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The charred remains of the cathedra, or bishop's chair, and the presider's chair in the sanctuary of the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Tallahassee, Florida, are seen June 11. They were damaged in a June 5 fire that filled the church with smoke and also burned sanctuary walls. When firefighters arrived, resting atop one of the chairs was a burned Bible. Investigators determined arson was the cause and an arrest has been made. (CNS/Courtesy of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee)



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A Utah parish [provides support](#) for suicide prevention.

An Arkansas parish once supported a mission in Honduras. Now, as Central Americans move to their state, parishioners are helping out Central American migrants [closer to home](#).

About a fifth of all parishes in the United States are [without a resident pastor](#), even after widespread closure and mergers of churches.

An [arson fire](#) shakes up parishioners at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral in Tallahassee, Florida.

Fr. Ty Hullinger, pastor of three churches in Baltimore, takes Johns Hopkins Hospital to task for [allegedly harassing](#) poor patients.

Here's a debate happening throughout the Midwest and the Northeast: four parishes in Oswego, New York, are being merged into one. But what church should [be the site](#) for the newly-merged parish?

In the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, the sex abuse issue regularly flares up. This time, parishioners [object to priests](#) with allegations involving adults being assigned to parishes and schools.

A Franciscan mission to the poor in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, [celebrates its fifth anniversary](#). The outreach began as a result of Pope Francis' call for the church to be a field hospital for the poor and troubled.

Catholic Charities comes to the aid of parishioners [afflicted by floods](#) in the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri.

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