

**Collections for August 28<sup>th</sup> \$888**

**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.

**Delta Fair is Coming in September!**

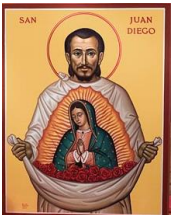
The Delta Fair is a great fundraiser for our parish that helps keep everything running day to day. We sell delicious food and drinks, but we need your help to do this! Please bring a **12 or 24-pack of soda** and drop it off in the classrooms! (There will be a sign.) Thank you so much for your support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

**A Request From Bishop Rice**

Bishop Rice has asked us to update our parish directory so that everyone receives a copy of the Mirror. Please stop by the vestibule table and update your address today!

**Council of Catholic Women Meeting**

The ladies of St. Ann's Parish in Malden will host the September 11 meeting of the CCW of Deanery 7 in their parish hall. Registration begins at 11:30m and lunch is at noon. Come enjoy the food, a program, and a short business meeting. All Catholic women are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Mary Ann Taylor at 573-820-3018.



**September 4, 2022  
Twenty-third 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**

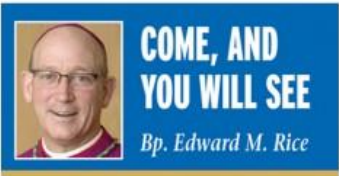
Monday and Wednesday Adoration at 5; Mass at 6pm  
Sunday Masses: 10:30am Mass in English; 10:05am Rosary  
1pm Mass in Spanish

**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**

September 4 +Greg Bradley  
September 7 +Emmett Cox  
September 11 +Rose Saracini



## Strengthening Catholic identity in Catholic schools

On Mon., Sept. 5, we celebrate the civil holiday of Labor Day, the traditional ending of the summer season. Those with children will be back to following the school calendar and

getting into the daily routine of study and homework. With that in mind, I recently had the opportunity to speak to the pastors and principals of our diocesan Catholic schools, and then to all of the teachers in the Springfield Catholic Schools System. I would like to share with you some of my thoughts.

On Jan. 25, 2022, the Congregation for Catholic Education issued a 20- page document discussing the identity of Catholic schools, “The Identity of Catholic Schools for a Culture of Dialogue.” No doubt, every bishop is concerned that the schools under his jurisdiction be authentically Catholic, and the document gives some good guiding principles to achieve that goal. There should always be **“a clear awareness and consistency of the Catholic identity of the Church’s educational institutions.”**

Without a clear identity, we cannot have a clear discussion.

Just as a mother gives life, teaches and guides, so, too, does “Holy Mother Church.” A Catholic school should reflect the family dynamic, and like any mother, moms are concerned about the lives of their children in all the details. Therefore, a **Catholic education should offer a holistic approach, offering faith formation, values, and knowledge.** True education has the goal of the formation of the human person, collaborating with the parents. It is not just about the transmission of information. Catholic formation within the school should address the whole of life that can be imbued with the spirit of Christ.

Paragraph 18 says “a Catholic school lives in the flow of human history.” In other words, we are not immune to the issues in our culture. We do not live in a bubble. And therefore, we must **“adopt new teaching methods while remaining faithful to our own identity.”** For example, that principle is behind our “Theology of the Body, [TOB]” curriculum—TOB addresses the issues of science and faith and sex. That principle is the lens through which we prepare for the sacraments, utilize technology and other social issues. Our rich faith has something beautiful to say to these rather “new” issues in our culture.

Paragraph 23 in the document states, “In the Catholic school... **There is no separation between time for learning and time for formation, between acquiring knowledge and growing in wisdom.**” Everything in the school setting is about formation. The

teachers in our Catholic schools should be “teachers of learning and of life, to be a reflection, although imperfect, of the one Teacher,” Jesus Christ.

The document goes on to remind us that “the whole school community is responsible for implementing the school’s Catholic identity: students, parents, teachers, nonteaching personnel, and the school administration.” All of them form the educational community and become responsible for evangelization— it must be at the heart of all that they do. Paragraph 47 makes a powerful statement, **“Teachers must be outstanding in correct doctrine and integrity of life.”** So, if a teacher does not accept the call to holiness and is not on their own journey of faith, the principal or administration must have a conversation to see if it’s actually a good fit for them to be instructing in the Catholic school. **Teachers in our Catholic schools are not employees, or even professionals, but rather living out their personal vocation within the Catholic school community.**

I thank our administrators, principals, staff, and teachers. Each one of you is an extension of my work. You collaborate with me; you represent me in the classroom and in the administration of our 23 elementary and three high schools. I cannot do the work without you. Let’s make this our best year ever.

### DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CONFERENCES

On **Sat., Sept. 17, at Notre Dame Regional High School, Cape Girardeau, and on Sat., Nov. 5, at Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield, the diocesan Office of Worship will offer a “Diocesan Liturgical Conference”** on Sacred Music and Ministries for the Mass. The keynote address will focus on music and the Sacred Liturgy, including selecting music for Mass, weddings, funerals, etc. This workshop is open for all music leaders, choir members, musicians, readers, server trainers, liturgical coordinators, sacristans, and extraordinary ministers. This is the first time such a conference has been offered since I have been in the diocese—and I think it is a great opportunity for us during this three-year Eucharistic Revival—to learn more about what is at the very heart of the Church, the Eucharist. I thank Fr. David Dohogne, Director of the Office of Worship along with Katie Newton, for organizing this event. Please plan to attend.

### 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.