



Remembering Sister Barb

A catalyst for vocations who served God, youth in the Diocese of Salina

BY KATIE GREENWOOD
THE REGISTER

"I wouldn't be here without her."

Those words were a resounding chorus as individuals across the diocese reacted to the shocking and unexpected death of Sister Barbara Ellen Apaceller, CSJ.

On June 5, 1946, Martha Elizabeth Stefanie (later Sister Barbara Ellen Apaceller) was born in an Austrian train boxcar enroute to Germany. The Russians had taken over the Apacellers' native Hungary, so her parents, Sebastian and Barbara, headed for what they thought would be a better life.

The family lived in Germany for approximately five years, but Sebastian was unable to find work. So, in 1952, the family immigrated to the United States thanks to a Catholic Relief Services family in Indianapolis.

The family settled in Aurora, Ill. Martha was 6, and her sister, Anna Flaim, was 8. The girls didn't speak English, only German. The parents spoke German and Hungarian.

Despite the language barrier, the parents found work and the girls were enrolled in the local Catholic school run by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia.

BARB, PAGE 8

"THE YOUTH ARE NOT THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH; THEY ARE THE CHURCH OF TODAY. THEY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR FAITH. THEY WANT A ROLE IN THE CHURCH. WE MUST GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY. YOUTH IS A TIME OF DREAMS, VISIONS AND HOPES – A KALEIDOSCOPE OF POSSIBILITIES. OUR DIOCESE IS BLESSED TO HAVE THESE FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE SERIOUS ABOUT GROWING IN THEIR FAITH."

Sister Barbara Ellen Apaceller, CSJ,
Lumen Christi nomination 2018



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Thanking grandparents

Earlier this year, Pope Francis designated a new celebration in honor of all grandparents and the elderly. This new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of July, which is normally close to July 26, the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, St. Joachim and St. Anne.

This upcoming celebration caused me to think of the lives of my own grandparents. My dad's family grew up in Louisiana. While giving birth to her 10th child, my grandmother died. My father was 7 years old at the time. Two years later, my grandfather died. My aunts told me that my grandfather died from a "broken heart."

I never got to meet my dad's parents. But I do remember a couple of stories about them. My aunt told me a time when the children were playing outside, and my dad's mom called him over to herself. She whispered something in his ear, and he smiled with so much joy. I do not know what she said, perhaps it was a simple, "I love you."

The other is when my father was dying from cancer, and I sat next to him. I asked him if he ever thought of his parents (it had been more than 70 years since he had seen them). His response was, "All the time." We never forgot our parents.

On my mom's side, my grandparents came from Polish descent. We would often take the 35-minute drive to visit them on Sundays. It was from my grandmother that I discovered such tasty foods as pierogis, kielbasa and golabkis. When my grandmother died, I was OK until I saw my mother weeping. Then I started crying too, knowing the loss my mom was experiencing.

I will also never forget my grandfather telling me so excitedly when Pope John

Paul II appeared on the television one day while I was visiting, "I knew his father, I knew his father." They had served in the military together.

We never forget our grandparents. Pope Francis remarked to grandparents and the elderly, "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone."

Pope Francis said, "As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly

elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: 'The prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.' Your prayer

is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently needs, especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: It inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore."

You are also a great example to all of us. You have gone through life with all its ups and downs, knowing that all things are passing, and that God brings good out of evil. We rely on your prayers.

We are grateful for our grandparents, living and deceased. I hope all of us, either virtually or in-person, visit our grandparents and other elderly on this day of celebration. Please see below a plenary indulgence for those who do.

In Christ's service,

+ Gerald L. Vincke

The Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke •
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BISHOP'S CALENDAR

August

- 10** School Pastors Inservice, Salina
- 10-11** Jesu Caritas, Salina
- 12** Seminarian Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Country Club, Salina
- 13** Runnin' Revs, 6 p.m., TMP-M, Hays
- 14** Diocesan Men's Conference, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays
- 18** Clergy Health & Retirement Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Salina
- 22** Rite of Candidacy for Permanent Deacons, 10:30 a.m., Dominican Mother House, Great Bend
- 30-31** National Gathering of the Missionaries of Mercy

AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

The Holy Father entrusts the Apostleship of Prayer to publicize his prayer intentions for the good of the world and the Church.

Universal Intention

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

POPE TO GRANT PLENARY INDULGENCES

BY VATICAN NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Apostolic Penitentiary explains that "in order to increase the devotion of the faithful and for the salvation of souls," grandparents, the elderly and the faithful will be able to obtain a Plenary Indulgence on the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly on July 25. The note says the pope has granted the possibility after having listened to the request presented by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, marking the establishment of the day that will be observed every year on the fourth Sunday of the month of July.

During solemn celebrations: The Plenary Indulgence will be granted under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer, according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff during the solemn celebration he will preside over in St. Peter's Basilica or at various functions that will

take place throughout the world.

Visiting elderly in need: "This Court of Mercy also grants the Plenary Indulgence on this same day to the faithful who devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled and other similar cases)."

Through the media: Signed by the Major Penitentiary, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, and by the Regent, Kryztof Nykiel, the note says the Plenary Indulgence may also be granted to those who are unable to leave their homes for serious reasons and "unite themselves spiritually to the sacred functions of the World Day, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, pains or sufferings of their lives, especially during the transmission, through the means of television and radio, but also through the new means of social communication."

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La coordinadora para la diócesis de Salina es Maria Cheney. Puedes contactarla al 866-752-8855 #1067 o P.O. Box 980, Salina, KS 67402.

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Finding strength daily, thanks to Mary

I'm a pretty logical person. I like to be organized and accomplish my tasks and responsibilities in the quickest and most efficient way possible.

So, when I read a quote from St. Louis de Montfort that said, "Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest and most perfect way of approaching Jesus," I figured it would probably be wise to develop a relationship with the Blessed Mother.

I started asking Mary to come to my assistance in the little trials of life. And I made the conscious decision to commit to a daily Rosary.

At first, the Rosary was incredibly difficult. I set aside time in the mornings to pray. Without fail, those morning Rosaries were the longest 20 minutes of my life. One

time, my coffee pot was broken, so I didn't have coffee to get me through it, and that was awful.

But as the weeks and months passed, the Rosary started to turn into a prayer I began to look forward to. It was a time for me to talk with Mary. As I reflected on the mysteries, I tried to imagine what Mary was experiencing.

I asked her to help me be like her and to say "yes" to whatever God asked of me.

But in a way, it was hard for me to relate to Mary. She was immaculate and without sin, which is not the case with me. So, to me, her "yes" was easy to make, whereas my "yes" is clouded by sin.

One morning, I was praying the glorious mysteries. It was the fourth decade, which is the Assumption of Mary into Heaven.

For the first time ever, I pondered what Mary's life prior to the assumption was like.

I bet she was lonely. Her most chaste spouse and her beloved son were

already in heaven. And she was left on earth, alone. Sure, she had friends and the apostles. She was surrounded by a faith community. But Jesus and Joseph weren't there.

I wonder what it was like when she finally got to heaven. The reunion of a mother with her child and a wife with her spouse must have been glorious.

KATIE Greenwood
CREATIVE EDITOR



Thinking about Mary's loneliness and then her joy made her more relatable to me. Even though she was without sin, she still felt and experienced what it means to be a woman. She knew the joys and struggles that come with being a daughter, a sister, a friend, a wife and a mother.

Aug. 15 is the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. What a glorious day for the Blessed Mother and one that was met with great joy and anticipation. May we all strive to say "yes" like Mary did.

Katie

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A year of real life

Words are limiting. Sometimes they simply cannot convey the message intended; something substantial gets lost between the experience of reality and the description thereafter. For example, take the experience of love. When someone first falls in love, the feeling and understanding is real, yet words fail to explain the love to friends and family. But still, the truth of the matter persists. The person has fallen in love. Lack of verbal description or explanation does not negate that.

My reflection on the Spirituality Year (SY) at St. John Vianney Seminary leaves me with a similar feeling. I received the gift of time spent for the sole purpose of deepening my relationship with God, who is love (1 John 4:8). To say that I understand God's love for me on a deeper level and that I love him more is true; but there is more that I may not be able to explain. Nevertheless, here is what I can say about my most recent year in seminary.

SY is a 10-month opportunity to rest with Jesus. It is loosely inspired by Mark 6:31 where Christ tells his apostles, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." To help foster this rest, the seminarians in SY are asked to take on a media fast for the entire year. This means basically no access to smartphones, computers, radios, televisions and most other electronics and media outlets. There is also a commerce fast that makes shopping very limited.

The students in SY all live in one house with private bedrooms, shared restrooms, one large kitchen and shared common spaces. It sounds college-like, but obviously, the goal is holiness rather than merely a degree. In fact, academics are the least prioritized aspect of SY even though it does factor two hours of class into each day.

The heart of SY is to focus on identity formation found in Christ. In large part, this is made possible due to an

emphasis on community and brotherhood, a lower prioritization of academics and a strong detachment from worldly news and possessions.

The world generally forms people to believe their identity lies in what they can do (performance), what they have (possessions) or what other people think of them (honor).

However, God loves you because you are his son or daughter, not because of what you can do or what you have, and especially not because of what other people think of you. Nonetheless, it can be extremely difficult to realize and believe that God does truly love you — especially amidst the noise of the world.

With all of this in mind, SY seeks to give seminarians the opportunity to allow Jesus to strip away the false conceptions of who they are and rest in their identity as a beloved son of the Father through their baptism in Christ Jesus.

This might sound simple enough, but it is an arduous process. It is aided by three major retreats which mark the critical points of the year. A three-day, then a five-day, and finally, a 30-day silent retreat rooted in Ignatian Spirituality. Even when SY is over, the truth is most people continually need to be coming back to and resting in that identity for the rest of their lives.

My personal experience with SY was one of great blessing. I called it a gift earlier, and that is exactly what it was — a blessed gift given primarily by God through the decision of my bishop afforded by the generous spiritual and financial support of you, the faithful of the Diocese of Salina. Thank you.

SY has been my best year of seminary thus far. I wish all people had the opportunity to experience it because we would all benefit from a deeper realization of God's personal, steadfast, merciful love for us.

KADE Megaffin
SEMINARIAN



SAINTS, FEASTS OF AUGUST

"Let us turn to the example of the saints. They were people like us, flesh and bone, with failings and weaknesses, who managed to conquer and master themselves for the love of God. Let us consider their lives and, like bees who distill precious nectar from each flower, we shall learn from their struggles."

St. Josemaria Escriva

- 1 Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor
- 2 Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop
- 4 John Vianney, priest
- 5 Dedication of Saint Mary Major
- 6 Transfiguration
- 7 Sixtus II, pope and martyr, and companions, martyrs

- 7 Cajetan, priest
- 8 Dominic, priest
- 10 Lawrence, deacon and martyr
- 11 Clare, virgin
- 13 Pontian, pope and martyr, and Hippolytus, priest and martyr
- 15 Assumption
- 16 Stephen of Hungary
- 20 John Eudes, priest
- 20 Bernard, abbot and doctor
- 21 Pius X, pope
- 22 Queenship of Mary
- 23 Rose of Lima, virgin
- 24 Bartholomew, apostle
- 25 Louis
- 25 Joseph Calasanz, priest
- 27 Monica
- 28 Augustine, bishop and doctor
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist, martyr

GOSPEL READINGS

Aug. 1

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6:24-35

Jesus tells the crowds that he is the bread of life.

Aug. 8

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6:41-51

The crowds doubt that Jesus is the bread of life.

Aug. 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Multiple readings

Mary is assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

Aug. 22

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6:60-69

Many left Jesus because they did not believe that he was the bread of life. The apostles did not leave.

Aug. 29

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus compares uncleanness of body to uncleanness of spirit.

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Kade Megaffin is a seminarian at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver.

**Sacred Heart, Atwood**

Graduating seniors were honored May 9. Front row from left, Sophia Ginther, Gabrielle De Waal, Kierstyn Domsch, Rileyanne Merz and Mackenzie Heble. Back row from left, Lillian Rippe, Father Norbert Dlabal and Travis Chvatal.

**Sacred Heart, Colby**

Graduating seniors were honored May 16. Front row from left, Kourtney Finley, Danielle Schroeder and Jenna Reinert. Back row from left, Kennedy Stanley, Lacy Weigel, Oaklynn Carman and Jacob Wetter.

**St. Mary, Ellis**

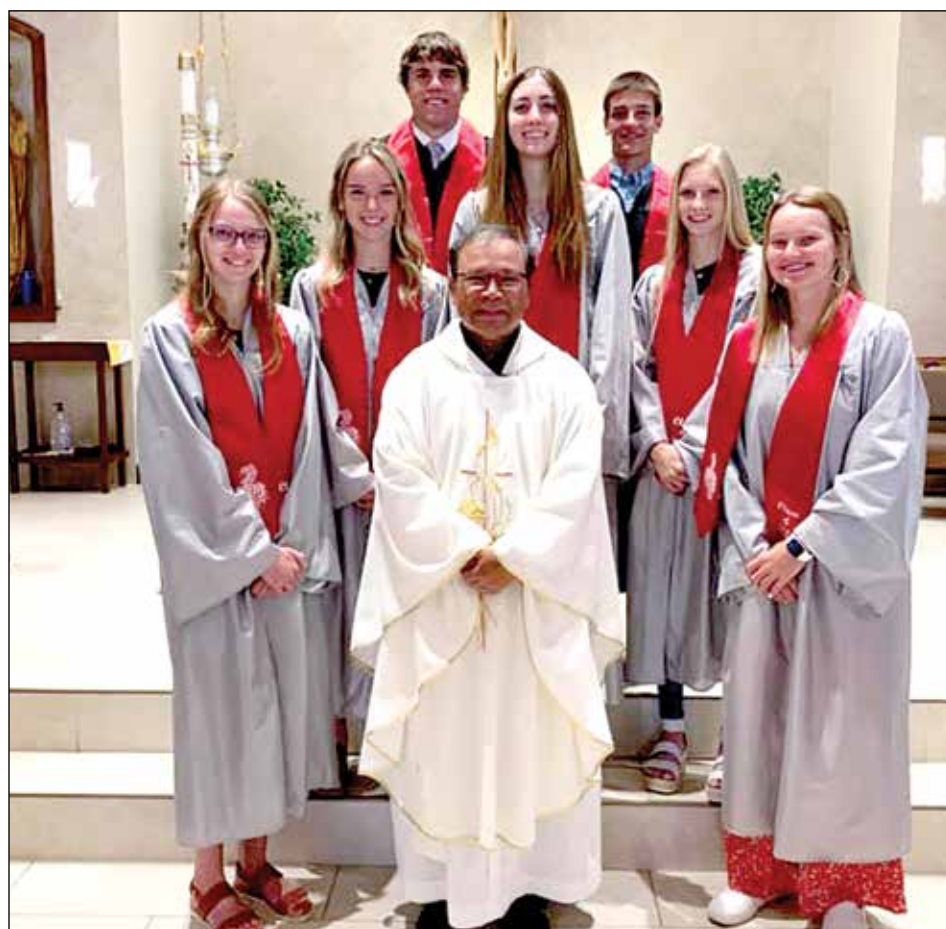
Graduating seniors were honored May 2. Front row from left, Grace Eck, Morgan Bittel, Maggie James, Abigail North, Camryn Frickey, Star Dinkel and Kaleigh Weber. Back row from left, Brady Frickey, Daniel Eck, Zachary Schiel, Jaryn Wildeman, Cody Eberle and Father Dana Clark.

**St. Mary, Ellis**

The sixth-grade class of St. Mary School in Ellis was promoted May 21 at a special Mass. Front row from left, Cole Yates, Jocelyn Eck and Aiden Aschenbrenner. Back row from left, Colton Metzler, Adam Bongartz, Baylor Born and Dominic Fondoble.

**St. John the Evangelist, Logan**

Graduating senior Ian Sparks was honored at Mass May 9. Also pictured is Father George Chalbham, CMI.

**St. Frances Cabrini, Hoxie**

Graduating seniors were honored at Mass on May 17. Front row from left, Imagen Tremblay, Father Vincent Thu Laing and Paiton Rogers. Middle row from left, Morgan Keith, Karlee Geisinger and Emily Diercks. Back row from left, Aidan Baalman and Gabriel Friess. Not pictured, Kyler Niblock.



St. John, Clyde
Graduating seniors were honored May 12. Front row from left, Quin Girard, Mallory Callihan, Marissa Francis, Dawson Girard and Laken Rudolph. Back row from left, Zachary Bulleigh, Douglas Koch, Wyatt Lange, Alex Seifert, Wyatt Cyr and Aiden Rudolph.



St. John the Baptist, Hanover
The eighth-grade class from St. John the Baptist in Hanover graduated May 17 during a special Mass offered by Bishop Jerry Vincke and Father Joseph Kieffer. From left, Hannah Zarybnicky, Alivia Gugenhan, Anna Jueneman, Kelby Rupprecht, Rieken Stallbaumer, Braden Schwartz, Garrett Martin, Ayden Schlabach, Joshua Schroller, Max Jueneman, Brandt Beikmann and Noah Jueneman.



St. Joseph, Oakley
Graduating seniors were honored at Mass on May 9. From left, Dane Scheetz, Shianna Selzer, Calvin Cooper and Cody Zimmerman, along with Father Luke Thielen and Deacon Dennis Engel.



Sacred Heart, Plainville
Graduating seniors were honored at Mass on May 9. Front row from left, Chayse McCullough, Brianna Augustine, Brooklyn Staab, Clay Pelton and Jonah Smith. Back row from left, Preston Ostmeyer, Father Leo Blasi and Cael Dobson.



St. Mary Queen of Angels, Russell
Graduating seniors were honored May 2 with a Senior Sunday Mass. From left, Hannah Banks, Jaidyn Banks, Kaitlyn Nichols, Payden Leiker, Kalli Pfeifer, Graci Weigel and teacher Beth Pfeifer.



St. Thomas More, Manhattan
Graduating seniors were honored May 9. Front row from left, Richelle Collado, Isabel Chavez, Isabel Porres, Reagan Geisbrecht, Hannah Blodgett and Jazmin Gantt. Back row from left, Jacob Choi, Samson Jimenez, Jeremiah Belin, Owen Braxmeyer and Elijah Morales.



Tipton Catholic High School
Graduation Sunday Mass was May 9 at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton. From left, Dalton Schmitt, Jaylyn Wiese, Anna Towner and Aaron Hake.



St. Francis of Assisi, Norton
Graduating seniors from Norton were honored at Mass. From left, Nathan Branek, Serenity Brooks, Olivia Carter and Gavin Sproul with Father Jose Kumlumkal, CMI.

Diocese website receives honor

By THE REGISTER

In June, the Diocese of Salina was honored to receive first place from Catholic Press Awards (CPA) for best new website. The new website officially launched in October 2020.

The purpose of the CPA is “to acknowledge the outstanding work of its publisher and communication members as they strive to further the mission of the Church. On a daily basis they inform, inspire and educate readers, keeping them connected to their faith, and telling the story of the Church. It is those contributions that are recognized through awards.”

The first-ever diocesan communications office was established in July 2019.

“Our goal was to launch a new website that was transparent and communicated the mission of our diocese to our clergy, staff and lay faithful,” said Com-

munications Director Colleen Augustine. “We wanted those who interacted with our website to know that our diocese seeks to provide opportunities for the faithful to encounter Jesus and become disciples who make disciples through witnessing by faith, hope and love.”

As time passed, the old diocesan website had slowly become unusable. It was unattractive, had rendering issues, inoperable navigation, broken links and extremely outdated information.

In October 2019, the communications office partnered with 502 – A Strategic Marketing Agency

(currently rebranded to middle). With the partnership, the diocese took the opportunity to undergo a

diocesan-wide rebranding, in addition to beginning the discovery phase of the new website.

“We decided to take the opportunity

to refresh our branding,” Augustine said. “This included updating our diocesan crest, defining our colors and fonts and designing all new letterhead. We wanted these pieces to have a modern flair while still maintaining the bones and symbolisms behind the original assets. This was a challenging and exciting task, and we are very pleased with the outcome.”

Along with the rebrand-

ing, the discovery phase was fast-paced and delved deep into website analytics and exploration of other diocesan websites. It was essential to the communications office that the new website communicate the diocesan Catholic identity.

“Being a diocese that is spread out across over 26,000 square miles, the hope with the new website design was to make sure that our parishes felt united,” Augustine said. “When you visit our new website, you will see that the colors are very calming and inviting. The timeless video on the home page showcases the diverseness of our diocese, along with the blessed sacraments that are universal to our faith. At the bottom of our homepage is an infographic that calls attention to exciting numbers within our diocese. Although we may be small in size, we are a unique diocese, and our new website

showcases this beautifully and creatively.”

The national recognition from CPA for the diocesan website is a tremendous honor and recognizes the hard work and lasting impact of the diocesan communications office.

“We are so excited to have won this award on behalf of our diocese,” Augustine said. “This community is very special and unique. Our main goal has always been to do the best we can to serve our parishes and lay faithful. It means the world to know that the work we are doing is making an impact far greater than we ever expected.”

Visit the award-winning website at: salinadiocese.org.

Special thanks to Bishop Jerry Vincke; Colleen Augustine, communications director; Matea Gregg, communications coordinator; and 502 – A Strategic Marketing Agency.



Events aimed to help seminarians

By THE REGISTER

For the 2021-22 school year, the Salina Diocese is blessed to have six seminarians.

The seminarians will be the priests of future generations of Catholics within the diocese. The Salina Diocese spiritually and financially supports the seminarians. The average annual cost for each seminarian is \$50,000. That includes tuition, books, board and summer ministry expenses.

In the month of August, the diocese takes time to honor and support the seminarians. Two events garner financial support, and one event is meant to be fun, laidback and promote vocational awareness.

• Annual Seminarian Collection is set for Aug. 7 to 8. This collection take place in every parish across the diocese. To make an online gift, visit

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Several donors have provided an anonymous matching opportunity of \$50,000 for gifts to the Seminarian Education fund. Your gift will be matched \$1 for \$1, as funds are available. Make your gift, today.

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• Annual Seminarian Fundraising Dinner is set for Aug. 12 at Salina Country Club. The event provides an opportunity for the faithful to meet the seminarians and financially support them. To register for the dinner, or to make a donation, visit <https://salinadiocese.org/events/annual-seminarian-fundraising-dinner-2/>.

• Runnin' Revs Basketball Game is Aug. 13. The game will begin at 6 p.m. at Al Billinger Fieldhouse on the campus of Thomas More Prep-Marian in Hays. The event is free.

Jesse Ochs

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• Seminary: St. John Vianney Theological Seminary
• Ordination year: 2024

Kade Megaffin

• Hometown: Hays

• Seminary: St. John Vianney Theological Seminary
• Ordination year: 2025

Brady Hutchison

• Hometown: Hays
• Seminary: St. John Vianney Theological Seminary
• Ordination year: 2026

Adam Zarybnicky

• Hometown: Hanover
• Seminary: Kenrick School of Theology
• Ordination year: 2025

Collin Thielen

• Hometown: Quinter
• Seminary: Conception Seminary
• Ordination year: 2030

Kaiden Van Schuyver

• Hometown: Plainville
• Seminary: Conception Seminary
• Ordination year: 2030



Men's Conference just weeks away

By THE REGISTER

The 10th annual Diocesan Men's Conference is scheduled for Aug. 14 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays.

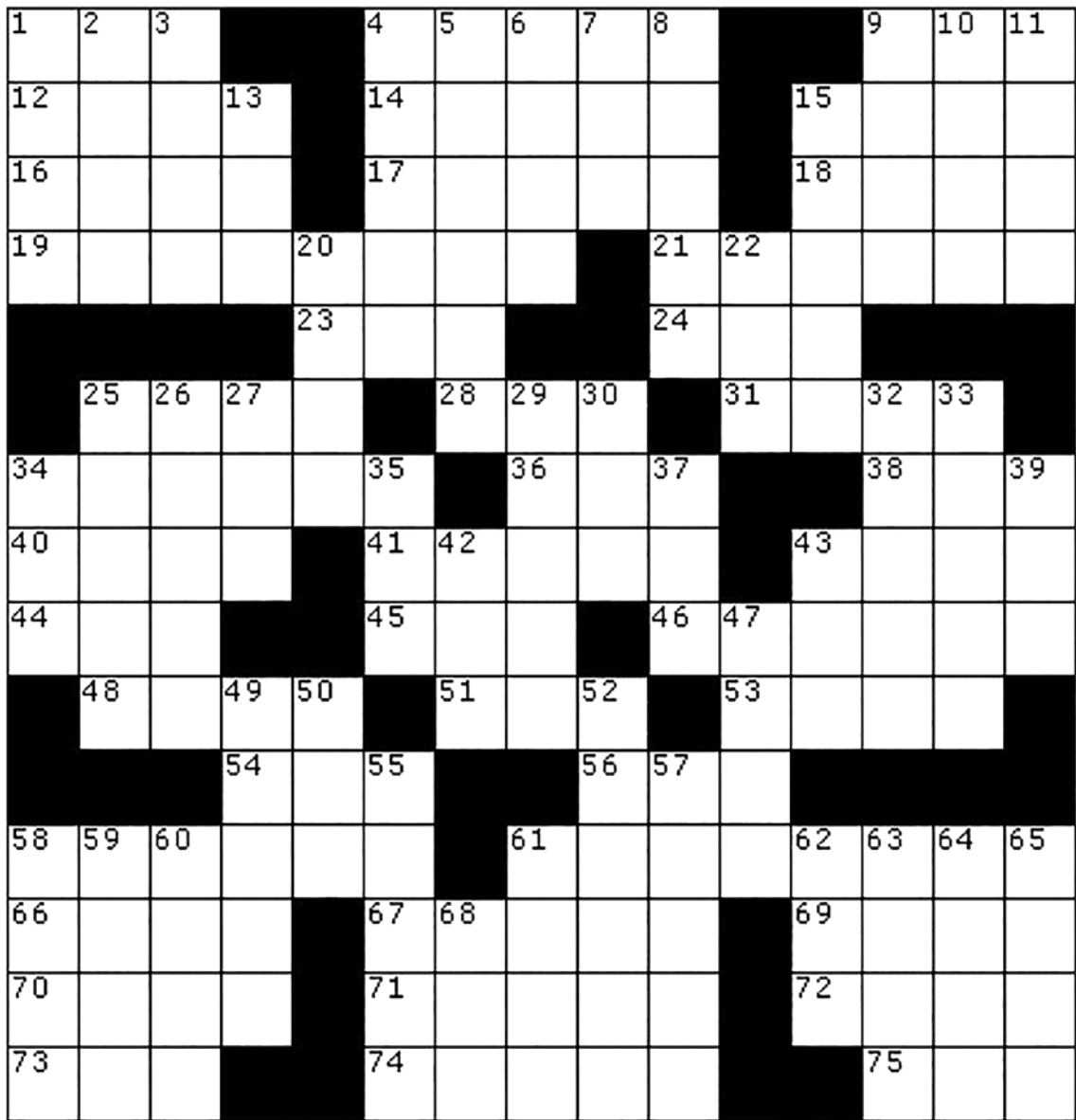
Have you registered for the Men's Conference yet? Don't forget to do so. To register, visit <https://salinadiocese.org/events/2021-mens-conference/>.

“I believe the Men's Conference has, in many ways, strengthened my Catholic faith,” said Cory Munsch, a past Men's Conference participant. “The

speakers, priests and the on-fire Catholic men challenge me to be more than a ‘comfortable’ Catholic. They challenge me to live out my faith through example and action. The conference has encouraged me to seek out and open the doors of the faith that I never knew were there before. The men's conference is an event I love and look forward to every year. I pray it continues to build men of faith so they can become who Our Lord created them to be.”



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Plenary indulgence planned for pilgrimage

By THE REGISTER

In honor of the year of St. Joseph, the Salina Diocese is offering the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence for those who embark on a pilgrimage to the seven parishes within the diocese that are named after St. Joseph, the patron saint of the universal Church.

"I was very happy when Pope Francis announced the Year of St. Joseph," said Bishop Jerry Vincke. "Over the years, many saints have said, 'Go to Joseph.' We go to St. Joseph because he is an example to each of us. In most pictures or statues of St. Joseph, he is depicted holding the Child Jesus. He is always embracing Jesus.

By his example, may we also learn to embrace Jesus in all situations in our lives."

Bishop Vincke urges faithful to take advantage of the opportunity to receive the plenary indulgence, either for oneself or for the souls in Purgatory, saying, "Perhaps in doing so, we will grow closer to St. Joseph."

To gain the plenary indulgence, one must have the capacity (baptized and in the state of grace), proper disposition (general intention of gaining the indulgence) and must fulfill the necessary conditions (at least 20 days before visiting one of the St. Joseph parishes, one must make a Sacramental Confession, receive Communion (preferably on the day of the visit) and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff (preferably on the day of the visit)).

During the actual visit to



one of the St. Joseph parishes, one must either participate in Mass or pray before an image of St. Joseph while pleading for three things: the United States to be faithful to its Christian vocation, vocations to the priesthood and religious life and the defense of the human family. The visit is to be concluded with the Lord's prayer, the Creed and invocations to the Holy Family.

Those who are elderly, sick or are legitimately impeded are equally able to obtain the indulgence. They must have a firm

intention to gain the indulgence and reject sin, if possible, fulfill the usual conditions (Confession, Communion and praying for the Pope's intentions) and spiritually join themselves to the jubilee pilgrimages and, through Mary, offer the prayers, sorrows and sufferings of their life to our merciful God.

The St. Joseph parishes within the Salina Diocese are located in Bird City, Brookville, Damar, Dorance, Hays, New Almelo and Oakley.

The communications office created an instruction booklet, along with a St. Joseph pilgrimage passport. To view the booklet and learn more, visit <https://salinadiocese.org/news-and-updates/year-of-st-joseph/>.



RURAL LIFE DAY — AUG. 15

By THE REGISTER

The Rural Life Commission will host the annual Rural Life Day at 2 p.m. Aug. 15 at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton. The event will begin with Mass with Bishop Jerry Vincke.

The main feature of the day, the awarding of the Monsignor John George Weber Century Farm Award, will follow the Mass. The award celebrates diocesan families who have farmed or have owned their farm for 100 years or longer.

The Rural Life Board will introduce each recipient who will give a short presenta-

tion on their family's history of living their Catholic faith on the family farm. Father Rich Daise, Rural Life moderator, will give a special blessing for recipients. Reception and fellowship will follow.

Deadline to apply for the award is Aug. 1.

For more information or to apply for the award, contact Father Rich Daise at (785) 625-7356 or email frich@sacredheartcolby.com, or Art Befort at (785) 282-4732 or email crl@befort.org. Or visit <https://salinadiocese.org/office/rural-life/rural-life-day-century-farm-award/>.



CLERGY ABUSE UPDATE

After an independent investigation, the Independent Review Board and the Provincial Minister of the Capuchin Province of St. Conrad determined an additional allegation of abuse of a minor against Father Julian Haas to be an "established allegation" in May 2021. The reported abuse occurred on the campus of Thomas More Prep, Hays, in the late 1970s. The Diocese of Salina and the Capuchin Province of St. Conrad fully cooperates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other Church

official. Any allegation of the abuse of a minor may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center (800-922-5330), the KBI Crime Hotline (800-KSCRIME) or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov.

For the safety of children and the healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides the following means of reporting abuse:

- Abuse Response Hotline: (866) 752-8855 #1067
- Abuse Response Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
- Abuse Response Website: www.reportandprotect.com.

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It took about two to three years for Martha to become fluent in English. It was the kindness and patience of the religious sisters and the other students that helped her.

While in school, Martha met students Marilyn Wall and Philomene Reiland, who both would later become Sisters of St. Joseph. And it is where she first encountered Sister Mary Paul Buser.

The joy and happiness of Sister Buser and the other religious sisters is what first attracted her to the idea of the religious life.

So, in 1964, she found herself on a train once more as she journeyed to Kansas to join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia. Then, on Sept. 8, 1964, Martha entered the order. On Aug. 15, 1965, she received the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph and was given the name Sister Barbara Ellen.

She pronounced her first vows Aug. 15, 1966, and final vows Aug. 15, 1971.

Sister Barb was involved in teaching and parish ministry. But her most notable position was that of director of youth ministry for the Salina Diocese — a position she took in 1984 and remained in until her death.

Sister Barb lit a fire in the youth of the Salina Diocese. Her passion was young people, and she was often-times caught saying, “The young Church is very much alive.”

Without Sister Barb, where would we be?

She attended the CYO Convention for an untold number of years.

In 1979, she attended her first Junior CYO camp.

In 1995, she took the first diocesan group to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

In 2006, she, along with Father Gale Hammer-schmidt, started Prayer and Action — a mission experience for college and high school students found in their own backyards.

In 2007, she brought the St. John Paul II inspired



program Totus Tuus to the Salina Diocese.

But those years aren't important. Sister Barb took no notice of the number of years or the hours of time she dedicated to the youth of the diocese.

The numbers that excited her were the numbers about the people.

As any of the youth events approached, she could be found in the hallways of the Chancery enthusiastically declaring to anyone within earshot the number of youth who had registered to attend.

Her excitement couldn't be contained as she shared stories of the many young men who encountered and

experienced a relationship with Jesus at a youth program, those same men who went on to become priests for the diocese.

Her joy was boundless as awkward and innocent relationships formed at the high school youth events, those same relationships that blossomed into loving marriages.

She sincerely believed the young Church was alive and well. And she should know; she was there. Most times, she created the space for the young people to encounter Jesus.

At every event, Sister Barb made sure to provide opportunities for confession and for communion. She made sure there was time for adoration. But she also created opportunities for fun and laughter.

The space she provided for young people to develop relationships as they openly and excitedly shared their faith with one another was the catalyst for an untold number of vocations within the Salina Diocese.

Because of her, the youth of the Salina Diocese were

connected to one another in a way that is unheard of in most dioceses. Even though the diocese is so vast, youth from the four corners knew one another, they were friends. And those friendships carried through the years, further uniting the universal Church.

Thank you, Sister Barb, for everything you have done for the Salina Diocese. You'll never know the legacy you left behind. We'll do our best to make you proud.





I have heard it said that in this world there are many things we simply will not remember: World Series champions, Super Bowl victors, Academy Award nominees and the like. The people, however, who have most influenced us throughout a lifetime will always be remembered. Sister Barbara Ellen Apaceller belongs in that category for me. Although I had known her since my high school days, it wasn't until the early 2000s when she really started to play a role in my life. I was a teacher at Manhattan Catholic Schools, and she was continually encouraging me to pursue the priesthood. When I finally announced I was going to the seminary, the smile on her face was beaming. As we began working together more closely because of our shared love of youth ministry, I remember pitching an idea to her about this wild idea I had to start some backyard missions here in the Diocese of Salina. I can tell you, when you put an idea in Sister Barb's hands, things start to happen. The Prayer and Action mission program exists simply because she believed in my wild idea. Without her support, Prayer and Action would not exist. Every soul that has ever been touched by Prayer and Action owes gratitude to this amazing woman. As the mission program continues to spread throughout the Midwest and even to the East Coast, many who experience Prayer and Action will never know the name Sister Barbara Ellen, and yet her legacy will live on because of them. I am forever grateful. I will miss her. There was nobody who loved to give me a hard time more than her. She felt she had a particular calling to try to keep me humble. She would always say "Father Gale could never be a bishop because they couldn't find a miter big enough to fit his big head." Although she ruthlessly teased me, I also know nobody supported me and loved me quite like Sister Barb. Her smile, her laugh and those same stories she would tell time and again will never be forgotten. She was special. She was one of a kind. She will be remembered.

Father Gale Hammerschmidt is pastor at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

When I reflect on the great work Sister Barb has accomplished over the many years of her ministry, I first have to look at her impact on my life personally. I know that I wouldn't be where I am today or have the deep love for my Catholic faith without her example and passion for youth ministry. Sister Barb was someone who cared deeply about creating a space for the youth of our diocese to grow not only closer to Christ, but with each other. She wanted the youth to have an intimate and personal relationship with the Lord and would do whatever it took to create opportunities and events for that to happen. One of the greatest gifts

Sister Barb's ministry has given me is the gift of true friendship. The mentors and friends I met at different CYO events and youth activities have blessed my life in more ways than I can describe. I found Christ-centered friends who have pushed me to become the best version of myself, guided and inspired me in times of hardship and have been a constant source of support on my faith journey. I am also thankful for the opportunities I was given to serve our diocese through Totus Tuus, teaching religious education in my parish and Prayer and Action. These programs have allowed me to bring the love and joy of Christ to so many and revealed

deep desires of my heart that I probably would not have experienced or discovered without them. I learned quickly that God wanted me to make myself an empty vessel. This was hard to do and is still an ongoing process, but when we empty ourselves, we can let God fill us in the way he sees fit; in the way he knows will benefit us and change us the most. And the graces that came from saying yes and allowing God to work in my life over the years have brought me so much joy. I am where I am because of Sister Barb, and I know that many others can say the same. It gives me great hope knowing her impact will live on

and continue to touch the lives of the people in our diocese because of the hard work, joy and love she poured out every day.

Matea Gregg is the communications coordinator at the Diocese of Salina.



"Thank you for your service." So many people who knew Sister Barb would like to say these words to her now that she has entered eternal life. After I completed a summer of teaching Totus Tuus in 2015, Sister Barb brought all the teachers into a room on the top floor of the Chancery in Salina and played an old (and, what I thought at the time to be a little bit cheesy) song thanking all of us for serving the youth of our diocese that summer. That sort of joyful gratitude was ever-present in Sister Barb, and I always felt myself smiling when I was around her. I taught Totus Tuus again in 2017, and she had that same joyful presence about her. And who can forget every time that she showed up to Prayer and Action and tears of joy would stream down her face at the sight of so many young people serving the Lord and his Church? What a beautiful witness to us all. Sister Barb, through facilitating Prayer and Action and Totus Tuus, was a big reason that I entered the seminary. Her joy flowed through the seminari-

ans and priests that I met at Prayer and Action, and they inspired me to consider the seminary and the priesthood. I also felt Christ's love and joy at the CYO Convention. The year I attended, Sister Barb brought in Catholic musician Jesse Manibusan. His first name was all it took for me to know that God truly loved me and wanted me to be there. I thoroughly enjoyed that convention because of Jesse Manibusan's music and humor, and it inspired me to share my musical abilities more and more with others. In the summer of 2018, I was privileged to be on the Prayer and Action team, which fulfilled a dream I had had since I first attended Prayer and Action in 2009. I remember Sister Barb being very supportive of the team even though she had little direct contact with us. Her presence went far beyond where she was physically at any given time, and so many in the Salina Diocese felt it very strongly. I know that Sister Barb's ministry impacted me enough to want to

serve the people of the diocese as a priest and to give my life to those that God puts in my path. Sister Barb, you will be missed. Thank you for your service to the people of the Salina Diocese. Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God, your Creator. May you live in peace this day and see your Redeemer face to face.

Jesse Ochs is a seminarian for the Salina Diocese. He is originally from Park. He is currently studying at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver.



Program provides family help

By OLIVIA AYRES

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

When Natalia Kuzmina found out she was expecting her first child, she felt alone, scared and directionless.

Originally from Russia, Kuzmina moved to America to continue her education and obtain her doctorate, enrolling at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

"I originally came to America to further my education and then go back to Russia. I was not planning to stay," Kuzmina said. "Then I met David, my now-husband, and we got married January 2020."

David, who is in the military and stationed at Fort Riley, was deployed to Korea months after their wedding. Shortly after, Kuzmina found out she was expecting. The news came as quite a shock to the couple, as David had been diagnosed with infertility many years prior.

"We were both very overwhelmed because we did not think this was possible and had never planned for a child," Kuzmina said. "We had a very limited amount of money, almost nothing."

Alone in an unfamiliar country, and with limited resources, Kuzmina did not know where to turn.

"I am an international student on visa, so the only money I get is from the university," she said. "It is very little and not even enough to cover my day-to-day expenses, let alone a baby. I was really struggling. I was contemplating drop-



ping out of university and moving back to Russia."

Unsure of what to do, Kuzmina came to Catholic Charities, where she met Jessica Sampson, director of counseling and social services.

"When I met Jessica, she was so very kind and supportive," Kuzmina said. "I was terrified. I am 32 years old, giving birth to my first child, in a country that is not my own. There was a lot of stress for sure."

Through Catholic Charities' Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative (PMI) program, Kuzmina was able to receive financial and emotional support throughout her pregnancy, as well as after her child's birth.

"I would meet with Jessica every month, and she would give me baby items and talk to me about doctors, hospitals and what I could expect," Kuzmina said. "There was a lot of emotional support as well. Having that and someone who was interested in what was happening in my life and knowing I could

reach out if I needed anything, that meant a lot."

The couple welcomed their daughter, Lilian, on Aug. 15. Due to health concerns, Lilian had to be taken to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

Kuzmina said Sampson was there every step of the way throughout the difficult process.

"No questions asked, she would always be there to help," Kuzmina said. "I would text her and say, 'I need a changing mat,' and she would bring it to us, right to our door, the next week. The same with diapers as well. We have not spent a single dollar on diapers or baby wipes, and that is a huge expense."

Sampson said Kuzmina's story speaks to the incredible strength and kindness she possesses.

"She continues to work towards her PhD at Kansas State with a now 8-month-old," Sampson said. "She also donates any unused baby

items back to Catholic Charities to help other mothers in need. She is such a hard-working, dedicated mother, student and wife."

Kuzmina said before encountering Catholic Charities, she never knew such compassionate service was available to her.

"I never ever imagined something like Catholic Charities could exist," she said. "I felt like I was cared for, and that is so important, especially in times when you do not know if you are going to live another day. We would not have survived without Catholic Charities."

Kuzima said her family is in a much better place now, thanks to Catholic Charities.

"I cannot imagine how many parents are going through what we went through and need help," Kuzima said. "Catholic Charities represents hope.

They gave me the steps so I can achieve what I want in life."

Olivia Ayres is the communications coordinator for Catholic Charities.



Diocesan events

July

- 25-31 • NFP Awareness Week
- 25 • World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

August

- 7-8 • Annual Seminar-ian Collection
- 12 • Annual Seminar-ian Fundraising Dinner, Salina
- 13 • Running Revs Basketball Game, Hays
- 14 • Diocesan Men's Conference, Hays
- 15 • Rural Life Day, Tipton
- 18 • Clergy Health and Retirement Annual Board Meeting, Salina

- 20-22 • Deacon candidate retreat and Rite of Candidacy, Great Bend

September

- 5-12 • 52nd International Eucharistic Congress
- 11 • Beloved Marriage Prep Retreat, Hays
- 11 • Divine Mercy Radio Dinner, Hays
- 11-12 • SDCCW Convention
- 12 • Divine Mercy Radio Dinner, Salina
- 13-16 • Annual Clergy Retreat, Wichita
- 17-19 • Catholic Engaged Encounter, Victoria
- 18-19 • Catechetical Sunday Weekend
- 24-26 • Permanent Deacon Retreat, Wichita
- 24-26 • Daughters of Isabella State Convention, Hays

Diocesan Rosary Congress coming soon

By THE REGISTER

The Salina Diocese will participate in a diocesan-wide Rosary Congress on Oct. 2 to 8. A Rosary Congress is a response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration and prayer. The congress is offered in a spirit of reparation, for life, peace and the deep healing of the Church.

Currently, the diocese is working with parishes. The goal is to have seven parishes across the diocese to participate. Each parish would commit to 24 hours of adoration, with a Rosary prayed each hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

"The goal of the diocesan Rosary Congress is to unleash Divine Mercy upon our diocese," said Rick Binder, director of Respect Life office. "The Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil. Some of the worst evils in our world are those

WHAT DO THE SAINTS SAY ABOUT THE ROSARY?

"Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if — and mark well what I say — if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins."

Saint Louis de Montfort

"When you say your Rosary, the

angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary."

Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche

"The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish."

Mary to St. Dominic

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the heart of the Mother of

God ... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."

Pope Saint Pius X

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima

"The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal and the spiritual ..."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

that take away life itself, such as euthanasia, abortion and assisted suicide. Respect for the dignity of life at all stages is something that

this culture has cast aside. So, this prayer is an all-encompassing prayer for the battle of life itself and the dignity of life at all stages."

More details are forthcoming. For additional information, contact the Respect Life office at rick.binder@salinadiocese.org.

The Eucharistic Miracle of Krakow

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

One of the greatest mysteries of the Catholic faith is the Eucharist. However, in 2019, a Pew research study indicated 69% of Catholics do not believe in the true presence of the Eucharist.

With permission from the Blessed Carlo Acutis Institute, The Register will run a series of authenticated and corroborated Eucharistic miracles that have occurred through the ages. This series was created by Blessed Carlo.

Born in 1991, Carlo grew up with a deep faith and devotion to the Eucharist. Additionally, he was an amateur computer programmer. One of his more



well-known accomplishments is documenting Eucharistic miracles from around the world and cataloging them onto a website (<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>) he created before he died of leukemia.

Eucharistic Miracle of

Krakow, Poland | 1345

In the year 1345, King Casimir III the Great of Poland gave orders to build a church named Corpus Christi in honor of the Eucharistic miracle that was verified that same year. It had taken place in the village of Wawel, near Krakow. Some thieves

broke into a little church (the Collegiate Church of All Saints), which was a short distance from Krakow. They forced their way into the tabernacle and stole the monstrance, which contained consecrated hosts.

They got away, but when they figured out the monstrance was not made of real gold, they threw it (including the hosts), into the muddy marshland that was prevalent in the area. Priests from the church began a search, but they did not hold out much hope.

When darkness fell, however, a mysterious light emanated from the spot where the treasure had

been abandoned. Bright flashes of light were visible for several kilometers. Frightened villagers approached the area and reported back to the bishop of Krakow.

The bishop called for three days of fasting and prayer. On the third day, he led a procession out to the marsh. There, they found the monstrance, and within it, they found the hosts, which were unbroken and were the source of the unusual lights.

The people began to pray and to celebrate the miracle. Annually on the occasion of the feast of Corpus Christi, the miracle is celebrated in the church of Corpus Christi in Krakow.

My journey to America, priesthood

I was born Oct. 12, 1955, in Myanmar. Some people call it Burma. My family are rice farmers. I have two brothers and two sisters. I am the second.

We were raised in a farming community in the countryside. In our village, we had 200 families, and everyone was Catholic. It was special to live there because we are a mostly Buddhist country.

I lived there until I finished my education. Then I had to go to the city for further education at the boarding house, or it is also called minor seminary. I was only 11.

I loved it there. When I finished high school, I went to college. I studied mathematics. I also did sports. I played soccer, and I ran. I got second in the 1,500-meter race in college. My cousin got first. I don't know what the time was, but I doubt it was good.

Eventually, a prominent priest asked me if I would go to seminary. He really influenced me. I think God was calling me, but I kept running away from the road. So God just pushed the road in front of me.

After six months in seminary, I knew I was going to be a priest. I think the Blessed Virgin Mary is responsible for my vocation. I have a deep devotion to Mary. I feel like she is my mother. I can go to her and have comfort, protection and guidance. I would pray every night and ask her to help me do whatever I could for the glory of God.

In seminary, I did OK in class. I was not the top, but I was not the bottom. My favorite subject was Canon Law. I really trust it, and it was the easiest and most interesting subject for me. The marriage canons were my favorite. The

hardest subjects for me were metaphysics and anthropology. I hated those.

I was ordained April 4, 1987. I was 32. I don't think I was nervous for it. The best part of my ordination was when I was lying in front of the altar and they sang the litany. It was very moving and reminded me of what my life would be like.

There were thousands of people at my ordination. That is common in my country. All the people from the surrounding villages come together. They usually stay a few nights. The hardest part is trying to feed everyone.

I served as a parish priest for a bit. I liked it. It was all very new. In the beginning, you are not worn out and are so excited. Eventually, my bishop got sick. He

asked me to come and serve as his secretary. I was fond of him. He appointed me as the pastor of the cathedral.

When he died, a new bishop came (he is now a cardinal). That bishop is the one who asked me to come to the United States. He asked me four times. I was scared to come. I did not speak English. I was scared to fly. I was scared of the culture. I said no three times, but the fourth time, I said yes. It is the will of God that I am here.

Bishop George Fitzsimmons invited me. I was the first Burmese priest here. I was scared to leave my family. I was only supposed to be here three years, but now I have been here for 22 years.

When I first got here, I went to Independence to study English and attend a community college. I also learned to drive. I spent a lot of time watching television and listening to the radio so I could learn English.

After one month in Independence, I moved to Beloit to be with Father Henry Baxa at St. John the Baptist. Beloit is my first love in this diocese. I was happy there. Father Baxa used to tease me because I would read the comics to learn English. My favorite comic was Pickles.

My favorite part of being a priest is the Mass. But I also like to sit for confession. I like it because I can share and show the forgiveness and mercy of God to others. It makes them happy and feel peace.

The hardest part about being a priest is to preach. Writing is hard for me. I want to write nice and colorful. But I cannot because there is still a lot of usage and vocabulary that I do not know. I am still learning English. I have several journals that I have filled with words and sentences that I use as a reference.

With the priesthood, sometimes God calls you, and you don't want to go. And sometimes you really want to go, but God hasn't called you. I think you need to discern and follow your heart, ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. But you do not need to be scared of the priesthood. If God calls you, he will take care of you.

For me, my motto is from the prophet Micah. He says, "Love the good things and walk humbly with God." It is important to try to be humble. If you have humility, patience and a deep prayer life, God will give you strength.

I would like to thank the American Church and the Salina Diocese for being so good and supportive. Thank you for treating me as part of your family. I am so impressed with the faith and generosity of the wonderful, good people I am among.

Father Vincent Thu Laing is pastor at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Hoxie and St. Martin of Tours Parish in Sequin.



VINCENT
Thu Laing
PASTOR

Umscheid joining MCS

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The Catholic Diocese of Salina and the Manhattan Catholic community welcomed Megan Umscheid to Manhattan Catholic Schools as the advancement coordinator.

Umscheid has a diverse background rooted in education, community, development, fundraising and leading non-profit organizations. She is known to be hands-on, solution-oriented, highly motivated and generous. In her free time, she teaches seventh- and eighth-grade religious education classes at her home parish of St. Joseph's in Flush.



Umscheid

Umscheid, her husband and two sons reside in St. George.

"I am excited to utilize my career experiences, as well as my education and lifelong passion for supporting educational efforts in the PreK-12 setting through this fundraising and development position for MCS" Umscheid said.

"We look forward to Megan getting to know and working alongside those already deeply invested in the success of the school, our families, staff and students as we work together to advance the mission and accomplishments of MCS," said Mike Hubka, principal of Manhattan Catholic Schools.

Nine sisters celebrate jubilees

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

In 2021, nine sisters, who together represent 585 years of love of God and service to the dear neighbor, were honored: Sisters Julie Galan, Cecilia Green, Rosalyn Juenemann, Anne Martin Reinert, Jodi Creten, Judy Stephens, Carm Thibault, Janis Wagner and Marilyn Wall. The jubilee celebration was June 13 at the Nazareth Motherhouse in Concordia.

Sister Julie Galan – 75 years

"I always prayed to be a sister. Entering at an early age presented a couple of challenges. My family supported me to become a teacher but not a sister," Sister Julie said. "But persistent as I am, I begged them, and they did say, 'We will support you, but we know you will be lonesome and return home.' For me, religious life means that I have been blessed abundantly in every way. God has given me more than I have hoped for. I'm blessed with good health and happiness which enables me to be a supportive member of my community."



Galan

Teacher in Junction City, Plainville, Manhattan and Beloit. Parish ministry in Leawood.

Sister Cecilia Green – 70 years

"A few years ago when I was still able to walk, I knew it was time to move to Stafford Hall (in the Nazareth Motherhouse) to live the golden years of my life. This move gave me time to get ready for the days when walking would become more difficult. What a blessing for a place to live comfortably. Our golden years become golden by the way we make use of our day. My past years have helped me to get to these years — finding the good in others, friendships, helping others in need, living each day peacefully and joyfully. Being an everyday cheerful presence wherever I am is my mission today. Thank God for community, friends, family and neighbors who have been such a part of my 70 years as a Sister of St. Joseph."



Green

Teacher in Clyde, Beloit, Tipton, Damar, Park, Junction City and Manhattan. Parish ministry in Leoville, New Almelo, Logan, Densmore and Oberlin. Ministry at the Motherhouse in Concordia.

Rosalyn Juenemann – 70 years

Written by Sister Carolyn Juenemann, CSJ, a younger sister to Sister Rosalyn.

"On her last jubilee, Sister Rosalyn wrote that the rose symbolized best what religious life meant to her. Over the years, after her entrance into the congregation, she grew from a well-hidden bud into a fully blossomed flower that she could never have imag-



Juenemann

ined. Her time in parish ministry seemed to be the 'highlight' of her process of nurturing the hidden bud into a beautiful blooming rose. Parish ministry offered her the opportunity to use her talents of music, counseling and teaching in an integrated way, and she loved (and was greatly loved) wherever she served. People used to tell me that she 'sang like a bird.' God blessed her with a very beautiful singing voice — clear, soothing and perfect pitch — until her more recent years of declining health." Teacher in St. Louis, Illinois, Antonio, Pfeifer, Salina, Gorham, Plainville and Oakley. Pastoral and parish ministry in Glenwood Springs, Colo., Greenleaf, Clay Center, Junction City, Chapman and Colby. Coordinator of sister service and executive council at the Motherhouse in Concordia.

Sister Anne Martin Reinert – 70 years

"I am constantly molded and remolded in my efforts to grow as a woman in a religious community that strives to love God and neighbor. I was encouraged early in life to go into nursing. I had much to learn, and my education came from the newborn who could not wait but was thrust forth from the womb into my arms; the toddler who could bring me to tears over a dose of medicine; and the elderly man who could drive me to frustration one moment and to a celebration of joy the next. Now I am living in Stafford Hall at the Nazareth Motherhouse in Concordia and am the one being cared for by our sisters and nursing staff. My heart is grateful as I reflect on the many ways God has led me." General career in nursing and alcoholism counseling in El Paso, Texas, Manhattan, Concordia and Junction City.



Reinert

Sister Judy Stephens – 60 years

"Celebrating 60 years as a sister fills my heart with gratitude. Gratitude for my family of origin, my sisters in community, the many people I have met in ministry and for this beautiful planet. My gratitude runs deep for the spiritual and theological education I have received throughout these years. We have gathered many times to look at the urgent questions of our day: life issues for the unborn and living children, a global pandemic, climate change and plastic pollution, racism, refugees and children in detention. It's hard work; it's tiring; but we cannot turn away. It is God's call to us today. This calls me to sit in prayer each day, to search for the presence of God. This makes living worthwhile and gives me peace." Teacher in Chicago and Silver City, N.M. Multi-parish religious education program in Clyde, Clifton, Clara, Washington and Morrowville. Initial Formation Program and Admissions Counselor at Marymount College. Youth ministry at Bayard, Central and Hurley, N.M.



Stephens

Pastoral ministry in Palomas, Chihuahua, Mexico. Sanctuary program at Manna House of Prayer. Ecological issues and organic food growth near Tescott. Hispanic ministry and medical interpretation with Catholic Charities. Leadership Council at the Motherhouse in Concordia.

Jodi Creten – 60 years

"I've ministered in many places that have helped to form who I am today, but nowhere did it become more evident than in the 30 years I was privileged to serve in my beloved Georgia, where inclusivity and the meshing of so many cultures stretched and furthered my understanding of community. I was privileged to live for so many years in a neighborhood of diverse backgrounds, personalities and cultures where 'give and receive' without cost were so common. I believe that there isn't just one incident, story or experience that best captures what religious life means to me, but there is one word that does that — and it is 'community.'" Served 30 years in Atlanta in parish ministry. Coordinated senior services in Georgia. Teacher in Silver City, N.M., Chicago and Boonville, Mo.



Creten

Carmella Thibault – 60 years

"This jubilee year, I am so grateful for the mystery of life itself, for my family, this CSJ community and for this planet with all its beauty and mystery. One memory I can share: In the early 1980s, while at Manna House of Prayer in Concordia, I became aware that some of our sisters were writing to persons on death row. So, I began writing to a man on death row in West Virginia. For 12 years or so, we wrote monthly and became acquainted. Lem's letters were simple and often held much the same news. From a poor family, he had run away from home trying to make it on his own. He and another man were convicted and ended up on death row. Lem's letters spoke of the isolation and pain of prison. No family visitors or friends. During those years, he began to attend church services and was baptized into the Catholic faith. This gave him new strength. As years went by, his letters spoke about how hard it was when one of the prisoners was given a date for execution and was executed. When would his day come? His day eventually came. The night before his execution, he called me. I was surprised as there was no sadness in his voice. I asked him if he was afraid. 'No,' he said. 'After all, I am going to fall into the arms of the Almighty.'" Assistant registrar at Marymount College. Teacher in Leawood and Fairbury, Neb. Pastoral minister at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Director of novices and executive council at Motherhouse in Concordia.



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Janis Wagner – 60 years

"Experiencing the consecrated life is God's gift to me. It is supported

by my prayer life, community members, family, friends and parishioners. Music is the thread that helps me unite people in the liturgy. I play the organ and piano for many community celebrations and funerals — a true joy. In our music, God is glorified. The companionship of the sisters I entered with — Carmella, Judy, Jodi and Marilyn — formed a lasting bond. I'm grateful to the Sisters of St. Joseph for the many opportunities I've been given. Even though we've moved from 600 sisters in 1961, when I entered, to the present 100 sisters, I have hope. I believe women are still called to the consecrated life and are needed in the Church and society."



Wagner

Music teacher in St. George, Ill., Park and Manhattan. Area religion coordinator for Kansas parishes. Ministry in Religious Education Office and Office of Worship at the Diocese of Salina. Team ministry in Selden, Leoville, Oberlin, New Almelo, Logan and Densmore. Pastoral associate and music ministry in Manhattan, Ogden and Clay Center. Currently serves as the Motherhouse liturgy coordinator.

Marilyn Wall – 60 years

"My life has been gifted in so many ways. The thread that runs through all my life and my ministries is my search for God, whom I have found many times over in the faces and stories of those whom I have met. That thread becomes a ribbon during the 20-plus years that I served in rural parishes. I loved mingling with people in all the areas in which I served. I heard hundreds of stories: some sad, some astonishingly resilient and some mystical. I learned the meanings of compassion and love many times over. One of the questions I often asked upon hearing particularly difficult stories was: 'How did you get through that?' or 'What did you tell yourself?' Ironically, the answer to that question revealed a faith stance; a relationship with God that was revealed by and through a situation that was extremely difficult. I was and still am awed at the beauty of the people I loved and who loved me. I thank those people who revealed God to me. My life has been full."



Wall

Teacher in Fairbury, Neb., Manhattan and Salina. Biology instructor at Marymount College. Social worker at St. Joseph's Hospital, Concordia. Spiritual director and associate retreats director at Manna House of Prayer. Parish ministry serving in Salina. Office of Laity for Salina Diocese. Pastoral administrator in Oberlin. Pastoral associate in Selden, Leoville, Hanover, Greenleaf, Wilson, Dorrance, Holyrood, Washington and Morrowville. Parish life coordinator in Washington and Morrowville.

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USCCB celebrates NFP Awareness Week

By Allison Ochoa
Special to The Register

From July 25 to 31, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will celebrate Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a campaign to educate Catholics and others across the nation about Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods and their relationship to church teachings.

“The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25), which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood,” the USCCB stated on its website.

While the USCCB has approved several NFP methods, in the Diocese of Salina, the primary NFP model being taught at this time is the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. This model focuses on overall reproductive health and helping women of all

ages come to a deeper understanding of their fertility.

“The diocese is open to having other methods taught, but to this point, anyone who’s inquired about teaching Natural Family Planning has wanted to be trained in this model,” said Lindy Meyer, responsible practitioner for the Diocese of Salina’s FertilityCare Center.

“Much of mainstream society sees fertility as a disease,” Meyer said. “There’s no other bodily system we take a pill to suppress. But the Creighton Model FertilityCare System is a science-based health system for your whole reproductive life. It is effective at every stage of life, and it can be used effectively for whatever your need is. We approach it as a ministry, but we are trained health professionals.”

Currently, there are nine

FertilityCare practitioners and one medical doctor who serve the Salina Diocese. Each has completed the 13-month training program required to become a FertilityCare practitioner. The diocese’s FertilityCare Center is affiliated with FertilityCare Centers of America.



In addition to helping couples with family planning-related efforts, practitioners can help women with a variety of reproductive issues including, but not limited to, endometriosis, polycystic ovarian syndrome, ovarian cysts, recurrent miscarriage, irregular bleeding and postpartum depression. According to Meyer, many reproductive and fertility issues are treated by mainstream family practitioners and OB/GYNs using birth control pills and other methods that only appear to fix the problem without truly treating the underlying

cause.

“Our approach is to work cooperatively with the woman or couple to help restore reproductive health,” she said, noting practitioners work with everyone from teenage girls to single women and married couples.

“NFP Awareness Week focuses on educating people about taking care of their fertility all along so when they’re ready to have a child, they can do so without complications, or so they can treat problems effectively,” Meyer said. “It’s about appreciating our fertility as a gift. Yes, there’s a health aspect, but there’s also a respect for God’s design and the moral aspect of our lives.”

“This is what the Church teaches because it’s better for marriages and it respects the dignity of the person.”

Meyer acknowledges NFP can be challenging as it requires discipline in charting the woman’s cycle and then following

that cycle.

“It can be difficult at times, but what isn’t,” she said. “There isn’t one path to heaven that doesn’t involve a bit of suffering or challenge, but that is a part of the blessing.”

While the USCCB promotes Natural Family Planning and its benefits, Meyer said she encourages the message to be delivered locally via the priests serving throughout the diocese.

“Many people may not want to hear the truth about the Church’s teaching in this area, but they need to hear it,” she said. “There are so many couples on the fence who can be led to the truth through their priest.”

“We shouldn’t keep NFP a secret; we should be shouting it from the rooftops. It’s too important a message for us to stay quiet. It’s life-changing stuff. Souls are at stake.”

For more information about the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, visit salinafertilitycare.org.

Pope Francis announces ‘synodal process’ to begin soon

By Faith Magazine

On May 21, Pope Francis surprised the Church by announcing that the Synod of Bishops postponed due to the pandemic will be preceded by a synodal process that includes “listening to all of the baptized” in every local diocese before the bishops gather again in 2023.

In comments made to Vatican Media, Cardinal Mario Grech, head of the Vatican’s office of the Synod of Bishops, said the change “from an event into a process” was chosen

because “the time was ripe for a wider participation of the people of God in a decision-making process that affects the whole church and everyone in the church.”

“The Second Vatican Council teaches that the people of God participate in the prophetic office of Christ,” Cardinal Grech said. “Therefore, we must listen to the people of God, and this means going out to the local churches.”

“The governing principle of this

consultation of the people of God is contained in the ancient principle ‘that which touches upon all must be approved by all.’ “



Francis

He added, “This is not about democracy, or populism or anything like that. Rather, it is the church that as the people of God, a people who by virtue of baptism, is an active subject in the life and mission of the church.”

Cardinal Grech emphasized the importance of allowing everyone to

have their voices heard.

“God willing, one of the fruits of the Synod is that we might all understand that a decision-making process in the Church always begins with listening, because only in this way can we understand how and where the Spirit wants to lead the Church,” he said.

The theme of the Synod of Bishops concluding the synodal process is “For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.”

It will convene in Rome in the fall of 2023.

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WEDDINGS

Bryan Lee Chestnut and Rhiannon Kelsey Downes were married May 22, 2021, at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center. Deacon Walt Slingsby witnessed their vows. Witnesses were Brock Taylor and Ashleigh Dooley.

Michael Eller and Mary Hickman were married June 18, 2021, at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays. Bishop Jerry Vincke witnessed their vows. Parents of the bridegroom are Richard and Kathleen (Dohmen) Eller. Parents of the bride are Ambrose and Freda (Dreiling) Weber. Witnesses were Bryce Hickman and Jenna Eller.

Jaden Thomas Miller and Zoe Kay Woolsoncroft were married April 24, 2021, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Archbishop Paul S. Coakley witnessed their vows. Parents of the bride are Greg and Monica Wool-

soncroft. Parents of the groom are Vic and Diane Miller. Witnesses were Mariah Harris and Adam Capps.

Gregory Hazen and Nicole Ohnsat were married June 5, 2021, at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton. Father Kenneth Wehrs witnessed their vows. Parents of the bridegroom are Gwynn and Marilyn Hazen of Frankfort. Parents of the bride are Francis and Marilyn Ohnsat. Witnesses were Randy Gerstner and Beth Dvorak.

Tyler J. Kern and Jessica Ann Lenhart were married June 5, 2021, at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center. Father Don Zimmerman witnessed their vows. Witnesses were Kyle Applegarth and Emily Farley.

Jason Rohr and Lisa Linenberger were married June 12,

2021, at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays. Father Damian Richards witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Allen and Linda (Dechant) Rohr. Parents of the bride are Alan and Verna (Unrein) Linenberger. Witnesses were Brady Rohr and Dorothy Dechant.

Brady Mattke and Shelby Werth were married June 12, 2021, at St. Mary Parish in Ellis. Father Rich Daise witnessed their vows. Witnesses were Kristian Tuttle and Rylee Werth.

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Melissa Meagher were married May 29, 2021, at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays. Father Jarett Konrade witnessed their vows. Parents of the bridegroom are Thomas and Barbara (King) Wasinger. Parents of the bride are Tom and Patty (Brungardt) Meagher. Witnesses were Ryan Longpine and Becky Fox.

Jackson Ver Woert and Heather Ruder were married June 19, 2021, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. Father Earl Befort, OFM Capuchin, witnessed their vows. Parents of the bridegroom are James and Eileen Ver Woert. Parents of the bride are Russell and Janel Ruder. Witnesses were Logan Essy and Shaunna Ruder.

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DEATHS

Colette Ann Arnoldy, 97, of Tipton, died June 16, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 21 at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton. Father Daryl Olmstead presided. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

John Francis Brownell, 79, of Mabank, Texas, died Sept. 2, 2019. A graveside service was June 19, in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia. Father David Metz presided.

Marilyn Kay (Dickman) Heier Caldwell, 81, of Grinnell, died June 21, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 28 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Grinnell. Father James M. Thomas, CMI and Father John Lager, OFM Capuchin, presided. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Grinnell.

Raymond Corcoran, 83, of Oberlin, died April 10, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 15 at Sacred Heart Parish in Oberlin. Father Carlos Ruiz-Santos presided. Interment was in Bassettville Cemetery in Decatur County.

Thomas G. Curlo, 69, died Friday June 11, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 15 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit. Father Jarett Konrade presided. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Beloit.

Doralyn (Gasper) Dubbert, 95, of Cawker City died Dec. 4, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 29 at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton. Father Daryl Olmstead presided. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

Patricia Kay "Pat" Englert, 82, of Hays, died Oct. 22, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 27 at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hays.

Michael "Mike" Gene Feight, 64, died June 10, 2021. Graveside funeral service was June 14 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Clyde. Father Don Zimmerman officiated.

Norma Jean Catherine Hake, 88, of Tipton, died Jan. 16, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 19 at St.

Boniface Parish in Tipton. Father Daryl Olmstead presided. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

Florence J. Ibarra, 58, of Junction City, died March 30, 2021. A graveside committal service was April 10 at St. Mary's Cemetery. Father Frank Coady officiated.

Mary Patricia Kirk, 70, of Wakefield, died Feb. 22, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 6 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, presided. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Wakefield.

George A. Lang, 96, of Hays, died June 2, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 10 at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hays.

Marjorie M. Lichtenahn, 91, of Dwight, died April 13, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 23 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Frank Coady presided. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Junction City.

Audrey B. Magana, 64, of Junction City, died March 16, 2021. A committal service was March 27 at Johnson Funeral Home. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN officiated.

Janice Eileen Mailen, 70, died June 2, 2021. Funeral service was June 8. Father Don Zimmerman officiated. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Clay Center.

Henry G. Martinez Sr., 72, of Junction City, died March 5, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 15 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Martin

Novitzky presided. Burial was in the Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Manhattan.

Lawrence "Larry" J. Menard, 67, died May 19, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 24 by Deacon Larry Erpelding and Deacon Wayne Talbot at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan. Interment at a later date.

Ila Ferne Streit Nelson, 95, of Tipton, died Aug. 1, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 12 by Father Daryl Olmstead at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

Sandra Joan Nolette, 78, of Oberlin, died Feb. 20, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 10 at Sacred Heart Parish in Oberlin. Father Carlos Ruiz-Santos presided.

Kevin O'Rourke, 54, of Dallas, died June 8, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 16 at St. Mary Parish in Ellis. Father Dana Clark presided. Burial was in the church cemetery in Ellis.

Gerard A. Roberge, 83, of Junction City, died Dec. 16, 2020. A graveside committal service was March 27 in St. Mary's Cemetery. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN officiated.

Randy Rohleder, 59, of Gorham, died June 3, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 9 at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish in Russell. Father Michael Elanjimattai, CMI, presided. Burial was in St. Mary Help of Christians Cemetery in Gorham.

Hung Jo 'Harvey' Seto, 73, of Junction City, died May 3, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 13 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in

Junction City. Father Peter O'Donnell presided. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Junction City.

Debra A. Rupert-Sjolander, 62, died May 21, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 28 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Clyde. Father Steve Heina and Father Don Zimmerman presided. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Clyde.

Jolene J. Vossman, 62, died June 1, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 5 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit. Father Jarett Konrade presided. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Beloit.

Frances M. Walsh, 85, died June 19, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 28 at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady presided. Interment at Fort Riley Veterans Cemetery in Manhattan.

Desmond Evan Wilkinson, 78, of Temple, Texas, died April 21, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 8 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Frank Coady presided. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Manhattan.

Ilene Winkel, 73, died May 18, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 24 at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Cawker City. Father Jarett Konrade presided. Burial was in Athens Cemetery near Glen Elder.

Michael G. Yaksich, 68, of Inlet Beach, Fla., died Sept. 3, 2019. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia. Monsignor Barry Brinkman presided. Burial was in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia.

Odella I. Yaksich, 99, of Concordia, died May 30, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia. Monsignor Barry Brinkman presided. Burial was in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia.



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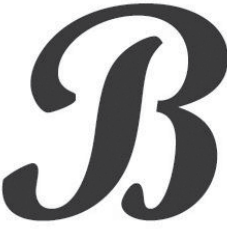
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Breck Carson Begnoche, son of Derek and Jaci Begnoche, was baptized June 26, 2021, by Deacon Buzz Harris at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

Brooks Laurence Dean Brummet, son of Nathan and Skylar Brummet, was baptized June 20, 2021, by Deacon Walt Slingsby at St. Anthony Parish in Miltonvale.

Wyatt James Bussen, son of Kristopher and Abigail (Rivera) Bussen, was baptized June 5, 2021, by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Parish in Ellis.

Brena Ray Chaffee, daughter of Jerod and Amy Chaffee, was baptized June 6, 2021, by Father Don Zimmerman at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center.

Cashdyn Michael Allen Dunn, son of Nathan and Skylar Brummet, was baptized June 20, 2021, by Deacon Walt Slingsby at St. Anthony Parish in Miltonvale.

Payne Alder Ekart, son of David and Shana Ekart, was baptized June 13, 2021, by Father Donald D. Zimmerman at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

Coleton Griffith Fobes, son of Derek Fobes and Eliza-beth Doerschlag, was baptized May 30, 2021, by Father Jarett Konrade at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit.

Kaden Nathaniel Green, son of Cederic and Emily (Timm) Green, was baptized June 6, 2021, by Father Norbert Dlabal at Sacred Heart Parish in Atwood.

Hadley Cruz Hilger, son of Markus and Wendy Hilger, was baptized June 20, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays.

Joseph Patrick Koster, son of Lane and Marah Koster, was baptized May 30, 2021, by Father Don Zimmerman at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center.

Ricardo Daniel Morales, son of Jeovani and Christina (Hernandez) Morales, was baptized June 19, 2021, by

Father Ryan McCandless at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

Henley Shawn Nash, son of Zach and Bailey Nash, was baptized June 20, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays.

Catharine Elizabeth Pachta, daughter of Chris and Ella (Ruf) Pachta, was baptized June 20, 2021, by Father David Metz at St. Edward Parish in Belleville.

Cole Patrick Pfizenmaier, son of Brett and Jenna Pfizenmaier, was baptized June 13, 2021, by Father Don Zimmerman at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center.

Adriel Xavier Ramirez-Rascon, son of Alejandro and Arely Ramirez, was baptized June 26, 2021, by Father Norbert Dlabal at Sacred Heart Parish in Atwood.

Kamden Matthew Richecky, son of Chris and Amber (Winger) Richecky was baptized June 13, 2021, by Father Henry Baxa at St. Edward Parish in Belleville.

Rovin Roshan, son of Roshan and Reshma Moolakkal Antony, was baptized June 19, 2021, by Deacon Buzz Harris at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

Eliza Kate Schauf, daughter of Brian and Ashley Schauf, was baptized June 19, 2021, by Father Damian Richards

at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays

Declan Schippers, son of Pierce and Kathryn Schippers, was baptized June 25, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays.

Emersyn Harper Sherley, daughter of Dylan and Rachel Sherley, was baptized May 30, 2021, by Deacon Wayne Talbot at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

Jack Michael Sneed, son of Andrew and Julie Sneed, was

baptized June 6, 2021, by Deacon Wayne Talbot at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

Alberto Gabriel and Damian Florentino Solis, sons of Alberto Solis and Viviana Caribay, were baptized June 5, 2021, by Father Ryan McCandless at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

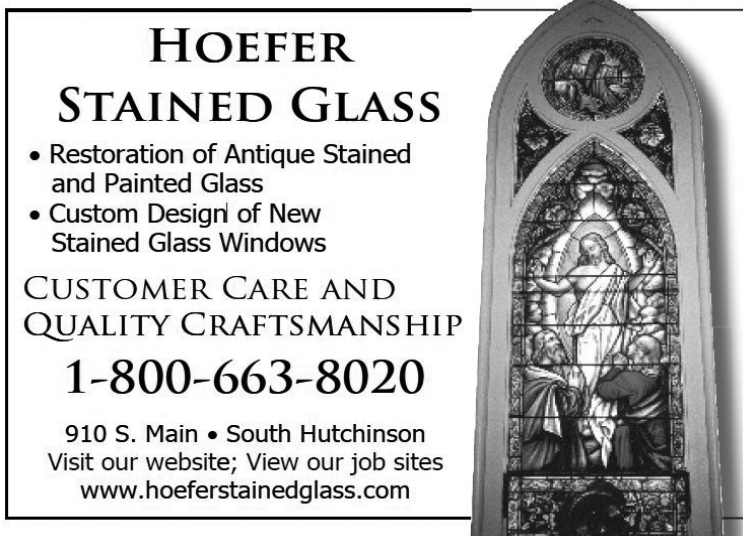
Carter Joseph Tebo, son of Skyler and Morgan Tebo, was baptized May 29, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays.



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