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Deacon Dileep Athaide, an Apostleship of the Sea chaplain, said seafarers who transport goods across the globe need the support of those who rely on them, especially when they face a personal crisis. (Courtesy of BC Catholic)



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[Aid for families](#) in Mississippi whose breadwinners have been deported or jailed in the wake of Aug. 7 raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was announced Aug. 8 by Catholic Extension. A reported 680 arrests were made.

"The only way to combat hate is with love," said Fr. Michael Lewis, who opened the doors of El Paso's St. Pius X Parish for a [spontaneous prayer vigil](#) in hours shortly after the Aug. 3 mass [shooting](#) at an El Paso Walmart left 22 dead and many wounded. Parishioners and others "came in droves," and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott came unannounced, reported Catholic News Service.

[Mental illness and piracy](#) are serious issues for members of Deacon Dileep Athaide's congregation — seafarers in and near the Port of Vancouver, British Columbia.



A family pays their respects Aug. 7 at a memorial four days after a mass shooting at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas. (CNS/Reuters/Callaghan O'Hare)

In a finely written U.S. Catholic magazine essay, Sr. Joan Sauro, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, [talks about the holiness and witness of the marriage](#) of her "madcap hairdresser."

Sauerkraut plays as a [marquee ingredient](#) in building community at [St. Mary's Parish](#) in Bear Creek, Wisconsin.

Whatever a "bed race" might be, a third annual one helped an interfaith organization, [Family Promise](#) of Ontario County, New York, raise funds for its outreach to homeless families. The non-profit receives significant support from area Catholic parishes including St. Patrick and St. Benedict in Victor, and St. Peter serving Shortsville, Phelps and Clifton Springs. Watch a video of it [here](#).



Parishioner Ali Norder dishes sauerkraut onto Norbertine Fr. Tim Shillcox's plate Aug. 4 during the 55th annual St. Mary's Sauerkraut Festival in Bear Creek, Wisconsin. (CNS/The Compass/Sam Lucero)

The Joseph and Nicole Krebs Family of [Our Lady of Perpetual Help St. Mary's Parish](#) in Albany, Oregon, has been named the national Knights of Columbus [2019 Family of the Year](#). The 10-member family takes part in multiple ministries.

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