



## OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, June 14th, 2020  
Corpus Cristi Sunday

We envision a church where Jesus Christ is proclaimed in a way that when parishioners are gathered, all may encounter the Living Word in their midst.

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### WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have graced us with their presence at today's liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here; please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are with us.

### HEARING IMPAIRED

For those with moderate hearing difficulties, hearing assistance units are available in the Fellowship Hall behind the Sanctuary.

Parish Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

## Renouncing the Fruits

by Msgr. Marion Makarewicz

One of the most poignant scenes of the Old Testament is the death of Moses as recorded in the final passage of the Torah in the Book of Deuteronomy:

*Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the peak of Pisgah which faces Jericho, and the LORD showed him all the land—Gilead, and as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, the plain (the valley of Jericho, the City of Palms), and as far as Zoar.*

*The LORD then said to him, This is the land about which I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, "I will give it to your descendants." I have let you see it with your own eyes, but you shall not cross over. So there, in the land of Moab, Moses, the servant of the LORD, died as the LORD had said; and he was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; to this day no one knows the place of his burial. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated.*

Anyone who has read through the first five books of the Bible and followed the history of the People

of God, finally coming to the point of entry into the Land that had been promised for generations, should not be ashamed to weep for Moses. The one chosen for the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery has accomplished all that the Lord has asked of him, but he is not able to enjoy the fruits of his labor. What kind of mercy is it to see the Promised Land from the heights, but not be permitted to enter? I've read through these stories so many times, and I have never felt satisfied that this was what justice required for Moses' lack of trust.

I brought my questions to my spiritual director some time ago, and he replied this way. "Most of the time, when we read the Bible, we think to ourselves that this is the way it ought to be. You can't help but have that feeling when you read the stories about the multiplication of the loaves and fishes or triumphs of the great king David." He went on to say, "When I read the Bible, I try to forget about the words 'should' or 'ought'. I follow the Walter Cronkite school of biblical interpretation. After

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### MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Todos los domingos a las 6:00 pm.  
El último miércoles del mes a las 6:00 pm.

La reconciliación es el sábado de 4:00 pm a 4:45 pm, domingo de 5:00 pm a 5:45 pm, o con cita.

Por favor, consulte este folleto para las noticias en español.

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 6:00 pm in Spanish  
No Daily Mass on Monday  
Tuesday at 8 am, Wednesday at 6 pm  
Thursday and Friday at 8:00 am  
Reconciliation is Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm,  
Sunday 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm, or by appointment

### BISHOP'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus transform all men, especially fathers, to trust in the model of St. Joseph to instill in them courageous leadership and devotion for those whom God has placed their care.

Que el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús transforme a todos los hombres, especialmente a los padres., para que confiando en el modelo de San José obtengan desoción y un liderazgo valiente por aquellos que el Señor ha encomendado a su cuidado

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 13	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass	Jerry & Marlen Frank
Sunday	June 14	10:00 am	Corpus Christi	Mike & Pam Scherer
Domingo	Junio 14	6:00 pm	Cuerpo de Cristo	Parishioners
Monday	June 15	No Mass	St. Germaine Cousin	
Tuesday	June 16	8:00 am	St. John Francis Regis	Rusti Forest
Wednesday	June 17	6:00 pm	St. Emily de Vialar	
Thursday	June 18	8:00 am	St. Gregory Barbarigo	
Friday	June 19	8:00 am	Sacred Heart of Jesus	
Saturday	June 20	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass	Juanita Cochran
Sunday	June 21	10:00 am	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Linda Riley
Domingo	Junio 21	6:00 pm	Inmaculado Corazón de María	Parishioners

### PARISH COLLECTION

June 7, 2020

Envelopes:     \$ 7,773

Loose:           \$ 586

**Total:           \$ 8,359**

Last Year:       \$ 9,236

### THANK YOU

### FINANCE COMMISSION

Chair: Mike Henze

In addition to our envelopes and loose collection, we received in the month of May donations totaling \$4,188.73. The generosity of our parishioners and visitors continues to be amazing and greatly appreciated.



"The Catholic Missouriian serves as the official newspaper of the Diocese of Jefferson City. With a circulation of 22,300 and 25 issues each year, we get the Good News circulated!"

As a parish, Our Lady of the Lake provides the Catholic Missouriian to all active parishioners. If you would like to assist us in this mission please turn in the green envelopes if you have received them. If you do not envelopes, there is a category on our online giving or you can drop a check with Catholic Missouriian written in the memo. The requested donation for an annual subscription is \$14.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Contact: Gary Chaput

[ourladylake.diojeffcity.org/  
knights-of-columbus/](http://ourladylake.diojeffcity.org/knights-of-columbus/)

Installation of New Officers  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020  
7:00 PM Online

All officers will be requested to join the zoom meeting with audio and video. All other Knights and Lady Knights can join the meeting, but we request that you join with audio only or call in and mute your phone during the proceedings.

All Members should have received the Zoom meeting information in the newsletters either via email or regular mail. Please contact Gary or Karen with any questions regarding the evening.

### LADY KNIGHTS

Contact: Karen Chaput

[ourladylake.diojeffcity.org/  
parish-life/organizations/  
ladies-auxiliary-2/](http://ourladylake.diojeffcity.org/parish-life/organizations/ladies-auxiliary-2/)

### ADMINISTRATION

Chair: Charlie Cassmeyer

Next Meeting:

The Administration Commission will be Thursday, June 25th at 5:00 pm online.

All with an interest in long-range planning, stewardship, IT, health, safety, security, HR, and maintenance oversight are welcome to attend.

### WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 15

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Mass in Church & Online | 8:00 am  
Rosary | 8:45 am

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Adoration in Church &  
Online | 5:00 pm  
Mass in Church & Online | 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Mass in Church & Online | 8:00 am

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

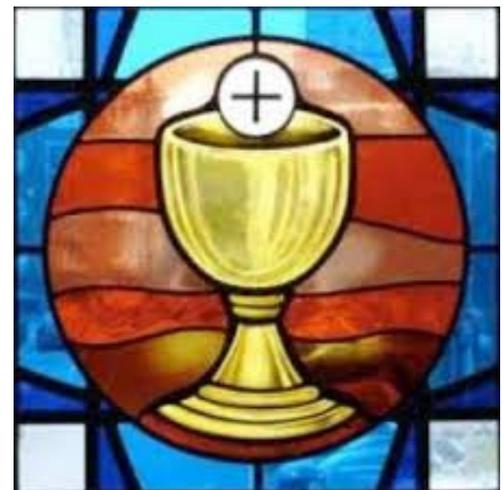
Mass in Church & Online | 8:00 am

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Reconciliation | 4:00 pm  
Mass in Church | 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Mass in Church & Online | 10:00 am  
Reconciliation | 5:30 pm  
Misa en Iglesia y Online | 6:00 pm



We are grateful for your support of our church. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without having to write checks or worry about donations. The site lets you set up automatic contributions and enables you to change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time.  
Go to: [ourladylake.diojeffcity.org](http://ourladylake.diojeffcity.org) and click the Donate Now button on the top bar to sign up.

# WORSHIP COMMISSION

Chair: Annette Miller

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY

1st Reading – DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A  
Psalm – PS 147:12-15, 19-20  
2nd Reading – 1 COR 10:16-17  
Gospel – JN 6:51-58

### MONDAY

1st Reading – 1 KGS 21:1-16  
Psalm – 5:2-3AB, 4B-6A, 6B-7  
Gospel – MT 5:38-42

### TUESDAY

1st Reading – 11 KGS 21:17-29  
Psalm – 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 11, 16  
Gospel – MT 5:43-48

### WEDNESDAY

1st Reading – 2 KGS 2:1, 6-14  
Psalm – 31:20, 21, 24  
Gospel – MT 6:1-6, 16-18

### THURSDAY

1st Reading – SIR 48:1-14  
Psalm – 97:1-7  
Gospel – MT 6:7-15

### FRIDAY

1st Reading – DT 7:6-11  
Psalm – 103:1-4, 6-8, 10  
2nd Reading – 1 JN 4:7-16  
Gospel – MT 11:25-30

### SATURDAY

1st Reading – 2 CHR 24:17-25  
Psalm – 89:4-5, 29-34  
Gospel – LK 2:41-51

### SUNDAY

1st Reading – IS 61:9-11  
Psalm – 1 SAM 2:1, 4-7, 8ABCD  
2nd Reading – REV 21:1-5A  
Gospel – LK 2:41-51

## PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY

May they place their trust and confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ:

Lori McDermott, Mary Burke, Tessie Gentges, Clark Gruninger, Pat Caswell, Elsie Mueller, Jack Ketterer, Emma Scheppers, Doris Rayal, Dr. Robert Mason, Louis Noland, Lucille Needham, John Akscin, Harold Roll, Silvana Hoitt, Matt Lucido, Joe Fontanini, Kitty McCarthy.

The next Worship Commission meeting will be Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00 pm online. We are always looking for members with a heart for helping with the liturgy, prayer, liturgical formation, or art and environment. Please all the office to join us.

## PRAISE, PETITION & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

Please join us in praying a novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the patroness of the Jefferson City diocese. Her feast day will be celebrated in our diocese on Sunday, June 21st.

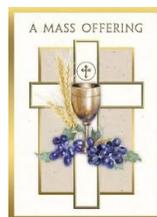
Christians look to Mary, the Mother of our Lord, as the first Christian and the model of holiness. This novena presents a profound opportunity for us to pray that Jesus may give us the grace to be more and more like His mother and thus come closer to Him through His Immaculate Mother.

The novena is located on our Prayer and Devotion web page.



### Mass Intentions:

We have many openings to offer a Mass for a loved one. Masses can be offered for the deceased, for healing or for a special intention. Please call Mary or Kelly in the office to schedule a Mass. The requested donation is \$10.



## PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

LCDR Christopher Boehm  
Major Brad Bustin  
Major Meg Bustin  
Capt. Dan Collini  
Sgt. John Cobb  
CPO Matt Culver USN-SEAL 6  
E4 Cody Griffy  
Sgt. George Thomas Gross  
E7 M/Sgt. Amanda Hammond  
E4 Aaron Helms  
Major Michael Lucky  
1st Sgt. Christopher Metz  
1st Lt. Thomas Nelson  
SPC Austin Nye  
Jayson D. Osborne (Air Force)  
CW4 Kent Rackers  
A1C Logan J. Rackers  
Tech. Sgt. Kevin Reilly  
S/Sgt. Adam Rentsch  
S/Sgt. Daniel E Reynolds  
SPC Chris Riley  
SPC John M. Schneider  
1st Lt. Adam H. Still  
Sgt. Justin C. Thomas  
S/Sgt. Matthew Willis  
LCDR Tony Wolfe  
Lt. Nicholas Zahn  
A1C Jacob Zahn

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!*

Please inform the office if there are any changes from active duty. If a name is on this list, please make sure that Gary and Karen Chaput have the information to post on our wall of honor. There is a basket on the wall behind the Welcome Center for this.



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the divine power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

Are you or a family member ill, in the hospital, or homebound and would like to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, on the Prayer Chain, or in the bulletin? Please contact the office at 365-2241 or email ourladylake@sbcglobal.com. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that continued prayer is needed.

## PARISHIONER NEWS

Flowers at the Altar  
this weekend  
are in Honor of  
Mike & Pam Scherer's  
51st Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers at the Ambo and  
Mary & Joseph Statues  
this weekend  
are in Honor of  
Jerry & Marlen Frank  
60th Wedding Anniversary.



Congratulations to  
Aurora Andersen, Audrey Bartley,  
Aiden Wunder, and  
Kylie Bartholomew  
who celebrate their First Holy  
Communion this weekend.



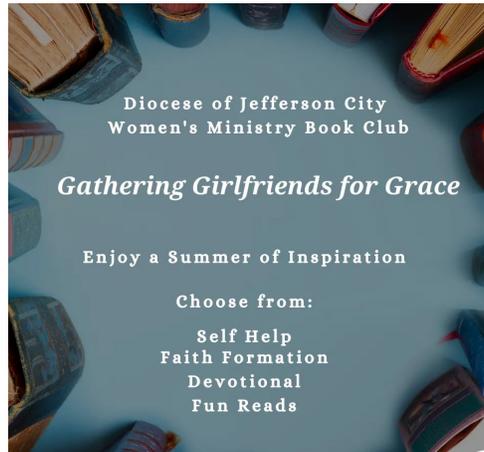
Duke and Mary Dorge are offering  
thanks to everyone who has been  
praying for Duke. He is recovering  
well.

Rick and Barb Sefcik would like  
to say thank you so much to all the  
friends who called and sent cards  
wishing them well on their 50th  
Anniversary in May.

## EDUCATION COMMISSION

Chair: Linda Adams

The next Education Commission  
will meet Thursday, July 2nd at 6:00  
pm online. Please contact Kelly in  
the office if you would like to attend  
and have not received the online  
invitation. If you have a calling to  
helping others learn about our faith,  
come join us.



Please visit <https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-book-club-2/>  
for more information.

## 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Coming in July, we will be  
doing a book study on "33 Days  
to Morning Glory" by Fr. Michael  
Gaitley. We will be using the  
program on FORMED described  
below:

"People's lives today are often  
busy and challenging. Stage 1  
of the Hearts Afire Parish-based  
Program offers individuals a quick  
and easy way to withdraw from the  
demands of daily life and enter  
into a peaceful interior reflection  
on their relationship with Christ  
in the context of Marian devotion.  
We begin with the Immaculate  
Heart because Mary leads us to  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The  
end result is that, by learning to  
entrust ourselves to the Mother of  
Our Lord, we can discover a trans-  
forming trust in Jesus himself."

The program will culminate with  
a consecration to Jesus through  
Mary on the Parish Feast Day of the  
Queenship of Mary. Watch here for  
further details.



## ADVENTURE, FAITH, SERVICE & FRIENDSHIP!

**SUMMER REGISTRATION FOR TEENS NOW  
OPEN! VISIT THESE SITES FOR ALL DETAILS!**

CAMP MACCABEE - [WWW.CAMPMACCABEE.COM](http://WWW.CAMPMACCABEE.COM)

CAMP SIENA - [WWW.CAMPSIENA.COM](http://WWW.CAMPSIENA.COM)

CHRISTPOWER - [WWW.DIOJEFFCITY.ORG/CHRISTPOWER](http://WWW.DIOJEFFCITY.ORG/CHRISTPOWER)

NOTES FROM VICKI

Dear Friends in Christ!

This week is a turning point for me, in that I am back in the office part time and I find I miss my co-workers and work space more than I ever knew! God is good! I hope the virus stays away and we can all get back to whatever is going to be normal from now on.

In an attempt to bring to light some of the things Catholic converts tend not to know much about is the Saints. We revere so many people who lived and died for Christ's cause, and seems to be a sticking point with Protestant religions. We do not worship saints, but we do believe in their cause and are grateful for their sacrifice and inspiration. This week I want to bring you St Kateri Tekakwitha.

"St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born at Auresville, NY in 1656 to a Christian Algonquinn and a Mohawk Indian Chief. She suffered the loss of her father and mother at the age of four in an epidemic of smallpox which left her disfigured. In 1675 she embraced the Catholic faith through her contacts with Jesuit missionaries, name Fr Jacques de Lamber-ville. Her strong faith caused her to be persecuted among her own people, so she journeyed nearly 200 miles to a Christian Indian village

near Montreal, Canada. While there, Kateri dedicated her life to God and lived an exemplary Christian life. She died in 1680 at the age of 24 at Caughnawaga, Canada. She is known as the Lily of the Mohawks and her example has inspired the Indian communities of North America."\*

Having lived in South Dakota for eight years, I was friends with a tribe of Lakota Sioux Indians who had a mission church and school not far from my home. I did not realize their affiliation with Kateri, but the icon on their lodgespoles was of Cana Lillies. I called and asked some of my neighbors to check it out for me, and I was so surprised to know that the Lily was indeed inspired by Kateri Tekakwitha! You may recognize the name as one of the classroom designations for PSR as well.

Remember, we are all called to be saints! I cannot imagine every obtaining or earning that status, but I pray I can help God do His work as often as I can.

~Blessings, Vicki

2004, The Book of Saints: The Lives of the Saints According to the Liturgical Calendar. Regina Classics imprint of Catholic Book Publishing Corp., ISBN: 978-0882711294



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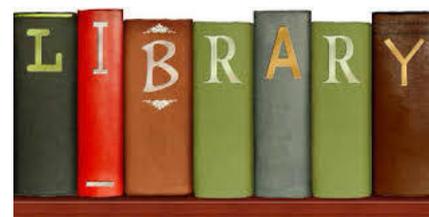
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2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Ozark or type 65049 in for the zip code.
5. Enter your email – and you're in!

Getting Closer to God

1. St Anthony of Padua was born at Lisbon, Portugal in what year?
2. St Aloysius Gonzaga was born in the castle of Castiglione delle Stivieri in what country?
3. On what day of June is the birthday of John the Baptist celebrated?



Calling all Readers

Have you enjoyed a book from the parish library that you would like to share with others? We would love to have your input for the bulletin.

Share with us 2 to 3 paragraphs on what you read and how it affected you. Please email this to Kelly in the office:

oloffice2018@sbcglobal.net

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

Chair: Deacon Jim Hankins

Call the office to join us at the next Zoom meeting on Thursday, June 18th at 6 pm.

The Social Concerns Commission includes the following ministries:

- To families
- To the community
- To the poor
- To the oppressed
- For protecting life
- Of hospitality & fellowship
- Of health & well-being.

## HOPE HOUSE

Week of June 7th:

3 Bags, 4 Can, 9 Misc. & \$1,000

During these troubled times, Hope House is still providing much needed support to the most vulnerable in our community. If you are healthy enough and not in a high risk group, please consider volunteering your time. If you are shopping for your needs, please consider picking up a few extra items and dropping them by the church. If you can assist financially, you can send a donation to the church with notation that it should go to Hope House or send it directly to Hope House.

To learn more contact:  
573-365-0099

or

[www.hopehouseofmillercounty.org](http://www.hopehouseofmillercounty.org)

**Bring your CAN to Church.**



Support the  
Hope House Food Pantry

## DEACONS' CORNER

Have you ever seen a relic of a Saint?

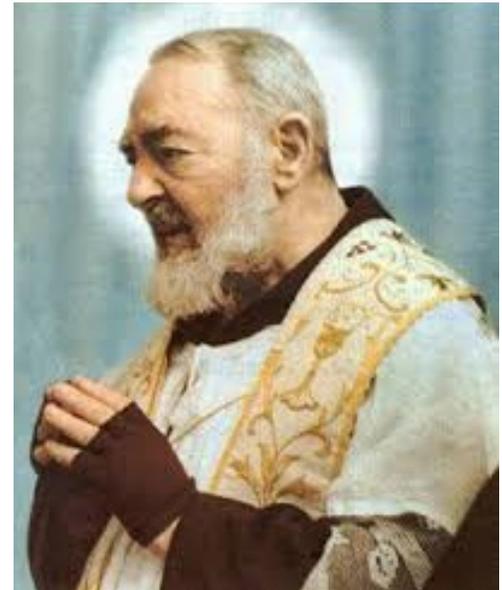
Did you know that relics are divided into three classes: First class relics are the body or fragments of the body of a saint, such as pieces of bone or flesh. Second class relics are something that a saint personally owned, such as a shirt or book (or fragments of those items). Third class relics are those items that a saint touched or that have been touched to a first- or second-class relic.

One such First Class relic of Saint Padre Pio is venerated at Holy Family Catholic Church, Lawton, Oklahoma. This relic is a linen stained with the blood of St. Padre Pio, dated 2 February 1956. Through the efforts of a Holy Family parishioner, Dr. Giuseppe Caccioppoli, this relic was received. Interestingly, Dr. Caccioppoli was an altar boy in Italy for Padre Pio. He and I were both parishioners at Holy Family Catholic Church a few years back and personally knew each other.

Saint Padre Pio was an Italian Capuchin priest born in Pietrelcina, Italy on May 25, 1887. He died on September 23, 1968 in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. He was the only priest who received the Wounds of Christ, the stigmata. Note that St. Francis of Assisi, who also bore the stigmata, was not a priest but a deacon.

St. Padre Pio's life was the supreme mystical involvement in the Passion of Christ as never seen before. The love of Jesus and Mary, and the redemption of souls burned in him every second of his day through the Mass (3 hours), confessions (8 hours), and innumerable Rosaries (15 decades at least 12 times a day). He would heal and comfort others all over the world without leaving the convent through a process known as bio-location that was accompanied by an intense perfume. He advised penitents on future events and reminded them of forgotten sins during confession.

St. Padre Pio was familiar with his Guardian Angel, all the heavenly inhabitants to include the Souls in



Purgatory. His wounds never stopped bleeding. His body never stopped suffering. His mind never stopped thinking of God. His lips never stopped praying. His heart never stopped loving.

During these unsettling times we can look to St. Padre Pio for comfort.

St. Padre Pio used to say: "When you need something, send me your guardian angel. If you have a problem, pray, hope, and do not get agitated. Agitation is worthless! God is compassionate and will listen with favor to your prayer. After my death I can do much more. I will stand at the door of Heaven and not enter until the last of my spiritual children has entered."

One of the three prayers St. Padre Pio recited every day is: O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, He will give it to you. Behold, in your name I ask the Father for the grace of ..." This is a prayer I pray and feel a sense of peace knowing that St. Padre Pio is supporting and assisting me with my request.

St. Padre Pio has such great words for our problems - pray, hope, and do not get agitated. Agitation is useless. So true since God is compassionate and listens with favor to our prayers.

If you would like to learn more, please read, Padre Pio, The True Story, by C. Bernard Ruffin.

Blessings - Dcn Jim

**COVID-19 Spiritual Adoption:** If you or your prayer group would like to spiritually adopt an individual or family within our diocese that has been affected by the coronavirus, please contact Erin Boeckmann at [eboeckmann@diojeffcity.org](mailto:eboeckmann@diojeffcity.org). Only first names of those affected by the virus will be shared.

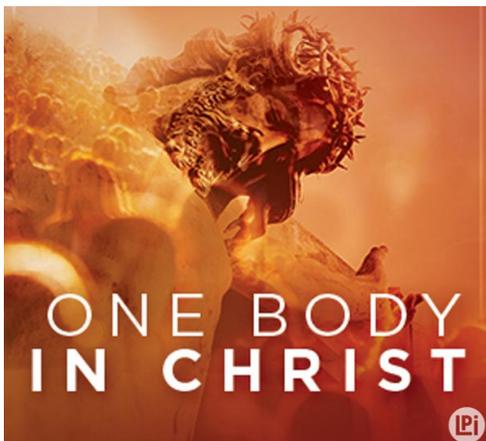
**COVID-19: A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY:**

Especialmente, Señor, nos levantamos por \_\_\_\_\_ . Que s(he) sienta tu poder de sanación a través del cuidado de los médicos y enfermeras. Quitale el miedo, la ansiedad, y los sentimientos de aislamiento a medida que reciben tratamiento o están en cuarentena. Dale un sentido de propósito al perseguir la salud y proteger a otros de la exposición a la enfermedad. Protege a sus familias y amigos y trae la paz a todos los que los aman.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Annunciation Parish in California is seeking a director of religious education and youth ministry. For more information, visit <https://diojeffcity.org/california-dre-youth-job-opening>

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri has an immediate opening for a Bilingual (English/Spanish) Disaster Case Manager. For a full job description visit the Catholic Charities website at: <https://ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/about-us/careers/>. To apply please submit cover letter and resume to Alissa Marlow, Director of Community Services.

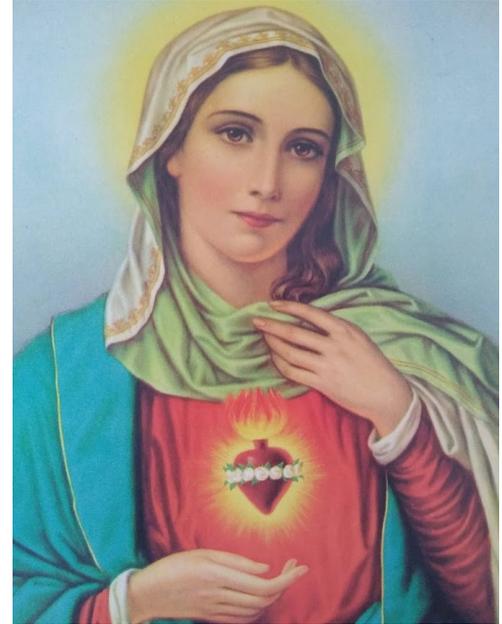


Contacto: Ethan Perez

**ORACIONES PARA LA RECUPERACIÓN**

Que ellos depositen su confianza en el Señor Jesucristo:

Lori McDermott, Mary Burke, Tessie Gentges, Clark Gruninger, Pat Caswell, Elsie Mueller, Jack Ketterer, Emma Scheppers, Doris Rayal, Dr. Robert Mason, Louis Noland, Lucille Needham, John Akscin, Harold Roll, Silvana Hoitt, Matt Lucido, Joe Fontanini, Kitty McCarthy.



Inmaculado Corazón de María, nos confiamos a ti, Salud de los Enfermos.

Al pie de la cruz, participaste en el dolor de Jesús, con fe firme.

Patrona de la Diócesis de Jefferson City, sabes lo que necesitamos.

Estamos seguros del poder de su intercesión, de modo que, como lo hizo en Caná de Galilea, la alegría y el banquete podrían regresar después de este momento de prueba.

Ayúdanos, Madre del Amor Divino, a conformarnos a la voluntad del Padre y a hacer lo que Jesús nos dice.

El que nos enseñó a “amarnos los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado a ustedes”, tomó nuestros sufrimientos sobre Sí mismo y cargó con nuestras penas para llevarnos, a través de la Cruz, al gozo de la Resurrección.

Traiga bajo su manto de protección a todos los que atienden a los enfermos y atienden a sus necesidades, ya que su Hijo nos implora que hagamos el uno por el otro.

V. Buscamos refugio bajo tu protección, oh Santa Madre de Dios.

R. No desprecies nuestras súplicas y líbranos de todo peligro, oh gloriosa y bendita Virgen. Amén.



Felicitaciones a Aurora Andersen, Audrey Bartley, y Kylie Bartholomew que celebran su Primera Comunión este fin de semana.

**OFRENDA DE MISA**

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I finish with a passage, I imagine that I am sitting in the news anchor's chair and I whisper a little 'and that's the way it is.'"

My spiritual director was not encouraging me to a life of resignation and complacency. Instead, he was trying to teach me that the Bible is about God's will in human history, and the less we complicate things by putting our own will first, the better off we will be.

The death of Moses in sight of the Promised Land is not supposed to console us. It's supposed to teach us that none of us, not even the most favored of God's servants, will end up getting everything we want. The path to spiritual maturity begins with renouncing the fruits of our labors. We know that Machiavellian phrase "the end justifies the means" is wrong as a justification for good actions as much as it is wrong as a justification for bad actions. It is never right to do evil to achieve a good end. In fact, the most moral principle is to do good because the deed itself is good, regardless of the good or bad end it might achieve.

Many of the parables of Jesus are particularly relevant here. A man with a huge harvest built giant barns to store the grain so he could sit back and enjoy the fruits of the harvest. "You fool, this very night your life will be required of you. How will you gain your harvest then?"

Again, renouncing the fruits of one's actions is not an invitation to stoic resignation. After all, why bother if we don't get to enjoy what we work for? There are many parables which praise the industrious who use the talents given to them to gain more wealth and influence. But remember that Christ is not teaching his disciples an investment strategy, he is encouraging them to be as enthusiastic toward the Kingdom as bankers are about getting more money. Jesus tells us to store up treasures in heaven and put our desire for success in this world aside.

So back to Moses. He was called to free the people from slavery and lead them to the Promised Land. In chapter 3 and 4 of Exodus, we read the call of Moses. It is quite

hilarious. Moses seems reluctant to do what God asks of him. He is a man of no standing, on the run from the law and he doesn't even know that name of the God who is asking him to take on the most powerful monarch in the world. But Moses doesn't ask, "What's in it for me?" He asks the Lord some very pertinent and practical questions about his mission, and then off he goes.

And this is how almost every vocation story goes in the Bible. God calls on someone to do something for someone else. It's not about the power and prestige that may come from doing God's will, it's about the good that the person who has been called will accomplish in the Lord's name.

We are living in times that are a bit more trying on us than usual. We are asked to be patient and compliant in ways that are awkward, uncomfortable, and downright annoying. We have a hard time seeing the big picture. We are finding it difficult to trust those who are supposed to have the common good as their job when we can't even agree on what the common good is.

These are uncertain times. It means we don't know the outcome of what is happening. That is upsetting

especially if we are used to living life totally motivated by seeking some reward. We will gladly run any race if we can be assured of a top place at the finish. Well, we are in a race that doesn't seem to have a clear finish line. Or using another sports metaphor: the goal posts keep getting pushed farther back.

What then is left when the motivation of reward is removed from the moral equation? In the Scriptures God acts toward human beings with "loving kindness". God's love is not contingent. God does not lack anything, therefore God can't gain anything from a relationship. Therefore God's love is the most pure love possible. This is the love that is the Word Made Flesh. What could Christ gain from becoming man? Nothing, but Christ still freely gives.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. God so loved the world, we read last Sunday, that he sent his only son. And the Son gives himself freely and fully, body and blood, soul and divinity the Most Holy Eucharist. We do not need to work for our salvation, because it has already been given to us in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.



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