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Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton has named **Father Daniel Heusel** as pastor of St. Mary Parish, Shadyside, effective Oct. 7. Father Heusel will also continue his duties as pastor of St. John Parish, Bellaire. See story on church closings ([Story/Page 12](#)).

## News Briefs

### Pope responds to Vigano's allegations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While recent accusations by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano have created tension in the Catholic Church, Pope Francis said, "Jesus himself showed that the best way to respond to scandal and divisiveness is to stay silent and pray."

Archbishop Vigano, who served as nuncio to the United States from 2011 to 2016, accused church officials, including Pope Francis, of failing to act on accusations of abuse of conscience and power by now-Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick. Archbishop Vigano claimed he told Pope Francis about Cardinal McCarrick in 2013.

Citing the rights of the faithful to "know who knew and who covered up (Archbishop McCarrick's) grave misdeeds," Archbishop Vigano also named nearly a dozen former and current Vatican officials, who he claimed were aware of the accusations.

Pope Francis said, "With people lacking goodwill, with people who seek only scandal, with those who look only for division, who want only destruction," he said, the best response is "silence and prayer."

Pope Francis called on reporters to read Archbishop Vigano's statement carefully "and make your own judgment."

"I think the statement speaks for itself, and you have a sufficient journalistic ability to make a conclusion," the pope said.

### Tuscan bishop praises John McCain

TUCSON, Ariz. (CNS) — Retired Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Arizona, praised Arizona Sen. John S. McCain, who died at the age of 81 of brain cancer Aug. 25, for his service to the nation.

"He was a very principled man who had a passion for service," Bishop Kicanas said.

The two worked together on immigration reform issues when McCain was trying to balance the political pressures of securing the Republican nomination for the 2008 presidential election with his bipartisan attempts at immigration reform.

McCain believed in American principles — such as hard work, cooperation and protecting human dignity — and that sharing those with the world made the world safer.

"He was a tough competitor, but he also understood that we cannot achieve success (global stability) by our selves," Bishop Kicanas said.

The White Mass, in honor of healthcare workers, originally planned at Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville, will now be celebrated in the chapel at Trinity West Hospital, Johnson Road, Steubenville, at 11 a.m., Sept. 16.

## Catholic schools in the diocese begin the new year



**Brad Montgomery, right, teaches Latin to students enrolled in the Chesterton Academy program at Catholic Central High School, Steubenville. (Photos by Orsatti)**

By Dino Orsatti  
Editor

STEUBENVILLE — Students in the 13 parochial schools in the Diocese of Steubenville are getting acclimated to another school year in Belmont, Guernsey, Jefferson, Lawrence, Monroe and Washington counties as the summer season is winding down.

**Catholic Central High School, Steubenville**, is attracting new students this year through the Chesterton Academy, a highly innovative, classical and faith based curriculum that was launched this year.

CCHS Principal Thomas Costello said, "We are excited that 17 students are participating in the Chesterton Academy in the first year, including four students who enrolled at Central because of the program. Chesterton fits our mission statement where academic excellence is fostered through a well-defined curriculum."

The school utilizes five teachers, including one new part-time teacher, to instruct the classes that include ancient history/literature, philosophy (logic, rhetoric and debate) and Latin.

The academy involves a 3-stage learning process where each stage builds on the other. Stage 1 is learning how to memorize facts effectively and repeat those facts when needed. Stage 2 is logical reasoning; analyzing the facts, comparing and contrasting the facts to other facts and evaluating the facts. The third stage is rhetoric — research, analyzation, writing and speaking about a subject.

Ninth- and 10th-grade students will have the option of taking the academy classes within the existing school.

Costello said, "Because faith is at the core of the academic program, all subjects are taught through the lens of the church. That endeavor is what makes the Chesterton program unique." The program is designed to improve critical thinking skills, as well as to challenge students to logically think and critically analyze information and ideas that surround them.

The principal said the Chesterton mission does not end with providing better preparation for success in college. "It prepares students for life, which includes finding their

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## County prosecutor is investigating diocesan finances

By Dino Orsatti  
Editor

STEUBENVILLE — Attorney for the Diocese of Steubenville, Thomas S. Wilson, said, "The results of an independent investigation of the diocesan financial office have been turned over to the Jefferson County prosecutor's office and they have been asked to determine whether any criminal charges should be filed. This request comes after the Ohio attorney general's office instructed the diocese to allow local authorities to investigate the case."

Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton said he will immediately provide any additional information that is requested from the prosecutor's office. The bishop has also instructed Schneider Downs, the Bodman law firm, and diocesan employees to fully cooperate with the investigation.

The bishop believes that justice will be served and parishioners will get the answers they deserve as to what has been going on in the finance office. The bishop said, "I am disappointed this process has taken so long. This is the first time the diocese has had to engage in such an extensive investigation."

When he received the preliminary report of the forensic

audit from Schneider Downs in May, Bishop Monforton stated it showed, "various federal, state and local payroll taxes were withheld from employees' checks from 2004 through 2016, but the former comptroller did not send the money to the appropriate taxing authorities." Because of this failure to pay withholding taxes, the diocese had to pay \$3.5 million, which included accrued interest, to proper taxing authorities by liquidating unrestricted diocesan investments.

Meanwhile, the Pittsburgh office of Schneider Downs is currently conducting a forensic audit on the Holy Name Cathedral project, going back to the initial "Lift High the Cross Campaign." The bishop said he will reveal the results of their findings as soon as he gets the report.

The diocese continues to take steps to assure these financial irregularities will never happen again. Chief Financial Officer Patrick Henry has implemented new financial controls and an independent audit will continue every year.

Bishop Monforton said, "To reiterate, as shepherd of the diocese, I take responsibility for actions that have occurred in the finance office. I am confident that the new measures and internal controls we have adopted have fully resolved the situation and will assure that these irregularities do not occur in the future."

## 'Ask the Bishop'

STEUBENVILLE — Students in kindergarten through 12th grade in the Diocese of Steubenville "Ask the Bishop" Jeffrey M. Monforton.

**Q:** Why are there people who lead singing at church?

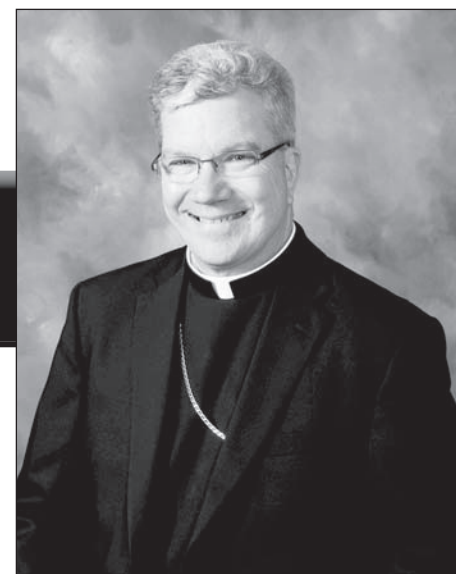
**Matthew Jones**  
Steubenville

**A:** This question most certainly impacts the need for congregational participation at Mass, as well as at all community liturgies celebrated at church. All participants at a liturgy have at least one role in worshiping, namely, giving glory to God at each celebration. Some individuals have an additional

role, namely, to lead all in song. This entails a variety of roles from a music minister, director, organist, other fellow musicians, and of course, members of the choir itself.

Music requires direction and consequently people to lead the singing at church to enable all to participate in song. When we sing, we give glory to God, all the more reason for us to do it rightly, which takes work. We give thanks to our brothers and sisters who step forward and participate in leading us in song. On the lighter side of things, we also are aware not every priest can "carry a note," all the more reason for us to have members of the choir to compensate for any musical challenges that may exist before us.

Also, may we not forget that in the words



**Bishop Monforton**

of St. Augustine of Hippo, "When we sing while we pray, we pray twice."

**Q:** Is the devil real and who made him?

**Addi Moore**  
Parkersburg

**A:** Yes, the devil or Satan is very real and we recognize that first hand from our reading of sacred Scripture both in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament. Moreover, we recognize Satan's opposition to God's plan of our salvation in Satan's temptations of Jesus in the desert as well as his filling of people's hearts, such as Judas Iscariot when he betrayed Jesus.

The devil is a fallen angel who sinned against God, refusing to accept his reign, thereby resisting God's will. We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that devils were once good, but became evil by their own doing. To put it this way, the very motive of the devil is to keep us from doing God's work in Jesus Christ and to prevent us from going to heaven. The work of the devil is in complete contrast to a disciple of Jesus Christ.

May you and I keep our Christian resolve to avoid temptation by the devil and not be seduced by the father of lies and deception.

**Q:** How many times do you pray in a day?

**Elle Casto**  
Marietta

**A:** Of course I pray every day and actually begin my day with a holy hour, and unless I have one scheduled later in the day, I also begin the day with the celebration of the sacrifice of the Mass. In fact, as I prepared for the priesthood in seminary formation, I

was taught the Liturgy of the Hours, which contained the five hours of prayer.

At my ordination to the diaconate, I promised to pray this Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Breviary, each day and in doing so, I pray with the universal church. In addition to these prayers, I also pray a rosary and other prayerful devotions, depending on the circumstance.

I am most grateful to pray in communities and it may be a simple prayer when visiting a home or a classroom. I even begin my day after waking up with a prayer thanking God for the day and asking for his blessings. May we all remember that in prayer, we do not bend to God's will to do our bidding, but instead bend our will to do God's will.

*At the commencement of this academic year, we pray for our students as well as teachers and administrators. Also, let us pray for ourselves in recognition that God has engaged us in our school of life in order that we may delve deeper into the truth that God loves us more than you and I can imagine.*

Questions for "Ask the Bishop" are channeled through the Diocese of Steubenville Office of Christian Formation and Schools, Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward, director.

To "Ask the Bishop," contact Emmanuel C. Ambrose, catechetical consultant, Diocese of Steubenville Office of Christian Formation and Schools, P.O. Box 969, Steubenville, OH 43952; 422 Washington St., Steubenville; telephone (740) 282-3631; email eambrose@diosteub.org.

### Bishop celebrates Oath of Fidelity Mass



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton celebrated an Oath of Fidelity Mass at Franciscan University of Steubenville for undergraduate and graduate education department faculty. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Megan Reister, assistant professor of education; Tiffany Boury, associate professor of education; Franciscan Sister Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother Teresa Reyes, pastoral associate, Franciscan University office of evangelization; Susan Poyo, associate professor of education; Rebecca Rook, instructor of education; Mary Katherine McVey, education department chair; and Third Order Regular Franciscan Brother Daniel Maria Klimek, assistant professor of theology. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Sean O. Sheridan, president of Franciscan University; Bill Gorman, chief operating officer; George Ash, associate professor of graduate education; Third Order Regular Franciscan Brother Zachary Burns, pastoral associate for Works of Mercy; Bishop Monforton; Richard Rollino, vice president of finance; Order of St. Benedict Father Stephen Concordia, visiting professor of sacred music; and Third Order Regular Franciscan Father Luke Robertson, assistant director, priestly discernment program. (Photo provided)

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## Bishop Monforton celebrates a confirmation Mass



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, pictured left, and Father John F. Mucha, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Joseph parishes, Bridgeport, pictured right, celebrated a confirmation Mass at St. Joseph Church Aug. 26. Pictured in the front row, left of the bishop, are Sadies Kopyar, Luke Swan, Sebastian Lewis, Abby Young, Lauren Moran, Makenna Moran, Severino Smathers and Caleb Bryniarski. In the back row, from left, are Sean White, Matthew Schubert, Savannah Kopyar, Brycen Vucelich, Pearce Butler, Aiden Moran and John Tully. (Photo provided)

## Bishop Monforton's Schedule

### September

- 8 Secular Discalced Carmelite Community of Divine Mercy and St. Therese of the Holy Face day of recollection, Holy Family Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.  
Hiking with Franciscan University of Steubenville Outdoors Club students, 10 a.m.
- 9 Blue Mass, St. Peter Church, Steubenville, 10 a.m.
- 10 Diocesan "Decree on Child Protection" workshop, Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 "Misa con Hermanas," Mass with Spanish Sisters, Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory, Lovers Lane, Steubenville, 8 a.m.  
Diocesan Information System Conference planning meeting, conference call, 3:30 p.m.  
Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 12 Radio segment WDEO 990 AM, 10:15 a.m.  
Mass, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 12:05 p.m.
- 13 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.  
St. Vincent Seminary Board of Regents conference call, 1 p.m.
- 14 Arrowhead Golf Club, greet golfers, North Canton, Ohio, 8 a.m.
- 15 Knights of Columbus deputy's appreciation dinner and training session, Philo, Ohio, 1 p.m.  
Twentieth anniversary Mass, St. Ambrose Church, Little Hocking, 5 p.m.
- 16 White Mass, chapel at Trinity West Hospital, Steubenville, 11 a.m.
- 17 Diocesan Liturgical Commission meeting, St. Benedict, Cambridge, 11 a.m.
- 18 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m.  
Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 19 Deans, vicar general and Presbyteral Council, St. Clairsville, 12:30 p.m.
- 20 WAOB radio segment, 7:40 a.m., 8:40 a.m. and 6:40 p.m.  
Diocesan Information System Conference board meeting, conference call, 3:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet, dinner, Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
- 21 Chancery staff day of recollection, Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, Toronto, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Mass, Respect Life Conference, Holy Family Church, Steubenville, 11:30 a.m.

## Catholic schools

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vocation and helping them discern and follow God's calling for their lives."

There are only eight Chesterton academies throughout the United States and none are near Steubenville.

Costello said Central has also added five new courses this year to its general curriculum. They include drama and technical theater; ACT prep; advertising, marketing and sales; lifetime, fitness and wellness; and culinary arts.

The theme this year for **Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary** and **Junior High School, Steubenville**, is, "Increase understanding of sacred Scripture and apply it in daily lives," according to Principal Theresa Danaher. Danaher said the 75 preschoolers this year is the largest class ever. She said she had to add a third class for the three- and four-year-olds.

Danaher said, "The Ohio Academy of Science awarded BJKM Junior High the 2017-18 Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Education and Student Research. Teachers and the school were recognized for having a strong STEM curriculum and have also encouraged participation in many other activities to stimulate student interest in those areas."

The principal also said they will be using a supplementary religious text for kindergarten through sixth-graders, "Great adventure kid's bible program."

The junior high school will have a new athletic director this year, Eric Durvis. Danaher said the special education HOPE program is expanding with the hiring of a fourth full-time intervention specialist.

Danaher said the school will be developing land across

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## St. John Central School

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Bellaire, OH 43906

**Parishes:** St. John, Bellaire; Sacred Heart, Neffs; St. Mary, Shadyside; and St. John Vianney, Powhatan Point

**Founded:** 1858

**Size:** preschool through grade eight, 90 students, 14 lay faculty

**Special Programs:** Internet accessible computer lab and classroom computers, Smart Board interactive learning, iPads for use by students, Student Council, science fair, spelling bee, Tournament of Truth, speech services, psychological services and federal hot lunch program

**Athletics:** Junior Irish volleyball, Junior Irish boys' and girls' basketball, fifth-sixth grade intramural basketball and volleyball

**Principal:** Jarett T. Kuhns

**Assistant Principal:** Theresa Young

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father Daniel Heusel, pastoral administrator, and Kuhns, principal

**Tuition:** parishioners – \$2,300, one child; \$4,000, two children; and \$5,100, three children; nonparishioners – \$2,900, one child; \$5,200, two children; \$6,900, three children

**Financial Aid:** Paul W. and Virginia Blake Foundation Grant, Immaculate Heart Fund, parish assistance, Jon Peterson and Educational Choice Scholarship programs

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## St. John Central School

Churchtown

17654 Ohio Route 676, Marietta, OH 45750

**Parishes:** St. Bernard, Beverly; St. John the Baptist, Churchtown; St. Ambrose, Little Hocking; and Our Lady of Mercy, Lowell

**Founded:** 1956

**Size:** preschool, 24 students; kindergarten-eighth grade, 84 students, six full-time and three part-time teachers, four priests, one administrative assistant, one part-time custodian and one part-time nurse

**Special Programs:** academic and science fairs, Accelerated Reader, computer technology class, service projects, Christmas and spring programs, spelling bee, Jump Rope for Heart, Relay for Life, math-a-thon, young engineers' and scientists' days and junior high trip to Washington, D.C., or Philadelphia/Gettysburg (alternating years)

**Athletics:** grades three-eight girls' and boys' basketball; cheerleading; track, golf, volleyball, cross country and interscholastic sports with sufficient interest

**Principal:** Larry Moegling

**Pastoral Administrator:** Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward  
**Pastors' Council:** Deacon Ward, director, Diocese of Steubenville Office of Christian Formation and Schools; Father Timothy Davison, chaplain; Father Robert A. Gallagher, Father Timothy J. Kozak and Father Timothy J. Shannon

**Local Education Advisory Council:** members Father Timothy Davison, Ryan Lauchard, Derrick Pottmeyer, Evan Schaad, Kenley Schwendeman, Laura Schott, Paulette Tome; ex-officio, Moegling and Pam Keeney

**Tuition:** parishioners – kindergarten-eight, one child, \$2,350; two, \$3,775; three, \$5,200; preschool, \$1,196; early learning, \$965; nonparishioners – one child, \$2,900; two, \$2,600; preschool, \$2,100 (three day, all day); \$1,700 (two day, all day); early learning, \$1,100 (two day, half day)

**Financial Aid:** tuition assistance available through scrip program and Educational Choice Scholarship Program

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## St. Benedict School

220 N. Seventh St.  
Cambridge, OH 43725

**Parish:** Christ Our Light, Cambridge

**Founded:** 1911

**Size:** preschool, 26; kindergarten-eight, 88 students, 11 lay faculty and four religious

**Special Programs:** Title I, computer classes, physical education, speech and hearing services, physical and occupational therapy, music, band, summer library reading program, awards assemblies, field trips, Student Council, accelerated math, Accelerated Reader, Science Club and after care

**Athletics:** girls' volleyball and boys' and girls' basketball  
**Honors:** full accreditation by Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association

**Principal:** Susan Sanders

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father Paul E. Hrezo, pastoral administrator; Sanders, principal; Kelly Jackson, Casey McVicker, Adam Sikora, Andrew and Cassie Stevens

**Tuition:** parishioners – \$2,100; nonparishioners – \$3,120

**Financial Aid:** Available through tuition assistance, Kremer Foundation, Immaculate Heart Fund, Educational Choice Scholarship Program, Leps scholarships and participation in the scrip program

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## St. Mary School

320 Marion St.  
Marietta, OH 45750

**Parish:** The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta

**Founded:** 1896

**Size:** preschool, prekindergarten-eight, 156 students, 10 full-time lay teachers, seven part-time faculty, one teacher aide, two priests, one part-time librarian, six part-time auxiliary and Title I staff

**Special Programs:** Student Council, DARE, band, hand bells, Accelerated Reader, Power of the Pen, spelling bee, Tournament of Truth, Math Counts, science fair, social studies fair, Northwestern University Midwest Talent Search for advanced academic students, talented and gifted program, altar servers, scholar and lector programs and student of the month

**Honors:** Archie Griffin Award and student of the month

**Athletics:** basketball (boys and girls), track, golf, cross country, volleyball and cheerleading

**Principal:** Molly Frye

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Msgr. John Michael Campbell, pastoral administrator; Father Joshua D. Erickson, parochial vicar to Msgr. Campbell; Frye, principal; Jenny Altenburger, David Baker, Tammi Bradley, Brian Chavez, Sue Cisar, Tony Huffman, Lori Lutz, Ben Schenkel, Abbey Schwendeman, Janet Shilling and Kerry Westermeyer

**Tuition:** parishioners – preschool 4 year olds (three days/week), \$2,080, half day, \$1,135; preschool 3 year olds (two days/week), \$1,720, \$985, half day; prekindergarten through eighth grade, \$3,255, one child; \$5,886, two children; \$8,408, three children; \$10,795, four children, and \$10,795, five children or more; and nonparishioners – \$5,075 per student, prekindergarten through eighth grade

**Financial Aid:** available to students whose parent(s) are contributing members of the parish and unable to pay full tuition

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## St. Lawrence Central School

315 S. Sixth St.  
Ironton, OH 45638

**Parishes:** St. Ann, Chesapeake; St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Joseph, Ironton; and St. Mary Mission, Pine Grove

**Founded:** 1909

**Size:** prekindergarten-six, 130 students and 13 lay faculty

**Special Programs:** book fair, spelling bee, academic fair, geography bee, Right-to-Read Week, field day, field trips and ProjectMORE reading program

**Athletics:** intramural boys' and girls' basketball and intramural soccer

**Principal:** Chris Monte

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father David L. Huffman, pastoral administrator; Christi Bartram, Joni Hacker, Charles Heim, Debbie Joyce, Ralph Kline, Andy Whaley and Eileen Wilds

**Tuition:** \$2,620

**Financial Aid:** available

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## St. Mary Central School

24 N. Fourth St.  
Martins Ferry, OH 43935

**Parishes:** St. Mary, Martins Ferry; St. Anthony of Padua and St. Joseph, Bridgeport; St. Frances Cabrini, Colerain; St. Adalbert, Dillonvale; St. Joseph, Tiltonsville; and St. Lucy, Yorkville

**Founded:** 1889

**Size:** prekindergarten-eight, 130 students, 10 lay faculty, two teacher aides and five priests

**Special Programs:** 3- and 4-year-olds preschool, student newspaper, Student Leadership Committee, life skills, Belmont County and Ohio state science fairs, Nature's Classroom, Scripps National Spelling Bee, NASA Space Program, Spanish, eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C., and after-school care (2:15-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday) and student "houses"

**Athletics:** grades five-eight girls' basketball and volleyball; grades five-eight boys' basketball and Wheeling Parochial League football

**Principal:** Mary Carolyn Nichelson

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father Thomas Marut, pastoral administrator, and two representatives from the seven parishes supporting the school

**Tuition:** parishioner, kindergarten-eight, \$2,050, one child; \$2,525, two children; \$3,050, three or more children; preschool, 3 years olds, \$750, 4 years olds, \$900

**Financial Aid:** Adopt-a-Child, Kremer grant, Immaculate Heart Fund, Jon Peterson, Blake Foundation and Educational Choice Scholarship programs

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# Elementary Schools

## St. Mary Central School 226 W. Main St. St. Clairsville, OH 43950

**Parishes:** St. Mary, St. Clairsville, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Barnesville

**Founded:** 1955

**Size:** prekindergarten-eight, 156 students; 13 lay faculty, speech therapist, school psychologist, Title I tutoring, early intervention services, health aide and physical education classes

**Special Programs:** school Masses, faith celebrations, cantors and choir, Student Council, Accelerated Reader, service and community projects, electives, grades six, seven and eight, OSMO and STEM programs and Washington, D.C., trip every other year for seventh- and eighth-graders  
**Athletics:** Junior Irish sports – grades five through eight  
**Principal:** Nannette Kennedy

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father Thomas A. Chillog, pastoral administrator; Doug Butts, Cynthia Fregiato, Brian Gerevics, Angel Glitch and Pam Shields

**Tuition:** parishioners – \$2,700, one child; \$4,068, two children; \$5,125, three or more children; and nonparishioners – \$3,250, one child; \$4,668, two children; \$5,775, three or more children

**Financial Aid:** Immaculate Heart Fund, Knights of Columbus scholarships, Educational Choice Scholarship Program and by request to pastors and principal

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## Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary School 100 Etta Ave. Stuebenville, OH 43952

**Parishes:** Triumph of the Cross, Holy Family and St. Peter, Steubenville; St. Agnes, Mingo Junction; St. John Fisher, Richmond; St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph, Toronto; and Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes, Wintersville  
**Founded:** July 1, 2008

**Size:** preschool-sixth grade, 390 students, 26 full-time lay faculty, two part-time faculty and 13 teacher's aides

**Special Programs:** 3- and 4-year-old preschool with half- and full-day options, campus ministry provided by the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, band, music, computer, art, library and physical education classes, Challenge Enrichment Program, spelling bee, science fair, Tournament of Truth, Accelerated Reader, Math Facts in a Flash, Title 1 – math and reading remediation, First in Math online program, after-school care, weekly celebration of Mass, daily prayer, psychological and health services, service learning projects, students JB Green Team, after-school resource program, Art Club, Bishop Mussio Singers, Little Flowers, Spanish Club and special needs students on Jon Peterson and Autism Scholarship programs

**Athletics:** grades one through six flag football, volleyball, basketball, softball and track and field and instructional basketball for grades three and four

**Principal:** Theresa Danaher

**Assistant Principal:** Sandy Morelli

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father James M. Dunfee, pastoral administrator; Danaher, principal; and a representative from each of the supporting parishes

**Tuition:** preschool – full day, \$2,000 (with sibling discount \$1,800); half day, \$1,200 (with sibling discount \$1,000); kindergarten through sixth grade, parishioners – \$2,600 for first child; \$2,100 for second child; \$1,700 for third child; fourth child, free if all children are in the elementary school; and nonparishioners – \$2,900 for one child; \$2,350 for second child; \$1,900 for third child; fourth, free if all children are in the elementary school; one-time family fee, \$100; new family registration fee, \$40; tuition family discounts available for families with children attending Bishop John King Mussio Central Junior High School and/or Catholic Central High School

**Financial Aid:** tuition assistance available through the school, parishes, scholarships, Immaculate Heart Fund, scrip and Educational Choice Scholarship Program

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## St. Sylvester Central School 119 E. Wayne St. Woodsfield, OH 43793

**Parishes:** St. Sylvester, Woodsfield; St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg; and St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis

**Founded:** 1870

**Size:** preschool, 30 students; kindergarten-eight, 84 students, 12 lay faculty and two aides

**Special Programs:** science fair, spelling bee, yearbook and all-day preschool

**Athletics:** boys' and girls' basketball and girls' volleyball

**Principal:** Robyn C. Guiler

**Pastoral Administrator:** Father David L. Gaydosik

**Tuition:** Catholic – \$2,000, one child; \$2,500, two children; \$2,800, three or more; and non-Catholic – \$2,800, one child; \$3,500, two children; \$4,000, three or more; preschool – two half days, \$120; three half days, \$180; two full days, \$200; three full days, \$300

**Financial Aid:** via Father Gaydosik, as needed, and all families eligible for \$250 in tuition deductions over the course of the year by working for/donating to fundraisers

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# Junior High

## Bishop John King Mussio Central Junior High School 320 West View Ave., Suite 2 Steubenville, OH 43952

**Parishes:** Triumph of the Cross, Holy Family and St. Peter, Steubenville; St. Agnes, Mingo Junction; St. John Fisher, Richmond; St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph, Toronto; and Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes, Wintersville

**Founded:** 2008

**Size:** seventh through eighth grade, 107 students

**Special Programs:** band, choir, general music, Spanish instruction, weekly liturgy, Reach Out evangelization program, computer and art classes, First in Math online program, school newspaper, Student Council, weekly service to the local soup kitchen, community service projects, miniclasses taught by local community members in finance, law enforcement, architecture,

medical careers, bridge building, robotics, create a card, Zumba, beekeeping, drama and French; science fair, art fair, spelling bee, geography bee, Tournament of Truth, Drama Club with annual school musical, algebra class at Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, students and staff raise money to fully fund a school lunch program, "Cynthia's Kitchen," at St. Dominic School, Liberia, in memory of former BJKM student Cynthia Phillipson; and special education for students with disabilities through the Jon Peterson Scholarship Program

**Athletics:** Junior Crusader volleyball, football, cheerleading, basketball, track, wrestling and softball

**Principal:** Theresa Danaher

**Assistant Principal:** Sandy Morelli

**Local Education Advisory Board:** Father James M. Dunfee, pastoral administrator, and representatives from parishes that support the school

**Tuition:** parishioners, \$3,150; out of parish, \$3,335; non-Catholic, \$3,685; family fee, \$100

**Financial Aid:** through the Immaculate Heart Fund and scholarships from the Kremer Foundation, eighth-grade scholarship fund and Humienny

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## St. John Paul II

# The Church: The New Covenant

By Diocese of Steubenville  
Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

St. John Paul II has shown us how the plan of God entered the world through the Old Covenant, the arrangement between God and a chosen people that was to prepare for a new and permanent covenant: one introduced by his Son, Jesus Christ. A "covenant" is more than a contract or a business deal because it is not about property or material things, but about *persons* (marriage is an excellent example). Jesus began his public life with the announcement, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mk 1:15). In other words, the time for the New Covenant is here. St. Paul put it this way: "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law so that we might receive adoption" (Gal 4:4). St. Paul goes on to explain that the people of the existing covenant are no longer "under the law," meaning no longer bound by the law of Moses, which spelled out for them the terms of the Old Covenant. Under the New Covenant, they are adopted sons and daughters of God himself, by which you may now address him as "Abba," ("Father," "Daddy") (see, Galatians, Chapter 4, Verse 6). This makes a considerable difference between the Old Covenant and the New: Those called are no longer to be simply *subjects* of a king, but *children* of the eternal Father, sharing his own life as in a family.

Nor is this new kingdom like any other earthly kingdom, i.e., involving only life on this earth. It is a *transcendent* kingdom, extending beyond this life and this world into the realm of God himself!

This implies realities that are above and beyond those of the material and temporal – the realities of a *spiritual* existence.

Jesus implied this when he commented on his own exorcism of demons: "But if it is by the spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Mt 12: 28).

All this, of course, is a far cry from the political-economic kingdom that most of the Jews of Our Lord's time looked for with the coming of a Messiah. Instead, it is a kingdom which, though begun and developed on earth,

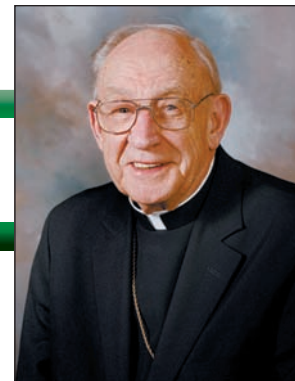
has its culmination in eternity and heaven. The kingdom that Christ spoke of, the kingdom to be established by the Messiah, that for which he selected Simon Peter as the rock foundation, that which is to enfold all nations and all people, is nothing less than the kingdom of God himself! When arraigned before Pilate, the roman governor, he was questioned as to whether he was really a king, as the Jewish authorities claimed (thereby denouncing him as a rival and, hence, an enemy of Caesar). Jesus' answer was: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth hears my voice." We can take his reply two ways: "You say that I am ..." might be taken as equivalent to the colloquial: "You said, it fella. I sure am a king!" Or, we can understand it as "kings are something that you human beings invented. But, if it's authority that you're really talking about, my credentials are that I am vested with the ultimate authority, which is truth, itself!" Pilate's skeptical reply anticipated the relativism of 2,000 years later: "What is truth?" (see, John, Chapter 18, Verses 28-38). Truth is the ultimate authority because it presents what God, the creator of all reality, called into existence. Knowledge of the truth leads to God, and to his kingdom, to the messianic kingdom, to the kingdom of Christ, to the church!

What has been described here of the church as a spiritual kingdom, rather than a material and temporal one, is easier for us to grasp today than it was in the time of the apostles. For them, concepts such as *spiritual* and *material* would have little meaning. Recall again that the Semitic language

that they spoke had no such terms as "spiritual" in contrast to "material." A kingdom for them would suggest the kingdom (or empire) of Rome, or perhaps the kingdom that they

once had of their own under the descendants of David. It is not surprising then that, even after the resurrection of Jesus, they would ask him whether he was now going to re-establish the kingdom of Israel (see, Acts, Chapter 1, Verse 6). Our Lord did not attempt then to spell it all out for them. Instead, he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, as he had promised them. The Holy Spirit would make clear to them what was to take place and their

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own part in it.

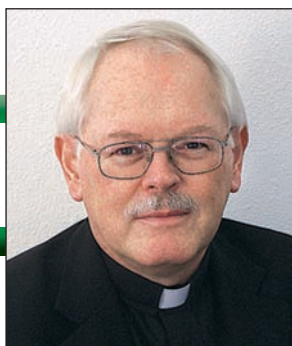
We saw in our previous discussion of the Holy Spirit his role in establishing the church, beginning at the "First Pentecost." The Acts of the Apostles tell us how the apostles then understood the kind of kingdom that they were to help found and their part in doing so. On the outside, that "kingdom" would be a community of followers of Christ, "Christians." On the inside, it would be that same community of believers, that is, those who had faith in Jesus Christ and accepted him as their redeemer and guide. Among the guidance they received were the practices of prayer and the sacraments, those practices that, today, we call "liturgical." Baptism, of course, was the first of these as the rite of entrance into the Christian community. After that, the Eucharist, the gathering for the "breaking of bread" was central to their lives (see, Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 42), as were the designation as helpers and successors of the apostles by the "laying on of hands," holy orders. Confession and forgiveness of sin, the sacramental care of the sick, and the status of marriage as a sacrament would emerge as time went on. (A detailed account of the origin of all seven sacraments is a subject for future consideration). From the very beginning, the Eucharist would be the centerpiece of their lives, as it is for Catholics today. Sunday, rather than Saturday, the Jewish day of worship, was adopted early on in consideration of the fact that it was the first day of a new creation; the day of Christ's resurrection and our own promise to follow him to eternal life. That was what the church was all about: a new "Way" (see, John, Chapter 14, Verse 6, and, Acts, Chapter 9, Verse 2) leading to life – forever!

## How to Respond

By Father Ron Rolheiser

Sometimes all you can do is to put your mouth to the dust and wait. That's a counsel from the Book of Lamentations and while perhaps not the best response to the recent revelations of clerical sexual abuse and cover-up in the Roman Catholic Church, it seems the only helpful response available to me as a Roman Catholic priest today. Beyond prayer, I've been hesitant to respond otherwise to this current situation for three reasons.

My first hesitation has to do with the seeming futility of



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yet another apology and breast-beating. Since the report on sexual abuse and clerical cover-up was released in Pennsylvania a few weeks back, there have been apologies issued by virtually every diocese, every parish and every priest in America, including one from the pope himself. While these apologies have been almost universally sincere, nondefensive and rightly focused on the victims, they've also for the most part not been well received. More generally the response has been: "What good does that do now! Where were you when this was all happening?" The apologies have generally met with more cynicism and anger than acceptance. And, yet, it's important that they be made, though I'm not sure my adding another one will be helpful.

My second hesitancy stems from the fact that there's so much anger and grief around this issue right now that words, even the right ones, generally don't hit their mark, akin to telling someone freshly grieving the death of loved one that "she's in a better place." The words are true, but moment's too raw for the words to be heard. They only become effective later. And that's the situation now; we're in a time of raw anger and dark grief. These are, in fact, the same emotion (just that one's hard and the other soft) and so for many people dealing with the revelations of clerical

sexual abuse and cover-up right now, apologies, while necessary, are not being heard. The moment is too raw.

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## Don't Tell Anyone

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

By Father Paul J. Walker

It would be a gross understatement to say that Jesus was an enigma, often a scandal, to his contemporaries – in particularly puzzling to his own disciples! After a brief detour through the sixth chapter of John's Gospel (the bread of life discourse) we have returned to the Gospel of Mark, assigned to year B of the liturgical cycle of readings.

We find Jesus in the district of the Decapolis, which was mostly a Gentile area, so the deaf man was more likely a Gentile. If this is the case, then Jesus taking him off by himself for the healing rituals could be a sign that the reign of God arriving in Jesus is available for both Jew and Gentile. The signs spoken of by Isaiah in the first reading are now here in the midst of everyone through the healings Jesus brings.

The more curious thing, however, in this episode is what Jesus orders them all to do. He tells them to keep it quiet, not to tell anyone about the miracle they are witnessing. He does this repeatedly, especially in Mark's Gospel: he cures the blind man at Bethsaida, he heals a leper, he raises the daughter of Jairus (a synagogue official), and he makes the same command that no one spread the news of these miraculous events. Mark is quick to point out that, "the more he told them not to, the more they proclaimed it" (Mark 7:36). The wonders foretold by Isaiah are appearing in their midst and Jesus is saying, "Keep it quiet, don't tell anyone what you see or hear!"

It would seem that Jesus does not want to reveal his identity before the "appointed time." They are on their way to Jerusalem as these miracles take place, and it is there that the horrors of the Passion (arrest, interrogation, scourging, torture and execution) will unfold. Mark wants to make Jesus' *full* identity known only gradually, by faith. He is perhaps afraid you will think Jesus is some kind of first century, televangelist, faith healer with electric hands and fingers, who smacks folks on their foreheads and "zap!" they're healed. He is presented as one for whom the healings will require little, if any sacrifice. What Mark does is invite you to travel deeper into the mystery of God, along with Jesus. For Mark there is only one miracle, so

he cools down the others, keeping them in check by using Jesus' caveat, that no one be told of the miraculous in their midst. That one miracle for Mark is the *cross* – that's the only one! All others foreshadow the cross! The dynamic in Mark's Gospel is a touching and pushing away: everybody pushes away the lepers – Jesus pulls them to himself. Everybody walked by the blind man and ignored the deaf man. Everybody pushes away the children – Jesus pulls them to himself, blessing them. Everyone that everybody else wants to exclude, shun, push away – Jesus pulls in. He touches everything!

The theme that is beginning to appear in Mark's Gospel as its dynamic unfolds and builds: Jesus is pulling all the pain of the world into himself. Thus, God is the only place big enough, compassionate enough, inclusive enough to house all the world's pain. This is the revelation in Mark's Gospel: God doesn't necessarily "fix" all tragedy, hurt, suffering, brokenness ... rather, he *shares* it. Once we trust this divine nearness, then God can open up new possibilities, heal what is broken, give courage and vision where there is pervasive despair and the path is often the home of a deep and pervasive darkness. We can begin to realize the light doesn't just sit at the "end of the tunnel," but brightens our path in its midst. The offer of life awaits us in every experience of death – not just at the end of our earthly life.

Where is the revelation of God in Mark's Gospel? The revelation of God shines from the cross. The pagan Roman centurion looks at the cross and proclaims "... the Son of God." That's the revelation. The coming age Isaiah foretold – it is God's compassionate entry into human life; it is God's suffering there all the terrors of human life. With this insight comes the only answer to the problem of evil and suffering we will ever get: "You are not alone." That's the *only* answer. The entry of God into human life did not explain evil – it just swallowed it! The cross is the answer – there is no pain that is not shared by divine reality!

So to paraphrase Isaiah (First Reading): "Say to those whose hearts are frightened; to those who feel their lives are coming undone, 'be strong, fear not, here is your God'" – *with* you, not "up there" or "out there," so that



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you have to call him in through special persons or rituals or by your moral righteousness. He is there – present as rescuer and redeemer. We can look at our lives through Isaiah's imagery:

- Springs will break forth in the desert;
- Burning sands will become pools;
- The thirsty ground will give forth springs of water.

But I must risk a leap of faith, often into the darkness – a darkness where abides a gracious presence. The church has retained accounts like Isaiah's and Mark's – enshrining them in the Bible and liturgy, because they speak of something that happens to us as we enter into the mystery of Jesus Christ: our ears are opened to hear and our tongues loosed to speak. The Letter of James (Second Reading) adds an important reflection: we are rescued and chosen out of our need and not out of any excellence or achievement; so we have no right to despise anyone, but are called upon to respond to the poor and needy with the same grace that has brightened our path.

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## The McCarrick Mess

By Bishop Robert Barron

When I was going through school, the devil was presented to us as a myth, a literary device, a symbolic manner of signaling the presence of evil in the world. I will admit to internalizing this view and largely losing my sense of the devil as a real spiritual person. What shook my agnosticism in regard to the evil one was the clerical sex abuse scandal of the 90s and the early aughts. I say this because that awful crisis just seemed too thought through, too well-coordinated, to be simply the result of chance or wicked human choice.

The devil is characterized as "the enemy of the human race" and particularly the enemy of the church. I challenge



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anyone to come up with a more devastatingly effective strategy for attacking the mystical body of Christ than the abuse of children and young people by priests. This sin had countless direct victims, of course, but, it also crippled the church financially, undercut vocations, caused people to lose confidence in Christianity, dramatically compromised attempts at evangelization, etc., etc. It was a diabolical masterpiece.

Sometime in the early aughts, I was attending a conference and found myself wandering more or less alone in the area where groups and organizations had their booths. I came over to one of the tables and the woman there said, "You're Father Barron, aren't you?" I replied affirmatively, and she continued, "You're doing good work for the church, but this means that the devil wants to stop you. And you know, he's a lot smarter than you are and a lot more powerful." I think I just mumbled something to her at that moment, but she was right, and I knew it. All of this has come back to me in the wake of the Archbishop (Theodore) McCarrick catastrophe. St. Paul warned us that we battle, not against flesh and blood, but against "powers and principalities."

Consequently, the principal work of the church at this devastating moment ought to be prayer, the conscious and insistent invoking of Christ and the saints.

Now I can hear people saying, "So Bishop Barron is blaming it all on the devil." Not at all. The devil works

through temptation, suggestion and insinuation – and he accomplishes nothing without our cooperation. If you want to see the principle illustrated, Google Luca Signorelli's image of the Antichrist in the Orvieto Cathedral. You'll see what I mean. Archbishop McCarrick did wicked things and so did those, it appears, who enabled him. And we have to come to terms with these sins.

Before I broach the subject of how to do this, permit me to say a few words about unhelpful strategies being bandied about. A first one is indiscriminate scapegoating. The great philosopher Rene Girard taught us that when communities enter into crisis, people typically commence desperately to cast about for someone or some group to blame. In the catharsis of this indiscriminate accusation, they find a kind of release, an ersatz peace. "All the bishops should resign!" "The priesthood is a cesspool of immorality!" "The seminaries are all corrupt!" As I say, these assertions might be emotionally satisfying at some level, but they are deeply unjust and conduce toward greater and not less dysfunction.

The second negative strategy is the riding of ideological hobby horses. So lots of commentators – left, center and right – have chimed in to say that the real cause of the (Archbishop) McCarrick disaster is, take your pick, the ignoring of "Humanae Vitae" ("of human life"), priestly celibacy, rampant homosexuality in the church, the mistreatment of homosexuals, the sexual revolution, etc.

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# High Schools

## St. John Central High School

3625 Guernsey St.  
Bellaire, OH 43906

**Founded:** 1886; current school building built in 1949  
**Size:** grades nine-12, 44 students, 10 lay faculty and one religious  
**Curriculum:** honors program, college preparatory and college credit plus education courses held on campus for qualifying students in ninth through 12th grades  
**Athletics:** volleyball, basketball (boys and girls), cheerleading, bowling (boys and girls), baseball and softball (boys and girls)  
**Activities:** music ministry, yearbook, Science Club, Spanish Club, Adventure Club, Student Council and National Honor Society  
**Principal:** Jarett T. Kuhns  
**Assistant principal:** Sara J. Marin  
**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father Timothy P. McGuire, pastoral administrator, and Kuhns, principal  
**Chaplain:** Father Matthew W. J. Gossett  
**Tuition:** parishioners – \$3,700; nonparticipating – \$4,300; discounts for multiple students in a family  
**Financial Aid:** substantial aid available to families qualifying on an objective need basis  
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## St. Joseph Central High School

912 S. Sixth St.  
Ironton, OH 45638

**Founded:** 1924  
**Size:** grades seven-12, 82 students and 13 lay faculty  
**Curriculum:** college preparatory and general courses  
**Athletics:** soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball  
**Activities:** National Honor Society, Junior National Honor Society, annual variety show, Student Council, Mock Trial, Math Club, Science Club, Quiz Bowl, academic fair, SCORES academic competition, Search retreat and community service  
**Achievements:** Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence, district science fair and state science fair  
**Principal:** Chris Monte  
**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father David L. Huffman, pastoral administrator; Christi Bartram, Joni Hacker, Charles Heim, Debbie Joyce, Ralph Kline, Andy Whaley and Eileen Wilds  
**Tuition:** \$2,790  
**Financial Aid:** available  
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## Catholic Central High School

320 West View Ave., Suite 1  
Steubenville, OH 43952

**Founded:** 1889 as Holy Name High School; became Catholic Central in 1930; new building in 1950  
**Size:** grades nine-12; 220 students; 23 lay faculty and chaplain  
**Curriculum:** college courses through Franciscan University of Steubenville and Eastern Gateway Community College, Steubenville, College Credit Plus, accelerated college preparatory, advanced placement classes and selected business and vocational  
**Athletics:** football, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, volleyball, softball, golf, baseball, track and field, wrestling and swimming, tennis and cross country  
**Activities:** band, Royalties, cheerleading, Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, Foreign Language Club, pontifical servers, yearbook, Catholic Daughters Club, Pep Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, academic competition team, Drama Club, Crusader Club, spring musical and Show Choir  
**Service Requirement:** 15 hours of service per student per year  
**Principal:** Thomas J. Costello  
**Assistant Principal:** Jude Lucas  
**Guidance Counselor/Curriculum:** Jude Lucas  
**Pastoral Administrator:** Father Thomas R. Nau  
**Chaplain:** Father Michael W. Gossett  
**Tuition:** parishioners – \$4,400; reduction for additional children  
**Financial Aid:** available each spring for the following year when need is demonstrated  
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from the former convent on Etta Avenue. This will include a sensory garden, amphitheater and an outdoor classroom. She hopes the project will begin this fall.

Principal Jarett Kuhns enters his second year at **St. John Central Grade and High School, Bellaire**. Kuhns said he is partnering with local businesses and organizations so students in grades seven through 12 can perform community service every quarter during the school year. Kuhns is also focusing on a new math curriculum for kindergarten through eighth-grade students called "Ready Ohio." The program utilizes extra resources to improve math skills.

Molly Frye is beginning her first year as principal of **St. Mary School, Marietta**, after teaching at the school for six years as well as serving as assistant principal last year. Frye is welcoming three new full-time and four part-time teachers to the faculty. She says enrollment is up by a dozen students over the previous year with a lot of new families enrolled, and she is working hard to open doors to more families in the community. Frye said her goal is to, "maintain the reputation and excellent level of academics at St. Mary School."

The Latina Cristiana program will be added this year to the **St. John Central, Churchtown**, program. Principal

Lawrence Moegling said recently retired diocesan priest Msgr. Robert J. Kawa has agreed to teach upper-grade students Latin for two days a week. Moegling said thanks

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to local parishioners, the staircase between the gym and the cafeteria has been rebuilt and carpeted. They also replaced the entrance door to the cafeteria. The entire cafeteria floor has been refurnished.

At **St. Mary Central School, Martins Ferry**, 22 security cameras were added inside and outside of the school building.

Mary Carolyn Nichelson, principal, said her kindergarten class has more than doubled from last year. Nichelson said she is expanding activities for her “houses” program, patterned after the Harry Potter fantasy series. The houses at St. Mary Central have names relevant to the Catholic Church – Our Lady of Fatima, Guadalupe and Lourdes and the Immaculate Conception.

“Students will earn points for their houses

and winners will be announced throughout the year,” according to Nichelson.

In the southern portion of the diocese, Principal Chris Monte said the entire faculties are back this year at **St. Lawrence Central School** and **St. Joseph Central High School, Ironton**. Monte said the elementary school will have a new gym floor, courtesy of a generous donor. He said girls’ soccer has been added to St. Joseph Central, which has generated a lot of interest for the initial season.

At **St. Sylvester Center School, Woodfield**, Robyn C. Guiler is principal. Guiler said both preschool classrooms are now in the same building, the old convent next to the church. Guiler said they had to remodel and renovate the main floor in order to move the classroom for the three- and four-year-old students to be housed in the same

building as the four- and five-year-olds. Four new faculty members are coming to the school this year. Guiler said, “More iPads were purchased for students in the primary grades.”

Susan Sanders starts her first year as principal of **St. Benedict School, Cambridge**. Sanders replaced Jane Rush, who stepped down after six years with the school, five as principal. Sanders said the theme this year for her school is, “We are called to be saints,” and a number of activities will be held, keeping the Catholic identity in everything they do. Sanders said she will also devote a lot of time this year to the state accreditation process.

Students from many new families are enrolled this year at **St. Mary Central School, St. Clairsville**, according to Principal Nannette Kennedy. Kennedy said,

“This is a reflection of the many good things the school has done over the years.” The principal said she is excited about the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program. Sixth- through eighth-graders will be able to take the STEM challenge elective, while middle school students will get involved with the robotics program. The STEM program has been extended to kindergarten through third-graders, which includes an interactive computer coding teaching tool.

Permanent Deacon Paul D. Ward is director of the Diocese of Steubenville Office of Christian Formation and Schools.

Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton visits parochial schools in the diocese throughout the school year and spends extra time in classrooms during a diocesan spring salute to Catholic schools.

## How to Respond

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And, one last hesitation: As a priest with a vow of celibacy, I’m painfully aware that right now I’m at an understandable disadvantage to speak out on this. Victims speak from a position of moral privilege, rightly so, their voices carry extra authority; but, those who stand symbolically connected to the perpetrators, and that’s me, are understandably heard with suspicion. I accept that. How could it be otherwise? At this particularly charged moment, what moral authority can my voice carry on this issue? What does my apology add?

But, for what it’s worth, even given those caveats, I do offer an apology: As a Roman Catholic priest, I want to publicly say that what’s happened in the church in terms of sexual abuse by the clergy, and cover-up by the hierarchy, is inexcusable, deeply sinful,

has harmed thousands of lives irrevocably, and needs radical redress in terms of reaching out to the victims and of prompting structural change in the church to ensure that this will never happen again.

Let me add something else: First, as a Roman Catholic priest, I do not distance myself from this by morally separating myself from those who have done wrong by declaring: “They’re guilty and I’m not!” The cross of Jesus doesn’t allow such an escape. Jesus was crucified between two thieves. He was innocent, they weren’t; but, he didn’t protest his innocence, and those looking at three crosses that day didn’t distinguish between who was innocent and who was guilty. The crosses were all painted with the same brush. There are times when one does not protest one’s innocence. Part of Jesus’ mission, as our

liturgy puts it, was “to become sin for us,” to risk having his innocence mixed in with guilt and be perceived as sin so as to help carry darkness and sin for others.

Beyond our apologies, all of us, clergy and laity alike, are invited to do something for the church right now, namely, help carry this scandal as Jesus did. Indignantly separating ourselves morally from this sin is not the way of Jesus and the cross.

Like Mary standing under the cross, we must not replicate the anger and darkness of the moment so as to give it back in kind. Instead, like her, we must do the only thing possible sometimes when standing beneath the consequence of sin, that is, let our posture, like Mary’s, speak deeply through a voice that, unlike bitterness or collapse, says: “Today, I can’t stop this darkness, nobody can. Sometimes darkness

just has its hour. But, I can stop some of the sin and bitterness that’s in the moment by absorbing it, not distancing myself from it and not giving it back in kind.” Sometimes darkness has its moment and we, followers of Jesus, may not self servingly distance ourselves from the sin, but need to help absorb it.

Sometimes all we can do is put our mouths to the dust ... and pray ... and wait. Knowing that, at some future time, the stone will again roll away from the tomb.

**Father Rolheiser, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate priest, is president of the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, an author, a retreat master and a newspaper columnist. More information about his ministry is available on his website: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com).**

## The McCarrick Mess

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Mind you, I’m not saying for a moment that these aren’t important considerations and that some of the suggestions might not have real merit. But, I am saying that launching into a consideration of these matters that we have been debating for decades, and that will certainly not admit of an easy adjudication amounts right now to a distraction.

So what should be done? The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has no juridical or canonical authority to discipline bishops. And even if it tried to

launch an investigation, it has, at the moment, very little credibility. Only the pope has juridical and disciplinary powers in regard to bishops. Hence, I would suggest (as a lowly backbencher auxiliary) that the bishops of the United States – all of us – petition the Holy Father to form a team, made up mostly of faithful lay Catholics skilled in forensic investigation, and to empower them to have access to all of the relevant documentation and financial records. Their task should be to determine how Archbishop McCarrick managed, despite his widespread reputation for iniquity,

to rise through the ranks of the hierarchy and to continue, in his retirement years, to function as a roving ambassador for the church and to have a disproportionate influence on the appointment of bishops. They should ask the ecclesial version of Sen. Howard Baker’s famous questions: “What did the responsible parties know and when did they know it?” Only after these matters are settled will we know what the next steps ought to be.

In the meantime, and above all, we

should ask the heavenly powers to fight with us and for us. I might suggest especially calling upon the one who crushes the head of the serpent.

**Bishop Barron is an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, headquartered in Des Plaines, Illinois. A nonprofit global media apostolate, additional information is available at [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org).**

## Immaculate Heart Fund collection benefits parochial school students

STEUBENVILLE — A special collection for the Immaculate Heart Fund – which provides tuition assistance to students in parish parochial schools in the Diocese of Steubenville – will be taken up in all parishes in the diocese Sept. 22-23.

The Immaculate Heart Fund was created by former Steubenville Bishop R. Daniel Conlon (now bishop of the Joliet, Illinois, Diocese) in 2006. The fund was established through private donations after study

determined that cost is the biggest factor that prevents parents or guardians from sending their child or children to parochial schools in the diocese.

Contributions to the Immaculate Heart Fund can be made through parishes, online at [www.diosteub.org](http://www.diosteub.org) or mailed to the Immaculate Heart Fund, P.O. Box 969, Steubenville, OH 43952. Information on the fund is available from parochial schools in the diocese.

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**Belle Valley** — Beginning Sept. 16, Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., until Mother's Day, at Corpus Christi Church.

**Belle Valley/Caldwell** — Masses will be celebrated Sept. 9 at 8:30 a.m., at Corpus Christi Church, Belle Valley, and at 10 a.m., at St. Stephen Church, Caldwell.

**Carrollton** — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sept. 7, at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

**Chesapeake** — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin at St. Ann Church. A session will be held from 7-9 p.m., Sept. 27, at the church hall. For additional information, telephone Father Charles E. Moran, pastor of St. Ann Parish, at (740) 867-4434 or Sue Pfaffenberger at (740) 867-4184.

**Little Hocking** — A "Renew Your Spirit Ladies Retreat Day" will be held from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Oct. 13, at St. Ambrose Church. Speakers at the retreat include Mary Segrest, a parishioner of St. Ambrose Parish and School Sister of Notre Dame Lauretta Rose Koscielniak, who is a parishioner of St. Ambrose Parish and volunteers at the Sacred Heart Retreat House, Coolville. Music will be provided by Kay Carter, a parishioner of St. Mary of the Hills Parish, Butchel, where she is director of the music ministry. The day will include confessions, group discussions, praying the rosary and lunch. Admission is a \$10 donation. For additional information or to make reservations, contact Rita Rodgers, telephone (740) 423-5697, or email rdrodgers2417@gmail.com; or contact Becky Hennen, telephone (740) 989-2460, or email becky1097@windstream.net. Reservations need to be made by Oct. 6.

**Marietta** — A special collection will be taken up at the celebration of Masses Sept. 8-9, at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, for the repair of the steps on the Fourth St. entrance of the basilica.

**Marietta** — A "Fall Festival," sponsored by St. Mary School, 320 Marion St., will be held Sept. 28-30, at the parish center. The festival begins at 7 p.m., Sept. 28. A \$60 ticket admits two people, and includes food and beverages. The event also includes silent auctions, cash prizes and a live basket auction at 8:30 p.m. Super bingo will be held Sept. 29, including a free meal of chicken noodles, mashed potatoes and apple crisp; the meal is served at 4 p.m. On Sept. 30, a chicken dinner will be served from 1-5 p.m. Raffles will be drawn in the afternoon. For additional information or to purchase tickets, telephone the school office at (740) 374-8181.

**Steubenville** — Life Chain Sunday, a pro-life movement, will be held Oct. 7. Participants will gather at Holy Family Church, at 1:30 p.m., and stand along Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, from 2-3 p.m. Signs will be available. For additional information, telephone Dan Hawrot at (740) 424-4100.

**Toronto** — Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith can telephone Father Thomas A. Vennitti, pastor of St. Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi parishes, at (740) 537-4433.

**Wintersville** — Our Lady of Lourdes Parish CWC will participate in a bake sale Sept. 12, in front of Diamond Drug Pharmacy, 503 Cadiz Road. It coincides with the health fair being held at the pharmacy that day.

**Wintersville** — The Mother of Hope Deanery will meet at 2 p.m., Sept. 16, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

## Bishop Monforton to celebrate Blue Mass



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will celebrate a Blue Mass, honoring police, fire and emergency personnel and their families, at 10 a.m., Sept. 9, at St. Peter Church, Steubenville. Gathered on a recent afternoon in the parking lot at St. Peter Church, from left, are Rachel Huntsman and Robert Gaffney, both from Ambulance Service Inc., Steubenville; Alex Hart, Eric Hart, a Steubenville police officer; Bishop Monforton, Carlo Capaldi, Steubenville fire chief, and Chris Takach, Steubenville assistant fire chief. Attendees at the Blue Mass should be at the church by 9:45 a.m., in uniform, for a group photograph with the bishop. A reception in the church basement will follow Mass. Bishop Monforton will bless safety vehicles, if asked, following the Mass. (Photo by DiCenzo)

## Around and About

**Barton** — The Barton Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a polka dance, from 2-6 p.m., Sept. 30, at the firemen's field, 52176 Center St. The dance will feature Charlie Tasek and Chicago Tradition, a polka band. A Polish kitchen and raffles will be available. Cost of admission is \$8; free for participants 18 years of age and under. For additional information, telephone (740) 695-3029. All proceeds benefit the building of a new fire station.

**Bloomington** — The "Uniting the Faithful Conference" will be held Oct. 5-7, celebrating Catholics United for the Faith's 50th anniversary of apostolic service. The conference will include eucharistic procession, extraordinary and ordinary form Masses, confession and discussions. For additional information or to register, visit [www.cuf.org](http://www.cuf.org).

**Churchtown** — A benefit dinner for Mary's House, a home to serve pregnant women, 18 years of age and older, will be held at 5 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Knights of Columbus Council 4617 hall, 17784 Ohio Route 676. The benefit will include a baked steak or chicken dinner, raffles and auctions. Tickets cost \$50. For additional information or to purchase tickets, telephone Teresa Coleman at (740) 350-1676, Cheryl McCutcheon at (740) 516-0858 or Lorri Murphy at (740) 624-1159.

**Glen Dale, W.Va.** — A novena to St. Jude will be prayed at 7 p.m., Wednesdays, through Oct. 24, at St. Jude Parish, 710 Jefferson Ave. St. Jude is the

patron saint of desperate cases. The novena will include prayer, homily, eucharistic exposition and Benediction. For additional information, telephone (304) 845-2646.

**Martins Ferry** — Knights of Columbus Mother of God Council 1421 will sponsor a fish fry, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sept. 7, at the council home, 25 N. Fourth St. Eat in or take out is available. To order, telephone (740) 633-0528.

**Pomeroy** — A pancake breakfast, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Msgr. John Joseph Jessing Council 1664, will be held Sept. 9, following the celebration of the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Admission is a donation; parish school of religion students and teachers eat for free. For additional information, telephone Myron Franckowiak at (740) 992-6004.

**Steubenville** — A "September Lecture Series" will be held in the Tony and Nina Gentile Gallery, at J.C. Williams Center, on the campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville. "The Dual Foundation of Humanae Vitae," will be presented Sept. 14, by John Finnis, a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. "Does God Kill People? Understanding God's Actions in the Old Testament," will be presented Sept. 21, by John Bergsma, Scott Hahn and Michael Waldstein, theology professors at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Both lectures begin at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

## Obituaries

**Elizabeth "Betty" Jurczak Beaver**, 82, Bridgeport, St. Mary, Martins Ferry, Aug. 20.

**William "Bill" Clark**, 52, St. Stephen, Caldwell, Aug. 29.

**Dr. Joseph Essman**, 82, Athens, St. Paul, Aug. 13.

**Travis J. Fagan**, 31, Our Lady of Mercy,

Lowell, July 28.

**Dr. Michael Ginder**, 48, Athens, St. Paul, Aug. 16.

**Timothy J. Henson**, 60, St. Gabriel, Minvera, Aug. 21.

**Domenico A. Mannella**, 97, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Aug. 23.

**Mildred "Millie" DeFede Reese**, 85, Columbus, Ohio, St. Mary, Martins Ferry, Aug. 11.

**Marjorie L. Ruppel**, 77, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fulda, Aug. 30.

**Deborah E. Swallow**, 67, Athens, Christ the King University Parish, Aug. 14.

## Franciscan University begins school year with record new-student enrollment

STEUBENVILLE — In an era when many private and public universities are experiencing declines in enrollment due to demographic shifts and other factors, Franciscan University of Steubenville will welcome its largest-ever incoming class with 680 new students attending orientation for the fall 2018 semester. That total represents a five percent increase from last year and includes the largest number of new male students in the university's history.

The freshmen and transfers join a student body hailing from 50 states and 12 countries.

Through the generosity of donors, a record \$7,300,000 in financial aid was given to students this year, both for those with high grades and those with high financial



Pictured above is Christ the King Chapel, located on the campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville. (Photo provided)

need, including students who come from large families.

As has become his tradition, Third

Order Regular Franciscan Father Sean O. Sheridan, president of Franciscan University, greeted new students and helped carry their belongings to their rooms on move-in day.

"Students often tell us they want to experience a living Catholic culture that points them to what is good, true and beautiful, while being prepared for their God-given career or vocation," said Father Sheridan.

"Today's record enrollment confirms that Franciscan's excellent academics and strong faith community continue to fulfill that desire."

Franciscan University's admissions office reported that new students selected Franciscan based on factors including the

school's 70 academic programs, the faith households program, mission outreaches and works of mercy programs, NCAA Division III athletics and the opportunity to study for a semester in Europe.

To help meet the growing student population, St. Junipero Serra Hall, an all-male residence hall, opened this fall semester. Located on the site of a former hotel on University Boulevard, St. Junipero Serra Hall was renovated to accommodate 181 male students.

"(St. Junipero) Serra Hall is a recognition of our stability as a residential campus, and it is an indication of our confidence of the future growth of our student body," said Father Sheridan.

## USCCB president seeks papal audience, answers to former nuncio's questions

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said he was "eager for an audience" with Pope Francis to gain his support for the bishops' plan to respond to the clergy sexual abuse crisis.

In an Aug. 27 statement, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston also said that the questions raised by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, former nuncio to the United States, in a letter published by two Catholic media outlets "deserve answers that are conclusive and based on evidence."

"Without those answers, innocent men may be tainted by false accusations and the guilty may be left to repeat the sins of the past," the cardinal said.

In his 11-page letter, published Aug. 26, Archbishop Vigano accused church officials, including Pope Francis, of failing to act on accusations of abuse of conscience and power by now-Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick. Archbishop Vigano claimed he told Pope Francis about

Cardinal McCarrick in 2013.

Archbishop Vigano, who served as nuncio to the United States from 2011 to 2016, wrote that he was compelled to write his knowledge of Archbishop McCarrick's misdeeds because "corruption has reached the very top of the church's hierarchy."

In his statement, Cardinal DiNardo reiterated an Aug. 16 call for an apostolic visitation, working with a national lay commission granted independent authority, to investigate the "many questions surround Archbishop McCarrick."

He also said he convened members of the USCCB Executive Committee Aug. 26 and that they "reaffirmed the call for a prompt and thorough examination into how the grave moral failings of a brother bishop could have been tolerated for so long and proven no impediment to his advancement."

The plan earlier outlined by Cardinal DiNardo also called for detailed proposals to make reporting of abuse and misconduct

by bishops easier and improve procedures for resolving complaints against bishops.

Cardinal DiNardo again apologized to abuse survivors and their families. "You are no longer alone," he said.

The statement explained how since 2002, professionally trained staff have worked with the U.S. church to support survivors and prevent future abuse. He pointed to the steps the church has put in place in response to abuse including the zero-tolerance policy regarding clergy abuse: safe environment training in diocesan offices, parishes and schools, background checks

for church workers and volunteers working around children, victim assistance coordinators, prompt reporting to civil authorities and diocesan lay review boards.

"In other ways, we have failed you. This is especially true for adults being sexually harassed by those in positions of power, and for any abuse or harassment perpetrated by a bishop," Cardinal DiNardo said.

"We will do better. The more she is buffeted by storms, the more I am reminded that the church's firm foundation is Jesus Christ. The failures of men cannot diminish the light of the Gospel."

### Schools celebrate Mass together



A new tradition began recently for Catholic Central High School and Bishop John King Mussio Central Junior High School, both in Steubenville. Both schools attended the celebration of Mass together, and Father Michael W. Gossett, chaplain of Catholic Central High School, processed with the Eucharist to the chapel, where it will remain until the end of the school year. Assisting Father Gossett are, Matthew Kilonsky, pictured left, and Anthony Fallon, who are both seniors at Catholic Central High School. Adoration is often held in the chapel. (Photo provided)



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# Sacred Heart and St. John Vianney parishes are set to close next month

By Dino Orsatti  
Editor

STEUBENVILLE — Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton announced that St. John Vianney Parish, Powhatan Point, will close Oct. 6, and Sacred Heart Parish, Neffs, will close Oct. 7, due to the July 25 retirement of Father Samuel R. Saprano, former pastor of St. Mary, Shadyside, and St. John Vianney parishes.

The territory of the St. John Vianney Parish will become



(Photo provided)

St. John Vianney Church, Powhatan Point

part of the territory of St. Mary Parish, Shadyside, while the territory of Sacred Heart Parish will become part of the territory of St. John Parish, Bellaire. Father Daniel Heusel will be pastor of both St. Mary and St. John parishes, effective Oct. 7.

Bishop Monforton decreed the two closings following a diocesan deanery pastoral plan that was approved in 2009 by his predecessor Bishop R. Daniel Conlon (now bishop of Joliet, Illinois). The plan considered parish reconfigurations within the context of numbers of available priests and several other factors.

Sacred Heart Church was built in Neffs, in 1905. A school building was built first and served as a church and rectory until 1913, when the current brick church was built.

St. John Vianney Parish was founded in Powhatan Point in 1934 and the church was built three years later. It was the first church in which Diocese of Steubenville's first bishop, Bishop John King Mussio, administered the sacrament of confirmation.

Bishop Monforton said, "I am well aware that this will be a difficult time for all of you, and I share in your sadness. I will be celebrating the final Masses at the two closing parishes. I will celebrate Mass at St. John Vianney, 6 p.m., Oct. 6, and at Sacred Heart, 8:30 a.m., Oct. 7."

The bishop added, "We give thanks to God for the

blessings and graces he has bestowed on these parishes over these years, and I thank you for the time, talent and treasures, the very tools of missionary discipleship that you have devoted to these parishes. I pray that we all may see in this necessary change the opportunity to grow closer to the Lord Jesus."

All sacramental records will be transferred from St. John Vianney, Sacred Heart and St. Mary to the central office that will be established at St. John, Bellaire.



(Photo provided)

Sacred Heart Church, Neffs

## DECREE

Whereas "the parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration" (Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, 28);

Whereas the Parish of St. John Vianney was erected in Powhatan Point in 1934;

Whereas when "the good of the faithful so requires" and according to the norm of law, the diocesan Bishop is to "alter territorial boundaries, to divide parishes that are too large, to merge small parishes, to establish new parishes or non-territorial centres for pastoral service in the community, or even to reorganize completely the arrangement of parishes" (Congregation for Bishops, Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops *Apostolorum Successores*, 214);

Whereas my predecessor, the Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, launched the study and formulation of deanery pastoral plans between 2004 and 2009, considering, among other things, parish reconfigurations within the context of numbers of available priests, Mass times and Mass attendance, church seating capacity, the fiscal condition of parishes, conditions of physical plants, and ministerial collaboration;

Whereas the Deanery Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Steubenville, having undergone all of the necessary canonical and pastoral consultations, was approved by the Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon on February 20, 2009;

Whereas the aforesaid Deanery Pastoral Plan still retains its force as a guiding norm for the Diocese of Steubenville;

Whereas the Deanery Pastoral Plan for Presentation Deanery states that "St. Mary, Shadyside, and St. John Vianney, Powhatan Point, will be served by their current pastor. When this latter pastor (Father Samuel R. Saprano) leaves his assignment...St. John Vianney will close and join with St. Mary" and St. Mary and St. John Parish, Bellaire, "will share a pastor."

Whereas the Reverend Samuel R. Saprano retired as pastor of St. Mary, Shadyside, and St. John Vianney, Powhatan Point, on July 25, 2018;

Therefore, in accord with canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, I hereby decree the following:

1. The Parish of St. John Vianney, Powhatan Point, shall be closed, effective at the conclusion of the day, October 6, 2018, and the territory of the Parish of St. John Vianney shall be merged and united with and become part of the territory of the Parish of St. Mary, Shadyside;
2. All patrimony, ecclesiastical goods, and debts of St. John Vianney Parish shall become the patrimony, ecclesiastical goods, and debts of St. Mary Parish with the effective enactment of this decree;
3. Offerings for Masses accepted by St. John Vianney Parish shall be satisfied by the Pastor of St. Mary Parish within one year or transferred by him to other priests if necessary;
4. All sacramental records, other records, files, and archives shall be transferred from St. John Vianney to the central office that shall be established at St. John, Bellaire, to serve the parishes of St. Mary and St. John.

I direct that this decree be given to the Parochial Administrator *pro tem* of St. John Vianney Parish and St. Mary Parish, as well as the Pastor of St. John Parish, and its contents that are contained in my August 29, 2018, letter to the people of the affected parishes be communicated at all Masses on the weekend of September 1 and September 2, 2018. A petition for revocation or emendation of this decree is subject to canons 1732-1739.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery at Steubenville, Ohio, on the Memorial of St. Augustine, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August in the Year of Our Lord, 2018.

Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton  
Bishop of Steubenville

Reverend Bradley W. Greer  
Chancellor



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Whereas the Parish of Sacred Heart was erected in Neffs in 1905;

Whereas when "the good of the faithful so requires" and according to the norm of law, the diocesan Bishop is to "alter territorial boundaries, to divide parishes that are too large, to merge small parishes, to establish new parishes or non-territorial centres for pastoral service in the community, or even to reorganize completely the arrangement of parishes" (Congregation for Bishops, Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops *Apostolorum Successores*, 214);

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Therefore, in accord with canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, I hereby decree the following:

1. The Parish of Sacred Heart, Neffs, shall be closed, effective at the conclusion of the day, October 7, 2018, and the territory of the Parish of Sacred Heart shall be merged and united with and become part of the territory of the Parish of St. John, Bellaire;
2. All patrimony, ecclesiastical goods, and debts of Sacred Heart Parish shall become the patrimony, ecclesiastical goods, and debts of St. John Parish with the effective enactment of this decree;
3. Offerings for Masses accepted by Sacred Heart Parish shall be satisfied by the Pastor of St. John Parish within one year or transferred by him to other priests if necessary;
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