

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>!**

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 21<sup>st</sup>: 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 21, 2022  
Twenty-first 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  
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, +Sandy DeLisle, +Bill Anderson, Polly McAtee, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck, and Kathy Larsen. Especially let us remember Bishop Rice, Fr. David, and our homebound.

**Mass Intentions**

August 21 Health and Well-being of Doug Cox  
August 24 Health and Well-being of Carolyn Cox  
August 28 +Bob Bradley

## 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.

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The readings from this reflection: **Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1,2; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30**



**SCRIPTURE  
WISDOM**  
Fr. David Dohogne

At some point in time, most of us will be asked the question: “Have you been saved?” This question may be asked of us by a friend, a family member, a neighbor or coworker, or even by a stranger on the street. So what exactly does this question mean: What answer does the question really seek? The person posing this question basically wants to know if you have accepted Jesus into your life as your personal Lord and Savior and that if you died at this moment, you have the assurance and certainty of going directly to heaven.

In today’s Gospel, someone asks Jesus: “Will only a few people be saved”? It’s interesting that this question is asked of Jesus. He offers a powerful response: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” There seems to be a growing assumption among many people today that EVERYONE will go to Heaven. Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel passage prove this to be untrue.

While many people may “claim” to “know” Jesus, what is more important is that he knows us! The Lord is reminding us that there are two groups of people: those who truly know him and those who claim to know him. There are those who choose to follow Christ wholeheartedly, who are truly committed and faithful to him by seriously trying to live a holy life with the help of his grace and to live his teachings in their daily lives. I hope that describes everyone reading this article! Then there are those who publicly “claim” and profess to be Christian, but the teachings and example of Jesus have little impact or influence on their lifestyles and choices. Many people simply “assume” they will be welcomed into heaven merely because they “claim” to know Jesus. As the Gospel says so well: “We ate and drank in your company. You taught in our streets.” Christ responds: “I do not know where you are from. Depart from me.”

This Gospel is actually a foreshadowing of the Final Judgment and reminds us of the reality and existence of heaven and hell. These are eternal destinations. After the Final Judgment, we can’t stand at the door of Heaven and say “Lord, open the door for me. I’m

ready now, so let me in!” That moment is a little too late! At that moment, we can’t change things!

More and more, we are seeing the Christian faith having little or no effect or influence in the lives of many individuals, families, and cultures. Heaven is a free gift, a personal invitation from Christ to live with him forever! What is the most important invitation you have ever received? One that perhaps changed your life forever? It has to be the invitation given to us by Christ!

We are “saved” and redeemed by the grace, power, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ through the faithful living of our faith. Think of the question asked of Jesus: “What must I do to be saved?” As human beings, we desire a sense of safety and security in life, especially physically and financially. But what about spiritually? When we are young, we may not spend a lot of time thinking about our future, especially our “eternal” future. It is a common practice for many people to buy insurance policies for our cars, homes, and even our lives! Our monetary savings are “insured” by the federal government or private entity. But what about an “insurance policy” for our soul? That is only available through Jesus Christ. Our Lord may be seen as our “spiritual insurance agent,” but he is also the “policy” that protects us. Jesus is the one who will either welcome us into heaven or turn us away. Ultimately, the choice is ours to make. So, choose wisely! Choose Jesus!

*Father Dohogne is pastor of St. Henry Parish in Charleston, MO. He also serves as diocesan Director of Worship and Liturgy and as diocesan Coordinator of Spiritual Deliverance and Exorcism.*

### From Jesse Thompson, Our Seminarian



I would like to announce to my parish community that I have been accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. I would like to thank the members of the parish of St. Cecilia Catholic Church for all the support and assistance they have shown me these past few years, and I ask that you continue to pray for me as I complete the requisite undergraduate seminary formation through Franciscan University’s Priestly Discernment Program, and continue the process of priestly formation in major seminary next year. Thank you.

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