

# 20, MAY 2019 SFA HONORED WITH FIRST ANNUAL JEANS DAY PLAQUE

For the first time this year, Catholic Charities of West Tennessee invited Catholic schools in our area to engage in a little friendly fundraising competition by hosting a Jeans Day benefitting Catholic Charities and the work they do to help the needy members in our community. The school that



raised the most money per student would have the honor of displaying the traveling Jeans Day plaque at their school for the year. The six schools that participated raised over \$3,800 for Catholic Charities where they serve those in need through the Housing Ministery, Food Pantry, mobile food distribution, Clothing Closet, Reading Room, and the Immigration program. Of the six participating schools, SFA raised the most per student and was awarded the Jeans Day plaque by Mrs. Brenda O'Loonev from Catholic Charities of West TN.

#### ST. AGNES-ST. DOMINIC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER DONATE TO THE FORREST SPENCE FUND



(Bishop Steib enjoying his time spent with students at St. Agnes-St.Dominic)

Every week during Lent children from the St. Agnes - St. Dominic Early Childhood Center had a prayer service where they collected quarters which they earned for doing good deeds. The money was donated to the Forrest Spence Fund.



## ST. BENEDICT AT AUBURNDALE GRADUATION 2019 - PHOTOS BY KAREN PULFER FOCHT

St. Benedict at Auburndale held their 2019 Commencement Ceremony at Hope Church in Cordova.



The Saint Benedict at Auburndale Graduation at Hope Church in Memphis, Tennessee on Friday Evening May 10, 2019. Wyatt Ellis is the Valedictorian from the Class of 2019 with the highest GPA from the 187-member Class of 2019.



Kylie Schaumburg at the Saint Benedict at Auburndale Graduation at Hope Church in Memphis, Tennessee on Friday Evening May 10, 2019.



Dominican Sister Rita Marie (Dominican Sisters of St. Cecila), at the Saint Benedict at Auburndale Graduation at Hope Church in Memphis, Tennessee on Friday Evening May 10, 2019.

## SAA-SDS NAMES DIRECTORS OF DOMINICAN-CATHOLIC IDENTITY

St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School is pleased to announce that Bethany Odom will join the faculty as the Director of Dominican-Catholic Identity for the Early Childhoodand Lower School, and Deacon Rick Martin will serve in that role for the Upper School.Gretchen Kirk, who has been the Director of Religious Education since 2006, will beretiring at the end of May."For the past 13 years Gretchen Kirk has been a true model of the Dominican Pillars onour campus," said President Thomas Hood. "This position is instrumental in fostering thespiritual growth of our students, faculty and parents, so we have decided to hire a team tobuild on the work done by Mrs. Kirk. We know that Mrs. Odom and Deacon Martin willform a dynamic partnership as they work together to lead the spiritual life of ourcommunity." Mrs. Odom has taught



Bethany Odom

Religion at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School for almost 20 years, and most recently served as the school's Religion Coordinator. She has developed religioncurriculum, as well as planned retreats and Liturgies, andcoordinated service activities for the school. The diocese recently honored Mrs. Odom with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Award forher work in Catholic education. She attended the University of Memphis where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education.She and her husband Matt have three children, Emily, Thomas and

Cecilia. Deacon Martin has been teaching Theology to the St. AgnesAcademy freshman class for almost four years. Additionally he has served as Retreat Coordinator for the Upper School, coordinatedthe Ring Ceremony and Baccalaureate Liturgies, and planned prayer services for the camp and is currently assigned to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He received his Diaconate

studies certification at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana and has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He and his wife Loretta have three children, Cameron, Henry and Sarah.



Deacon Rick Martin

#### **DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS SEMINARIANS ATTEND CANADA'S MARCH FOR LIFE**



Diocese of Memphis Seminarians Martin Lugo and Eduardo Lopes who are attending priestly formation at Saint Augustine Seminary in Toronto and Fr. Donato who is attending Canon Law Classes at Saint Pau University in Ottawa participated in the March for life in Ottawa, Ontario - Canada on May 9, 2019

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## **ICCS NAMES 2019 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN**

Michal Kennell has been named Immaculate Conception Cathedral School's Class of 2019 valedictorian.



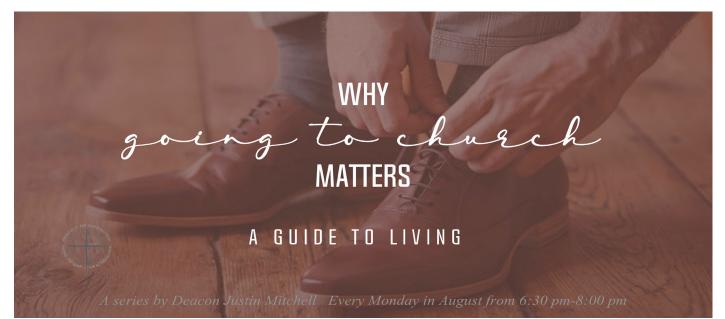
rian. Lisbeth has a 4.344 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as vice president and the Beta Club. She also served as vice president of the Student Government Association. Lisbeth attended the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership program as well as the STEM program at the U.S. Naval Academy and was accepted for a paid internship at Medtronics. She was a member of the French Club, Environmental Club, and Campus Ministry.Lisbeth will attend Christian Brothers University and plans a career in engineering.

Michal holds a 4.3684 GPA and has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years. She is the current president of the French Club and has served as vice president and president of the Art Club. She has been an active member of the the Environmental Club, Knowledge Bowl, Psychology Club, and Mu Alpha Theta. Her volunteer service includes Hope Works, IC Cathedral's Room in the Inn, tutoring through the NHS, and work with Peabody Elementary School.Michal will attend St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland this fall. She is considering a career as a psychologist, midwife, or nurse.

Lisbeth Morales has been named ICCS's Class of 2019 Salutato-



Lisbeth Morales, ICC Salutatorian 2019



### **ST. AGNES - ST. DOMINIC PRAYER PARTNERS**

St.Agnes-St.Dominic honored their students Prayer Partners during an All Schools Mass. Terry Steib Bishop Emeritus celebrated the mass, where he was joined by almost 20 other priests and deacons from the diocese. These priests and deacons have been prayer partners with our students during this school year. Following Mass the priests and deacons visited with the students that had been praying for them throughout the year.







Presented by HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH Sponsored by CHUCK HUTION CHEVROLET

#### **"A GATHERING IN THE UPPER ROOM" TO BENEFIT SEMINARIANS**

"A Gathering in the Upper Room" is a banquet held to support our seminarians within the Pentecost Jubilation 2019. The banquet will be held at St. Benedict at Auburndale High School on Saturday, June

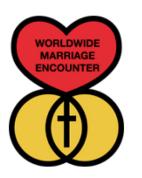
8th at 6:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to publicly pray for and demonstrate support for our priests, deacons and seminarians. All proceeds will be donated to the Seminarian Fund. The evening will follow the 14 Stations of Via Lucis, The Paschal Way of the Light, from Resurrection to Pentecost.

Special Guests include Bishop David Talley, Bishop Emeritus Terry Steib, Diocesan Priests, Deacons, and Religious, St. Augustine Gospel Choir, St. Benedict at Auburndale High School Choir, concert pianist Julie Schap and concert violinist Andy Yu, Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center guitarist Matt Cummings and representatives from numerous local Catholic



Organizations. Seating is extremely limited and tickets may be purchased online. To purchase tickets please go to www.pentecostjubilation.com. For questions or to find out more information please call Tom Lewis at 901-569-3939.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A Weekend of Discovery & A Lifetime of Love. WWME weekends are June 7-9, 2019 & October 25-27 @ Our



Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. For more information or to apply you can visit the CDOM website or

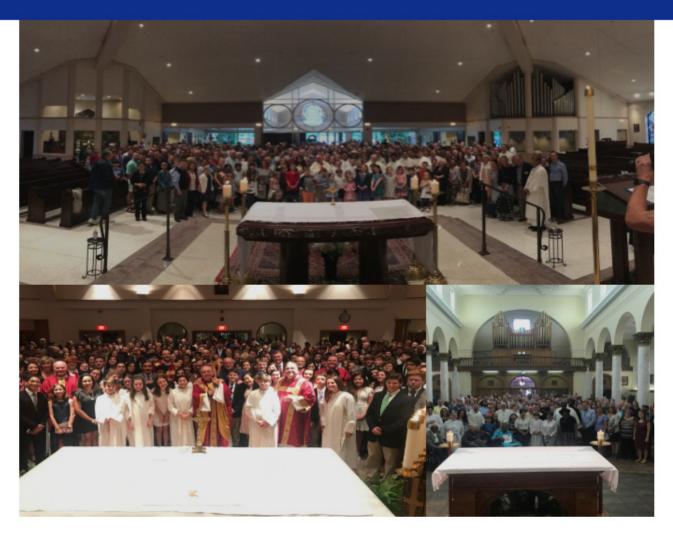
contact Norman and Barbara Sobota at 901-373-7030 email: sobota@bellsouth.net.

To register, contact Andy & Chris Sniezak: Email: sneezygal@yahoo.com





## BISHOP DAVID'S PARISH VISITS LAST WEEK



*St. Mary's. Bolivar - top left, St. Mary's Jackson - top right, Our Lady of Perpetual Help - middle, St. Francis of Assisi - bottom left, St. Patrick's - bottom right*