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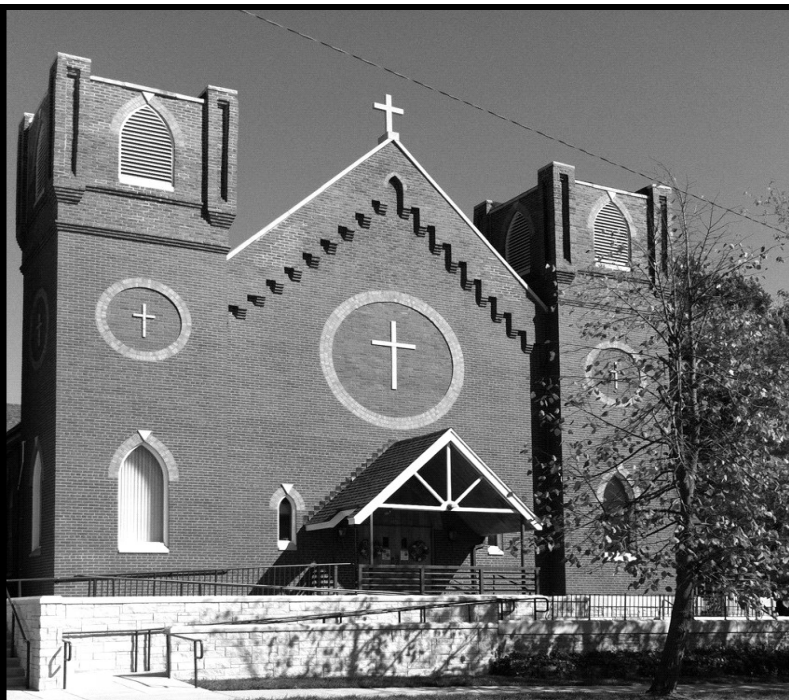
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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS****Saturday/Sábado**

5:30 pm English

Sunday/Domingo

10:00 am English
12:30 pm Español

Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves

8:15 am English

First Friday/Primer Viernes

10:00 am English

CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN:**Saturday/Sábado**

4:30-5:15 pm or by appointment. *O con cita*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**

Please call the Parish Office for appointment
(6 months of marriage preparation required).
*Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita
(6 meses de preparacion requerida).*

BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS

Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar
a la oficina.*

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES
PARA LAS MISAS**

Please visit the parish office. *Favor de
hablar a la oficina.*

CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN

The Bishop visits our parish for
Confirmation every two years. *El Obispo
visita nuestra parroquia cada 2 años.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN
RELIGIOSA**

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST
COMMUNION/PRIMERA
RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN**

Children in first grade must be enrolled in the
Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to
receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños
en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la
Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de
Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en
segundo grado.*

EMAUS: Invites you to pray the Holy
Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a
rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50
am.*

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

*Founded
1892*

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

*Diocese of
Springfield-Cape
Girardeau*

Parish Office 417-235-3286 Parish School 417-235-3721 405 7th Street, Monett, MO 65708

Digital bulletins available at www.stlawrencemonett.com

Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 12:30pm-4:00pm

Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.

Parish Mission Statement/ Misión Parroquial

"We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area."

"Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área".

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

WELCOME

Welcome to St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Our Parish has helped to bring Jesus Christ to the city of Monett since 1892. We seek to foster the spiritual growth of our parishioners through the



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILIARY



WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 24, 2024

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$4,744.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,574.25
Holy Land-Good Friday	\$10.00
Palm Sunday-Holy Day	\$552.00
Mass Offerings	\$170.00
School Support	\$75.00
Outreach	\$5.00
Religious Store	\$61.00
Confirmation Retreat	\$357.00
Total	\$7,548.25

Fr. Rahab would like to thank everyone for your generous contributions to our Parish.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 28th—Catholic Home Missions Appeal

ADULT CATECHISM MEETING

Adult Catechism Meeting held every Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Conference Room

FROM THE DESK OF SISTER SOCORRO

Parents of 1st Communion students:

Communion Mass on May 25th has been changed to May 18th.

PSR Classes: resume on Wednesday, April 3rd and Sunday, April 7th.

Sister will not be in the office Sunday, March 31st to Sunday, April 6th.

Pray for safe travels.

Thank you and God bless you all.

FLOCKNOTE-SIGN UP TODAY!

Keep in touch with us via email and text! Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, and more delivered to your phone.

To sign up, text **SAINTL** To 84576 Sign up online at: Stlawrencecatholicchurc2.flocknote.com



- ♦ Meetings held every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00p.m in the church basement.
- ♦ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 5:00pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.

FORMED

Formed brings beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes, families, and individuals. There is something for everyone here: award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e books, and family friendly kid's programming. Led by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press.

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1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish by entering name, city and/or zip code
3. Enter your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using Formed It is completely free for our St. Lawrence Parishioners!

PCCW

We will have the Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, April 24th. Proceeds from the Salad Luncheon will benefit St. Lawrence Catholic School and Barry-Lawrence County Development Center. If you have a Facebook account and would like to be in the St. Lawrence Catholic Women Messenger Group please contact Linda Dohmen 417-235-4702. **Next meeting will be April 8th at 6:30pm.**

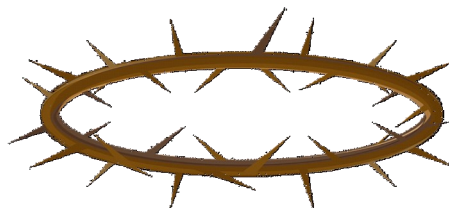


NEED YOUR ROSARIES REPAIRED?

Please call Al Fiffe for Rosary repair at (417) 236-6220.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

If you would like to have something in the bulletin, please send it via email to the parish office no later than Tuesday. Please email: stlawrence1892@gmail.com



DIOCESAN NEWS

Upcoming Discernment Retreats

There is 1 opportunity for discernment for high school or young men considering the priesthood coming up next month. Finally, **Conception**

Seminary in northern

Missouri will hold its spring “Encounter with God’s Call,” April 20-22. Visit Encounter with God’s Call—Conception Seminary College and click to register. Contact Ed Laning 760-250-4143

April Day of Recollection

The April Day of Recollection will be held Tues., April 9, in St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sikeston and Wed., April 10, in Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield. Bishop Rice is the speaker. Please RSVP to the location at which you will be present:

- Tues., April 9—St Francis Xavier Parish, Sikeston, Fr. Colby Elbert, (573) 471-2447 or parishoffice@stfxsikeston.org
- Wed., April 10—Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield, please contact the parish office, (417) 883-3440 or Trinityoffice@htscatholic.com



PRAY FOR THE SICK

PRAY. SEND CARDS. VISIT

Please let us know of any parishioners who are sick/home bound and would like visitors. If you know of anyone please call the parish office at (417) 235-3286. Parishioners requesting prayers:

Barbara Alvarez; Jane Ellen Saunders; Sarah Sylvain Isidor (Father’s Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Father Peter Morciniec; Parker Laning; Pat Monto; Rosemary Schmidt

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request please call Joan McNerney (417-235-3836) or Marlene Hayes (417-235-5524) to make the request.

If you wish to place a name in the parish bulletin please call the parish office. (417-235-3286)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 31, 2024

1st Read: Acts 10:34a,37-43; **Psalm:** Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; **2nd Read:** Col 3:1-4; **Gospel:** Jn 20:1-9

April 1, 2024

1st Read: Acts 2:14,22-33; **Psalm:** 16:1-2a and 5,7-8,9-10,11; **Gospel:** Mt 28:8-15

April 2, 2024

1st Read: Acts 2:36-41; **Psalm:** 33:4-5,18-19, 20 and 22; **Gospel:** Jn 20:11-18

April 3, 2024

1st Read: Acts 3:1-10; **Psalm:** 105:-2,3-4,6-7,8-9; **Gospel:** Lk 24:13-35

April 4, 2024

1st Read: Acts 3:11-26; **Psalm:** 8:2ab and 5,6-7,8-9; **Gospel:** Lk 24:35-48

April 5, 2024

1st Read: Acts 4:1-12; **Psalm:** 118:1-2 and 4,22-24,25-27a; **Gospel:** Jn 21:1-14

April 6, 2024

1st Read: Acts 4:13-21; **Psalm:** 118:1 and 14-15ab,16-18,19-21; **Gospel:** Mk 16:9-15

April 7, 2024

1st Read: Acts 4:32-35; **Psalm:** Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; **2nd Read:** 1 Jn 5:1-6; **Gospel:** Jn 20:19-31

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS



Take a Moment to Pray with Today's Readings

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:30pm

- March 30th.....Nikki Pierce
- April 6th.....Thomas Kump
- April 13th.....Nikki Pierce
- April 20th.....Patricia Randall
- April 27th.....Al Dohmen

Sunday 10:00am

- March 31st.....Lynda Velten
- April 7th.....Lynda Velten
- April 14th.....Youth (Traven Madison)
- April 21st.....Sandy Jastal
- April 28th.....Sara Schad

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturdays

March 30th—Jim Haston, Jason Ceselski, Ashley Ceselski, Kirk Verhoff, Theresa Verhoff

April 6th—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner

April 13th—Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Jason Ceselski, Ashely Ceselski, Geri Carey

April 20th—Jim Haston, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff

April 27th—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner, Marilyn Ceselski

Sundays

March 31st—Sara Schad, Gary Schad, Randy Schad, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt

April 7th—Sara Schad, Gary Schad, Randy Schad, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt

April 14th—Youth Group

April 21st—Jay Jastal, Sandy Jastal, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders

April 28th—Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, John Velten, Cathy Velten, Sonie Probstfield

SERVERS 10AM MASS

Mar. 31st—Isaac Saunders, Gabe Romo, Alex Apostol

Apr. 7th—Hudson Kramer, Joseph Velten, Isaac Saunders

Apr. 14th—Youth Group

Apr. 21st—Gabe Romo, Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas

Apr. 28th—Fernando Salas, Hudson Kramer, Joseph Velten

HOLY HOUR

Every Tuesday from 5pm-7pm St. Lawrence is having Holy Hour.



WEEKLY CALENDAR/ CALENDARIO SEMANAL

SAT. MARCH 30TH: HOLY SATURDAY

SABADO: SABADO SANTO

4:30 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Monett Weekday Mass + Anthony and Francis Sose and Maria Clementina Gaucin

SUN. MARCH 31ST: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Domingo: Domingo de Resurreccion de la Resurreccion del Senor

8:00 am Verona Weekday Mass

10:00 am Monett Weekday Mass + Ed Welters

11:00 am PSR Class—Canceled

12:30 pm Monett Misa de Domingo - Spanish Mass

5:00 pm Verona Misa de Domingo - Spanish Mass

MON. APRIL 1ST: EASTER MONDAY/

LUNES: LUNES DE PASCUA

Parish Office Closed

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUE. APRIL 2ND: EASTER TUESDAY

MARTES: MARTES DE PASCUA

8:15 am Monett Weekday Mass + Glenn Kristek

6:00 pm Adult Catechism Meeting-Conference Room

5:00 pm Holy Hour - Monett

WED. APRIL 3RD: EASTER WEDNESDAY

MIERCOLES: MIERCOLES DE PASCUA

8:00 am Verona Weekday Mass

7:00 pm PSR and RCIA Class

THUR. APRIL 4TH: EASTER THURSDAY

JUEVES: JUEVES DE PASCUA

8:15 am Monett Weekday Mass + Cesar Mendoza

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting—Basement

7:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting—Basement

FRI. APRIL 5TH: EASTER FRIDAY; FIRST FRIDAY

VIERNES: VIERNES DE PASCUA; PRIMER VIERNES

8:00 am Verona Weekday Mass

10:00 am Monett Benediction Mass + Jerry Monto

1:00 pm Card Party—Basement

5:00 pm Monett Adoration

SAT. APRIL 6TH: EASTER SATURDAY

SABADO: SABADO DE PASCUA

4:30 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Saturday Mass Monett + Mary Margaret Miller Kientz

SUN. APRIL 7TH: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER; SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

DOMINGO: SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE PASCUA; DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

8:00 am Verona Sunday Mass

10:00 am Monett Sunday Mass + Charles Velten and Jim Ceselski

11:00 am PSR Class

12:30 pm Misa de Domingo Monett—Spanish Mass

5:00 pm Misa de Domingo Verona—Spanish Mass



¡Mantente en contacto con nosotros a través de correo electrónico y mensajes de texto! Horarios de misa, cancelaciones por mal tiempo, actualizaciones de ministerios y más directamente a tu teléfono. Para registrarte, envía un mensaje de texto con la palabra **SAINTL** al **202-765-3441**. También puedes inscribirte en línea en:
Stlawrencecatholicchurc2.flocknote.com

LA COMUNIDAD DE ORACION CATOLICA

Fuente de Agua Viva

Les hace la cordial invitación En los Lunes Hora: 6:00pm Lugar: Iglesia Catolica San Lorenzo 405 7th Street Monett Mo 65708

DE ESCRITORIO DE LA HERMANA SOCORRO

Padres de alumnus de Primera Comunión: La

Misa de Comunión del 25 de Mayo ha sido cambiada al 18 de mayo.

Clases de PSR: se reanudan el miercoles 3 y domingo 7 de abril. La hermana no estara en la oficina del domingo 31 de marzo al domingo 6 de abril. Oren Por viajes seguros.
 Gracias y Dios los bendiga a todos.

Hora Santa

Todos los martes San Lorenzo tendra hora santa desde las 5:00pm hasta las 7:00pm. Ven y pasa una o dos horas con el santisimo sacramento.



INFROMACION EN ESPAÑOL

NOTICIAS DIOCESANAS

Proximos Retiros de Discernimiento

Hay tres oportunidades de discernimiento para los hombres de secundaria o jovenes considerando el sacerdocio dentro de los proximos meses. **El Seminario Kenrick-Glennon** tambien ofrecera un retiro en la escuela secundaria para aprender sobre el seminario durante el fin de semana de Domingo de Ramos, del 22 al 24 de Marzo. De nuevo, escriba stlvocations.org. desplacese hacia abajo y haga clic en ese evento para registrarse. Finalmente, **Conception Seminary** en el norte de Missouri, llevara a cabo su “Encuentro con la llamada de Dios” de primavera, del 20 al 2 de Abril. Visite “Encuentro con la llamada de Dios”— Conception Seminary College y haga clic para registrarse.
 Contact Ed Laning 760-250-4143

Abril dia del Recogimiento

El Dia de Retiro de Abril se llevara a cabo el martes 9 de abril en la Parroquia San Francisco Javier, Sikeston y el miercoles 10 de abril n la Parroquia Holy Trinity, Springfield. El obispo Rice es el orador. Confirme su asistencia al lugar en el que estara presente:

- Martes, 9 de abril: Parroquia San Francisco Javier, Sikeston, Padre Colby Elbert (573) 471-2447 o parishoffice@stfxsikeston.org
- Miercoles 10 de abril: Parroquia Holy Trinity, Springfield, comuniquese con la oficina parroquial (417)883-3440 o Trinityoffice@htscatholic.com



31 de Marzo de 2024

Primera: Hch 10:34a,37-43; **Salmo:** Salmo 117:1-2,16ab-17,22-23; **Segunda:** Col 3:1-4; **Evangelio:** Jn 20:1-9

1 de Abril de 2024

Primera: Hch 2:14,22-33; **Salmo:** Salmo 15:1-2a y 5,7-8,9-1,11; **Evangelio:** Mt 28:8-15

2 de Abril de 2024

Primera: Hch 2:36-41; **Salmo:** Salmo 32: 4-5,18-19,20 y 22; **Evangelio:** Jn 20:11-18

3 de Abril de 2024

Primera: Hch 3:1-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 104:1-2,3-4,6-7,8-9; **Evangelio:** Lc 24:13-35

4 de Abril de 2024

Primera: Hch 3:11-26; **Salmo:** Salmo 8: 2a y 5,6-7,8-9; **Evangelio:** Lc 24:35-48

5 de Abril de 2024

Easter Flower Offering

In memory of:

Susan Roller, Schmidt Family,
Barchak Family, McNerney Family,
Koehler Family, Helen Gunter,
Mary Nicholas, Sophia Miller and
Amber Skys
Dr. Frank Esparrago, Mercy & Julia
Mendoza, Francisco & Maria Esparrago,
Cesar Mendoza & Mendoza Family
Charles Mael
Brown and Leitle Families, Schmidt and
McNerney Families, Bob Brown,
Nate Carpenter, Sue Roller
Gene Spivy, Steve Spivy,
John and Kathleen Birkenbach &
Ward and Jessie Spivy
Rowell and Mansfield Families
5 Schmidt Nun of OSB
Father Clement & Father Malachy OSB
Frank, Ellen & Thomas Schmidt
Gary Fowler, Susan Roller & Our Blessed
Mother Mary
David Probstfield, Logan Harris,
Lefty and Nancy Netzer, &
Mary & Paul Probstfield
Josephine Dombroski, Vernal &
Barbara Caldwell
Bobby DeGraff, Sandy Austin &
Tony Mangler
McCarthy and Atkinson Families
Jim Ceselski and David Probstfield
Mr. & Mrs. Guadalupe Romero, Mr. & Mrs.
Jesus Noriega, Guadalupe Llamas,
Victor Parra, Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Parra,
Pedro & Richard Parra
Linda Andrews, Charles & Anna Velten
Lynnix Kaye Curry, James Curry

By:

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Barchak

Mrs. Linda Esparrago
Mary Mael

Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt

Mrs. Mary Spivy
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowell

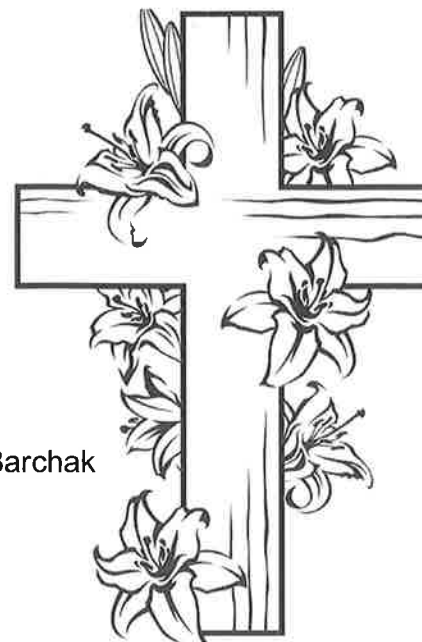
Lorene Fowler

Mrs. Sondra Probstfield

Loretta Hurlbut

Bob DeGraff and Mary Mangler
Mrs. Kitty Atkinson
Miss Nicole Pierce

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Noriega
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Velten
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Curry



In Thanksgiving:

Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Schmitz
Rigoberto & Carmen Vargas
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Laning
Mrs. Mary Ann Osterloh
Dr. & Mrs. Sergio Cruz
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Geiss

Porfirio & Eustolia Rueda
Sr. Y Sra. Samuel Patino
Mr. Joseph McCaffrey
Cecilia Gaona
Jose & Evelia Gonzalez-Tinajero

Mr. James Case
Mauricia Soriano
Mr. Bu Reh
Patricia Randall

Jerusalem

OBITUARIES

33 AD



Calvary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.



Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News.



ROMAN CATHOLIC

DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

Office of Vocations & Seminarians

March 14, 2024

Prot. No. 58/24

Dear Friends,

Have you heard the refrain, "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?" It is from the song "The Summons," which is often sung during Holy Mass. The song is actually a series of questions, "Will you go where you don't know...will you leave yourself behind...will you turn and follow me and never be the same." It is a great song for discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

Of course, the Lord has called each of us by name. In the baptismal ritual, the question is asked, "What name do you give your child?" Addressing the child by name, he or she is then claimed for Christ by the sign of the Cross.

Each of us has been called by Christ and claimed for Christ. And some are called to a profound following of Christ through the priesthood or religious life. To that end, I, as the bishop, call young men to discern their vocation to the priesthood by attending the upcoming Encounter with God's Call Weekend at Conception Seminary, Conception, MO, April 19 – 21, or the Come and See Weekend at Kenrick – Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO, March 22-24. Please visit our Vocation website at www.dioscg.org/vocations or call Kim in the Vocation Office at 417-233-4022.

The Summons ends with the following thought: "Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same." Do not be afraid to open your heart to Christ, listen to His call...and follow Him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward M. Rice
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau



ROMAN CATHOLIC

DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU

Office of Vocations & Seminarians

14 de Marzo de 2024

Queridos amigos,

¿Has escuchado el coro: "¿Vendrás y me seguirás si digo tu nombre?" Es de la canción "The Summons", que se canta durante la Santa Misa. La canción es en realidad una serie de preguntas: "¿Irás a donde no sabes... te dejarás atrás... te darás la vuelta y me seguirás...y nunca volver a ser el mismo". Es un gran canto para discernir la vocación al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa.

Por supuesto, el Señor nos ha llamado a cada uno de nosotros por nuestro nombre. En el ritual bautismal se plantea la pregunta: "¿Qué nombre le pone a su hijo?" Dirigiéndose al niño por su nombre, éste es reclamado para Cristo mediante la señal de la Cruz.

Cada uno de nosotros ha sido llamado por Cristo y reclamado para Cristo. Y algunos están llamados a un seguimiento profundo de Cristo a través del sacerdocio o de la vida religiosa. Yo, como el obispo, llamo a los jóvenes a discernir su vocación al sacerdocio, asistiendo al próximo Encuentro "*Con el llamado de Dios*," en el Seminario Conception, en Conception, MO, del 19 al 21 de abril, o asistiendo al Encuentro "*Ven y Ver*" en Kenrick – Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO, del 22 al 24 de marzo. Visite nuestro sitio web de Vocaciones en www.dioscg.org/vocations o llame a Kim a la Oficina de Vocaciones al 417-233-4022.

La canción, "The Summons," termina con el siguiente pensamiento: "Señor, tu llamada tiene un eco verdadero cuando pronuncias mi nombre. Déjame volverme y seguirte y nunca seré el mismo". No tengas miedo de abrir tu corazón a Cristo, escuchar su llamado... y seguirlo.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Mons. Edward M. Rice

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In His Passion, Jesus Christ suffered greatly for the sins of man. He wore the crown of thorns, was scourged at the pillar, and had the Five Holy Wounds inflicted upon Him. While most Catholics know of these, few are familiar with the shoulder wound of Jesus, and the miraculous story behind its devotion. Tradition says as Jesus walked the three miles from Pontius Pilate's courtyard to His Crucifixion at Calvary, the Cross dug through His shoulder ripping flesh from bone. According to a pious legend, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux prayed and asked of Christ what was his greatest unknown suffering, and what wound suffered in His Passion was most painful. Christ replied to him: "I had on My Shoulder while I bore My Cross on the Way of Sorrows, a grievous Wound which was more painful than the others, and which is not recorded by men." Christ asked that Saint Bernard and other members of the Faithful keep a devotion to his shoulder wound, and that those who do will receive God's grace. "Honor this Wound with thy devotion, and I will grant thee whatsoever thou dost ask through its virtue and merit. And in regard to all those who shall venerate this Wound, I will remit to them all their venial sins, and will no longer remember their mortal sins." Saint Bernard heeded Christ's call, composing a beautiful devotional prayer to honor the shoulder wound of Our Savior: "O Loving Jesus, Meek Lamb of God, I, a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most Sacred Wound of Thy Shoulder on which Thou didst bear Thy heavy Cross, which so tore Thy Flesh and laid bare Thy Bones as to inflict on Thee an anguish greater than any other wound of Thy Most Blessed Body. I adore Thee, O Jesus most sorrowful; I praise and glorify Thee and give Thee thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound, beseeching Thee by that exceeding pain and by the crushing burden of Thy heavy Cross, to be merciful to me, a sinner, to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins and to lead me on towards Heaven along the Way of Thy Cross. Amen." While Saint Bernard was the first to venerate the shoulder wound, he was not the last. Saint Padre Pio kept a devotion and also suffered the same wound himself as a stigmata. When Pope Saint John Paul II was still a priest he visited Padre Pio and asked him which wound was his most painful. Father Wojtyła expected that it was his chest wound, but the saint replied: "It is my shoulder wound, which no one knows about and has never been cured or treated." Prior to his death, Padre Pio confided to Brother Modestino Fucci at his friary in San Giovanni Rotondo that his greatest pains happened when took off his shirt. At the time, Fucci believed it to be his chest wounds much like John Paul II. When he was later assigned the task of inventorying all the items inside the cell of the late Padre Pio, he noticed his undershirts had blood stains on the right shoulder. That night, Brother Fucci prayed asking Padre Pio for a sign if he truly bore the shoulder wound of Christ. At 1 A.M., he awoke with an excruciating pain in his right shoulder and the room was filled the aroma of flowers, the sign Padre Pio's spiritual presence, and he heard a voice call out: "This is what I had to suffer!"



Prayer to the Shoulder Wound of Jesus

O loving Jesus, meek Lamb of God, I, a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most Sacred Wound of Your Shoulder on which You bore Your heavy Cross, which so tore Your Flesh and laid bare Your Bones as to inflict on You an anguish greater than any other wound of Your Most Blessed Body.

I adore You, O Jesus most sorrowful. I praise and glorify You and give You thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound. I beseech You, through that exceeding pain and by the crushing burden of Your heavy Cross, to be merciful to me, a sinner, to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on towards Heaven along the Way of Your Cross. Amen.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

This is probably the best answer I've ever heard to the question, "Why did God create evil?" READ THIS...

Why did God create evil? The answer struck me to the core of my soul! A professor at the university asked his students the following question: - Everything that exists was created by God?

One student bravely answered: - Yes, created by God. -

Did God create everything? - A professor asked.

"Yes, sir," replied the student.

The professor asked: - If God created everything, then God created evil, since it exists.

And according to the principle that our deeds define ourselves, then God is evil.

The student became silent after hearing such an answer.

The professor was very pleased with himself. He boasted to students for proving once again that faith in God is a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said: - Can I ask you a question, professor?

"Of course," replied the professor.

A student got up and asked: - Professor, is cold a thing? -

What kind of question? Of course it exists. Have you ever been cold? Students laughed at the young man's question.

The young man answered: - Actually, sir, cold doesn't exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is actually the absence of heat. A person or object can be studied on whether it has or transmits energy. Absolute zero (-460 degrees Fahrenheit) is a complete absence of heat. All matter becomes inert and unable to react at this temperature. Cold does not exist. We created this word to describe what we feel in the absence of heat.

A student continued: - Professor, does darkness exist? — Of course it exists. -

You're wrong again, sir. Darkness also does not exist. Darkness is actually the absence of light. We can study the light but not the darkness. We can use Newton's prism to spread white light across multiple colors and explore the different wavelengths of each color.

You can't measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into the world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you tell how dark a certain space is? You measure how much light is presented. Isn't it so? Darkness is a term man uses to describe what happens in the absence of light.

In the end, the young man asked the professor: - Sir, does evil exist?

This time it was uncertain, the professor answered: - Of course, as I said before. We see him every day. Cruelty, numerous crimes and violence throughout the world. These examples are nothing but a manifestation of evil.

To this, the student answered: - Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist for itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is like darkness and cold—a man-made word to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not faith or love, which exist as light and warmth. Evil is the result of the absence of Divine love in the human heart. It's the kind of cold that comes when there is no heat, or the kind of darkness that comes when there's no light. The student's name was Albert Einstein.



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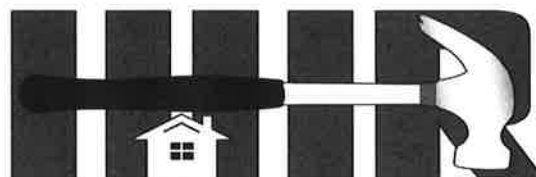
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