

## Susan Jaramillo to offer message of hope at mid-Missouri 40 Days for Life closing rally

By Tim Morris

### Jefferson City

Susan Jaramillo-Acree will offer a message of hope during the Closing Rally for the Central Missouri 40 Days for Life Campaign, on Friday, May 20 in Holts Summit.

The rally will start at 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew Church, 400 St. Andrew Drive in Holts Summit. It will include dinner (donations accepted), a silent auction, and an opportunity to share stories from the campaign.

The event is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. Prior participation in 40 Days for Life is not required.

"Through this celebration,

which marks the completion of our Spring 40 Days for Life campaign, we will give praise and thanks to a good and loving God who answers prayers," said Kathy Forck, who co-directed the campaign with her husband Mike.

Mr. Forck said that when he and Mrs. Forck found out in 2009 that Planned Parenthood in Columbia was aborting an estimated 15 babies per week, they started praying for it to end.

"Who would have imagined that two years later, we would be celebrating the completion of four 40 Days for Life campaigns — 40-day periods of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil outside their clinic, and community outreach — and that

no abortions would be performed at this facility during the last two campaigns?" he said. "We give thanks to God for the lives that have been saved and the hearts that have been converted through these efforts."

In 2007, Susan Jaramillo-Acree, guest speaker for the closing rally, was pursuing a successful career in Atlanta. Following the unexpected loss of her job, she turned to God in prayer.

"Who would have imagined that God would intervene by leading her back to the place she grew up (Jefferson City), revealing to her the truth about her life, turning her weaknesses into strengths, providing the



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means for her to pursue a master's degree in divinity, and inviting her to share a

message of hope, encouragement, and forgiveness through God's unconditional love with all who will listen?" said Mrs. Forck.

Mrs. Forck said she eagerly awaits the upcoming publication of Mrs. Jaramillo-Acree's book, *How God Rewrote My Heart*.

To provide an accurate count for the dinner, please send an e-mail to [columbia40daysforlife2@gmail.com](mailto:columbia40daysforlife2@gmail.com) or by calling (573) 491-3522.

To learn more about 40 Days for Life, visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com). For more information about the Columbia 40 Days for Life, visit:

[www.40daysforlife.com/columbia-mo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/columbia-mo)

### Memorial Mass for Fr. Lawlor, June 8, I.C., Jefferson City

Bishop John R. Gaydos will celebrate a Memorial Mass for the late Father Joseph G. Lawlor, on Wednesday, June 8, beginning at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City.

Fr. Lawlor was a retired priest of the Diocese of Jefferson City and had served almost 40 years in

### El Puente to host a trivia night fundraiser on May 13 in Jefferson City

El Puente, a local Hispanic nonprofit ministry, is sponsoring a trivia night fundraiser on Friday, May 13, at the Selinger Centre, 212 Broadway Street, next

to St. Peter Church in Jefferson City.

A silent auction will be at 6 p.m., and homemade tamales, nachos, chips and salsa will be for sale. Re-

freshments and soft drinks will also be available for purchase.

Trivia with a Latin flair will start promptly at 7 p.m. The emcee for the

evening is trivia enthusiast Father Mike Coleman. He will combine the trivia competition with stories, jokes and his own repertoire of inspiration.

Cost for the evening is \$100 per table of up to 10 participants.

To register, call Judy at (573) 230-1501. El Puente is also on Facebook and at:

[www.elpuente.embarqspace.com](http://www.elpuente.embarqspace.com)

### St. Mary's 'Dancing with the Stars' Mother's Day Matinee

St. Mary's Health Center Foundation will host a Dancing with the Stars Mother's Day Matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, at Capital Ritz Ballroom in Jefferson City.

the event, with special performances by the Lincoln University Dance Troupe and the Ballroom Academy of Columbia. Event co-chairs Dan Westhues and Ann Michael

Kirk Farmer, Larry Kolb and Doug Shoemaker. Each celebrity is paired with a professional dancer, including LaBradford Davis, Tom Cwynar, Jason Shearin, Dr.