

# St. Ambrose Parish

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BEEHIVE



## Robert McElroy New American Cardinal

**Bishop Robert McElroy** said he had “not a clue” that he would be named to the College of Cardinals by Pope Francis, which is why he was initially confused when his phone sprang to life in the early hours of Sunday morning, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Congratulatory texts poured in from friends and family, the news having been announced at noon Rome time — or 3 in the morning in San Diego.

Once awake, he learned the pope had included him on a list of 21 soon-to-be elevated cardinals, so he got to work returning emails and phone calls and drafting a statement, before heading out to a parish confirmation later that morning. That sums up how he envisions his new status in the church, perhaps more responsibilities on his plate but ultimately, a bishop leading a local church.

At a press conference later that week, Bishop McElroy said he believes the Pope selected him because he wanted a cardinal on the West Coast and because of his support for some of the pope’s pastoral and ecclesial priorities. (Once he is made a cardinal on August 27<sup>th</sup> at a ceremony in Rome, Bishop McElroy will be the sole cardinal in California, aside from the 86-year-old former archbishop of Los Angeles, Cardinal Roger Mahony, who because of age is ineligible to vote in the next papal conclave.)

The appointment of a bishop to the College of Cardinals over two California *archbishops* raised some eyebrows.

But Archbishop José Gomez, who heads the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco, are not perceived to be as closely aligned to Pope Francis as Bishop McElroy, who acknowledged as much.

Pope Francis has a series of initiatives that he’s trying to bring to the life of the church,” he said, “and I have tried to take those initiatives and plant them here.” Archbishop Gomez and Archbishop Cordileone each congratulated Bishop McElroy in statements earlier this week.

Bishop McElroy cited his work to promote the Pope’s environmental justice vision outlined in his 2015 encyclical, “*Laudato Si’*,” and his own efforts to support the Pope’s vision for a more synodal church, one that is characterized by “a more pastoral orientation rather than a strict doctrinal orientation within the life of the church,” as he put it. Bishop McElroy said he and the Pope share a view that the church should focus on “more inclusion” and “outreach to people who have been alienated from the church in the past.”

Earlier this month, Archbishop Cordileone announced that he would ban Speaker Nancy Pelosi from receiving Communion because of her support for abortion rights. When asked by a reporter about his views on the Eucharist and political leaders, Bishop McElroy said he wrote his first article discouraging banning politicians from Communion in

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## New American Cardinal

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2004, during the presidential campaign of John Kerry, and more recently in an article in *America*.

“It is destructive, in my view, to prohibit political leaders from receiving Communion based on their actions on public policy,” he said. Such bans diminish the Eucharist, contribute toward the weaponization of the sacraments “and even more so [contribute] to increased partisanship within our society,” he said. “We sadly live in a society which is deeply divided along partisan and ideological lines, and we see some of that seeping into the life of the church,” he said, calling it “a great tragedy. “So I think it’s important that we not go in that direction,” he said.

Bishop McElroy is 68, which means he will rank on the younger side of the roughly 117 men eligible to vote for the next pope. A priest and former auxiliary bishop of San Francisco, Bishop McElroy was appointed to lead the Diocese of San Diego in 2015. At Tuesday’s press conference, he addressed recent health challenges, including a quadruple bypass surgery he undertook last year. He said he had no complications and no pain and that he is back to normal. As for his Italian, he said it is rusty, though he speaks it well enough to get by during his visits to Rome.

Bishop McElroy said his day-to-day responsibilities would remain stable and that he was “particularly pleased” he was staying put in San Diego, where he will be that diocese’s first bishop to be made a cardinal. Passing on the faith to young people remains “critical” and the church’s “highest priority,” he said, which requires the church “to forge and find new methods” to reach them. Additionally, he said that the church must not forget the lessons learned from revelations of clergy sexual abuse and said that the global nature of the church might mean looking to other regions of the world to deal with pressing issues like the clergy shortage.

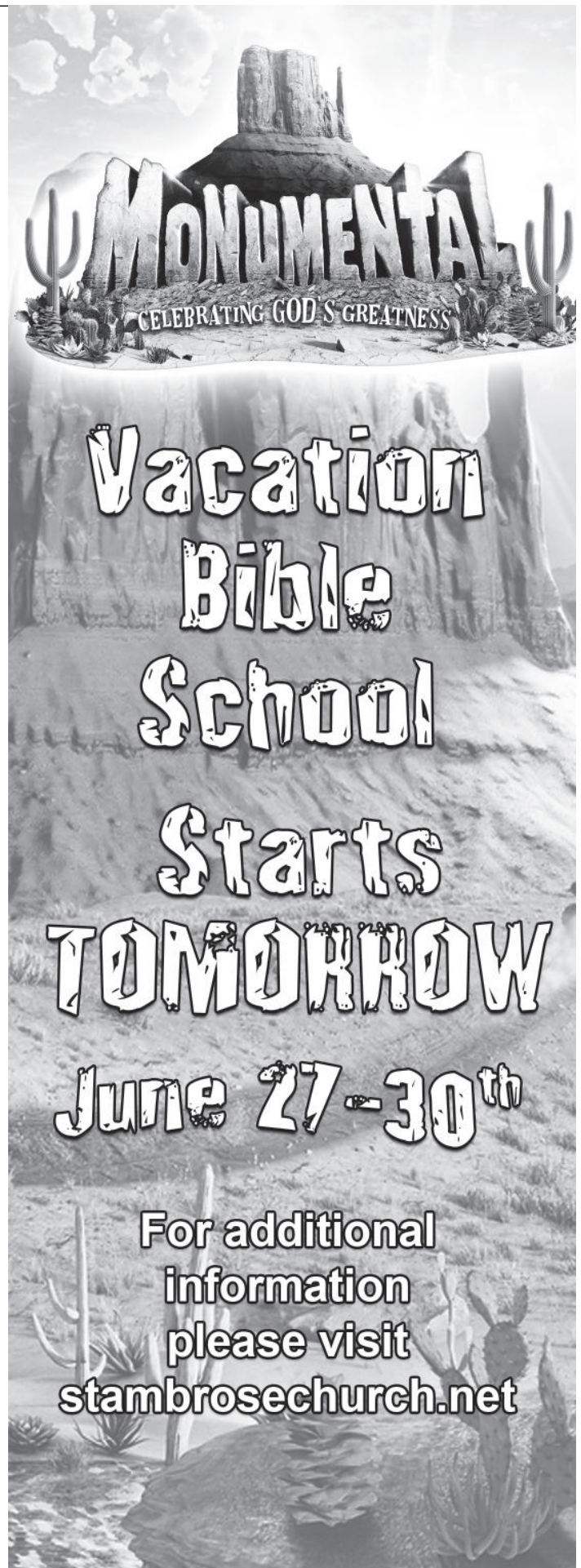
He noted that as a participant in the 2019 Synod on “New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology,” he heard many participants state that a married priesthood would benefit the church.

“Can there be change on this issue?” he said Tuesday of married priests. “Yes, there can be change.”

Bishop McElroy noted that the primary duty of a cardinal is to elect a new pope and while cardinal-electors rarely divulge their preferences for who they would like to see sit in Peter’s throne, he made at least one thing clear.

“That won’t happen,” he said when asked by a reporter if he had thought about the possibility of his one day being elected pope. “I don’t think an American should be pope,” he said, stating that the United States already wields enough influence in the church and world. “I would oppose any American being elected pope.”

*Written By Michael J. O’Loughlin, May 31, 2022  
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# All Things Considered

Last week we were setting the Confirmation ceremony date for January 2023. That necessitated inviting a bishop. There are not many parishes requesting a Christmas season Confirmation, so we generally don't have much of a problem with this scheduling.

As it happens, Bishop Don Hanchon is available for the January 7<sup>th</sup> date. But at the end of the conversation with his office, an odd addendum came from his secretary. She indicated that in 2023 we would then be a Family of Parishes, so I would need permission from the Moderator of our family – Fr. Jim Bilot at St. Paul – before the date could be finalized.

I get the point. Technically, starting on July 1<sup>st</sup> there is no longer a “pastor” here at St. Ambrose Parish but a “Priest in Solidum.” His/my jurisdictional authorities are different and clearly more limited than before.

In all honesty, it makes a lot of sense to coordinate Confirmation dates between the four parishes in our family. And while it is no big deal to write or call Fr. Bilot, being told I “had to” was a wake-up call.

Family of Parishes is indeed a new legislative model, and it is not the ecclesial model that I have grown up with. Ten years from now when the supply of clergy will truly be exhausted we might be thanking Archbishop Vigneron for his foresight in setting up a structure for maintaining multiple parish sites with minimal clergy. But that is not the sense of the moment.

I have said from the beginning that there may certainly be merits to the FoP plan, but the speed of implementation during a world-wide pandemic was not the best timing. It may have been better to put the idea out there and then let parishes/pastors work organically toward that goal. But that is not a typical Roman Catholic way of doing things, which for centuries has

relied on a top-down system of government. It gets the job done fast, but does so with a lot of collateral damage. Not much “synodality” here as Pope Francis has been advocating.

Since we are walking into largely uncharted territory when it comes to FoP, there are many loose ends – not the least of which is how all of this relates to the Canon Law of the Church and the civil incorporation of our parishes.

Mostly, it is not those details that gum up the works. I think that will come from a clergy that has been repeatedly demoralized over the last decade and who want to focus on rebuilding parishes that have been largely emptied by Covid. Realistically, we might never in this generation gain the traction and community life that was enjoyed before 2020.

Religious culture wars add to the problem. A contentious American mood that wants to battle at a moment's notice on just about anything certainly adds fuel to the fire. This has spread to a “wanna-be in schism mood” led by some Catholics who have the means and methods of fanning the flames of orthodoxy and neo-orthodoxy.

All of the above robs me of whatever sense of accomplishment I might have enjoyed as I run the last lap of my ministerial career. I now understand why so many of my colleagues have chosen not to remain in active ministry past the retirement age of 70.

It's not because being a priest and operating a parish is difficult these days – most priests I know thrive on challenges. For me dissatisfaction arises from the ever-increasing centralization of the Archdiocese and the adoption of a business model that handles parishes like franchises.


This is very different from the Church in which I spent my early years of priesthood. Back then, parish genius and creativity were celebrated and “downtown” was a service agency there to encourage and allow growth — not wrangle it in. What a far cry from the excitement of the early days following the Second Vatican Council when, following the instruction of

Pope John XXIII, the Church “opened the windows” and let in some fresh air.”

This Monday and Tuesday, just about half of the priests of parishes in the Archdiocese (myself included) will meet in mandatory sessions leading to the beginning of the “second wave” of Family of Parishes. Starting two days later, the FoP plan kicks in for all of the 217 remaining parishes already not under the new structure.

Fr. Bilot, along with Fr. Kowalczyk, and Fr. Novelly decided months ago to start our planning sessions ahead of this week's meeting and we have a

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2	2	Box Scores
Number of Families ..... 800		
Returns to date ..... 39		
Average Gift in '21 ..... \$771.00		
AoD Quota in '22 ..... \$93,669		
Property/Liability Insurance ... \$52,000		
Adjusted parish target ..... \$145,669		
Received as of 6/22/22 ..... \$50,380		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our CSA goal is higher this year by only \$600, but it will be as challenging to meet as it was in 2021.</li> <li>• The insurance premium listed – roughly \$1,000 a week – is the fund that covers our property and liability coverage for the parish.</li> <li>• Once we meet the AoD quota, anything given to the CSA comes directly back to our parish without the usual 7% deduction.</li> <li>• Donations may be made in stock or other negotiables.</li> </ul>		
		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make your electronic donation even easier, please scan this QR Code with your smart phone camera and you will be taken directly to our parish website where you can make your donation.</li> </ul>		

## All Things Considered, cont

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chunk of work already done before our arrival. We might have had it all completed if it were not for Fr. Kowalczyk's family emergency regarding his ailing mother. Fortunately we are in a Family of Parishes where all the clergy genuinely respects one another and that makes all this easier to accept.

I have plenty of work I would like to accomplish (or finish) here, but clearly might not be able to get it all done – at age 74, I know that I am slowing up.

As a newly ordained, I heard Cardinal Dearden preach at a 1979 mass for deceased priests. His words stayed with me. They were recently quoted by Pope Francis to the Roman Curia. Dearden's advice makes even more sense to me now.

*"The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.*

*This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.*

*We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own."*

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## Faith Formation Station

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News!" Romans 10:13-15*

It is my honor to introduce to you our kindergarten and first grade catechists from the 2021-2022 faith formation year. God bless all our catechists, students and their families this summer! We look forward to seeing them back in the classroom this fall.



### Kindergarten with Delaney Jackson

*"I have been teaching the kindergarten religious education class at St. Ambrose for the past four years. I was also an assistant in the first-grade classroom when I was in high school. I am currently a junior at Oakland University majoring in Elementary Education. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and swimming. These past few years teaching catechism at St. Ambrose has been the biggest blessing and has helped me to grow closer to God. I have had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful families and have enjoyed spreading the love that Jesus has for us to many little ones."*

***Their Class Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you so much for all you do for us. We are especially thankful for the beauty for the earth. Thank you for bikes. Thank you for the sunshine keeping us warm. Thank you for the pool for us to play in. Thank you for the leaf's colors. Thank you for dogs — our best friends. Thank you for the beauty of the earth Lord. Amen.***

### First Grade with Colleen Gatzke and Mary Grech:





Mary Grech: *"I have been teaching first grade religious education at St. Ambrose since returning home to Michigan after living out of state. It has been a joyous and meaningful way to reconnect with the parish community and help our youngest parishioners grow in their faith. I enjoy learning about each student and helping them recognize the presence of God in their everyday lives, while also learning more about special Catholic traditions."* Mary began her career as a classroom educator and now works for an education non-profit.

Colleen Gatzke: *"I have two children: a son who is 28 and a daughter who is 26. I work at University Liggett Schools where I am the transportation director. I have been married for 30 years."* Colleen has taught religious education for many years and has been team-teaching with Mary for the last five years.

**Their Class Prayer:** *Dear God, please help us grow in faith by giving us the strength to work hard, be kind, listen, and include other people. Amen.*

**Their Class Symbols:** Each week, the students added a bead to a necklace to remember the lesson learned together in class. The list explains the lesson connected to each bead.

- Puzzle piece bead to remind us of how we are each a special and can work together to learn about God.
- Animal bead to remind us of St. Francis and how God asks us to care for all the creatures on Earth.
- Blue bead to remind us of the Blessed Mother Mary and the color of her veil.
- Blue and white round beads to remind us to drop positivity into each other's buckets just like St. Damien did when he cared for the poor and sick.
- Gold cross to remind us of the Trinity and the Sign of the Cross.
- Orange bead to remind us of our St. Lucy pumpkin and the lessons St. Lucy teaches us about sharing God's light and caring for those with eye problems.
- Handprint bead to remind us to lend a helping hand.
- Heart bead to remind us to be thankful for God's love and to share it with all people.
- Red and green bead to remind us of the Christmas holiday and to give back to others.
- Star beads to remind us of the star above the nativity and that Jesus is our light and guiding star.
- Fish bead to remind us that we are followers of Jesus.
- Yellow and black bead to remind us that we belong to St. Ambrose Parish.
- Sheep bead to remind us that we are part of a flock who follows Jesus.
- White star bead with "7" written on them, to remind us of the seven Holy Sacraments.
- Peace sign beads to remind us of the peace God asks us to share with all nations during the Olympics.
- Purple bead to remind us of the season of Lent.
- Shiny bead to remind us of how Jesus shines His Light for us to follow.
- Clear bead, to remind us of how God's forgiveness helps us feel clean and clear.
- Green bead to remind us of St. Patrick who was one of God's messengers.
- Yellow bead to remind us of Easter and how Jesus rose again to Heaven.
- Ladybug bead to remind us that all creatures are God's gifts and deserve our respect - including insects.
- Flower bead to remind us of how we are "growing" in our faith.

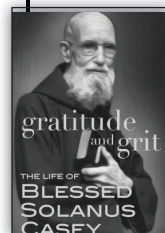
#### PROGRAM REMINDERS:

**Registration for 2022-2023:** Registration information will be emailed to current religious education families in mid-July. If you or someone you know is interested in registering for our program in kindergarten through grade 8, please email the religious education office.

**Catechists & Volunteers Needed:** We will need a few new catechists for the 2022-2023 religious education year. If you or someone you know might be called to the ministry of sharing one's faith with the children of St. Ambrose parish, please consider joining our catechetical team. We will provide you with all the support you need. If interested, please email the religious education office at [reled.stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:reled.stambrose@comcast.net).

Kelly Woolums

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## The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the St. Ambrose Catholic Community Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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### Sacramental Celebrations

**Masses:** On the Lord's Day –

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

**Baptism:** Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.

**Penance:** As announced and by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.

**Funeral:** Normally celebrated within one week after the deceased's passing.

### Directory

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## Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, June 27

*St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor*

### Tuesday, June 28

*St. Irenaeus, bishop & doctor*

8:30 a.m. – Mass – Eugene Martin

### Wednesday, June 29

*SS. Peter & Paul, apostles*

### Thursday, June 30

*First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

7:00 p.m. – Sean O'Connor

Patrick & Ann O'Connor

### Friday, July 1

*St. Junipero Serra, priest*

12:00 p.m. – John Cardinal Dearden

### Saturday, July 2

*Weekday 13<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time*

4:00 p.m. – Mass – For All People

### Sunday, July 3

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 – Mass – For All People

11:15 – Mass – For All People



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## Scriptures for the 13<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

### June 27

Am 2: 6-10, 13-16

Ps 50: 16bc-23

Mt 8: 18027

### June 28

Am 3: 1-8; 4: 11-12

Ps 5: 4b-8

Mt 8: 23-27

### June 29

Acts 12: 1011

Ps 34: 2-9

2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18

Mt 16: 13-19

### June 30

Am 7: 10-17

Ps 19: 8-11

Mt 9: 1-8

### July 1

Am 8: 4-6, 9-12

Ps 119: 2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131

Mt 9: 9-13

### July 2

Am 9: 11-15

Ps 85: 9ab, 10-14

Mt 9: 14-17

### July 3

Is 66: 10-14c

Ps 66: 1-7, 16, 20

Gal 6: 14-18

Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10: 1-9

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses are celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Under the Center for Disease Control guidance, people in counties with low or medium Covid-19 community levels no longer need to wear masks indoors unless they are immunocompromised or at "high risk" for severe Covid-19. Currently Wayne County shows a **HIGH level of risk**. As a result, St. Ambrose Parish is reinstating the mandatory mask requirement for weekend masses. We will maintain it also for funerals and weddings.

At all community levels, the CDC recommends people get vaccinated and boosted, and get tested if they have symptoms.

To participate electronically, go to: [facebook.com/stambroseparish](https://facebook.com/stambroseparish) or better yet, to You Tube at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCbymBGIQxUF6UqPct5x5xPg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbymBGIQxUF6UqPct5x5xPg)

## Your Envelope Speaks ... the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of..... \$10,100.00

**On Sunday, June 19, 2022**

in envelopes we received ..... \$3,369.00

in the loose collection ..... \$1,162.00

in electronic donations..... \$4,065.29

for a total of ..... \$8,596.29

**Under** budget for the week..... \$1,503.71

Number of envelopes mailed ..... 627

Number of envelopes used ..... 47



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## Our Sick

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or who are hospitalized: Pat Blake, Donald Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Matthew Elias, Mary Martin, George Bucec, Emilie Kasper, Anna Noto Billings, Eileen O'Brien, Liz Linne, Donna Barnes, Alexandra Cullen, Charmaine Kaptur, Frank Gregory, Alex Billiu, Jackie Walkowski, Maria Simcina, Brian Tague, Sharif Hannan, Shirley Whelan, Anne Purvis, Jerry Gutowski, Kevin O'Connor, Albina Checki, Judy Sivanov, Matthew Brown, Ernie Ament, Vince LoCicero, Lily Faith, Patty Freund, Karen Jordan, Janis Ramsey, Colette Gilewicz, Richard Strowger and those suffering and hospitalized worldwide with Covid.



## Diaconate Information Night

In 1968 our American bishops asked Pope Paul IV to authorize the restoration of the Permanent Diaconate in this country.

To understand diaconal ministry it is essential to see deacons in the context of the three general areas of service to which they are especially called: the ministry of the Word, ministry of the liturgy, and ministry of charity and justice. Everything a deacon does falls within this framework.

If you know of any men who have shown interest in the diaconate or you feel may have a call, consider inviting them to our next Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Additional details at <https://tinyurl.com/48k7wamy>

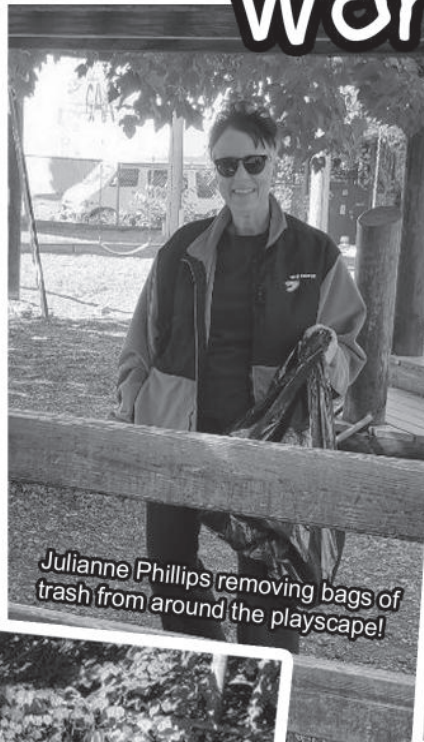
*Deacon Chris Beltowski*



# Playscape Work-Party!



Scott Sellke making repairs to the supports of the main structure



Julianne Phillips removing bags of trash from around the playscape!



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4th - 8th grade in the 2022-2023 school year!  
Come meet the directors, learn some music skills,  
participate in our performance on Saturday!  
This is a fun opportunity to meet new friends that  
share your interest in singing. Don't miss out!  
Thursday April 28th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Friday April 29th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Saturday April 30th 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
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Registration details at choironevoice.org | Cost \$90 (Payable Via Paypal)

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