



DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DECREE

Statement of Finding and Declaration of Boundaries for a Parish

I, the undersigned Bishop of Jefferson City, hereby state the following findings in regard to the parish of

St. Martin, St. Martins

According to the St. Louis *Alphabetical Listing of Parishes and Missions*, St. Martin in Elston [later St. Martins] was first mentioned in 1885, it also states the first resident priest was appointed in 1885. The *Parish Description* card and ledger states the Rev. John Schramm was appointed Pastor as of 1 June 1885. Additionally, a parish information form for the St. Louis *Western Watchman* newspaper states the first Mass in the parish was read on 1 June 1885, by Rev. John Schramm. An unidentified 1935 newspaper article in the parish file states, “St. Martin’s Parish of Elston, MO, celebrated with a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish.” This article further states, “Father John Schramm...who founded the parish in 1885, was the celebrant of the Mass.” A parish history from 1967, states, “The Reverend John Schramm, once missioned at St. Peter’s Church in Jefferson City, sensed the obvious need of a parish church and resident priest west of the Capital City and appealed to his ordinary, His Excellency Peter Richard Kenrick Archbishop of St. Louis. The Archbishop graciously agreed and assigned Father Schramm first pastor of the newly established parish in the Elston area. Under his zealous and competent guidance, the first Catholic Church was erected on the plot just west of the new structure in 1885.”

Since the formal decree erecting the parish no longer exists, and to provide for an orderly record of the erection of that parish, by this DECREE I order that henceforth the erection of the said parish shall be deemed to have occurred on 1 June 1885.

Moreover, having received the proposal of the former Jefferson City Deanery and after consultation with the Presbyteral Council on 18 August 2020, in accordance with canon 515 §2, I hereby declare that the territory of this parish shall be bounded by the following:

North – The Missouri River.

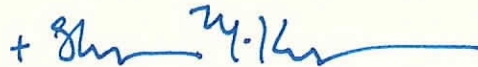
South – From the intersection of South Country Club Dr. and Hwy C, following Hwy C west to the intersection of Hwy D, then north on Hwy D to West Lohman Rd. Following west on West Lohman Rd. to the intersection of Hwy U and continuing due west to the Cole/Moniteau County line.

East – From a point on the Missouri River following an imaginary line due south to the intersection of Rainbow Dr. and Country Club Dr., and continuing on South Country Club Dr. to the intersection of Hwy C.

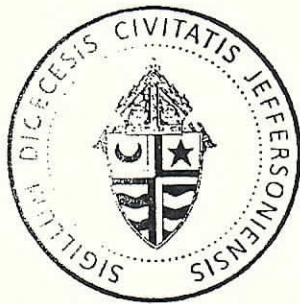
West – The Cole/Moniteau County line.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

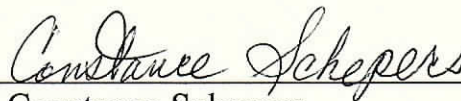
Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on this 9th day of November in the Year of St. Joseph 2021.



Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City



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Mrs. Constance Schepers
Chancellor

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