Congratulations to our 2020 graduates

By Mary Kay Head
This has been an unusual year in many ways. With stay-at-home orders and social distancing, our world seems to be turned upside down. This has been true for all of us, and it has affected our youth as well.

Finishing a school year remotely has been a hassle. It leaves many good-byes unsaid and leaves students wondering just what the future holds. It has been especially difficult for those who are graduating this year. Things they have looked forward to, proms and actual graduation ceremonies with families and friends in attendance just aren’t happening.

This year Sacred Heart has three students graduating from Fr. Tolton Catholic High School and two from Our Lady of Lourdes Interparish School, one from Jefferson Middle School and one from the US Naval Academy. Heart of the Matter wants to take this opportunity to honor them and wish them success as they move on with their lives. Congratulations to all of you!

Brendan Fish
On May 22, Brendan Fish, son of Will Fish, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt in the Marine Corps and will eventually be a Marine Pilot once he finishes flight school. His next training will be Marine Officer Basic School in Quantico, Va., then flight school in Pensacola, Fla.

Sarah Doles
Sarah Doles is a 2020 graduate of Tolton Catholic High School. Sarah's high school extracurricular activities began with softball, but she found that drama was more aligned with her talents. Eventually she became president of Drama Club. She also became a member of Natural Honor Society and part of the Scholar Bowl team. Her newfound hobby (thank you coronavirus) is cooking. She is planning on attending Purdue University this fall with a major in biochemistry. Sarah is the daughter of Joe and Linda Doles.

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June 4, 1920 - April 19, 2020

Madonna Schmitt answered God’s call to come home on Sunday, April 19, 2020, at the Hawkeye Care Center in Dubuque, just weeks short of her 100th birthday. She was the mother of Sacred Heart cantor Richard Schmitt.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Madonna was held Thursday, April 23, 2020 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Peosta. Burial was in the church cemetery in Centralia which is directly across from the home she and Harold built in 1977.

She was born in Emery, South Dakota on June 4, 1920 to Michael and Edna (Thielen) Koetz. Madonna called Centralia, Iowa home and where she and her husband, Harold, bought a farm in 1947.

On February 27, 1943, Madonna married Harold Schmitt at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Peosta, Iowa where she had been a life-long member. Together, she and Harold raised five children, Patricia, Richard, Harold, Patricia, and Karen. Madonna is survived by her children and nine grandchildren including Karen (Ron) Snyder of Peosta, Greg (Marcia) Schueller of Ft. Atkinson, WI, Gail (Dana) Benson of Cumming, GA, Dana Schueller of Chicago, IL, Diane (Ron) Jentz of Plateville, WI, Lynne (Rod) Robinson of Cuba City, WI, Maureen (Terry) Waskow of School in 1938 where she played basketball. She was an avid bowler as well as a member of St. John’s Rosary Society. After they retired from farming, she enjoyed working in the kitchen at Helen’s. For many years, Madonna was a voting clerk at the Centralia Fire Department during elections.

Madonna is survived by her children and nine grandchildren including Karen (Ron) Snyder of Peosta, Greg (Marcia) Schueller of Ft. Atkinson, WI, Gail (Dana) Benson of Cumming, GA, Dana Schueller of Chicago, IL, Diane (Ron) Jentz of Plateville, WI, Lynne (Rod) Robinson of Cuba City, WI, Maureen (Terry) Waskow of

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Two more members of our parish family lost loved ones recently. Joanna Guzman lost her father, Edgar Otero, and Crispin Candia lost his brother, Gelacio Candia (pictured, right). We remember them in our prayers as we commend them into God’s loving care.
Eternal Rest

Madonna Schmitt

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Dubuque, Jared (Megan) Schmitt of Centralia, and Josh (Michele) Schmitt of Livemore, CA. Madonna took joy in her twenty-two great grandchildren. She is also survived by siblings Francis (Marian) Koetz of Centralia, Mildred Finzel of Dubuque, Glen (Donna) Koetz of Dubuque, and sisters-in-law Rosie (Ed) Horsfield of Epworth and Carol Schmitt of Peosta.

In addition to Harold, she was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother, as well as siblings Marilyn Koetz, Joseph (Louise) Koetz, brother-in-law Norb Finzel, Harold’s brothers Gerald, Jim, Robert, and George Schmitt, and sisters Marguerite Richments were under the direction of the Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus in Kirkwood. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home.

Rose Mary Stansfield

Rose Mary Stansfield, 96, of Festus died May 7, 2020 at the St. Agnes Home in Kirkwood. She was the mother of parishioner Dr. John Stansfield. Mrs. Stanfield was a parishioner of the St. Agnes Home in Kirkwood. In 1987, she moved into the city of Columbia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in Madonna’s name to Hoffmann Schneider & Kitchen Funeral Home, 3860 Asbury Road, Dubuque, IA 52002.

Elaine Gray, Oct. 9, 1922 — May 11, 2020

Elaine Gray, 97, of Columbia died May 11, 2020. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home.

Elaine’s life began in 1922 on a farm in Kansas with her parents, Roy and Anna Kintigh, and sister, Nadine. She graduated high school in Hoisington, Kansas; attended college at Kansas State University; then continued to business school in Denver, Colorado.

During World War II, she worked for the quartermaster at the B-29 Air Base in Great Bend, Kansas, which she was very proud of.

After the war, she married Julius Schrader and became an army wife and mother, which she dearly loved. Their travels led them to Japan and Germany; along with several places in the U.S. Their children, Jennifer, Jerry and James, traveled with them.

After the military life, she and her family settled in Columbia.

She worked for the Missouri Heart Association then the Missouri Kidney Program as a fiscal assistant, from which she retired.

In 1979, she married Lou Gray. They enjoyed living on a farm east of Columbia and enjoyed fishing, camping and dancing. After Lou’s passing, she moved into the city of Columbia.

Elaine’s family and friends were very important to her. She loved laughing, telling jokes, cooking, reading, writing letters and especially attending Fourth of July parties. She never knew a stranger. Elaine was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Elaine is survived by two sons, Jerry (Mary) Schrader and James (Ella) Schrader; one granddaughter, Melissa Wiegel; five grandchildren, Stephen (Stacy) Wiegel, Patrick (Jessica) Wiegel, Eric (Lori) Schrader, James II Schrader and Brian Schrader; one great-grandson, Lucas Wiegel; six great-granddaughters, Kayleigh and Taylor Wiegel, Scarlett, Stella, Samantha and Sydney Wiegel; a stepdaughter, Patti (John) Baker; and a son-in-law, Larry (Lori) Wiegel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Jennifer (Schrader) Wiegel; husband, Lou; and sister, Nadine England.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Missouri Kidney Program, 2800 Maguire Blvd.

Online condolences can be left at www.memorialfuneralhomecolumbia.com.
There has been a sign on the door of the Education Building since March 16 that reads, ALL Language Program Classes Are CANCELED Until Further Notice.

English, Spanish, Swahili, and Citizenship

We hope to get back into the building someday with plenty of safety measures in place. Handwashing, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, masks, will be used to help lower any risk of transmission in our classrooms. But until that time, here is what’s happening in the various sections of our program.

US Citizenship Classes:

We thought we would be teaching the 13th lesson of 15 lessons to our Citizenship Class this week. But we only finished 2 lessons when the sign went up on the door. The instructors have tried to keep in touch with the 13 students by texting them lessons and videos.

The USCIS (US Citizenship and Immigration Service) has been closed for two months but will reopen and begin offering Citizenship Interviews starting in June. Aleida Gomez Wanless, one of our students and parishioners, was scheduled to take the Oath of Allegiance on March 30 and then the USCIS was shut down for two months. She will take the Oath of Allegiance on Tuesday, June 2 in Kansas City. No visitors will be permitted to attend the ceremony, but we will be able to watch the ceremony live on YouTube.

English Classes:
The Wednesday morning English class has been offering a conversation class via Zoom and Skype for several weeks. It has taken us some time to learn all the technical stuff of online teaching/learning, but we think this forced us to learn something new, and maybe it will continue to be an alternate method of teaching/learning, especially for those students who do not have transportation to school. Fifteen tutors have offered to teach students one-on-one through Skype, WhatsApp, Duo, ZOOM, Facebook Messenger, etc. depending on what the student knows how to use and has available at home.

Other tutors and students have been meeting one-on-one from their homes using a variety of video platforms.

Spanish:

We hope to continue offering Spanish classes in small groups on Wednesdays at Noon, once we can safely get back into the building. An online version of the class is in the trial stages. Perhaps we will video the classroom via webcam for those who wish to join the class from home.

Swahili:

Swahili lessons had been continuing online until the last week of April. Swahili classes are currently on hold for the Summer. Due to work and school demands, most of the students in the class preferred to wait until the building reopens and classes can resume in person this fall.

How You Can Help

We are currently seeking tutors who might have an hour or two a week to assist an English language student via the internet. Even if you do not have any teaching experience, your time would be valuable spent in face-to-face conversation with a language learner, answering any questions they may have right now.

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**Important Upcoming Dates**

School and athletic activities are on the school calendar which can be accessed on the website www.toltoncatholic.org.

**June 15** — Tolton Golf Classic

**June 26** — Baccalaureate and Graduation

**11th Annual Tolton Golf Classic** — June 15

Sign up your team to play in the 11th Annual Tolton Catholic Golf Classic at Country Club of Missouri. All proceeds from the event benefit Tolton Catholic’s tuition assistance fund. This event will go on as planned! Our organizers are working with the golf course to honor any distancing/hygiene protocols that will be required (i.e., one rider-per-cart, non-traditional meals/kickoff due to limitations on group gatherings, etc.). Spots will be limited this year, so sign up your team soon! We know many are anxious to hit the links and organizers will ensure that this is an enjoyable event for participants, despite any limitations!

If you are interested in sponsorships or helping with the tournament, contact Laura Sassser at lsasser@toltoncatholic.org.

**Youth Summer Camp Update**

We know a lot of kiddos across mid-Missouri were excited to come learn from and train with our talented athletes and coaching staff this summer. Unfortunately, we couldn’t guarantee social distancing to keep those future Trailblazers safe, so we need to cancel the youth summer camps. All registrations will be refunded.

**High School Summer Camp Update**

High School camps will be re-scheduled for July – look for communication on those new dates soon!

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**Memorial Garden Update**

By Ron Meyer
Parish Council President

Though there is not a lot of additional information, we want to keep you apprised of what is happening.

1. The overhead electrical lines should be moved underground within the next week to 10 days. This is necessary for the placement of the columbarium.

2. We are requesting permission from the city to begin the concrete work for the columbarium foundation and footings, retaining walls and privacy fence.

3. Bids for the above work will be requested with the estimated date of award to be around the first of July.

4. Delivery of the columbarium has been pushed back to approximately August first in order to have time to obtain permits and complete the necessary work.

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**College Decision Day**

Congratulations to all of our 63 seniors who will be graduating this year! They will be attending 22 different colleges and universities in 11 different states.

**2019-20 Final House Cup Standings**

Throughout the year, our students compete for points with their House through various activities, such as a volleyball tournament, dodgeball tournament, Blood Drive participation, trivia, Gala baskets, and much more.

- 1st Place - Blaise - 4,850 points
- 2nd Place - Gonzaga - 4,500 points
- 3rd Place - Xavier - 3,600 points
- 4th Place - Maximilian - 3,500 points
- 5th Place - Ethelbert - 3,100 points
- 6th Place - Sebastian - 2,100 points

**Tribby Award Nominees**

The Tribby Awards recognize the best high school athletes in the area. This year’s Tribby Awards will take place online on June 18 at 6:00 p.m. Congratulations to all the Trailblazers that were nominated! For more information, visit https://preps.columbia.gatehouselive.com/

- Nominees
  - Boys Basketball — Coban Porter, Nate Schwartzke, Jevon Porter, and Chase Martin
  - Girls Cross Country — Jaclyn Sexauer, Mary-Rourke Boyd, Anna Gangloff, and Olivia Andrews
  - Boys Cross Country — Silas Glaude and Drew Freeman
  - Girls Golf — Jayden Berrey, Madeline Fallis, Alice Golden, and Sidney Fessler
  - Boys Soccer — Holden Petri, Lael Haile, Tyler Stevens, and Blake Hinerman
  - Softball — Paige Bedsworth, Allie Widmer, Bridget Bartlett, and Emilee Farnan
  - Girls Swimming — Lauren Hervey and Lindsey Hervey
  - Wrestling — Teague Travis and Brant Whitaker

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**Life Teen News**

By Renee Molner

CoMo Life Teen is launching into summer! We’re planned a summer schedule filled with adoration, Bible studies, and time to hang out. These events have been designed so they can be held either in person while social distancing or over Zoom, depending on what is necessary. Our summer schedule can be found on our Facebook or Instagram pages — please sign up for our weekly emails for updated information. We’re so excited to (hopefully) see our teens in person again!

We’d like to congratulate our students who have made their confirmations in the past few weeks. Please continue to pray for these teens as they learn more about their relationship with the Trinity and defend their faith.

All incoming freshmen are welcome to join CoMo Life Teen for any of our activities! We’d love to meet you all this summer. It’s always exciting to meet the newest members of our Life Teen family.

We are sad to say that Steubenville Mid-America has been canceled for this summer, but the youth ministry team is working hard to organize an in-town retreat to happen that same weekend. While it’s been difficult to have so many events we were looking forward to canceled, we feel very blessed at CoMo Life Teen to continue events virtually.
Alejandra Abad

Alejandra Abad returned to Columbia from Ecuador to spend her Senior year at Tolton High School. Both of her parents are engineers who have studied around the world. Her father is currently a professor of Engineering in ESPOL Guayaquil Ecuador.

The family first moved to Columbia to allow her father to complete his PhD program in the Mizzou Engineering Department. She and her brother Luis, adapted well to Columbia, learning English so well they have a Missouri accent. They missed Missouri and each have returned to complete their senior year here, living with the Stansfield family.

Alejandra is gifted at math and art, and has a keen competitive academic spirit which she easily applies to all fields. She has been active in Scouts BSA, attending National Youth Leadership Training and Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation Summer camp and Invention Camp. Totaling more than 30 days of camping this year sometimes in the bitter cold at 40 degrees (Ecuadoran Farenheit).

The quarantine has uniquely affected the whole family. Her plans to return home to her expansive and loving Ecuadoran family have been put on hold by closed borders. Adaptation, resilience and hope mark her future and she is ready.

Thanks to the staff of Father Tolton High School, providing support to make her dream possible.

Alejandra is the daughter of Jorge and Rita Abad.

Logan Head

Logan Head graduated from Father Tolton Catholic High School with a 4-year GPA of 3.995. Many of you know him from 4:30 Mass where he was an alter server. He lettered in Football, Wrestling, and Track/Field during his 4 years at Tolton. Logan is a member of the National Honor Society and The National Society of High School Scholars. He was involved with the Mustang Football program during their regular season and helped with their summer football camp by being a mentor to the grade school aged kids these past 4 years. He enjoys spending time in the outdoors hiking, hunting, and fishing.

He will be attending Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois where he will be playing football for Knox and plans to study Environmental Science with a focus on conservation.

Logan was awarded 2, 4-year scholarships from Knox College; the Trustees Distinguished Scholarship and the Knox Founders Scholarship.

Logan is the son of Jim and Raelene Head (and the grandson of Mary Kay Head).

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Graduation 2020

Penelope Heidy
Penelope was born in Columbia and attended OLLIS for all 9 years. She participated in Girls Scouts and played volleyball, her favorite sport. Her favorite subject is Social Studies. Penelope will be going to Hickman High School in the fall.

Cayleigh Neuner
Cayleigh loves hanging out with her friends, going to the lake, riding horses. She played basketball, volleyball, and track at OLLIS. She is excited about joining her sister Caroline at Father Tolton High School and plans on playing tennis there in the fall. She is on the A honor roll.

Christina Cox
Christina Cox, daughter of Norman and Maria Cox, graduated 8th grade from Jefferson Middle School. She will attend Hickman High School next school year.
The coats we wear

By Miriam Hankins

If you haven’t seen the Broadway musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” then perhaps you don’t know it is about the biblical story of Jacob’s son Joseph. The story is told in Genesis, Chapter 37. Jacob had twelve sons from which came the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph was the son of Rachel, Jacob’s second wife, and was Jacob’s favorite. There are a variety of translations concerning a cloak or tunic that Jacob gave to Joseph that singled him out as a favored son. The most popular translation calls it a coat of many colors.

As you might imagine, the other brothers were jealous and plotted to kill Joseph. However, one of the brothers convinced them not to kill him but, instead, throw him into a deep cistern. Then Joseph was sold to the owners of a passing caravan and taken to Egypt. Surprisingly, Joseph became a high-ranking official in the Egyptian government. This led eventually to the Israelites moving (migrating) to Egypt where the Hebrew nation began to grow. Hundreds of years later would come the rise of Moses and the Exodus.

It is always risky to be set apart, either by good fortune or bad. Our human nature doesn’t like anything out of the norm, anything not to be understood. We neither like anyone who gets better treatment, nor someone who has some kind of deformity or disability. However, we must accept how we are created, whether we judge it humanly as good or bad. I propose that we are all given a cloak to wear by our Creator, one lovingly made just for us. (You might want to check out the lyrics to Dolly Parton’s song about the coat of many colors.)

My maternal grandparents were quite elderly by the time I came along. They had been tenant farmers near Charleston, Missouri, but then they retired to a small house in the town. We would go there every other Sunday to check on them. I recall the home being very plain and simple. There was a rocking chair in front of the TV, and one near the coal stove. There was a large, white table where the radio resided, and a day bed in one corner. Any quilts or bed spreads were hand-made with cotton pieces, the colors of which were faded, almost to white.

There was one article, however, that caught my 6-year-old attention. It was an afghan that was obviously store bought, not hand crocheted. It had black edges and black fringe at both ends, but also stripes of every color running length-wise. I can’t explain my draw to it, but I kept my eye on it over the years. It eventually rested in my mother’s linen closet. I never thought to ask for it until years later when someone pulled it out to use as a picnic blanket. No, it was too precious to use in that fashion.

For years I have pondered that story of Joseph and his special coat. I finally realized that it explained so much about my own life. I grew up, matured into an adult, and bore the coat I thought was made for me. Turns out it wasn’t the right coat. It was a coat that was woven from the expectations that I myself, and society as a whole, placed on me. The weight of that coat increased year after year, until it was almost more than I could bear. It also chafed and rubbed open wounds that would never heal.

In desperation, I finally threw off that coat, perhaps not in the best way for myself and my family, but throw it off I did. Now I wear the coat that was intended for me, the one made...
A note from the editor

I recently asked everyone what they thought about receiving the Heart of the Matter electronically rather than a hard copy in the mail. I was surprised and grateful for the many responses I received. All responses were positive, most saying they preferred the electronic version, and all agreeing that the savings made the electronic version the way to go.

I want to let you know that I hurriedly put figures together and overstated the savings. I did figure 12 months of issues when we just do 11. And I over-guesed at the cost of printing. I went through records and noted that the cost of printing and mailing in 2019 was $5,600. With $2,000 income from ads, that gives a savings of $3,600 we would have had if we had gone electronic in 2019.

The cost of mailing does go up each year, so I would say the church will save between $3,500 and $4,000 a year by sending Heart of the Matter electronically.

As soon as we are back to some sort of normal, we will print off a number of issues to have in the back of church for those who do not have a computer or just prefer a printed copy.

Thanks for being a loyal reader, and please know that we are always open to your remarks and suggestions concerning Heart of the Matter.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Kay Head

Many coats

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lovingly just for me. It is a special coat, one of many colors, and though I try not to stand out, sometimes it can’t be avoided. The old wounds are still visible but they have healed. The family has healed. I think, in its own special fashion. I have come to trust in the providence of God that all will be well. I hope you will re-examine the coat you wear, or maybe take a good look at it for the first time. Is it the genuine article, or is it a fabrication? If you think your coat is rather drab, grab a magnifying glass and look closer at the fabric and the weave. There might be special treasures hidden there for only you to see and claim as your own.

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Meeting the long-term purposes of our parish
Perpetuating Our Faith

By Lucas Volkman, Chair

The June Liturgy Commission meeting was held on Thursday, May 14 via Zoom.

After committee chairman Lucas Volkman opened the meeting with prayer, the minutes from the last meeting in March were approved as submitted. Though this approval was with the caveat that many of the events did not take place as planned as a result of the current pandemic.

The commission then looked at old business, starting with a recap of the Triduum and Easter. While many in the group would have rather attended those liturgies in person, the work of Chris Vitt and the other musicians made the video Masses seem more like an in-person Mass. And kudos to Debbie Biesch and Judy Walker for continuing to beautifully decorate the church for all the occasions. Overall, the remote Masses have gone as well as could be expected, as Fr. Francis was quite effective. Though, there were sound issues when the camera was placed in the choir loft, that will be fixed at the next livestreamed Mass. At the same time, it was decided at communion time to route the folks sitting in the side aisles to the center aisle to avoid walking through the pews in the center of the church.

Under New Business the attendees heard the Director of Liturgy report. Chris explained that with everything going on that the Pentecost celebration will be low key this year. The group then discussed Corpus Christi Sunday a bit as well. With the restrictions that will likely be in place during June, any sort of traditional outdoor procession will not be possible. So, the commission decided that it would be best to have benediction and adoration in the church after the normal Mass. Under Art and Environment, Judy Walker reported that since we had a rebate from HyVee, we had extra funds even after the Easter flowers were purchased. Hence, more flowers will be ordered for Pentecost. Debbie Bietesch showed the group some possible Ordinary Time banners for the church. She will do a printout of the banner that the group liked the best for the next meeting, so to first make sure it matches everything.

After discussing the next meeting in June, the commission was closed with prayer led by Fr. Francis.

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Parish Celebrations

George Nickolaus, son of Daniel and Christy Nickolaus, received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, May 23. Augusta Nickolaus was his sponsor. Pictured are Christy, Johanna, George, Augusta and Daniel Nickolaus.

Abigail and Catherine Mayhan, daughters of Bryan and Renee Mayhan, received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Chelsea Schuster was sponsor to Abigail and Virginia Trauth was sponsor to Catherine. Pictured in front are Timothy and Emily, in the middle are Abigail and Catherine, and in back are Renee and Bryan Mayhan.

Language program
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Reaching out to our language learners during this time of crisis is worthwhile and important work. Just imagine living in a foreign country and struggling with the language and the news every day. There are a thousand little things we can do to help right now, even while staying at home and social distancing. For example, I save our newspapers for my student and she reads the articles and circles all the unfamiliar words and looks them up online to help improve her vocabulary. Another example is a student in our Citizenship class is applying for a new job and he needed some documents printed out. We have a printer at home, so he emailed the documents to me and then stopped by to pick them up. Easy for me, so important for him.

Our daughter Alison who lives in Tennessee has been making cloth facemasks while she has been out of school as an elementary Art Teacher. She sent me a special mask for Aleida to wear while taking her Oath of Allegiance next week. Aleida was thrilled!

One of the special things about Sacred Heart Parish is that we care about each other. We can show that now more than ever by reaching out to our parishioners who may be feeling isolated or who may need assistance during this pandemic. We can keep each other in our prayers, even if we cannot be together right now. If you want more information about how you can spend time with another parishioner, send an email to: shclanguage@gmail.com.

Aleida Gomez Wanless proudly wears the mask made for her to wear while taking her Oath of Allegiance.
“A creed is the sword of the spirit; the only tool with which the mind can fight.” – Daily News, June 26, 1909

“These are the days when the Christian is expected to praise every creed except his own.” – Illustrated London News, 1928

“A fixed creed is absolutely indispensable to freedom. For while men are and should be various, there must be some communication between them if they are to get any pleasure out of their variety. And an intellectual formula is the only thing that can create a communication that does not depend on mere blood, class, or capricious sympathy... And it is supremely so in the case of religion, as long as you have a creed which everyone... believes or is supposed to believe. A nation with a root religion will be tolerant; a nation with no religion will be bigoted.” – The Daily News, May 11, 1912

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