Jon Bequette ordained to diaconate

By Mary Kay Head

Sacred Heart was proud to welcome the newly ordained Deacon Jon Bequette as he celebrated at his first Mass as a deacon. His first homily was excellent! He involved the congregation, had some humor, and made some points we will always remember.

The road to the diaconate was long, but Jon’s call was “unmistakable, loud and constant.” Guided by a verse from The Servant Song, Jon prayed to be put in a position where he could do the most good and to help others.

Jon grew up in Hallsville. Paula, his wife of 26 years, joined the Church through the RCIA program. They were longtime members of Sacred Heart, and raised their two children (now adults), Zachary and Kelsey, in the parish. Both Jon and Paula are involved in healthcare in Columbia: he as a medical practice manager for Boone Hospital Center/BJC; she in the pharmacy at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital.

Though very disappointed to learn that Deacon Jon was assigned to the parish in Centralia rather than his home parish of Sacred Heart, he will always remain in our hearts. We wish him the very best always.

Vocation dinner was a success

By Rick Clawson

The three Columbia Knights of Columbus councils joined together to host a dinner to show appreciation for priests and vowed religious in our three parishes, and to raise money to support vocations in the Diocese of Jefferson City. The dinner was held May 3 in the Knights of Columbus Council 1529 Hall in northwest Columbia. Approximately 240 people attended the event, which raised $5,000.

The highlight of the evening was the auction of bobblehead dolls of our three pastors (Fr. Francis Doyle, Sacred Heart; Fr. Richard Litzau, O.P., St. Thomas More Newman Center; and Fr. Chris Cordes, Our Lady of Lourdes) and our bishop (Bishop W. Shawn McKnight). The auction was lively and was enjoyed by all.

If you weren’t able to attend this year’s Vocations Dinner, watch for announcements and information next spring. The next dinner will be held in early May, 2020, and will give us another opportunity to thank our dedicated priests and religious for serving us, the Catholic community in Columbia, MO.

Pentecost Celebration

Saturday, June 8, join us for a Multicultural Mass at 4:30 p.m. Dress in cultural clothing or Pentecost red. A festival of foods from around the world will follow Mass along with music and entertainment in the Activity Building. Celebrate our rich diversity and meet parishioners from other cultures.

If you would like to participate by sharing food from your culture, please contact Pat Gerke at patgerke@gmail.com

The Fr. Francis Doyle bobblehead doll was a big hit at the Vocations Dinner.
A letter from Fr. Doyle

Dear Parishioners:

Recently there was a meeting with representatives of the diocese to discuss a proposed capital campaign and building a columbarium on our property. As you probably recall, we had requested permission to move forward with both projects. We presented all aspects of the projects, including our analysis, costs, maintenance, sustainability, etc. I found the conversation very helpful and constructive.

Everyone in attendance agreed it would be a good idea to move forward with the columbarium. The diocese asked that I send another letter specifically requesting permission to build the columbarium. That letter has been sent to Bishop McKnight.

During the discussion on the capital campaign for a new activity building, the diocesan representatives raised several important points:

In view of our area’s demographics for the next five to 15 years, we should expect the local parishes will need to accommodate more Catholics. Sacred Heart is landlocked and any expansion on the current site is impossible.

We are called to serve all who are in the physical territory of Sacred Heart, not just those who come to Mass on a regular basis. What are the responsibilities for our parish within these boundaries? We were encouraged to consider these needs in our vision of a future for Sacred Heart.

In a recent article in the Catholic Missourian (which you can find online at http://catholicmissourianonline.com/stories/bishop-mcknight-sees-emerging-realities-as-opportunity-for-greater-unity,1585?), Bishop McKnight explained parishes will need to reduce the number of Masses because there are not enough priests to celebrate them. For example, all of the parishes in Jefferson City have dropped Masses, both on the weekend and during the week. The three parishes in Sedalia are merging into one.

Finally, a feasibility study showed we would raise only half of the money needed for the project. Even if we did have the space to expand, to begin a project without reasonable expectation of raising the funds necessary to complete it is not wise stewardship.

We must make progressive, forward-thinking decisions in how to adequately accommodate the growing number of Catholics in Columbia. We are being asked to reconsider how we can address the growing needs in our parish, despite not being able to expand on our current site.

While some may be disappointed in the decision not to move forward with a new activity building, I would like to encourage all of us to see this as an opportunity for us to renew our efforts to be witnesses of Christ’s mercy and the joy that his Gospel brings to our souls. As Bishop McKnight reminds us, we are better together. Let us continue to work on building a strong, vibrant community of faith. Thank you for your continued support of Sacred Heart. It is only because of your caring that our parish continues to thrive.

Yours in Christ,

Father Francis

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Ounce of Prevention

What’s up, Doc?

Submitted by the Health Ministry Committee

When a child hears, “it’s time to go to the doctor”, they often feel worry and concern. Some kids can easily talk about these fears, but others keep it a secret and let the anxiety build. It is important to talk to your children about what to expect during a doctor’s visit to help them overcome any worries. Here are some of the most common reasons children worry about a doctor’s visit:

- Kids fear that they will be left alone in the exam room while the parent waits in another room, this fear is especially common for children under the age of 7.
- They worry that there will be a part of the medical exam that will hurt, and they especially worry that they’ll have to get a shot.
- Some kids worry that a medical problem will be diagnosed and they will end up needing to be hospitalized, have surgery, and kids who are sick worry that they may die.
- Talking with your child and preparing them in advance for the doctor’s visit will help calm some of these fears. Be sure to tell your child about the visit in advance so the visit is not a surprise, and explain to them what type of doctor’s visit it will be, such as a routine check-up or a specialized visit to diagnose an illness. If it is a regular doctor’s visit, explain that the doctor is checking how you are growing, will ask some questions, and examine you to make sure your body is healthy. Emphasize that all healthy kids go to the doctor for these kinds of visits, and that they will have the opportunity to ask questions as well. It may be a good idea to use a doll or teddy bear to show young children what will happen during a routine checkup, and there are many children’s books available to describe doctor’s visits, such as *Freddie Goes to the Doctor* by Nicola Smee.

Choosing a pediatrician is a decision that should not be taken lightly. You want a doctor who is smart, but who also understands kids and can communicate with them easily. As part of routine check-ups, a doctor examines the entire body which can sometimes be embarrassing for children. A good relationship between a doctor and a patient can help you get well!

Focusing on the fact that going to the doctor is not a punishment will help relieve future fears of doctor’s visits, even adults go to doctors just like kids and a doctor’s job is to keep people healthy!

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Examples of available support includes:

- Help with meals
- Transportation to medical visits
- Help with errands or grocery shopping
- Social visits

Name: ____________________________
Phone: __________________________

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Join us!

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Coming Up

June 5 Social meeting, details TBA
June 19 Pre-meeting dinner, 6 p.m.; Business meeting, 7 p.m.
June 30 Fifth Sunday, Council members will serve as ministers at 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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Tolton High School News

Senior Class Accomplishments
We are so proud of our senior class. To date, the class of 2019 has received $4,034,000 in scholarship offers (an average of $60k per student). They also boast a 24.04 average on the ACT, including seven perfect 36s on subscores. We can’t wait to see all the amazing things they accomplish in the future.

Members of the class of 2019 will be attending the following institutions:
- University of Missouri, University of Michigan, Westminster College, Morehead State University, DePaul University, Presbyterian College, Rhodes College, High Point University, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville University, University of St. Thomas, Drake University, Truman State University, University of Central Missouri, University of Notre Dame, Creighton University, Missouri State University, Missouri S&T, St. Louis University, State Tech, Rockhurst University, MACC, Columbia College, and Central Methodist. We also have students that will serve with the Navy, Marines, and AmeriCorps.

Save the Date for the 2019 Blaze of Glory Gala!
The 2019 Blaze of Glory Gala will take place on Saturday, November 2.
Cocktail Hour will start at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the auction and dancing to follow. We hope you can join us!

Student Accomplishments:
- Zoie Vahabzadeh was selected to attend the prestigious Mizzou Mini Med School. In this program, she will learn about medicine with other talented juniors from all over the state of Missouri this summer.
- Catherine Mayhan is going to nationals for National History Day in Sacramento, CA and will be working on service projects in the Pacific Region.
- Dylan Seidt was selected to represent Tolton Catholic at the Missouri Scholars Academy on the University of Missouri campus in June.
- Elizabeth Lloyd was selected to serve as an AmericCorps member in Sacramento, CA and will be working on service projects in the Pacific Region.

Boys Golf Team Advanced to State!
After winning their District, the Tolton Catholic Boys golf team advanced to the sectional tournament held at Bogey Hills in St. Charles. The team prevailed once again, winning the tournament with a score of 340. The win qualified the team for the MSHSAA Class 2 State Championship which was held May 13-14 at Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield. Tolton finished 3rd as a team, and freshman Christian Rischer finished as the individual runner-up at the Class 2 golf championships. Way to go Trailblazers!

By Renee Molner, Director of Youth Ministry, St. Thomas More Newman Center & Sacred Heart Parishes
June brings the kickoff to CoMo Life Teen’s summer schedule! Our summer began with a picnic at the Newman Center, and it's continuing with events such as Bible & Breakfast every other Friday morning, service projects and outdoor activities. For our full summer schedule, check out our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@comolifeteen). Teens who will be freshmen in the fall are now welcome to attend any of our events, so we’re looking forward to celebrating new freshmen joining and appreciating our seniors before they head off to college in August.

The Confirmation ceremony that took place in May went smoothly, and we’re so proud of our students. The Confirmation program for 2019-2020 will look a little different than it has in years past; as the Diocese moves the Confirmation age down to 7th graders, we will be confirming juniors AND sophomores this upcoming year. Registration for 2020 teen Confirmation should be out by late June. The teens will meet for classes once a month in the MPR at Newman and move into the classrooms outside the MPR for small group time. Registration for Confirmation is $60. We’ll post the registration information in the bulletin and online.

CoMo Life Teen wants to extend a big thank you to everyone who supported us in the past year! Whether you donated to the M&M fundraiser, cooked dinner at a Life Night, attended Trivia Night, or gave of your time/treasure/talent in any other way, you have allowed us to continue our mission of bringing teens closer to Christ. We’re so incredibly thankful for all of you; please keep us in your prayers, and be assured we’re keeping you in ours. We’re looking forward to another incredible year as we grow, experiment with new programs and continue to become a tight-knit family!

Care for Creation

Members of the Care for Creation Ministry participated with the City's annual "Cleanup Columbia" this past April and collected several bags of trash and recyclable materials from the streets surrounding the parish. Pictured left to right: Martha Lawrence, Frank Cunningham, Miriam Hankins, Louise Ochoa, Johanna Bishop, and Alan Norris.
“Amen I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” (Mark 10:13)

Can you control what you think?

St. Josemaria Escriva started a new way of thinking in the Catholic Church called “Opus Dei”. The idea is that no matter what you do… play basketball, Fortnite, Soccer, or Chess… all things can serve God and bring people closer to God. In other words, everyday things can help us get to heaven… and take everyone we love with us!

St. Escriva understood that no matter what bad things happen, death of a close family member, loss of a pet, or a fight at school can be used to help us get to heaven if we think to ask God for help. Even when we have to do things we don’t want to… like taking out the trash for mom, helping dad mow the grass, putting your clothes away, or a bad grade can still bring us closer to God if you can think to ask God for help.

If we remember to deal with these things while praying to God for help and remembering how Jesus told us to behave, God will help us grow in holiness. If we can stop thinking how hard something is or how much we would rather do something else than help mom or dad or take 10 minutes to listen to a sad friend, we can refocus our attention on listening to that sad friend, or just doing what mom or dad say and asking God to help us do this as best we can and make us holy… he will. St. Josemaria believed this and spent his life living this idea. He told people that doing small things with great love makes us all saints and shows Jesus how much we love him. How can you turn things you don’t want to do into something beautiful for God?

Here is what Saint Josemaria has to say:

“I assure you, my children, that when a Christian carries out with love the most insignificant everyday action, that action overflows with the transcendence of God. That is why I have told you so often, and hammered away at it, that the Christian vocation consists in making heroic verse out of the prose of each day. Heaven and earth seem to merge, my children, on the horizon. But where they really meet is in your hearts, when you sanctify your everyday lives.”

Can you control what you think? Can you turn thoughts into action and show you are Christian by your love?

His feast day is June 26.

‘I am the light of the world’

By Sonia Potts

Lighted candles have been used in Catholic worship since the time of the early Church. There is also evidence that candles were lit at the tombs of martyrs. Today candles are used during Mass, in liturgical processions and when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar. Another tradition is the lighting of a votive candle to represent a special prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. A votive that is lit and remains lighted for several hours or days symbolizes our desire to be present to the Lord in prayer though we leave the church and return to our daily activities.

You can now light a votive candle for your prayer in the Sacred Heart Eucharistic Chapel. A candelabra holding 8 battery operated votive candles is located to one side of the Tabernacle. The switch to turn on the candle is located on the bottom of the candle.

May the light of these candles help us to become closer to God in prayer.

(Sarah Eber assembled materials for this page.)
The blessing of friendship

By Nancy Singh

When Luis Abad graduated from Tolton Catholic on May 17th, it was more than the usual excitement and festivities surrounding a high school graduation. This was a celebration of an enduring friendship between an American family, the Stansfields, and an Ecuadorian family, the Abads, which began eight years ago and involved Mizzou, scouting and most importantly God...Or as Julie Stansfield called their friendship, "it was a Church thing".

Luis’ family moved to Columbia from Guayaquil, Ecuador when he was only ten years old so that his father, Jorge, could complete his Ph. D at Mizzou in industrial engineering. Once here the family soon began looking for a parish Mass because as Jorge proudly says, they “are a Catholic family.”

First, they went to Our Lady of Lourdes, but the Mass was already over that day. Next, they drove across town to Sacred Heart. By the time they arrived the Spanish Mass had just concluded. It appeared that all of their efforts were in vain. But then, the Holy Spirit took over. Thanks to a welcoming and hospitable invitation from a former pastor, Fr. Steve Kuhlmann, OP, the family stayed afterwards to enjoy food and fellowship with other Spanish speaking Sacred Heart members.

That very day God not only led Luis’ family to their new faith community at Sacred Heart, He planted the lasting seeds of friendship between the two families. Jorge had been wanting to sign his children between the two families. Jorge had just concluded. It appeared that all of their efforts were in vain. But then, the Holy Spirit took over. Thanks to a welcoming and hospitable invitation from a former pastor, Fr. Steve Kuhlmann, OP, the family stayed afterwards to enjoy food and fellowship with other Spanish speaking Sacred Heart members.

As the years went quickly by, the two families became close friends through church and scouts. So much so, that when Jorge finished his doctorate in December of 2015 and was planning to return with his family to Ecuador, Luis asked to stay with the Stansfields to finish up his freshmen year at Tolton High School. Even after he returned home to Ecuador, the families kept in touch and visited one another.

But his time at Tolton and the hospitality he’d received from the Stansfields had left a lasting impression on Luis. He came back to Columbia his senior year to finish his studies at Tolton. Again, he stayed with the Stansfields, who by now had become his second family. John and Julie even taught him how to drive in the U.S. that winter.

As John humorously states, “Teaching him how to recover from skidding on ice strengthened me in the faith.” “Like most senior years, this past year was especially packed with academic and extra-curricular activities for Luis. He especially liked taking AP European History and Art. His favorite medium is watercolor painting. According to Julie, he is a very “good artist”. In addition to working hard academically, he participated in Chess Club, French Club and played competitively on both the soccer and tennis teams.

Although both his high school in Ecuador and Tolton shared a strong sense of community because of their small class size, one part of life at Tolton Luis especially appreciated returning to is the “House System”. It places students of varying ages in one of six groups known as “houses”. This allows the older and younger students to meet together daily for 25 minutes and discuss school and life. (He was in House of Sebastian, both his freshman and senior years.) He also really enjoyed participating in the weekly all school Masses.

So after spending so many months away from home, what is Luis most looking forward to doing? Yes, like most teenagers, eating tops the list. As Julie mentioned, “Nothing cheers Luis up more than wonderful food.”

Although his favorite American food, especially after losing a soccer match, is Freddy’s fried cheese curds in Columbia, he does miss Ecuadorian food, particularly “Ceviche de Pulpo,” pickled octopus.

As for the future, Luis plans to attend classes at ESPOL, a technical university in Guayaquil and study civil engineering. The friendship between the two families will not only continue but will grow even deeper as Alejandro has decided to pursue her final year of studies at Tolton also... Needless to say, John and Julie are only too happy to welcome another member of their extended family to stay with them.

World Refugee Day information session June 23

By Pat Gerke & Martha Lawrence

Have you ever wanted to know about our fellow parishioners who wear cultural dress at Mass on Sunday?

All are welcome to an Ice Cream Sundae Social in the basement of the Education Building and an opportunity to learn more about our refugee community members. A short video from Pope Francis will be shown, followed by an enlightening presentation given by a representative from our local Catholic Charities, and comments from some of our Sacred Heart refugees about their own experiences.

The presentations are aimed at promoting refugee awareness, an important step in creating a world where refugees and other people on the move are recognized, welcomed as friends, and treated with dignity.

“Imagine being forced to flee your country in order to escape to safety. If you were lucky you had time to pack a bag. If not, you simply dropped everything and ran.” (UNHCR, USA)

Learn about How and Why our new friends came to Columbia, Missouri.

Please plan to attend.

The Ice Cream Sundae Bar will open at 2:30 pm on Sunday, June 23 in the...
Continuing the spiritual journey

**Boxes**

By E. Jane Rutter

Family members tease me about being compulsive, watching me straighten the house before going to sleep and repeating the same task before I leave for work each morning. I confess that I like returning to a home without clutter, with the beds made, and the kitchen counters cleaned. Admittedly, my tendency to pick crumbs off the floor could be considered on the edge of compulsive behavior.

Therefore, it jarred me when - living my life in the orderly box that I like - the world stepped inside and threatened to shake it up. As with my neat house, I became territorial. What values are in the box that I protect and carry around with me like a security blanket?

Accomplishment is one, crossing items off a to-do list giving me great satisfaction. Certainly, believing in my ability is another. Expressing my opinion is a strong third-place contender. Having any of these values challenged shakes me into acting territorial. And, that is not a pretty sight.

Therein lies the log in my eye. For God little cares how I perceive myself or assume others perceive me. In God’s eyes, my value lies only as a beloved child, placed here to fulfill his purpose. Once I accept that fact, my desire to control the environment around me is no more effective then the apostles wanting to sit on Jesus’ left and right sides. Jesus came as a servant and died because his perfection threatened those tied to the values of the world.

In our human frailty, we do not have the spiritual strength to protect ourselves from the world. “It [the world] offers temptation to lead us astray; it strikes terror into us to break our spirit,” St. Augustine wrote, adding, “At both of these approaches Christ rushes to our aid, and the Christian is not conquered.”

Often we create obstacles hindering God’s position as number one in our lives. When the sirens of success and greed tempt us. When we cast our lowly ways, singing the praise of Proverbs 18:10: “Where is your security now, “When we succumb to the values of the world.”

To cleanse us from straying God allows us to be tempered by fire.

“Where is your security now,” he might ask, reminding us to refocus. Turning our faces to him, we thank God for staying steadfast despite our lowly ways, singing the praise of Proverbs 18:10: “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the just man runs to it and is safe.”

Our safety lies in invoking the name of the Lord in prayer. God’s tower releases us from the need to be territorial and allows us to achieve our purpose on earth. God’s tower protects us from the world’s changing winds, keeping us firmly tethered on his path. When we cast the logs out of our eyes and into the fire, they emit much more warmth and help us convert those in the world. Admitting our frailty helps us love the enemies who shake our boxes.

We follow where we feel secure. That is what is so jarring in following Christ. On one hand we know we are led to God, yet, on the other hand, it is frightening to give up control of how Christ will lead us to God. For we are madged by Christ to take the hard and narrow path without planning, rather, to let Christ move us where he will. Christ has us risk everything in his name, secure in the belief that the unseen road leads straight to God’s home.

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**Why the flap over blackface?**

By Miriam Hankins

To be honest, I didn’t fully understand nor comprehend all the negative reactions after photographs surfaced of current politicians and office holders in blackface costumes. Other than seeing caricatures of minstrel players, I knew nothing of the history of blackface.

According to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, blackface evolved in the 1830s from a white entertainer who painted his face and performed as a disabled slave named Jim Crow. Historian Rhae Lynn Barnes says that in 1842 a theater troupe called the Virginia Minstrels performed a full night of blackface entertainment in New York City. This type of show would have included outlandish exaggerations of dialects, songs, and dances.

About the same time in American history, the influx of Irish immigrants increased dramatically due to the potato famine. The Irish were considered to be a racial and inferior “other,” mainly due to their Catholic faith. Minstrel players often made fun of the Irish as well as African American slaves. In an effort to be accepted in their new country, Irish performers also took part in blackface minstrel shows.

Apparented, even though minstrel entertainment slipped in popularity in the beginning of the twentieth century, minstrel shows continued to be held in numerous parishes, and not just in the south. After all, Catholic parishes were just as segregated as society in general. Records show that the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters of America, and the Catholic University of America hosted minstrel shows in Washington, D.C., Massachusetts and Illinois. There would not have been any black audience members to express their objection to this type of so-called entertainment. However, the African American community has always found minstrelsy, with its unflattering depiction of blacks, as an unacceptable racist practice. It is indeed sad to learn that the Church perpetuated stereotypes and used a form of entertainment to ridicule others.

Hopefully, the recent backlash against blackface shows some societal progress. However, Jesuit priest and professor, Joseph A. Brown, has studied theater and film and still sees negative stereotypes from black minstrelsy lingering in popular media. He hopes that more people of privilege will come to understand how harmful blackface is to those who are oppressed.

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**Faith Formation**

By Sonia Potts, Chair

The Faith Formation Commission met Tuesday, May 21. In attendance were Deacon Bill Caubet, St. Francine, Marigrace Powers, Renee Molner and Sonia Potts.

Bill reported that there are two people currently in the RCIA. St. Francine representing PSR said the classes are done for this year. She is working with some of the Hispanic children to prepare them for First Communion. Renee has a Friday morning Bible study planned for the Life Teens this summer. They will meet every other Friday. June 1 is the first Life Teen night. They will meet at Newman and Lourdes during the summer months. She has 17 students going to the Steubenville retreat in Springfield this summer. Renee will be going to Tolton during their finals week to pray with the students. The Bishop Barron video series, The Mass, will be shown in July. Two of the six episodes will be shown each night.

The dates are Thursdays July 11, 18 and 25 at 6:30 p.m. Parishioners will be encouraged to attend the 5:30 daily Mass and then meet in the church Office to watch the videos. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

The group also discussed other ideas for adult faith formation such as Divine Mercy devotions, a teaching Mass, talks on saints, discussions on social justice issues with the Social Concerns Commission, and bringing in a retreat speaker. Deacon Bill will be sharing information at future meetings on retreat speakers he has heard at Deacon retreats.

In order to help direct the Faith Formation Commission, the group will be discussing and writing a mission statement at the next meeting on Tuesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the church Office.

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**Refugee Day**

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basement of the Education Building.

How you could help new refugee families:

- Teaching English, contact Pat Gerke; patgerke@gmail.com
- Providing transportation to attend Sunday Mass, contact Martha Lawrence; lawrenceQ2@centurylink.net
- Donating household goods to the local Catholic Charities, Refugee and Immigration Services in Columbia, MO; call 573-442-7568
- Attending teaching Mass, talks on saints, such as Divine Mercy devotions, a video series, The Mass, will be shown in July. Two of the six episodes will be shown each night.
Parish Council

By Ron Meyer, Parish Council President

The meeting opened with a prayer by Father Francis. The April meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Frank Cunningham was elected vice-president.

It was decided to purchase the Vulcan model stove for the activity building. The vendor will be contacted to ascertain if a trade-in or cash allowance would be offered for the old stove. It was also noted that the stove in the Education Building needs to be checked or possibly replaced. Sarah Eber will be the kitchen coordinator and Annette Kobriger will chair the Food Safety Committee. We are also searching for someone to be the coordinator for funeral lunches.

As requested by the diocese, a formal request to move forward with the columbarium has been sent to the Bishop and we are waiting for a reply. The Bishop’s cabinet had previously voiced agreement with this project. Parishioners will also be formally notified of this activity and the disapproval of the capital campaign during the week-ends of June 1/2 and 8/9.

The Hispanic Committee will sponsor a free family concert on June 15. There will also be a taco sale on May 25. The name for the Easter Banquet for the Poor may be changed to something like the Easter Celebration Banquet. The Education building, along with the church, will now be cleaned each week. We will be checking with the city to see what must be done in preparation for the removal of the old office building. Possible enhancements to the activity building were reviewed. There was also discussion about researching the cost of the land owned by the diocese near Tolton High School. The idea is to look at all options in response to the Bishop’s notification of the current and future lack of priests and the possibility of needing larger venues.

We are looking into the refinishing of some of the long tables in the same fashion as the round ones in the activity building. Father Francis noted the need to make sure that all areas are properly cleaned after events. The next meeting will be June 11.

Parish Celebrations

Congratulations to the 12 Sacred Heart students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Pictured are Leslie Frymire, Laura Frymire, Logan Head, Samuel Spell, Grace Spell, Grace Cunningham, Augusta Nickolaus, Sarah Higgins, Karla Lopez, Jane Mpawenayo, and in back Eric Estrada and Kevin Candia.

Liturgy Commission

By Lucas Volkman, Chair

The May liturgy commission meeting was held on Thursday, May 2nd in the library. The meeting began with prayer, offered by chair Lucas Volkman. After the minutes from the March meeting were approved, the commission heard the parish council report.

Next up on the agenda were a variety of issues found under old business. Votive candles were placed in the chapel and were being used by parishioners. There was no update on obtaining new panels for the Church, but the group discussed the placement of the tabernacle a bit. Though, there is a plan in place to construct a second hymn board that will match the one currently up in the Church. Efforts continue to get the chalices re-plated from a company in Nebraska. The possibility of a Blue Mass, which would be ecumenical in its nature, was brought up again – likely it would take place in the fall. To conclude old business, the commission discussed the Triduum and Easter. Overall, the Masses were well-attended, especially the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday where there were people on the steps of the Church. The decorations looked good for Easter and compliments were given to the HyVee on Nifong for the flowers. Some improvements for next year were discussed as well.

Moving on to new business, Chris Vitt and Sonia Potts gave the director of liturgy report. They reported that there is a need for altar servers, especially at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. There will be a multicultural celebration for Pentecost at the Saturday Mass on June 8th, as that has gone well in the past. Additionally, there will be a Corpus Christi procession after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on June 23rd. Both events will be like they have been in the past.

The next liturgy commission gathering will be a social meeting in June as the group will take July and August off as it has in the past. Fr. Francis then closed the meeting with prayer.

Abrielle Rose Bietsch, daughter of Matthew and Katie Bietsch, received her First Communion at the 4:30 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart on Saturday, May 25, 2019. Pictured are Abrielle with her parents Katie and Matthew and Fr. Miguel Hilario Rivera. Proud grandparents are Mike and Debbie Bietsch.
Graduation 2019

Christian Ortiz, son of Carlos and Lupe Ortiz, graduated from Fr. Tolton Catholic High School on May 17, 2019. During high school Chris participated in baseball, football, band, theater and in the school choir where he received two most improved awards. He was inducted into the Tri M Music Honors Society and received two silver medals at districts and a silver medal at state for band participation. The oldest of the four Ortiz children, Chris currently works at Texas Roadhouse. He is also currently studying for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test and plans to enter the Navy before the Fall. He wants to make a career in the military either in the technology or mechanical field. He looks forward to serving the country while visiting the rest of the world.

William Travis, son of Mark and Brenda Travis, graduated from Fr. Tolton Catholic High School on May 17, 2019. During high school he lettered in Soccer, and also played golf, basketball and baseball. He performed most of his volunteer work at the Central Missouri Food Bank. Will loved his time at Tolton and is thankful for the help and support from his parish in being able to go there. The friendships and growth as a whole person, not just as a student, is something he will forever be thankful for.

Will has both an older and younger sister. This fall he will join his sister at the University of Missouri, where he received the Chancellor's Award and the Bright Flight Scholarship. Will has been admitted into the University’s Honor’s College. He plans on studying science, and hopefully wants to attend medical school when done.

In his free time he works on learning the guitar and also becoming more proficient in his second language, Spanish. And he likes spending time with his friends, playing basketball and video games. He worked at the Columbia Parks and Rec Albert Oakland pool in the snack bar as well as at McAllister's Deli. And he enjoyed learning about forestry management from his Aunt on her 22 acre property with one of his friends for the last few summers. They logged countless hours removing bush honeysuckle, helping her to do whatever plantings she needed to do and learning to identify a multitude of plants and trees.
May Crowning

PSR closed the year with a May Crowning on Sunday, May 5. Ben Dickerson (above) and the eighth graders placed the wreath of flowers on the statue of Mary. See Page 11 for more photos.

Graduation 2019

Isaac Boss, son of Josh & Suzanne Boss (stepmom) and son of Rachel Boss (Our Lady of Lourdes) graduated OLLIS on May 19, 2019. He received awards including A Honor Roll, Speech & Debate Team, and server recognition. He participated in the Junior Varsity basketball team this past year. He will be attending Battle High School in the fall.

U.S. Citizenship Classes

(approximately 15 weeks of classes)
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Orientation Class is June 11, 2019
Sacred Heart Church
Education Building – Room 203
107 Waugh Street, Columbia MO

To register please contact:
shclanguage@gmail.com
deadline for registration is June 10

Students can expect to be reading, writing and speaking in English at every class. Classes will prepare the students to pass the Interview and the English, Civics and History requirements. A Certified BIA will be available to assist students in preparing and filing the N-400.

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(Above) Ben Dickerson places the wreath of flowers.

(Right, top) Seventh graders Christina Cox and Ally Bertrand arrange flowers.

(Right, bottom) Fr. Francis addresses the PSR students.
“The spirit of the age is very often the worst enemy of the age.” – *A Short History of England*

“The world catches us mostly by the fringes of our garments, the futile externals of our lives.” – *St. Francis of Assisi*

“As we should be genuinely sorry for tramps and paupers who are materially homeless, so we should be sorry for those who are morally homeless, and who suffer a philosophical starvation as deadly as physical starvation.” – *Illustrated London News, Nov. 24, 1934*

“We are learning to do a great many clever things... The next great task will be to learn not to do them.” – “Queen Victoria,” *Varied Types*

“In the end it will not matter to us whether we wrote well or ill; whether we fought with flails or reeds. It will matter to us greatly on what side we fought.” – *All Things Considered*

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