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Randall & Laurel Ehmer, 48 years
Gary & Jill Phillips, 20 years
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Freeburg, Holy Family

Vic & Berniece Struempf, 56 years
Richard & Mary Hoffman, 51 years
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Max & Stephanie Mengwasser, 24 years

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Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, 48 years

Salisbury, St. Joseph

Richard & Carlene Hartmann, 57 years

Taos, St. Francis Xavier

Matt & Marlene Baumhoer, 65 years
Jerry & Shirley Toebben, 49 years

Vienna, Visitation

James & Georgena Fick, 64 years
Dave & Kay Swarhout, 53 years
Leonard & Ruth Wansing, 48 years
Chad & Cherie James, 16 years

Westphalia, St. Joseph

Henry & Rita Hentges, 45 years

Wien, St. Mary of the Angels

Floyd & Deloris Rodgers, 59 years
Ralph & Laveda Neimeier, 55 years
Ralph & Pam Bertsch, 49 years
Charles & Shirley Stallo, 49 years
Philip & Sharon Weimer, 42 years
Daryl & Kimberly Noll, 40 years
Curtis & Terra Bixenman, 37 years
Danny & Katrina Steffes, 33 years
John & Julie Noll, 31 years
Phillip & Elizabeth Mossbarger, 25 years
Kevin & Elaine Stallo, 24 years
Mark & Jill Bruner, 23 years
Jared & Julie Bixenman, 20 years
Stephen & Elisha Weimer, 10 years

Deaths

Boonville, Ss. Peter & Paul — **Margaret Twenter**

Camdenton, St. Anthony — **Linda Burns**

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **George Louis Hart, Sandra Thomas**

Eldon, Sacred Heart — **Pat Hill, Donald Kemp, Korenn Kemp**

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St. James, Immaculate Conception — **John M. Grgurich**

Salisbury, St. Joseph — **Terry Sturm**

Sedalia, St. Vincent de Paul — **Robert Hoskins, Jean T. Rosendale**

Tipton, St. Andrew — **Dorothy Kuttenkuler, Derek W. Santana**

Vienna, Visitation — **Rosalie M. Leuthen**

Wardsville, St. Stanislaus — **William B. Temmen**

Westphalia, St. Joseph — **Alfred A. Wieberg**

Baptisms

Columbia, Our Lady of Lourdes — **Andrea Kaw, Helen Cing Hon Lyan**

Hermann, St. George — **Elli Jean Witthaus**, daughter of Joshua & Kallie Witthaus

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Reed Patrick Bax**

Koeltztown, St. Boniface — **Waylon Luebbert**, son of Kyle & Lauren Luebbert

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Karter Nichole Larson**, daughter of Nicholas & Haley Larson

Monroe City, Holy Rosary — **Luke Ritter**, son of Cameron & Tiffany Ritter

Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart — **Olivia Marie Boeckman**, daughter of Stefan & Elizabeth Boeckman

Steelville, St. Michael — **Esther Marie Josephina Werner**, daughter of Nicholas & Rebekah Werner

Birthdays

Freeburg, Holy Family — **Elizabeth Stratman**, her 92nd on Sept. 2

Indian Grove, St. Raphael — **Lee Widhalm**, his 92nd on Sept. 23

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Lloyd Dulle**, his 90th on Sept. 7

Marshall, St. Peter — **Ann Collier**, her 96th; **Albert Markes**, his 91st on Sept. 25

Mary's Home, Our Lady of the Snows — **Fred Evers**, his 92nd birthday on Sept. 28

St. Elizabeth, St. Lawrence — **Elizabeth Kemna**, her 100th

Marriages

Martinsburg, St. Joseph — **Megan Schmeling & Braden Vomund**

Elections

Cuba, Holy Cross — **RuthAnn Kuethe**, president; **Ruth Woodson**, vice president; **Diane McCameron**, secretary, of the Parish Pastoral Council

Jefferson City, St. Peter — **Dr. Conrad Balcer, Kathy Hillen, Nathan Raymer, Theresa Stegeman**, to the Parish Pastoral Council

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Crossword puzzle answers

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Catching the beat



Pre-kindergartners at Holy Cross School in Cuba learn about beat and rhythm during their first day of music class Aug. 28.
— Photo from the Holy Cross Catholic Church Cuba Missouri Facebook page

A blessing for a new school year



Children step forward to receive a blessing for themselves and their backpacks from Father Anthony Rinaldo during a Back-to-School Mass in St. Louis of France Church in Bonnots Mill on Sept. 13.
— Photo from the St. Louis of France Catholic Church, Bonnots Mill, MO Facebook page

Scientifically speaking



Fourth-graders at St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City are engaged in learning during science class.
— Photo from the St. Joseph Cathedral School Facebook page



Students at Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marceline show their Marceline Tiger Pride on Sept. 3 in anticipation of the Marceline High School Bell Game that evening.
— Photo from the Fr. McCartan Memorial School Facebook page

Pausing to remember

Local military, law enforcement and emergency responders join the students and faculty of Ss. Peter and Paul School in Boonville at a school assembly in their honor Sept. 10 to mark the 20th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York, Washington, D.C., and rural Pennsylvania.

— Photos by Janell Drummond of Drummond Photography



John sees Michael's battle against a dragon

By Jennifer Ficaglia
Catholic News Service

John had been exiled to the Greek island of Patmos because he was a Christian.

He was worshipping one Sunday when Jesus appeared to him. After Jesus gave John messages to give to the seven Christian churches in Asia, he was taken up to heaven.

There was thunder and lightning in heaven, as well as four living creatures, 24 elders and many angels surrounding the throne of God. Everyone in heaven worshipped God continually.

John was given many visions. One of them was of a woman who was pregnant. She was "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet,



and on her head a crown of 12 stars," John said in describing what he saw.

He said the woman wailed aloud in pain as she labored to

give birth.

Just then, another sign appeared in the sky.

"It was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and 10 horns,

and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth," John continued.

The woman gave birth to a male child, who was destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. The baby was caught up to God and His throne, John said.

God had prepared a place in the desert to which the woman fled, and she stayed there and was taken care of for 1,260 days.

Meanwhile, a war broke out in heaven between Michael and his angels and the dragon and its angels. The dragon and its angels lost the battle, and there was no longer a place for

them in heaven.

"The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it," John said.

Then he heard a loud voice speaking from heaven that told those dwelling there to rejoice.

"But woe to you, earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great fury, for he knows he has but a short time," the voice warned.

Read more about it... Revelation 12

1. What are some of the things John saw in heaven?
2. Who was on each side of the war in heaven?

Bible Accent

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the three archangels — messengers sent by God — who are mentioned by name in the Bible.

In Daniel 10, Michael is called "one of the chief princes." In the Letter of Jude, he is described as an archangel who had an argument with the devil in a dispute over Moses' body. And in the Book of Revelation, he and his angels clash with a dragon and its angels during a battle in heaven.

In the Book of Tobit, Raphael was sent by God to help

Tobit's family by accompanying Tobit's son, Tobiah, on a journey. At the end of the journey, he revealed his true identity to Tobit and Tobiah: "I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand and serve before the glory of the Lord."

In the Book of Daniel, Gabriel explains the prophet's vision to him. And in the New Testament, he delivers two very important messages to announce the births of John the Baptist and Jesus.

After the Second Vatican Council, the Church created a

joint feast day for these archangels on Sept. 29.

Trivia

Which angel spoke to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist?
(Hint: Luke 1:19)

Answer: Gabriel

Saint Spotlight



The concept of guardian angels has biblical roots. The angel Raphael helped Tobit and his family. An angel interpreted for the prophet Zechariah. And in the Acts of the Apostles, an angel tells the centurion Cornelius to summon Peter, who baptizes him and his family. In the Letter to the Hebrews, angels are called "ministering spirits sent to serve." In Matthew, Jesus said, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." And according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd." In the 1670s, Pope Clement X set Oct. 2 as the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels.

Puzzle

Unscramble the letters in each word and arrange them to form a quotation from the children's story.

thear ewo tub dan

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Sentence:



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Get to Know Jesus better with new Christian children's book

Delran, N.J.

B. Amber Curzie, a Religious Education teacher of 16 years, mother to five children and golden retriever, wife and Catechism student, released her debut book, *Mighty Meana Mullin You Are Loved*, to help children get to know and better love Jesus Christ.

Mighty Meana Mullin You Are Loved is a Christian children's picture book for children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old.

Through relatable charac-

ters, Meana, Hero and Faith, children have the opportunity to understand Who Jesus is and how to have a relationship with Him. Meana exemplifies good Christian behavior and sets the bar at becoming the best version of yourself.

Mighty Meana Mullin You Are Loved, published by Balboa Press, a division of Hay House Publishing, was released January 2021 and hit the shelves in Barnes and Noble in April 2021.

The book is also available

online in print and ebook format.

B. Amber Curzie, who is Catholic, first wrote *Meana* in 1998. The book, under a different title, never made it to press.

Fast-forward two decades later and Meana makes her first appearance teaching children the love of Christ Jesus during a pandemic when people most need the Good News of God.

Writing *Mighty Meana Mullin You Are Loved* is Ms. Curzie's way of spreading the Gospel of the Lord.

She has taken the most important element of her teaching, "Jesus loves you and wants a relationship with you," and made it available to the public in this heart-warming, easily read and entertaining Christian Children's book.

MightyMeanaMullin.com

A Masterclass on What Christians Believe

Irving, Texas

In recent decades, antipathy toward faith and an increase in religious disaffiliation have produced a culture of spiritual illiteracy and unfamiliarity.

To meet this crisis, Word on Fire and Bishop Robert Barron have produced two new resources that synthesize two thousand years of Christian teaching and practice.

Centering on the foundation of the Church's conciliar and magisterial teaching, "The Creed" film and study series and the *Light from Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed* book will

provide clear and compelling explanations about the nature of belief, the mystery of God, the life of the Church, and more.

In "The Creed," which blends documentary conversations and dynamic talks, viewers are guided into the depths of the hallowed Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced Christian spirituality, theology, and liturgy in both the East and West.

In *Light from Light*, Bishop Barron invites skeptics and seekers to explore the intellectual profundity of Catholicism, examining and explaining doctrinal and devotional principles for a new generation, especially those who have wandered away.

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 Limited Adult Audience	Queenpins (R)
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Ratings are supplied by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Film and Broadcasting Office. Visit www.usccb.org for current reviews.

Bishop Barron bolsters belief in the Eucharist in book's new edition

Irving, Texas

Catholics are more and more reporting a decrease in belief about the Eucharist. Many no longer believe in Christ's real and true presence, and some understand the Mass as merely a gathering of individuals in collective fond remembrance.

However, *Eucharist*, a book by Bishop Robert Barron being republished as a new and beautifully designed second edition by Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, seeks to clarify the strange and beautiful truth of what is made present on the altar, and what the faithful dare to receive into their bodies and souls.

Bishop Barron, auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire, proposes a three-fold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence — distinct but tightly

interwoven motifs grounded in Scripture.

He draws readers into the profound truth flowing out of Jesus's words at the Last Supper: "Take, eat; This is My Body. ... Drink from It, all of you; for This is My Blood of the covenant."

Word on Fire's second edition of *Eucharist* includes a comprehensive bibliography, helpful index, and accessible notes, all encased in a handsome hardcover with dust jacket.

Catholics and Christians of all traditions will learn from this insightful cultural, historical and philosophical analysis of Holy Communion.

Word on Fire Catholic Ministries (wordonfire.org) exists to support the evangelization efforts of Bishop Barron by drawing people into the Body of Christ, which is the Church, and thereby giving them access

to all the gifts that Jesus wants His people to enjoy.

To be most effective in this mission, Word on Fire places an emphasis and urgency on the use of contemporary forms of media and innovative communication technologies.

Interested readers can learn more about Eucharist at books.wordonfire.org/eucharist.

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Pope: Bishops must handle Holy Communion debate as shepherds, not with censures

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

Aboard the Papal Flight from Slovakia

The debate about denying Holy Communion to politicians who support abortion must be handled in a pastoral way, not by public condemnations that seek to “excommunicate” Catholics who are not in line with Church teaching, Pope Francis said.

During his return flight from Bratislava, Slovakia, Sept. 15, the pope said that while there is no question that “abortion is homicide,” bishops must look take a pastoral approach rather than wade into the political sphere.

“If we look at the history of the Church, we can see that every time the bishops did not act like shepherds when dealing with a problem, they aligned themselves with political life, on political problems,” he said.

The pope told journalists that when defending a principle, some bishops act in a way “that is not pastoral” and “enter the political sphere.”

“And what should a shepherd do? Be a shepherd. Not going around condemning,” the pope added. “They must be a shepherd, in God’s style, which is closeness, compassion and tenderness.”

“A shepherd that doesn’t know how to act in God’s style slips and enters into many things that are not of a shepherd.”

The pope said that he preferred not to comment directly on the issue of denying Holy Communion in the United States “because I do not know the details; I am speaking of the principle” of the matter.

During their virtual spring general assembly in June, 75% of U.S. bishops approved the drafting of a document, addressed to all Catholic faithful, on eucharistic coherence. During long discussions on the document before the vote, several bishops specifically pointed to President Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who are Catholic, for not actively seeking to end legal abortion, and they said such politicians should be denied Holy

Communion.

When asked if he had ever publicly denied Communion to someone, Pope Francis emphatically said, “No, I have never denied the Eucharist to anyone; to anyone! I don’t know if someone came to me under these conditions, but I have never refused them the Eucharist, since the time I was a priest.”

But, he added, “I was never aware of anyone in front of me under those conditions that you mentioned.”

Recalling his apostolic exhortation, “*Evangeli Gaudium*,” the pope said that “Holy Communion is not a prize for the perfect,” but rather “a gift, the presence of Jesus in His Church and in the community. That is the theology.”

However, Pope Francis also said he understood why the Church takes a hard stance because accepting abortion “is a bit as if daily murder was accepted.”

“Whoever commits an abortion, murders,” he said. “Take any book on embryology, those books on medicine. At the third week of conception, many times before a mother even realizes it, all the organs are there. All of them, even their DNA.

“It is a human life. Period,” the pope added. “And this human life must be respected. This principle is very clear.”

Pope Francis said that those “who don’t understand” this principle must ask themselves whether it is “right to kill a human life to solve a problem.”

He also recalled the reaction to his apostolic exhortation “*Amoris Laetitia*,” and the debates surrounding giving Holy Communion to divorced or remarried Catholics.

Some called it, “heresy, but thank God for Cardinal (Christoph) Schönborn, a great theologian, who cleared a bit the chaos,” he said.

Nevertheless, “there was always this condemnation,” the pope said. “These are poor people who are temporarily outside, but they are children of God and need our pastoral action.”

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will break the barriers between the Catholic Church and Judaism,” he said.

During the meeting, Pope Francis heard several testimonies, including from Holocaust survivor Tomáš Lang, who recalled the anti-Jewish persecution in his country and the death of his parents.

He also noted that one of the few to openly speak out against anti-Semitism in Slovakia was the late Archbishop Giuseppe Burzio, who served as chargé d’affaires at the ap-

ostolic nunciature.

Archbishop Burzio, Lang said, “tirelessly sought to end the anti-Semitism of the deadly regime of that time. No Slovak politician at the time opposed that regime.”

In his address, Pope Francis recognized the importance of the synagogue that once stood alongside the Cathedral of St. Martin.

The presence of both spiritual edifices, he said, was “an expression of the peaceful co-existence of the two commu-

nities, an unusual and evocative symbol, and a striking sign of unity in the name of the God of our fathers.”

The pope remembered the victims of the Holocaust and said it was “the worst form of blasphemy” that violated the second Commandment, “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.”

“Here, in this place, the name of God was dishonored, for the worst form of blasphemy is to exploit it for

Daily Readings

Sunday, Sep 19

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis. 2:12, 17-20
Ps. 54:3-6, 8
Jas. 3:16-4:3
Mk. 9:30-37

Monday, Sep 20

Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, priest,
and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and
companions, martyrs
Ezr. 1:1-6
Ps. 126:1b-2-6
Lk. 8:16-18

Tuesday, Sep 21

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

Wednesday, Sep 22

Ezr. 9:5-9
(Ps.) Tb. 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8
Lk. 9:1-6

Thursday, Sep 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
Hg. 1:1-8
Ps. 149:1b-2-6a, 9b
Lk. 9:7-9

Friday, Sep 24

Hg. 2:1-9
Ps. 43:1-4
Lk. 9:18-22

Saturday, Sep 25

Zec. 2:5-9, 14-15a
(Ps.) Jer. 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Lk. 9:43b-45

Sunday, Sep 26

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Nm. 11:25-29
Ps. 19:8, 10, 12-14
Jas. 5:1-6
Mk. 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday, Sep 27

St. Vincent de Paul, priest
Zec. 8:1-8
Ps. 102:16-23, 29
Lk. 9:46-50

Tuesday, Sep 28

St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence
Ruiz and companions, martyrs
Zec. 8:20-23
Ps. 87:1b-3-7
Lk. 9:51-56

Wednesday, Sep 29

Ss. Michael, Gabriel and
Raphael, Archangels
Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv. 12:7-12a
Ps. 138:1-2-5
Jn. 1:47-51

Thursday, Sep 30

St. Jerome, priest and doctor of
the Church
Neh. 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Ps. 19:8-11
Lk. 10:1-12

Friday, Oct 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
virgin and doctor of the Church
Bar. 1:15-22
Ps. 79:1b-2-5, 8-9
Lk. 10:13-16

Saturday, Oct 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
Bar. 4:5-12, 27-29
Ps. 69:33-37
Mt. 18:1-5, 10

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our own purposes, refusing to respect and love others.”

Noting the word “Remember” etched on the memorial, Pope Francis said that the memory of the horrors of the Holocaust “must not give way to forgetfulness,” indifference and “forms of manipulation that would exploit religion

in the service of power or else reduce it to irrelevance.”

“I repeat: let us unite in condemning all violence and every form of anti-Semitism, and in working to ensure that God’s image, present in the humanity he created, will never be profaned,” the pope said.

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 \$12 ADULTS - \$6 CHILDREN 6-12

Games
 Cake Walk
 Kids Area

Country Store
 Silent Auction
 Entertainment



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Marian pilgrimage to Shrine in Laurie

DATE: September 25
 TIME: 9 am

Father William Korte, pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in St. Elizabeth and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in St. Anthony, will lead a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church in Laurie on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Registration will be held from 8:30-9 a.m.

Fr. Korte will give a morning talk titled "Mary, Model for All Women" and an afternoon talk titled "Mary and the Sense of the Sacred at the Holy Mass."

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 9:05 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The pilgrimage will also include Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, meditation and Benediction, personal reflection, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and lunch.

Mass will be at 4:30 p.m.

Fr. Korte has been a priest of the Jefferson City diocese since his ordination in 1983.

There is no charge but free-will offerings will be accepted.

The shrine is located on the grounds of St. Patrick Church, 176 Marian Drive, off Highway 5 in Laurie.

It is about 20 miles north of Camdenton and 17 miles west of U.S. Business Route 54 at the Lake of the Ozarks.

For more information, contact the shrine at 573-374-6279 or shrinemother@gmail.com.