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A family lights an Advent wreath at their Maryland home. Advent begins Nov. 29.

## Seeking the face of God? Look around you

By Mike Nelson

Catholic News Service

**H**ow many of you, when asked, “How are you doing?” have replied, “I’m just waiting for this year to end”?

We have experienced in 2020 a pandemic like none we have ever seen, political turmoil like none we have ever seen, an economic shut-down like ... you get the picture. For many of us, 2021 can’t come soon enough.

For those of us who are Catholic, the new year comes a few weeks earlier — the new liturgical year, that is, starting with Advent, a season of desire. And rarely have so many of us desired the breath of fresh air that a new year can bring.

But even this new season and new year does not begin without grim and sobering reminders of how far from God many of us are.

“Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?” laments Isaiah in the first reading of the First Sunday of Advent (Is 63:17). “Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like

unclean people” (Is 64:4-5).

This, then, is a call to repentance — to “straighten up and fly right,” in the words of an old Nat King Cole song. Or as Scripture frequently suggests, “Make straight (your) paths,” words proclaimed by John the Baptist in three of the four Gospels.

Today’s Gospel reading from St. Mark suggests this is best done sooner than later.

“You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,” Jesus tells his disciples (Mk 13:35). “Be watchful.”

Jesus’ words are spoken shortly before he and his disciples head for Jerusalem where Jesus knows what awaits him. His disciples do not, of course; nor do we know what awaits us in the months and years ahead.

And after this year, many of us are afraid to ask. Yet go forward we must. And we will, for God always offers us the chance to atone and correct our course.

“Give us new life,” says the psalmist, “and we will call upon your name” (Ps 80:19).

But to acknowledge where we have fallen short and who is really in charge requires humility on our part. Such humility is more abundant, it

seems, in times of uncertainty and desperation.

Isaiah understands this. “Yet, Lord, you are our father,” he says. “We are the clay and you the potter: We are all the work of your hand” (Is 64:7).

Right before this, though, Isaiah says something else to God, a lamentation that invites our reflection on how to “straighten out” our lives, and our world: “You have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our crimes” (Is 64:6).

God has hidden his face from us? Really?

Many years ago, at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, I participated in a workshop in which the presenter asked us (ordered us, actually) to move all the chairs in the room out of the way (several hundred of them), close our eyes and walk (with care) around the room until we encountered (bumped into) another person.

At that point, we were to ask that person, “Are you God in hiding?”

The answer, of course, was yes. The point was for us to realize that we are all creations of God and that

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## Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway

By The Register

**SALINA** — Since March, more than 2,500 families have turned to Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas for assistance.

“Many hardworking people have found themselves asking for help, and many families have requested assistance for the first time in their lives,” said Megan Robl, the executive director of Catholic Charities. “2020 has been a difficult year for so many people. It’s been full of the unexpected. Whether they’re coming in to one of our offices or receiving items from one of the mobile outreach vans, the need has grown considerably in a very short period of time.”

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway and includes a \$50,000 donation match.

In addition to offices in Salina, Manhattan and Hays Catholic Charities initiated a mobile outreach program in 2015. The vans travel to 20 different communities in the diocese. At each of these locations, Catholic Charities provides food boxes and hygiene kits.

Families served include those such as Angie.

After suffering for many years, Angie left an abusive relationship to raise her three children on her own. Although it has not been easy, Angie’s No. 1 goal is to provide for her children, even if it means working multiple jobs.

When Angie was promoted from the warehouse floor to an office position last fall, she was finally able to make ends meet with just one job. Unfortunately, six months later, the stay-at-home orders went into effect, and Angie was furloughed without benefits or pay. Eventually, her savings were

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Annual Anniversary Mass takes new approach, is celebrated in parishes across diocese.

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BISHOP’S CALENDAR

December 2020

- 4 Divine Mercy Radio Care-a-Thon, Bishop’s Hour, 4-5 p.m.  
Cursillo Winter Retreat, Capuchin Spiritual Life Center, Victoria
- 10 Chancery Staff Advent Retreat and Day of Reflection, Salina
- 13 Mass, St. Boniface, Vincent
- 19 Seminarian Family Mass and Luncheon, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina  
Mass, St. John the Evangelist, Herington, 4:30 p.m.  
Mass, St. Columba, Elmo, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Mass, St. Philip, Hope, 8:30 a.m.  
Mass, St. John the Evangelist, Herington, 10:30 a.m.

Diocesan youth programs tentatively planned for 2021

By The Register

SALINA — CYO Convention. Junior CYO Camp. Totus Tuus. Prayer and Action.

Each of these events were canceled this year because of COVID-19, but plans are in the works to bring these events back in 2021.

“Right now, we’re planning all of our summer programs,” said Sister Barbara Ellen Apaceller, CSJ, who is the director of youth ministry for the Salina Diocese. The hope is that the programs will be able to continue as normally as possible.

“This is important for our young people to be around their peers,” she said. “They support one another and find they are not alone in their relationship with Christ and in their prayer and in their questions. They see there are other kids who are struggling with the same things they are struggling with. They can mingle with their age group and the team and support one another.”

Plans are underway for the annual CYO Convention, with some minor adjustments. Instead of a two-day conference in Salina, the featured speaker, Robert Feduccia, will speak on March 20 in Hays and March 21 in Salina.

“We’re trying to keep it to one day because we don’t know what will happen with COVID,” Sister Barbara Ellen said.

Also in the works is

Junior CYO Camp, scheduled for May 29-June 1 at Rock Springs Ranch, south of Junction City. The annual event is for middle school students, with high school seniors and college-aged students acting as counselors.

The traditional summer programs, Prayer and Action and Totus Tuus, are also in the works.

Prayer and Action is planned to be in Oakley in June and Beloit in July.

Totus Tuus is fully booked for June and has a few weeks open in July for a college-aged team to travel to the parish and teach summer catechesis.

In addition to summer programs, the youth office is working on the National Catholic Youth Conference, which is scheduled Nov. 18-20 in Indianapolis.

“Deciding how NCYC will be held will be up to the national office,” Sister Barbara Ellen said. “Everything’s up in the air with COVID.”

Even though plans remain tentative, she said it’s important to have them ready, should the events be possible.

“The more you cancel, the more kids get away from participating in these programs,” Sister Barbara Ellen said. “I pray we can have these programs again. They were missed last year.”

Information will be updated on the website, [salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/](http://salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-youth-ministry/).

Cardinal-designate Gregory thanks pope ‘with grateful, humble heart’

Pope names first African-American cardinal from U.S.

By Mark Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON — Cardinal-designate Wilton Gregory, installed as Washington’s archbishop in May 2019, thanked Pope Francis “with a very grateful and humble heart” for naming him as one of 13 new cardinals Oct. 25.

“This appointment will allow me to work more closely with him in caring for Christ’s Church,” he said in a statement issued shortly after the pope announced new cardinals at the end of his Angelus address.

Cardinal-designate Gregory will be the first African American cardinal from the United States to be elevated to the College of Cardinals. He and the other 12 prelates will be elevated at a Nov. 28 consistory at the Vatican.

Nine of the new cardinals are younger than 80 and will be eligible to vote in a conclave; four elderly churchmen will receive red hats as a sign of esteem and honor.

In addition to Cardinal-designate Gregory, the pope chose as cardinal electors two officials of the Roman Curia and bishops from Italy, Rwanda, the Philippines, Chile and Brunei.

“Pope Francis is sending a powerful message of hope and inclusion to the Church in the United States” by naming Washington’s African-American archbishop as a cardinal, said Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“As a former president of our national bishops’ conference, (Cardinal-designate) Gregory displayed generous and principled leadership. The naming of the first

African-American cardinal from the United States gives us an opportunity to pause and offer thanks for the many gifts African-American Catholics have given the Church,” Archbishop Gomez said in a statement.

HE ASKED THE NATION’S Catholics to join him “in praying for the continued ministry” of the newly named cardinal, who was USCCB president from 2001 to 2004.

A native of Chicago, Cardinal-designate Gregory turns 73 on Dec. 7. As a sixth-grader attending St. Carthage School in Chicago in 1958, he was inspired by the example of the parish priests and Adrian Dominican sisters there to become Catholic.

At the news conference when he was introduced as Washington’s new archbishop, he said, “Within six weeks of being in Catholic school and not being from a Catholic background, I said, ‘I want to be a priest.’”

Wilton Daniel Gregory was baptized as a Catholic during the Easter Vigil that school year.

Later, after studying as a seminarian, he was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1973 and earned a doctorate in sacred liturgy from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome in 1980.

After serving as a parish priest in Chicago and as a master of ceremonies to Cardinals John Cody and Joseph Bernardin, he was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Chicago in 1983.

In 1994, Bishop Gregory was installed as the bishop of Belleville, Ill., where he served for the next 11 years. Bishop Gregory was elected USCCB president in 2001 after serving three years as the vice president.

During his three years as president, the Church’s clergy sex abuse crisis escalated, and under his leadership, the bishops implemented the “Charter for the

Protection of Children and Young People.”

St. John Paul II appointed Bishop Gregory to serve as the archbishop of Atlanta, where he was installed in 2005 and served until Pope Francis named him as the new archbishop of Washington in 2019.

At his installation Mass as Washington’s new archbishop, Archbishop Gregory pointed to the Gospel story of Jesus calming the stormy seas when he was in the boat with his apostles.

“I remind you ... he is here. He is here when the seas are calm, and he is here during every moment of uncertainty, anger, fear and shame. He invites us to place our trust in him,” Archbishop Gregory said.

Archbishop Gregory emphasized that same message in 2020 when the coronavirus pandemic initially caused a shutdown of public Masses and the closure of Catholic school campuses.

IN A COLUMN FOR THE Catholic Standard, Washington’s archdiocesan newspaper, Archbishop Gregory wrote that “even in the uncertainty of this current situation, if we are open, God will use this moment to bring our hearts closer to him and more firmly in union with one another.”

Following the nationwide racial protests in the wake of the death of George Floyd, who died May 25 after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for almost nine minutes during an arrest, Archbishop Gregory said in a statement that “this incident reveals the virus of racism among us once again even as we continue to cope with the coronavirus pandemic.”

Archbishop Gregory has praised peaceful protests for racial justice, saying the young people helping lead those marches offer hope for building a more just nation where all lives are respected.

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## Finding light in a weary world

“CAN YOU BELIEVE people are putting their Christmas decorations up already?” an acquaintance asked me the first week of November.

“I’m used to the stores starting Christmas earlier and earlier every year, but not my family or friends,” they continued.

I paused to think.

“Yes, I can believe it,” I replied.

Here’s why: 2020 has been a difficult year for almost everyone I know. We are exhausted (or is it just me?). We are digging deep. We are leaning into difficulties and obstacles we could never have imagined. And we need some hope.

Luckily, the Church provides us hope in a liturgical sense with Advent. Each year, the four weeks leading up to Christmas are set



**Karen Bonar**

*Register editor*

aside, with the invitation to each of us to prayerfully prepare and wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ.

When I look ahead to 2021, I wonder, “Will it be more of the same? More sleepless nights? More anticipation and concern about remote school starting at the flip of a switch? More division in our country? Our families?”

If I’m being completely honest, it’s difficult to feel anything but weary these days.

This makes me think of a line from the song “O Holy Night” that says, “The thrill

of hope, the weary world rejoices...”

I’m absolutely weary, but am I rejoicing?

**AS 2020 MARCHES** toward Dec. 31, I’ve spent some time reflecting and comparing it to the close of 2019. It was a tough year for me. I had a sinus infection for four months, and closed out 2019 with a bout of whooping cough just for fun (sigh, not really). At the close of 2019, I was looking forward with eager anticipation, with joy, to 2020. I was going to be healthy. Things were going to be different and look up. I felt like there was an abundance of hype about a new decade.

Then, COVID-19 happened across our country and around the world.

Yes, my family and I cele-

brated some fun “firsts” in 2020, such as my son’s first trip on an airplane, the first full week of vacation out of state in many years and the first time to receive awards from the Catholic Press Association. There were some good times, but I felt more weary than rewarded in 2020.

As I write this, it’s two weeks before Thanksgiving, and I’ve started to notice Christmas trees going up in my neighbors’ front windows. I see Christmas lights being hung on their homes. (I never took the singular strand of lights down from our house last year, so we’re ready for Christmas!)

I paused to reflect if this early preparation I’m seeing bothers me: Christmas in early November.

Honestly, I go back to my earlier comment. In a weary

world, I feel like we need some hope. We need some light. We need some joy. The season of Christmas certainly encompasses all of those things.

As the days grow shorter and nightfall comes earlier, let’s place our Advent wreaths on our dining room tables. Let’s dim the lights. Let’s light each candle. Let’s see the tiny flame and prepare for the fire of Christ that will come at Christmas.

I invite you to flip to pages 8-9, where you will find an Advent calendar. Please join us in praying our way through Advent and preparing spiritually for Christmas.

I know it’s difficult, but together we can find a little hope.

*Karen Bonar is the editor of The Register and a parishioner of St. Mary, Queen of the Universe in Salina.*

## Learning gratitude from the greatest, silent generation

**AN UNEXPECTED** headline in the New York Times recently caught my eye: “A Disrupted Thanksgiving Leaves the Turkey Business Guessing.”

The article that followed discussed a question that is, according to the author, on the tip of everyone’s tongue: “Just how many whole turkeys will Americans cook this year for a holiday whose wings have been clipped by the pandemic?”

I can’t say that this has been the big question on my mind lately, but I have been thinking ahead and wondering what Thanksgiving and Christmas will look like this year.

Throughout the summer, social distancing regulations were relaxed throughout much of the country, but we are now seeing worrying signs of a COVID second wave.

In the world of long-term care, we still live in a virtual bubble with our elderly residents and essential staff,



**Sister Constance Veit**

*Little Sisters of the Poor*

almost completely cut off from the outside world. Families, volunteers and our devoted lay associates — who provide companionship, entertainment and the little extras that make life more pleasant for our frail seniors — have all been barred from our Homes since mid-March.

We try to take one day at a time, but we are always aware that even a single positive COVID test would send our residents back into isolation. Recently, some of them told me that they expect the holidays to be quite difficult this year since it is unlikely they will be able to spend time in close proximity with their loved ones.

What will Thanksgiving

mean this year, in the face of so many challenges and so much loss? What will we find to be grateful for? How can we celebrate while our lives are still so thoroughly disrupted and our wings and spirits remain clipped?

I find answers to these questions in the faces and example of our elderly residents.

Throughout these past months, we have marveled at how resilient our residents are. Although in many cases their bodies are frail, their spirits — and their senses of humor — have remained strong.

**WHAT IS THE SECRET TO** their resilience?

As members of the greatest and silent generations, our residents experienced the Great Depression and World War II.

These two generations are known for their resilience in surviving hardship, their strong work ethic and their sense of personal responsi-

bility and self-sacrifice.

The wartime Thanksgivings of their youth were marked by rationing and shortages of common ingredients such as sugar, meat and butter. Turkeys were in short supply on the home front because they were shipped overseas so that every member of the U.S. military could have a hot Thanksgiving dinner, no matter where they were stationed.

Gasoline and tire rationing prevented people from traveling long distances by car, and military personnel were given priority on trains, so family gatherings were surely smaller.

The traditional Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade was canceled as the famous giant balloons were shredded for scrap rubber, and even college and professional football games were put on hold.

These were the youthful experiences of our seniors — surely, they will know

how to find a silver lining and a way of thanking God for his blessings on this “disrupted Thanksgiving.”

Surely, the words uttered by their president in 1943 will find an echo in their hearts: “May we on Thanksgiving Day and on every day express our gratitude and zealously devote ourselves to our duties as individuals and as a nation. May each of us dedicate his utmost efforts to ... bring[ing] new opportunities for peace and brotherhood among men.”

We Little Sisters are so blessed to share our lives with these elders of the greatest and silent generations!

If you are lucky enough to have members of these generations among your family or neighbors, take some time this disrupted Thanksgiving to learn from them and share in their gratitude for the little things in life.

*Sister Constance Veit is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor.*

## From Gratitude to Generosity

**DURING THIS MONTH OF** November, when we celebrate Thanksgiving, our hearts turn to giving thanks. For so long now, we have lived within the confines of a universal pandemic where suffering and death have surrounded us. How to be grateful within that element has been difficult, to say the least. But gratitude is a state of being that grows day by day, moment by moment in a heart that allows itself to be open and receptive.

It is actually a prayer stance that has been the recipient of goodness time and again and has learned how to respond in kind. It is a freedom within that allows generosity to be part and parcel of one’s life, a gift to be released and



**Sister Jodi Creten**

*Register columnist*

shared that others might live and prosper.

In August 1980, my dad was diagnosed with liver cancer, and in the doctor’s office, surrounded by family, Dad asked how much time he had left. The doctor responded readily to that honest and direct question: “You have about two months.” Dad looked at each one of us and said, “The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

This was a side of Dad

with which I wasn’t too familiar. He lived his faith, but he didn’t wear it on his sleeve, either! His statement of grace made me realize that Dad had for many years owned a heart of gratitude for his life, and he knew where that grace originated. His was a generous spirit that showed through his actions more than through words. His 80 years had been full of gratitude, and that abundance of gratitude just overflowed out of him. When his last moments on this earth had arrived, he was able to surrender gently and unreservedly to the God he had so faithfully served.

**A FEW YEARS BACK, I** felt a need to write a journal of gratitude. My heart was full

with the little and big things in my life that had helped me to know God more profoundly in all that was around me. Each day, usually at bedtime, I would jot down three or four things for which I was grateful that day. These were not huge and dramatic but simply expressed the little and the mundane: a sunrise, a baby’s smile, the smell of rain, a kind word or gesture, a gentle gaze, a bird’s song. Each one of those moments, when I reviewed them over time, reminded me of those blessings and gifts that I held dear and in which I rejoiced!

Gratitude can sometimes take our breath away as a family member or friend diagnosed with cancer receives the gift of remis-

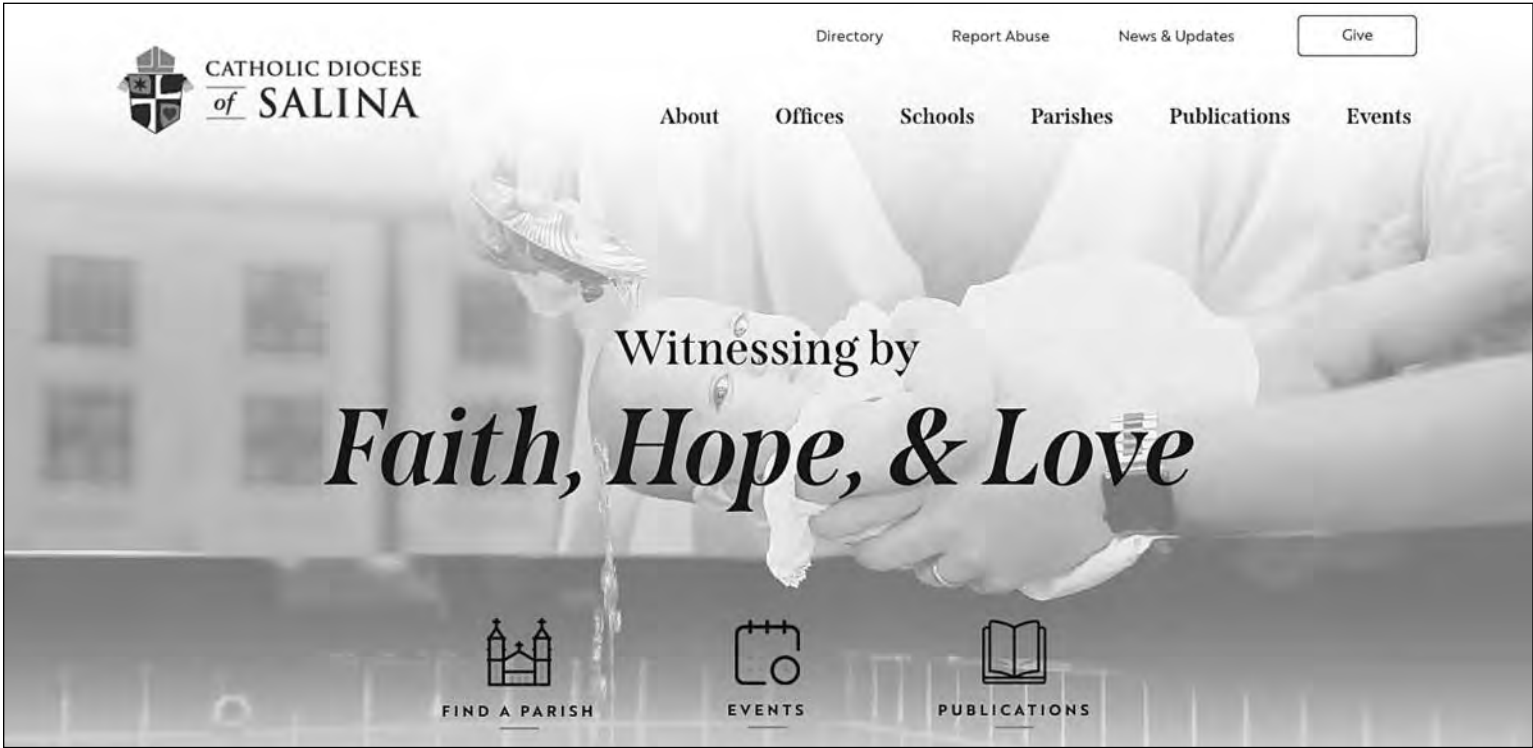
sion. Even when what we perceive as unfortunate or have an experience that has caused us suffering or grief, it may actually be a moment of gratitude. Gratitude comes in many forms and sometimes in the most unexpected places or occasions!

We go through days of joy, pain and suffering, but if we have a rope of hope on which to hang our hearts, we can know the God of fullness, who in total generosity gives us what we need to meet each moment, and we can be grateful.

May gratitude hold you, and generosity spill from your grateful heart!

*Sister Jodi Creten, C.S.J., is well known for her gift for writing poetry, she currently resides in the Motherhouse in Concordia.*





The Salina Diocese launched its new website in October. Included in the new site are features such as “find a parish” and a comprehensive list of upcoming events (above), as well as opportunities for viewers to learn more about the faith and other related issues (below).

WEDDINGS

**Clayton Basgall and Arin Pfannenstiel** were married Oct. 16, 2020, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Munjor. Father John Toepfer, OFMCap, witnessed their vows. Parents of the bridegroom are Steven and Michelle Basgall. Parents of the bride are Curt Pfannenstiel and Stacy Toepfer. Witnesses were Nick Hammeke and Emma Pfannenstiel.

**Clay Drylie and Brittany Dinkel** were married Oct. 24, 2020, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Ryan McCandles witnessed their vows. Parents of the bridegroom are Donald and Tamara (McNorton) Drylie. Parents of the bride are Larry and Sandra (Dreher) Dinkel. Witnesses were John Staab and Shelby Sager.

**Chase Shelton and Taylor Staab** were married Oct. 10, 2020, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards witnessed their vows. Parents of the bridegroom are Jeffery and Janell (Shaffer) Shelton. Parents of the bride are Larry and Debra (Ashmore) Staab. Witnesses were Drew Cavanaugh and Jordan Staab.

**Casey Don Jensen and Rileigh Elizabeth Gardner** were married Oct. 17, 2020, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father David Metz witnessed their vows. Parents of the bridegroom are Kirk and Stephanie (Crays) Jensen. Parents of the bride are Wayne and Kelly (Follett) Gardner. Witnesses were Cody Jensen and Taylor Gardner.

**Kyle Allen Shumaker and Brooke McKenzie Swenson** were married Oct. 17, 2020, at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center. Father Don Zimmerman witnessed their vows. Witnesses were Alex Ashcraft and Haley Mastin.

Diocese launches new, updated website

By The Register

**S**ALINA — The Salina Diocese debuted its new website on Oct. 22 at [salinadiocese.org](http://salinadiocese.org).  
“Over the past year, the Diocese of Salina has been working toward building a new website,” said Colleen Augustine, director of communications for the diocese. “This was something I was excited and anxious to take on.”  
“It was clear that a new website was needed to better serve our people and get them the information they are seeking efficiently and effectively. We are hopeful that, by launching this new website and continuing to



expand our digital efforts, we will be able to serve more people and ultimately lead them to Christ.”  
Manhattan-based 502 Media built the new site, which includes more mobile-friendly options than its predecessor.  
“They weren’t just going to shove us into a pre-designed template like most other agencies,” Augustine said. “They wanted to spend time getting to know the diocese and discover our true needs.”  
The new site includes a “find a parish” option, as well as a new directory with

a search function for clergy, parishes, schools or chancery staff.  
“I am excited about our new website and its capacity to communicate with the people in our diocese and beyond in a clear and informed manner,” said Bishop Jerry Vincke.

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Vince and Kathleen Zerr, St. Paul, Angelus  
Ralph and Clara Zimmerman, St. Joseph, Oakley
- 60 years**  
Murray and Millie Baalman, St. Paul, Angelus  
Leo and Mary Lee Beckman, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina  
LaVerne and Janice Dinkel, St. Mary, Ellis  
LeRoy and Patricia Lang, St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays  
Miles and Jane Legleiter, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays  
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Adolph and DeAnn Schmidt, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays  
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The wedding anniversary blessing took place Oct. 24-25 at St. Mary Parish in Ellis. The parish honored 12 couples present during the Masses. Parishes across the diocese were invited to honor married couples in lieu of a diocesan-wide Mass, because of to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Kenneth and Amelia Werner, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays  
Jim and Susan Werth, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays  
Ralph and Judy White, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
- 35 years**  
Dan and Jean Ann Aker, St. Andrew, Abilene  
Francis and Rebecca Griebel, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays  
Rick and Janet Hahn, St. Francis Xavier, Junction City  
Terry and Brenda Hutchison, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays
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Kevin and Elda Ryan, Sacred Heart, Colby  
Duane and Linda Stefan, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays
- 30 years**  
Brent and Amy Campbell, St. Mary, Queen of the Universe, Salina  
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Greg and Jackie Jirak, St. Joseph, Oakley  
Jon and Alice Quinday, St. Mary, Queen of Angels, Russell  
Deacon Steve and Nancy Urban, St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays  
Curt and Becky Wahlmeier, St. Joseph, New Almelo
- 25 years**  
Gary and Nancy Alden, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina  
Dwight and Nicole Berry, St. Francis Xavier, Junction City  
William and Laura Biermann, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Goodland  
Scott and Terri Braun, St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays  
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- 20 years**  
Michael and Pamela David, St. Joseph, New Almelo  
AZ and Jenny Molina, Sacred Heart, Plainville
- 15 years**  
Jacob and Amber Davis, St. Francis Xavier, Junction City  
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- 10 years**  
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- 5 years**  
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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Annual adoption Mass celebrates families

By Karen Bonar

The Register

**SALINA** — The path to adoption for Mandy and Keegan Wilson looked nothing like they envisioned.

“Adoption is something I wanted to do since I was in high school,” Mandy Wilson said. “I have friends who have placed babies for adoption. I’ve had family members and friends adopt babies. I knew it was in my heart to adopt, no matter how it came to me.”

The couple, along with their three children, Jazzy, 11, Kolin, 10 and Grady, 10, were among about 75 who gathered Nov. 6 at Sacred Heart Cathedral to participate in the annual Adoption Awareness Mass. This is the third year for the event, which is hosted by Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas.

**AT THE EVENT, FAMILIES** gathered to pray and honor the shared experience of adoption in their lives.

After the Wilsons had their son, Grady, in 2010, they experienced secondary infertility and pregnancy losses. They discerned the foster to adopt process, but ultimately decided it was not the best fit for their family.

Along the way, they experienced two attempts at private adoption.

“One of them, we were at the hospital and had the message the baby was born and we were waiting to see her,” she said. “We were told three hours later the mom had changed her mind.”

The couple went home. “We were devastated and heartbroken,” she said.

On New Year’s Eve 2014, a friend sent her a message, inquiring if they were open to adoption.

“I said, ‘Thank you, but it’s not going to work,’” Wilson said. “Then she sent me a picture. They were as cute could be. We said, ‘Let’s explore this option.’”

The family met Jazzy and Kolin, a sibling set, in spring 2015 and adopted them on Dec. 18, 2015.

“It was a complete God thing,” Wilson said. “Kolin and Jazzy had been available for adoption for a year and a half. Had we met them when they were first available for adoption, we probably wouldn’t have been open to it because adopting two kids when I had a 4-year-old felt overwhelming.”

“We met them and fell head over heels in love with them. Grady fell in love with having two best friends. He was 5 when they came to live with us. Grady doesn’t remember what life was like without them.”

The trio attend St. Mary’s Grade School in Salina and are in fourth, fifth and sixth



Photos by Karen Bonar / The Register

**The Wilson family attends the annual Adoption Mass Nov. 6 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. From left are Keegan, Kolin, Grady, Jazzy and Mandy.**

grades.

“Grady and Kolin love like brothers, they fight like brothers,” Wilson said. “They know how fiercely they are loved by us and our family and our community. We tell the kids, ‘You were loved so much. You were chosen for us from the beginning. God knew you’d be here with us.’”

She said the path to adoption can be difficult at times.

“I tell my friends, ‘If God puts a desire in your heart, he will fulfill it,’” Wilson said. “Our hearts were shattered and broken after losing a baby of our own and the baby at the hospital. We had lost all hope. Then one day, there was a phone call that changed our lives forever.”

**MEGAN ROBL**, the executive director of Catholic Charities, said adoption isn’t always easy.

“We want to honor all of the parts of that journey,” she said. “It is a joyous journey but can be painful and difficult. I think it’s important to continue to pray for everybody who is a part of that process.”

About 75 people attended the Mass, with social distancing, where Father Don Zimmerman presided. He said adoption is part of his family’s story.

“About three decades ago, my sister and her husband were anticipating an adoption,” he said during the homily. “I read her journal as the days were getting close, and even after the adoption of their son. It brought me to being moved with tears of great joy. I could sense in them the desire and longing of having a child. How special and blessed are those who have



**Laura Dunn of Hays (center, Chiefs mask) kneels with her biological and adopted family at the adoption Mass.**

been given life.”

Robl said that Father Zimmerman’s story is an example of the ripples adoption have through a family.

“More people than we realize have been touched by adoption in some way,” she said. “It’s a journey for both the birth mother to make that decision out of love for their child to share them with another family and for the adoptive families who are yearning and open to loving a child. It’s important that we celebrate that creation and extension of family in the most loving way. You’re willingly making decisions that affect a child’s life, whether you’re the birth mom or adoptive parent.”

**LAURA DUNN**, who was adopted as an infant by Joan and the late Dave Dunn, sat in the pew with a diverse family. The group included her adoptive mother, biological father and his wife, biological mother and biological aunt.

“I always suspected she would search for her biological parents when she turned 18,” Joan Dunn said. “She did, but about 20 years

after when I expected it.”

Laura Dunn said she was curious about her biological parents, but it was only when she was pregnant with her oldest child that seeking medical history became a priority.

“It’s amazing. I didn’t need anything to be replaced,” she said of her search and reunion with her biological parents. “I was just looking for the missing piece. Now, I feel complete. My family has widened.”

Her biological mom, Mickey Strump, describes the reunion as a blessing.

“It’s almost like I’ve always known her,” Strump said. “We text each other or send messages four to five times a week. We’re including each other in family occasions, birthdays, funerals, everything.”

Strump said she was always curious about the child she placed for adoption during her college years.

“I assumed if she hadn’t contacted me by the time she was 30, she was happy with her life,” she said.

She found a Facebook message from her daughter was in her junk folder in the Messenger area on social

media.

“Happy doesn’t even begin to describe” the experience, Strump said. “She had questions, but for me, it was also knowing that I had made the right decision. The things I had wanted for her turned out exactly as I had hoped.”

During her adoption experience, it was closed. She had no participation in choosing her daughter’s family. Yet she chose Catholic Charities because she grew up Catholic.

“I wanted her to go to a Catholic family,” Strump said. “I wanted her to have two parents who could give her the world and a good Catholic upbringing. I couldn’t have asked for anything better.”

The ripples of adoption permeate through multiple areas of Strump’s own life. Her father was adopted and later, after she wed, she and her husband adopted two sons from the foster care system.

“It goes full circle here,” she said. “I know both sides of the adoption experience.”

**THE NOV. 6 ADOPTION** Celebration Mass was the second one Joan Dunn, a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays, attended. While she and Dave, who passed in September, attended together last year, this year she was surrounded by her daughter’s biological family.

“It verifies how good God is,” Joan Dunn said, to be able to gather with the extended family who gave her daughter life. “Way back when we adopting, we were told that it’s an act of love to give your child up for adoption. That’s what I held in my heart. These parents loved their children. We were blessed to be able to adopt.”

“I always wanted to tell the biological mother of my children, ‘Thank you.’ I was glad Laura was searching, because I got to thank Mickey.”

Laura Dunn said she is grateful for her mother’s support.

“My mom is my mom. She will always be my mom,” Laura Dunn said. “She loves that I have more support, more family.”

“I didn’t realize how much contact she had with my birth family until my dad died. I love that she has a relationship with them. It’s not replacing her. I know it’s unique, but we’ve all melded together.”

“My boys have a birthday party coming up, and everyone is invited. We’ll all get together to celebrate the boys’ birthday. It’s not awkward, there is no tension. It’s just extended family that has melded together.”



BAPTISMS

**Camri Elizabeth Bruna**, daughter of Brock and Melissa Bruna, was baptized Sept. 19, 2020, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

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**Olive Rene Bruna**, daughter of Troy and Hannah Bruna, was baptized Sept. 19, 2020, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

**Brooks Timothy Gilliland**, son of Eric and Ambria (Menard) Gilliland, was baptized Nov. 1, 2020, by Father David Metz at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia.

**Emmy Lynn Jensen**, daughter of Cory and Briana Jensen, was baptized Sept. 27, 2020, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

**Wells Daniel Larue**, son of Jacob and Carissa Larue, was baptized July 19, 2020, by Father Carlos Ruiz-Santos at Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin.

**Jaxon Henry Maneth**, son of Chad and Jennifer Maneth, was baptized Oct. 25, 2020, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

**Lee Joseph Mondero**, son of Joseph (Joe) and Becca Mondero, was baptized Oct. 11, 2020, by Father Carlos Ruiz-Santos at Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin.

**Khloe Ann Provost**, daughter of Kyle and Miranda Provost, was baptized Oct. 3, 2020, by Father Joseph Kieffer at Sacred Heart Church in Greenleaf.

**Blair LaRain Robinson**, son of Braeden Robinson and Lara Stephens, was baptized on Nov. 14, 2020, by Father Richard Daise at Sacred Heart Church in Colby.

**Kove Louis Stenberg**, son of Eric and Mindy (Kvasnicka) Stenberg, was baptized Oct. 11, 2020, by Father Steven Heina at St. John the Baptist Church in Clyde.

**Vivian Kay Tegtmeier**, daughter of Jeffrey and Megan Tegtmeier, was baptized Oct. 11, 2020, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

**Marcella Jo Valek**, daughter of Brady and Marta (Blecha) Valek, was baptized Oct. 31, 2020, by Father David Metz at St. George Church in Munden.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Oakley students give thanks



Courtesy photo

First grade students at St. Joseph School in Oakley: front row (from left) are Isaac Samuelson, Cory Smith, Rudy Smith and Brecken Harrel; back row, Lakota Younkin, Elsie Helus, Faith Kuhlman, Delana Munk and Johnnie Ottley.

"I am thankful that my mom and dad take care of me. I pray that everyone has a turkey to cook on Thanksgiving and that my dog stops chewing on toilet paper." **LAKOTA YOUNKIN**

"I am thankful for my little brother. I pray for my grandma." **ELSIE HELOS**

"I am thankful for animals and my family. I pray that my whole family will not get sick." **FAITH KUHLMAN**

"I am thankful for my mom, dad, brother, grandma and grandpa. I pray that the whole wide world will stay safe." **DELANA MUNK**

"I am thankful for my new baby sister.


I pray that we get rain so our trees can grow." **JOHNNIE OTTLEY**

"I am thankful for my pets and my family. I pray that my family stays healthy." **ISAAC SAMUELSON**

"I am thankful for my Grandma and my Grandpa. I pray that everybody has a great Thanksgiving." **CORY SMITH**

"I am thankful for my grandma's horses that I get to ride and my family. I pray for my mom, dad and sisters." **RUDY SMITH**

"I am thankful for my family. I pray for the people who have COVID." **BRECKEN HARREL**



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"We don't know what the future holds, but it's all  
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Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ, 91; Brother Martin Gonzales, OSCO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVL, 86; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU, 93; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB, 79;  
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FAITH AND REASONS

Seeking to find the goodness of God

What is the significance of Thanksgiving Day for us as Catholics?

Thanksgiving is something that should characterize our entire life as Catholics. It's not just something we should celebrate one day in November but rather every day. Thanksgiving or gratitude should be one of the fundamental determining attitudes of our world view, of our attitude and perspective. Everything good about our lives, everything good in creation, every good experience, in fact all goodness that exists is a reflection of the infinite goodness of God and is his gift to us.

Striving to cultivate this attitude of thanksgiving or gratitude can have enor-



Father Andrew Rockers  
Diocese of Salina

mous consequences in our spiritual, psychological, emotional and even physical lives. It's so easy for us to focus on what we perceive as negative or lacking or imperfect, whether in our own lives or in the situations we find ourselves in. We focus on what we do not have or what someone else has that we don't, instead of what God has already given us. This attitude of pessimism or cynicism is exactly what the devil wants for us because it will lead to an overall negativity or criticism in our mind and heart.

This can then easily lead to bitterness, jealousy, envy, etc.

ST. PAUL GIVES US A remedy for this. In Phil 4:8 he says, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." We should strive to focus our attention and our thoughts on what is good, on what comes from God. And when we become more focused on the good in our lives and in the world, we will then be led to more frequently express our gratitude to God. Gratitude can become the predominant mindset with which we live our lives. This will lead to

so much more freedom, joy, and peace.

The New Testament is constantly exhorting us to give thanks to our heavenly Father. Mt 11:25: "At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.'" and 1 Cor 1:4 "I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus," are just two examples among many.

St. Teresa of Avila once asked Jesus how she could adequately thank him for all he had done for her. His response was, "Attend one Mass." The Holy Mass is the greatest means we have for giving thanks to God

because it is Jesus' own act of thanksgiving that we get to participate in. I'm sure you've heard that the word eucharist means thanksgiving. Just as the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, so too should thanksgiving characterize our entire lives as Christians. So take some time to count all the blessings in your life. Strive to pay more attention to all that God has given you and done for you. And bring this gratitude with you every time you go to Mass. Spiritually place it on the altar and offer your thanksgiving to the father in union with his son, in the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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USCCB president to bishops: Take Gospel to troubled people during pandemic

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

CLEVELAND — Admitting that people's faith in God "has been shaken" by the pandemic and related economic turmoil, Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez called on his fellow bishops to take the news of the Resurrection and the triumph of life over death directly to people to help them navigate the crises.

"At the heart of their fears are fundamental questions about divine providence and the goodness of God," said Archbishop Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Nov. 16 during an online address on

the first day of the bishops' annual fall general assembly.

"This is far more than a public health emergency," he said. "Everywhere we see spreading the fear of illness and death."

The assembly was taking place entirely online for the first time because of the pandemic. Archbishop Gomez's address was prerecorded.

The archbishop said the pandemic illustrates that the core message of the Gospel — Christ's love for every person, the power of the cross and the promise of the resurrection — "is fading from our neighbors' hearts."

"Brothers, in this time of

death, we hold the word of life. We come in the name of the God whose love is stronger than death," he said.

The times, with their social unrest and uncertainty caused by the pandemic, "call for heroic Christianity," he explained. "We need to continue to form and empower missionary disciples, as Pope Francis calls us to do."

Citing the example of Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus and who was beatified Oct. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn., (see related story on p. 14) Archbishop Gomez suggested the

bishops confront modern-day injustices "by living the Gospel."

He recalled how, for the priest, "love was not an abstraction or cause" because he knew the faces of "the widow and the orphan, the father with no job, the prisoner on death row."

"Following the courageous example of Blessed Michael McGivney, the Church needs to weep now with those who are weeping," he said. "We need to tell our neighbors the good news that we have a Redeemer, who died, so that we might live, who passed through the valley of the shadow of death so that we should fear no evil, not even death."

He noted how Blessed McGivney died during the

“This is far more than a public health emergency. Everywhere we see spreading the fear of illness and death.”  
Archbishop José Gomez  
president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

1890 flu pandemic in which over 1 million people lost their lives worldwide. He said the likely future saint can be "a model and intercessor for our own ministries."

Archbishop Gomez also pointed to the USCCB's strategic plan the bishops were set to approve during the assembly as a path forward for ministry. Titled "Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope," it sets the mission for the bishops "to continue to bring healing and hope to the people of our time," he said.

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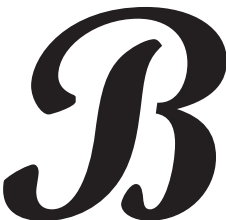
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## Vatican extends time to obtain full indulgences for souls in purgatory

By Carol Glatz

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Plenary or full indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November for the souls of the faithful in purgatory can now be gained throughout the entire month of November, the Vatican said.

Also, those who are ill or homebound and would not be able to physically visit a church or cemetery in the prescribed timeframe still will be able to receive a plenary indulgence when meeting certain conditions, according to the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience.

The tribunal also asked that priests be particularly generous throughout November in offering the sacrament of reconciliation and in administering Communion to those who are infirm.

The new provisions were made after a number of bishops asked for guidance as to how the faithful could perform the works required for receiving a plenary indulgence, given the ongoing pandemic and restrictions in many parts of the world limiting the number of people who can gather in one place, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary said.

Traditionally, the faithful could receive a full indulgence each day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 when they visited a cemetery to pray for the departed and fulfilled other conditions, and, in particular, when they went to a church or an oratory to pray Nov. 2, All Souls' Day.

Bishops' conferences in countries where large numbers of faithful traditionally go to confession, attend Mass and visit cemeteries during the week had asked how the faithful could be accommodated, given COVID-19 restrictions or in the case that a member of the faithful was ill, in isolation or in quarantine, the cardinal said.

The Vatican decided to extend the time one can receive a full indulgence to include the whole month of November, he said. That includes those who cannot leave their homes or residences for "serious reasons," which includes government restrictions during a pandemic.

The full indulgence traditionally offered Nov. 2 for those who visit a church or an oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed can also be gained any day in November, he added.

The Church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory.

**Rosetta Aschenbrenner**, 75, of Ellis, died Oct. 3, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 17 by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Ellis.

**Francis "Frankie" Braun**, 85, of rural Hays, died Oct. 14, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 17 by Father Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Burial with military honors was in St. Anthony Cemetery, Schoenchen.

**Mary Lee (Scheetz) (Campbell) Brooks**, 94, of Hays, died Oct. 7, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 12 by Bishop Jerry Vincke at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

**Leo Dwight Burgman**, 95, of Leonardville, died Sept. 27, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 2 by Father Don Zimmerman at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center.

**Robert "Bobby" Crough**, 82, of Clyde, died Oct. 12, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 21 by Father Steven Heina at St. John the Baptist Church in Clyde. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Solomon.

**Madeline Demars**, 92, of Concordia, died Oct. 18, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 22 by Father David Metz at St. Peter Church in Aurora. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Aurora.

**Father Myron G. Flax, OFM-Cap.**, 92, of Hays, died Oct. 4, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 12 by Archbishop Stephen Reichert, OFM-Cap., at St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria. Burial was in the Friar's Plot in the parish cemetery, Victoria.

He was born Sept. 28, 1928, to Godfrey and Catherine (Weber) Flax in Ransom and baptized Godfrey. He entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order

in 1958 and received the name Myron. He was ordained a priest in 1964.

He was assigned as a priest in Papua New Guinea in the South Pacific, where he became the first nonindigenous person to enter the Gambe area in the land of the Huli people. He served in the region for more than 40 years, returning to the United States in 2003 and serving in Colorado Springs, Colo. He retired in 2011.

Father was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his sister, Sister Mary Ann Flax, CSJ, of Lexington, Neb.

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**Kenneth A. "Ken" Giebler**, 91, of Hays, died Oct. 21, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 26 by Father Matthew Cowen at St. Joseph Church in Hays. Burial with military honors was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays.

**Charlene Herman**, 87, of Chapman, died Oct. 21, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 24 by Father John Wolesky at St. Michael Church in Chapman. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery, Chapman.

**Jasper "Jack" Joseph Hamel**, 96, of Hays, died Oct. 7, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 9 by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

**Dolores C. (Ruhkamp) Kieffer**, 89, of Clifton, died Oct. 9, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 16 by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. Mary Church in Clifton. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clifton.

**Joseph LeRoy "Joe" Klaus**, 86, of Hays, died Oct. 14, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 19 by Father Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Burial with military honors was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays.

**Evelyn J. Kohl**, 93, of Ellis, died Sept. 18, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 16 by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**Lewis B. Linden**, 97, of Concordia, died Oct. 10, 2020. A memorial service was held Oct. 23 by Father David Metz at Chapat-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia. Burial was in Atwood Fairview Cemetery, Atwood.

**Earle Stanley McRae**, 86, formerly of Concordia, died Sept. 27, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 21 by Father Billy Kosco at St. Henry Church in Buckeye, Ariz. Burial with military honors will be at a future date in St. Concordia Cemetery, Concordia.

**Lois Elaine Meitl**, 91, of Oberlin, formerly of Leoville, died Sept. 25, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 1 by Father Carlos Ruiz-Santos at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Leoville.

**Pamela Sue Nault**, 67, died. Graveside services were held by Father Steven Heina Sept. 12 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Clyde.

**Garold "Gary" Lee Rieth**, 71, of Hanover, died Oct. 15, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 19 by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

**Billie Jo Rivera**, 84, of Manhattan, died Oct. 8, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 17 by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Junction City.

**Elaine Agnes Salsbury**, 85, of Junction City, died Oct. 7, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 15 by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City. Burial was in Kansas Veterans Cemetery, Manhattan.

**Emmylou Sarsozo**, 45, of Overland Park, died Aug. 24, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 3 by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City.

**Dorothy M. Schneider**, 94, of Phillipsburg, died Aug. 30, 2020. Graveside services were held Sept. 3 by Father George Chalbham at Fairview Cemetery, Phillipsburg.

**Elsie Irene Anne Schurle**, newborn, of Manhattan, died Oct. 3, 2020. Graveside services were held Oct. 9 by Father Frank Coady at Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan.

**Rita M. (Dandurand) Sorell**, 88, of Concordia, died Oct. 4, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 8 by Father David Metz at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Burial was in St. Concordia Cemetery, Concordia.

**Mary Rose Wiltzius**, 94, of Clifton, died Sept. 9, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 14 by Father Steven Heina at St. Mary Church in Clifton. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery, Clifton.

**Don R. Younger**, 71, of Ellis, died Oct. 1, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 7 by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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# Advent: A season of hope

IN CHAPTER 12 OF THE Book of Revelation, we witness this startling scene. A dragon (the Devil) wants to devour a woman (the Blessed Mother). The woman escapes. A war breaks out in heaven between St. Michael and his angels against the dragon and his angels. The dragon and his angels are thrown down to earth. Once again, the dragon tries to destroy the woman. The woman escapes again. The Devil is so angry with the woman that he “went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God’s commandments and bear witness to Jesus.”

This scene may frighten us. This huge dragon is waging war against you and me because we keep God’s commandments and bear witness to Jesus. What is our response? St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers, said: “Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?”

God alone gives us that peace that the world cannot give. He will never leave us as abandoned orphans. During Advent, we sing:

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel / and ransom captive Israel / that mourns in lonely exile here / until the Son of God appears.”

Israel, the chosen people of God, are held for ransom in their exile far from their homes. It was their choice



**Bishop Jerry Vincke**  
Salina Diocese

to turn away from God and led to their exile. They are hungry, sometimes tortured and longing to return home. They desire that their deliverance might come, so they cry out for the son of God to appear.

We, too, feel the weight of being in exile — not in a physical sense but in a spiritual way. We feel trapped by our sins and failures; we feel guilt over our bad choices time and time again; we feel a sense of hopelessness over loved ones who have gone astray; we mourn over the problems and dysfunctions of our country and our leaders; we can feel overwhelmed by the evil in our world; and yes, we can fear death.

**BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS** that Emmanuel (God with us) has appeared and has entered humanity and has gone right to the core of sin and death to defeat it. “O Come, O Come Emmanuel!” St. Jose Marie Escriva reminds us: “He did not say you would not be troubled, you would not be tempted, and you would not be distressed. But Jesus did say that you would not be overcome.” Jesus has come to

give us hope. As St. John Paul II tells us, “We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his son Jesus.”

During this season of Advent, I encourage you to meditate on and pray for the virtue of hope. Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it. In the preface of the Roman Missal for a funeral Mass, these words fill us with hope, “Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended” upon death.

This year has been a difficult one. The pandemic mixed with the political scene was a double whammy on the psyche of many people. And yet, the greatest news is that God is coming to us. Advent is a time to remember with hope that Someone is coming to us who is greater than COVID, greater than any president or government. We are not saved by a program or a lofty idea, but a person — Jesus Christ!!! God is coming to save us. The cry of the Church is “Come, Lord Jesus!”

On the First Sunday of Advent, we begin another new church year. Again, we will remember, celebrate, enter into and live God’s loving plan of salvation with Christ. May we spend these holy days together in prayer, penance and hope, fixing our eyes on the appearance of Christ our Savior and longing for his deliverance.



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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Virtual auction to be held to benefit Junction City school

By The Register

**JUNCTION CITY** — In order to allow maximum participation in the annual auction, St. Francis Xavier School has moved it online.

The auction, X Fest 2020: Be Part of the Mission, will be held Nov. 29 through Dec. 6 online at [hansenonlineauction.com](http://hansenonlineauction.com).

“Our annual live auction in the spring is a large fundraiser that supports the operating costs of our school,” said Kristel Jahnke, with the office of recruitment and marketing.

An in-person auction was impractical because of COVID-19. The X Fest, which is a nod to the school’s patron, St. Francis Xavier, coincides with the saint’s Dec. 3 feast day.

“X Fest 2020 is a way to bring in needed revenue while also trying out an online auction platform,” Jahnke said. “If we are pleased with the results from the upcoming virtual auction, the school may include

an online element in our annual spring auctions in the future. This would give us the opportunity to include our alumni and expand our fundraising efforts beyond our local community.”

Featured auction items include a guided pheasant hunt; a Kansas City Chief Superbowl LIV commemorative football; a Bud Light grill; dinner for six with Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, and Bishop Jerry Vincke; a Budweiser smoker; a variety of gift cards from golf courses, restaurants and other businesses; a handmade quilt; homemade desserts; and more. Additionally, an “itemless item” will accept donations. The money raised will go towards playground equipment and development.

In previous years, the school held a spring event, which is tentatively in the works for 2021.

More information is available online at [sain.txrams.org](http://sain.txrams.org).

### Dominican Sisters in Great Bend celebrate Jubilees

By The Register

**GREAT BEND** — Among the 12 jubilarians at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Great Bend are two with ties to the Salina Diocese.

Sister Martina Stegman and Sister Esther Fiegel, celebrating 70 years and 65 years professed, respectively, were honored. The event, which was private because of COVID-19, included a Mass with Father Don Bedore and banquet.

#### 70 YEARS PROFESSED

Sister Martina was an elementary school-teacher for 20 years in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska.

She worked in Immaculate Heart of

Mary parish in Hays in religious education from 1977-81. She worked as the diocesan religious education

coordinator in Salina 1981-86. She was at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays in pastoral services from 1995-2001.

Recently Sister Martina retired to the Great Bend motherhouse and serves as sacristan and does environment duties in the convent chapel.

#### 65 YEARS PROFESSED

Sister Esther was also an elementary school-teacher. She then served in parish ministry at St. Bernard Parish in Ellsworth from 1982-86. She worked in

parish ministry at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina from 1988-89 and served as pastoral associate at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Goodland from 1989-96.

Cards can be sent to the Great Bend Motherhouse, 3600 Broadway Ave., Great Bend, KS 67530.



**Sister Martina Stegman**



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# Blessed McGivney: Model parish priest with 'zeal' for Gospel, for serving faithful

By Julie Asher

Catholic News Service

**BLESSED MICHAEL J.** McGivney was “an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance” because of his “zeal” for proclaiming the Gospel and his “generous concern for his brothers and sisters,” Pope Francis said in his apostolic letter of beatification of the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Representing the pope, Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark, N.J., read the letter in Latin during the Oct. 31 Mass of beatification for Father McGivney at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn. Beatification is a step toward sainthood.

In his homily, Cardinal Tobin elaborated on Blessed McGivney’s attributes as a parish priest.

“Father McGivney’s life is an illustration of how a holy priest can provide that necessary and intimate connection so crucial in the life and mission of a parish,” the cardinal said.

Blessed McGivney “knew the simple, indispensable requirement for a pastor: to love his people. He was with them in their sorrows, in times of death and bereavement. He was sanctified by doing what parish priests still do, day in and day out.”

His parish was not bound by names on his church’s registration rolls, Cardinal Tobin said. “He was not a stranger to jails and hospitals. He fostered respectful relationships with other Christian churches and civil authorities. He was a bridge-builder who shunned walls.”

In Blessed McGivney, “we see the face of a son of immigrants who gave his life in pastoral service of



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**Michael “Mikey” McGivney Schachle, his parents, Daniel and Michelle, and several of his siblings stand with a relic during the Oct. 31 beatification Mass of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn. Daniel Schachle is holding a cross containing the McGivney relic.**

those most recently arrived in this country,” he said. “We meet the eldest of 13 children, who worked to keep families united in dignity and security; we are in the presence of an apostle who cared for victims of an epidemic before he himself died of the disease.”

“We praise God for (the) timeliness of this celebration because 130 years after his death, the brief life of this holy man speaks eloquently to our own path to holiness.”

Jesus asks “each one of us to become a saint,” and “each one of us can certainly find encouragement in the life of Father McGivney, but none more than those of us who are called to become saints as parish priests,” Cardinal Tobin said.

The founding of the Knights of Columbus “grew out of his ministry as a parish priest,” he noted. And “long before his exhausted body surrendered to disease, he died daily to his own desires,” the cardinal added, and “he laid down his life for his friends.”

God is good for giving the

church Blessed McGivney “at this moment of our common pilgrimage,” Cardinal Tobin said. “In a time of suffering and division, we glimpse his face among the ‘cloud of witnesses’ that urge us on. In Blessed Michael, we are reminded that life is not transactional, but a gift to be shared.”

“We appreciate that true worship is centered on a right relationship with God and others, particularly those on the margin of society, and that Christian unity is more than simply adherence to a common belief,” the cardinal said. “We accept that like him, God calls each of us — in our own day and our own way — to be vessels of mercy and so enter into our heavenly inheritance.”

**THE BEATIFICATION RITE** came shortly after the beginning of the Mass. After Cardinal Tobin read the rite in Latin, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, the Knights’ supreme chaplain, read the English translation of the letter. A giant tapestry of Blessed McGivney’s portrait was

unveiled in the cathedral sanctuary.

Michael “Mikey” McGivney Schachle, together with his parents, Daniel and Michelle, and several of his 12 brothers and sisters, carried a relic of Blessed McGivney and presented it to Cardinal Tobin. The relic was placed in the sanctuary and censed.

Mikey, now 5, is the child whose in utero healing from a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion, was confirmed by Pope Francis; it was announced in May as a miracle that occurred through Father McGivney’s intercession.

This miracle paved the way for the priest’s beatification. In general a second miracle is needed for canonization.

Before asking Cardinal Tobin that the beatification proceed, Hartford Archbishop Leonard Blair welcomed those in attendance — and all watching from afar — to “the joyful celebration of the beatification.”

The number inside was limited by COVID-19 restrictions, and those in the cathedral wore face masks and practiced social distancing.

Thousands more, in the U.S. and around the world, participated by watching the EWTN broadcast of the Mass or a livestream of it on [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson read a brief biography of the Knights’ founder, saying that by establishing fraternal order he “presented to the Church a paradigm” for an active and engaged laity.

The priest embodied the order’s core principles of charity, unity and fraternity, he said. His holiness direct-

ed him toward parish life, “not away from it,” and did not separate him from others but “drew him to their lives,” because he knew his people’s hardships firsthand, Anderson added.

Blessed McGivney (1852-1890), the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Conn., and was ordained a priest in 1877 for what is now the Archdiocese of Hartford. As a parish priest, he worked to improve the condition of his 19th-century Irish immigrant community in Connecticut.

In 1882, while he was pastor at St. Mary’s Parish in New Haven, Conn., he founded the Knights of Columbus to provide financial support for widows and orphans and to keep Catholic men and their families close to their faith at a time of widespread anti-Catholic bigotry.

He died of pneumonia complications at age 38 in 1890, during an outbreak of influenza known as the Russian flu in Thomaston, Conn. Some recent evidence, according to the Knights, indicates the outbreak may have been the result of a coronavirus.

The apostolic letter of beatification also announced Aug. 13 as the feast day for Blessed McGivney — the day between Aug. 12, the day he was born, and the date of his death, Aug. 14.

It will be observed annually in the Hartford Archdiocese. Votive Masses in honor of Blessed McGivney also can be celebrated by priests for Knights of Columbus gatherings “with the permission of the local bishop on any day when not superseded by another observance on the liturgical calendar,” the letter said.



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Go Make a Difference Day in Manhattan



Volunteers in Manhattan gathered for the annual Go Make a Difference Day at St. Thomas More Parish on Oct. 31. Small groups went out into the Manhattan community to do small projects for homeowners such as raking leaves, yard work and painting.

Courtesy photo

Appeal assists families in multiple ways

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depleted, and she did not know how she was going to pay her bills or buy food. Like thousands of other families across the diocese, Angie turned to Catholic Charities.

Angie said the large box of food and a month's worth of hygiene items (like toothpaste, toilet paper, and soap) from the mobile outreach van in her community was a blessing to her family. She also found out that Catholic Charities could help with her utility bills.

IN ADDITION TO HELPING with basic household items and utility assistance, her family benefited from the Catholic Charities Disability Assistance Fund, which provides financial support for people with mental and physical disabilities.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I have worked extra hard to keep a roof over our head and food on our table," Angie said. "The fact that you are willing to help people in need is such a blessing. Having good people help out makes a world of difference."

The goal for the 2020 appeal is \$300,000, said Robl.

"Your generosity is an answer to the prayers of struggling families," she said. "When you give to Catholic Charities, you are bringing hope to families in some of their darkest moments. When you give to the 2020 Catholic Charities Appeal, you are supporting a variety of life-changing programs. Without the generosity of people like you, none of this would be possible."

Donation envelopes for the appeal are available at parishes throughout the diocese. Donations can also be made online at [www.ccnks.org](http://www.ccnks.org).

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Antonino First Communion



Youth at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Antonino received First Communion Sept. 26. Pictured with Capuchin Father Earl Befort is Finley John Lowry.

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We must join God during Advent

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we are called to be the loving, caring face of God to one another to build and nourish the kingdom of God on earth.

Like Isaiah, many of us have lamented, "Lord, you have hidden your face from us." But if God created us all in his image and likeness, should we not seek the face of God among those already in our midst? And be the face of God to others?

"Rouse your power," pleads the responsorial psalm, "and come to save us. ... Let us see your face, and we shall be saved" (Ps 80:3-4).

That sounds like a call to pay closer attention to what already is in our midst: the face of God, present in our lives, serving us and calling us to serve one another. That suggests hope, if we let God's love — personified in Christ Jesus — shine from us.

St. Paul expands on that promise in the second reading. "You were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge ... so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift," he tells the people of Corinth (1 Cor 3:5-7).

Moreover, Paul reminds his listeners, "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor 3:9).

These are words of comfort we need to hear in these challenging times. But we also need Jesus' poignant reminder that we cannot wait for God to do all the work.

"Be alert!" says Jesus to his disciples. "You do not know when the time will come. ... May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping" (Mk 13:33-37).

If we desire the Lord in our lives, let us act accordingly — in this and in every new year.

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