



Welcoming Christ into our home

St. Teresa of Calcutta once told this story: "Once I found a child on the streets. I took him to our children's home and gave him a bath and some clean clothes, but he ran away. He was found again by somebody else, but he ran away a second time. After we found him, I said to the sisters, 'Please follow that child and see where he goes when he runs away.' When the child ran away a third time, they followed him and there, under a tree, was his mother. She had put stones under a small earthenware vessel and was cooking some food she had found. The sister asked the child, 'Why did you run away from the home?' And the child answered, 'But this is my home because this is where my mother is.'"

Home is where the mother is. For us who have lost our mothers, we realize this even more by their absence. For the boy, the food that was cooked was fine because it came from his mother. It was the mother who hugged her child. It was the mother who knew him. It was the mother who always welcomed him.

We remember that Christ was born in Bethlehem, but today he comes to us like a little child desiring to be loved in our homes. Are we ready to receive him? At Christmas, a startling reminder is that when Mary and Joseph were

looking for any place, so many people said to them, "There is no room at the inn."

As I travel around the diocese on a regular basis, I have found out more and more that life is messy, especially in our homes. Perhaps you already knew that, and so did I, but listening to people helps me realize everyone's life is filled with so many ups and downs in our homes. There are disappointments for those who were hoping for a better life, there are those who are struggling with pain and suffering, those that feel abandoned, families who are distant from one another, those who are fearful of what the future might hold, and those who are chained with the thoughts of the certainty of dying.

Amid the messiness of life, our Savior, who was born in a messy manger where animals lived, enters our reality to redeem us and fill us with the peace that the world cannot give.

May our houses be homes of compassion and forgiveness where love, peace and joy reign.

Love begins at home. May we welcome Jesus into our homes.

In Christ's service,

+ Gerald L. Vincke

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Stained glass window located in St. John the Baptist Parish, Hanover.
Photo by Amanda Cook

DOING THEIR PART

Ellis students take on recycling projects.

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DEADLINE EXTENDED

First phase of synodal process now ends Aug. 15, 2022.

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INSPIRING CONVERSATIONS

By THE REGISTER

The Catholic Conversations Drive supports the evangelization efforts of diocesan publications and online communications efforts. The drive is still ongoing. To watch a short video and learn more about the mission of diocesan publications, visit <https://salinadiocese.org/office/communications/catholic-conversations-drive/>.

A gift of \$35 would offset the cost to produce, print and mail the diocesan publications. Make an online gift by visiting the above link. Or write a check pay-

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“Our publications are one way we evangelize the hearts of the faithful, and your gifts are what make that possible,” said Katie Greenwood, creative editor. “Already, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of so many. I hand sign each thank you note, and when I do, I pray, ‘Have mercy on this person.’ It’s a short little prayer, but I make an effort to pray it with each letter signed as a small token of gratitude.”

PRAYER INTENTION

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

For true human fraternity
We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecu-

tion; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PICTURES

Parishes across the Salina Diocese are invited to submit photos of their churches decorated for Christmas. The photos will be shared on the diocesan Facebook page throughout the Christmas season.

Email photos to communications.office@salinadiocese.org by Dec. 30.

DON'T FORGET

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated Jan. 30 to Feb. 4 in schools throughout the Salina Diocese. The week will include Mass at several parishes throughout the week. To find out a list of services, visit salinadiocese.org/events.

CHANCERY CLOSED

The Chancery building in the Diocese of Salina will be closed Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. The Chancery is also closed Dec. 31 in observance of New Years Eve.

GOSPEL READINGS

Jan. 2
The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

The three magi searched for and found the Child Jesus and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Jan. 9
The Baptism of the Lord
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist announced and baptized Jesus.

Jan. 16
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
John 2:1-11

Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding in Cana.

Jan. 23
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Jesus announced in the synagogue that he fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament.

Jan. 30
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 4:21-30

The people in the synagogue did not believe Jesus and tried to cast him out.

BISHOP'S CALENDAR

January	
10-13	Priest Renewal Days, Wichita
19-23	March for Life, Washington, D.C.
21	Topeka Life Rally, Topeka
24	Kansas Bishop's Legislative meeting and Red Mass, Topeka
30-Feb. 5	Catholic Schools Week



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God is always there to dust us off and help

Writing is something that just comes naturally to me. I don't really know how to explain it except that I'll sit down at my computer, start typing, and then I have a story in front of me.

And as the months have passed where I've served as editor, I've learned that the best stories are the ones that flow naturally from mind to fingertips to computer. The times when I've had to scratch my head and force a story to appear have always resulted in pretty terrible stories.

So, when my deadline for December quickly approached, and I had yet to have any sort of inspiration for this column, I wondered what was wrong.

It wasn't until the night before my final deadline it occurred to me that it had been several weeks since I had sat down and intentionally

prayed. And I'm kind of embarrassed to admit that because it was just a few months back I wrote about the importance of silence and stillness with the Lord. And here I am admitting I did not follow through with silence and stillness.

When I made the realization my prayer life had become lackluster, I sat myself down, blew off the dust from my prayer journal and asked the Holy Spirit to remind me how to pray.

And then I remembered this wonderful daily devotional series I own called "In Conversation with God," and I began the hunt searching for the series.

I found the book I needed, blew the dust off it as well, and read the devotional for the day. Lo and behold, it was on "beginning again."

KATIE Greenwood
CREATIVE EDITOR



A line that stood out to me was, "Our love for our Lord will express itself in constantly beginning again."

The devotional spoke about how easy it is to fall into spiritual mediocrity. It is so easy to recite a prayer with one's lips, but not with one's heart. It's also pretty easy to slip into habitual venial sin. Personally, sometimes I'll congratulate myself on a job well done avoiding mortal sin but will completely ignore the fact that I've fallen into habitual venial sin. And it's the habitual venial sins that sneak up on you and drive wedges between you and God.

The important thing to remember in all this is we're all going to mess up. We're all going to fall to lukewarmness and mediocrity in

prayer. But God takes our frailty into account. He looks at us with such love, his heart sad and heavy when we fall, and glorious and rejoicing when we stand up again.

I like to think of the image of a father helping his small child to walk. When the small child falls, does the father become angry with him? Does he grow impatient? No. He lovingly reaches out to his small child and helps him to stand. And when the child stands up once more and attempts to walk, the father is right there with him.

How glorious it is that we can always begin again. Thanks be to God.

Katie

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

Following God's divine plan into the priesthood

I was born Sept. 25, 1965, in Myanmar, Thataung province. The name of the village is Lorado (just like Colorado).

As for my family, I had wonderful parents. They were Catholics. My father was a Buddhist convert. I have a mixed family background. I have two sisters and one brother. I am the baby.

My mom was always Catholic. My dad was a very strong Buddhist. When he married my mom, he became a Christian. But my aunts and uncles on my dad's side remained Buddhist, so he was separated from his family a bit. But he was a wonderful man, and I love his background.

My mom was a homemaker, and my dad served in different careers. He had served in the military and then Electric Power Corp. He provided for us very well.

For school, I walked 3 miles every day from my village to the village where my school was. Sometimes, my brother and sisters would accompany me, and I rode on their backs.

When I was in sixth grade, I was recruited by the local priest to go to a minor seminary. I was there until I

was a senior. It's like a normal school, but you have to be chosen. I was happy I was chosen. So were my parents.

I was only 14 when I went to a minor seminary. We had young, Italian missionary priests. We all watched them, and they were our heroes. They influenced and inspired me to discern my vocation.

I also had the privilege to serve as an altar boy, and that inspired me a lot. They celebrated the Latin Mass, and their sacramentary was in both Latin and English, so it was a really big book. After the priest had finished, he'd close the sacramentary. I loved the sound it made when it was closed; it was like a big boom. For some reason, I loved that. It made me think that one day I want to read that book.

When I became a deacon, I looked at that book. I read that book. I closed that book.

In seminary, my favorite part was when we had to recite prayers by heart. We had to do it in Latin. I really liked it. We had a competition every few months, and I



HENRY Saw Lone
PASTOR

won. I got the prize. My least favorite class was arithmetic. I did not like it. It was hard for me, and to this day, I hate calculating.

I was ordained March 20, 1994. My favorite part was when I laid prostrate. I just felt the Holy Spirit. I knew I was a priest.

In our country, we have a tradition where, after you rise from laying prostrate, a gong is rung by tribal people. It was striking for me. It is hard to describe that moment.

Thousands of people were at my ordination, but there was one sad thing for me. Three days before my ordination, my mom unexpectedly passed away. Her death was very sudden and surprising. It was tragic. I almost did not become a priest. But through the encouragement of my family and friends, I went forward. I don't know, maybe God was telling me something.

A tradition we have during priestly ordinations is for the parents to walk their son down the aisle and present their son to the Church. My dad had passed away while I was in seminary, and then

my mom right before my ordination. So, my sister presented me.

After ordination, my first assignment was at a dynamic parish. I was there for four years. Then, the bishop asked me to go to Rome. I went there and studied for four years. Every day, I would see St. Peter's Square.

After Rome, I returned to my home country. But what was funny, in 2002, I went to World Youth Day in Canada. While there, I decided to visit the United States because I wanted to pray at Ground Zero. But, when I crossed the border, they gave me a lengthy visa.

So, when I was back in my home country, we had two priests invited to go to Salina, but I was not one of them. However, the two priests who were invited were unable to get their visas. But I had one because of my trip to Ground Zero. I think it was God's divine plan.

I came to Kansas in 2003. I was trained to help a chaplain at St. Francis Hospital for one month. It was there where I got my driver's license. I also learned American English.

I then came to the Salina Diocese. First, I was assigned

to Sacred Heart Cathedral. Then to Oberlin, Leoville and Selden. In 2009, I was assigned to Hill City and Damar, where I remain.

My favorite part of being a priest is being with the people and celebrating Mass. I really enjoy religious education, the children and the RCIA classes.

Personally, I have a devotion to St. Joseph. He is my patron saint, and Joseph was my father's name. Plus, we buried my mom on March 17, and I was ordained right after the feast of St. Joseph. I think it was by St. Joseph's intercession that I was ordained as planned. And now, my parish is St. Joseph in Damar. I often imagine the picture of St. Joseph leading Mary and Jesus to Egypt, and as if he said to them, "Don't be worried. I am here."

One thing I love about St. Joseph is he was always embracing Jesus. Even when he had his own struggles, he held Jesus constantly. So we need to do that, too. Sometimes life is hard. But if you are living with Jesus, everything will be fine.

Father Henry Saw Lone is pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Damar and Immaculate Conception Parish in Hill City.

SAINTS, FEASTS OF JANUARY

"Let us turn to the example of the saints. They were people like us, flesh and bone, with failings and weaknesses, who managed to conquer and master themselves for the love of God. Let us consider their lives and,

like bees who distill precious nectar from each flower, we shall learn from their struggles."

St. Josemaria Escriva

1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

4 Elizabeth Ann Seton

5 John Nepomucene Neumann

5 Genoveva Torres Morales

6 André Bessette

7 Raymond of Penyafort

12 Marguerite Bourgeoys

13 Hilary of Poitiers

17 Anthony of Egypt

20 Basil Anthony Marie Moreau

20 Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi

21 Agnes of Rome

22 Laura Vicuna

22 William Joseph Chaminade

23 Marianne Cope

24 Francis de Sales

26 Titus of Crete

26 Timothy

27 Angela Merici

28 Thomas Aquinas

28 Isaac the Syrian

30 Hyacintha of Mariscotti

31 John Bosco

Ellis students doing their part

BY PATTI PARK

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

God calls us all to be good stewards of the earth. The fourth-grade students at St. Mary's School in Ellis took that call to heart. At the beginning of the school year, students along with administration, spearheaded a recycling program for the school.

The fourth-graders began the process by visiting the Ellis Recycling Center, where they learned the benefits recycling brings to the community and which items the center would accept. After their trip, the students distributed recycling bins to every classroom, the office and the lunchroom. Student groups then visited the primary grades, explaining the value of recycling, sharing a story about it and passing out coloring books that had been provided by the recycling center. The fourth-graders then made posters



COURTESY PHOTO

Students from St. Mary's school in Ellis have started a recycling program. Some students who help with the program include, from left, Dayson Moeder, Lane Shannon, Elijah Wagner and Jadyn Hann.

which they displayed throughout the school. Each week the class

collects the recycling bins, sorts the contents, then delivers them to

the recycling center.

Each week, the students have collected more recycling than the week before. They started the year putting it in the back of an SUV. Now, it completely fills the back of a pickup bed. John, at the recycling center, has been wonderful as he explains to the students how and when the recycling is picked up from there.

The students enjoy when he turns on the machines so they can watch the recycled material get compressed into bundles to be put on the big trucks.

The students have been amazed and happy about the amount of material they have collected up to this point in the year. One student summed up the class' efforts perfectly, "We kids can make a big difference. Not recycling really harms the earth."

Patti Park is the principal at St. Mary's School in Ellis.

Everything adds up for Blujays

BY THE REGISTER

Fifteen students from St. John's Catholic High School in Beloit ventured to the Fort Hays State University campus Nov. 11 for the 42nd annual Math Relays competition. Due to COVID-19, the competition was canceled last year. As a result, only four students remained from the group that took first overall two years ago. In other words, 11 of the students were competing for their first time.

Despite this lack of experience, it did not slow down the Blujay scholars. St. John's captured their 10th straight 1A title, while also finishing third overall (1A-6A).

This also marks the fifth straight year St. John's has finished in the top three overall for all classes (1A-6A). Every student helped score at least one point for the overall team effort.

"I am proud of how these students rose to the challenge and carried the baton passed to them by the previous classes," said Rusty Lueger, math teacher at the school. "The students work hard in class, and that is evidenced by their results over the years."



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Beloit-St. John's math relay team include, front row from left, Aubrey Gengler, Erin Schmitt, Jenna Gengler, Maria Mick and Gianna Horinek. Back row from left, Tyson Gates, John Greenwood, Luke Bates, Ben Thompson, Sergio Lopez, Nick Greenwood, Henry Holdren, Blaise Palen, Jonas Letourneau and Nicholas Niewald.

Results Seniors

Ben Thompson: Number Sense (2nd); Algebraic Manipulations Team (6th); Informal Geometry (2nd); Calculations with Calculators (6th).

Maria Mick: Algebraic Manipulations Team (6th).

Juniors

Luke Bates: Trigonometry Team (5th); Applications of Algebra & Arithmetic Team (3rd).

Nick Greenwood: Algebraic Manipulations (6th); Applications of Algebra &

Arithmetic Team (3rd); Calculations with Calculators Team (6th).

Sergio Lopez: Trigonometry Team (5th); Calculations with Calculators Team (6th).

Blaise Palen: Number Sense (2nd); Algebraic Manipulations Team (6th); Applications of Algebra & Arithmetic Team (3rd); Calculations with Calculators Team (6th).

Sophomores

Aubrey Gengler: Informal Geometry Team (3rd); Applications of Algebra &

Arithmetic Team (2nd).

Jenna Gengler: Applications of Algebra & Arithmetic Team (2nd).

John Greenwood: Informal Geometry Team (3rd).

Erin Schmitt: Number Sense (3rd); Trigonometry Team (5th); Algebraic Manipulations (3rd); Informal Geometry Team (3rd); Applications of Algebra & Arithmetic Team (2nd); Calculations with Calculators (5th).

Freshmen

Tyson Gates: Number Sense (4th); Informal Geometry (4th).

Henry Holdren: Number Sense Team (5th); Algebraic Manipulations Team (4th); Informal Geometry (1st); Applications of Algebra & Arithmetic (1st); Calculations with Calculators Team (4th).

Gianna Horinek: Number Sense Team (5th); Algebraic Manipulations Team (4th).

Jonas Letourneau: Number Sense (6th); Applications of Algebra & Arithmetic (5th); Calculations with Calculators Team (4th).

Nicholas Niewald: Number Sense Team (5th); Algebraic Manipulations Team (4th); Calculations with Calculators Team (4th).



COURTESY PHOTO

Several youth in the Salina Diocese attended this year's NCYC trip.

NCYC trip memorable for attendees

BY THE REGISTER

The youth of the Salina Diocese were set ablaze by the Holy Spirit at NCYC 2021. More than 600 young people and adults from the diocese traveled to Indianapolis to participate in this year's conference. It was an incredible sight to witness so many diocesan young people join hundreds of other young people across the nation to grow more deeply in their faith.

This year, the conference's theme was focused on Acts 2 and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

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Parishes remember lost opportunities

BY KATIE GREENWOOD
THE REGISTER

Amid the COVID pandemic, many things were lost. Family members passed away, weddings, graduations and reunions were missed and much more. The communities of Clifton and Clyde looked for a way to commemorate those losses.

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Clifton hosted two special events. The event in July was to remember all those who had died during the pandemic and had been unable to receive the benefit of a proper Mass of Christian Burial. The second event in September was to honor other lost events, such as baptisms, first communions, weddings, funerals, track meets, nursing home visits and gather-

ings. Both special events were coordinated by parishioner Laurel Wurtz.

Also in September, St. John the Baptist Parish in Clyde had a special event in remembrance of those who had died without a proper Mass of Christian Burial, as well as various other losses of the pandemic. The event was coordinated by Kara Nobert.

Father Steve Heina said the idea came from a webinar he had watched that the Salina Diocese Development Office had recommended to him. He said the webinar was about welcoming people back. He took the idea to his parish councils, and they tweaked the idea to fit the needs of their parishes.

All three events took place before or after the regularly scheduled

Sunday Mass. Father Heina read the names of the deceased prior to Mass. The deceased did not have to be directly affiliated with the parishes. Parishioners were free to submit names of any person they knew who had passed away and did not receive the benefit of a traditional funeral.

Following Mass, the Clifton parish hosted a breakfast gathering. The Clyde parish had a display with symbols of COVID-related losses in the parish hall.

Additionally, a local counselor was invited to speak to the faithful at both parishes. He was there to recommend services to individuals who were struggling with the losses and reality of the pandemic. Contact information for counselors and grief support groups was also

made available.

"The underlying theme of the planning and execution of these special events was to help people commend their losses to God," Father Heina said. "There is considerable and painful division among our people about the pandemic in general. Some people see the pandemic as very real and destructive. Other people see the pandemic as insignificant and think precautions are unnecessary. We consciously decided not to focus on those perspectives, but instead focus on the losses of people and events that were beyond their control — be it the loss of a loved one, sickness, loss of work, reality of isolation. We wanted to show that the pain of those losses can be commended to God."

Deadline extended for first phase of synodal process

First phase now set to end
Aug. 15, 2022

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

In order to "provide a greater opportunity for the people of God to have an authentic experience of listening and dialogue" during the recently launched synodal process, the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops has decided to extend the deadline of the first phase.

In a statement, the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops said it has extended "the

deadline for the presentation of the synthesis of the consultations by the Episcopal Conference, the Oriental

Churches sui iuris and other ecclesial bodies" to Aug. 15, 2022.

The statement notes that extension comes in response to numerous communications from various quarters in these first weeks of the synodal process requesting an extension of the duration of the first phase.

These communications, the statement says, "are truly an encouraging confirmation of those in the Church who are committed to celebrating the first phase of the synodal process ... constituted by the consultation of the People of God."

Further explaining the decision to extend the deadline, the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops notes it evaluated the requests, always seeking the good of the Church, "aware that a synodal Church is a Church that listens, and considering that this first phase is essential for this synodal path."

The Synodal process Pope Francis officially launched the two-year synodal process, themed "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participa-

tion and Mission," on Oct. 10.

A week later, on Oct. 17, the diocesan phase was kicked off in dioceses across



the world.

The initial deadline for the presentation of the synthesis on the part of the Synods of Oriental Churches and the Episcopal Conferences was April 2022, but this latest decision from the General Secretariat extends the first phase deadline by four months.

A second, continental phase will take place from September 2022 to March 2023, while the third, universal phase will begin with the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023.

Why Kansas is at center of national fight for life

BY LUCRECIA NOLD
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

For the first time in decades, Catholics and the wider pro-life community have reason to hope. America's legal system may be on the verge of further empowering states to protect moms and babies through regulation of the abortion industry.

But within that sense of encouraging elation, there is an urgent, cautionary message specific to Kansans.

Arguments made before the United States Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* on Dec. 1 focused on the defense of a Mississippi law that limits abortion after 15 weeks. If the U.S. Supreme Court upholds this law, states may be allowed more flexibility to enact commonsense regulations of the abortion industry. This would mean voters would be empowered to have a greater say in matters related to the protection of life.

The abortion industry views this possibility as an unmitigated disaster. For defenders of unborn life and protectors of women, it would be an answer to countless prayers.

But even if the US Supreme Court were to side with Mississippi, a massive problem remains in Kansas. No matter what happens at the federal level, in our state, the abortion industry will be able to "do business" in a virtually unlimited and unregulated environment.

This means taxpayer-funded abortion will almost assuredly become a reality here at home. Protections for minor girls and parents' rights to be involved in their young daughters' major medical decisions will vanish. In fact, almost every existing restric-

tion Kansans previously placed on the abortion industry will be presumed unconstitutional and unenforceable.

How can this be?

It's because the Kansas State Supreme Court ruled in 2019 that abortion in Kansas is a nearly unlimited right in a case called *Hodes & Nauser v. Schmidt*.

As other states move to protect women and babies, the court moved Kansas sharply in the opposite direction. Already, the abortion industry is touting Kansas as its "haven" and a "beacon" in the Midwest.

Last year, after decades of decline, the abortion rate in Kansas jumped almost 10%. Much of that increase came from residents of surrounding states — Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma

and others — who traveled to Kansas as an abortion destination. Shockingly, 52% of abortions in Kansas were performed on out-of-state travelers in 2019.

Fortunately, Kansans have a chance to change the trajectory of this life and death scenario. A state constitutional amendment called Value Them Both is on the ballot for a vote of the people on Aug. 2.

If a majority of voters choose "Yes" and the Value Them Both amendment passes, Kansas pro-life laws will once again be considered constitutional and enforceable. Kansas can again be pro-life.

What can you do? Learn more at www.ValueThemBoth.com. Also, if your parish has not already hosted a Value Them Both presentation, ask your pastor for his approval and blessing to request a presenter by emailing speakers@ValueThemBoth.com.

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Pilgrimages planned in January

By THE REGISTER

Respect of life from conception until natural death is an important mission and tenant of the Church. The Salina Diocese offers two pilgrimages for the faithful to participate in.

- **The March for Life** – Currently, nearly 200 individuals have registered to attend the 2022 March for Life on Jan. 19 to 24 in Washington, D.C. While registration is no longer open, the diocese asks the faithful to keep all those marching for life in their prayers. If you missed the deadline and still have a desire to go, reach out to Rick Binder at (785) 827-8746 or email rick.binder@salinadiocese.org.

- **IGNITE and Rally for Life** – Located in Topeka on Jan. 25, the Rally for Life is a great alternative for those unable to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

IGNITE for Life is an opportunity for all of those who believe in the sanctity of life from



the moment of conception to come together to pray and stand in public witness for the defense of unborn

children in Kansas and throughout the United States.

The IGNITE for Life event takes place every year near Jan. 22, which is the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This year, the main prayer intention is for the passage of the Value Them Both Kansas constitutional amendment on Aug. 2. IGNITE will kick off with praise and worship music from the band All Things I Am, followed by messages from pro-life speakers including keynote speaker Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life. Then, the Kansas bishops and priests will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Finally, all are invited to march to the state capitol to join the Kansans for Life Rally. While the event is free, they do ask for registration. To find out more information or to register for the event, visit <https://archkck.org/prolife/activities/ignite/>.

SUCCESS

#iGiveCatholic campaign shatters last year's numbers

By KATIE GREENWOOD

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Yet again, #iGiveCatholic campaign was a radical success for entities within the Salina Diocese. Raising a grand total of \$858,388 from 1,083 donors for 34 varying ministries, the 2021 #iGC campaign surpassed the 2020 grand total of \$492,558 from 826 donors for 32 organizations.

This year, the Catholic Foundation for Salina Diocese oversaw the 2021 #iGiveCatholic campaign. As a whole, the high-performing Salina Diocese was nationally ranked fifth out of 40 organizations. #iGiveCatholic co-coordinators Katie Platten and Melanie Melander credit those results to the dedicated efforts of coordinators at the local level.

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is nationally recognized as Giving Tuesday. For the past four years, the Salina Diocese has participated in the #iGiveCatholic campaign and has partnered with GiveGab, an online giving platform designed exclusively for nonprofits to raise funds and manage supporter engagement quickly and easily. The role of the Catholic Foundation was to establish the partnership with GiveGab, cover participation costs, solicit diocesan-wide match opportunities, push social media efforts, offer prize money and serve as a resource to all participating organizations.

While the Catholic Founda-

tion made the #iGiveCatholic campaign possible, it was the responsibility of each participating entity to manage and coordinate local efforts.

The dedicated resilience and innovative efforts of the local entities was impressive, resulting in 10 organizations from the Salina Diocese earning spots in the top 100 performing organizations nationwide.

Several strategies were used at the local level to ensure successful campaigns. Many entities sought local matches from generous people within communities. Others dogged-

NATIONAL RANKINGS

9. Manhattan Catholic Schools, Manhattan, \$152,294.
11. St. Mary, Queen of the Universe Church, Salina, \$147,324.29.
26. St. John the Baptist Church, Beloit, \$80,921.82.
32. St. Andrew Grade School, Abilene, \$67,871.32.
44. St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan, \$55,925.98.
59. St. Andrew Church, Abilene, \$45,656.68.
77. Comeau Catholic Campus Center, Hays, \$35,081.
78. St. Francis Xavier Church, Junction City, \$34,738.
84. St. John the Baptist Catholic Schools, Beloit, \$33,210.
88. St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Junction City, \$32,490.

ly communicated about their campaign through frequent communications via social media, bulletin announcements and in-person visits. Social media was pushed to the limits with videos and posts. And finally, a few entities partnered with peer-to-peer fundraisers, asking individuals with powerful testimonies to share their experience with their parish or school.

The range of high-performing organizations included frequent flier entities such as Manhattan Catholic Schools to small-town parish and school successes in places like Abilene, Beloit, Junction City and Ellis to first-time participants such as the Comeau Catholic Campus Center at Fort Hays State University.

"We were grateful for the substantial matching gifts provided by various local supporters of the Catholic faith in the Manhattan area," said Megan Umscheid, coordinator for Manhattan Catholic Schools, which ranked ninth nationally. "Our matching gifts, paired with all our 150-plus donations, made the difference for our school and has become a great formula not only to raise funds, but also to create a sense of excitement, celebration and gratitude. One major appeal to #iGiveCatholic for the MCS community is the idea that a large group of people can come together during a short window of time to make a collective impact."

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Support of annual appeal strong

By THE REGISTER

Faithful across the Salina Diocese continue to generously support the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share.

Gifts surpassed the \$1.85 million goal, with almost \$2 million pledged to date.

The Call to Share appeal is one of the primary ways the diocese funds its mission to be disciples who go out and make disciples. Nearly 90% of the funds raised are spent on programs that directly benefit individuals and parishes in every corner of the diocese. These ministries include

BECAUSE OF YOUR GIFT

- 722 individuals received new life through baptism
- 621 individuals received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through confirmations
- 820 individuals received the Eucharist through first commu-

- nion
- 216 couples participated in the sacrament of matrimony
- 650 individuals received the honor of a Christian burial
- 1 man received the sacrament of Holy Orders

seminarian education, clergy health and retirement, programs sponsored by Rural Life, Family Life and Hispanic Ministry offices. Additionally, the appeal funds youth, adult and clergy education, along with summer mission

experiences for youth and the evangelization work of diocesan publications and the communications office.

Because of the generosity of faithful across the diocese, Catholics were able to encounter Christ

and deepen their faith. Many individuals across the diocese received sacramental preparation through diocesan and local parish efforts, thus being able to fully receive sacramental graces.

"I am so inspired by the people of our diocese and how graciously and loyally they help to fund the many important missions of our church," said Catholic Foundation CEO Katie Platten.

"We are truly blessed with our Catholic community here in Kansas."

To make a gift, visit join.salinadiocese.org

Audit reflects safe environment program

By THE REGISTER

SALINA — The Diocese of Salina has been found compliant with all audited articles within the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the three-year (2018 to 2021) audit period.

The announcement was made by Bishop Jerry Vincke after receiving official notice from StoneBridge Business Partners of Rochester, N.Y., a national firm contracted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, who are specially trained to review diocesan compliance in accordance with the USCCB charter.

“Our safe environment office has an annual paper audit, but every third year we participate in what they call an ‘on-site audit,’ which is a more extensive process,” Bishop Vincke said. “The interviews were conducted via phone and Zoom this year; typically auditors would physically come to the diocese to review files and conduct interviews. I am happy to say that we passed with flying colors. I am thankful for Wendy Backes, Corey Lyon and Kim Hoelting for their excellent work. May we remain vigilant in protecting the safety of our young people.”

The diocesan audit was led by Wendy Backes, safe environment program coordinator, and Kim Hoelting, director of human resources.

In 2020, diocesan policies, programs and systems were updated in accordance with the 2018 Charter revisions. Those extraordinary efforts and this year’s successful audit reflect how the comprehensive program that protects children and invests in every Catholic in safe environments is implemented in the Diocese of Salina.

“We would have not been able to pass this audit with flying colors, without the assistance of my site safety coordinators,” Backes said. “They are the first line of defense when it comes to child safety and are truly the backbone and success of the program.”

In the Diocese of Salina, 77 employees and volunteers in schools and parishes are trained as site safety coordinators and have access to the CMGConnect database (where all training and background check records are stored). These site safety coordinators:

- Accompany clergy, employees, educators and volunteers as they engage in Safe Environment training protocol for the Diocese of Salina.
- Maintain charter compliance within their parish/school, through the CMGConnect database, along with compiling children’s reporting data sheets and code of conduct acknowledgment forms.
- Observe and model all diocesan policies and procedures, communicate regularly with Safe Environment Office and stay current with diocesan publications.
- Support priests and principals along with parish and school staff on the implementation and expectations associated with the Safe Environment program and its mission.
- Ensure employees, volunteers, educators and other community members that a victim assistance coordinator is available to answer any questions, provide resources and support anyone who has been harmed.

The partnership between the Safe Environment Office and the site safety coordinators is an essential piece to the Safe Environment Program. Through this partnership, Backes has formed a special bond with each of the safety coordinators.

“When I do on-site visits, they are well

prepared, open to suggestions and some are even happy to see me,” she said. “I can call or email them anytime, and they are quick to respond to whatever I may need from them.”

And, “Vice versa,” said Jeanette Brungardt, site safety coordinator in Victoria. “Wendy is so understanding and always listens. I really appreciate that and her.”

“This connection and relationship with each of my 77 coordinators makes my job easy and is definitely a reflection of the success of this program,” Backes said.

Among the highlights of the diocesan Safe Environment report to the USCCB for this year’s audit:

- Currently, over 3,200 adults have completed the CMGConnect online safe environment training program (“Safe Have-It’s Up To You”) and a completed a criminal background check. This includes existing clergy, employees, educators and volunteers who have updated their records after the mandatory five-year renewal process.
- In August 2020, the Safe Environment Program coordinator provided training to school principals and priests with regard to the impact of child sexual abuse, how to prevent child sexual abuse, patterns of grooming behaviors, boundaries and mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse. The training also stressed the importance of communication between schools and Chancery administration and to continue to use the resources provided by the diocese as part of its continuing education efforts.
- Between November 2020 and January 2021, more than 30 parish/school audits were conducted. During these audits, the Safe Environment coordinator met (this year through Zoom, normally onsite) with the site safety coordinator, principal and/or priest reviewing policies and procedures, checking compliance and ensuring educational materials such as brochures, posters, bookmarks and other resources are available and visible in schools and parishes. These audits were started in 2017 and each parish/school is visited on a three-year cycle.
- With the assistance of Hoelting, the office was better able to identify employees and staff at every parish/school thereby ensuring those individuals were able to complete the necessary safe environment training and background check.
- During this period, the communication between the Safe Environment Office and Lay Review board increased, ensuring the policies and procedures related to Safe Environment are reviewed regularly.
- In July 2020, the role of the Victim Assistance coordinator was elevated. If anyone in the diocese has questions about reporting or needs someone safe to talk to, they can call/email our Victim Assistance Coordinator through a third-party reporting system, who will walk them through the process. The VAC also provides outreach, assistance and opportunities to help promote healing for survivors of child sexual abuse committed by any person from the Church or by persons outside the Church. Our VAC also aids victims and their families through counseling, support and other forms of outreach regardless of when the abuse occurred. These resources are available for as long as necessary for healing to take place.

“We are very grateful for the thousands of people throughout the diocese who have participated in our programs to safeguard children and to reach out to victims of sexual abuse,” Backes said.

For more information, visit salinadiocese.org/office/safe-environment/. Or contact Backes at (785) 827-8746, Ext. 24 or email wendy.backes@salinadiocese.org.

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Umscheid credits the overall success of their campaign to matching dollars.

She acknowledges the extreme generosity of the donors who gave the matches, along with the excitement and contagious attitude of the donors who took advantage of those matches.

Cindy Obermeyer of Junction City led the parish and school efforts for their community.

She acknowledges her strategy was to keep the information front and center with the parishioners.

This meant bulletin announcements, email blasts and in-person discussions.

Comeau Catholic Center kicked off with a strong peer-to-peer fundraising initiative and snagged the 77th national ranking.

“I believe our efforts were successful because of the desire of our students to share their experiences and what the Comeau Catholic Campus Center means to them, their faith and their ongoing journey to be faithful disciples,” said Macy Becker, coordinator. “It was wonderful to get testimony videos from our students. Those videos got the most interaction of anything we posted, and donors truly enjoyed

seeing the faces of the students they were impacting by giving.”

Overall, the 2021 #iGiveCatholic campaign was a success for all participating organizations.

“We were all walking on air on Giving Tuesday,” Platten said. “We were all absolutely blown away by the outpouring of love and support from so many people. We hope that this trend continues through the years, helping all of our parishes and schools achieve great success through this event.”

The reprieve following the end of the campaign was short-lived as the leadership team at the Catholic Foundation has already begun strategizing and thinking of new ways to improve the campaign for next year.

“I enjoyed helping out with #iGiveCatholic,” Melander said. “The coordinators at the local level did great work. And also, we are so blessed by the support of 24/7 Travel Stores, Phil Howe and our anonymous donor who made it possible for us to provide three diocesan matches. They got our #iGiveCatholic campaign off to a great start.”

Advanced giving for the 2022 #iGiveCatholic campaign is Nov. 14, 2022. Giving Day is Nov. 29, 2022.

Meyer joins Salina Diocese staff

By THE REGISTER

SALINA — The Diocese of Salina welcomed Lindy Meyer as a natural family planning consultant.

Meyer was recently granted a renewal of her certification as a Fertility-Care practitioner by the the Commission on Certification of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals. The American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals is a professional organization dedicated to fostering, advancing and promoting quality natural family planning through service, education, leadership and research.

Meyer and her family reside in Concordia and are parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

“With over 20-plus

years of experience in the field of natural family planning, Lindy Meyer is a blessing to have on the diocesan team,” said Corey Lyon, chancellor for the Diocese of Salina. “Education and awareness of Natural Family Planning is critical for the Catholic faithful, and we are excited to take this important step forward. Investing time and resources into ministry for the families that make up our great diocese is essential for the future of the Church.”

“I am looking forward to serving the women and couples of the Salina Diocese while working alongside our dedicated practitioners to expand our diocesan NFP ministries,” Meyer said.



Meyer

The Eucharistic Miracle of Onil, Spain

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.

Onil, Spain | 1824

On Nov. 5, 1824, Nicolas Bernabeu, who had been an altar boy in the church of Onil since the time he was little, robbed the pyx that contained the Most Holy Sacrament and some objects dedicated to the religion from the church of Onil.

The news of the sacrilegious robbery spread so quickly throughout the region that when the thief tried to sell the stolen objects to Alicante, he aroused the suspicions of the businessman, who then

warned the authorities.

Nicolas was arrested but did not want to reveal where he hid the pyx, which still contained the Eucharist.

The faithful and the civil authorities looked for days all over the countryside, but the stolen goods were in the nearby town of Tibi where the thief lived.

A woman named Teresa Carbonell found them Nov. 28, 1824, in the area called "la Pecera."

Immediately, the woman returned it to Onil where she was received with great celebration. Exactly 119

years later, on Nov. 28, 1943, Don Guillermo Hijarrubia, delegate of the archbishop of Valencia, confirmed the authenticity of the miracle, verifying the complete preservation of the Host contained in the stolen pyx.

To this day, one can admire the miraculous Host that has remained intact for almost two centuries in the parish church of St. James the Apostle in Onil. Every year, the Feast of Our Lord "Robat" is celebrated in memory of this Eucharistic miracle and the recovery of the Host.

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The attendees were encouraged to keep calling upon the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson challenged people to follow the apostles' lead and take the Gospel message to everyone back home in their communities.

Along the way, the speakers introduced many saints to the young people to use as role models for their lives and future evangelization.

"My favorite part of the trip was either Adoration or the diocesan Mass this year," said Riley Chrisler, an attendee from Oakley. "It's amazing to be in silence, kneeling on concrete, in a stadium with 10,000 youth across the country worshipping the same God. It was also incredible to interact with 600 students that I know or

met from the Salina Diocese. I feel very blessed to be a part of such an amazing diocese."

Director of youth ministry and religious education Bill

Meagher said: "We are grateful for the wonderful people in our diocese who helped our young people participate in this conference.

Your time and financial investment will have incredible returns for your parishes and communities. It was amazing to stand and watch

as 14 buses of fired-up young people headed back to our diocese to spread the Gospel with their friends, family, parishes and communities."

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BAPTISMS

Natalie Rose Bliss, daughter of Taylor and Kasandra (Huser) Bliss, was baptized Nov. 28, 2021, by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Church in Ellis.

Catalina Grace Breidenstein, daughter of Christopher and Jessica Breidenstein, was baptized Oct. 23, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City.

Bridger James Ginther, son of Bart James and Trinity (Reuber) Ginther, was baptized Nov. 20, 2021, by Father Norbert Dlabal at Sacred Heart Church in Atwood.

Haidyn Rayne Grant, daughter of Justin Wayne Grant and Aubrey Jo Gunter, was

baptized Nov. 7, 2021, by Father David Metz at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia.

Nolan Thomas Hutchins, son of Alex and Bridgette (Sappington) Hutchins, was baptized Nov. 21, 2021, by Father Nicholas Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Calvin Matthew Linden, son of Brett and Michael (Mauck) Linden, was baptized Oct. 30, 2021, by Father Vincent Thu Laing at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Seguin.

Makenzie Grace Miller, daughter of Steven and Emily (Braun) Miller, was baptized Nov. 13, 2021, by Father Elias Chinzara at

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Dominick A. Muna Jr., son of Dominic and Jolla Ogo, was baptized Oct. 9, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City.

John James Serene, son of Trevor and Lindsey Westberg, was baptized Nov. 13, 2021, by Father Frank Coady at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Charles Everett Suellentrop, son of Greg and Lisa (Henderson) Suellentrop, was baptized Sept. 26, 2021, by Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City.

Madelyn Rose Wickham,

daughter of Copeland and Ember (Pfeifer) Wickham, was baptized Oct. 31, 2021, by Father Nicholas Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Hope Ivy Riordan, daughter of Mark and Darcie Riordan, was baptized Nov. 20, 2021, by Father Quentin Schmitz at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Wesley Mack Mitchell, son of Lucas and Kayla Mitchell, was baptized Nov. 21, 2021, by Deacon Buzz Harris at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Anders William Kramer, son of Jason and Kari (Anderson) Kramer, was baptized Nov. 27, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of

Myra Church in Hays.

Jolee Grace Dickinson, daughter of Robert "Casey" and Katelyn (Hoffman) Dickinson, was baptized Nov. 27, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Eden Rose Taylor, daughter of Andrew and Emalee (Ratliff) Taylor, was baptized Nov. 28, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Harlan Michael Mayfield, son of Graedon Mayfield and Sophie Humphrey, was baptized Nov. 28, 2021, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

WEDDINGS

Dawson Augustine and Lindsey Hurford were married Nov. 6, 2021, at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Dana Clark officiated.

William Cantrell and Alison Schibi were married Nov. 6, 2021, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Father Nicholas Parker officiated. Parents of the groom are Aaron and Candice Cantrell. Parents of the bride are Eric and Kelly

Schibi. Witnesses were Jake Cantrell and Arin Schibi.

Michael Hahne and Anna Pfeifer were married Nov. 20, 2021, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Father Nicholas Parker officiated. Parents of the


groom are Eric Mitchell and Kerri Hahne. Parents of the bride are Mark and Cinthia Pfeifer. Witnesses were Neil Morss and McKenna Morss.

Jace Bennett Shirley and Brooke Alyssa Vetter were married Nov. 6, 2021, at Sacred Heart Church in Atwood. Father Norbert Dlabal and Deacon Mark Vrbas officiated. Parents of the groom are Michael and Kimberly (Micek) Shirley. Parents of the bride are Phillip and Kristi (Dixon) Vetter. Witnesses were Lane

Shirley and Abby Vetter.

Blake Taylor Spencer and Kenna Jean Pfannenstiel were married Nov. 13, 2021, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Munjor. Father Damian Richards officiated. Witnesses were Nathaniel Werth and Ainsley Fagan.

Kyrl Wolfe and Maggie Kuhn were married Nov. 13, 2021, at St. Edward Church in Belleville. Most Rev. James Conely officiated. Father Henry Baxa concelebrated.



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DEATHS

Patrick C. LaBarge, 84, died Dec. 1, 2021. Funeral Mass was Dec. 6 at St. Peter Church in Aurora. Father David Metz officiated. Burial was in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Aurora.

John Walter Allard, 77, died Nov. 8, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 19 at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady officiated. Interment in Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Manhattan.

Clarence Hake, 93, of Tipton, died Nov. 26, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 29 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. Father Daryl Olmstead officiated. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

Duane Langvardt, 83, died Sept. 17, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 30 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai officiated. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Junction City.

Ursula A. Cutsinger, 100,

died Oct. 21, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 27 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai officiated. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Junction City.

Mary T. Burnham, 81, died Oct. 23, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 1 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai officiated. Burial was in Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Manhattan.

Mary Christine 'Christy' Wilhite, 68, died Nov. 14, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 12 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai officiated. Burial will follow later.

Jeannie Marie (Laevenstein) Hamrick, 47, of Plainville, died Oct. 9, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 20 at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing officiated. Burial was in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery in Hoxie.

Vernon J. Rietsch, 79, of Seguin, died Oct. 24, 2021. A Celebration of Life Service was Nov. 1 at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home. Burial was in Veterans Cemetery in WaKeeney.

Mary Lou (Herl) Schlick, 79, of Hoxie, died Oct. 31, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 8 at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing, Father Brian Lager and Father Luke Thielen officiated. Burial was in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery in Hoxie.

Cher Geralyn Boling Knudsen, 54, of Aurora, died Nov. 4, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 8 at St. Peter Church in Aurora. Father David Metz officiated. Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery in Aurora.

Vicki Menard, 76, died Nov. 5, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 15 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father David Metz officiated. Burial was in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia.

Raymond Alvin McMillin, 87, died Nov. 3, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 11 at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Father Frank Coady officiated. Interment was at St. Thomas More Memorial Walls in Manhattan.

Joann Marie Baker, 82, died Nov. 22, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 24 at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Father Gale Hammerschmidt officiated. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery at Lake Elbow Community in Manhattan.

Jane Lee Baker, 67, died Nov. 23, 2021. Graveside service was celebrated Nov. 29 by Deacon Wayne Talbot at Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

Mary Anne (Meierhans) Veesart, 89, died Oct. 24, 2021. Graveside service was Nov. 6 at Washington City Cemetery. Father Steve Heina officiated.

Rita Mae Callaway, 92, died Nov. 23, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 29 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father David Metz officiated. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Clyde.

Norma Brungardt, 83, died Nov. 1, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 8 at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Dana Clark officiated. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Cemetery.

George F. Meyer, 87, of Concordia, KS., died Nov. 16, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 20 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Concordia. Father David Metz and Father Henry Baxa presided. Burial was in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia.

Anna Flax, 94, died Nov. 5, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 9 at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Dana Clark officiated. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Dorothy Weber, 87, died Nov. 6, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 11 at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Dana Clark officiated. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Jean Yanda, 66, died Nov. 6, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 13 at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Dana Clark officiated. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

LaVerne Dinkel, 86, died Nov. 19, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 23 at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Dana Clark officiated. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Anne M. Girard, 100, died Nov. 21, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 30 at St. Antony Church in Miltonvale. Father Kerry Ninemire officiated. Burial was in Miltonvale Cemetery.

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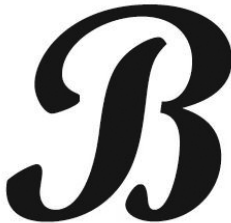


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CELEBRATORY MASSES

By THE REGISTER


During the month of November, in honor of the month of the dead, Bishop Jerry Vincke celebrated three Masses throughout the diocese to remember

individuals who died during the pandemic. A fourth Mass was celebrated by Father Kerry Ninemire. During the pandemic, funerals were delayed or restrictions were placed on

attendance. As a result, many individuals did not receive traditional funerals. Funerals are meant to both honor the dead, commending their souls to God. But funerals are also

meant to bring hope, comfort and solace to the living. "Many people were unable to attend the funerals of their loved ones. And there were some individuals

whose funerals were very much delayed due to the pandemic," Bishop Vincke said. "These Masses were a great way to gather together in prayer as we recalled our loved ones and commend them to the mercy and love of our Father. After Mass, I invited them to share a little bit about their loved one who died. It was a tremendous blessing to listen to their stories. My heart goes out to each one of them, and I greatly appreciate their deep faith."



Art by Sister Ramona Medina, CSJ

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