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## News Briefs

### Special collection for hurricane victims

STEUBENVILLE/WASHINGTON, D.C. — In response to the needs of those who have suffered as a result of Hurricane Harvey, Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton announced a special collection will be taken up in diocesan parishes Sept. 9-10.

In late August and earlier this month, Hurricane Harvey left damage, especially in southeast Texas, from high winds and rain.

“Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones as well as to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy,” Bishop Monforton said. “Our prayerful and financial support is urgently needed.”

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called on bishops to consider the special collection. He said funds given to the collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

### ‘Hear the cry of the earth,’ pope urges

VATICAN CITY (CNS)/WASHINGTON, D.C. — Environmental destruction is a sign of a “morally decaying scenario” in which too many people ignore or deny that, from the beginning, “God intended humanity to cooperate in the preservation and protection of the natural environment,” leaders of the Catholic and Orthodox churches said.

Marking the Sept. 1 World Day of Prayer for Creation, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople issued a joint message. They urged government and business leaders “to respond to the plea of millions and support the consensus of the world for the healing of our wounded creation.”

Looking at the description of the Garden of Eden from the Book of Genesis, the pope and patriarch said, “The earth was entrusted to us as a sublime gift and legacy.” But, they said, “our propensity to interrupt the world’s delicate and balanced ecosystems, our insatiable desire to manipulate and control the planet’s limited resources, and our greed for limitless profit in markets – all these have alienated us from the original purpose of creation.”

Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Venice, Florida, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, New Mexico, chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, issued a statement echoing Pope Francis’ call that all people, “Christians or not, ... should be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home.”



St. Mary Central School students contemplate the next move to complete their interactive learning on Osmo, which teaches critical thinking and creative problem solving, said Nannette Kennedy, principal of the parochial school in St. Clairsville. Osmo enables the iPad to merge the power of physical play and collaboration with the digital advantages of real-time feedback. Third graders, taught by Michele Anderson, gather around Osmo in St. Mary Central School’s library. They are Peyton Planey, standing; and seated from left, Carson Ryder, Leah Butts, Leah Grady and Madison Gerevics. Cathy Holubeck serves as the auxiliary clerk for the school’s library and computer lab. (Photo by DeFrancis)

## With fall in sight, students are back in classrooms

STEUBENVILLE — Fall, associated with the start of school, begins Sept. 22, but by that date students in parochial schools throughout the Diocese of Steubenville will be enconced in their routines.

At August’s end, most elementary, junior high and high school students in the parochial schools in Belmont, Guernsey, Jefferson, Lawrence, Monroe and Washington counties were in their seats.

Preschoolers through 12th-graders at **St. John Central Grade and High School, Bellaire**, were greeted by a new principal, Jarett T. Kuhns, who previously had walked the halls as a student. Now the holder of bachelor’s and master’s degrees, Kuhns has expressed enthusiasm at the opportunity to lead his alma mater.

Kuhns is being aided by longtime St. John Central educator,

Theresa Young. She serves as the director of administrative programs for the 3625 Guernsey St. school.

Former St. John Central student Johnetta Leonard-Yaegel is the director of advancement. Jaela Koller, previously an assistant coach, is St. John Central’s new director of athletics. Tom Sable is the director of finance. Matthew Berher, music teacher, has taken on the role of guidance counselor, also.

Father Daniel Heusel, pastor of St. John Parish, Bellaire, and Sacred Heart Parish, Neffs, and Father Timothy P. McGuire, pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Colerain, are the elementary and high school pastoral administrators, respectively.

When school started Aug. 24 at **St. Mary Central School, Martins Ferry**, students were assigned to “houses.” Mary

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## 'Ask the Bishop'

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

**Q:** How did God come to be?

**Gracie McQuain  
Cambridge**

**A:** While a similar metaphysical question was asked some time ago in "Ask the Bishop," let's take a different approach to the very foundation of human and Christian life: the Eternal God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraphs 282-285, acknowledges the intellectual curiosity of the origins of the world and how the universe came to be. As we ascertain the inner workings of the universe, such as through the laws of physics (as we understand them), more questions seem to emerge. In our common curiosity at the beginnings of creation, the understanding of an Eternal God transcends the discipline of the external sciences.

God is. Whether or not we employ external scientific data or the Creation Narrative from the Book of Genesis, we account that God existed before time itself. The catechism explains that, "The existence of God the Creator can be known with certainty through his works, by the light of human reason" (Paragraph 286). Remember, "the created" is trying to understand the Creator. Not an easy task, but one that requires both faith and reason.

I bring up faith because we know God did not simply create the universe and walk away. That's called deism, and it misses the point of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection: the New Creation. Only the One who existed before time could recreate the world in the divine gift of his Son. God is constantly with us and has willed the universe into existence, and recreated it in his Son, for our benefit and for us in return to love God and to give him glory

in our lives. God has no beginning, but out of his divine love, we do.

**Q:** Why did all the people in Jerusalem say, "Crucify him," when the day before they were worshiping and praying with him?

**Dillon Arai  
Bloomingdale**

**A:** This question takes us to the common Gospel passage of the Passion Narrative we hear both at Passion Sunday and Good Friday. In fact, we begin the Passion Sunday liturgy recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with our proclamation: "Hosanna in the Highest!" The question remains: What transpired between Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and his presentation by Pontius Pilate before the crowd?

The Gospel writers, the evangelists, indicate how many religious leaders of Jesus' day were frightened by his works, were angry by his truthful and confrontational words, and saw Jesus as a threat to their very authority. The religious leaders plotted against Jesus, even to the point of attempting to arrest him even before his arrival to Jerusalem. In other words, the plan to attack Jesus, to the point of his suffering and death, was already a reality.

We are familiar in our day how crowds can be incited to the point of words of hate and actions of violence. This is not unique to our era, for we witness it firsthand in the trial and condemnation of Jesus. The injustice done toward Jesus finds its source in sin itself, the tragic rejection of God's enduring love. The story of Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem to the Passion Narrative, of his rejection, suffering and death, demonstrates to you and to me that we must avoid being fickle about our faith, for throughout our lives God is always present and faithful.

**Q:** Why do we use holy water when

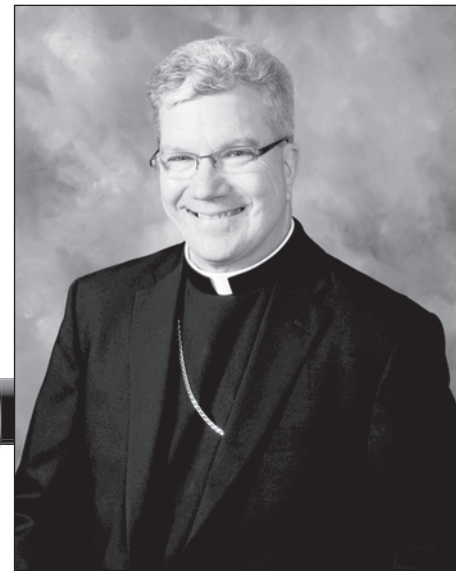
we enter (church for) Mass?

**Michelle Pham  
Steubenville**

**A:** This is another question similar to a previous one presented in "Ask the Bishop." The fundamental definition of holy water is: "Blessed water, a sacramental whose sprinkling of use is a reminder of Baptism and the means of sanctification" (catechism, Glossary). A sacramental is a sacred sign which disposes us to be open to receiving the sacraments, and they render various occasions in life holy (catechism, Paragraph 1667).

The sprinkling of holy water or, as you indicated, the use of holy water when making the sign of the cross, recalls our Baptism. The use of holy water disposes us and prepares us to receive God's gift of grace and thereby cooperating with it. Holy water blesses people, items and even events, orienting our lives toward the kingdom of God and our common role as God's ambassadors.

Keeping with the theme of our second question, the very source of each sacramental is the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. To this end, holy water



**Bishop Monforton**

directs us to our own sanctification and to praise God, the source of all that is good.

*Together we pray for a successful academic year, as both teacher and student pursue the noble task of faith seeking understanding. God bless you and your family.*

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## With fall in sight

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Carolyn Nichelson, principal of the 24 N. Fourth St. school, said the school structure has been patterned like that used by J.K. Rowling, who authored the Harry Potter fantasy series, read by millions and adapted into movies. However, at St. Mary Central the house names are relevant to the Catholic Church – Our Lady of Fatima, Guadalupe and Lourdes and the Immaculate Conception.

Already, Nichelson said, students have met in their houses, reflective of each St. Mary Central grade, and begun research on the names of the houses, which will be defined by virtues. Feast days of the houses' namesakes will be celebrated.

Students will earn points for their houses, and winners will be announced throughout the year, Nichelson said.

"It is going to have a lot of positive effects on the school," Nichelson said of the new structure. She said she has seen, already, that the older students are interacting more positively with the younger ones, for example, as they walk to Mass at the adjacent St. Mary Church.

Father Thomas Marut, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Martins Ferry, is pastoral administrator of St. Mary Central School, Martins Ferry.

In **St. Clairsville, St. Mary Central School** students have more new computer equipment, said Nannette Kennedy, principal. With the purchase of 40 more iPads for the school, three-fourths of the classes in the school have access to iPads daily. By next year, she predicted, the entire school population will be able to boast their continual use.

The iPads, Kennedy said, are providing a creative way for students to work on basic skills and just have fun. The programs for them are interactive. "That is what we are looking for, not just students sitting in front of computers," Kennedy said.

Also, at the 226 W. Main St. school, each group of students is experiencing something different, outside the box, as Kennedy put it, whether it is in the reading emphasized in prekindergarten through second grade or art history for fifth- through eighth-graders.

Father Thomas A. Chillog, pastor of St. Mary Parish, St. Clairsville, is pastoral administrator of the nearby St. Mary Central School.

The new school year opened Aug. 22 at **St. Benedict School, Cambridge**, while for the first time ever preschoolers were in the 220 N. Seventh St. school Sept. 5, said Principal Jane Rush. Twenty-three 4 or 5 year olds are enrolled. Audra Carpenter is the director and head teacher of the St. Benedict prekindergarten, which focuses on positive interaction and relationships, social-emotional competence, constructive and purposeful play, interaction with the environment and partnerships with families. The program follows Ohio's early learning and development standards.

Each month of the 2017-18 school year, the focus at St. Benedict will be on a different part of the prayer of St.

Francis, since this year's theme is labeled, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace," Rush said.

Aiding in the instruction of the kindergarten through eighth-graders are Sarah Klinger, returning to St. Benedict, after a short absence, as third-grade teacher; Judith Jones-Hayes, new to fifth grade; and Amanda Shreve, physical education instructor.

The students, too, are taught by Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Manitowoc, Wisconsin. They include Sister Jan Villemure, junior high religion and math; Sister June Smith, office assistance and tutoring; Sister Helen Marie Paul, librarian; and Sister Carol Juckem, music.

Also, Father Jonas A. Shell, parochial vicar to Father Paul E. Hrezo, pastor, Christ Our Light Parish, which supports St. Benedict School, is the new chaplain for the prekindergarten through eighth-graders.

Father Hrezo is the school's pastoral administrator.

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**Katie Rauch and Marlee Stollar receive \$500 Irish Booster scholarships, said Susan T. Rauch, right, principal of St. Mary School, Marietta. Father Thomas A. Nelson, parochial vicar to Msgr. John Michael Campbell, rector of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, which supports St. Mary School, joins in congratulating the scholarship recipients. Katie Rauch is the daughter of Dave and Cathy Rauch. She is a sophomore at Miami (Ohio) University, majoring in kinesiology. Stollar is the daughter of Vince and Shelly Stollar. She is a sophomore at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, majoring in agriculture communications. The scholarships are awarded to St. Mary School alumni based on what they say the school provided them, their academic successes, involvement in the community and character. The previous year's scholarship recipients were Logan Arnold and Emma Martin. Arnold is studying applied mathematics at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. Martin studies biology at Boston (Massachusetts) University. (Photo provided)**

**Junior High School, Steubenville**, is starting its 10th year, Theresa Danaher, principal said. The school was created after study was done on parochial education in the municipality.

Because of the benchmark, Danaher said the school will

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## Bishop Monforton's Schedule

### September

- 9 Final Profession Mass, Sister Maria Ecclesiae, Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory, Steubenville, 10 a.m.  
Confirmation Mass, St. Mary Church, Martins Ferry, 4:30 p.m.
- 10 Blue Mass, St. Peter Church, Steubenville, 10 a.m.
- 12 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m.  
Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 13 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m.  
Diocesan Finance Council meeting, chancery, Steubenville, 9:30 a.m.  
Diocesan building commission meeting, Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 14 Presbyteral Council meeting, St. Clairsville, 1 p.m.  
Diocesan "Decree on Child Protection" workshop, St. Mary Church, St. Clairsville, 6 p.m.
- 16 Mass, Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother Father of Mercy Chapel, Toronto, 4 p.m.  
Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother benefit banquet, St. Florian Hall, Wintersville, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 White Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church, Wintersville, 11 a.m.
- 19 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 7 a.m.  
Board of Regents meeting, St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, 10:30 a.m.  
Franciscan University of Steubenville, 6 p.m.
- 20 Mass, Holy Rosary Church, Steubenville, 8:30 a.m.
- 21 WAOB radio segment, 7:40 a.m., 8:40 a.m. and 6:40 p.m.  
Mass, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 12:05 p.m.
- 22 Chancery staff day of recollection, Franciscan Sisters Third Order Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, Toronto, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Hiking with Franciscan University of Steubenville students, 8 a.m.  
Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, football game, 7 p.m.

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# Elementary Schools

## St. John Central School 3625 Guernsey St. 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, 98 students, 11 lay faculty and one religious

**Special Programs:** Internet accessible computer lab and classroom computers, Smart Board interactive learning, iPads for use by students, accelerated math for grades seven and eight, upper-level math through St. John Central High School, Bellaire, Student Council, science fair, spelling bee, Tournament of Truth, speech services, psychological services and federal hot lunch program

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

**Principal:** Jarett T. Kuhns

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

**Tuition:** parishioners – \$2,150, one child; \$3,700, two children; and \$4,650, three children; nonparishioners – \$2,750, one child; \$4,900, two children; \$6,450, three children

**Financial Aid:** Kremer Foundation, 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, 100 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:** Permanent Deacon Paul D. 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 Evan Schaad, Kenley Schwendeman, Laura Schott, Ellie Tullius, Derrick Pottmeyer, Paulette Tome and Father Timothy Davison; ex-officio, Moegling and Pam Keeney

**Tuition:** parishioners – kindergarten-eight, one child, \$2,262; two, \$3,675; three, \$5,088; preschool, \$1,196; early learning, \$965; and nonparishioners – one child, \$3,547; two, \$7,021; preschool, \$1,196; early learning, \$965

**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, 23; kindergarten-eight, 87 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, spelling bee, 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:** Jane Rush

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father Paul E. Hrezo, pastoral administrator; Rush, principal; Kelly Jackson, Casey McVicker, Missy Nau, Adam Sikora, Andrew Stanberry 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:** Montessori 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, Presidential Physical Fitness Award, 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:** Susan T. Rauch

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Msgr. John Michael Campbell, pastoral administrator; Father Thomas A. Nelson, parochial vicar to Msgr. Campbell; Rauch, principal; Jenny Altenburger, David Baker, Tammi Bradley, Brian Chavez, Sue Cisar, Tony Huffman, Lori Lutz, Ben Schenkel, Kerry Westermeyer and Carol Wharff

**Tuition:** parishioners – Montessori preschool, half day, \$2,680; prekindergarten through eighth grade, \$2,860, one child; \$5,215, two children; \$7,470, three children; \$9,600, four children, and \$11,680, five children; and nonparishioners – \$3,000 per child, Montessori preschool, half day, and \$5,000 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, 128 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

**Interim Principal:** Chris Monte

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

**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, Computer Club, 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, \$1,900, one child; \$2,375, two children; \$2,900, three or more children; nonparishioner, kindergarten-eight, \$2,050, one child; \$2,525, two children; \$3,050, three or more children; preschool: 3 year olds, \$750; 4 year olds, \$900

**Financial Aid:** Adopt-a-Child, Kremer grant, Immaculate Heart Fund, Jon Peterson 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:** kindergarten-eight, 138 students; preschool/prekindergarten, 26; 13 lay faculty, speech therapist, school psychologist, Title I tutoring, health aide and physical education classes

**Special Programs:** school Masses, faith celebrations, cantors and choir, Student Council, Accelerated Reader, service and community projects and Washington, D.C., trip every other year for seventh- and eighth-graders

**Athletics:** Junior Irish sports – grades five through eight – football, cross country, basketball, cheerleading, track, volleyball and wrestling

**Principal:** Nannette Kennedy

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

**Tuition:** parishioners – \$2,625, one child; \$3,918, two children; \$4,900, three or more children; and nonparishioners – \$3,175, one child; \$4,618, two children; \$5,550, 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. 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:** July 1, 2008

**Size:** preschool-sixth grade, 380 students, 24 full-time lay faculty, two part-time faculty and 11 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, Golden Speakers Club, Little Flowers, Spanish Club and special needs students on Jon Peterson and Autism Scholarship programs

**Athletics:** grades five and 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:** parishioners – \$2,500 for first child; \$2,000 for second child; \$1,600 for third child; fourth child, free if all children are in the elementary school; and nonparishioners – \$2,550 for one child; \$2,000 for second child; \$1,550 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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**Parishes:** St. Sylvester, Woodsfield; St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg; and St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis

**Founded:** 1870

**Size:** preschool, 35 students; kindergarten-eight, 81 students, 11 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

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**Founded:** 2008

**Size:** seventh through eighth grade, 110 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, chess, architecture, medical

careers, robotics, create a card, 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, \$2,800; out of parish, \$2,985; family fee, \$100

**Financial Aid:** through the Immaculate Heart Fund and scholarships from the Kremer Foundation, Msgr. Paul L. Richter, eighth-grade class, Knights of Columbus and Humienny

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## St. John Paul II The Holy Spirit and Resurrection

By Diocese of Steubenville  
Bishop Emeritus Gilbert I. Sheldon

St. John Paul offers an important observation on the role of the Holy Spirit in the resurrection of Jesus. We recall that in the humanity of Jesus, the second person of the blessed Trinity, the Son of God, took on what we might consider a “standard” human nature. By that, we mean there were no strings attached, no hidden powers or capabilities that other human beings do not possess. But, he worked miracles, did he not? He must have had something more going for him as a man. Yes, but not as a man. He did possess the fullness of the divine life that we call “grace.” He did so by the action of the Holy Spirit – the same Holy Spirit that bestows that life on us through baptism and the other sacraments, as well as directly, if God should so choose. That fullness of divine life manifested itself in his miraculous powers. But, why cannot we who receive that grace work miracles? We can! Did Our Lord not tell the disciples: “These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons. They will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover” (Mk 16:17-18). There was never a time in the history of the church when miracles were not worked – by saints, or through their intercession. The problem is that we are not saints; we are not fully living or responding to that grace. Most of us still need work to be done!

But, there’s more to the work of the Holy Spirit. The resurrection of Jesus was itself accomplished by the work of the Spirit. That’s why we read where Peter said to the crowds: “The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this, we are witnesses” (Acts 3:15). It was not by Jesus’ own power as man that he arose, but

*“It was not by Jesus’ own power as man that he arose, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is that same Holy Spirit who will raise our bodies on the last day.”*

by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is that same Holy Spirit who will raise our bodies on the last day. Herein, we see the basic thrust of the apostolic preaching: resurrection of the dead – not only of Jesus, but of all who believe and follow him! This is what Christ offers us: life after death (which, among the Jews of his time, meant with our bodies). They did not distinguish body and soul as we do; to them, life was life as we know it, complete with the body! Life after death was the main “selling point” of the apostles, especially to the gentile world, which was not particularly interested in the messianism of the Jews.

If we examine the earliest teaching of the apostles, we find the resurrection of Jesus as the central theme that goes like this: *Jesus, who was crucified and died, has come back from the dead. We know this. We are witnesses to these things. We saw him and spoke to him after he came back. He promises a like resurrection for all of us, if we but believe and follow his words.* The oldest statement of this theme is found in a Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians: “Now I am reminding you ... of the Gospel, (i.e., the good news) I preached to you. ... Through it you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you. ... For I handed in to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he appeared to Cephas, (i.e., Peter) then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than 500 brothers at once. ... After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as one born out of due time, he appeared to me” (1 Cor 15:1-8).

Quite obviously, Paul expected this “good news” to be welcomed by his hearers, as indeed, it should be by us, today, as well. We all must die. That’s a fact that comes more and more at home to us as we grow older and death comes closer. We begin to ask ourselves whether life was worth living after all. Would I want to start again and live

it all over again? Many of us would probably say, “No way!” – not even knowing all the things we know now. But, if death is not the end, and a whole eternity stretches out before us, things look a lot different! What’s really important, then, is not this life – not the here and now – but the hereafter! This next life is not to be one of sitting around on clouds, strumming a harp – as cartoon art would have it. We are to live it with both body and soul. Some might hesitate on that score, because they would just as soon leave this body they have behind. But, it must be pointed out that the body will be transformed – “glorified,” as Jesus’ body was. No more defects; no more warts; no more cancer; no more getting up at night, etc., etc.

It’s easier for older folks to accept this way than for youth. For young people, life stretches out before them indefinitely. Death is so far in the future that it’s hardly worth their considering. Why is it that, when a nation goes to war, it is the young who flock to the colors (even if it weren’t for the fact they are the ones physically fit to serve)? Sure. They know that men are killed in action in war – but that’s for the other guy. It won’t happen to me. What’s important to them is that this will be the biggest thing that will ever happen in their life. They must be part of it! Even eternity must wait!

Pope John Paul concludes his reflection on the Holy Spirit and Resurrection with a reference to the Eucharist: also including the work of the Holy Spirit. It is not only our guarantee of eternal life, but our guarantee of the body being part of that life: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life everlasting, and I will raise him up on the last day” (Jn 6:34). Raise *what* up? The body, of course! The soul lives on. Too busy to go to church?



Bishop Sheldon

## Bishops’ annual Labor Day statement scores ‘excessive inequality’

By Mark Pattison

WASHINGTON (CNS) — “Excessive inequality” threatens cooperation among all people in society “and the social pact it supports,” said Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, in the U.S. bishops’ annual Labor Day statement.

In the message, Bishop Dewane cited the words of Pope Francis, who told factory workers in Genoa, Italy, “The entire social pact is built around work. This is the core of the problem. Because when you do not work, or you work badly, you work little or you work too much, it is democracy that enters into crisis, and the entire social pact.”

Dated Sept. 4, the federal Labor Day holiday, the statement was released Aug. 30.

Bishop Dewane, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, pointed to a “twisted understanding of labor and laborers” that fosters deepening inequality.

In Genoa, the pope “acknowledges that ‘merit’ is ‘a beautiful word,’” Bishop Dewane said, “but the modern world can often use it ‘ideologically,’ which makes it ‘distorted and perverted’ when it is used for ‘ethically legitimizing inequality.’”

“Wages remain stagnant or are decreasing for the vast

majority of people, while a smaller percentage collect the new wealth being generated. Economic stresses contribute to a decline in marriage rates, increases in births outside of two-parent households and child poverty,” Bishop Dewane added. “Economic instability also hurts the faith community, as Americans who have recently experienced unemployment are less likely to go to church, even though such communities can be a source of great support in difficult times.”

He said, “When a parent – working full time, or even working multiple jobs beyond standard working hours – cannot bring his or her family out of poverty, something is terribly wrong with how we value the work of a person.”

“Pope Francis has said it is ‘inhuman’ that parents must spend so much time working that they cannot play with their children. Surely many wish for more time, but their working conditions do not allow it.”

He quoted St. John Paul II’s encyclical “Centesimus Annus”: “Profit is a regulator of the life of a business, but it is not the only one; other human and moral factors must also be considered which, in the long term, are at least equally important for the life of a business.”

“A culture that obsesses less over endless activity and consumption may, over time, become a culture that values rest for the sake of God and family,” Bishop Dewane said.

He added, “Our Lord’s ‘gaze of love’ embraces men

and women who work long hours without rest to provide for their loved ones; families who move across towns, states and nations, facing the highest risks and often suffering great tragedy in order to find better opportunities; workers who endure unsafe working conditions; low pay

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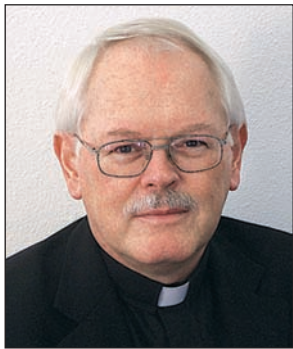
## The Power of Ritual

By Father Ron Rolheiser

I don't always find it easy to pray. Often I'm overtired, distracted, caught up in tasks, pressured by work, short on time, lacking the appetite for prayer, or more strongly drawn to do something else. But I do pray daily; despite the fact that I often don't want to and despite the fact that many times prayer can be boring and uninteresting. I pray daily because I'm committed to a number of rituals for prayer, the office of the church, lauds and vespers, the Eucharist, and daily meditation.

And these rituals serve me well. They hold me, keep me steady, and keep me praying regularly even when, many times, I don't feel like praying. That's the power of ritual. If I only prayed when I felt like it, I wouldn't pray very regularly.

Ritual practice keeps us doing what we should be doing (praying, working, being at table with our families, being polite) even when our feelings aren't always onside. We need to do certain things, not because we always feel like doing them, but because it's right to do them.



Father Rolheiser

And this is true for many areas of our lives, not just for prayer. Take, for example, the social rituals of propriety and good manners that we lean on each day. Our heart isn't always in the greetings or the expressions of love, appreciation and gratitude that we give to each other each day. We greet each other, we say goodbye to each other, we express love

for each other, and we express gratitude to each other through a number of social formulae, ritual words: *Good morning! Good to see you! Have a great day! Have a great evening! Sleep well! Nice meeting you! Nice to work with you! I love you! Thank you!*

We say these things to each other daily, even though we have to admit that there are times, many times, when these expressions appear to be purely formal and seem not at all honest to how we are feeling at that time. Yet, we say them and they are true in that they express what lies in our hearts at a deeper level than our more momentary and ephemeral feelings of distraction, irritation, disappointment or anger. Moreover, these words hold us in civility, in good manners, in graciousness, in neighborliness, in respect and in love, despite the fluctuations in our energy, mood and feelings. Our energy, mood and feelings, at any given moment, are not a true indication of what's in our hearts, as all of us know and frequently need to apologize for. Who of us has not at some time been upset and bitter toward someone who we love deeply? The deep truth is that we love that person, but that's not what we're feeling at the moment.

If we only expressed affection, love and gratitude at those times when our feelings were completely onside, we wouldn't express these very often. Thank God for the ordinary, social rituals which hold us in love, affection, graciousness, civility and good manners at those times when our feelings are out of sorts with our truer selves. These rituals, like a sturdy container, hold us safe until the good feelings return.

Today, in too many areas of life, we no longer understand ritual. That leaves us trying to live our lives by our feelings; not that feelings are bad, but rather that they come upon us as wild, unbidden guests. Iris Murdoch asserts that our

world can change in 15 seconds because we can fall in love in 15 seconds. *But we can also fall out of love in 15 seconds!* Feelings work that way! And so we cannot sustain love, marriage, family, friendship, collegial relationships and neighborliness by feelings. We need help. Rituals can help sustain our relationships beyond feelings.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer used to give this instruction to a couple when he was officiating at their wedding. He would tell them: *Today you are in love and you believe that your love can sustain your marriage. But it can't. However your marriage can sustain your love.* Marriage is a not just a sacrament, it's also a ritual container.

Ritual not only can help sustain a marriage, it can also help sustain our prayer lives, our civility, our manners, our graciousness, our humor, our gratitude and our balance in life. Be wary of anyone who in the name of psychology, love or spirituality tells you that ritual is empty and you must rely on your energy, mood and feelings as your guiding compass. They won't carry you far.

Daniel Berrigan once wrote: *Don't travel with anyone who expects you to be interesting all the time. On a long journey there are bound to be some boring stretches.* John of the Cross echoes this when talking about prayer. He tells us that, during our generative years, one of the biggest problems we will face daily in our prayer is simple boredom.

And, so, we can be sure our feelings won't sustain us, but ritual practices can.

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## Charlottesville and America's Original Sin

By Bishop Robert Barron

I vividly remember my first visit to Charlottesville, Virginia. It was about 20 years ago, and I was on vacation with a good friend, who shared with me a passion for American history and for Thomas Jefferson in particular. We had toured a number of Civil War battlefields in Maryland and Virginia and then had made our way to Jefferson's University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Finally, we ventured outside the city to the little hilltop home that the great founder had designed and built for himself, Monticello. It was a glorious summer day, and the elegant manse shone in all of its Palladian splendor. We took in its classical lines, its distinctive red and white coloration, the understated beauty of its dome, its overall symmetry, balance and harmony. On the inside, we saw all of Jefferson's quirky genius on display: scientific instruments, inventions, books galore. Just outside the house was the simple, unpretentious grave of Jefferson, the tombstone naming him as the author of the Declaration of Independence. There was no question that the very best of the American spirit was on display in that place.



Bishop Barron

But then we noticed something else. Below the sightlines of Monticello, literally underground, were the quarters of Jefferson's slaves. These were hovels, really little more than caves, with bare earth floors and flimsy roofs, not even a hint of the elegance, comfort and beauty of the great house. Jefferson had brought some

of his slaves to France with him when he was the American ambassador to that country, and he had taught them the fine art of French cuisine. When he entertained at Monticello, these servants, dressed in the finery of courtiers at Versailles, would serve the savory meals that they had prepared. Afterward, they would return for the night to their underground hovels. A woman, who had been invited to stay for a time at Monticello, recorded in her diary that she woke up one morning to the sounds of horrific screaming. When she looked with alarm and concern out her window, she saw the author of the Declaration of Independence savagely beating one of his slaves.

Jefferson the morally upright sage; Jefferson the merciless slave owner. Splendid Monticello; its sordid slave quarters underground. One could literally see at this great American house the divide, the original sin, that has bedeviled our nation from its inception to the present day. The framers of the Constitution fought over slavery and race; the issue preoccupied the politics of America for the first half of the 19th century and finally drove the country to a disastrous and murderous civil conflict; it perdured in somewhat mitigated form in the segregation, both sanctioned and unofficial, that reigned in America in the decades following the Civil War; it came to a head during the great civil rights struggle of the mid-20th century, culminating in landmark legislation and in the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.; it continued to assert itself in the Detroit riots of 1967, the Watts uprising, the unrest after the beating of Rodney King, the street violence in Ferguson, Missouri, and in many other events.

For me, it was weirdly fitting that its most recent manifestation would be in Charlottesville, Virginia, where, 20 years ago, I had so vividly seen the moral contradiction at the heart of American history. Thomas Jefferson's principle

that "all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights" came face to face, on the streets of Charlottesville, with representatives of the most nefarious ideology of hatred and racial superiority. God knows that, since Jefferson's time, many, many battles have been won in this struggle, but the events of last week proved that the war is not yet over, that the original sin of America has not been thoroughly expunged.

I have been using the term "original sin" very much on purpose, for it is my conviction that both the problem and its solution are best articulated in theological categories. Finally, our awful tendency, up and down the ages and in every culture, to divide ourselves into opposing camps, to demonize the other, to scapegoat, to take away fundamental human rights is a function of the denial that all people are made in the image and likeness of God. It is, first and last, a sin. And finally, the answer cannot be a matter of political machination, but only of grace. No one saw this more clearly than St. Paul, who was dealing with the very same issue within the cultural framework of the first century: Jews and non-Jews were at odds, Romans dominated and everyone else obeyed, slavery obtained throughout the ancient Mediterranean world, etc.

Paul came to understand that, strangely enough, a crucified victim of the tyrannical Roman authorities provided a way out: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." It would require a lengthy theological tome fully to unpack the meaning of that phrase. Suffice it to say that the crucifixion of the Son of God disclosed the entire range and universality of human dysfunction: stupidity, violence, injustice, cruelty, victimizing, etc.: "We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

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# High Schools

## St. John Central High School

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Bellaire, OH 43906

**Founded:** 1886; current school building built in 1949  
**Size:** grades nine-12, 29 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, National Honor Society and Interact Club

**Principal:** Jarett T. Kuhns

**Local Education Advisory Council:** Father Timothy P. McGuire, pastoral administrator, and Kuhns, principal

**Chaplain:** Father Edward A. Maxfield Jr.

**Tuition:** parishioners – \$3,600; nonparticipating – \$4,200; 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

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Ironton, OH 45638

**Founded:** 1924

**Size:** grades seven-12, 85 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

**Interim Principal:** Chris Monte

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

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**Financial Aid:** available

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## Catholic Central High School

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**Founded:** 1889 as Holy Name High School; became Catholic Central in 1930; new building in 1950

**Size:** grades nine-12; 240 students; 19 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, wrestling and swimming

**Activities:** band, Royalties, cheerleading, Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, Foreign Language Club, pontifical servers, yearbook, Catholic Daughters Club, Pep Club, Junior Varsity 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 Counselors/Curriculum:** Dolores B. Michnowicz and Jude Lucas

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**Chaplain:** Father Michael W. Gossett

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## Diocese's seminarians in classrooms in three locales

STEUBENVILLE — Men, studying for ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Steubenville, are in school at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit; the Pontifical North American College, Rome; and the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, said Father Michael W. Gossett, director of vocations for the Steubenville Diocese.

Transitional Deacon Joshua D. Erickson, who expects to be ordained to the priesthood for the Steubenville Diocese in 2018, is in fourth theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. The son of Chris and Jody Erickson of Toronto, Deacon Erickson was previously home-schooled, graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville, attended St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, Denver, and has studied at Sacred Heart Major Seminary since 2015. He was ordained to the diaconate June 3 by Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton during a Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta.

Also, studying at Sacred Heart Major Seminary is Joseph Hahn, son of Scott and Kimberly Hahn of Steubenville.

Nicholas V. Ginnetti, 24, continues study at the Pontifical North American College. In third theology, Ginnetti received a degree in philosophy and humanities from the Josephinum, prior to beginning his studies in Italy in 2015. He is the son of Ronald and Christine Ginnetti of Kimbolton.

In classrooms at the Josephinum are Cassian B. Harman,

Barndon O'Nan, Peter Stetson and Nicholas Ward.

Harman and O'Nan are new to study for the priesthood for the Steubenville Diocese. Harman, in second pre-theology, is from Columbus and the son of Gregory and Victoria Harman. O'Nan of Follansbee, West Virginia, is in first college. He is the son of Leonard and Barbara O'Nan.

Stetson, a Steubenville resident, is in second college. The 21-year-old is the son of Bernard and Mary Jo Stetson.

Ward, 24, is in second theology. He graduated in 2016 from the Josephinum with a bachelor's degree. He has spent recent summers serving in parishes in the diocese. The son of Permanent Deacon Paul D. and Mary Ward, the seminarian attended Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, also.

Two other men, Jeremiah Hahn and Wil Crow are in ministerial years this year. Jeremiah Hahn of Steubenville is at Christ Out Light Parish, Cambridge, where Father Paul E. Hrezo is pastor, and Crow, St. Agnes, Mingo Junction, Father James M. Dunfee, pastor.

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## End to DACA called 'reprehensible'

WASHINGTON (CNS)/ALEXANDRIA, Virginia — Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced Sept. 5 that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program is "being rescinded" by President Donald Trump, leaving some 800,000 youth, brought illegally to the U.S. as minors, in peril of deportation and of losing permits that allow them to work.

Although the Department of Homeland Security will immediately stop accepting applications to the DACA program, current recipients would not be affected until March 5, which Sessions said will "create a time period for Congress to act — should it choose."

He described the 2012 policy, popularly known as DACA and implemented under President Barack Obama, as an "unconstitutional exercise of authority by the executive branch."

DACA does not provide legal status for youths who were brought to the country without legal permission as children, but it gives recipients a temporary reprieve from deportation and employment authorization in the United States — as long as the applicants meet certain criteria.

In the days leading up to the decision, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, along with other Catholic organizations, asked the president to keep the program.

A Sept. 5 statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called the cancellation of DACA "reprehensible" and something that "causes unnecessary fear for DACA youth and their families."

"Today, our nation has done the opposite of how Scripture calls us to respond. It is a step back from the progress that we need to make as a country," they said, adding that the decision by the Trump administration is a "heartbreaking moment in our history that shows the absence of mercy and goodwill, and a short-sighted vision for the future."

The bishops also urged Congress to "immediately resume work toward a legislative solution."

They told DACA recipients: "You are children of God and welcome in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church supports you and will advocate for you."

The statement was signed by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president; Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, USCCB vice president; Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the Committee on Migration; and Bishop Joseph J. Tyson of Yakima, Washington, chairman of the Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers.

Meanwhile, Catholic Charities USA issued a statement in response to the decision: "... DACA recipients have contributed in many ways to our country: some have served proudly in the U.S. military, others have become leaders in local communities and others have built careers and families. Their world will now be turned upside down as this decision means their ability to work and contribute fully to society will come to an end. Hundreds of thousands of people — moms, dads, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters — will now live in fear of deportation, potentially forced to leave their families and return to a country they have likely never called home.

"This should not be a political issue; it is a profoundly moral and human issue which challenges what this country stands for. CCUSA therefore urges Congress to act now on a legislative solution which protects those protected by DACA so that they can live without fear of deportation and contribute fully to our nation, communities and their families.

"... Catholic Charities ministry joins the USCCB in calling for meaningful and compassionate immigration legislation."

## Charlottesville

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And the resurrection of Jesus revealed the entire range and universality of the divine mercy: "Where sin abounds, grace abounds the more." In a word, we are all sinners upon whom an amazing grace has been poured out. So, let us stop playing games of domination, us against them, racial superiority, masters and slaves. In Christ, all of that has been exposed as fraudulent and swept away.

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churches can and should bring to this age-old and still festering wound in the body politic of our nation.

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

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and health crises; women who suffer wage disparities and exploitation; and those who suffer the effects of racism in any setting, including the workplace."

Bishop Dewane suggested several approaches to right the imbalance brought by inequality.

"Worker-owned businesses can be a force for strengthening solidarity, as the Second Vatican Council encouraged businesses to consider 'the active sharing of all in the administration and profits of these enterprises in ways to be properly determined,'" he said. "The Catholic Campaign for Human Development has helped in the formation of many employee-owned companies which provide jobs in communities where work opportunities may be scarce."

Workers' legal rights to "a just wage in exchange for work, to protection against wage theft, to workplace safety and just compensation for workplace injuries, to health care and other benefits, and to organize and engage in negotiations, should be promoted," he added.

"Workers must be aided to come to know and exercise their legal rights. As an example, CCHD has supported the Don Bosco Workers in Westchester, New York, which has launched a successful campaign to combat wage theft. Persons returning from

prison also need support to understand their legal rights as they seek new employment. CCHD has helped the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Cincinnati and elsewhere as they work with returning citizens to find stable and meaningful jobs."

Labor unions play an important role in this effort, according to Bishop Dewane, as he quoted from Pope Francis' remarks in June in an audience with delegates from the Confederation of Trade Unions: "There is no good society without a good union, and there is no good union that is not reborn every day in the peripheries, that does not transform the discarded stones of the economy into its cornerstones."

"Unions must retain and recover their prophetic voice, which 'regards the very nature itself of the union, its truest vocation. The union is an expression of the prophetic profile of society,'" he said, quoting further from Pope Francis, who added, "The union movement has its great seasons when it is prophecy." Bishop Dewane added that unions should "resist the temptation of becoming too similar to the institutions and powers that it should instead criticize."

Bishop Dewane said, "Unions are especially valuable when they speak on behalf of the poor, the immigrant, and the person returning from prison."



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**Amsterdam** — The Mother of Hope Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet at 2 p.m., Sept. 10, at St. Joseph Church, in the former school basement.

**Athens** — The Athens Catholic community CWC will sponsor a fall reception, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 11, in Holy Family Center, located at Christ the King University Parish. Speaker for the evening will be Nadia Mitchell, who will speak about her pilgrimage on the “Camino de Santiago,” at 7 p.m.

Training for the Diocese of Steubenville “Decree of Child Protection” will be held at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 16, at the Holy Family Center, located at Christ the King University Parish.

**Athens/Pomeroy** — The new daily Mass schedule for the Athens Catholic community will be as follows: Masses will be celebrated Mondays and Wednesdays, at 5:30 p.m., and Fridays, at 12:15 p.m., at Christ the King University Parish, Athens, confessions will be heard from 5-5:25 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8:15 a.m. at St. Paul Church, Athens; and Wednesdays, at noon, and Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart, Pomeroy.

**Cambridge** — A Mass of anointing will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m., Sept. 17, at St. Benedict Church social hall. The Mass is for those in need of physical, mental, spiritual, psychological or emotional healing. It is also for those weakened by age, facing surgery or with a life-threatening illness, heart condition or chronic ailment. A reception will be held following Mass. For transportation or additional information, telephone the church office at (740) 432-7609 or (740) 432-5853.

**Cambridge** — An online magazine sale, which will benefit St. Benedict preschool, will be held through Sept. 29. Magazines can be renewed or purchased at [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) with the school ID 2652964.

**Carrollton** — An open house will be held at 4 p.m., Sept. 10, at the new Our Lady of Mercy Church, 748 Roswell Road. A concert titled “From Bach to Broadway,” with organist Victor Marsilio, will be performed.

**Carrollton/Morges** — The schedule for the celebration of Masses for the weekend of Sept. 23-24 for the dedication of the new Our Lady of Mercy Church, 748 Roswell Road, Carrollton, will include a 5 p.m., Sept. 23 Mass, at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Morges, and the dedication Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church, at 3 p.m., Sept. 24.

**Chesapeake** — Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin Sept. 14, from 7-9 p.m., at St. Ann Church, in the parish hall. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith can telephone Father Charles E. Moran, pastor of St. Ann Parish, at (740) 867-4434 or Sue Pfaffenberger at (740) 867-4184.

Recently elected to the St. Ann Parish Council were Roger Crump, chairman, David Compton, vice chairman, and Sue Pfaffenberger, secretary. The following volunteered to chair committees: Julie Burgett, education; David Compton and Paul Blair, finance; Steve Cielec and Nick Bogdan, liturgy; John Smith, maintenance; and Jeanne Burdette, social.

**Churchtown** — St. John Central School will sponsor a pancake breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m., Oct. 21, at Applebee’s, 482 Pike St., Marietta. All proceeds will benefit the junior high helping hands fund. Tickets are \$5. To purchase a ticket or for additional information, telephone (740) 896-2697. Tickets will also be available at the door.

**Colerain** — Presentation Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 17, at St. Frances Cabrini Church.

**Ironton** — A seven-week “Discovering Christ” series will be held at St. Lawrence Central School gymnasium, 312 S. Sixth St., from 6-8 p.m., Mondays, Sept. 18 through Oct. 30. A free dinner and small group discussions will be part of the event. For



**Renovations continue at “Mary’s House at Silver Heels Inc.” by parishioners from St. Bernard, Beverly, and St. James, McConnelsville, along with others from Washington and Morgan counties, said Annette Schaad, one of those involved in creating the refuge for pregnant women, 18 and older. The next fundraiser for Mary’s House, donated to be used by women who need a place to live to bring their babies to term and avoid an abortion, is Oct. 22. Bingo will be played at 2 p.m. that day at St. Bernard Church, 307 Seventh St., Beverly. For more information on the house, 2272 E. Ohio Route 266, Stockport, Ohio, or to donate funds, items or time, telephone (740) 336-1523. Contributions can be made payable to Mary’s House at Silver Heels Inc. and mailed to P.O. Box 1005, Beverly, OH 45715. (Photos by Schaad)**

additional information or to register, email Father Matthew W. J. Gossett, parochial vicar to Father David L. Huffman, pastor of the Ironton Catholic community, at [matthewgossett@diosteub.org](mailto:matthewgossett@diosteub.org).

Anyone interested in volunteering at St. Lawrence Central School for Project MORE, a mentoring program helping students with reading and achievement, can telephone the school office at (740) 532-5052 or Sonja Lowe at (606) 923-2604.

**Lowell** — Alex Bauerbach, a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy, is working toward his Eagle Scout award. His project will be updating the playground behind the church social hall. The plan is to prepare the ground and install new equipment. Volunteers are needed to assist him. A workday is scheduled from 1-5 p.m., Sept. 9. For additional information, telephone Alex at (740) 525-0331.

**Marietta** — The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption will hold an American Red Cross blood drive from 1-6 p.m., Sept. 25, in the basilica social hall. For addition information, or to reserve a time to donate, telephone Suzanne Baker at (740) 373-0311.

**Marietta** — St. Mary School will hold a fall festival Sept. 29, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the Msgr. Kakascik Parish Center at the school, 320 Marion St. Activities will begin at 7 p.m., Sept. 29, with an adult evening consisting of food and fundraising. Tickets, which cost \$50, are valid for two people, and can be purchased at the school office. Auctions will also be held that evening, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Super bingo will be played Sept. 30; a free spaghetti meal will be provided at 4 p.m., prior to the event.

Oct. 1 will feature a chicken dinner, served from 1-5 p.m., sponsored by the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption CWC and Knights of Columbus Council 478; raffle drawings will take place in the afternoon that day.

**Martins Ferry** — St. Mary Parish is collecting amber medicine bottles for a nonprofit medical supply company in Arkansas, to help the impoverished areas of Africa and Central America. The bottles will be used to dispense medicines to patients at clinics and health facilities. For additional information, telephone Peggy Goclan at (740) 635-4651.

**Morges** — St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Helping Hands is collecting Acme register receipts dated through Dec. 20; helping hands will receive 5 percent of total purchases, which will be used to assist with upcoming programs.

**St. Clairsville** — Mass will be celebrated in Spanish Sept. 17, at 2:30 p.m., St. Mary Church. The sacrament of reconciliation will precede Mass at 2 p.m.

**Steubenville** — A Blue Mass, to honor police, fire and emergency personnel and their families, will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Sept. 10, at St. Peter Church. Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will be the celebrant. Attendees should be at the church by 9:45 a.m., in uniform, for a group photograph with Bishop Monforton. A reception in the church basement and a blessing of safety vehicles will follow Mass.

Starting Sept. 11 and every other Monday at 3:30 p.m. or on Tuesdays starting Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.,

## Around and About

**Belmont** — “Patriot Day,” which will honor military, law enforcement, fire and rescue, paramedics and those serving in active duty, retired, veterans, etc., will be held at 11 a.m., Sept. 9, at Union Local Middle School, 66859 Belmont Morristown Road.

**Cambridge** — Football fundraiser tickets are being sold by Knights of Columbus Council 1641, for a chance to win a portion of \$25,000 in prizes. The ticket holder has 23 chances to win weekly. Cost is \$20 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased by telephoning Ron Engott at (740) 685-5759 or emailing him at engott@frontier.com.

**Carey, Ohio** — The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay St., will celebrate “Latino Sunday” Sept. 17. Aztec dancers from Norwalk, Ohio, will perform in front of the basilica prior to the celebration of the noon Mass, which will be celebrated in Spanish. A menu of Mexican specialties will be served in the shrine cafeteria. The day concludes at 2:30 p.m. with devotions and an outdoor rosary procession, followed by Benediction and prayers.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay St., will hold a “Family Pilgrimage Day” Sept. 24. Mass will be celebrated at noon in the shrine park; in case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the basilica. Following Mass, there will be a free cookout. At 2:30 p.m., there will be devotions in the basilica; an outdoor

rosary procession will follow.

**Carrollton** — St. John Villa, 701 Crest St., will hold a fun day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sept. 22.

**Gallipolis** — Officers for Knights of Columbus St. Louis Council 3335 have been installed for 2017-18. They include: D.J. Stapleton, grand Knight; Tyler Reynolds, deputy grand Knight; Robert King, recorder; Josh Davison, treasurer; Tom Vorr, financial secretary; Jim Ryan, warden; Mike Dressel, advocate; Mike Stapleton, guard; and Paul Sebastian, lector and public relations director. The trustees are former grand Knights Bruce Davison, Mike Haas and Matt Bokovitz.

**Glen Dale, W.Va.** — An annual novena to St. Jude will be held at St. Jude Church, Thursdays, at 7 p.m., through Oct. 26. For additional information, telephone (304) 845-2646.

**Ironton** — Desserts will be sold at the Knights of Columbus Council 1405 hall, 2101 S. Third St., from 5-8 p.m., Fridays. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Harvest for the Hungry Food Pantry and the Ironton Catholic Community Parish Life Center. For additional information, telephone Peggy Hartwig at (740) 532-3999 or (740) 550-5007.

**Ironton** — Community Hospice, 2029 S. Third St., will hold volunteer orientation from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sept. 12-13.

**Marietta** — Instructions will be given on machines at the senior/adult playground, located in the 500 block of Front

Street, at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 16 and Oct. 21. For additional information, telephone (740) 350-6346.

**Pomeroy** — Knights of Columbus Msgr. John Joseph Jessing Council 1664 will sponsor a pancake breakfast after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, at Sacred Heart Church, Sept. 10. Parish School of Religion students and teachers eat for free. Attendees can give a donation for the meal, which benefits the Sacred Heart Parish School of Religion program. For additional information, telephone (740) 992-6004.

**Steubenville** — Cub Scout Pack 401, sponsored by Holy Family Parish, will hold an information night for new Cub Scouts at 6 p.m., Sept. 11, in Malara Hall. Boys, kindergarten through fifth grade, can join. For additional information, contact Mark Watry at mrwatry@gmail.com.

**Steubenville** — A natural family planning class will be offered by NFP International Sept. 30 at St. Peter Church. For additional information or to register, telephone Steve or Ann Craig at (740) 457-9663. An online course is available at www.nfpandmore.org.

**Steubenville** — Franciscan University of Steubenville will participate in the national day of pro-life remembrance. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 9, at Christ the King Chapel. The rosary will be prayed at the Tomb of the Unborn Child after the celebration of Mass.

Franciscan University of Steubenville will host an academic lecture series. The

lectures are free and will be held Fridays, at 3 p.m., at the Tony and Nina Gentile Gallery, in the J.C. Williams Center on campus. Lectures include “Myths Christians Believe About Wealth and Poverty,” Sept. 15; “Panel Discussion on Sex and Gender,” Sept. 22; “Today’s Declining Sacramental Practice: Catechetical Foundations for Recovery,” Sept. 29; “Theology of Economics: Economics, Freedom and God,” Oct. 6; “Recalling Who We Are: Indulgences and the Church Today,” Oct. 27; “The Importance of Fathers for the Family,” Nov. 3; “Aborted Fetal Tissues in Vaccines and Medical Research,” Nov. 10; “Dante’s Other Guide: Francis of Assisi,” Nov. 17; and “In Search of an Adequate Anthropology: What Can Science and Psychology Tell Us About Ourselves,” Dec. 1.

**Waynesburg, Ohio** — St. James Parish will hold an Italian festival from 5-10 p.m., Sept. 16, at St. James Church, 400 W. Lisbon St.

**Wheeling, W. Va.** — St. Joseph Retreat Center, 137 Mount St. Joseph Road, will hold a “Mary Favored by God” series. The three-part series will discuss the Annunciation, Visitation and the Cantic of Mary. The series will take place from 10-11 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25. The cost is \$10, which includes the guidebook needed for the series. For additional information or to make reservations, telephone (304) 232-8160, extension 112, or email saint-josephretreatcenter137@gmail.com.



Vacation Bible school for the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Marietta, occurred in late July and early August at St. Mary School, 320 Marion St., Marietta, under the direction of Joseph A. Schmidt, back, director of religious education for St. Mary Parish. “The Mass Comes Alive: An Aerial Adventure” was the theme for the annual event, attended by an estimated 80 students, who were aided by 36 teenage and 25 adult volunteers, including, at left, the sisters from the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, Steubenville. Msgr. John Michael Campbell, kneeling right, is rector of the basilica. (Photo provided)



With “Maker Fun Factory,” youth from St. Francis Xavier Parish, Malvern, and St. Gabriel Parish, Minerva, were hosted at an annual vacation Bible school. During August, the youth were taught how God is with them, cares for them and created them for a purpose, planners said. Songs, crafts, stories from the Bible, videos, games and a puppet lan were used to aid in teaching the youth about God. An estimated 75 children and adults were at vacation Bible school, said Father Victor P. Cinson, left, pastor of the parishes. (Photo provided)

## Up and Down the Diocese

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“A Quick Journey Through the Bible” will be presented in the Marian Room at Holy Rosary Church. The presentation, which will also use a workbook, is a DVD with Jeff Cavins, an author, public speaker and television host of EWTN’s “Life on the Rock” and Relevant Radio’s “Morning Air.” For additional information, telephone (740) 457-9530.

**Steubenville** — Mass will be celebrated at Trinity Health System, West, the first Thursday of each month, at 11:30 a.m.

**Steubenville** — Representatives of Value Leader Pharmacy will be giving flu shots at Holy Rosary Church, Sept. 17, following the celebration of the 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses; most insurances will be accepted.

**Wintersville** — A White Mass, which will honor physicians, nurses and those in the health care profession, will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Sept. 17, at Blessed Sacrament Church. Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will be the celebrant.

## Obituaries

**Maureen Babella**, 72, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Aug. 27.

**Joyce A. Bell**, 77, St. Peter, Steubenville, Aug. 23.

**Angela Fabian DeFranco**, 92, 56679 Colerain Pike, Martins Ferry, St. Mary, Aug. 21.

**Paul A. DiPasquale**, 77, St. Peter, Steubenville, Aug. 23.

**Mary T. Jones**, 67, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Aug. 19.

**Stella Kiko**, 90, St. Gabriel, Minerva, Aug. 23.

**Lisa Ghenne McGrath**, 50, Savannah, Georgia, St. Francis of Assisi, Toronto, Aug. 22.

**Savannah D. Nagy**, 16, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Aug. 13.

**Donald Reese**, 84, 5253 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, St. Mary, Martins Ferry, Aug. 20.

**Vincenza Savinell**, 91, Triumph of the Cross, Steubenville, Aug. 19.

**Fred Silvestri**, 85, Rayland, St. Adalbert, Dillonvale, Aug. 19.

**Suzette O’Leary Thompson**, 80, Toronto, St. Francis of Assisi, Aug. 23.

## With fall in sight

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center its theme on gratitude – “Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever” (see, Psalms 118 and 136). “With an attitude of gratitude, we should start each day with a grateful heart,” Danaher said.

Updates continue at the elementary school, which has new windows and a playground with just added benches, because of grants, donations and fundraising. In addition, Danaher said that a newly installed external staircase will provide an alternative exit for safety in the 100 Etta Ave. building. As well, the room used for Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary School early learners has been expanded.

The art room in Bishop John King Mussio Central Junior High School, housed in Catholic Central High School, has been relocated from the basement to the second floor, Danaher said. The practice will continue to feature a junior high artist of the year, whose eighth-grade work will be matted, framed and hung in the school hallway.

Junior high students, too, are readying for their annual musical, which is Disney’s “Mulan” this year, directed by new third-grade teacher Kayla Becca, and continuing fundraising for “Cynthia’s Kitchen,” named for a former peer and that feeds students in Liberia.

Sandy Morelli, longtime science teacher, has been named the assistant principal for Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary and Junior High School. New junior high science teacher is Julie Gonzalez.

Father James M. Dunfee, pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Mingo Junction, is pastoral administrator of Bishop John King Mussio Central Elementary and Junior High School.

Though new to the principalship at **Catholic Central High School, Steubenville**, Thomas J. Costello has initiated activities, already, aimed at getting the students together more and keeping them healthy.

“As a school, we will have renewed emphasis on our Catholic identity,” Costello, a 32-year educator, native to New Jersey, said. Weekly Masses will be held in Berkman Theater, Lanman Hall, at Catholic Central, 320 West View Ave. The 9:30 a.m. Masses, mostly on Thursdays, but also on first Fridays, and some feast days, will be celebrated by Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, along with area pastors. The public is welcome at the Masses, which at times will be attended, also, by Bishop John King Mussio Central Junior High School students.

Retreats will be scheduled for Catholic Central juniors and seniors, as well as individual classes, Costello said.

And, a Crusader Club will meet mornings before school. Costello said he is asking local youth ministers, the school’s chaplain, Father Michael W. Gossett, and religion teachers to assist with the prayer.

Then, after school, because some students are in the building until 5 p.m. or later, the cafeteria will be open

for snacks. Students can grab, for example, an energy bar and water following a practice or before playing a game or taking a long bus ride, Costello said.

Father Thomas R. Nau, pastor of Triumph of the Cross Parish, Steubenville, and rector of Holy Name Cathedral, Steubenville, is pastoral administrator of Catholic Central High School.

In the southern portion of the diocese, work continues on a building that will be the center of sports activities, among other things, for **St. Lawrence Central School** and **St. Joseph Central High School, Ironton**. Ground was broken April 24 for the parish life center for the Catholic community of Ironton and Pine Grove. Father David L. Huffman is pastor of St. Lawrence O’Toole Parish and St. Joseph Parish, Ironton, and administrator of St. Mary Mission, Pine Grove, as well as pastoral administrator of St. Lawrence Central and St. Joseph Central schools.

Meanwhile, students were back in elementary classrooms at 315 S. Sixth St., Ironton, Aug. 16, while preschoolers started the 2017-18 school year Sept. 5, said Chris Monte, interim principal of St. Lawrence Central School and St. Joseph Central High School.

At the elementary level, Ann Logsdon is the new fourth-grade teacher.

New at the high school level is Dr. Steven Merkel, science and Spanish teacher.

Staff and students at **St. Sylvester Central School, Woodsfield**, are more comfortable at the start of the 2017-18 school year, said Robyn C. Guiler, principal. That is because the school’s home and school association conducted a pledge drive and raised money to purchase air conditioners. The units were installed in kindergarten through fourth-grade classrooms.

Academically, new to St. Sylvester Central School, 119 Wayne St., is a reading program. Named Lexia, it enables kindergarten through fourth-grade students to work with an individualized computer program. It tracks the student’s progress, according to Guiler. The program, she added, has been lauded for its past successes. “Readers who were behind, caught up and went beyond their grade level,” the St. Sylvester principal said.

New iPads that will enhance reading readiness, Guiler predicted, have been added, also.

As is tradition, Guiler noted, this year, seventh- and eighth-graders at St. Sylvester Central are gearing up for a trip to Washington, D.C.

Father David L. Gaydosik, pastor of St. Sylvester Parish, Woodsfield, St. John the Baptist Parish, Miltonsburg, and administrator of St. John Bosco Mission, Sardis, is pastoral administrator of St. Sylvester Central School. He will celebrate weekly Masses, on Fridays, at St. Sylvester Church, Woodsfield, for students.

Class sizes are a plus at **St. John Central School,**

**Churchtown**, said Larry Moegling, principal. “Our staff has scheduled classes and students, so there is a lot of one-on-one or small-group interaction,” he added.

Students were in their seats Aug. 23 at the Ohio 676 school, and, “Everything is going super smooth. We have not encountered any challenges yet,” Moegling mused.

New to the staff for the 2017-18 school year at St. John Central are Jill Spindler, Title I teacher, and Kayla Dixon, a math teacher, who is teaching part time at St. Mary School, Marietta, also.

Ken Huck, an alumnus of St. John Central School, who returned to Churchtown from Dayton, Ohio, continues to take a role with students. Moegling said that Huck, who has a background in science and engineering, helps with computer application classes and assists with religion instruction in upper grades.

In **Marietta**, at **St. Mary School**, associated with the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, Molly Frye has been named assistant principal. A St. Mary teacher and parent, Frye is expected to assist Susan T. Rauch, current principal. Then, Frye, who has a master’s, is expected to become St. Mary principal in the 2018-19 school year, said Rauch, who wants to spend more time with family.

New to St. Mary School is Brett Hickle, intervention specialist. A graduate of West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, and a resident of Vienna, West Virginia, Hickle, also, will serve Marietta City Schools.

Before St. Mary School students returned to the classroom, seven interactive projectors were installed in locations throughout the school. The projectors allow for what Rauch termed a more immersive classroom experience, allowing different learning styles to be reached more effectively. The projectors, too, permit notes from the board to be saved and printed, so each student has access to the same information.

Money for projectors, which work with tablets introduced previously to sixth- through eighth-graders, came from the St. Mary School Foundation. Washington County Career Center staff installed the units.

As students learn, they will work under monthly themes, Rauch said. They are “Serve Others”; “Show Respect – adults, students, teachers and property”; “Do Your Best”; “Be Kind”; “Be Honest”; “Have Good Manners”; “Work for Cooperation”; “Value Self”; “Be Good Stewards” and “Live the ‘Golden Rule’.”

More information on St. Mary School is available on its new website, <http://stmarys.k12.oh.us/>.

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

Bishop 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.



Diocese of Steubenville Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton, center, leads an ecumenical prayer service in Steubenville. He initiated the service, as a call for unity and peace, after a Jefferson County judge was wounded and the shooter killed in the city’s downtown, and because of recent violent incidents elsewhere in the United States and world. Bishop Monforton is joined at St. Peter Church, Steubenville, by the Rev. Ashley Steele, director, Urban Mission Ministries, Steubenville, and Pastor Nate Freeman of Marland Heights (Weirton, West Virginia) Community Church. “When anything is going to be solved, prayer is always critical,” Bishop Monforton said. Imagine a world where peace reigns, Steele suggested. A peaceful world begins in families and communities, she added. Calling the gathering of an estimated 400 people in the middle of an August Friday (Aug. 25) an historic event, Freeman reminded, “He is the God of all. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Our fight is simply good versus evil.” Meanwhile, Bishop George V. Murry of the Diocese of Youngstown (Ohio), chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, called on Catholics and all people of faith to observe an annual Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities Sept. 9, the feast of St. Peter Claver, who dedicated his life to ministering to the enslaved and seeking to abolish slave trade. The committee Bishop Murry chairs is charged to address the sin of racism in society and the church, as well as the need to come together to find solutions. (Photo by DeFrancis)