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Father Emil Kapaun's casket is carried into the Memorial Mass on Sept. 29 at Hartman Arena in Park City.

Kapaun imitated Christ's love



Bishop Carl Kemme, center, helps lead the procession out of the arena after the Memorial Mass. Bishop Jerry Vincke is pictured second from front.

BY CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY STAFF

WICHITA — During the Sept. 29 funeral Mass for Father Emil Kapaun, the bishop of Wichita called the U.S. Army chaplain who died in a North Korean prisoner of war camp a “humble and saintly priest.”

“We come to pray for Father’s repose, to pay our respects to this fallen soldier, this Medal of Honor recipient, to this humble and saintly priest. I consider it a singular, but undeserved honor, as the present bishop of Wichita, to lead us in the Mass of Christian Burial,” Bishop Carl Kemme said during his homily at a Mass said at Hartman Arena in Park City, a Wichita suburb.

Father Kapaun was a priest of

the Diocese of Wichita who served as a military chaplain during both the Second World War and the Korean War. After he was taken prisoner, he served and ministered to other soldiers in a prison camp, where he died May 23, 1951.



Kapaun

His body was identified in March among nearly 900 “unknowns” at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

His remains were returned to Kansas, and interred at Wichita’s Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

He was named a Servant of God in 1993, and his cause for canonization was opened in 2008.

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Welcoming the synod

By the will of the Holy Spirit, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, became the 266th pope of the Catholic Church in March 2013. Shortly thereafter, he wrote the apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (the Joy of the Gospel), which was published in November 2013.

One could say this document to the Church was a map and guide to the Church's pastoral mission and the foundation to the pontificate of Pope Francis. There are many themes in *Evangelii Gaudium*, but the cement that binds these themes together is the merciful love of God which goes forth to meet every person and that the life of every person acquires meaning in the encounter with Jesus Christ and in the joy of sharing this experience with others.

This encounter and experience are different for every person and needs to be listened to. In *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Holy Father wrote "Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way."

This encounter with others is the impetus for the 16th Synod of Bishops: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." Synod means walking together and listening to one another — but above all the Holy Spirit. This synod is unlike any other. It starts with and involves all the faithful throughout the world. It's a two-year process that began Oct. 17. The Holy Father is emphasizing that all people have a voice, something to share, and that we are called to encounter them, listen to them and discern what they are saying.

Just as Jesus met people along the way and was concerned about them, we too are called to be "experts in the art of encounter." Pope Francis said this involves the courage and a "willingness to allow ourselves to be challenged by the presence and

stories of others." Can we encounter people whom we normally don't talk to?

Pope Francis is inviting the Church (all of us) to listen to others not just with our ears, but with our hearts. He said that when we listen with the heart, as Jesus did, "people feel they are being heard, not judged; they feel free to recount their own experiences and their spiritual journey." He said that the Holy Spirit is asking us to listen to the "questions, concerns, and hopes of every Church, and to the challenges and changes presented by the world around us."

Saying that, the Holy Father reminds us that "encounter and listening are not ends in themselves"

but must be discerned. He said, "the Synod is a journey of spiritual discernment that takes place in adoration, in prayer and in dialogue with the Word of God."

One may ask, "What is the purpose of the synod?" The Holy Father is hoping the Church becomes synodal, where all can feel at home and participate. Second, he hopes the Church becomes more of a listening Church — first to the Holy Spirit through adoration and prayer — and then to our brothers and sisters. Finally, he desires that since God's style is one of closeness, compassion and tenderness, that the Church becomes the same by bandaging wounds and healing broken hearts with the balm of God. In summary, he is inviting us to journey together, to listen to one another and discern the times of our world in solidarity with the struggles and aspirations of all humanity.

For the next several months, the Church is invited to encounter and listen to one another. Please pray for this endeavor as we fully participate in becoming a more synodal Church.

In Christ's service,

+ Gerald L. Vincke

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

**GERALD
Vincke**
BISHOP, SALINA DIOCESE



BISHOP'S CALENDAR

November

- 2** Memorial Mass for those who died during the COVID Pandemic, 10 a.m., St. Joseph Church, Damar
- 2** Memorial Mass for those who died during the COVID Pandemic, 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Colby
- 5** Annual Catholic Charities Adoption Mass, 6 p.m.
- 6** Memorial Mass for those who died during the COVID Pandemic, 10 a.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Concordia
- 7** Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Salina
- 8** White Mass, 6 p.m., St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan
- 11** Memorial Mass for deceased priests, 12:05 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
- 13** Memorial Mass for those who died during the COVID Pandemic, 10 a.m., Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Clay Center
- 14** 100th Anniversary Celebration, 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, Park
- 15-18** USCCB Fall General Assembly, Baltimore
- 18-21** National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis
- 30** Feast of St. Andrew Mass, 2 p.m., St. Andrew Church, Abilene

GOSPEL READINGS

Nov. 7

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 12:38-44

Jesus praises the widow who gave two small coins.

Nov. 14

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 13:24-32

Jesus talks about the Son of Man returning.

Nov. 21

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**
John 18:33-37

Pontius Pilate asks if Jesus is the king of the Jews.

Nov. 28

First Sunday of Advent
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus talks about the Last Judgment.

DIOCESE ASSIGNMENTS

Effective immediately
Father Randall Weber: is

transferred from pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Ogden to priest-in-residence at Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Manhattan.



Weber

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The Chancery building in the Diocese of Salina will be closed Nov. 1 in observance of All Saints Day. The Chancery is also closed Nov. 25 to 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

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

People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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A reminder of how important prayer is

Dear readers of The Register, I had just finished my workout at the gym and had 15 minutes to kill before I met up with a friend for dinner. As I was driving, I felt this pull to go to the adoration chapel and spend a few minutes there. I debated. Was it worth it to stop in the chapel for only five minutes?

Even though it would only be a brief trip, I still felt called to go to adoration. As I walked into the chapel, the couple who had been praying expectantly looked at me as they smiled, gathered their things and immediately walked out. I didn't think anything of it as I knelt to pray.

And as I prayed, it occurred to me that I was the only one in the chapel. I was alone with Jesus. I smiled to

myself because it was kind of nice to be alone with Jesus. And then my smile promptly turned to panic as I realized that I had walked into the chapel at exactly 6 p.m.

It dawned on me that the couple who had left in a hurry thought I was their 6 p.m. replacement. And then when I checked the clock, I realized that 10 minutes had passed, and the next set of adorers had yet to come to the chapel.

"Welp." I thought to myself, "I'm going to be late for dinner." I texted my friend and profusely apologized. I told her, "It's a Catholic thing, but I can't leave the chapel unattended." She graciously offered to wait, and I settled myself down for prayer.

I hadn't been planning on being

in the chapel for close to an hour. So, I wasn't exactly prepared. I prayed a Rosary, and then I sat back and thought about the stuff going on in my life. I realized that I had been stressed and anxious, more so than usual. And because of the added stress and anxiety, my prayer time had been significantly less intentional than it used to be.

Instead, my prayer time had turned into a mechanic recitation of prayer, while my mind anxiously darted from one task to another. But being in the chapel allowed me the space and time to breathe and reorient my priorities.

It was calm, steady and quiet. And I felt the comforting presence of

God. I hadn't been planning on an adoration hour. But God knew I needed one, and so he created the space for that to happen.

And while it's unlikely I can make a holy hour every day, that time in the chapel reminded me that prayer should always be a priority. Even if the demands of life only allow for two minutes of prayer, we should take those two minutes. And if we don't, God will find a way to gently remind us of the importance of a single moment of silence with him.



KATIE Greenwood
CREATIVE EDITOR

Katie

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

Diocese remembers Father Kieffer

By THE REGISTER

Father Merlin Kieffer was born on a farm near Clifton on March 5, 1934. He passed away Sept. 26, 2021.

Father Kieffer was the second youngest of six children born to Peter and Anna Kieffer. He attended a country school until 1945 when his family moved to a farm near Hanover. He finished grade school at St. John's in Hanover. He then

attended high school at St. Francis Seminary in Victoria and was part of the first graduating class.

Upon graduating, he went for an additional eight years of college and theology at both St. Gregory and Mount St. Mary's of the West.

He received his master's in philosophy.

On May 26, 1960, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Salina in his home parish of St. John the

Baptist in Hanover.

Following ordination, he did graduate work in counseling psychology for four summers at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and was the guidance counselor and instructor in Latin and Church History at the Catholic high school in Concordia (1960-1963) and Manhattan (1963-1971). While teaching at Luckey High School in Manhattan, he served as the associate pastor at Seven Dolors. In addition, he became the administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Ogden in 1964, and the administrator of St. Joseph Parish in McDowell in 1966.

In 1971, he concluded his time in the Manhattan area and moved out west. He was named the pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Goodland. He served there for nine years.

In 1980, he was called back to the heart of the diocese and took on the role of Director of Educa-

tion and Superintendent of Catholic Schools. He remained in this role for five years.

Also, during this time, he was pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Gypsum for one year, and pastor of St. Bernard Parish in Ellsworth for three years.

From 1984-87, he served as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit, as well as provided pastoral supervision to the K-12 Catholic schools. In 1985, he was also named the pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Cawker City and St. Mary Parish in Glasco.

In 1987, he returned to Salina for one year as the rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral before taking a one-year sabbatical.

During his sabbatical, he spent the fall semester as a graduate student at Notre Dame in a special renewal program of theology, Scripture and spirituality. He then traveled to Ein Karim, Israel with theology students from St. John's

University, Collegeville, Minnesota to study Scripture, Biblical archeology and geography. During this time, he traveled through Israel, Egypt, Greece and the Sinai Peninsula.

After returning to the United States in 1989, he was assigned to St. Francis Cabrini Parish in Hoxie and St. Martin Parish in Seguin. He served there until July 2000.

From 2000 to 2005, he served as pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center and St. Anthony Parish in Miltonvale. He was also the priest supervisor of St. Augustine Parish in Washington and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Morrowville.

Due to health complications, he retired in July 2005 and took up residence in Manhattan while providing pastoral assistance to Seven Dolors Parish.

Funeral Mass was Sept. 29 at Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Manhattan. Burial followed in Clifton.



Kieffer



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SAINTS, FEASTS OF NOVEMBER

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St. Josemaria Escriva

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| 2 | All Souls | 11 | Martin of Tours, bishop |
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| 4 | Charles Borromeo, bishop | 13 | Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin |
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| | | 16 | Margaret of Scotland |
| | | 16 | Gertrude, virgin |
| | | 17 | Elizabeth of Hungary |
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| | | 23 | Clement I, pope and martyr |
| | | 23 | Columban, abbot |
| | | 30 | Andrew, apostle |



St. John's Catholic School in Hanover took part in a public event recently. From front to back, Tanner Bruna, Elijah Heiman, Braylon Meyn, Brooklyn Bruna and Barb Bruna.



On Oct. 6, three Sisters of Life came to Salina for a respect life retreat. Sister Ann Immaculee, Sister Maria Regina and Sister Anima Christi visited with the juniors and seniors about how respect for the unborn and the elderly begins with how you respect yourself. After the presentations, Mass was celebrated by Bishop Vincke and the sisters led the rosary. Rick Binder said, "I was very excited for the opportunity to bring the sisters of life to our diocese from New York City, and even more so after they visited, as they far exceeded my expectations. Their very presence exuded a joy for life that was very infectious and inspiring."



On Sept. 13, St. Xavier PTO hosted Goodies for Grandparents at St. Francis Xavier School. Grandparents from the school and parish joined students to celebrate Grandparents Day with muffins, donuts, fruit, juice and coffee. Looking ahead, St. Xavier School plans to invite parishioners to the school cafeteria for lunch with the students to include them in the great things happening at St. Xavier. Some of the organizations scheduled to visit throughout the school year are school, finance and parish councils, Circle Ladies, Knights of Columbus and the men's and women's bible study groups.



On Sept. 10, St. Joseph School in Oakley celebrated Grandparents Day. Mass was held and then grandparents came to the school for lunch, and spent time in the classrooms. Pictured are Grandpa Kelvin Ottley, Heston Ottley and Great-Grandma Fern Ottley.



On Sept. 9, St. Joseph School in Oakley celebrated a Blue Mass to thank emergency responders for all they do. After Mass, the responders came for breakfast and had a question-and-answer session.



When Father Peter O'Donnell walked past the playground at St. Andrew's Elementary School in Abilene, he knew it was not ready for the students to return to classes in August. It was overgrown with weeds and in need of additional rock. Father O'Donnell reached out to Knights of Columbus Council No. 1661 to see if they could help him restore the playground. The Knights were delighted to help. A team responded to Father O'Donnell, and on the morning before school started, donated equipment, material and all the labor needed to make the playground ready for the first day of school. Principal Christina Whitehair and her staff gathered outside to show their appreciation to the Knights who came to help. The Knights of Columbus Council No. 1661 support the great work of the faculty of St. Andrew's and remain committed to the Catholic education the school provides to not only the parish, but the community as well. St. Andrew's Grade School continues to shine as a beacon of Catholic education. Principal Whitehair and her staff are appreciative of the supportive role the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1661 provide for the school. Pictured from left are Leon Boor, Tom Whitehair, Father Peter O'Donnell, Marty Dobelman and Tony Geiger. Not pictured, Kevin Herrman.

Beloit students aid For the Martyrs

By BROOKE ANDERSON
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

What would your life be like if you had to hide in order to pray? For Christians around the world, this is their reality.

Each year, more than 100,000 Christians die for their faith. For the Martyrs is an organization working to fight against Christian persecution. It is a non-profit organization led by Gia Chacón.

The goal of For the Martyrs is to provide aid, advocate and raise awareness for persecuted Christians around the world.

During the past few weeks, the entrepreneurship class at St. John's Catholic Schools in Beloit helped to spread awareness for persecuted Christians and promote prayer around the world during the 2021 March for Martyrs.

The March was Sept. 25 in Washington, D.C.

Taught by Alan Holdren, the entrepreneurship class included Blaise Palen, Jane Letourneau, Sergio Lopez, Felicity Clark, Ella Wiles, Maggie Eilert and Brooke Anderson. Palen and Lopez were email facilitators, while Letourneau, Wiles and Clark were information managers.

Anderson was the director of the student social



BELOIT-ST. JOHN'S MEDIA, COURTESY PHOTO

Sergio Lopez and Blaise Palen contact individuals and groups to invite prayer and participation in the 2021 March for the Martyrs.

media outreach, and Eilert kept the books and served as secretary.

The students researched and contacted hundreds of people in the days leading up to the March.

As a class, the students made more than 200 phone calls and sent more than 100 emails. The class filmed three videos for varying demographic and publication sources. One of these videos was shared on the Salina Diocese Facebook page. The post amassed 1,250 views and a total of 30 shares.

The class connected with nationally known periodical "Our Sunday Visitor"

which interviewed Clark and Holdren about the March for Martyrs. All four corners of the United States were reached, varying from youth groups, monasteries, schools, dioceses, convents and parishes. In the time the class worked on the project, they earned money for their public relations work. They plan on using the funds earned as a start-up for a student-run school merchandise store.

The day of the March, the local Forerunners youth group hosted a Rosary walk. The Forerunners are a St. John's youth group that encourages its mem-

bers to grow in their faith. They walked in unison with the march happening in Washington D.C., the same day.

The Rosary walk had a great turnout from St. John's students. The Forerunners started at the school grotto and walked around the school grounds and coinciding blocks.

"The most impactful part of this experience was joining together as Christians around the world to pray for those persecuted," Eilert said. "It made me realize that we as Christians have a support system even if we do not know the people. We would call

people, and they would be so willing, not just to pray, but help with our movement. They would contact people, send emails and make social media posts. Strangers would take time out of their busy day to help us, and they did not even know us."

"Working for the March for the Martyrs as an ambassador was a great learning experience for us students at St. John's and truly showed us how amazing it can be to actively participate in an event of this scale," Palen said.

Holdren added, "The entrepreneurship class stepped up to the challenge. Many more prayers were offered up because of their work, and they can be proud of that."

The students are already planning a new and improved strategy to educate and reach out to people about next year's march.

But Clark said it best: "If the March for Martyrs were to expand and become well known, I believe it would be effective and powerful. All we can do is hope. But above all, it is important to conclude that prayer always conquers."

Brooke Anderson is a junior at St. John's Catholic Schools in Beloit. She served as director of student social media outreach.

BATTLE OF BOOKS

By NICK COMPAGNONE
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

With all the technology available to schools, people have become accustomed to using technology for all sorts of activities, whether it be research, social media, streaming entertainment or to read a novel by digital or audio means. Sometime digital media tends to rush our brains and solicit information quickly.

Print reading allows us to slow down and give time to sophisticated deep reading processes, letting us discern truth, apply critical analysis, gauge inference, develop empathy and appreciate beauty to reach the knowledge and wisdom necessary to sustain deep reading.

The physicality of books invites a physical person-to-object relation, lending more "realness" to the characters and stories. The effect is that books enable emotional connectivity. Everyone likes to curl up and read a good book and relax.

At St. Mary's Grade School in Salina, (partnered with St. Andrew's Grade School in Abilene), students engage in an activity called Battle of the Books. The purpose of the club is to read a physical book and engage in a conversation with others as part of a reading circle. Students compete in a quiz bowl type about the facts of the novels read.

Nick Compagnone is the principal at St. Mary's Grade School in Salina.

SGO helping Catholic education

By THE REGISTER

The Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina, the diocesan scholarship granting organization (SGO), has awarded more than \$171,000 to 54 students across 12 Catholic schools within the diocese. Each student received \$3,174.47 to cover tuition (or education costs).

The scholarships are available to low-income students in kindergarten through eighth grade who are newly entering a Catholic school in the diocese. This makes a high-quality, faith-filled Catholic education available to those who could not afford it otherwise.

Funding for these scholarships comes from taxpayers who have made a charitable contribution to the fund, an approved SGO. The SGO will again be accepting gifts to fund scholarships for next year's students attending Catholic schools in our diocese.

The SGO was created in response to the 2014 Kansas Law establishing the Low-Income Student Scholarship



WANT TO HELP?

Interested in a tax credit?

To make a contribution to the Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina, contact Beth Shearer at (785) 827-8746, Ext. 42, or email beth.shearer@salinadiocese.org.

Interested in a scholarship?

Contact Geoff Andrews, superintendent of Catholic Schools, at (785) 827-8746, Ext. 46, or email geoff.andrews@salinadiocese.org.

program. This law allows taxpayers to make a charitable contribution to an approved SGO. In turn, donors receive a 70 percent tax credit that can be applied to their Kansas income tax bill. In addition, donors receive a charitable contribution receipt that can be used for

federal taxes. For example, a contribution of \$5,000 to this SGO reduces the donor's state taxes by \$3,500. In addition, the full gift of \$5,000 can be used as a charitable deduction on federal taxes. The legislation established a \$500,000 maximum annual gift per taxpayer for receiving a Kansas income tax credit. The Salina fund established a minimum gift of \$1,000 to process a Kansas income tax credit.

The Kansas Legislature allocates \$10 million per year for this tax credit program. The state tax credits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the limit is reached, credits will be unavailable until the beginning of the next tax year. Executive Director of Development Beth Shearer encourages those who are interested in tax credits to contact her.

Publications Drive renamed

By KATIE GREENWOOD

THE REGISTER

St. John Chrysostom once said, “Please listen to me — you are not paying attention. I am talking to you about the Holy Scriptures, and you are looking at the lamps and the people lighting them. It is very frivolous to be more interested in what the lamplighters are doing. ... After all, I am lighting a lamp too — the lamp of God’s Word.”

St. John is believed to have said this as he was preaching a homily. His words had a way of captivating people. He spoke with such eloquence that he was called “golden-mouth.” Rich with imagery and symbolism, his words inspired the masses and transformed hearts.

I’ve always believed words are

powerful. Words can move us to action, reduce us to tears, stun us into silence, incite us to laughter and bring us to quietly ponder. Words can light the lamp of God’s Word.

As the creative editor for the Salina Diocese, my entire role is to bring words to life. My job is more than simply turning words into sentences and sentences into stories. My job is to further the mission of our diocese and be a disciple who makes disciples.

The other members of the communications team and I act as an arm of evangelization. We seek to evangelize the hearts of our faithful. And our audience is varied. We speak to the hearts of steadfast Catholics, the hearts of the luke-

warm and the hearts of the ignorant through our print and online resources.

And by our words, our hope is that we are inspiring life-changing Catholic conversations in every corner of our diocese.

And now, I’m asking for your help in furthering our mission.

Currently, nearly 16,000 Catholic households receive a monthly newspaper and a quarterly *faith* magazine at no cost. Additionally, we offer online resources, such as media and podcasts, at no cost.

Would you consider making a gift of \$35 to the Catholic Conversations Drive (formerly called the Publications Drive)? A gift of \$35 would help offset the cost to produce, print and mail our publications, as well as

support our online communication efforts. A gift greater than \$35 would offset the cost of an additional family who might not have the resources to give. Gifts can be made online by visiting <https://salinadiocese.org>.

By your generosity and kindness, we can remain committed to our mission to be disciples who make disciples through the power of the written word. Help us to light the lamp of God’s Word and inspire Catholic conversations across our diocese.

Thank you for your consideration and kindness. May God continue to bless you in all things.

St. John Chrysostom, pray for us.
Happy reading,

Katie Greenwood,
Creative editor

Join #iGiveCatholic

By THE REGISTER

Yet again, the nationally recognized #iGiveCatholic campaign is being held within the Salina Diocese. The event will operate as it always has aside from a few minor changes.

This year, #iGiveCatholic is being sponsored by the Catholic Foundation for Salina Diocese. 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, honoring the donor’s intent. Given the very nature of its

mission, it was a natural fit for the foundation to assume the responsibilities of the #iGiveCatholic campaign.

Foundation CEO Katie Platten and office manager Melanie Melander serve as the coordinators of this year’s #iGiveCatholic campaign.

“I look forward to the opportunity to help our parishes and schools raise the funds they need to continue their missions and ministries,” Melander said.

The foundation announced that once again two matches are being offered for the good of Catholic entities within the diocese.

Phil Howe has offered a match of \$60,000 for any gift made to a participating Manhattan location (Manhattan Catholic Schools, St. Thomas More Parish, Seven Dolores Parish or St. Isidore

Catholic Student Center). Donations will be matched dollar for dollar while funds last.

24/7 Travel Stores has provided a match for Catholic schools. Participating Catholic schools can receive up to a \$5,000 match for their school. Donations will be matched dollar for dollar while funds last. Manhattan Catholic Schools is exempt from this match.

Deadline for a parish, school or Catholic entity to register for the event is Nov. 3. Advanced giving begins Nov. 15, and Giving Day is Nov. 30.

Last year, the Salina Diocese raised \$492,558.39 from 826 donors for 32 different organizations. The diocese was ranked seventh in the nation for total gifts received and had six organizations ranked in the top 100 of gifts received.

“#iGiveCatholic is an exciting way to engage past, current and new donors,” Platten said. “It’s a nationally recognized day where we seek to ‘give back’ to the things that matter, such as our faith. We hope that parishes and schools take advantage of this program, and we hope to continue to increase the number of participating organizations and dollars raised.”

To learn more, contact Platten at katie.platten@salinadiocese.org or Melander at melanie.melander@salinadiocese.org, or call (785) 827-8746.



Memorial Masses bring memories

By JESSE OCHS

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

It was Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020. It was only a few weeks into the first major Covid-19 shutdown during my Spirituality Year (S.Y.) in Denver. We had just gone into silence for an Easter Triduum retreat, and I was coming back to the S.Y. House from a workout at around 9 a.m.

Father Brady Wagner, the director of S.Y., met me as soon as I walked into the house. He began to speak, which was surprising to begin with, as we were in silence.

But I will never forget the words he spoke to me.

“Jesse, I have some bad news for you. I just spoke with your mother. Your grandpa Ochs passed away early this morning.”

I was in shock.

My grandpa, Leo Ochs, had been as healthy as a 93-year-old man can be. His mind was still fairly sharp, he could walk on his own, and he could still even drive a short distance to visit my grandma in the long-term care.

After hearing the news, time seemed to stand still. I slowly walked upstairs to my room, and tears started pouring from my eyes. My grandpa had two hearing aids and still could barely hear, but my voice carries well, so I was one who could somewhat communicate with him in the last years of his life. The love he and grandma had for their family was a beautiful witness to the vocation of marriage, and he had cried tears of joy when my dad told him I was going to the seminary four years ago.

The thing that hurt the worst about grandpa passing away during the Covid-19 shutdown, even though he didn’t die of the virus itself, was that we did not have the opportunity to gather as a family for a funeral Mass. There was a short service at his gravesite that only my aunts, uncles and a few other family members were allowed to attend. I was not even able to return home from the seminary to be present at his burial. It was easily one of the most difficult

MEMORIAL MASSES

Don’t forget to attend the Pandemic Memorial Masses. All are welcome.

- Nov. 2 (All Souls Day) — 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish, Damar.
- Nov. 2 (All Souls Day) — 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Colby.
- Nov. 6 — 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Concordia.
- Nov. 13 — 10 a.m. at St. Peter and Paul Parish, Clay Center.

things I’d ever gone through.

And then, October came. I had returned home from the seminary for fall break. Toward the end of the break, my dad told me my grandma, Eulalia Ochs, had tested positive for Covid-19. Grandma was doing fine as I returned to the seminary that Saturday.

And then, early the next week on Oct. 13, I had a dream in the early morning hours that she had passed and had been carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. I did not know at the time that she really had passed away very early that morning. My dad called me at about 7 a.m. and told me the news. It was again very shocking that she passed so suddenly. She had been doing well against the virus until that point.

This time, we were able to have a funeral Mass for her, and I was able to attend, though it was only family that were allowed at the funeral. Grandma and grandpa died six months apart in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

2020 was a difficult year for all of us in one way or another, especially for my family. But I am filled with hope that grandma and grandpa are in the Lord’s presence and are praying for me. These experiences, as difficult as they were, have brought me closer to Jesus. Grandma and grandpa, I am praying for you, and please pray for all of us. I can’t wait to see you both again in eternal happiness. St. Joseph, patron of a happy death, pray for us.

Jesse Ochs is a seminarian for the Salina Diocese. He is currently taking a pastoral year in Silverthorne, Colo.

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Mother finds strength through adversity

By OLIVIA AYRES
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Like the love of Christ, a mother's love for her child transcends all. The fervent love of a mother protects, guides and supports unconditionally.

For Kelly Teasley, a single mother from Salina, her greatest wish is for her three young children to be happy and healthy. However, this past year, one of her children encountered unexpected obstacles. Teasley said the obstacles taught her to dig deeper as a parent, finding patience and understanding.

Teasley's 5-year-old son, Anjawonn, was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), compulsive disorder, oppositional disorder and separation disability.

Anjawonn's developmental setbacks have presented immense challenges for the family, one of the most taxing being his delayed potty training.

"Anjawonn not being potty trained is a big struggle," Teasley said. "He cannot go to a normal day care. He has separation anxiety, and, if he is not comfortable with someone, he will not go to the bathroom or let them change him."

Teasley, who works part-time at Walmart, said Anjawonn's opposition to potty training has placed a heavy financial burden on the family.

"I not only have Anjawonn in diapers, but my youngest child as well, so I

was having to pay double, and diapers are so expensive," Teasley said. "I was always worried my checks were not going to be big enough. I couldn't just not pay my bills because, if I did not pay them, things would get shut off. I was always trying to sacrifice something so I could have the money to pay for Anjawonn's pull-ups."

Feeling desperate, Teasley came to Catholic Charities and received support through the Financial Assistance Program. Teasley now receives pull-ups for Anjawonn as needed. The support Teasley received from Catholic

Charities has given her family financial and emotional security. "Before I received help from Catho-

lic Charities, I would have to figure out what I was going to have to let go to get the things I needed for my child," Teasley said. "Having that support has made my life easier and not as stressful. Now I know I am not going to have to spend so much money from my paycheck on pull-ups."

Through the hardship her family has faced, Teasley said she has only grown to be a better mother.

"Through this struggle, I have become a stronger person," she said. "If you need help, do not be afraid to reach out. Without the support of Catholic Charities, I would probably not be where I am today."

Olivia Ayres is the communications coordinator for Catholic Charities.



Bill Meagher appointed director of youth ministry for Salina Diocese

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SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The Catholic Diocese of Salina announced Bill Meagher as the new director of youth ministry and religious education.

Meagher is a well-known member of the Hays community, where he is currently the director of campus ministry, theology instructor and head boys' basketball coach at Thomas More Prep-Marian. Meagher has served the youth of the diocese for many years in various capacities. From

sponsoring CYO to serving as the religious education director at his home parish, St. Nicholas of Myra. Meagher has been a blessing to the diocese.

"I am so humbled, honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve the youth of the Salina Diocese," Meagher said. "I cannot wait to work with our diocesan pastors, parish religious education directors, youth ministers, parents, sponsors and catechists who have and continue to bring so many young people to Christ as faithful disciples. Sister Barb's

incredible legacy will always be her deep love for the young people of our diocese and her desire to serve Christ and his Church. It is truly a blessing to get

the opportunity to serve the young people of the Salina Diocese, and I am very excited to get started."

Geoff Andrews, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Salina, said he was pleased Meagher accepted the position.

"I am very excited to have Bill Meagher leading our youth ministry and religious education office," he said. "His vast experi-



Meagher

ence in our programs as both a youth and as an adult will help immensely, and his knowledge of the Salina Diocese is going to be very beneficial to our programs. I am looking forward to all the wonderful things he will do to serve our youth in a deeper capacity."

"I am very excited to welcome Bill as the new director of youth ministry and religious education," Bishop Jerry Vincke said. "His experience is already proving to be a huge asset to our diocese, and I am confident that our programs will greatly benefit and continue to flourish."

KAPAUN, FROM PAGE 1

Bishop Kemme thanked God for allowing Father Kapaun's "earthly temple, his body, to be discovered, and now be back with us in the land of his birth, in the land of Kansas."

The bishop thanked those present at the funeral Mass, but in particular Father Kapaun's surviving fellow POWs: Herbert Miller, Mike Dowe, Paul Roach, Robert McGreevy and Bailey Gillespie, telling them that "without your testimony none of us would have known of the heroic witness of your chaplain and friend, Father Kapaun."

He continued, "No doubt the Holy See, and particularly the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, would want me to remember and to remind you that we are not here today to beatify this man. For the work of the church's investigation toward canonization continues. No. We are here today to provide for Father what was not provided for him 70 years ago, a Mass of Christian Burial. And though many of us pray for his intercession, today we pray for his repose, as we do for all the deceased. This is our Christian duty, as we bring him to his new place of rest."

"And we are blessed to be able to offer this work of mercy for him today, for the one who lived the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in such heroic ways. As we perform this service of our faith, we can rightly reflect on how he conformed his life to Christ, both as priest and as victim. In the case of Father Kapaun, we have much to consider."

Father Kapaun imitated the love of Christ, laying down his life for his friends, "all throughout his ministry," Bishop Kemme said.

"But it reached its fulfillment on May 23, 1951, the day of his personal Calvary, in a dark and lonely place far from here, offering all that he had for those he considered his friends. But that imitation, so powerful then, so clear, began long before that appointed day. It began not far from here, almost 36 years before, in Pilsen, on a farm, in the midst of the prairie," when Father Emil began to live in "a quiet, almost hidden way," but one that attracted the attention of those around him.

It is "little wonder then



The funeral procession for Father Emil Kapaun makes its way down the street.

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Bishop Carl Kemme presides over the Memorial Mass.



Father Kapaun's casket is carried into the ceremony.

that God looked deep into the prairie of Kansas, here in the heartland of our nation, to find a young man

who would possess the heart of courage," the bishop preached.

Father Kapaun's ministry

as a chaplain was characterized, he said, by "a sacrificial and selfless love of others, especially his

beloved fellow soldiers ... The accounts of his service to his fellow soldiers in those last months, his fellow POWs, reveal so much of the man whose body we honor today with Christian burial. His love was simple, effective, selfless and deep."

"In those last months, weeks and days he would go at night among the huts of the wounded, the sick and depressed, to do whatever he could to lift their spirits; he would lead them in prayer, sing a song, tell a joke, pick lice off their bodies, boil water in a helmet to give them a drink of clean water to ward off dysentery, give them some meager amounts of food, even, yes, even by stealing, in short, to do whatever he could to bring light to those who entered a darkness few of us can ever imagine. He was a missionary disciple of hope. And that hope indubitably kept many of those men alive. And evidently, he did all of this day after day in an uncomplaining fashion, never begrudgingly, but happily, dare we say, even joyfully ... bringing God's love in simple and profound ways to those who were at risk of losing all hope."

Bishop Kemme reflected with gratitude on being invited by Father Kapaun's family to accompany them to Hawaii to receive and to view the priest's remains.

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A homecoming for an amazing man

BY AUSTIN LAGER
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

“Christ’s works testify to who he was, so our works testify to who we are.” No truer words could have been spoken by the Servant of God Father Emil Joseph Kapaun. His works saved many men in the POW camp in the Korean War, and his works today continue to save many.

I had the honor of flying with Father Kapaun from Dallas to Wichita. I also sang for the Mass of Christian Burial. What an experience it was. The entire way to Dallas and back, all that was running through my mind was, “He is coming home.” Father Kapaun was away from his home in a land that was plagued by disease, fear and death. While in that land as a POW under the Chinese Communists in North Korea, Father Kapaun was a ray of light to his fellow prisoners.

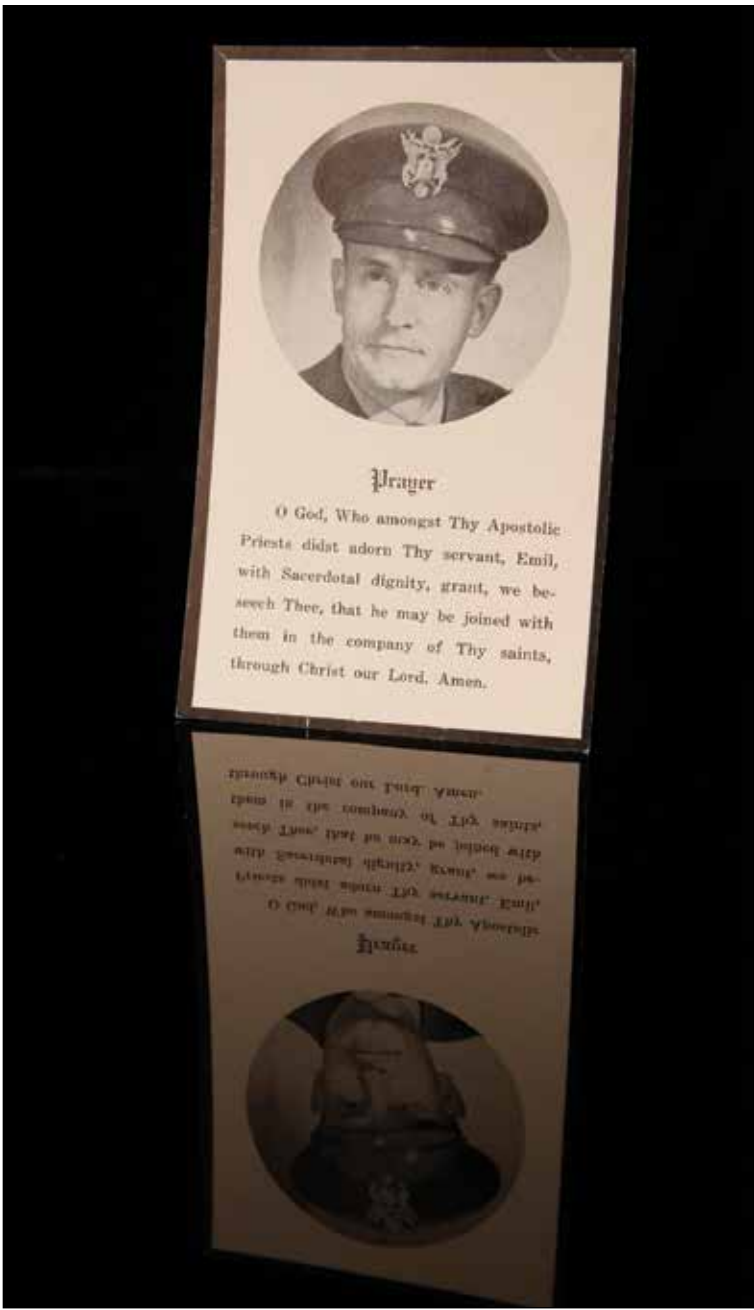
He ministered to them by giving encouragement, caring for the sick and volunteering to bury the dead. What little he had, he gave it all and more. When he was to be carried off to the death house to die, Father Kapaun told his

comrades, “I’m finally going home, and when I get there, I will be praying for you.” More than 5,000 people attended in person to celebrate Father Kapaun’s funeral. Bishop Carl Kemme of the Wichita Diocese stated in his homily that we were there to give Father Kapaun what he was not able to receive in Korea, a Christian burial. A burial with which Father Kapaun himself gave to the many men who died in the POW camp in Korea.

Father Kapaun was able to provide those who died with a happy death. At the end of the Mass, a notable story was told by a survivor of the POW camp. A soldier had been dying, and he asked for Father Kapaun to receive his last rights. It took over an hour to find Father Kapaun, and during that time, the soldier passed.

However, when Father Kapaun was found and brought to the man, he placed the dead soldier’s head in his lap, and the man came back to life to receive the last rites. As soon as Father Kapaun finished the prayers, the soldier died.

In this year of St. Joseph, I find it difficult to consid-



A prayer card is on display at Kapaun Mount Carmel High School in Wichita.

er the identification of Father Kapaun’s remains and his subsequent home-

coming and funeral as a mere coincidence. Looking at what is happening in our world today, it is a blessing to have good role models to look up to in these times. St. Joseph had the duty to care for the unborn child and the child’s mother. While Father Kapaun had the duty to minister to the many sick and despairing of the POW camp. Along with these two great men, another great role model is founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, defender of the poor, the orphan and the struggling families. These three men together, all having key events attributed to them in the last year, are a call to us all. Through the intercession of Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun, Blessed Father Michael McGivney and St. Joseph, I pray that we may become united for the greater glory of God. Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun, Blessed Father Michael McGivney and St. Joseph, pray for us.

Austin Lager is the director of youth formation at St. Peter the Apostle in Schulte. He is also the Knights of Columbus State A/V Chairman and State Young Adult Membership Coordinator.

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Allowed reverently to touch the skull of the priest, “many thoughts immediately flooded my mind,” the bishop said: “The skull, it is the physical foundation of so much of what makes us human, our face, the eyes, the ears, the lips and the mouth. As we were permitted to so gently touch this part of Father Kapaun, I found myself reflecting on his face, which we see so often in photos. His was a caring face, a face of quiet strength, a face of character and virtue, a face of a friend, a brother, the face of a comrade, that brought calmness and consolation, that instilled upon those who looked on his countenance, uncommon courage and confidence. His was the face those soldiers would never forget. “I thought of his eyes, eyes that saw human suffering in front of him, unimaginable suffering, but eyes that were able to see beyond the dirt and the grime, the lice and the disease, eyes that were able to see through all of that to the person who needed him at that very moment. Those who were so blessed to look into his eyes, I am confident, saw a reflection of Jesus, to whom Father Emil had dedicated his life and ministry. I



Memorial Mass for Father Emil Kapaun was Sept. 29 in Park City.

thought of his ears, which heard the cries of the poor, the lonely, the afraid, the ears that listened to the fears and concerns of the soldiers, the ears that heard their sins. ... And I thought of his mouth and lips, that spoke words that lifted spirits and gave strength and courage, absolution and freedom.” Bishop Kemme noted: “It was in those places that Father was also baptized, on his forehead, becoming a child of God; and was anointed on the crown of his head as

priest, prophet and king; and years later was ordained as a priest of Jesus Christ by the imposition of hands. From this center of who Father Kapaun was, flowed the life of a baptized disciple. From there flowed the ministry of a priest, and the dedicated and courageous service of a chaplain.” The bishop concluded by inviting all to come to Father Kapaun’s tomb at the cathedral to “reflect on the extraordinary man whose mortal remains we will inter there



today. To all who have been inspired by the ministry of his priestly life, we now have a place to be in the company of his mortal remains, and to pray for his intercession.” “Especially when for us life is dark and lonely, and we are hopeless and afraid, come to his tomb, pray there and sit in the stillness of the beauty and peace that surrounds you, and let God speak to you through the example and the witness of this servant of God, Father Emil Joseph Kapaun.” “And let us all continue to pray for his cause, so that one day soon we will be able to call him the saint we are confident he truly is. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love is everlasting. Chaplain, Father Emil Kapaun, Servant of God, pray for us.”

Mass to honor anniversaries

Bishop Jerry Vincke and the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their first wedding anniversary and all other anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 in 2021. Mass will be celebrated:

• Oct. 24 – 3 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

• Nov. 7 – 3 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Salina.

To register, visit salina-diocese.org or call the Family Life Office, (785) 827-8746.



“Christ’s death on the cross is the model for our marriage. We strive to live with self-sacrificial love, dying to self for the salva-

tion of the other, just as Christ did for the Church. This daily sanctification helps soften our hearts and helps us to know and accept God’s love for us more. When our human love fails for one another, we have God’s ineffable love to rely on.”

Joshua and Brenna Dlabal, Beloit



“Every time our married children call us when they and their spouse have a squabble, they know exactly what we’re going to say: Marriage is not a 50/50 deal. Each one has to be committed to giving 110% of yourself to make it work. You have to give

more than you get, and that’s true of anything in life. Don’t walk away and give up. A marriage isn’t just you and your spouse – it’s you + GOD + spouse. Ask him for guidance. If God isn’t at the center of your relationship, then the struggles will undoubtedly seem impossible. But if both of you have him as your common denominator, then the answer will always be found. And you may not even like or understand the answer, but that’s OK. Keep going. God doesn’t make mistakes.”

Bill and Brenda Klaus, Hays



“Burton and I got married when we were both 20. We

had very little money and even less belongings, but none of that mattered. The one thing we did have was our faith and family. We heard a quote once that said, ‘A magnificent marriage begins not with knowing one another, but with knowing God’ (author unknown). We both knew the sacrament of marriage was a lifetime commitment, and we both knew the only way for our marriage to last was to commit totally to the other person while keeping Jesus in the center of everything. Our marriage is no different than most. We have had our ups and downs. However, no matter what we went through, our relationship with our Lord always gave us peace and comfort that we would be alright as long as we held each other close and held our relationship with our Lord even closer.”

Burton and Roberta Pianalto, Park

“We can’t imagine married life and life with



kids without our faith. We lean on God’s example of grace and forgiveness every day as we navigate through life. We pray constantly, and forgive often. When walking up to communion, we feel like we are literally carrying our children and our worries up to the altar. It’s so hard to always make your heart (that worries) listen to your head (that knows) that God is in control, and to trust Him in all things. The Eucharist reminds us of that every time we are at Mass, as we drop off our worries and receive Jesus.”

John and Michelle Farmer, Russell

FRANCISCAN CELEBRATES JUBILEE

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

CLINTON, Iowa – Sister Janice “Jan” Cebula, a native of Goodland, will celebrate 50 years as a Clinton Franciscan this fall. A public Mass and celebration have been postponed due to the ongoing pandemic.



Sister Cebula was born in Goodland and graduated from Goodland High School. Prior to joining the Sisters of St. Francis, she earned a bachelor’s degree in secondary education with a major in natural science from the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Sister Cebula entered the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 11, 1971. She professed temporary vows on Aug. 12, 1974, and perpetual vows on April 2, 1983.

She initially served as a teacher at St. Justin the Martyr School in Sunset Hills, Mo., and Sacred Heart School in Clinton, Iowa.

After teaching, she ministered more than two years with the Missouri Catholic Conference in Jefferson City, Mo. Her call to be an advocate for persons marginalized by poverty and

unjust systems led her to study law at St. Louis University, earning a juris doctor degree.

For the next 23 years, she served as an attorney for Legal Aid of western Mis-

souri, Kansas City, Mo., and volunteered at Holy Family House, a Catholic Worker house in Kansas City.

Answering the call to congregational leadership, Sister Cebula was elected to

the council in 1992 and served as vice president from 1996 to 2000. She was president from 2004 to 2012 and again from 2016 to 2021. She was re-elected in May 2021.

Between her terms in congregational leadership, Sister Cebula worked as the U.S. Liaison for Global Sisters Report.

She currently resides at The Canticum in Clinton.

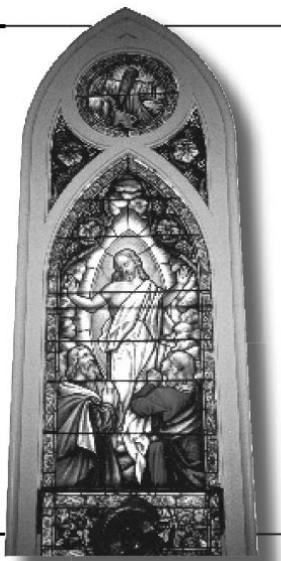
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5:30 p.m. – Dinner, kid’s games and prizes

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The Eucharistic Miracle of Bois-Seigneur-Isaac

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>).



[miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html](http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html)) he created before he died of leukemia.

Eucharistic Miracle of Bois-Seigneur-Isaac Belgium 1405

Starting on the Tuesday before Pentecost of the year 1405, the Lord appeared covered with his wounds to John of Huldenberg, master of the place. Only at the third apparition did our Lord speak, ordering John, "Go into the chapel of Isaac,

you will find me there."

At the same time, the parish priest, Peter Ost, heard a voice instructing him to go offer the Mass of the Holy Cross in the Chapel of Isaac. The following day, the pastor summoned all the faithful to assist at Mass at the Chapel of Isaac.

John of Huldenberg was among those present. The priest began the Mass, and when he unfolded the corporal, he saw there a piece of the large host that

had been consecrated the preceding Tuesday.

He sought to receive the Host, but it clung to the corporal and began to bleed. The priest turned white, and John, who had observed everything, comforted him by saying, "Do not fear, this marvel comes from God," and related his visions.

For four days, that is until Tuesday after Pentecost, the blood continued to flow reaching the length of a finger in three breadths.

Then, having stained the entire corporal, it coagulated little by little and dried up. The miracle was seen and attested to by many. The Bishop of Cambrai, Peter d' Ailly, was informed of what happened, and he decided to investigate personally and had the corporal in his care for some two years.

Every attempt to remove the stains of blood on the corporal were useless.

The bishop opened an investigation where testimonies were gathered regarding the prodigies wrought by the reliquary of the Precious Blood.

On June 16, 1410, the bishop granted an indulgence of 40 days to those who visited the Chapel at Bois-Seigneur-Isaac.

On May 3, 1413, he allowed the corporal to be venerated as a relic and established a solemn procession in honor of the miracle, along with public exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Even today, every year on the Sunday following the Feast of the Birth of Mary, the citizens of Bois-Seigneur-Isaac come together in prayer to celebrate the memory of this Eucharistic miracle.



Clifton-Clyde Council No. 1999 gained two members at their exemplification ceremony Aug. 1. Front row from left, Terry Koch (new member), Quin Girard (new member), Vincent Sorell (grand knight) and Guy Steier (recorder). Back row from left, Father Steven Heina, Mike Kindel (financial secretary), Phillip Meinecke (district deputy), Jerry Long (treasurer), Jason Simmons (deputy grand knight) and his children, James, Waide and Lillie.



Altar Servers Appreciation Sunday was celebrated June 13 at St. Joseph Parish in Damar. St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council No. 2365 offered the servers gifts and tokens of appreciation. Front row from left, AJ Deges and Colby Knipp. Middle row from left, Bryson Bollig, Brooke Hamel, Kirsten Marcotte, Kenzie Wells, Andrew Deges and Father Henry Saw Lone. Back row from left, Ivan Normandin, Conner Knipp, Jayce Hamel, Ben Deges, Caleb Bollig and Chuck Knipp.



Graduating seniors were honored at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia this summer. Front row from left, Taskin Kindel, Isaac Bombardier, Kendall Reynolds, Father David Metz, Kinley Hanson, Zoe Bechard and Nick Vignery. Back row from left, Cole Stahlman, Easton Atwood, Clayton Walker, Chas Carlgren, Chase Parker, Chloe Conway and Keidra Strait.



Ascension Living Via Christi in Hays hosted a reception in honor of Father Harvey Dinkel's 60th jubilee. An afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by all. The chapel volunteers were in full force serving God's beloved faithful.

Junction City priest gets surprise

By KATIE GREENWOOD
THE REGISTER

Aug. 15 was the 75th anniversary of India's liberation from England, a day of significance for the people of India.

Native-born Indian priest Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, was in for a big surprise. Jane Handlos, parish council president of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City, organized a small gathering to celebrate the event.

"In June of last year, my daughter and I were pulling some weeds around the Church and rectory," Handlos said. "Father Gnanasekar came out to help us. There were some July 4 celebration plans being made in the area. I asked him if there was an Independence Day celebration in India. He shared that India celebrated independence from Great Britain on Aug. 15, 1946. I thought how fun it would be to have

a celebration with him and for him to honor a small piece of his heritage."

Handlos contacted the other members of the parish leadership teams and office staff about her idea. Unsurprisingly, everyone was excited about the idea and eager to contribute in any way they could to make the day special.

Cindy Obermeyer, parish assistant, was charged with making sure Father Gnanasekar would be around for the party. But she had the challenge of keeping it a surprise.

"I was tasked with keeping him around in secret, so I just found out what his plans were and then put an appointment on his calendar titled 'trust me,'" Obermeyer said. "I made him promise to be available until 2 p.m."

On Aug. 15, Father Gnanasekar celebrated the 11 a.m. Mass, followed by three baptisms. He thought it was



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Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, was surprised with a celebration for India's Independence Day in August in Junction City.

strange so many people unrelated to the baptism kept stopping into the church.

After finishing the last baptism, Father Gnanasekar walked outside and was greeted by the joyful scene of his parish family honoring his country's Independence Day.

"Eric Page came to the

sacristy and told me that there was a guy outside the church speaking Indian language, and so I was needed there," Father Gnanasekar said. "When I went there, I was speechless and pleasantly surprised to see the tricolor Indian flag flying in the air, parishioners waving Indian flags in their hands, and they played

the Indian national anthem."

Additionally, the group had arranged for an authentic Indian meal, provided by Globe Indian Restaurant in Manhattan, along with simple Indian hor d'oeuvres provided by the guests. Members from the parish council, parish ministry leaders and staff were all present.

"It turned out to be a nice, simple event to bring a little bit of home to Father Gnanasekar, who is so gracious to be here with us," Obermeyer said.

"What a great privilege to celebrate my country's freedom with my parish family from Junction City," Father Gnanasekar said. "I express my heartfelt gratitude to the parish pastoral council who, under the leadership of Jane Handlos, hosted such a remarkable occasion to celebrate India's Independence Day. Thank you for your love and support. God Bless!"



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Following Sunday Mass on Aug. 15, the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish in Oberlin put on a birthday party for Father Carlos Ruiz-Santos. Everyone enjoyed a cookout followed by cake and ice cream. Father Ruiz-Santos took a whack at a piñata before letting the children of Sacred Heart Parish get their blows in on the traditional Mexican candy-holder. He also received a basket of good ol' Kansas produce for his birthday.



Confirmation occurred June 26 for Sacred Heart Parish in Plainville and St. Thomas Parish in Stockton. Front row from left, Nadalyn Ganoung, Bodie Stithem, Sterling Dohe, Addison Staab, Abby Molina, Kate Hansen, Lucy Voss, Baileigh Balthazor and Kaitlyn Couse. Middle row from left, Father Leo Blasi, Sam McCune, Ryan Mongeau, Marlie Dobson, Paxton Ostmeyer, Ayvire Van Schuyver, Peyton Krob, Jayden Morris, Kane Fry and Ben DeSaire. Back row from left, Jack Gasper, Casen Iwanski, Aubrey Kessler, Ava Dix, Tucker Rudman, Bryan Garvert, Silas Littrell, Noah Brewster and Bishop Jerry Vincke.



St. John the Baptist fourth-graders from Clyde were learning the corporal works of mercy and decided to restore two headstones at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Mastercarved Memorials from Concordia donated labor and materials, and the kids scrubbed the moss, mold and grime off the headstones. From left, Remy Girard, Hayden Sandmann and Genevieve Nobert.



Confirmation occurred at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Munjor on July 25. Front row from left, instructor Joseph Pfannenstiel, Trenton Staley and Mika Zimmerman. Back row from left, Father Damian Richards, Daunte Younger, Treger Williby, Wyatt Gerstner and Bishop Jerry Vincke.

Catholic Campus Center reunites family

BY LAURYN BECKER
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Whether you attend the Catholic Mass at the Comeau Catholic Campus Center, or attend any Fort Hays State University sporting event, there's one thing in common that most don't know about: the family tie between the two.

In the spring of 2021, it was announced that Father Andy Hammeke would be returning to FHSU. Father Andy's dad, Curtis Hammeke, has been the athletic director of Fort Hays since 2004. Curtis and his wife, Annette, raised three children, all of which are back in Hays now.

"Father Andy is our oldest child. Our daughter, Alicia Knight, and her husband, Kegan, live here in Hays and have three kids. Our youngest son, Nick, also recently moved back to Hays from Stillwater, Okla.," Curtis said. "Our entire family has been deeply involved in athletics for many years, and Annette, a former special education teacher, has been the glue that has held us all together."

Another connection Father Andy and Curtis share is their involvement with FHSU baseball. Both played baseball for Fort Hays — Curtis from 1983-84 and Andy from 2008-2012 — and Curtis eventually coached the team from 1991-96.

"It meant a lot to be able to play for the same team my dad played and

coached for," Father Andy said. "I was a bat boy for his teams in the early '90s, so it was pretty cool to be in the same dugout years later as a player. It was also special to watch my brother, Nick play short-stop for the Tigers."

Sports have always been a big part of the Hammeke family. It created an irreplaceable bond between the two, and they continue to attend many games together.

"Sports offered Annette and I a natural connection to all three of our kids. That was how we spent our free time. Lots of tournaments throughout the summers, playing catch, taking extra batting practice, playing basketball, throwing the football, etc.," Curtis said. "It was simply a means of us spending time together as a family. We share many great memories from those days."

Father Andy suffered an unfortunate injury that ended with him getting Tommy John surgery that resulted in him not being able to compete at the same level again. As hard as it was on both Father Andy and Curtis, it eventually would push him into the priesthood.

"Sports played a huge role in our relationship. I loved baseball my whole life. It was pretty handy to have a dad who could teach you the game far better than other kids' dads. I'll never forget how present he was when I was struggling to throw strikes



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Father Andy Hammeke and his father, Curtis Hammeke, who is athletic director at Fort Hays State University.

coming off my surgery," Father Andy said. "He traveled all over the state to watch me throw, knowing I was going to struggle. Sports helped us to bond in the good times and the bad."

"Little by little the idea of priesthood started to creep into my mind. I was nervous to share this with teammates and friends but when I did, I was pleasantly surprised by how supportive most of the guys were. In the end, it was the peace I received in the adoration chapel, week after week, asking God if he wanted me to be a priest that inspired me to enter seminary and become a priest."

After being in Salina for a few years, Father Andy has now come back to not only Fort Hays as priest, but also as chaplain of his

high school alma mater, Thomas More Prep-Marian.

"It has been great serving at TMP. The school still smells and feels the same, but the administration and faculty has turned over completely since I was there," Andy said. "Great things are happening at TMP, and it is fun to be a part of."

Regarding leading Catholic Disciples at the university, Father Andy is excited to be back in the church that he went to in his years at Fort Hays, but this time, as the priest.

"Working with Catholic Disciples has brought me a lot of hope. The students are joyful and energetic. It has been fun to watch new students come in and form relationships that will help them through the joys and

struggles of college life. It has been great to see the leadership of the older students and of our FOCUS missionaries," Father Andy said. "I live right across the street from one of the houses I lived in during college. Almost every time I walk outside, a memory pops into my head from those years and makes me smile. I love serving the students at the Campus Center. There are a million other things they could be doing with their time, and they are choosing to make faith a priority."

When it comes to being reunited on campus, both Hammekes could not be more excited. The opportunity to be only a few minutes away from each other has continued to strengthen their bond as well.

"After three years in Salina, we were anticipating Father Andy moving, but we never would have imagined him coming to Hays or more specifically the Catholic Campus Center. It's a tremendous blessing to begin with to have daily Mass available, basically on our campus, but going to those Masses with your son serving as the priest has been kind of surreal," Curtis said. "Disbelief. Excited. A bit anxious. Parents just want their kids to be happy and at peace. Annette and I are no different. We're selfishly delighted that all three of them are in Hays right now. But ultimately, we'll be happy knowing they're happy, regardless of where they live."

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Kansas: The Midwest abortion destination

After decades of decline, the Kansas abortion industry is once again flourishing. Not only are more abortions being performed here, but Kansas is becoming the abortion destination of the Midwest.

The data is startling.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the number of abortions declined in Kansas by 44% from 1999 to 2019. During this two-decade period, Kansas passed more than 20 bipartisan pro-life laws.

Kansas abortions declined by an average 15 per day. Last year, that trend reversed itself in a deadly direction. Fueled by more out-of-state residents, abortions in Kansas increased by 9.1%.

Arkansas residents coming to Kansas clinics for abortions increased by 185%. The number of Oklahomans coming to Kansas for abortions rose 326%. Texas residents getting an abortion here rose by 1,156%. Today, more than half of all abortions in Kansas are now performed on out-of-state women.

The abortion industry predicted and celebrated this alarming trend.

In April 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court discovered and created abortion to be a fundamental right and declared virtually all pro-life laws to be "presumed unconstitutional." Abortion industry lawyers crowded with delight.

A senior staff attorney at the Center for Reproductive Rights said the ruling was exactly what they had hoped for. It made it difficult for state legislators or the federal government to restrict access to abortion in Kansas.

According to attorney Genevieve Scott in a news report April 26, 2019, in the Washington Post, "This will make Kansas a haven state (emphasis added) in the Midwest if federal laws protecting abortion are overturned or significantly limited or undercut in other states."

Kansas, a "haven state" for abortion? It's already happening.

The Kansas abortion industry is now virtually

unregulated and unlimited. Laws may still be on the books, but once challenged in court, they will be declared unconstitutional, washed away like a sandcastle at high tide.

Taxpayer-funded abortion, teenage abortions

without parental knowledge or consent and much more will almost certainly become commonplace.

Fortunately, Kansas Catholics can help slow the abortion industry's predatory assault on women facing a crisis pregnancy. The proposed Value Them Both state constitutional amendment will simply say abortion is not a fundamental right, and the people of Kansas, through their duly elected representatives, can regulate the



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DEATHS

Vivian A. (Hammerschmidt) Appelhans, 80, of Hoxie, died Sept. 1, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 6, 2021, at St. Frances Cabrini in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing presided. Burial was in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery, Hoxie.

Janet Lucille Augustine, 84, died Aug. 30, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 3 at St. Mary Parish in Ellis. Father Dana Clark officiated. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Loretta Eve Coffelt, 97, died Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 29 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit. Father Jarett Konrade officiated. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Beloit.

Clarence R. Erichsen, 94, died Aug. 17, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 21 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Frank Coady officiated. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery in Junction City.

Marilyn Louise Fagot, 84, died Sept. 10, 2021. Funeral

Mass was celebrated Sept. 27 at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady officiated. Burial will be in National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix at a later date.

Bernard "Birney" J. Feldt, 59, of Parker, Colo., died July 22, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 29 at St. Frances Cabrini in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing presided. Burial was in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery, Hoxie.

Florence Aldine Gieber, 74, died Sept. 6, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 10 at St. Edward Parish in Belleville. Father Henry Baxa presided. Burial was in St. Isidore Cemetery in Cuba.

Marita Anne Hagenmaier, 69, died Sept. 22, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 28 at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady officiated. Burial followed in Randolph Fancy Creek Cemetery in Randolph.

Andrew Francis Heimann, 30, of Hays, died Sept. 21, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 25 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards and Father Andy Hammeke officiated. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Vincent.

Jaqueline Langvardt, 79, died Aug. 1, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 7 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, officiated. Burial at a later date.

Janet Irene (Diedrich) Laevenstein, 73, of Hoxie, died Aug. 25, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 30, 2021, at St. Frances Cabrini in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing presided. Burial was in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery, Hoxie.

Helen Josephine (Karls) Ochs, 88, of Hoxie, died July 2, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 31 at St. Frances Cabrini in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing and Father Dana Clark presided. Burial services were private.

William Marc O'Donnell, 72, of Clay Center, died Aug. 20, 2021. Funeral Mass was Sept. 10 at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Clay Center. Father Kerry Ninemire was celebrant. Burial was in Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Clay Center.

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WEDDINGS

Tanner Cassity and Allie Frickey were married Sept. 18, 2021, at St. Mary Parish in Ellis. Father Dana Clark witnessed the vows. Witnesses were Krysten Frickey and Damon Luerman.

Jayde Duane Kolterman and Amanda Lynn Martin were married Sept. 4, 2021, at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center. Deacon Walt Slingsby witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Jay and Shelly Kolterman. Parents of the bride are Tim and Roxie Martin. Witnesses were Cody Blackwood and Jezarae Knitter.

Eli Christian Ohlde and Allayna Yvette Hanson were married Sept. 4, 2021, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia. Father David Metz witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Timothy and Debra Ohlde. Parents of the bride are Kirk and Rhonda Hanson. Witnesses were Nathan Ohlde and Kinley Hanson.

Donnovan Schroeder and Hannah Nielsen were married Sept. 11, 2021, at St. Mary Parish in Herndon. Father Norbert Diabal witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are James and Destiny (Solko) Schroeder. Parents of the bride are Adam and Nicolle (Hespen) Nielsen. Witnesses were Jake Williams and Jayden Ingold.

Samuel Sullivan and Allyson Klaus were married Oct. 2, 2021, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays. Father Nick Parker witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Frederick and Mary Sullivan. Parents of the bride are Elden and Kay Klaus. Witnesses were Jared Stegman and Rachel Klaus.

BAPTISMS

Niko Brown, son of Devin O'Neal and Shemeka Brown, was baptized Aug. 15, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

Brett Dean Burks, son of Brady and Andrea Burks, was baptized Sept. 25, 2021, by Father Soosai Rathinam, HGN, at Sacred Heart Parish in Esbon.

Asher William Cole Charland, son of Dillon Charland and Annemarie Bucholtz, was baptized Aug. 21, 2021, by Father Brian McCaffrey at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

Ramiro Cano Chavez, son of Ramiro and Valeria (Chavez) Cano, was baptized Oct. 2, 2021, by Father Nick Parker

at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

Avi 'Yana Hall, daughter of Zachary and Lauren (O'Neal) Hall, was baptized Aug. 15, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

Liam Hall, son of Zachary and Lauren (O'Neal) Hall, was baptized Aug. 15, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

Clara Marie Heiss, daughter of Michael and Gabrielle Heiss, was baptized Sept. 4, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

Brigham John Hynek, son of

Braden and Julie Hynek, was baptized Sept. 26, 2021, by Father Frank Coady at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

Brayden William Lindsay, son of Brandon and Kristi Lindsay, was baptized Sept. 3, 2021, by Father Daryl Olmstead at St. Boniface Parish in Tipton.

Shayla Rosalie Marquez, daughter of Ricky and Serena Marquez, was baptized Sept. 12, 2021, by Father Frank Coady at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan.

Dallin James Martin, son of Wesley and Shelby Martin, was baptized Sept. 25, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in Hays.

Knox Hayden O'Reagan, son of Dylan and Audra O'Reagan, was baptized Sept. 11, 2021, by Rev. Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Hays.

Brinley Nadine Thompson, daughter of Steven Thompson and Alana Bucholtz, was baptized Aug. 21, 2021, by

Father Brian McCaffrey at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

Morgan Olivia Wise and Norah Elizabeth Wise, daughters of Skyler and Michelle Wise, were baptized Sept. 19, 2021, by Father Jarett Konrade at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Cawker City.

PARK CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The public is invited to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Sacred Heart Church in Park at 10 a.m. Nov. 14. In 1921, the current Sacred Heart Church completed construction. The brick structure cost \$74,500 and seated more than 650 people.

The same building stands tall today and continues to be a center for spiritual, ongoing renewal and a powerful source for social action with the cooperation of organizations like the Knights of Colum-

bus, Ladies Society, CYO and Jr. CYO.

Still today, the church continues to be lively and vibrant through parish missions, providing sound religious education to children and offering weekly adoration for three hours every Thursday.

While the building might need some repairs, it has been a place of worship for Catholics for the last 100 years. Join in the festivities as the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish in Park celebrate their church.

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