



▲ **GETTING SLIMED**—(from left) Fr. Brian Straus (Parochial Vicar, of St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Joplin), Fr. Joe Weidenbenner (Pastor, St. Mary and St. Peter the Apostle, Joplin), and Fr. Paco Gordillo (Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, in Webb City, and St. Ann Parish, Carthage) get slimed by students during the Kids Heart Challenge.  
(Submitted photo)

## JOPLIN STUDENTS SLIME PRIESTS DURING KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Joplin, MO

**S**t. Mary Catholic School students in Kindergarten-5th grade recently participated in the Kids Heart Challenge April 21 sponsored by the American Heart Association.

“The focus is having fun while learning about heart health—learning to make good choices now that will help us grow into healthy adults,” said Margie Black, physical education teacher. “We jumped rope and played several variations of jump rope games. Drinking more water, putting the salt shaker down, being active, not smoking or vaping, being kind and helpful were some of the healthy choices we talked about in PE.”

Students also raised awareness and donations.

“Our three parish priests—Fr. Joe (Weidenbenner, Pastor, St. Mary and St. Peter the Apostle, Joplin), Fr. Paco (Gordillo, Sacred Heart, Webb City), and Fr.

Brian Straus (Parochial Vicar, St. Peter the Apostle, Joplin), ‘volunteered’ to inspire our students!” Black said. “For every \$100 a student raised, he/she would get to ‘Pick-A-Priest’ to slime!!! Three of our students raised enough to pour ELEVEN cups!!!”

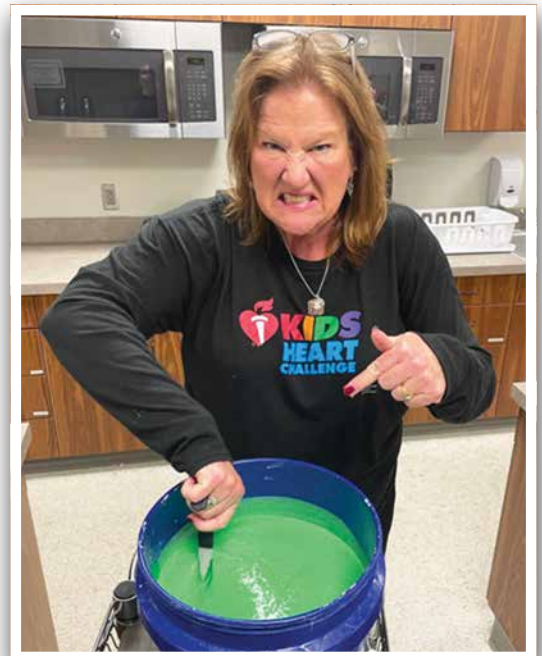
The priests were good sports...and ultimately the recipients of a combined total of about 120 cups of green slime from 54 students—and maybe an adult or two! Additionally, students who raised \$150 were treated to a Gym Jam! Those 46 students had time in the cafeteria for an afternoon of fun using a lot of the PE equipment, playing games, and enjoying healthy snacks!

The 128 students collectively helped raise \$14,328.51.

“Our goal was \$8,500, but we feel pretty confident that the incentive of our three wonderful priests volunteering to be SLIMED had a LOT to do with the amount we raised!!!” Black said. “This is our 8th year participating, and in those

8 years, St. Mary’s students have raised more than \$65,000!! This speaks to the very HEART (pun intended) of what we do and what we are about here at St. Mary’s!”

St. Mary students and families were able to raise money by telling others about the Kids Heart Challenge and by sending out texts and emails and sharing on social media. ©TM



▲ **SLIME**—St. Mary Catholic School PE teacher Margie Black mixes slime for the April 21 Kids Heart Challenge for the American Heart Association. The Joplin students were able to raise money to “earn” a chance to slime one of the three local priests: Fr. Joe Weidenbenner, Fr. ‘Paco’ Gordillo, or Fr. Brian Straus.  
(Submitted photo)



The next issue of **The Mirror** will be **June 10, 2022**. Sign up to receive the diocesan newspaper via Email in digital format: Contact Debbie Thompson at (417) 866-0841, or Email: dthompson@dioscg.org.







**COME, AND  
YOU WILL SEE**

*Bp. Edward M. Rice*

# The gift of finest wheat

**W**ell, the Diocese of Springfield- Cape Girardeau has outdone itself again! Your generous donations to the 2021 Retirement Fund for Religious collection is \$66,971.82 with a total since the collection was launched coming to \$2,518,073.43. This collection provides direct care for retired religious, such as medications, nursing care, and other day-to-day necessities. Over 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious-order priests benefit from the retirement fund for religious. Thank you for your generosity.

June 12 is the annual collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Did you know that half the collection stays in the diocese? Those funds help us to assist in issuing grant money within our diocese to broadcast Mass on the radio, assist in getting Wi-Fi for parishes, and help build parish Websites.

As we look to the future there are several local projects that we have in mind. Have you ever visited our Website? I'm constantly being told that I must increase my digital presence. Although I'm not quite sure what that means, I do know that our Website, built in 2012, could be more "user-friendly" and needs a serious "re-do." We're in the throes of this process now! This will help increase our digital resources and content for seekers and our own faith communities. We are beefing up our social media presence and recently launched an Instagram account. I hope you're following the diocese on social media! Funds from the Catholic Communications Campaign also enables video coverage for various

events, such as our Evangelization and Discipleship Summit. It will also enable me to reach out to people on various topics through an increased use of video and Podcast. Now in its 57th year, we continue to print *The Mirror* and in recent years have begun offering a digital edition for those who want to receive it electronically. This saves the diocese the cost of printing and postage as well as avoids USPS delivery delays in our largely rural diocese, delays which are more and more common. If you have a paper subscription you might consider receiving *The Mirror* digitally.

I thank you in advance for your donation to support the Catholic Communications Campaign and our diocesan efforts to reach out to others through any means possible, which includes us growing our use of technology and expanding our social media footprint.

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS

As we anticipate the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19, also Father's Day, I encourage everyone to participate in a Corpus Christi procession. While each of our cathedrals will offer a procession at 2 p.m., many of our parishes have them as well. This would be a beautiful way to spend faith-filled time with fathers and grandfathers. June 19 is the kickoff of our three-year Eucharistic Revival. As we move into this special time of renewal, I invite you to send me any ideas you might have on how to increase our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

At the end of each Sunday Mass, a number of our parishes recite or

sing that beautiful verse, "O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine. All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine." It might be beneficial to revive our Eucharistic piety by focusing on songs that express what we believe about the Mass and the Eucharist. I've always been touched by the second and third verses of that same song. Verse two, "Now come, all you who labor in sorrow and in pain, come, eat this Bread from Heaven; thy peace and strength regain." The third verse summarizes our Eucharistic theology so well, "Lord Jesus, we adore Thee, our victim and our priest, whose Precious Blood and Body become our sacred feast.

Not long ago we sang a song I recall from elementary school, "Gift of Finest Wheat." I had not heard that song in ages. Do you recall the refrain? "You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come give to us oh saving Lord the Bread of Life to eat." I am excited for the possibilities that can flow from our efforts to promote a Eucharistic revival throughout southern Missouri. Let us be "One Church, East to West," singing "O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine. All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine." @TM



## The Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) June 12, 2022

provides grants to Catholic organizations that communicate the Gospel through **print, social media, internet, live stream, television, radio, and podcasts.**



### Half the money collected stays in our Diocese for local needs

Fully 50% of collected funds stay right here in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, while the other 50% of funds support communications projects around the world.

### Please support the collection on June 12th.

Your generosity is an act of witness in itself, affecting thousands of lives through direct communication of the Gospel. **Thank you.**

## TRAGEDY IN TEXAS...

**W**hile composing my column for our diocesan newspaper *The Mirror*, I learned of the deadly shooting in Texas of 19 young students and two teachers. Right above my computer screen, I have a quote from Mother Teresa, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." That is a simple yet profound thought. We do belong to each other. That "belonging" crosses all racial boundaries, religious boundaries, and any other difference that some people like to highlight in order to divide us. On a simple humanitarian level, we are all part of the human family. Regardless of color, race, religion, we all bleed the same. Regardless of color, race, or religion our hearts break over the same things. Regardless of color, race, or religion we have the same hope—to provide for our family, to live in peace and to know that our children have a future.

One of the principles of Catholic social teaching is "solidarity." Fitting, is a quote from the US Bishops on Solidarity: "We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and our sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught, 'If you want peace, work for justice'! The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all of our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict"

Let us be inspired by the beautiful words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

1 Pope St. Paul VI, "Celebration of the Day of Peace," Jan. 1, 1972.



The global pandemic has made it ever-more apparent the importance in keeping our communities connected through digital means. Please give generously so that we may continue to be One Church, East to West, wherever we may call home in southern Missouri.

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*Obispo Edward M. Rice*

# El regalo del mejor trigo

**P**ues bien, la Diócesis de Springfield-Cape Girardeau se ha superado de nuevo Vuestras generosas donaciones al Fondo de Jubilación 2021 para la colecta religiosa son de \$66,971.82 dólares, con un total desde el lanzamiento de la colecta de \$2,518,073.43. Esta colecta proporciona atención directa a los religiosos jubilados, como medicamentos, cuidados de enfermería y otras necesidades cotidianas. Más de 30,000 hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas ancianos se benefician del fondo de jubilación para religiosos. Gracias por tu generosidad.

El 12 de junio es la colecta anual para la Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas. ¿Sabías que la mitad de la recaudación se queda en la diócesis? Esos fondos nos ayudan a asistir en la emisión de dinero de subvención dentro de nuestra diócesis para transmitir la Misa en la radio, asistir en la obtención de Wi-Fi para las parroquias, y ayudar a construir los sitios web parroquiales.

Al mirar al futuro, hay varios proyectos locales que tenemos en mente. ¿Has visitado alguna vez nuestro sitio web? Me dicen constantemente que debo aumentar mi presencia digital. Aunque no estoy muy seguro de lo que eso significa, sí sé que nuestro sitio web, construido en 2012, podría ser más “fácil de usar” y necesita una seria “renovación”. ¡Ahora estamos en pleno proceso! Esto ayudará a aumentar nuestros recursos y contenidos digitales para los buscadores y nuestras propias comunidades de fe. Estamos reforzando nuestra presencia en las redes sociales y recientemente hemos lanzado una cuenta de Instagram. ¡Espero que sigas a la diócesis en las redes

sociales! Los fondos de la Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas también permiten la cobertura en video de varios eventos, como nuestra Cumbre de Evangelización y Discipulado. También me permitirá llegar a la gente sobre diversos temas mediante un mayor uso del video y el podcast. Ahora en su 57º año, seguimos imprimiendo *The Mirror* y en los últimos años hemos empezado a ofrecer una edición digital para quienes quieran recibirla electrónicamente. Esto ahorra a la diócesis el coste de la impresión y el franqueo, además de evitar los retrasos de entrega de USPS en nuestra diócesis, mayoritariamente rural, retrasos que son cada vez más frecuentes. Si tienes una suscripción en papel, puedes considerar recibir *The Mirror* digitalmente.

Te agradezco de antemano tu donación para apoyar la Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas y nuestros esfuerzos diocesanos para llegar a los demás a través de cualquier medio posible, lo que incluye el aumento de nuestro uso de la tecnología y la expansión de nuestra huella en las redes sociales.

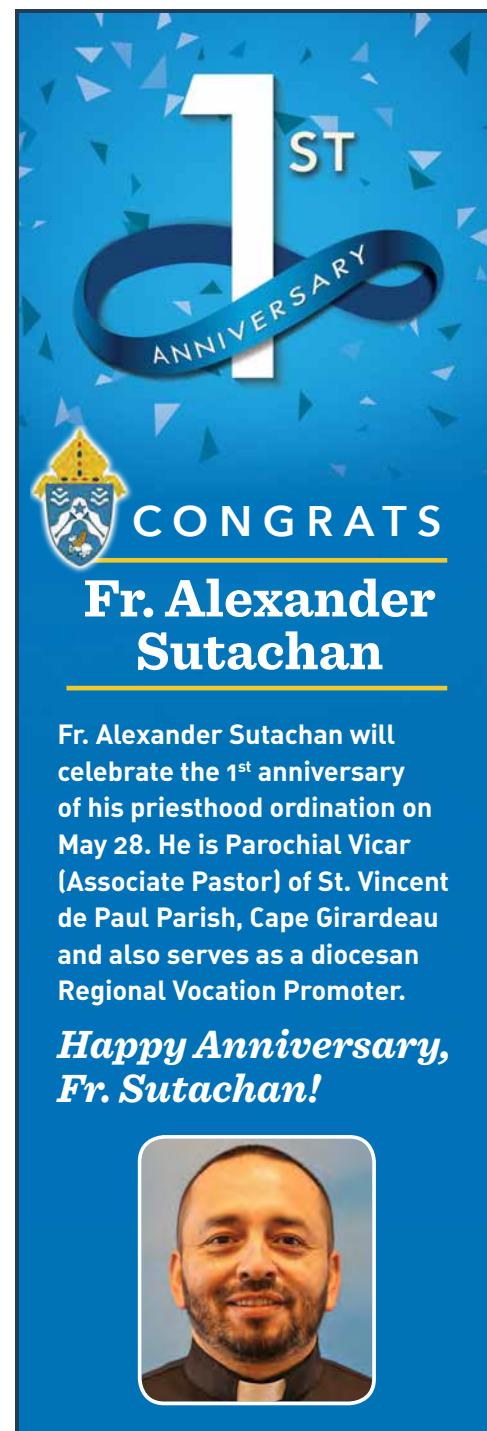
## PROCESIONES DE CORPUS CHRISTI

Al anticiparnos a la fiesta del Corpus Christi, el 19 de junio, también Día del Padre, animo a todos a participar en una procesión del Corpus Christi. Mientras que cada una de nuestras catedrales ofrecerá una procesión a las 14 horas, muchas de nuestras parroquias también las tienen. Esta sería una hermosa manera de pasar un tiempo lleno de fe con los padres y abuelos. El 19 de junio es el inicio de nuestro Renacimiento Eucarístico de tres años. Mientras nos

adentramos en este tiempo especial de renovación, te invito a que me envíes cualquier idea que tengas sobre cómo aumentar nuestro amor por Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Al final de cada Misa dominical, varias de nuestras parroquias recitan o cantan ese hermoso verso: “Oh Sacramento santísimo, oh Sacramento divino. Toda la alabanza y toda la acción de gracias sean tuyas en todo momento”. Podría ser beneficioso reavivar nuestra piedad eucarística centrándonos en canciones que expresen lo que creemos sobre la Misa y la Eucaristía. Siempre me han conmovido los versos segundo y tercero de esa misma canción. Versículo 2: “Ahora venid, todos los que estáis trabajando en la tristeza y en el dolor, venid a comer este Pan del Cielo; recuperad vuestra paz y vuestra fuerza”. El tercer verso resume muy bien nuestra teología eucarística: “Señor Jesús, te adoramos a Ti, nuestra víctima y nuestro sacerdote, cuya Sangre y Cuerpo preciosos se convierten en nuestra fiesta sagrada.

No hace mucho cantamos una canción que recuerdo de la escuela primaria, “Regalo del mejor trigo”. Hacía años que no escuchaba esa canción. ¿Recuerdas el estribillo? “Satisfaces el corazón hambriento con el regalo del mejor trigo. Ven a darnos, oh Señor salvador, el Pan de Vida para comer”. Estoy entusiasmado por las posibilidades que pueden surgir de nuestros esfuerzos para promover un Renacimiento Eucarístico en todo el sur de Missouri. Seamos “Una sola Iglesia, de este a oeste”, cantando: “Oh Sacramento santísimo, oh Sacramento divino. Toda la alabanza y toda la acción de gracias sean tuyas en todo momento”. ©TM




**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**CONGRATS**

**Fr. Alexander Sutachan**

Fr. Alexander Sutachan will celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his priesthood ordination on May 28. He is Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Cape Girardeau and also serves as a diocesan Regional Vocation Promoter.

**Happy Anniversary, Fr. Sutachan!**




## ANOTHER WALK THROUGH: 'WALKING TOGETHER' by Bishop Emeritus John J. Leibrecht

*Bishop John Leibrecht recently celebrated his 37th anniversary of his episcopal consecration, which was on Dec. 12, 1984. Before his retirement as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, he wrote a standing column in **The Mirror** entitled, "Walking Together." At the end of each article, Bp. Leibrecht would normally share a funny story referencing his travels to the schools, or time with friends, family, or other bishops. **The Mirror** has decided to share a few of these in an ongoing series entitled, "Another walk through: 'Walking Together.'" We hope you enjoy them.*

**October 31, 1986** I spent last weekend at St. Eustachius Parish in Portageville. It was a very happy time seeing everyone again, praying together and talking about the future. At a dinner Sunday evening in the K of C Hall, I was asked to draw a name for the attendance prize. "If you pull out your own name," I was reminded, "your name will be mud." Well, meet Bishop Mud! I'm still trying to figure out if winning the prize was on the up-and-up. I met a third grader at St. Eustachius who doesn't know if he wants to be Pope or a farmer. The way things are going for some of our farmers, it may be easier to be Pope.

**November 7, 1986** Last Sunday afternoon, I celebrated the dedication and blessing of the beautiful new parish hall with the parishioners of St. Cecilia Parish in Kennett.

Congratulations to the pastor, Fr. Jerry Eschbacher, to the Building Committee, Parish Council, and to all the parishioners for this needed facility. The occasion was a very happy one for all of us because the center promises to enhance parish life and parish spirit for many years to come. At the beginning of my remarks to the people before the blessing, I kiddingly asked: "Do you prefer my 15-minute talk or my 30-minute talk?" A pretty little girl in front suggested: "Bishop, how about 2 minutes?"

**November 14, 1986** A few weeks ago at a parish visitation, I saw one of the servers before Mass eyeing my bishop's staff (crosier) leaning against the wall. Upon seeing me looking at him, he said to me proudly: "I get to carry your spear!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cape Girardeau**—Saint Francis Healthcare System is offering **Free Cardiovascular Risk Screenings** each Thursday of June, 7-11 a.m. The screenings are free to the public and include a risk assessment, blood pressure reading, cholesterol testing, and preventative education. Registration is required, to register call (573) 331-3072.

**Dexter**—Sacred Heart Parish invites you to its **Corpus Christi Procession**, Sun., June 19, 4 p.m. Procession begins at the parish, located at 115 E Market St., and will process around the neighborhood. Altars for prayer will be set up in three different locations, with water for refreshment available at each site. Those unable to join the procession are invited to pray in church. Procession will conclude at the parish with a final Benediction. Refreshments will be served afterward.

**Jackson**—Immaculate Conception’s St. Ann’s Sodality/Council of Catholic Women will have a **Rummage Sale**, Fri., June 10, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sat., June 11, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Parish Center. Nice stuff at a nice price!

**Lebanon**—St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, located at 345 Grand Ave. will have its annual **Rummage Sale**, Fri., June 3, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sat., June 4, 7 a.m.-noon. Clothes, household items, books, toys, décor, and much more.

**Springfield**—All are invited to **Led By the Spirit**, an inspiring conference offered in both English & Spanish, featuring world renowned

twin priests: Fr. Philip Scot, FJ, and Fr. Martin Scott, DMC, Fri., June 3 and Sat., June 4, at Springfield Catholic High School. Additional information and the schedule for the conference can be found at [www.strengtheningandhealing.org](http://www.strengtheningandhealing.org). Register for FREE NOW at [https://dioscg.formstack.com/forms/healing\\_conf](https://dioscg.formstack.com/forms/healing_conf), or contact Shelly Pichler, (417) 838-2730, or Jan Dills, (417) 763-1579.

**Springfield**—Well of Life Food Pantry, located at 418 S Kimbrough is **in need of volunteers** on Fridays, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The pantry is also in need of donations of canned goods and non-perishable items. For questions and additional information, please contact Tim Manning, (417) 450-0521.

**Springfield**—St. Agnes Cathedral annual **Garage Sale** will be held in the school gym, located next to the Pallotti Center at The Catholic Center, Fri., June 17, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sat., June 18, 7-11 a.m. Clothing, shoes, toys, furniture, books, household items, décor and much more. Proceeds to benefit the parish building fund.

**Springfield**—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will have its annual **Harvest Home Garage Sale**, Fri., June 10, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sat., June 11, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., with a \$1 bag sale 12-1 p.m. Many great items; including books, linens, seasonal items, tools, toys, home décor, furniture, office supplies and much more. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is located at 2200 W Republic Rd. For more info, please contact Mary

Williams at (417) 983-8110.

**Springfield**—St. Joseph Church, in Springfield, will host **BeFriender Ministry training** this summer. BeFriender Training is for those who want to develop a listening ministry within the Church. For St. Joseph Parish, these skills are particularly important in its outreach ministry in the larger community. Sessions will be held on eight Wednesdays, starting on June 8, from 1-2:30 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Don Emge at (417) 865-1112. For more information about the ecumenical BeFriender Ministry, see <https://befrienderministry.org/>.

**Springfield**—Revive your faith by joining with the **Praise & Worship Prayer Group** every Thursday evening, 6:30 p.m., in the

sanctuary at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, located at 2200 W Republic Rd. or join via Zoom. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, this group has been meeting since 2016 and includes many parishioners from across the diocese. For more information, please call Shelly Pichler at (417) 838-2730.

**Springfield**—**Perpetual Adoration** in Holy Trinity Parish has an urgent need for Adorers on Fridays at 2 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m.; and Sundays at 4 a.m. and 5 p.m. Substitutes are needed for all hours. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Marilyn Gibson at (417) 224-4043.

Parishes and organizations are invited to submit notices of future events to be printed in the announcements. They will be printed on a space-available basis. There is no fee.



**PLEASE VOLUNTEER at Camp this summer!**

**In Fredericktown at Camp St. Vincent:**

- 1F, June 12-17: Nature Director
- 3F, July 10-15: Nature Director
- 1F, July 12-17: Boys Senior Counselor (18+)



**In Cassville at Roaring River State Park:**

- 1C, June 26-July 1: Cook Assistant
- 4C, July 18-22: Medical Professional
- 2C, July 3-8: Senior Counselor (Girls & Boys)
- 3C, July 10-15: Girls Junior Counselors
- 3C, July 10-15: Crafts Director & Assistant

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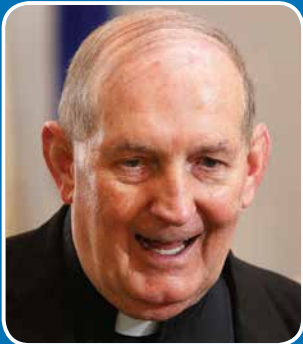


CONGRATULATIONS

**Msgr. Thomas Reidy**

Msgr. Thomas Reidy will celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priesthood ordination on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Msgr. Reidy is currently pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Nixa.

*Happy Anniversary, Msgr. Reidy!*







### BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER IN SIKESTON

**PRO-LIFE OUTREACH**—The Women of Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church (WSFX) met recently and accepted a sizable donation from the SFX Catholic School Student Council for the Annual Baby Bottles for Life Fundraiser. The funds will be used to support the work and outreach of Birthright, Cape Girardeau, MO; Aspire Pregnancy Resource Center, Sikeston, MO, and Biking for Babies. Pictured were (front row) Nora Springs, Mary Tyler Cox, Blaise Thomas, Davy Williams, Kathy Mitchell, (Chairperson for the fundraiser), Carol Largent, and Fr. Colby Elbert; (back row) Minh Pham, Will Ferguson, Cash Thomas, and Jackson Garner. (Photo by Sarah Hunter)

## CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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# NOW HIRING

### Positions Available: College Campus Ministers

Catholic Campus Ministry in Springfield, MO is seeking 2 full-time Lay Campus Ministers. The Campus Minister's primary responsibility is to assist students to grow as disciples of Christ. As a team with the Pastor, all campus ministers serve through one-on-one mentorship, small groups, retreats, on and off campus evangelization, faith formation, service, and social gatherings.

Candidates should be practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church.

**Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree required, theology or philosophy preferred, 2-3 years experience in parish or campus ministry but not required. Must be self-motivated individual, team-oriented. Flexible schedule including some evenings and weekends. FT 10-month salaried with benefits.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE DIOCESE

### PRINCIPAL (FULL-TIME)

Immaculate Conception Catholic School, in New Madrid, MO, seeks a Principal for the 2022-2023 academic year. Immaculate Conception School is home to 50 students, Pre-K through 8th grade. For more information, please contact Fr. Dominic Ibok via Email: [ibokaugustine@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ibokaugustine@yahoo.co.uk).

### KINDERGARTEN TEACHER (FULL-TIME)

St. Teresa Catholic School, in Campbell, MO, seeks a full-time Kindergarten Teacher for the 2022-2023 academic year. Applicants should hold appropriate teaching certification. Applications may be found at [dioscg.org](http://dioscg.org), or by email: [kimberlymlynn@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlymlynn@gmail.com), or by calling the school office: (573) 328-4197.

### 2<sup>ND</sup>/3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE TEACHER (FULL-TIME)

Immaculate Conception Catholic School, New Madrid, MO, is seeking a full-time 2nd/3rd grade teacher and a full-time 6th/7th grade teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Applications are available at [icnewmadrid.com](http://icnewmadrid.com) and at the school and church offices. For more information, contact the school office at (573) 748-5123 or the church office at (573) 748-5183.

### PE/COMPUTER/ART/MUSIC TEACHERS

St. Denis Catholic School, Benton, MO, is seeking a teacher(s) to fill the special classes of PE(2 days), Computer, Art, Music 9:15am-2:45pm for the 2022-23 school year. Applications may be picked up at school and are also available on the school Website, [www.stdenisbenton.edu.k12.mo.us](http://www.stdenisbenton.edu.k12.mo.us), under Forms & Documents. Applications may be returned to school. For questions or inquiry please call Melinda Heisserer (573) 545-3017.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER (FULL-TIME)

Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Jackson, MO seeks a full-time 5th grade teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Applicants should hold an appropriate teaching certification. Applications may be found at [dioscg.org](http://dioscg.org) or by calling the school office (573) 243-5013.

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER (FULL-TIME)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Cape Girardeau seeks a full-time 6th Grade Teacher for the 2022-2023 academic year. Applicants should hold appropriate teaching certification. Applications may be found at [dioscg.org](http://dioscg.org), or by email: [kglastetter@svcape.edu.k12.mo.us](mailto:kglastetter@svcape.edu.k12.mo.us) or by calling the school office: (573) 334-9594.

### 6<sup>TH</sup>/7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER (FULL-TIME)

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### FACULTY OPENINGS AT ST. MARY'S

Joplin St. Mary Preschool and Catholic Elementary in Joplin is looking for positive additions to its school for the 2022-2023 school year! We are accepting applications for a full-time preschool teacher, full-time elementary teacher, a part-time music teacher, and a part-time technology teacher. Candidates must be dependable, positive Christian role models for students. In addition, each candidate must have a strong work ethic, be willing to partner and communicate well with parents, and have a strong desire to be part of a growing, faith-filled team. Active Catholic preferred. Competitive salary, excellent benefits, and a friendly and supportive school environment makes St. Mary's a great place to teach and nurture the whole child! Interested candidates should Email a cover letter, resumé, and letters of reference to Joanne Lown, St. Mary Principal, at [jlown@jacss.org](mailto:jlown@jacss.org).

### BAND/CHOIR/MUSIC TEACHER

St. Joseph Catholic Academy in Springfield, MO, is accepting applications for a part-time Band/Choir/General Music teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Approx. 10-12 hours/week. Applicant must have strong background in music with a Bachelor's program in Music Ed., and be able to direct bands & choirs. Applicant should exhibit positive and Christ-like behaviors and be familiar with current learning standards in music. Active Catholic preferred. For more information, Email: [bjohnson@stjosephcatholicacademy.org](mailto:bjohnson@stjosephcatholicacademy.org) or call: (417) 866-0667.

### AFTERSCHOOL CARE MANAGER

St. Joseph Catholic Academy in Springfield, MO is accepting applications for Afterschool Care Manager for the 2022-23 school year. Hours: 3:30-5:30 p.m. each school day. Applicant must have ability to work with ages preschool to 8th grade and exhibit positive and Christ-like behaviors. Manager is in charge of monitoring afterschool snack, homework time, learning activities, and outdoor play. Plan for training August 17, 18, & 19 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Job begins 8/23. For more information, Email: [bjohnson@stjosephcatholicacademy.org](mailto:bjohnson@stjosephcatholicacademy.org) or call: (417) 866-0667.

### FIRST GRADE TEACHER (FULL-TIME)

Sacred Heart Catholic School in Poplar Bluff, MO is seeking a first grade teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Applicant must be certified with the state of Missouri, be team oriented, work well with children and have the ability to engage children in learning. Active Catholic preferred. For more info, please contact Sacred Heart School, (573) 785-5836, or [roberonconstance0@gmail.com](mailto:roberonconstance0@gmail.com), resume may be sent to Sacred Heart School, 111 N. 8th St., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.





# Carthage holds Great Americans Day

Carthage, MO

Historical figures such as Clara Barton and Johnny Appleseed came alive for over 400 fifth graders Tuesday during Carthage’s Great Americans Day. Also, there was dancing.

A live band looped through “Turkey in the Straw” at Central Park as students joined hands to learn the Virginia reel. They also made a picture frame and learned old-fashioned games with a hoop and stick. But the highlight was the nine Americans portrayed by people from the community.

“We provide a day of history where what they learn in their textbooks truly comes to life,” said Bonnie Schaeffer, Great Americans Day committee member and event creator.

Tuesday’s event was the 18th year for Great Americans Day. The learning exercise has been on hold the past two years because of COVID-19. Students from St. Ann Catholic School in Carthage; St. Lawrence Catholic School, in Monett; and St. Mary Catholic School in Joplin toured the stations in groups. Each volunteer dressed in their period apparel and taught a principle associated with their figure. Johnny Appleseed, teaching about generosity, even had an apple for each student.

“I think so much of education is not only academics, but it’s hands-on activities that allow them to take what they learn and see it in action,” Schaeffer said. “Everything they learn in the classroom is so important, but to bring it to life for the kids is important too. It’s tremendous for them to see these heroes portrayed by heroes right among them.”

Each historical figure was portrayed by a volunteer, including a judge, several pastors, a retired police officer and a Crowder College administrator.

“We try to pick people who want to volunteer their time and have wonderful virtues themselves, that they can portray through the lives of these great American heroes,” Schaeffer said.

One of those was John Davidson, a retired minister from First Baptist Church in Carthage, who portrayed George Washington. Davidson has participated in Great Americans Day for 10 years. Though he now lives in Wichita, KS, he still travels to Carthage to put on a powdered wig and blue waistcoat in the May heat. Davidson said it’s that important to him to teach students about America’s first president and to clear up some misconceptions.

“I love George Washington, and there’s so much misinformation about him today,” Davidson said. “He was against slavery, even though he had slaves. In the Revolutionary War, he decided that was wrong and he swore that he would never buy or sell another slave, and he didn’t. When he died, in his will, they were freed. He was an honest man, a man of God.”

Across the park, Fr. Rahab Isidor animatedly portrayed George Washington Carver for the students. Father Isidor serves as the pastor at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Monett. Carver’s research on peanuts was done in the service of the nation, and Fr. Isidor drew a parallel to the students’ own early careers.



**GEORGE WASHINGTON**—John Davidson portrayed George Washington for more than 400 fifth graders during Tuesday’s Great Americans Day in Central Park in Carthage. (Photo by Roger Nomer/The Joplin Globe)

“I find happiness, I find honor in serving other people,” Fr. Isidor said in character as Carver. “So today, kids, from George Washington Carver, I invite you to embrace a life where you persevere, and a life of service. Remember that all of us are expecting something good from you. We are expecting you to be higher than us, to be better than us.”

Schaeffer hoped this encouragement to learn and live in service was the main

thing the fifth graders learned from their time in the past.

“They will take what they learn from these character portrayals and be able to apply it as they grow older,” Schaeffer said. “We want them to learn how important it is to grow up to be good citizens and good patriots.” ©TM

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**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER**—Fr. Rahab Isidor, pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Monett, portrayed George Washington Corner during Tuesday’s Great Americans Day. (Photo by Roger Nomer/The Joplin Globe)



## Notre Dame Regional High School

### CLASS OF 2022 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

# Congratulations. Graduates!

Anderson University

Anglo-American University

Appalachian State University

Arizona State University

Arkansas State University

Auburn University

Ave Maria University

Baylor University

Benedictine College

Benedictine University

Catholic University of America

Centenary College

Central Methodist University

Clemson University

Columbia College

Cotley College

Delta State University

Depauw University

Dominican University

Drake University

Eastern Connecticut State University

Emerson College

Fantbonne University

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Garden City Community College

Gonzaga University

Grinnell College

Hamline University

Harvard University

Indiana University

Indiana University Bloomington

Indiana University-Purdue

Iowa State University

Iowa Wesleyan University

Jefferson Community College

Kansas State University

Le Moyne College

Lindenwood University

Louisiana State University

Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University New Orleans

Marquette University

Mineral Area College

Mississippi State University

Missouri State University

Missouri University of Science & Technology

Missouri Valley College

Murray State University

New England College

Northwest Missouri State University

Oklahoma State University

Olivet Nazarene University

Palomar College

Pennsylvania State University

Pepperdine University

Rhodes College

Rutgers University

Saint Louis University

Shawnee Community College

Shelton State Community College

Simmons University

Southeast Missouri State University

Southeastern Illinois College

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

St. Catherine University

St. Charles Community College

St. Louis Community College - Meramec

St. Louis University

St. Olaf College

State Technical College of Missouri

Stevens College

Stevens-The Institute of Business and Arts

SUNY Stony Brook University

Texas A&M University

Texas Christian University

Texas State University

The University of Alabama

The University of New Mexico

The University of Oklahoma

The University of Texas at San Antonio

Three Rivers Community College

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University of Louisville

University of Alabama

University of Alabama at Birmingham

University of Arkansas

University of Arkansas-Fayetteville

University of Arkansas-Little Rock

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Cape Girardeau, MO

# Congratulations, NOTRE DAME REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2022!

CLASS OF 2022 VALEDICTORIAN: Vincent Klueppel



Klueppel

Vincent Klueppel is the valedictorian of the Notre Dame Regional High School Class of 2022. Klueppel is the son of John and Marilyn Klueppel and is a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sikeston. He has served as historian of the National Honor Society, vice-president of Relations and Membership of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). He competed at the State level for FBLA the last four years.

Klueppel is a student-athlete competing on the Boys' Varsity Swim Team and represented the Bulldogs at the MSHSAA state swim tournament.

His other extra-curricular activities include Science Club, Treasurer of the Ag Club, Peer Helpers, Student Ambassador, Math Club, Pro-Life Club, St. Joseph's Club, Athletes Give Back, Blue Crew, President of the French Club, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. He earned a Varsity Christian Service Letter for completing over 120 hours of community service.

Klueppel has received other scholastic honors including Missouri 100 Scholar Honorable Mention, College Board Rural and Small Town Recognition, A Honor Roll every quarter for the last four years, and Student of the Year in French I, Economics, Honors Algebra II, Honors Geometry, and Spanish I.

Although, Klueppel has not finalized his plans for after graduation, he is currently deciding between Mississippi State University or the University of Alabama where he plans to pursue a degree in engineering.

"I would like to thank my family, my teachers, and my friends for pushing me to do the best that I can." — Vincent Klueppel

CLASS OF 2022 SALUTATORIAN: Kristen Jansen



Jansen

Kristen Jansen has been named the salutatorian of the Notre Dame Regional High School Class of 2022. Jansen is the daughter of John and Missy Jansen and is a member of St. Augustine Parish in Kelso.

Jansen has served as the Secretary for National Honor Society and Vice President of Tri-M Music Honor Society. She has been on the A Honor Roll all four years and was awarded Math Student of the Month. She received a Silver Rating on the National Spanish Exam.

She has been active in Performing Arts. She played a principal role in the production of "Once Upon a Mattress," and is a member of the Select Singers. At the District Music Festival, she obtained an Exemplary Rating in 2019 for a Vocal Solo and Outstanding Rating in 2020. On the District Level in Small Ensemble, she obtained an Outstanding Rating in 2020 and 2021 and a Exemplary Rating in 2022. At the State Music Festival for Vocal Solo, Jansen obtained a Silver Rating. She has been recognized as Music Student of the Year and Music Student of the Month.

Her other extracurricular activities include serving as Vice President of Students for Life, Boys Swim Manager, and Girls Basketball Manager.

After graduation, Jansen plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University and major in Elementary Education.

"I would like to thank my family, especially my parents, my teachers, and my friends." — Kristen Jansen

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2021-22 School Year

- Graduation Class: 113 students
- Valedictorian: Vincent Klueppel
- Salutatorian: Kristen Jansen
- Summa Cum Laude: 38 students
- Magna Cum Laude: 26 students
- Cum Laude: 15 students
- 89% of the graduating class received scholarships exceeding 11.2 million dollars.
- Number of students that scored in the top 5% or better on the ACT: 17 seniors, 8 juniors, 2 sophomores
- 1 student earned a gold medal on the National Spanish Exam
- 6 gold medals at the State Music Festival
- 9 silver medals at the State Music Festival
- 1 bronze medal at the State Music Festival
- Sophomore Luke Richey took first place at state in FLBA. Three total Notre Dame students will be participating at the national competition.



TOP TEN STUDENTS | CLASS OF '22



Zabelle Baron



Alexander Homeyer



Devin Landrum



Evan Mayse



Morgan McClain



Kirsten Pendleton



Quinn Roubal



Sharon Sabini



Brandon Ung

*Congratulations,*  
**SPRINGFIELD  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL,  
CLASS OF 2022!**



Ian Woods

ACCOMPLISHMENTS *2021-22 School Year*

SERVICE AWARDS

- 36 Seniors performed more than 120 hours of community service.
- 9 Seniors performed more than 240 hours of community service.
- 10 Seniors performed more than 360 hours of community service.
- The Class of 2022 performed more than 16,610 hours of community service while attending Springfield Catholic High School!

ACADEMIC HONORS

- 42 Seniors are recognized as Summa Cum Laude (4.00 or better)
- 24 Seniors are recognized as Magna Cum Laude (3.75 - 3.99)
- 14 Seniors are recognized as Cum Laude (3.50 - 3.74)
- 58 Seniors are members of the National Honor Society.

- 6 Seniors are members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.
- 19 Seniors are members of the DECA Honor Society.
- 25 Seniors are members of the Rotary Interact Honor Society.
- 3 Seniors are members of the Speech and Debate Honor Society.
- 20 Seniors are members of the National Art Honor Society.
- 2 Seniors are members of the International Thespian Society.
- 14 Seniors received a 31 or better on the ACT qualifying for Missouri's "Bright Flight" Scholarship.
- 3 National Merit Commended

**COLLEGE PLANS:** More than 99% of the class is planning to attend college.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:** The 94 members of the Class of 2022 were offered more than \$13.6 million in scholarships!





Joplin, MO

# Congratulations, M<sup>C</sup>AULEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2022!

**CLASS of 2022 VALEDICTORIAN: Jeffrey Horinek**

**Jeffrey Horinek** has been named the valedictorian of the McAuley Catholic High School Class of 2022. Jeffrey is the son of Tara and Heath Horinek and is a member of St. Mary's Church in Joplin. Jeffrey is a member of National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). He has competed at the State level for FBLA.

Jeffrey is a student-athlete competing on the Boys' Varsity Basketball and Golf Teams.

Jeffrey was selected as a top recipient for the Pittsburg State University Honor's College where he will attend school this coming fall. Jeffrey plans to major in Polymer Chemistry and Plastics Engineering Technology.

**"In our lives we must have faith in ourselves and with that faith we'll always be successful."** — Jeffrey Horinek

**CLASS of 2022 SALUTATORIAN: Kayleigh Teeter**

**Kayleigh Teeter** has been named the salutatorian of the McAuley Catholic High School Class of 2022. Kayleigh is the daughter of Amy and Michael Teeter and is a member of St. Mary's Church in Joplin. Kayleigh served as the Vice President of National Honor Society, Vice President of National Art Honor Society, Senior Class President and District Officer for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). She has competed at the State and National level for FBLA. Kayleigh is also involved in Campus Ministry, Theater, and Girl Talk.

Kayleigh is a student-athlete competing on the Girls' Varsity Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer teams.

Kayleigh will attend Missouri Southern State University this fall. She plans to major in Management, Human Resources, and Marketing.

**"To our seniors, I challenge you to cherish everything, because things in life pass us by in the blink of an eye. Do not forget that this is not the end, but just a new chapter in our story."** — Kayleigh Teeter



Valedictorian Jeffrey Horinek (left), Bishop Rice, and Salutatorian Kayleigh Teeter

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2021-22 School Year

- Valedictorian: Jeffrey Horinek
- Salutatorian: Kayleigh Teeter
- The class of 2022 has been offered \$1,025,132 in scholarships, with offers coming from 16 different colleges and universities.
- The class of 2022 had one student that signed an athletic letter of intent to play Basketball at Hunter College in New York.
- Two students signed academic letters of intent to be part of the Honors program at Missouri Southern State University and Pittsburg State University.
- Students will be attending Missouri State University, Pittsburg State University, Missouri Southern State University, Michigan State University, Hunter College, Long Island University, Oklahoma State University, and Crowder College.
- Six of the 21 students are A+ certified.



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at Guardian Angel School



**GRADUATION**—Guardian Angel Catholic School, in Oran, held 8th grade graduation on Fri., May 13. There was a Mass followed by a reception and awards. Pictured were (front) Cooper Bryant, Ava Forehand, Cora Woods, Ryder Siebert, and Reid Hobbs; (back) Jodi McVay, homeroom teacher, Fr. Joseph Kelly, pastor, and Katrina Kluesner, principal. (Photo by Debbie Gaines)

Oran, MO

It's onto the next chapter for five 8th grade students in Guardian Angel School in Oran, MO. They finished their education and walked the halls in Guardian Angel for the last time as students on Wed., May 11. The day of their 8th Grade Retreat and was spent in reflection as Fr. Joseph Kelly and Mrs. Michelle Priggel, religion teacher, accompanied them to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple Creek and to the grounds and church of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. On the anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, Fri., May 13, the 8th graders had their graduation

Mass at 6 p.m. The Mass was offered for Morgan Kinder, a fellow classmate who died of cancer before the first day of kindergarten. A reception with families was held following Mass and an award presentation by Mrs. Katrina Kluesner, Principal. The Valedictorian was Ava Forehand and the Salutatorian was Reid Hobbs. The student with the most Christian values was Cooper Bryant, who was presented a statue of St. Joseph. Other certificate awards that were given were honor roll, athletic, accelerated reading, and the best in each individual subject. After the award presentation, a short video montage of pictures of the 8th grade students was shown. ©TM






**GROTTO**—The 8th grade retreat took the students and Mrs. Michelle Priggel to Perryville, MO, to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal grounds. Pictured in front of the grotto are Ryder Siebert, Cora Woods, Ava Forehand, Reid Hobbs, Cooper Bryant, and Fr. Joseph Kelly. The grotto, in which the statue of Mary is sitting high above, was built from 1917-1920. The shrine was built in 1929 to honor our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. (Photo by Michelle Priggel)

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PERPETUAL ADORATION in Springfield

Current Adorers and those interested in learning more about Eucharistic Adoration are invited to join Bishop Edward M. Rice and area priests at the Fifth Anniversary Celebration of Perpetual Adoration hosted by Holy Trinity Parish in the Social Hall on **Wed., June 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Light refreshments will be served.*




**RSVP to Marilyn:** (call or text) (417) 224-4043, or Email [marilyngibson@outlook.com](mailto:marilyngibson@outlook.com)

# 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## CONGRATULATIONS Fr. Joseph Stoverink

Fr. Joseph Stoverink will celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priesthood ordination on May 25. He is pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Willow Springs and St. Joseph Mission, White Church.

**Happy Anniversary, Fr. Stoverink!**







CONFIRMATION HELD IN NEOSHO

**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**—Several youth and their families celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Canera Parish, Neosho, on May 21, with Bishop Edward M. Rice and Fr. Charles Dunn, Pastor. *(Submitted photo)*



FIRST COMMUNION IN SACRED HEART, BOLIVAR

**EUCHARIST**—First Communion was held in on May 22 in Sacred Heart Parish, Bolivar, with Fr. Scott Sunnenberg, Pastor. Those receiving the Eucharist were (not in order of the photo line-up): Beckett Hayter, Alex Tilley, Marcellus Wick, Matt Foster, Karolina Presley and Katrina Presley. *(Submitted photo)*

A GRATEFUL CHURCH celebrates and recognizes the following ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES in June:

PRIESTS:

- Rev. William Hennecke, Jr., June 01, 15 yrs.
- Rev. William Hodgson, June 02, 43 yrs.
- Rev. Colby Elbert, June 02, 5 yrs.
- Rev. J. Fergus Monaghan, June 04, 50 yrs.
- Rev. Timothy Tran, CRM, June 04, 11 yrs.
- Rev. Paul McLoughlin, June 05, 51 yrs.
- Rev. M. Oliver Clavin, June 06, 52 yrs.
- Rev. Vincent Bertrand, June 06, 35 yrs.
- Rev. Gregory M. Tran Vi, June 03, 16 yrs.
- Rev. Msgr. Normand Varone, June 07, 47 yrs.

- Rev. Patrick Nwokoye, June 07, 20 yrs.
- Rev. Michael Casteel, June 08, 38 yrs.
- Rev. Brian Straus, June 08, 4 yrs.
- Rev. Mark Binder, June 12, 51 yrs.
- Rev. Thomas Kiefer, June 12, 41 yrs.
- Rev. Joseph Kelly, June 12, 7 yrs.
- Rev. Daniel Belken, June 12, 2 yrs.
- Rev. Allen Kirchner, June 12, 2 yrs.
- Rev. Peter Morciniec, June 13, 52 yrs.
- Rev. Mitchell Wilk, June 13, 52 yrs.
- Rev. Joseph Weidenbenner, June 15, 15 yrs.
- Rev. Victor Anokwute, June 19, 7 yrs.

- Rev. Scott Sunnenberg, June 24, 20 yrs.
- Rev. Charles (Chaz) Dunn, June 24, 5 yrs.
- Rev. John-Mark Ogu, June 26, 12 yrs.

DEACONS:

- Deacon Mathey Fletcher, June 21, 14 yrs.
- Deacon Walter Biri, June 28, 13 yrs.
- Deacon James Darter, June 28, 8 yrs.
- Deacon David Farris, June 29, 8 yrs.
- Deacon Rob Huff, June 29, 8 yrs.
- Deacon Thomas Schumer, June 29, 8 yrs.

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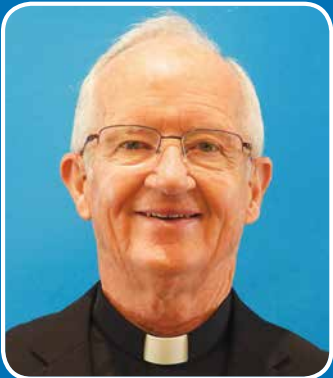
CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Fergus Monaghan

Fr. Fergus Monaghan will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priesthood ordination on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Monaghan is currently retired.

Please join us for a 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATION for Fr. Monaghan on Wed., June 1, 2022 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2818 E. Bennett Street, Springfield, MO. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be at 5:30 pm, with a reception to follow immediately after.

Happy Anniversary, Fr. Monaghan!





SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mission of the Holy Spirt is truth & unity

Prv 8:22-31;  
Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Rom 5:1-5;  
Jn 16:12-15

For most of us, our best understanding of The Most Holy Trinity is a little vague, maybe somewhat foggy, or a little hazy. Almost every one of us would appreciate a better and hopefully a deeper understanding of the Trinity. It definitely is a challenge for us and unique to our tradition. We call it a mystery, often we just accept it as a reality beyond our understanding. Three persons in one God—Father, Son, and Spirit—is a certainty, a truth we cannot fully wrap our heads and brains around. Yet, we still believe and look for a fuller understanding and clarification. Even though we cannot fully grasp it, we can still be thankful for the Trinity liturgically and in our own personal prayer life. Most of us express the reality of this mystery as we sign ourselves with Holy water upon entering or exiting the Church. Some writers have called the sign of the cross



SCRIPTURE WISDOM  
Deacon Bill Keller

a prayer in its own right. Another prayer that reminds us of the Holy Trinity, and one that we use often, is the “Glory Be.” The Church, by calling this Sunday celebration of “The Holy Trinity” to our minds, reminds us to be attentive to the many ways truth is revealed in Scripture. Today’s Gospel from John, part of the final discourse to the Apostles, is somewhat provocative and puzzling at the same time. “I have much more to tell you but you cannot bear it now,” Jesus says to his disciples. “Everything the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

Even though we cannot fully grasp it, we can still be thankful for the Trinity liturgically and in our own personal prayer life.

If I had happened to be there, I would find that all at once both tantalizing and sort of annoying. And no doubt, what he was saying was and is true: They could not bear it at that time. And even if one of us was there, neither could we. He and the Father are one. It would take more understanding and time to completely absorb His message. Jesus was also telling them that it would be the role of the Spirit to guide them to “all truth.” As we look at Paul’s Letter to the Romans, one thing that stands out for us is how Paul understood how much God loved him. Still, Paul exudes peace, confidence, and the present share in the risen life of Christ. No doubt filled with love and confidence he was able to face a number of difficulties in his evangelizing, both of the everyday type and numerous major challenges. Even with these problems, Paul stood fast on hope and

the love that had been poured out in his heart. It is mind boggling to realize that these same gifts of hope and love are given as gifts to each of us by the Holy Spirit. Through this reading we should be reminded of the wonderful access we have to God’s grace. Our first reading from the Book of Proverbs rolls on very smoothly like the poetry it is. It is enjoyable reading, even if it did not provide a ton of information. It does give us Wisdom personified in feminine terms. We see that she/Wisdom is with God and serving God from the very beginning, with a very active role in creation. This wisdom further suggests God’s abundant love in creation and at the same time connects wisdom with the human person. As we read on, we gather that humanity has the responsibility to care for all that is. ©TM Deacon Bill Keller ministers in St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield.

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THEOLOGY TEACHER SOUGHT FOR SCHS

Springfield Catholic Schools System is accepting applications for Theology Teacher at Springfield Catholic High School. For the 2022-2023 school year, the mission of which is to prepare students, with God’s help to spread the Kingdom of God and to contribute to the world as responsible Christian citizens by providing a caring family environment where the Catholic faith is taught and modeled in an atmosphere of academic excellence. Springfield Catholic Schools System is made up of three elementary schools and one high school. Description: A faith filled, self-motivated, and engaging teacher to join our qualified team of educators. Our teachers are responsible for cultivating our students’ spiritual formation, academic development, and interest in life-long learning. Through the preparation of creative, rigorous, and captivating lessons, teachers aim to educate students at all levels. Springfield Catholic Schools is looking for Christ-centered, competent professionals with in-depth knowledge of the class subject, who use best teaching practices. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a deep personal faith and interpersonal abilities.

- Duties include:
- Supports and implements the philosophy of a Catholic education.
  - Participates in building faith community
  - Demonstrates evidence of prior planning and preparation.
  - Uses effective teaching techniques, strategies during lessons.
  - Demonstrates knowledge of curriculum and subject matter.
  - Uses instructional time efficiently, and effectively.
  - Evaluates student progress
  - Provides for individual differences.
  - Collaborates with content area teachers on cross-curricular assignments.
  - Promotes an environment in which all students feel free to participate.
  - Provides a safe and orderly classroom environment

- Requirements include:
- Bachelor’s degree
  - VIRTUS certification (provided by Springfield Catholic Schools)
  - Current Missouri Certified Teacher
  - Practicing Catholic

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Gifts given are gifts to be shared

Genesis 11:1-9;  
Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15;  
Ex 19:3-8A, 16-20B;  
Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;  
EZ 37:1-14;  
Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
JL 3:1-5;  
Psalm 104:1-2, 24 & 35, 27-28, 29-30;  
Rom 8:22-27;  
Jn 7:37-39

As we celebrate Pentecost, likely most of us think of the picture of all the apostles and Mary gathered in the upper room with tongues of flames over them signifying the coming of the Holy Spirit. When we think of this day and the Holy Spirit it is also a good time to think back to our Confirmation, when we received the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the seven gifts (wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, and awe.) Whatever was the date we received this sacrament, it is good to treat this day as the anniversary of our Confirmation.

So often with anniversaries, whether it is our confirmation, our marriage, or the passing of a loved one, it is a good time to do more than just walk down memory lane. It is a time to ask ourselves, are we living up



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to the fullness of this moment, of the sacrament? Am I fully using the gifts I was given?

The goal I give young people before receiving this sacrament is to see if they can name their gifts. So often they think of their gifts in the most basic of terms, "I am smart in school," or I am not; "I am good at sports," or I am not. It is my hope that they, and we, will see we have more gifts than we have realized.

Certainly, we have all received spiritual gifts, like the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is worth asking, is there one or two of these that I rarely use? And can I use these in the weeks or years ahead to focus on growing on the spiritual gift(s) that I do not use? Or to grow in prayer for others? To do so, I would suggest that you to grow in Jesus' gifts of meekness and humility.

In addition to spiritual gifts, we also have physical gifts or talents. Do I have good hand/eye coordination?

If so, then perhaps your gifts are with sports, or music, video-gaming. The bigger question with these gifts is whether I use them to help others or do I keep these gifts to myself? Can I help someone who does not have these gifts?

Some gifts come to us through life skills. Perhaps through trial and error you have learned how to be a good parent, or perhaps how to walk with someone struggling with addiction. Perhaps through the loss of family members you have learned how to process grief in a healthy way. If we learn from life, if we grow from our mistakes, we grow especially in the gift of wisdom.

Perhaps your gifts are of a more emotional level. Do I have (or want to have) emotional intelligence? These gifts can range from empathy, to patience, to compassion, to self-control, and adaptability. This area could include, am I a nice person? Do I have good interpersonal skills; am I easy to get along with? It is good to have a heart, but does my heart bleed all over the place? This is an area of gifts in which a little moderation is a very good thing.

Finally, more than emotional intelligence do I have the traditional sense of intelligence? One may have

book smarts or technical knowledge, like fixing cars or computers, or it may be good decision making. It can range from being a good teacher to being a great cook. It can be that I am good with language or can speak more than one language, or being good with numbers. Perhaps just as important, can I see and celebrate when others have gifts that I do not?

Still, it is not enough to simply know our gifts, today is a day to celebrate our gifts. Today is a day to ask, "Am I using my gifts well?" because if we understand the true nature of gifts, then we know God gives us gifts so that we may share them: Gifts are never solely for our own benefit. Do I hoard my gifts because it takes too much energy to share them? Today is a day to let the fire of the Holy Spirit reignite our hearts to share what we have been given.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

A blessed Pentecost! ©TM

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CONGRATULATIONS



The Very Rev. (Fr.) Patrick I. Nwokoye

Fr. Patrick I. Nwokoye will celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priesthood ordination on June 7. He is pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield; also serves as diocesan Director of Health Affairs, diocesan Ecumenical Officer; and he is the Dean of Deanery 4.

Happy Anniversary, Fr. Nwokoye!





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ANNIVERSARY




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## Fr. Vincent Bertrand, JCL

Fr. Vincent Bertrand, JCL, will celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priesthood ordination on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Bertrand is currently Adjutant Judicial Vicar and Judge in the diocesan Office of the Tribunal.

*Happy Anniversary, Fr. Bertrand!*





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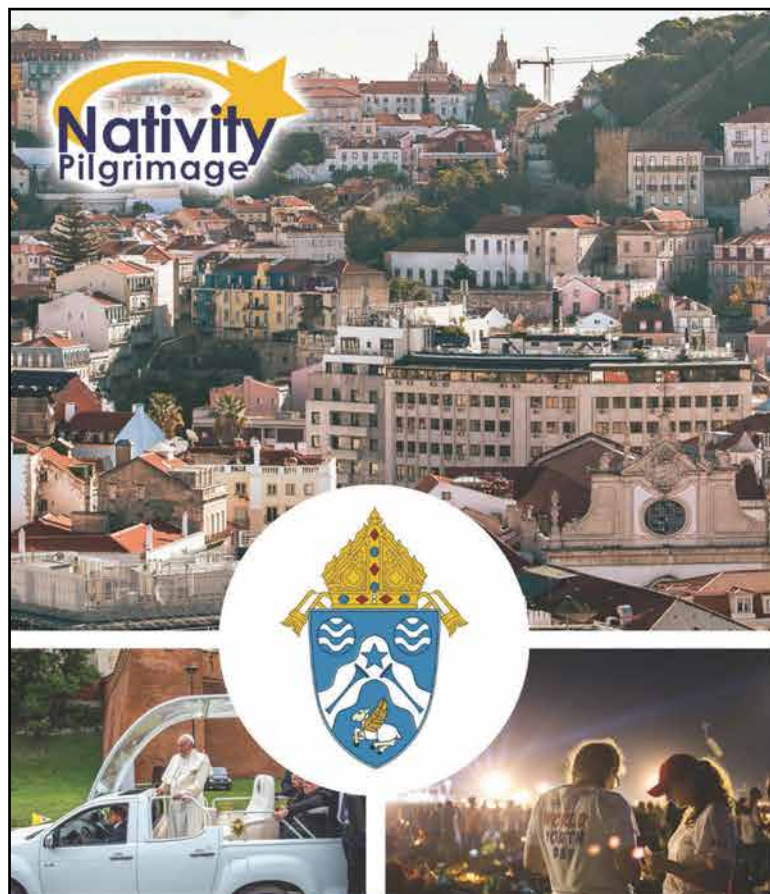


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