

Postponed: The Bishop's Pilgrimage For the National Eucharistic Revival

Due to scheduled knee surgery on Aug. 18, the diocesan pilgrimage by Bp. Rice for Aug. 27-Sept. 3 is postponed. Please stay tuned for an updated schedule and cease usage of the previously released schedule. As part of the three-year *National Eucharistic Revival*, Bishop Rice will make a pilgrimage across the diocese called, "Encountering the Eucharist, East to West," traveling to a parish in each deanery. New dates will be announced in the next Diocesan Newsletter.

Helping Hands Food Bank Really Needs Your Help

Helping Hands here in Kennett has almost nothing to give to the poor and hungry in our area at this time. Please bring any non-perishable food items to church and Beth Johnson will be sure to get them to the food bank. You may also drop by Helping Hands and bring your gift in person. Please consider picking up something this week to help the most vulnerable in Kennett.



Visiting the Sick and Homebound

Please consider visiting those in our parish who are homebound like Bob and Sharon Hines in Piggott. Caregivers also need love! They would both love to see you!

Delta Fair is Coming in September!

The Delta Fair is a great fundraiser for our parish that helps keep everything running day to day. We sell delicious food and drinks, but we need your help to do this! Please bring a **12 or 24-pack of soda** and drop it off in the classrooms! (There will be a sign.) Thank you so much for your support to keep St. Cecilia!

Parish Council Meeting September 7th After the 6pm Mass

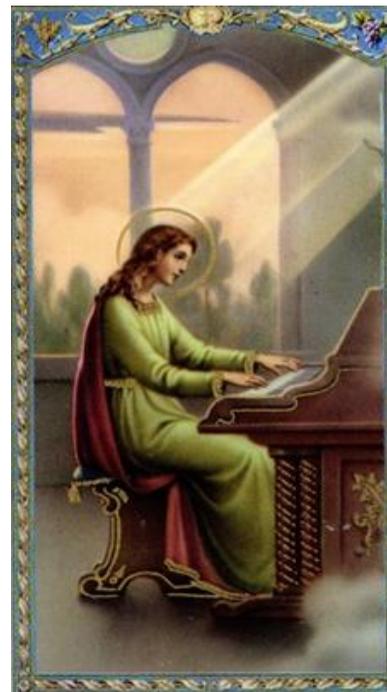
If you are on Parish Council, please come to our first meeting of the year to discuss implementing spiritual growth in our parish!

PSR Classes Begin September 11th!

These classes are for anyone seeking the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. We have parent classes at the same time as the children's classes, which is 11:45am.

September 21st: Family Movie Night at St. Cecilia!

After mass, we will gather to watch the movie Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe. Popcorn and drinks provided!



August 14, 2022
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:

Kennett Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday off,

Thursday and Friday in Portageville 10-4

Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday and Wednesday Adoration at 5; Mass at 6pm

Monday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English; 10:05am Rosary

1pm Mass in Spanish

Please pray for /Oramos para:

+Pedro Orocio, The Melendez Family, James Hargett, +Bill and Lynnette Anderson, Polly McAtee, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, and Kathy Larsen. Especially let us remember our bishops and our priest, Fr. David, and our homebound.

Mass Intentions

August 14 The Health and Wellbeing of Mary Cox

Collection for August 7, 2022



Safety for our children and youth remains a priority

“Based on the results of our recent site audit of the Diocese of Springfield – Cape Girardeau, the diocese has been found compliant with all audited Articles within the ‘Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People’ for the audit period of July 1, 2019 through March 31, 2022.”

That is the opening of the compliance letter from Stonebridge Business Partners, a company that specializes in compliance auditing and fraud and forensics services for government agencies, contractors, and institutions such as Catholic dioceses. As I’ve stated many times, it is imperative, not just an obligation, that all the (arch)dioceses of the United States must comply to what is commonly referred to as the “Dallas Charter,” “The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People,” established by the USCCB in June 2002 to address allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. Over the course of the past two decades, however, allegations have also come to light in other religious denominations, in schools, scouts, in the world of sports, Olympic and university athletic programs, and in the entertainment industry. USA Today recently did an investigation of a Branson-based evangelical sports camp with rampant abuse. This serves as a reminder of why this work is so important for all of us in all facets of society.

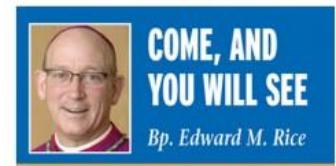
While we were found to be compliant, the management letter that accompanied the compliance letter offered suggestions as to stay the course and improve, such as the implementation of a policy for renewing safe environment training for all volunteers, the implementation of a formal process to conduct in-person visits to all parish and school locations to review documentation, and to enhance the procedures for the monitoring and relocation of accused clergy for residence.

We must also avoid any fatigue when it comes to our efforts at protecting children and young people. Sometimes people will say, “Do we really have to do this?” or “What difference is this going to make?” or “Haven’t we done enough?” When we start asking such questions, we are reflecting the “fatigue” that can often accompany this important work. Yes, it requires resources and time and energy from each one of us, but that is the only way we can restore trust in the Catholic Church, her priests and her institutions.

We must be hyper-vigilant in this area. We are talking about the protection of students who have been entrusted to our schools and young people that come to our parishes for Mass and spiritual activities. Not to mention all the “public” events and activities each of our parishes and missions undertake in our local communities: garage sales, chili suppers, fairs, retreats, etc. Because of that, our parishes must be safe havens and every adult must do his or her part to say something if one sees something out of sorts.

Once again, I express my gratitude to Mr. Bill Holtmeyer, Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, along with Rosie Francka, Associate Safe Environment Coordinator for their dedicated diligence in this area. Rosie, by the way, is retiring later this year, and the diocese owes her a debt of gratitude for her dedicated service, especially to our young people. It is a difficult but essential work and, in a sense, the work will never be done. There is a generation of people that need to be heard, believed, and healed from abuse of all kinds, not just at the hands of the Church. And from there, we must extend the healing that is needed for families who have experienced trauma caused by such abuse.

Since 2002 and the Dallas Charter, there have been many updates and revisions that now address vulnerable adults, mandatory reporting, and the consequences for those who have failed to act or report incidents of “red flag” behaviors, or abuse, or harassment. Recently, the Vatican issued a procedure to address the failure of bishops in these areas specifically. These developments illustrate that we must be tireless in this effort and to avoid the “fatigue” that can often occur. As I bring this column to an end, the good news is we are in compliance with the Charter, we continually strive to do more and improve while we continue to do all we can for the protection of children and youth. What could be more important than to attend to the needs and wellness of our people: spiritually, physically, emotionally, through the safeguards of awareness, safety, vigilance, and procedure?



You Are Called to Evangelize!

Do you know anyone who is interested in the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a great place to ask questions and find out more. Please help spread the Good News! Contact Vanessa for information about RCIA classes at St. Cecilia.