



## Blessings of the land

BY LINDA AND DAVID EDELL  
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

On Aug. 15, in Tipton, the St. Boniface Parish hosted the Rural Life Century Farm Awards. The award is given in the honor of Msgr. John George Weber.

Six families were honored from the Salina Diocese. Each family shared an inspiring story of strong faith. Art Befort, president of the Rural Life Commission, opened with welcoming remarks. Opening prayer was led by Sister Janet LeDuc.

The Rural Life Commission receives support from many in the diocese for which they are thankful: the common denominator being shared faith.

Catholic families and farming are a staple in the diocese. This year's six award recipients all illustrate the triangle of family, faith and hard work. To quote Psalm 50:10, "For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills."

### **The Griffin Farm**

*Original family owner (year acquired): Michael and Catherine Griffin (1871). Award accepted by (familial*

*history): Catherine Newland (granddaughter of Michael and Catherine Griffin).*

Michael Griffin was born in Tipperary, Ireland, in 1839. In 1858, at 19, he and his brothers emigrated to the United States. Griffin worked his way to Kansas with stops in New York, Chicago and Decatur, Ill., before arriving in Kansas seven years later. In 1871, he landed in Chase, southwest of Glasco, to homestead 160 acres. He chose the site because there is a pasture hill nearby that reminded him of childhood in Ireland. Griffin began working the land while living in a dugout. He eventually built a 14-foot-by-20-foot limestone home above the dugout which he finished in 1878.



**Catherine Newland, granddaughter of Michael and Catherine Griffin.**

In 1892, after the birth of five sons, 10 children in total, another 14-foot-by-20-foot stone section was added that serves as Newland's present kitchen and living room. The family has been active in St. Mary's Parish in Glasco. There is a stained-glass window in the church courtesy of the Griffin Family.

"He had to have a deep faith to trust and persevere the many adversities he must have faced," Newland said.

### **The Schwarzenberger Farm**

*Original family owner (year acquired): Alexander and Walburga Schwarzenberger (1910). Award accepted by (familial*

*history): Sandy Jacobs, (daughter of Frank Schwarzenberger, granddaughter of Frank Schwarzenberger).*

Alexander Schwarzenberger was a Volga-German born in 1888 from Russia. He and his future wife, Walburga, came to the United States in 1906. They were married in 1910 and settled on a farm 2 miles north of the present farm. Over a period from 1910 to 1924, he bought the entire section of



**Frank Schwarzenberger**

land. They lived in a dugout prior to completion of their home in 1921. The family farmed the land, raising various crops, livestock and milking cows. Frank Schwarzenberger and his family farmed the land until his retirement at 87. Brad Harvey then rented the land, and he and his son-in-law, Tyler Remington, continue to farm the land today. Sandy, daughter of Frank (who was unable to attend), said: "Everyone worked hard and had their role. I can't imagine the hours worked on this farm over the years. Equally as humbling to think of the hours prayed on the farm for family and neighbors, the church, for rain or fair weather. Faith definitely played a role, but hard work was not in short supply."



**The Blaha family.**

### **The Matson Farm**

*Original family owner (year acquired): John and Alma Matson (1918).*

*Award accepted by (familial history): Irma Blaha (daughter of Leonard and Hulda Matson, granddaughter of John and Alma Matson).*

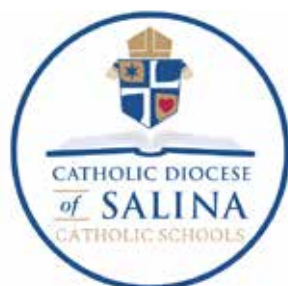
John Matson left Finland at 17, following his father's death. He arrived at Ellis Island with \$20 and a paid passage to Hailey, Idaho. Having a logging background, he went to work on the Western American Railroad. He married Alma Carlson, from Sweden, in Denver in 1914. On Jan. 2, 1918, the Matsons purchased an 80-acre farm outside Clifton. Matson's logging skills continued to be of service while he built a two-story barn for the animals and hay. The barn is still standing today. During the early days, wheat was cut and bundled by hand. They raised chickens for fresh eggs and to sell as fryers.

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# Q&A with Bishop Vincke

**You will have completed three years of being the bishop of the Diocese of Salina on Aug. 22. How has it gone so far?**

I love serving in the Diocese of Salina. I tell friends and family all the time that I love it here, and I mean it. In some ways, it feels like I have been here longer than three years, and other times less. I feel incredibly blessed to be here. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you. And we are blessed to have wonderful priests and deacons, great staffs at the parishes and a dedicated Chancery staff.

**You have often talked about evangelization? Can you discuss that?**

Every decision I make is somehow connected with evangelization. The Church exists to evangelize. We are called to be disciples of Jesus who bring the Good News of Jesus to others, so they become disciples, too. To bring someone to Jesus is the best gift you can give to another.

**What are your hopes for the diocese?**

My hope is what Pope Francis said in *The Joy of the Gospel*: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.'" There are different programs that have been successful in helping people encounter Jesus. I am thinking of Called and Gifted, Welcome (formerly called Christ Renews His Parish), Cursillo and Alpha. These programs are normally run by the laity in their parishes. I hope all people see that by their baptism, they are called to spread the Gospel.

**What brings you the most joy?**

What brings me the greatest joy is when people encounter Jesus and experience his love and mercy. Pope Francis began his encyclical with these words: "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.

With Christ, joy is constantly born anew." I want people to be happy and full of joy. Encounters with Jesus are what brings this about.

**Any advice you want to share?**

St. Augustine said, "Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times." We do live in challenging

times, especially in a culture that seems to be straying away from God more and more each day. However, the best thing we can do is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. If we keep on looking at the storms, we

are bound to sink. But if we keep our eyes on the Lord, we are filled with hope and confidence. Some ways of keeping our eyes on Jesus are reading the Bible, and of course, prayer.

**Any regrets?**

Obviously, there have been regrets in some decisions that I made. But I always go back to what St. Augustine said: "Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to his love, and the future to his providence." St. Augustine also said he trusted that God could make a greater good out of the mistakes he made than if he would have done things perfectly.

**Do you know how long you will be in Dodge City?**

People ask me that all the time, and I really don't know. The Diocese of Dodge City is similar to our diocese, especially when it comes to rural life. Obviously, there are many functions in the Diocese of Dodge City that I am simply unable to attend. I wish I could bilocate. Saying that, they have a wonderful Chancery staff that keep things running smoothly. I will keep going there until the "powers that be" tell me otherwise.

In Christ's service,

*+ Gerald L. Vincke*

The Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke •  
Bishop of Salina

**GERALD Vincke**  
BISHOP, SALINA DIOCESE



## BISHOP'S CALENDAR

### September

- 4** First Saturday Mass, 8 a.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
- 5** Mass, 8 a.m., St. Joseph, Brookville
- 11** Divine Mercy Radio Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m., Hays
- 12** Confirmation, 10:30 a.m., Ss. Peter and Paul, Clay Center
- 12** Mass, 3 p.m., Holy Cross, Pfiester
- 12** Divine Mercy Radio Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m., Salina
- 13-16** Annual Clergy Retreat, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita
- 17** TMP-Marian homecoming festivities, Hays
- 19-24** IPF Bishops Program, Chicago
- 20-22** Catholic Extension Mission Bishops' Conference, Chicago
- 25** Marymount Alumni Mass, 4:30 p.m., Marymount Chapel, Salina
- 26** Permanent Diaconate Retreat, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita
- 29** Father Kapaun Funeral Mass and Procession, Hartman Arena, Park City
- 30** Grandparents Day Mass and Lunch, St. John's, Beloit

## SAINTS, FEASTS OF SEPTEMBER

"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*

- 3** Gregory the Great, pope and doctor
- 8** Birth of Mary
- 9** Peter Claver, priest
- 13** John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor
- 14** Triumph of the Cross
- 15** Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16** Cornelius, pope and

- martyr, and cyprian, bishop and martyr
- 17** Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor
- 19** Januarius, bishop and martyr
- 20** Andrew Kim Tae-gön, priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang and companions, martyrs
- 21** Matthew, apostle and evangelist
- 23** Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
- 26** Cosmas and Damian, martyrs
- 27** Vincent de Paul, priest
- 28** Wenceslaus, martyr
- 29** Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels
- 30** Jerome, priest and doctor

## GOSPEL READINGS

**Sept. 5**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Matthew 7:31-37**

*Jesus made the deaf man hear.*

**Sept. 12**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Mark 8:27-35**

*Jesus asked the Apostles who they thought he was. He told them what they must do to follow him.*

**Sept. 19**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus tells the Apostles he will die but will rise again.*

**Sept. 26**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

*Jesus warns the Apostles not to lead others to sin.*

## SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

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

**An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle**  
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environ-

mentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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# Learning from 'jealousy' of the Apostles

God answers prayers in funny ways.

One day, as I was praying, I was reflecting on the face of Jesus. Part of me was jealous of the Apostles. They got to see Jesus. They ate with him. They walked with him. They spent time with his human presence.

And there's a part of me that wished I could do that. To just walk with Jesus and look into his eyes. And as I prayed, I tried to temper my jealousy by reminding myself that I had the gift of the Eucharist, which is the Real Presence of Jesus.

But, "It's different," I thought to myself petulantly.

I then turned to the Gospel reading of the day, and I immediately started laughing. It was the feast day of the Transfiguration.

The day that Jesus revealed his divine self to Peter, James and John.

I laughed at the little God wink, but Jesus wasn't finished yet.

After prayer, I checked Facebook and went to the Blessed is She page (a Catholic women's group). The post at the top was a woman sharing her favorite image of Jesus, and hundreds of women had responded, each of them showing their own favorite image of Jesus.

It made my heart happy. I scrolled through all the pictures. Some were more reverent icons of a traditional Jesus. Some were of him as a small child sitting in Mary's lap or at the feet of St. Joseph. Some images were of Jesus surrounded by children, and others were of him extending a

hand to a drowning St. Peter.

One of my favorite images of Jesus is a piece called "In the Wilderness" by Ron DiCianni. It depicts Jesus as he was being tempted in the wilderness. All alone, he is sitting on the top of a mountain with his head bowed and his arms wearily resting on his knees. He looks utterly exhausted and worn.

The first time I saw that image was a moment in my life when I felt immensely tired and alone. And somehow, that image gave me strength -- because I knew I had a God who understood what it was like to feel alone. There was a comfort in the companionship. Sometimes, when I'm feeling

exhausted, I think about that painting and put myself in it. I imagine me and Jesus sitting side by side on the mountain, both tired, but both finding peace.

As the days have passed, I've been reflecting on my initial jealousy of the Apostles, and I think I was being kind of silly -- because I get to see Jesus every day, be it in the Eucharist, the people around me or in the little ordinary moments when I am reminded of God's everlasting love for me. How great is our God?

*Katie*

*Katie Greenwood is the creative editor of diocesan publications and the annual appeal coordinator.*

## From family to family

I was born on St. Patrick's Day in 1937. I was the oldest of six children born to John and Lillie Metro. We lived in Concordia, but my parents were from Aurora. I was baptized there in Aurora on St. Benedict's Day -- March 21, 1937. My dad worked for the railroad, and my mom mostly stayed at home as I grew up.

Both of my parents were Catholic, and they came from a good line of Catholics before them. We are French-Canadian. It was my great-grandparents who moved to Kansas from Canada. I often had the chance to talk to my grandparents when I was a child. I remember my grandma telling me about the saint in our family. St. André Bessette was canonized in 2010, but his holy witness was noticed long before. He is a distant cousin on my dad's side of the family.

Because of the faith in our family, it might not be a surprise that I went to the Catholic grade school in Concordia. Inspiration from family stories, those of St. André and the daily environment of faith at the school prepared me to listen to God.

It was at my first Holy Communion in second grade that I first felt a desire for the priesthood. During the next couple of years, that feeling continued in my heart. I started to attend daily Mass, and I either served or sang in the choir. In the seventh and eighth grade, I was the trainer for Mass servers.

There was a time around fourth grade when our class had the chance to talk to the pastor of the parish. That conversation also got me thinking about seminary and the priesthood.

I told my parents about this feeling and desire almost right away. They were understanding, but they did not take to the idea very good. My mom was pretty concerned. She thought I was too young to know what God was asking of me. At that time, my mom only had me and two of my younger siblings, so the thought of me going to the seminary was a thought of her losing half of her kids.

It is true I was too young for seminary

then -- I mean, I was only in the fourth grade. Yet, that sense of God's call never left me as I finished grade school. By the end of eighth grade, I knew I wanted to go to the seminary. I was 13 years old, and my younger brother was 8. My youngest siblings were not born yet. With trust in me and faith in God, my parents supported me going to high school seminary in Victoria, and that is what I did.

It was scary going to high school seminary. I was pretty nervous when I first moved in. Not only was there some uncertainty in my parents' hearts, but there was some uncertainty in mine, too. I was leaving my family. However, the friars and other students in Victoria became a second family for me. The seniors were especially helpful for the freshman like me. Those were some good years.

We did a lot of normal high school things and had some good fun inside and out of the classroom, but what sticks with me

today is the spirit of family. There is a lot of growth for kids in high school, and that seminary became the family I grew up with even though my own family was growing back home.

When it was time to move on to college seminary at Conception, Mo., I was getting excited. This was a difficult transition because it was farther away from home, and I was not able to see my family as often. My family had just made the move to Salina. My dad was the custodian for the Cathedral and the former Sacred Heart Grade school. He took pride in his work and parish. Mom managed and cooked at the grade school cafeteria. She was known for her wonderful cinnamon rolls. Both served for more than 20 years.

School was my least favorite part of college seminary. I was good with languages and enjoyed reading, but math and science were never a strong point of mine. In college seminary, the students study mostly normal courses. I had to take the same general education classes as anyone would have. I was really looking

forward to theology. I was excited to get away from the numbers.

When I entered theology, I found great joy in school. The mysteries of the faith, the prayer of the liturgies and the excitement of the Second Vatican Council continued to encourage me in formation. School was tough, but I was still listening to God. By this point in seminary, I knew what God was asking of me. I spent 8 years at Conception -- four in college and four in theology -- and God continued to guide me through all of it.

There was great joy in my heart when I graduated and prepared for ordination on June 1, 1963. In 1962, the diocese ordained five to the priesthood, but I was in a class by myself that year. I remember the powerful moment of prayer as I laid face down on the floor in our Cathedral during the rite of ordination.

There was an impactful sense of brotherhood when all the priests of the diocese laid their hands on my head after the bishop. I had left my family in Concordia at 13 years old, found a second family in Victoria and Conception, and was then welcomed into the brotherhood of Christ's Eternal Priesthood in Salina. That is a day I will never forget.

I have had the joy of being a priest for 58 years now. I have been a pastor, a vocations director, a chaplain at Marymount College and a spiritual director for many souls. My greatest joy has come from being with the people in our diocese. I love the liturgy, especially the Holy Mass, but outside of that, my favorite sacrament is reconciliation. I have loved being a priest.

My advice to young people discerning God's call for them today is to relax. First of all, relax with it. God has plans for people, and sometimes that plan might change because of things we do or don't do, but just relax because you can get so caught up by thinking and trying to make a decision.

Looking back on my call, I did not think about it too much. I listened, and I acted. So, just relax and listen.

*Father Leroy Metro is a retired priest who served many years in the Salina Diocese.*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"**

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on Sept. 19, and the theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."

Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. For more information or to access free, online catechesis resources, visit, <https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/leadership-institute-catechetical-sunday-2021>



# New year brings joy, excitement

BY GEOFF ANDREWS  
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The last 18 months have been the most rewarding time in my career. I have witnessed students, families, teachers, staff and principals step up to the challenges we faced and come out on top. With the 2021-22 school year starting, I am filled with joy, excitement and confidence.

I am joyful because I know the students entering our schools will experience Jesus Christ. It brings me great joy to see our teachers share their love of the Gospel with their students. I am filled with joy while seeing a communi-

ty of scholars grow in their faith, centered around Jesus.

I am excited that our students will soon be filling our hallways with smiling faces. I am excited to see our students push themselves and work with each other in extra-curricular activities.

It is exciting to know that we work hard to build great partnerships with parents in educating their child(ren). I am excited we have alumni and parishioners who are passionate for the schools that help form our next generation.

I am confident our students will grow in their faith and hold strong to it after graduation. I am confident our students will

reach high expectations and be supported each day. I am confident our teachers

will plan engaging lessons for our students where they will be actively learning every day. I am confident our principals will lead their staffs and challenge them to bring out the best in each student. I am confident our students will feel

loved and safe in our schools. I am confident our pastors will be a witness to leading a life for Christ.

Joy, excitement and confidence stem from the virtues of patience and trust, which are only possible through a deep,

steady and constant prayer life. I ask that you keep our schools in your prayers as we work with our families to educate our children this year and beyond.

*Geoff Andrews is superintendent of schools in the Salina Diocese.*



Andrews



**St. Andrew Grade School**  
**Abilene, pre-K to 5**  
**113 students enrolled**

We are full of hope for the new school year. Last year was the most difficult year we have faced in education during my lifetime, and we are excited about returning to a more normal school experience. Though we did our very best during a difficult situation last year, we look forward to returning to the more family-oriented and multi-grade level experiences that we cherish as a small Catholic school. We plan to continue taking necessary precautions to keep our students and staff members safe while at the same time taking steps toward the regular school experiences we enjoyed in previous years.

*Christina Whitehair, principal*



**St. John Grade/High School**  
**Beloit, pre-K to 12**  
**185 students enrolled**

Our goal is to have a blessed year centered around Christ. We look forward to watching our students grow in their faith, academics and extracurricular activities.

*Marcy Kee, principal*



**Sacred Heart Grade School**  
**Colby, pre-K to 5**  
**100 students enrolled**

We are so excited to get our students back into our building and begin the 2021-22 school year. We can't wait to watch our students grow this year in their faith as they work hard to excel in the classroom. We ask that God may continue to bless our school and our school family as we begin a new year of exciting learning while becoming better disciples of Christ.

*Amanda Meagher, principal*



**St. Mary Grade School**  
**Ellis, pre-K to 6**  
**81 students enrolled**

As the new principal of St. Mary's School of Ellis, I am excited to start the school year. Our goal is to continue to provide a high-quality education while helping the students grow in their Catholic faith and become closer to God. The best way to do this is to have the students in the classrooms. We pray that we will be able to stay in school this year. The virtue we will focus on throughout the year is unity. I am finding out that St. Mary's has an amazing staff and is located in a friendly and caring town. We are blessed to have our whole school/parish community work together to do what is best for our students and to make this a great year.

*- Patti Park, principal*



**St. John Grade School**  
**Hanover, 1 to 8**  
**100 students enrolled**

I am excited to start the school year. The faculty and staff have plans to make this a strong year academically and spiritually. Our building has seen some updates this summer, and we are welcoming a new teacher. We have so much to be thankful for, and we are blessed.

*Amanda Cook, principal*



**Holy Family Elementary**  
**Hays, pre-K to 6**  
**370 students enrolled**

Holy Family Elementary will focus on growing the virtue of love this school year — loving God, loving one another and loving ourselves. We believe that actions that are rooted in love of God and one another will yield goodness, generosity, self-control and gentleness, the four quarterly virtues of focus for the upcoming school year and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Through this, we hope to grow disciples, prophets and saints that, through their love, carry out the will of God and continue to build his kingdom on earth.

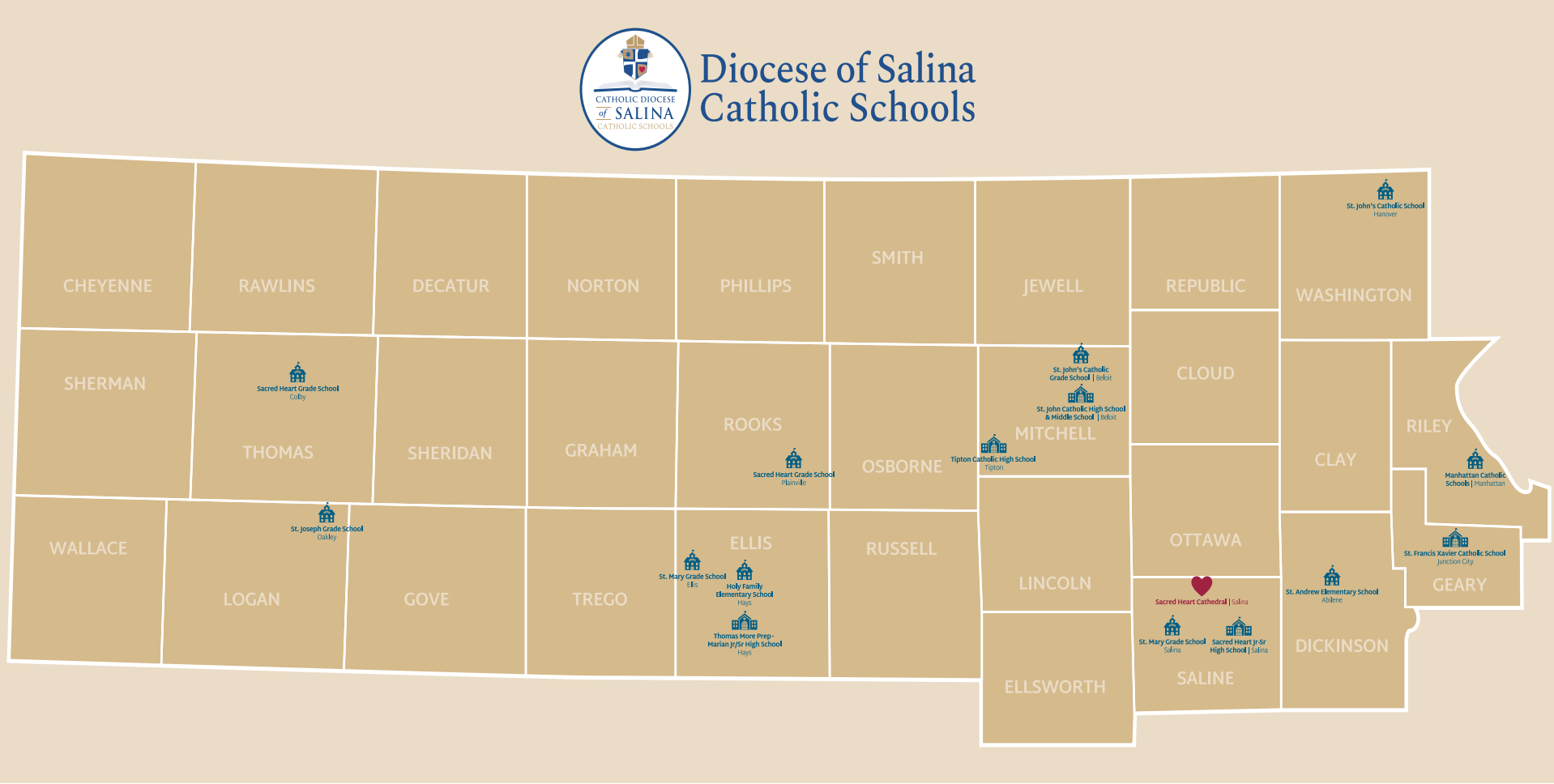
*Rachel Wentling, principal*



**Thomas More Prep-Marian**  
**Hays, 7 to 12**  
**270 students enrolled**

TMP-Marian is looking forward to a school year filled with personal interaction, renewed celebrations and traditions and a refreshed focus on curiosity-led learning. We have plans to increase our technological tools and flexible spaces and labs. Renewal will take on new meaning as we plan to upgrade and reinvigorate the majority of our spaces in the coming years. It's an exciting time to be in Catholic education in the Diocese of Salina.

*Chad Meitner, principal*



**St. Xavier Grade/High Junction City, pre-K to 12**  
 135 students enrolled

I am excited for the 2021-22 school year. Our goal/expectations for this coming school year is to continue to grow as a Catholic family where strong relationships are built as students strive to be closer to God through faith and reason. We encourage parents and the community to be an essential component in promoting student success. We encourage them to take advantage of the many opportunities from PTO, activities committee, fundraisers and classroom activities.

Shawn Augustine, principal



**Manhattan Catholic Schools**  
**Manhattan, pre-K to 8**  
 282 students enrolled

Our goal for the 2021-22 school year at MCS is to continue to provide a quality Catholic education that helps our students build a stronger relationship with Jesus while they grow academically. We want to prepare the students for success in this world as they work their way toward heaven.

Michael Hubka, principal



**St. Joseph Grade School Oakley, K to 5**  
 65 students enrolled

This year, I am bringing back a bit of history of our school and using Father Jim Grennan's words from the first day our school opened: "Let this be our basic philosophy: Work hard, play hard, pray hard."

Michelle Selzer, principal



**Sacred Heart Plainville, pre-K to 6**  
 58 students enrolled

We are looking forward to the start of the 2021-22 school year with excitement and hope. We will strive to provide a quality Catholic education, helping students and staff grow in their understanding of the faith and in their relationship with Jesus Christ, allowing us to go forth and evangelize by our example, living the joy of the Gospel.

Scott Brown, principal



**St. Mary's Grade School Salina, 7 to 12**  
 330 students enrolled

We are looking forward to the start of a new school year, especially as we go back to a more normal school year. Teachers and staff are excited as preparations are being finalized with new ideas and a fresh curriculum

Nick Compagnone, principal



**Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High Salina, pre-K to 6**  
 180 students enrolled

We are extremely proud of how all of our students, families and staff responded to the many challenges of the 2020-21 school year. Now with the start of the 2021-22 school year upon us, we have a growing sense of excitement and anticipation to welcome our students and families back to some sense of normalcy. Our goals for the new year include experiencing continued growth with our House and Community System, to take the next steps in implementing our Career Exploration Program and Individual Plans of Study for our students, to continue to revise and update our curriculum to meet the needs of our students and most importantly, to continue to help each and every one of our students grow in love and understanding of their Catholic faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

John Krajicek, principal



**Tipton Catholic High School**  
**Tipton, 9 to 12**  
 14 students enrolled

We are looking forward to the new school year with guarded optimism. We have a wonderful group of students and faculty returning and are looking forward to a great year. Hopefully, the new school year brings with it a sense of normalcy, and we can get back to education as it was before the pandemic. We are excited to get the new school year going.

Gery Hake, principal

**Diocese total:**  
**2,283 students enrolled**  
**in Catholic education**

The Salina Diocese grants a subsidy for every registered student at each Catholic school. The subsidy is to assist with enrollment costs. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal - Call to Share witnesses by love by allowing youth to learn just how much God loves them.



# Foundation off to strong start

BY THE REGISTER

The new Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina, or CFDS, has launched. The mission of the foundation is to support all aspects of the Catholic faith in the Diocese of Salina by developing, managing, growing and granting funds using Catholic values and honoring the donor's intent.

"Simply put, we hope to create a circle of support with our donors to ensure that our parishes, schools and ministries are able to continue God's work here in our Salina Diocese," said Foundation CEO Katie Platten.

The new Catholic Foundation is independent from the diocese, with Bishop Vincke as a member of the board, allowing for the oversight required by the Code of Canon Law. The remaining board

members are primarily laypeople from across the diocese with a wide variety of experience in matters of finance, investments and development.

Current endowment funds held by the diocese and the Catholic Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, have moved to CFDS. The new foundation has begun with approximately \$23 million in assets under management.

The foundation offers both endowment and expendable funds for religious organizations and private individuals who wish to start their own funds to support their favorite Catholic ministries.

Endowment funds are funds in which the principal is perpetually protected while the earnings are used to support today's needs. The spending policy is designed so that the fund's spending power will grow with inflation. Expendable funds can be either short-term savings for a particular project or long-term savings for Catholic institutions and ministries.

Funds will be invested in the market to deliver competitive returns, while ensuring they are invested in alignment with Catholic values.

To encourage all diocesan institutions to have a fund at the CFDS, any parish, Catholic school or

other Catholic ministry or organization can open an expendable fund now with no minimum balance. In time, donors will be able to contribute to the funds online or by more traditional means.

"We are excited about the opportunity that the foundation will bring to our Catholic community in the Salina Diocese," Platten said. "Our hope is that one day, every organization within the diocese will have an account at the Catholic Foundation. Our goal is to serve our Catholic donors as we seek to provide for future generations of Catholics."

For more information, contact Katie Platten, [katie.platten@salinadiocese.org](mailto:katie.platten@salinadiocese.org), or Beth Shearer, [beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org](mailto:beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org) or by phone (785) 827-8746.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Emcee Father Andy Hammeke, right, introduces the seminarians at the Annual Seminarian Fundraising Dinner on Aug. 12 in Salina.

## Dinner highlights fundraising

BY THE REGISTER

The Salina Country Club was filled with laughter and music the night of the Annual Seminarian Fundraising Dinner on Aug. 12. Nearly 180 guests were in attendance. The evening began with a social hour with live music provided by Father Kevin Weber.

Father Joshua Werth, co-vocations director, called everyone to their seats as he led the crowd

in vespers. Vespers is the evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. The hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ using Scripture and prayer.

Following vespers, the meal was served. And shortly thereafter, the program began as Bishop Vincke welcomed everyone in the crowd.

"It is so good that we are here," he said, thanking those responsible.

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BY THE REGISTER

The Pastoral Ministry Formation program is offering two courses this fall, available through Zoom. The courses are available for college credit or simply for personal enrichment. Those seeking certification must take the courses for credit.

**Worship and Faith:** The Church's creeds evolved out of a doctrinal concern, but they were always more than doctrine; they were prayed by the Christian community. The way the Church prayed by faith, primarily in the Eucharistic gathering, even contributed to the formation of the New Testament. For every generation, the principal gateway into the faith is the way it worships. Thus, worship must be regarded as one of the most vigorous and central elements of the Pastoral Ministry Formation curriculum. This course will consider the relationship between liturgical prayer and religious imagination, focusing particularly on the meaning liturgy can have for contemporary Catholics, as

well as present day challenges.

**Instructor:** Father Frank Coady

8:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays

Class dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov 6.

**Prophets and the Prophetic Voice:** This course brings the brave spokespersons of God, the Old Testament prophets, to life. Their messages apply to us and our modern times, and we

21st century people are in need of God's truth as those thousands of years ago. The messages of the prophets are timely and fascinating, full of drama and truth.

**Instructor:** Sister Joan Wolf, O.P.

6 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Class dates: Sept 15, 22, 29; Oct 6

For more information or to register, contact Coleen Stein, (620) 227-1538 or [cstein@dcdiocese.org](mailto:cstein@dcdiocese.org).



CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
of SALINA

## Diocesan events

### September

- 11 • Beloved Marriage Prep Retreat, Hays
- 11 • Divine Mercy Radio Dinner, Hays
- 11-12 • SDCCW Convention, Hays
- 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

### October

#### Respect Life Month

- 2 • Diocesan Rosary Congress
- 4 • Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, diocesan secondary patron
- 6 • Diocesan Respect Life Youth Conference
- 7 • Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 12 • Made for More Retreat, Manhattan
- 17 • Opening Mass for diocesan synod
- 23 • World Mission Sunday Collection
- 24 • Anniversary Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays

Check out our diocesan events by visiting <https://salinadiocese.org/events>

## LETTER OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who attended, donated and supported our 16th annual Fundraiser, Green Tie Celebration, which took place July 17.

Because of you, not only did we meet our fundraising goal; we exceeded it. Your

generosity will ensure a family has food on their table, a mother has diapers for her baby and those facing homelessness will have a place to sleep at night. These are the hallmarks of our mission, and we couldn't do it without you.

Catholic Charities staff



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51 Evil angel  
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54 Abel’s brother  
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PHOTOS BY JESSALYN KIRCHHOFF, SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

On June 27, Bishop Jerry Vincke dedicated the altar at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Herington. Father Peter O’Donnell, pastor at the time of the renovation, said, “The altar dedication Mass on June 27 was beautiful. It was a blessing to properly mark the end of the renovation project and a new beginning for the parish. My hope is that it provides a spiritual boost, an inspiration for current and future parishioners and visitors to connect with the beauty of God. The church is 113 years old, and the work that we did successfully complements the stained-glass windows and the overall architecture. The church is now repainted, has new altar furnishings, tile flooring and several other improvements to the overall structure and appearance. I invite the people of the diocese to stop by sometime and see it for themselves.”

FAITH BRIEFS

HUSLIG RECEIVES VOLUNTEER AWARD

Charles “Chuck” Huslig, coordinator for Catholic ministry, was honored to receive the Volunteer of the Year award from Ellsworth Correctional Facility at a ceremony May 27.

Huslig has an extensive 17-year history of providing consistent, dependable Catholic services to residents as well as serving as a mentor in the Mentoring4Success Program. His dedication to helping those incarcerated has been a source of hope and invaluable in fulfilling the KDOC vision of

“Transforming Lives for the Safety of All.”

He has held a number of administrative offices in the Knights of Columbus local and state council.

Huslig has assisted the St. Bernard’s parish in Ellsworth in numerous ways for more than 40 years.

DIOCESE HOSTING LIFE EVENTS IN OCTOBER

The Catholic Church upholds the dignity of all life, from conception until natural death.

Please join the Salina Diocese in two events during October that

focus on changing the culture of life.

- Diocesan Rosary Congress, Oct. 2 to 8.
- Diocesan Respect Life Youth Conference, Oct. 6.

More information will be forthcoming. Visit <https://salinadiocese.org/office/respect-life/> or contact Rick Binder with any questions.

**BECKER APPOINTED DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

The Catholic Diocese of Salina announced Macy Becker as development director at Comeau Catholic Campus Center in Hays.

Becker is from Garden Plain and graduated from Fort Hays State University in 2016. Her previous extensive work experience with Fellowship of Catholic University Students, also known as FOCUS, allowed her the opportunity to become acquainted with different cultures and people nationally and internationally.

Becker brings many skills to the table and is known to be a self-motivated, goal-oriented, faith centered servant leader.

Becker has previously served in the Salina Diocese as a Totus Tuus teacher in the summer of 2016.



Several teens in the Salina Diocese volunteered time during the summer to help youth grow in their Catholic faith. Here are a series of reflections from those who helped with the continued growth of the Catholic faith. Prayer and Action and Totus Tuus are supported by the annual appeal.

## PRAYER AND ACTION

### Lindsey Gack

My prayer life increased immensely during Prayer and Action this summer. Being able to have a church constantly open to pray in and being surrounded by my wonderful team of dedicated, young Catholics granted me the fire to be totally immersed in the faith. I was receiving the Eucharist, saying morning and night prayer, praying the Rosary and going to adoration and confession way more than I am given the opportunity when at school. This filled my heart with so much grace. Additionally, I learned how important it is to live in the moment with Christ. Life is constantly so busy, and although it seemed like I was going a thousand miles per hour every day, it was good to be able to take a second during prayer, on the worksite and during collatio to just thank God for everything. It is also good to just be a kid. Everyone, especially my age, is trying to learn how to be an adult. Through watching the participants, it was a good reminder to not always take ourselves so seriously and to just be present and have fun.



Gack



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I learned during my summer mission was the importance and power of Christ-centered friendships. So many kids struggle with their faith today, not because they don't believe it or don't care about Christianity, but because their friends either don't share the faith or mock them for it. I was able to witness so many kids form friendships with other young Catholics that mutually benefited them in their faith journey. I also grew in deep friendship with my teammates and many of the kids which in turn called me higher in my faith.

### Elle Eilert

This summer, I had the opportunity to learn to pray through loving those in front of me, seeing Christ in each child. With little to no meditative prayer time, I was expecting my faith this summer to deteriorate, but by living and praying simultaneously, the barrier between faith and works was broken down, allowing for a beautiful growth in my spiritual life.



Eilert

### Jessica Williams

As I went through this summer, I began to realize that our faith is most alive, yes, in the sacraments, but also in the most mundane of moments. Throughout our days at Prayer and Action,

everyone in attendance is asked to keep their eyes peeled for "gigs," which stands for "God is good." At the end of the day, everyone has opportunities to share those gigs, which often move me and many others to tears of both joy and understanding. We heard stories about a student who used a hacksaw for the first time, one who saw flowers bloom where they weren't supposed to, one who had a dragonfly land on her during a picnic, etc. Some were more significant, but the joys in these little things were what stuck out to me. We must allow God to work in our day-to-day lives, and we must cultivate a place in our hearts where he can move within us. I found that when my life is centered around putting love first, whether that be experiencing Mass at its fullest, listening to the life stories of



Williams



homeowners and students or simply working hard at different homes, I couldn't help but notice the hundreds of ways God was working in my heart and throughout the communities over the course of a day. These little joys were found only because we were consistently opening our hearts to see our lives through new lenses. I think growth within our faith requires us only to accept the love that will continue to carve into those parts of our hearts. God's creativity, beauty and complete essence is so recognizable when one is put in a place that requires them to be fully present and mostly selfless. Mundane moments are made for great love.

### Lane Werth

The biggest growth in my faith this summer has come through a growth in love. I prayed constantly throughout the summer that God would bless me with a servant's heart; that is, that I would sacrifice my own wants and needs for those around me as a sign of love. I believe it was St. Teresa of Calcutta who said we mustn't sacrifice because we feel it is what we should do, rather, we should sacrifice out of



Werth

love for the other. Once this became a regular part of my life, I found myself more joyful and more loving towards those I encountered. Additionally, since we didn't have a lot of down time for personal prayer, I learned to make each day and all its works my prayer. I will take both of these and live them out for the rest of my life. I cannot express just how thankful I am for the experience I had this summer. The Holy Spirit was definitely flowing through each and every day.

### Ridge Pinkston

I grew in my faith throughout this summer in many ways. One of the most important ways that I grew was in my desire to serve my neighbors. Prayer and Action was an amazing experience that allowed me to serve the people of Oakley and Beloit. Another area I found growth was in my personal prayer life. Prayer and Action brought about many spiritual fruits into my life which allowed a lot of development in prayer. Finally, I learned young people have an innate desire to know and love Christ, and many times, they just don't know how to. That is why Prayer and Action is so important to young people.



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## TOTUS TUUS

**Michael Lager**

Of the many things I have learned this summer about my faith, myself and my teammates, I would have to say that the most important one would be how to learn from everyone. Each week brings new people with their own personalities, talents and ideas. I had the great privilege to see all different walks of life and how people serve God in different ways from working in fields to flying airplanes. The children that we work with show such an excitement to learn new things about their faith that they may not have known before. Teaching children about the faith has helped me to understand what I believe more clearly and has caused me to look inside myself to see where I can still improve in my words and deeds.

**Lager****James Probst**

Totus Tuus has been such a blessing this summer. I have grown so much in my relationship with Jesus through all the time set aside for adoration, personal and team prayer time and the sacraments. Additionally, my trust in and love for the Holy Spirit really blossomed this summer (because we all had to rely on him so much). I so enjoyed being able to work out my faith as well by teaching and building relationships with the kids, knowing that the Lord's work was being done. Across all the towns, I saw so much kindness, generosity and faith this summer from all the wonderful families we met, and I have been taking notes from all of them on how to raise a beautiful Catholic family. Overall, this summer has confirmed my desire to become a teacher and has given me such a great fire for the faith that I hope to carry with me into the future.

**Probst****Elizabeth Wright**

Totus Tuus reminded me of our childlike innocence with God. Every day, when our kids would show up, they brought with them so much joy and love for life and their faith. The kids always wore a smile on their face and were eager to be loved by God. They reminded me of how I should live as a daughter of God in every moment of my life. This is one of the greatest lessons I learned while teaching Totus Tuus. Although I knew about our childlike innocence and dependency on God before teaching, to be reminded of it every day through those we encountered filled me with so much joy and peace. This dependency is so freeing and fruitful. I hope to take this childlike innocence into my everyday interac-

**Wright**

tions with people and my prayer life. Whether it is being loved by God, choosing joy or simply having a smile, the childlike innocence I encountered this summer is something I will always remember and desire to share with those around me.

**Ethan Diabal**

Totus Tuus this summer was a great time, and I grew from learning new things through my experience. The greatest lesson I learned through this experience was the fulfillment and peace that comes from loving and serving others. Praying for others and hoping the best for them helped to increase my ability to give of myself and feeling God's love and appreciation towards me in return. I am hopeful this lesson of self-giving will guide me in the future to not turn inwards on myself, but to always be open to loving others for the greater glory of God.

**Diabal****Samuel Stone**

Through Totus Tuus, I started to want to go to daily Mass. And the greatest lesson I learned is that God puts people in your life for a reason.

**Stone****Matthew Hogan**

One of the greatest lessons I learned was to never stop putting myself out there, no matter how hard things get. Keep pushing through. Because it makes a huge difference, and the people around you will really appreciate it. Sacrifice, and you will be rewarded, even if it may not be right away.

**Hogan****Laura Meyer**

The greatest lesson I learned from Totus Tuus was the habit of letting go and surrendering what's in front of me to God. The hardest part of each week was always Thursday and Friday when I had to say goodbye to the teens and kiddos I had gotten to know over the week. I taught Totus Tuus this summer because I truly care about children and about sharing the faith, and each week I was faced with the fear that these kids saw my goodbye as a lack of care for them and their futures. As the weeks went by, I learned that I had to take how much I cared about the students and give it right back to God, entrusting them to his care. I learned to say, "You take it from here, God. I know you care for

**Meyer**

them infinitely more than I do." Surrendering the things I care most about to God is a practice I am still trying to master, but Totus Tuus helped me grow immensely towards that goal.

**Torrie Gregg**

Totus Tuus has given me more structured prayer time than ever before. Everything I do, as a teacher, revolves around Christ. This allows me to give of myself totally and completely to the Lord. The greatest lesson I learned while teaching Totus Tuus is the youth desire joy. Over the course of the week, we get to show them how much joy a true, authentic Catholic lifestyle can bring. By simply living as Christ desires us to, we can be a light for others.

**Gregg****Brooke Leiker**

I learned that God has a plan, and if you only say yes, he will provide. Also, our Church is truly universal. No matter where you live or who you are, the faith is truth and is made for everyone to know.

**Leiker****Jake Schroeder**

This summer was an absolute blast. Being able to witness the love of Christ throughout our diocese was amazing. My faith during this summer grew in ways that I did not expect. The most significant way for me was completely surrendering myself to God and allowing him to show me what to do. By doing this, I was able to witness the Holy Spirit move not only myself, but also my teammates. The Holy Spirit guided us throughout this summer and helped us do many things that we never would have seen ourselves doing. We were put in many different circumstances, but since our team always prayed together, it always seemed that we were on the same page – which only makes sense that the Holy Spirit was guiding all of us. Although I struggled a lot (and still am) to surrender to the will of God, I got to witness all the ways that he worked through me and the team. This summer was full of fruits and great experiences that I will never

**Schroeder**

forget. Going forward, I will always know that by surrendering myself, I can allow God to do great things.

**Jamie Kuhlman**

Totus Tuus was such an amazing experience. During training, I learned more in-depth about the Ten Commandments and the Joyful Mysteries. This opened my mind to a greater understanding, which led me to begin researching more about the hierarchy of the commandments. I knew the commandments were given to us twice, but I never realized why they were in the same order both times and why they were set in that order to begin with. Looking into the hierarchy of the commandments is something I would recommend to everyone. This summer, I was also given the opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, which is the second highest form of prayer following the Mass. The Liturgy of the Hours are so beautiful, and it also allows for you to learn more about the saints on their feast days. I will continue to pray the Liturgy of the Hours every day. Each week, we were given the opportunity for adoration, confession and daily Mass, which allowed for us to have personal prayer time. Overall, I would say that I grew significantly in my faith, and I will continue working on diving even deeper.

**Kuhlman****Robyn Logan**

The biggest lesson I learned and the greatest way I grew in my faith over the summer was coming to the realization that only God can change hearts, not people. From that, I learned everything that I did over the summer or even in my life was only good if God was the center of it and directing it. The moment I thought that I was doing a good job in the summer mission and stopped leaning on the Holy Spirit was when everything started to crumble. I learned that I do not have to be everything for everyone as long as I keep prayer the center of my life and keep a strong connection with what God wants of me. He is ultimately the one doing the work, so if I just follow along to his every tug at my heart and will, then I will be successful in whatever it is that he is calling me to do.

**Logan**

MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS



# Parishioners give back to parish

BY LINDA AND DAVID EDELL  
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

On June 12, St. Mary's Parish in Smith Center had a clean-up day. Approximately 23 parishioners gave their time and energy cleaning inside the church and the church grounds.

All ages of the congregation were present, from toddlers to the much older. The spirit of camaraderie shown during the day was impressive to be a part of. Ironically, or not, that week's liturgical readings centered around the parables of the mustard seed and

the Israeli cedar. In both, a small object, such as a mustard seed or a plant clipping, blossomed into a fruit-bearing wonder.

Those metaphors for growth are ever present in Catholicism. The growth, however, does not happen without work. We must put in the spiritual work that is required for our souls to be at peace. In the case of St. Mary Parish, the volunteers spent their time trimming the "dead wood" out of a thicket of trees and removing the dust from lesser used areas of the parish.

Both labors were necessary for the



COURTESY PHOTO

**Father Soosai Rathinam, HGN, and parishioners thin a thicket of trees on the church grounds.**

church to be cleaned and continue to grow.

Without removing the "dead

wood" of our souls through prayer and good deeds, we become stagnant and begin to wither spiritually. When removing the dust, we are allowed to view the beauty of God's world with new, wonder-filled eyes.

By gathering together, the parishioners of St. Mary's spread the seeds of humility, gratitude and docility. While they may or may not be around to view the full fruit of their labors down the road, they came together to plant those seeds and let the divine spirit guide its growth.

## Holy Communion and Catholics in action

Taking part in an "Action Alert" from the Kansas Catholic Conference is a simple, but effective way Catholics in the Diocese of Salina can help impact important legislative issues. Here's how it works.

As the eyes and ears of the Kansas Catholic bishops, we keep close watch on legislation in the halls of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., and the Kansas Statehouse in Topeka.

Protection of unborn human life is the Kansas bishops preeminent concern — but there are many other issues where we engage legislators. When the time is right, we issue an "action alert" to encourage the Catholic faithful to make their voices heard.

Nothing gets the attention

of an elected official like an email or phone call from someone in their home district. These messages make a difference.

Recently, I was on the receiving end of an action alert of a different sort.

LifeSite News targeted me and my colleagues prior to the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Spring Plenary Assembly. The email alert implored state Catholic conference directors to "... ask that ALL bishops of the United States act in unison to excommunicate and also exclude Joe Biden from Holy Communion for his scandalous promotion of abortion ..."

The LifeSite News people I



**CHUCK Weber**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
KANSAS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

know are well-intentioned and often play a valuable role by covering stories others will not. But in this particular instance, LifeSite News stumbled and perpetuated a narrative of misinformation.

State Catholic conference directors work at the direction of their bishops, not the other way around. Asking us to tell bishops to excommunicate anyone — including President Biden — is not our role. Furthermore, the Catholic bishops were not meeting to decide the canonical status of President Biden, despite the many problems he presents with his pro-abortion policies that are at odds with Catholic teaching. LifeSite was not the only media outlet that got

that part of the story wrong.

The bishops are pastors. Their deliberations focused primarily on a pastoral concern for the diminished understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist — the source and summit of Catholic life. For the record, the Kansas bishops in attendance, including Bishop Vincke, voted with 75% of all U.S. bishops to move forward with the Eucharistic teaching document.

I share the authentic concerns of a great many Catholics — including Kansas bishops — who are scandalized by elected officials who call themselves Catholic while voting anti-Catholic. It's a situation one finds at all levels of government. Do the bishops sing every note pitch-perfect and on key? Of course not. Theirs is a special

burden and responsibility. Pray for their courage and wisdom.

Likewise, there is special burden and responsibility for lay Catholics. Do we know and understand the basics of Catholic social teaching? Are we engaged in what's happening in Washington, D.C., or at the Statehouse in Topeka? Do we know our elected officials and how they vote? Do we take action?

I invite you to sign up for the Kansas Catholic Conference newsletter at [www.kansascatholic.org/take-action](http://www.kansascatholic.org/take-action). Send me an email — let's start a discussion. Thank you for caring. St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, pray for us.

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## DINNER, FROM PAGE 6

Father Andy Hammeke, co-vocations director, acted as emcee. He thanked Father Gale Hammerschmidt and Father Kevin Weber for their past work as co-vocations directors, crediting them for their help as he discerned his own vocation.

He then welcomed the

seminarians to the front. The Salina Diocese currently has six seminarians, Jesse Ochs, Adam Zarybnicky, Kade Megaffin, Brady Hutchison, Collin Thielen and Kaiden Van Schuyver.

Each seminarian took a moment to introduce himself, his family and parish

pastor, before sharing year in school, tentative ordination year and some fun facts.

Bishop Vincke once again took the floor, sharing his excitement for the seminarians, but also the reality of the financial need.

"The diocese bears the financial responsibility for the seminarians," he said. "It cost about \$50,000 a year for the recruitment and educa-

tion of one seminarian."

In addition to the dinner, Bishop Vincke cited the numerous ways the diocese funds the seminarian program, including a portion of the Bishop's Annual Appeal — Call to Share, grants from Catholic Extension, the annual seminarian collection and endowments or burses.

He asked that attendees prayerfully consider making

a gift to support the seminarians. He shared the news that a pool of anonymous donors had contributed a \$50,000 match. Any gift to the seminarian fund would be matched \$1 for \$1.

Father Werth concluded the evening by leading the gathered in the prayer for priestly vocations he had written.

"When I wrote this, I wanted to focus on why we need priests and the sacraments only they can provide," he said. "I invite you to pray along in hopes that the sons of our diocese may one day become the fathers of our diocese."

Following the prayer, all the priests and seminarians stood and sang the Marian hymn *Salve Regina* together.

To view prayer, visit [salinadiocese.org/office/priestly-vocations/](http://salinadiocese.org/office/priestly-vocations/).

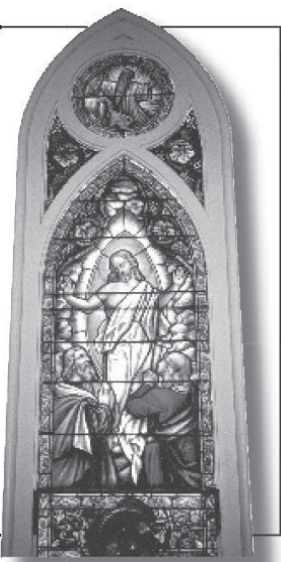
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# The Eucharistic Miracle of Fiecht

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 Fiecht, Austria, 1310

Near the side altar of the monastery church, there is a documentary tablet that says: "In the year of grace 1310, under Abbot Rupert, a priest was celebrating Holy Mass in this church dedicated to the holy martyr George and the Holy Apostle James. After consecrating the wine, he was seized with a doubt as to whether the Blood of Christ was

really present under the species of wine.

Suddenly, the wine changed into red blood that began to boil in the chalice and overflow it. The abbot and his monks, who happened to be in the choir, and the numerous pilgrims who were present at the celebration, approached the altar and realized what had happened.

The priest, terrified, was unable to drink all the Holy Blood, and so, the abbot placed the remainder in a vessel in the tabernacle of

the main altar near the cloth with which the chalice was wiped.

As soon as news of this miraculous event began to spread, more and more pilgrims began to arrive to adore the sacred blood. So great was the number of devotees of the Holy Blood that in 1472, Bishop Georg von Brixen sent the abbot of Wilten, Joahannes Losch, and the pastors, Sigmund Thaur and Kaspar of Absam, to better study the phenomenon.

As a result of this investigation, the adoration of the Blessed Blood was encouraged, and the miracle was declared authentic.

Among the devotees were important Church personalities, such as John, bishop of Trieste; George, bishop of Brixen; Rupert, archbishop of Cologne and duke of Bavaria; and Frederick, bishop of Chiemsee.

A second documentary

tablet recounts how the relic of the Holy Blood helped preserve the Catholic faith during the Protestant schism:

"When, in 1593, the teachings of Luther were spreading everywhere in Tyrol, the monks of St. Georgenberg were asked to preach the faith everywhere. Abbot Michael Geisser was preaching with great success before a large crowd in the parish church of Schwaz and did not hesitate to recall the Holy Miracle of the Blood as proof of the existence of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

He was disputing in such a convincing way that the adversaries were obliged to leave the scene. This total victory against the false teaching was regarded by the believers as a special grace the Lord was granting his faithful, the adorers of the Precious Blood."

## Speaker delivers strong message at Men's Conference

BY ALLISON OCHOA  
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

St. Maximilian Kolbe's life and legacy were key focal points of the 2021 Diocesan Men's Conference, "Men of Hope," on Aug. 14. The event, at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Hays, included Mass with Bishop Jerry Vincke and presentations by keynote speaker Chris Padgett and state Knights of Columbus Chaplain Father Bernie Gorges.

Addressing the 235 attendees, Padgett spoke about St. Maximilian's life, his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and his dedication to his vocation.

"We don't remember St. Maximilian Kolbe because he was indifferent toward his call. We remember him because he was all in," Padgett said. "The reason he is honored and revered is because of what happened in the worst scenario the world had seen. He asked to take the place of a man sentenced to death, and the Nazis let him."

Padgett reminded the attendees that like St. Maximilian Kolbe, they too were called to be saints, and this call requires battling the enemy much like David did when he faced Goliath.

"We've been facing Goliaths our whole life, and many times we feel it's not



PHOTOS BY ALLISON OCHOA, SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

**Keynote speaker Chris Padgett delivers his message to audience at the 2021 Diocesan Men's Conference in Hays.**

beatable, but we serve a God of new beginnings, and the end of the story hasn't been written yet," he said.

Padgett challenged the audience to find new ways to slay the Goliaths in their lives through the sacraments of the Eucharist and reconciliation, creating a solid prayer routine both personally and as a family, and establishing new traditions in their homes with their families.

"The struggle is OK. The fight is OK," he said. "Nobody in a battle comes out clean, but that's OK."

Father Bernie Gorges echoed Padgett's challenge during his presentation on the Value Them Both amendment that has been proposed for the Kansas state constitution. The

proposed amendment would protect current state law which prevents babies from being aborted up to the moment of birth, prevent taxpayer-funded abortion and extreme procedures such as partial-birth abortions and preserve safeguards that require the abortion industry to protect women with health and safety standards for their clinics.

"We need to create a culture of life in our homes, parishes and communities," Gorges said. "Kansas has become a destination place for the killing and destruction of children. This is our Goliath. We need the courage to face that giant."

"St. Joseph's primary duty was to take care of that unborn baby Jesus and that

baby's mother, Mary. We need more St. Josephs to stand for the unborn and the mothers of those babies."

The Value Them Both Amendment will be on the Aug. 2, 2022, primary election ballot.

In his homily, Bishop Vincke reiterated the message of hope that is found in St. Maximilian Kolbe's story.

"It's not getting any easier. There are so many things against us and against the Church," Bishop Vincke said. "But in the midst of the darkness, in the midst of the culture, Maximilian Kolbe became a saint."

"You and I are called to be a burning light, but to shine, we can never forget to love. It really does begin with that — never forgetting to love."

That message — to love — was the biggest lesson Kaiden Van Schuyver of Plainville, a new seminarian for the Diocese of Salina, took from the day's event.

"St. Maximilian Kolbe loved up to the moment of his death, laying down his life for a complete stranger," he said. "We're not necessarily called to do that literally, but we can do it by our daily sacrificing. We all share struggles, so



**The audience reacts to a speaker during the conference.**

being able to reflect on that and see that brotherly love and fraternity today was awe-inspiring."

For conference attendees Dan and Nick Leis of Hays, the best parts of the day were being able to receive the sacraments, but the father and son said the challenges issued by the day's speakers resonated deeply.

"We all have our Goliaths and need to be ready because it's not easy to take those challenges head-on," Nick Leis said.

"That's right, it's not always going to be fun or easy, but we can do it," Dan Leis said. "We have to have hope and trust in God in order to move forward."





Graduating seniors were honored May 16 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Goodland. Front row from left, Atalee Amthor, Anna Gutierrez and Stephanie Sotelo. Back row from left, Jazlyn Fenner, Mason Murray, Leyton Cure and Mikayla Biermann.



First communion was received May 9 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in St. Francis. From left, Danika Hoard, Noelle Straub-Marquez, Father Joseph Asirvatham, Valeria Martinez and Alisson Bonilla.



Graduating seniors were honored May 16 at Holy Ghost Parish in Sharon Springs. From left, Maria Escamilla, Drayton Pletcher, Dominic Penka, Father David Micheal, Brooklyn Bussen and Kylie Ryser.



Father James Grennan's 70th year of ordination was May 13. St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish in Russell honored him May 16 with a breakfast and reception.



Fourth Degree Bishop Thill Assembly presented Ken Hammerbacher with a plaque for his 20 years as comptroller of the assembly.



Confirmation was June 13 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Goodland. Front row from left, Father David Micheal, Emily Wolf, Angel Lazo, Octavio Gonzalez, Eve Cole, Claire Scheopner and Ben Schroeder. Back row from left, Jordin Owens, Matthew Nemecek, Juan Guzman, Dexter Dautel, Lindsey Cure, Ganzten Miller and Bishop Vincke.



Confirmation took place April 2 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Salina. Front row from left, Jacob Tran, Hannah Gardner, Trinity Robb, Maddison Robb and Tanner Ryan. Back row from left, Father Keith Weber, Benjamin Heinrich, Macy Yost, Adyson Rohr, Erik Franco, Tyrus Young, Kelvie Reeves, Rylan Reeves, Ali Richardson and Bishop Gerald Vincke. Not pictured: Olivia Benoit, Naomi Campa and Madison Durr.



First Communion occurred June 6 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Goodland. Father David Micheal is pictured with, front row from left, Parker Sis, Eve Cure and Sophia Eftink. Back row from left, Elizabeth Martin, Shelby Scheopner and Sage Miller.



MCS Summer STREAM Camp had 116 campers during its two-week sessions. The recently graduated eighth-grade class served as camp counselors. The activities were all STREAM-based. They engineered water slides, created fizzing chalk, baked snacks, planted vegetables, painted fences, maintained the garden, experimented with bubble solution, engineered an epic marble run carnival and more.



RURAL, FROM PAGE 1

The family has farmed the land through the years, enduring insects, drought, rain, hail, snowstorms and lightning strikes. Family members have continued to farm and relied heavily on their faith in persevering. In the 1930s, Leonard, John and Alma's son, returned home to assist with the farm. "Farmers like Leonard and Hulda (his wife) drew on their faith in God, always working together, helping family and neighbors," said Irma Blaha, currently farming the land. The families have relied heavily on St. Bernard's Parish of Clara and St. Mary's Parish of Clifton over the years.

**The Martin Farm**  
*Original family owner (year acquired): Clint and Mary Martin (1912).*  
*Award accepted by (familial history): Kathy Martin (wife of Max Martin. Max Martin is the son of Roy Sr. and Marguerite Martin, grandson of Clint and Mary Martin).*  
In 1912, Clint and Mary Martin began farming their Grant Township, Clay County Farm. Roy Sr. was 3 at the time, and his sister, Goldie, was 8. Roy Sr. grew up helping around the farm. In 1932, he married Marguerite Alexander. They moved into their new home, a wedding present, just 100 yards north of Clint and Mary's home. Early on, the farm was home to cattle, hogs, sheep and turkeys. The farm is now owned and operated by Don, Tim and Luke (son, grandson and great-grandson of Roy Sr.). They raise soybeans, corn and milo, and run cattle in the adjoining pastures. St. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center has played an instrumental role in the family farm through the



The Martin family.



The Nobert family.

years. The family donated a stained-glass window there.

**The Nobert Farm**  
*Original family owner (year acquired): Alfred and Melinda Nobert (1887).*  
*Award accepted by (familial history): Larry and Linda Nobert (Larry is son of Armel, Jr, the grandson of Armel and Susie Nobert, great-grandson of Alfred and Melina Nobert).*  
Hubert and Rose Nobert, parents of Alfred, emigrated from Canada to Kansas in the early 1870s. They settled in the French-Canadian settlement near St. Joseph. In 1887, Albert Nobert began the Nobert Farm after marrying Melinda Bachand Le'Cuyer. The Nobert family has continued to farm the land since. Through the

years, they have raised corn, wheat, soybeans, milo and hay. They have also raised cattle, hogs and chickens. In 1910, Alfred helped with the construction of St. John the Baptist Parish in Clyde. Armel, son of Alfred, was a charter member of Knights of Columbus No. 1999 in Clyde. The importance of faith in their lives has been passed down the ages from one generation to the next. All the Nobert family members have been active in their churches, no matter where they have landed, serving as lectors, religious education teachers, CYO and parish council members.

**The Weis Farm**  
*Original family owner (year acquired): Michael and Theresa Weis (1915).*



The Weis family.



Bishop Jerry Vincke addresses the attendees at the event.

*Award accepted by (familial history): Donald Weis (son of Ralph Weis).*  
Peter Weis, Michael's father, was born in Luxembourg in 1840, landing in Springbrook, Iowa, in the 1860s. Michael was the eighth of 10 children. Michael later moved to western Kansas where he married Theresa Ritter on Nov. 9, 1910, in Leoville. Michael, Theresa and their 10 children farmed in the Union Township in northern Sheridan County. Using literal horsepower, they farmed grain, raised cattle, sold the cream, raised chickens, sold eggs and grew a large garden. With the help of their family and faith, they

survived the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl eras while still increasing their average to nine quarters of land. Michael and Theresa retired and moved to Leoville. They were able to walk to daily Mass as they never drove an automobile. Their sons continued to farm the land. The land went to the children of Aloysius Weis. Ralph Weis bought the land from Aloysius' children and farmed until retirement in 1988. Donald, Ralph's son, and his wife, Karen, farmed the land until 2015. The farm is now leased, and they oversee its daily operations. "Michael and Theresa's strong faith is indicated by all three of their daughters entering the Benedictine Convent, now at Clyde, MP," Don said. "We have memories of our grandparents praying early morning Rosaries, acts of faith, hope and charity. They also prayed the Angelus at noon. Their message to us was simply whatever you give to charity, God will return to you many times over."

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## FAITH BRIEFS

**Kapaun funeral set for Sept. 29 in Park City**

A Mass of Christian Burial for Father Emil J. Kapaun will be at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 29 at Hartman Arena in Park City. The event is open to the public. Reservations for Kapaun's vigil and funeral service will be two separate events. Public registration for each event is now open through Ticketmaster or directly from the Hartman Arena box office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. To register, visit <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/event/fr-emil-j-kapaun-funeral-service>. Kapaun died in a prisoner of war camp in Korea in 1951. He was known for serving the Diocese of Wichita.

**Kapaun**

On March 4, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the remains of Kapaun had been identified among the numerous unidentified soldiers buried in the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Kapaun is a decorated war hero and is in the canonization process.

**Pfeifer church hosting event Sept. 12**

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will be hosting a Mass to commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at 3 p.m. Sept. 12. Celebrant will be Bishop Jerry Vincke. Music will be provided by Trilogy. Seed wheat will be blessed, and there will be a social in the school building following the Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Alex Joseph Becker and Ivelis Peralta Jorge** were married July 10, 2021, at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Joseph Gregory and Linda Sue Becker. Parents of the bride are Faustino Peralta Hernandez and Lydia Jorge Cepeda.

**Zachary Bradley and Shelby Bruna** were married June 5, 2021, at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover. Father David Metz witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Bryce and Dana Bradley.



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Parents of the bride are Chad and Theresa Bruna.

**Kyle McGatlin and Jayce Harmer** were married May 29, 2021, at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Tony and Kelly McGatlin. Parents of the bride are Kevin and Sheri Harmer.

**Tristan Porsch and Taylore Schamberger** were married June 12, 2021, at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Michael and Tami Porsch. Parents of the bride are Ron and Sharon Schamberger. Witnesses were John Peden and Brittany Eggleston.

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DEATHS

**Roy L. Anderson**, 88, of Concordia, died July 26, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 30 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia. Father David Metz presided. Burial was in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia.

**Donald Ray "Donnie" Baker Jr.**, 56, died July 5, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 13 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, presided. Burial was in Kansas Veterans Cemetery.

**Kathleen Ann Bechtel**, 72, died July 19, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 5 by Father Frank Coady at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

**Damien Jason "Butch" Bramlage**, 47, died June 29, 2021. Funeral Mass was

celebrated July 15 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Kerry Ninemire presided. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, officiated by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN.

**Gertrude I. Breault**, 101, of Concordia, died July 23, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 29 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia. Father David Metz presided. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia.

**Joseph Brungardt**, 14, of Blue Rapids, died Feb. 21, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 27 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

**Mona Jean Hamel**, 92, of Hays, died July 9, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 13 at St. Nicholas of

Myra Parish in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery in Zurich.

**Grace Kum Chun Ho-Heim**, 81, of San Diego, died March 26, 2021. Burial was in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery in Hoxie.

**Duane Joseph Hynek**, 89, of Hanover, died March 14, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 19 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

**Frank Edward Jandera**, 78, of Hanover, died July 1, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 8 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

**Conchita "Connie" de Jesus**, 89, died on July 15, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 23 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, presided. Burial was in Fort Riley Cemetery.

**James Jueneman**, 79, of Hanover, died Feb. 10, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 20 at St. John the

Baptist Parish in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

**Mildred Lenore Polley**, 92, died July 25, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 28 at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady presided. Burial at St. Mark's Catholic Cemetery in Lake Andes, S.D.

**Terry Lee Spresser**, 53, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Dec. 30, 2020. Burial was in St. Frances Cemetery in Hoxie.

**Maxine (Berls) Shipley**, 88, of Hoxie, died July 2, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 6 at St. Frances Cabrini in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing presided. Burial was in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery in Hoxie.

**Cecilia Streit**, 91, of Tipton, died July 6, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 10 at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton. Father Daryl Olmstead presided. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

**Dan Thibault**, 71, died June 20, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 30 at St. Thomas More Parish in

Manhattan. Father Frank Coady presided. Burial was at the family farm in Osborne.

**Lloyd A. Wetter**, 92, of Hanover, died June 25, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 29 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

**Donald C. Winter**, 94, died July 20, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 9 at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady presided. Inurnment in Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

**Annabel Woodworth**, 95, of Concordia, died Aug. 2, 2021. Memorial Mass was Aug. 9 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia. Father David Metz presided. Burial was in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia.

**Louella Barbara (Appelhans) Zerr**, 86, of Colby, died April 8, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 14 at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing presided. Burial was in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery in Hoxie.

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## BAPTISMS

**Bonnie Louise Baalman**, daughter of Coby Baalman and Megan (Doctor) Baalman, was baptized June 27, 2021, by Father Vincent Thu Laing at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Seguin.

**Sophia Grace Blumer**, daughter of Dave and Claire Blumer, was baptized March 28, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Andrew Joseph Bruna**, son of Rick and Kelsee Bruna, was baptized July 17, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Cal Kenton Bruna**, son of Brent and Courtney Bruna, was baptized July 3, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Myles Joseph Bruna**, son of Brady and Mandi Bruna, was baptized June 19, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Colt Alan Coleman**, son of Grant Coleman and Devynn Snider, was baptized July 17, 2021, by Father Vincent Thu Laing at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Hoxie.

**Brooks Thomas James Diederich**, son of Jerod and Mandi Diederich, was baptized April 18, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Peter Robert and Wesley Gale Diederich**, sons of Ethan and Tiffany Diederich, were baptized June 6, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Leo James and Louie John Dragastin**, sons of Justin and Emily Dragastin, were baptized March 28, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Emersyn Jolene Feldt**, daughter of Brian and Gena (Myers) Feldt, was baptized July 10,

2021, by Father Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

**Conor Wayne Gipson**, son of Charles and Amanda (Johnson) Gipson, was baptized July 24, 2021, by Father Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

**Edric Arley Gonzalez**, son of Eduardo Gonzalez and Maribel Rosales, was baptized July 24, 2021, by Father Norbert Dlabal at Sacred Heart Parish in Atwood.

**Samuel Lee Grate**, son of Laurence and Elizabeth Grate, was baptized May 8, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Quade Kurtis Hasenbank**, son of Austin and Mackenzie (Parker) Hasenbank, was baptized July 10, 2021, by Monsignor Barry Brinkman at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia.

**Catherine Marie Jueneman**, daughter of Doug and Emily Jueneman, was baptized June

20, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Frances Jean Konz**, daughter of Gus and Kelsey Konz, was baptized July 18, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays.

**Keaton George Lambert**, son of Trent and Ashley (Schuene-man) Lambert, was baptized May 30, 2021, by Father Vincent Thu Laing at St. Martin of Tours in Seguin.

**Bailey Abigail Lund**, daughter of Colby and Abigail Lund, was baptized July 18, 2021, by Father Kerry Ninemire at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center.

**Camden Anthony-Earl Martinez**, son of Jerome and Jeana Peterson, was baptized July 17, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

**Genevieve Olivia-Pearl Martinez**, daughter of Jerome and Jeana Peterson, was

baptized July 17, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

**Isaac Jozef Orlowski**, son of Kacper and Carleigh Orlowski, was baptized June 27th, 2021, by Father Fred Gatschet at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.

**Kaleigh Joan Peck**, daughter of Jeremy and Trista Peck, was baptized May 9, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Rosie Loretta-Lee Peterson**,

daughter of Jerome and Jeana Peterson, was baptized July 17, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

**Josie Rose and Ellie Faye Sedlacek**, daughters of Joe and Stephanie Sedlacek, were baptized June 21, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover.

**Knox Bauer Wempe**, son of Scott and Abigail Wempe, was baptized July 14, 2021, by Father Kerry Ninemire at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center.

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