

SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Reminder to any school families if you have not turned in your registration papers, they can be turned in either by mail (PO Box 19), or at the parish or school office. Also, we are always in need of paper and appreciate all donations received.

The following are excerpts from Bishop Paul J. Bradley's article *The Bishop's Perspective: Summertime Holiness* that can be found at <https://diokzoo.org/news/the-bishops-perspective-summertime-holiness>. Keeping the Holy Father's words in mind, I would like to suggest two summer-time activities we all might consider as we plan our more-relaxed "to-do" lists for the next few months: to play, and to pray.

Play: Making time to relax, have fun, read, go to the beach, sit on the porch, sleep in or stay up late — all of those are great ways to allow more time to play during these summer months. Taking a break from homework and other responsibilities can be life-giving. However, just as we don't take a break from our basic responsibilities nor give up taking care of our normal physical needs, neither can we take a break from our basic responsibilities to God. Coming to Mass every Sunday (Saturday evening) is just as important during the summer time. Whether we're going to the lake or taking a trip to another part of the world, we need to always make sure that we are making time to get to Mass and remaining faithful to our call to holiness in what we're doing. Additionally, being able to find joy in games with others, and good fun with family and friends is truly re-invigorating. **Pray:** Besides making time in our summer weeks for Mass and going to Confession, summer time is ideal to make additional time for prayer as we take walks through the woods, sit at the beach, or travel in the car on trips. We can pray the Rosary together as a Family, or we can reflect on God's goodness in the world of nature.

PARKING CHANGES

The mayor has asked that we no longer park on either side of the circle drive in front of church. The police department will give you citations for parking there.

THANK YOU!

St. Ann's sodality would like to thank all who helped at the recent Rummage Sale. Thanks to those who donated items, helped sort, sell, and pack up the unsold items. They made over \$2,600 to be used to help support the parish.

ST. GEORGE PICNIC

We will be having our annual St. George Picnic this year on Sunday, June 27. It will be similar to the Fall festival last year with a drive through meal, raffle, quilt auction, and beer stand. The work lists and raffle tickets are available in the back of church. Please notify your chair and find a replacement if you cannot work your shift. If you are not on the list, but want to help out, please contact the picnic chairs or the parish office.

If you have baby quilts or other items to donate for the auction, please drop them off at the parish office prior to June 15 so they can be added to our online presentation of auction items prior to the picnic.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMPLIANCE

To ensure that St. George is providing a safe environment for our most vulnerable parishioners to work, learn, play, pray, worship, and socialize, the Diocese of Jefferson City has updated our safe environment policy. Under this policy, all adult volunteers (18 and older that are no longer in high school) and Catholic School parents are required to complete a VIRTUS training online or in person if they have not already done so, complete the Child Abuse or Neglect Registry background check form, and read and consent to the Code of Pastoral Conduct. If you have completed the VIRTUS training before, you should be able to log in to your account to fill out the necessary forms to update your compliance. If you have never attended VIRTUS, you can register for in-person or online training at www.virtusonline.org. Once you register, you should also receive access to the electronic Code of Pastoral Conduct form. The Child Abuse and Neglect Registry background check form is the only form that cannot be completed online. Copies of this form are available in the parish office and in the back of church. This information is for all Catholic school parents and all volunteers, whether working the picnic, cleaning the church, or participating in choir or worship liturgies. For more information and links to all the necessary resources, please see the diocesan webpage at <https://www.diojeffcity.org/safe-environment/> or go to our website and select the "Safe Environment" drop down from the "Parish Life" menu. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your diligence to help St. George provide a safe environment for all!

LIVES OF THE SAINTS—BL. FRANZ JAEGERSTAETTER

Born in St. Radegund in Upper Austria, Franz worked in the mines in another city and then returned to St. Radegund, where he became a farmer, married Franziska and lived his faith with quiet but intense conviction. In 1938, he publicly opposed the German *Anschluss*--annexation--of Austria. The next year, he was drafted into the Austrian army, trained, and received a deferment. In 1940, Franz was called up again but allowed to return home at the request of the town's mayor. He was in active service between October 1940 and April 1941, but was again deferred. His pastor, other priests, and the bishop of Linz urged him not to refuse to serve if drafted. In February 1943, Franz was called up again and reported to army officials in Enns, Austria. When he refused to take the oath of loyalty to Hitler, he was imprisoned in Linz. During Holy Week Franz wrote to his wife: "Easter is coming and, if it should be God's will that we can never again in this world celebrate Easter together in our intimate family circle, we can still look ahead in the happy confidence that, when the eternal Easter morning dawns, no one in our family circle shall be missing—so we can then be permitted to rejoice together forever." He was transferred in May to a prison in Berlin. On August 8, 1943, Franz wrote to Franziska and he was beheaded and cremated the following day. In 1946, his ashes were reburied in St. Radegund near a memorial inscribed with his name and the names of almost 60 village men who died during their military service. He was beatified in Linz on October 26, 2007.