



'And we will pray.'

Priest with ties to northwest Kansas in midst of Russia's invasion of Ukraine

By **KATIE HAMEL**
THE REGISTER

In the early 2000s, Mary Goddard of Penokee was introduced to a young seminarian from the Ukraine. His name was Ivan.

Missionaries in Ukraine who served at various orphanages, Matt and Sylvia Werner, introduced the two. Ivan was studying in America and wanted to see a cattle ranch, and so Matt and Sylvia called Goddard.

Ivan stayed at Goddard's ranch a few times, and the two formed a special mother-son relationship. So much so that Ivan calls her, "my mama Mary." Goddard recalls with fondness one of their early conversations.

As an orthodox seminarian, Ivan had the option to be a married or a celibate priest. He asked Goddard what he should do.

She laughed and asked if he had a girl in mind. He did,



A woman prays at Father Ivan's church.

the monsignor's daughter, Maria. Goddard suggested if Maria would be a helpmate and could support Ivan's vocation to the priesthood, she supposed getting married would be fine.

Ivan returned to Ukraine and continued in his studies. And eventually, he married Maria. And later, he took his vows to the priesthood and became "Father Ivan."

Goddard and Father Ivan's friendship continued.

"I remember when Ukraine gained freedom from Russia," Goddard said. "There was a huge celebration, and he called me. 'Mama Mary! We are free! The boot of Russia is off our necks! We are a free nation.'"

Twenty years later, Ukraine is fighting for their freedom.

When the Russian invasion first occurred on Feb. 24, Goddard called Father Ivan and could not get in touch with him. Frantically, she kept calling. She finally heard his voice.



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Father Ivan celebrates Mass at his parish in this undated photo.

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POPE FRANCIS CONSECRATES RUSSIA AND UKRAINE TO MARY

I found the story of Father Ivan and Mary Goddard fascinating. We all want to help the people of Ukraine. Father Ivan is begging for our prayers. On March 25, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A consecration for this same intention will also occur at

Fatima. I, too, will join Pope Francis in this consecration. Please join me at the 12:05 Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina as we pray for peace. If you cannot attend in person, I invite you to watch the livestream, which can be found on our diocesan social media and website.

Additionally, join me in praying a Rosary every day during Lent for peace. You can also offer up your fasting for the people of Ukraine, who are amid the cold, winter months physically, but also spiritually and emotionally.

Finally, if you'd like to donate to the

people of Ukraine, forward your donation to the diocese (P.O. Box 980, Salina, KS 67402-0980), and we will ensure it goes to the appropriate place.

May God bless and protect the people of Ukraine.

• Bishop Jerry Vincke

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Return to the Lord

What's it all for? What is the end goal of our fasting, almsgiving and prayer? Ultimately, isn't Lent about purifying our hearts from evil tendencies and falling more in love with Jesus? The words of the prophet Joel read at Ash Wednesday state this, "return to me with your whole heart."

In the beginning of Lent, Jesus leads us into the desert. Why the desert? One of the reasons is Jesus wants us to be with him in the silence of the desert because he knows how often we have inordinate attachments to the finite things of this world rather than the infinite love that lasts forever. But also, while Jesus was in the desert, Satan tempted him in the same three ways Adam and Eve were tempted. Jesus' response to Satan models the way we are called to respond to Satan's temptations.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve saw the fruit of the tree was good for food, a delight to the eyes and would make one wise. These three things represent an inordinate attachment to pleasure and possessions as well as pride. These are Satan's empty promises that lead us away from God. While in the desert, Satan offered Jesus pleasurable food, the possessions of the world and the pride of having his name be known by all.

Adam and Eve said "no" to God and "yes" to Satan. Jesus says "yes" to his Father and "no" to Satan and all his empty promises. We are invited to do the same.

There are other reasons we find Jesus in the desert. One Scripture scholar made the point that the Old Testament prophets mentioned the bridegroom would lure his bride into the desert. This Scripture scholar quipped that Jesus was inviting us to be with him on a "second honeymoon" and that many people would rather go to Hawaii or perhaps go on a cruise, but Jesus invites us to be with him in the desert where it's 130 degrees during the day and cold at night.

While I was on a recent retreat, the

preacher at Mass reminded us that Jesus loves us in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, all the days of our life. These are the words couples say to one another during their wedding vows. Often, we think God has abandoned us when things don't go our way. Perhaps when we get sick, we can wonder where God is. The truth is God is closer to us more than ever when sickness or other struggles happen because at that moment, we are taking on

the life of the suffering Christ. We might feel abandoned, but we are not.

This leads me to another homily I heard on my retreat. The preacher mentioned Peter certainly wouldn't have been the top choice if elected by the

people to be the first pope. He wasn't qualified. He didn't have any special skills. However, he was a friend of Jesus. That's the most important gift one can have — to be a friend of Jesus. Being a friend, of course, means being in relationship with the other — talking and most importantly listening to what the other one has to say.

When Jesus asked Peter, "do you love me," he didn't ask him whether he was going to be the best administrator or be the best preacher. He simply asked him "do you love me." Jesus knew if Peter loved him, then the Holy Spirit would be with him, and everything would flow from there.

During Lent, we have a wonderful opportunity to become greater friends with Jesus. If this is a desire in our hearts, it's because it begins with Jesus' desire for you. I want to encourage you to be with Jesus throughout this Lent, especially during the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday).

The ultimate goal is to "return to the Lord with your whole heart."

In Christ's service,

+ Gerald L. Vincke

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BISHOP'S CALENDAR

April

- 2** CYO Convention, 4:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Junior Senior High School, Salina, Mass
- 2** Confirmation, 7 p.m., St. Mary Queen of the Universe, Salina
- 3** Confirmation, 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception, Solomon
- 3** Confirmation, 3 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
- 6** Confirmation, 6:30 p.m., St. Fidelis, Victoria
- 7** Chrism Mass, 11:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
- 10** Canonical Installation of the Archdiocesan Nocturnal Adoration Society Lay Board, 1:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina
- 27-28** Jesu Caritas, KCK
- 30** Confirmation, 10 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina
- 30** TMP's ACE Auction, 4 p.m., Hays

Supporting others

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Sometimes, it can be easier to give close to home. But Christ is always challenging us to give beyond ourselves. We might even be called to give to people we have never even met. There are three collections that will be occurring soon that I want to share with you.

• **Catholic Relief Services Collection (March 27 to 28)** — This collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. To learn more, visit uscbb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection.

• **Holy Land Collection (April 15)** — Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in all Catholic Churches to support the mission of the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land. The Franciscans play a vital role in preserving the holy places and shrines, as

well as maintaining a Christian identity in a land that is largely filled with Islamic and Jewish populations. I am sincerely grateful to the Franciscans who continue to aid the Christian population while preserving the history of our Christian faith. To learn more, visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday/

• **Catholic Home Missions Collection (April 24 to 25)** — Our diocese is a mission diocese. This means we rely on the generous help of outside organizations, such as Catholic Home Missions, to provide financial support to the missionary activities of our diocese. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the various mission dioceses of the United States. To learn more about the appeal, visit uscbb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions.

Thanks for your prayerful consideration. Thank you for strengthening the Church at home and the Church abroad. Let us all continue to live out Christ's mission to be disciples who make disciples through witnessing by faith, hope and love.

In Christ's service,

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Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3

Readings dependent on presence of RCIA candidates.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 10

Luke 22:14-23:56

The story of Jesus' passion and death.

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the

Lord

April 17

John 20:1-9

The Apostles learn that Jesus has risen from the tomb.

Second Sunday of Easter April 24

John 20:19-31

Jesus appears to the Apostles for the first time following his death.

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After some time, God's grace leads to priesthood

I was born in Hanover in 1963. I had a good family, very faithful to church. My mom and dad, Alvin and Dolores Kieffer, always got us to church early to pray, and we were usually the last family to leave after Mass. They encouraged us at home about learning our faith.

We were a farm family. Mom was always busy taking care of us kids, and we all helped on the farm. I fed the cows and pigs, as well as worked in the field. When it was harvest, I drove the truck because I wasn't comfortable on the combine.

I'm the eighth child of 10. There were five boys and five girls. I didn't really know the oldest five that well. They were pretty much out of the house before I was old enough to know them. I did have a sister named Teresa. She died in 1970 from a heart condition when I was 8. We were in the process of moving from Hanover to Clifton when she died.

We continued to farm while in Clifton. I went to Clifton Grade School. I got along with my classmates and liked school for the most part. Some subjects were hard for me. I went to Clifton High School, and between my sophomore and junior year, Clifton and Clyde consolidated, and so I completed my high school education at Clifton-Clyde, which was in Clyde.

I really liked my vocal and band teacher, Mr. Copeland. I didn't start out wanting to be in band, but he pulled me aside and said he needed a trombone player. So, I switched from science to band, and I also sang in the choir. He was my inspiration in wanting to be a

music teacher.

During a CYO event, Father Vincent Lemoine encouraged me to think about the priesthood. I enjoyed going to church because I got to sing. As I got older, I was able to sing in the choir. My parents encouraged me and my younger brother to be altar servers. I enjoyed doing this.

The thought of becoming a priest didn't cross my mind when I was in school. The late Father Merlin Kieffer was my uncle, and I don't remember him encouraging me to go, but I'm sure in some small way he was an influence. My oldest brother, Michael, went to seminary high school and a few years of college, but he didn't complete his education. He dropped out and went to Vietnam since he figured he would get drafted. I never really thought about the priesthood seriously until after college.

I went to Cloud County Community College and got an associate's degree in music. I then transferred to Bethany College. They had a good music program and good scholarships. My intention was to pursue a degree as a music teacher, but after a year of student teaching, I changed my mind. I didn't know if I could handle that or put a lesson plan together every day. (But, here I am now, teaching in essence.)

After college, I moved to Manhattan and worked in various jobs. During that time, there was a

vocations program, "Called by Name." People were asked to submit names to the vocations office of men they thought would be good candidates for the priesthood.

My name was turned in two or three years in a row. Father Keith Weber was the vocations director. We had several good visits, but I didn't think priesthood was where I was being called.

It wasn't until 1999 that I felt the call. I worked at Seven Dolors Church in Manhattan as the music director for a few years and then as bookkeeper. A lady came into the office while I was working. And her question to me wasn't, "Have you

thought about priesthood?" Instead, she said, "When are you going to become a priest?" When she left, Sister Joan Wolf, who was on staff, pulled me aside and said my face lit up when she said that to me. That triggered in me the thought that I needed to start thinking more seriously about priesthood. So I began to pray about it.

Father David Metz was the vocations director at the time. He had me go to a meeting with Bishop George Fitzsimons and other potential seminarians. Father Peter O'Donnell was one of them.

I decided to apply, went through the process, and in the fall of 1999, I was in my first year of seminary.

I enjoyed seminary and the camaraderie. I was still able to be involved in music as a cantor. I was not a fan of my philosophy classes. Bishop George told me he under-

stood that since I was a business person, the abstract would be difficult for me.

I didn't really have a favorite class, I enjoyed most of them. I was learning so much about my faith. I thought I knew a lot about my faith until I went to seminary. Studies were never easy for me. Thanks to God's help, I got passing grades.

Yes, there were times in seminary I had doubts. But I turned to prayer and asked God to guide me. It seemed like those doubts fell away. I talked to the professors who told me it wasn't unusual to have some doubts. I also prayed to my sister Teresa to help me. I felt she helped me to keep moving forward in my studies and in my discernment process.

By God's grace, I was ordained May 29, 2004. I was nervous. All my family was there, as well as a number of people from Seven Dolors. I was Bishop George's last ordination. Honestly, it was a blur. I remember he cracked a joke while I was kneeling in front of him as we waited for the musicians to finish their song. It was all I could do not to laugh.

The transition from being a seminarian to becoming a priest wasn't too rough. They do warn you that not everything will be how you studied it. My first experience of, "they never taught us this" was at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays. Father Kevin Weber was away on vacation and there was a huge storm. We had 3 inches of rain in an hour.

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UKRAINE, FROM PAGE 1

Father Ivan and his family were in a car, fleeing from the city. He told her they were going to the safety of the villages.

He had turned his apartment over to some people who chose to remain in the city. He told her they only allowed you to take two gallons of gas, and the lines of cars at the gas stations went on forever.

Goddard asked Father Ivan what he needed.

"Do you need money? Food? What do you want?"

Father Ivan simply said to her, "Pray, Mary. You must pray. Pray the Rosary for us."

Tearfully, Goddard admires the faith of the Ukrainian people.

"He asked for prayers, and it made sense," she said. "When I visited Ukraine in 2019, their faith was so much more reverent and devout than ours. There were three daily Masses a day, and they were packed. The little old ladies bowed



Father Ivan with his family and Mary Goddard.

on the floor, their foreheads touching the ground, in front of the Eucharist. There is a deep faith in the power of intercessory prayer."

Recently, Goddard saw on Facebook that Father Ivan was helping at a distribution center. They were open to receiving food, clothes, water, ammunition, rifles and anything they could use to keep their country independent. They were asking for shoes, gloves and coats for the soldiers as they fought in the bitter cold of the Ukrainian winter.

A few days ago, she spoke

to him. He looked worn and exhausted. He explained that the first wave of refugees were prepared. They had clothes, food and suitcases.

Now, the refugees coming in had nothing. They were walking to the distribution center with nothing. They were freezing. They were starving to death.

Goddard again asked Father Ivan what could be done.

And again, he told her: "Pray, Mary. And we will fight. We will fight until the last man. We will find a way to protect our skies. And we will pray."

Diocese remembers Father Gibson

BY THE REGISTER

Father Beryl Gibson died Feb. 26, 2022, in Phillipsburg.

He was born Dec. 22, 1930, in Phillipsburg to Lester and Alma (Gaines) Gibson. He attended Phillipsburg Grade School and Phillipsburg High School. He attended Miltonvale Wesleyan College and received a bachelor's in chemistry from Fort Hays State University.

He later served in the military with the Counter Intelligence Corps of the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1959. In that time, he received his bachelor's and master's in German from the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

Through the years, he had a variety of jobs, including radio repairman, plumber, construction worker and some work at a chemical plant. He also taught at Creighton University and St. Mary Academy high

school in Omaha, Neb.

He attended seminary at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisc. He was ordained May 18, 1996, by Bishop George Fitzsimons at St. Philip and James Church in Phillipsburg at age 65.

In 1996, he was parochial vicar at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.

In 1997, he was parochial vicar at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan, and later as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Parish in Colby.

In 1998, he was parochial vicar at

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

In 1999, he was pastor of St. Francis Parish in St. Francis, St. Joseph Parish in Bird City and St. John Nepomucene Parish in Beardsley.

In 2005, he retired to Phillipsburg.

Services were March 4 at St. Philip and James Catholic Church.



Gibson

Students learn 7 themes of CST

NO. 3 — OPTION FOR POOR AND VULNERABLE

By KATIE HAMEL
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“One of our duties is to provide for the needs of the poor and to protect the vulnerable, so that their rights are also respected and so that they also can participate in the building up of society.”

It might be surprising to think there are poor and vulnerable people within our local communities, but there are men, women and children in need of basic necessities or who might just need a little extra help during a turbulent time of their lives.

The students at St. Francis Xavier School in Junction City and St. Mary Grade School in Ellis are committed to serving the poor and vulnerable in their communities.

St. Francis Xavier recently hosted a Baby Jesus Shower. Baby gifts were collected and taken to the local pregnancy service center for expecting mothers in need.

This shower is an annual tradition that grants students the opportunity to provide for the vulnerable in their own neighborhoods.

Additionally, the students at St. Francis Xavier participate in an annual food drive dubbed “Competition for a Cause.” The students compete against other classes to see who can bring in the most canned goods and non-perishable items.

All items are given to the Geary County Food Pantry, and the high school students enjoy assisting with loading and delivering all donations.

A final project the students of St. Francis Xavier participate in is the annual Student Council community service project. In December, students collected donations for winter care baskets for patients in need at



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Students at St. Francis Xavier take part in a food drive for a local food pantry.



Students of St. Francis Xavier organized winter care baskets for patients in need at Pawnee Mental Health.

Pawnee Mental Health.

The gift baskets included personal-care items, warm socks, gloves, hats and a gift card to purchase groceries.

“When we participated in our Stuco project, we realized that helping people in need is

something to do without judgment,” said Lauryn Peterson, a senior and the Stuco president. “I think that it taught us that we should be willing to help and understanding of other situations.”

Also teaching students about the duties of providing for the needs of the poor and vulnerable through a school-wide compassionate culture is St. Mary Grade School in Ellis.

The sixth-grade class is especially tuned in to this through the Dominic Savio Club. The club hosts a Savio Mart snack cart weekly to raise funds for a variety of local charities.

They also host several projects throughout the year for specific families who have experienced financial strain.

Some of the funds have gone to families who lost their homes due to fire or to those with unexpected medical expenses.

“We do Dominic Savio Club where we sell snacks, pencils,

erasers and much more to kids throughout our school,” said club member Arien. “With the money we collect, we vote to figure out where it will go. Why is this important? Well, because it helps people in need, of course.”

Other initiatives at St. Mary Grade School include a food drive for the local food pantry, making blankets for cancer patients, offering prayers for those in need for the school prayer tree and collecting change during Lent to donate to St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Through all these projects, students at St. Francis Xavier School in Junction City and St. Mary Grade School in Ellis learn about the responsibilities of being a Christian disciple and caring citizen.

They learn about the obligation to help those in need, whether it be due to lack of money or those suffering due to the circumstances they are going through.

Bonilla joins St. Mary’s Grade School

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Tym Bonilla has joined St. Mary’s Grade School in Salina as the principal.

Native Kansan and a graduate of Sacred Heart Junior/Senior High School in Salina, Bonilla has been involved in education for nearly three decades and is a life-long Catholic.

Bonilla began his career in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon leaving the Marines, Bonilla entered the world of education. He has a variety of experience, including roles as coach, teacher, assistant principal and principal across both public



Bonilla

and private sectors and at all levels of primary and secondary education (elementary, middle and high schools).

As the new principal of St. Mary’s Grade School in Salina, Bonilla will seek to serve the staff, students and families

in both educational and religious formation. His strong interpersonal skills and deep faith will serve as tremendous assets to the school community.

“I’m thrilled to welcome Tym Bonilla to our St. Mary’s Grade School team,” said Geoff Andrews, superintendent of Catholic

schools. “Tym is a proven leader in education and a great model of faith and service to the Salina community. Working alongside Tym in different capacities over the years has brought me great joy. I know that he will bring the staff, students and families of St. Mary’s great joy as well.”

Divine Mercy set for April 24

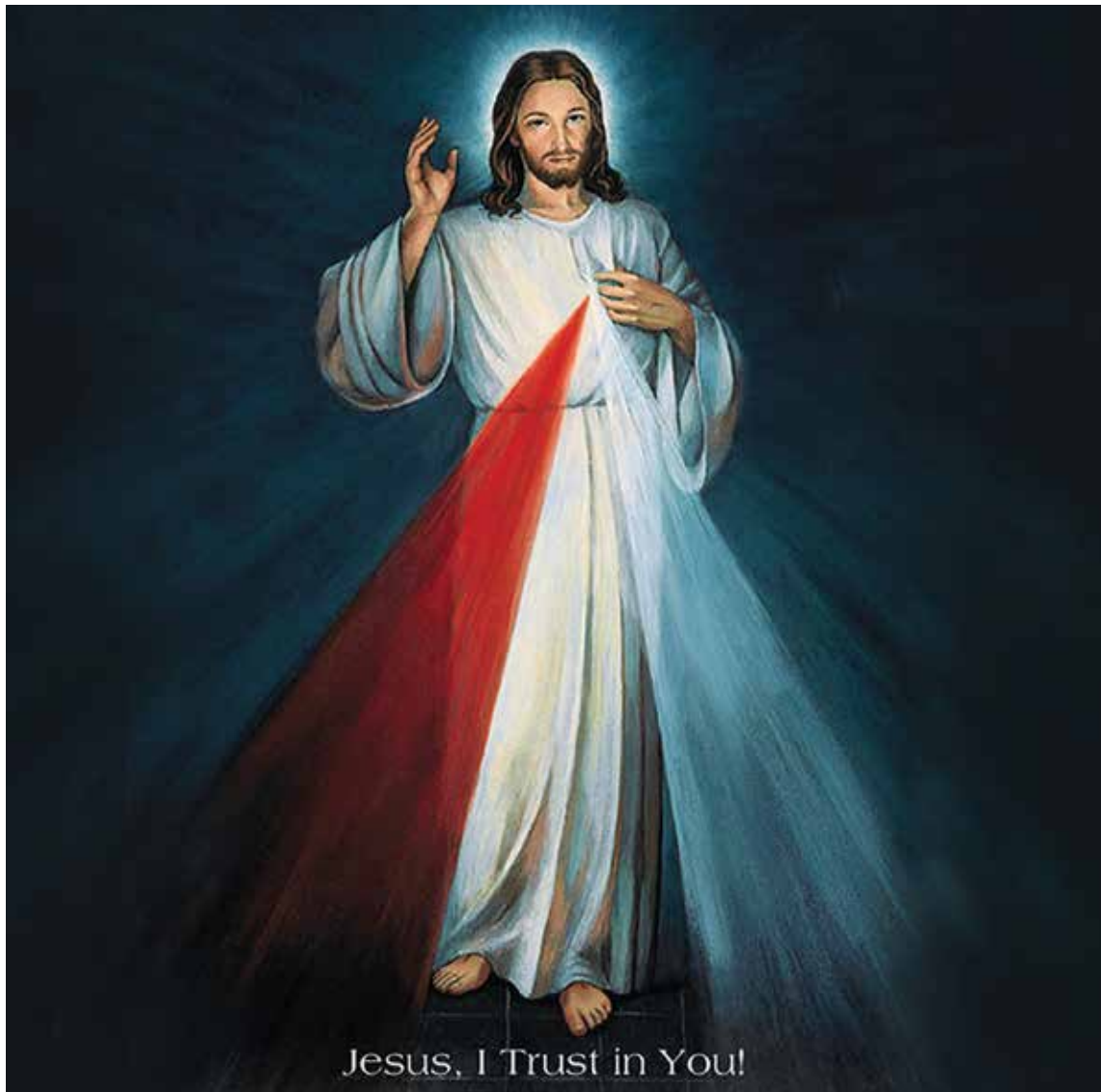
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The parishes in Hays, Salina and Minneapolis will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a solemn hour of prayer and benediction at 3 p.m. April 24. Services will be led at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays, at Saint Mary, Queen of the Universe in Salina and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Minneapolis.

All services will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, as well as prayers, music and meditation. Confessions will be heard during the service.

Devotion for Divine Mercy began in the 1930's when Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun, received special communications with Jesus in which he asked her to have this image painted to spread the message of his mercy.

Under the instructions of a spiritual director, Saint Faustina, as she is known, wrote down her revelations with Jesus, which is now contained in her 600-page



diary. In these writings, Saint Faustina said all people are to call upon Jesus with trust, receive his mercy

and let it flow through us to others.

This mercy fulfills the message in Matthew's

gospel that states, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Saint Faustina said in her

diary that we "radiate" God's mercy to others by our actions, our words and our prayers.

The Divine Mercy image is a painting of Jesus with two rays emerging from his heart representing the blood and water which flowed from the side of Jesus as his heart was lanced after he died upon the cross.

One is pale representing the water which makes souls righteous and signifies the sacrament of Baptism. The other is red for the blood, which is the life of souls and signifies the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. It is from these two sacraments that Jesus founded His church.

Saint Faustina died in 1938 at the age of 33. She was canonized a saint April 30, 2000, in Rome by the pope at that time, St. John Paul II. He said the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, would now be an official feast day of the Church.

Divine Mercy is not just for Catholics — it is for all souls. All Christians share in Jesus' mercy and are invited in the hour of prayer.

New life for rectory grandfather clock



SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The Herschede grandfather clock in the Cathedral Rectory had not been working for decades. Various pastors had tried to get it repaired. But the repairs always came up short somehow and the vintage clock would again fall silent.

Cathedral parishioner Keith Balthazor took a particular interest in the clock and started looking for a clocksmith who might be able to give the venerable clock a new lease on life.

"I wanted to buy the clock, but none of the pastors would sell it to me," he said. "One of the pastors said that the bishop did not want it sold."

He chuckled as he added, "It's probably a good thing that I did not buy it. It is so tall, I don't think it would fit in my house."

He checked with one man who did clockwork who asked about the manufacturer of the clock's inner workings. When Balthazor told him it was a Herschede, he replied that he was getting too close to retirement and did not want to take on a project of that complexity.

Balthazor later came across Manhattan resident David Seay, who has more than 50 years of experience repairing clocks of all

kinds ranging from desktop timepieces to grandfather clocks to large clocks in church towers and other public places. He called Seay and told him about the Cathedral's clock and Seay agreed to take it on.

"But, you will have to talk to Father Fred Gatschet," Balthazor added, "since he is the pastor at the Cathedral."

Seay responded, "I know him. He grew up just a few houses down from where I live."

Father Gatschet contacted Seay, who came to the Cathedral rectory and examined the clock. He estimated that it had been manufactured around 1910. He removed the workings, the chimes and the weights that drive the clock mechanism and took them to his workshop in Manhattan.

A number of previous attempts to repair the inner mechanism of the clock resulted in doing more harm than good and greatly complicated Seay's task.

"A hobbyist with a pair of pliers can do a lot of damage," Seay said.

"I am glad that Keith had the tenacity to pursue the project," said Father Gatschet. "It is a classy piece of work and a valuable antique. I am glad that it is working again. The chimes are beautiful."

Manhattan clocksmith David Seay prepares to hang the weights that will drive the antique Herschede grandfather clock in the Sacred Heart Cathedral Rectory.

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Meeting God in a new way after change

During our season of engagement, I confided to Nathaniel that I had a lot of apprehension about moving out to western Kansas. I'd grown accustomed to the ease of Salina where I could buy an iced coffee at any given hour and had my choice of at least 10 different grocery stores if I needed to buy that elusive ingredient.

The closest grocery store to where we live is 30 minutes away, and much to my dismay, I don't even know where to go buy a nice iced, vanilla latte. When I was lamenting to Nathaniel about the hardships of small-town life, he astutely acknowledged that I wasn't upset about the grocery store distance or the lack of coffee shops. He asked me what was really bothering me.

And I told him I was afraid I would be lonely.

I was moving away from my family and the life I had built.

While I was able to keep my job (of which I am tremendously grateful), I would be losing the in-person interactions with my co-workers.

The thought of being in a place where I didn't know anyone aside from the people Nathaniel introduced me to terrified me. That fear was magnified by the realization Nathaniel wouldn't always be around due to the nature of his work.

I'm not the greatest with change, and I was acutely aware of how difficult the transition would be for me.

I was confiding my worries to a friend, and she pondered for a little bit. And then she said, "Maybe you'll meet God in a new, profound way in the silence of your new life."

In my head, I rather irritatingly responded with, yes, but I'll be alone. And God is great, but he's

not always the best conversationalist.

I know God is enough and will satisfy all our greatest longings, but sometimes, I feel like I need more.

I was praying the Rosary one day, and I was reflecting on the visitation when Mary goes to visit Elizabeth. And then, I started to think about Elizabeth. She lived in a small village, and during her pregnancy, her husband, Zechariah, was made mute.

They couldn't talk to each other. She was alone, surrounded by silence and stillness.

I started to wonder if Elizabeth struggled with loneliness, too. And then I realized that in the time of silence and stillness, the Blessed Mother and Child Jesus came to Elizabeth. They met her in her loneliness and caused her heart to leap for joy.

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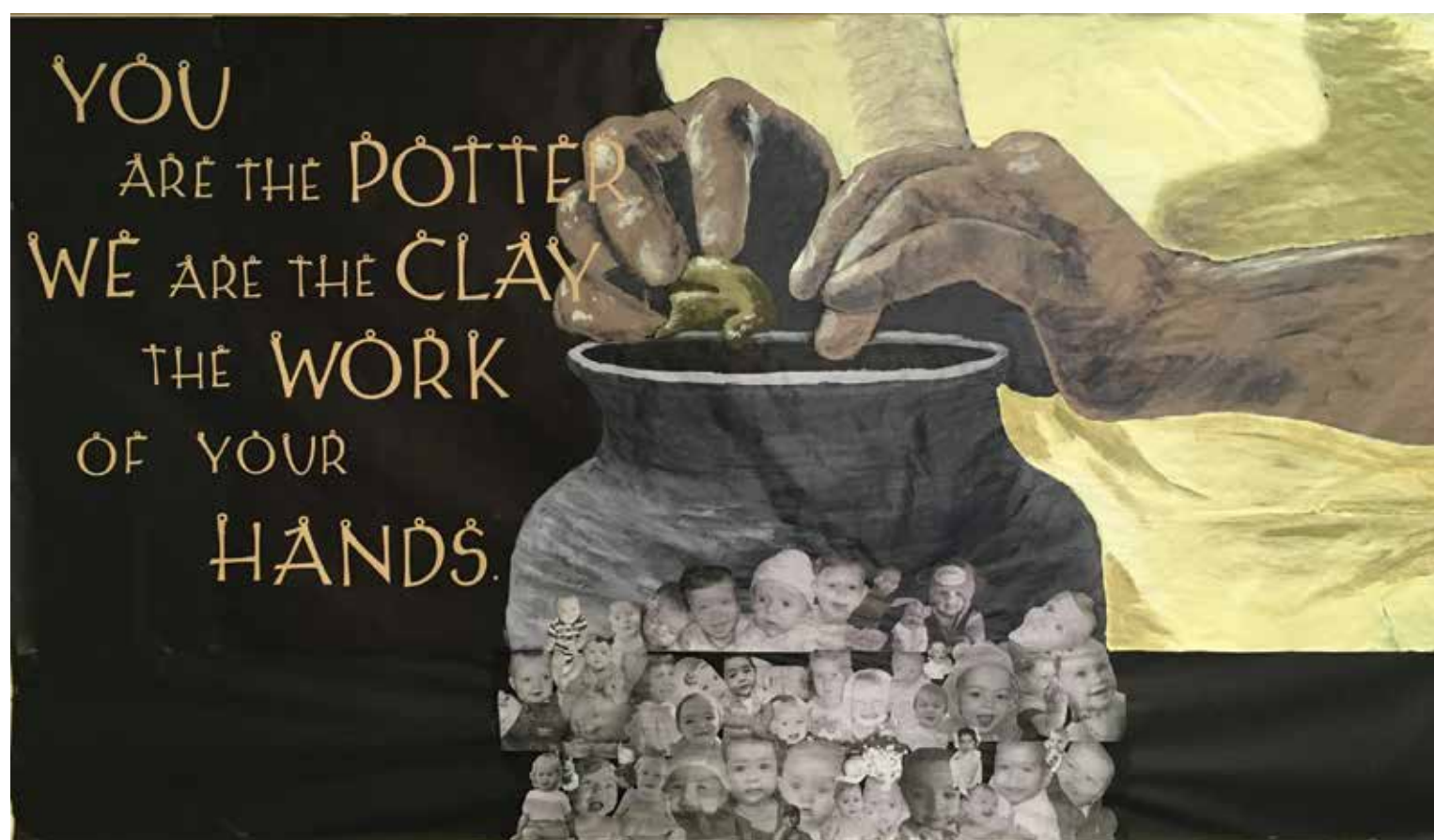
Maybe, in my new life, I would meet God in a new, profound way. Perhaps the silence would be the greatest gift I had yet to receive.

That realization changed my perspective about my new home. I've now been living here for more than a month, and I have been happy and blessed. There are people and things I miss about my "old" life. But the peace that has come with my "new" life make it worthwhile.

The journey of stillness and silence continues and is especially amplified by the Lenten season. Blessings on your Lenten journey. I hope and pray you too can meet God in a new, profound way in the silence of your lives.

Katie

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



COURTESY PHOTO

A bulletin board designed by Catherine Coughlin at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Schools in Junction City showcases pictures of students.

Bulletin board becomes potter's wheel eye-catcher

BY KATIE HAMEL
THE REGISTER

Students at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Schools in Junction City can view a special bulletin board that graces the hallway of their school.

The bulletin board was designed by art teacher Catherine Coughlin and pictures a set of hands at a potter's wheel. The potter sits at the wheel with an unfinished vase set before him. But what is unique about this vase is that it is made up with images of the faces of students at St. Francis Xavier.

"I try to create bulletin

boards that interact with the community on a deeper level," Coughlin said. "To bring attention to the sanctity of life, I wanted to create a bulletin board that reminded us (our school community) of our eternal purpose and individual worth to the one who created us."

Coughlin comes from a diverse background. She grew up in New England, studied in New Hampshire, found unique museum and art-related jobs in both Savannah, Ga., and Germany before finding her way to Junction City — where she is in her first year as a teacher

for St. Francis Xavier.

"For me, God as the potter always evokes various imagery — Genesis and the creation story of Adam and Eve, a powerful reminder of the words the priest invokes during Ash Wednesday," Coughlin said. "'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,' as well as reminds me of the sanctity of our whole being. We were born to know, to love and to serve God. This is each human being's eternal purpose. If we cooperate, he will mold us just as a potter molds clay to fulfill the plan he has for each of us."

Coughlin has a desire to promote the sanctity of life, and she relies on the Holy Spirit to help guide her art. She hopes the bulletin board serves to remind the students of the truth and beauty that can be found in God's creation.

Her goal is being accomplished as two students share their thoughts on the bulletin board. One student said, "Seeing my photo helps me to know I am part of something. I am here for God."

Another added, "I felt happy when I saw my picture. It makes me feel like we are all a family."

SAINTS, FEASTS OF APRIL

"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

- 2** St. Francis of Paolo, hermit
- 4** St. Isidore, bishop and doctor
- 5** St. Vincent Ferrer, priest
- 7** St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest
- 11** St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr
- 13** St. Martin I, pope and martyr
- 21** St. Anselm, bishop and doctor
- 23** St. George, martyr
- 24** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr
- 25** St. Mark, evangelist
- 28** St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr
- 29** St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor
- 30** St. Pius V, pope

PRAYER INTENTION

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

Health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Hudsonpillar joins Foundation

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Corrina Hudsonpillar recently was named a donor advisor for the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina.

Hudsonpillar received her bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University in marketing.

Using the skills from her degree and her love of service, Hudsonpillar became involved in a variety of organizations within her community, including advisory council for Hays Area Young Professionals, a member of Kiwanis Club, past

board member for the Red Cross and volunteer at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, as well as Thomas More Prep-Marian High School.

As the new donor advisor, Hudsonpillar supports the relationship development between the Catholic Foundation and faithful across the Diocese of Salina. She will assist donors who wish to support the mission of the diocese, its parishes, schools and other ministries with a one-time gift today or a

legacy gift that will further the diocesan mission generations ahead.



Hudsonpillar

"When long-time staff member Beth Shearer, executive director of development, announced her retirement from the Foundation, it became clear that we would need another person — someone with great people and communication skills," said Katie Platten, Foundation CEO. "We are so pleased that Corrina has agreed to work with us. I cannot

wait for everyone to meet her."

Kim Hoelting, human resources director of the diocese, said Hudsonpillar brings a wealth of experience to the Foundation.

"Corrina is a business professional with 20-plus years of experience in developing and communicating with customers throughout Kansas," she said.

"She's an innovative thinker, with problem-solving skills, and we look forward to her skills being leveraged with the Catholic Foundation team."

THANK YOU, BETH

On March 15, the Foundation said goodbye to Beth Shearer, who officially retired from her role as Executive Director of Development. Shearer's credited for advancing the work of the development office and laying the groundwork of the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina. She will be greatly missed.

"I wish there had been more time to meet with all of you individually. But do know that during my five-plus years at the diocese, I have called, emailed, visited and celebrated with many of you. And you inspire me. Some days are hard, and some are wonderful. But always your stories and faith have kept me moving forward. I will miss the people of our diocese," Shearer said.



WEEKEND OF PARTICIPATION

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Did you know the annual diocesan CYO convention is April 2 to 3? It's a wonderful opportunity for the young faithful of the diocese to encounter Christ in a special way through fraternity and intimacy with the sacraments.

This same upcoming weekend provides an opportunity for you to also participate in fraternity and mission.

April 2 to 3 is Participation Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. It's the weekend where you will find pledge cards and envelopes in the pews. You are



welcome to fill out the pledge card to make your gift or go online using the QR code found on the envelope.

Participating in the appeal is a participation in the mission of our diocese. Our mission is to be disciples of Jesus who make disciples through witnessing by faith, hope and love. Your generosity to the appeal funds our mission. Your generosity is what helps make it possible for the youth of our diocese to attend the CYO Convention. Join in the mission.

You may also make your gift by visiting join.salinadiocese.org.

Mobilizing forces for Value Them Both

BY DEBORAH DENEALT
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

I am honored to be a volunteer for our diocese to assist in the coordination of the Value Them Both campaign. I retired from the newspaper industry a year ago and was caught off guard when Bishop Vincke met me in a restaurant, looked me in the eye and, rubbing his chin, asked me for my card. I explained I was retired and didn't have a card. I received a call that night and, let's face it, how do you say no to Bishop Vincke?

Background on Value Them Both:

As you may know, the Kansas Supreme Court has ruled the Kansas constitution allows women a basic right to abortion and that the legislature still has the right to regulate abortion. On Aug. 2, Kansas voters will be voting on a proposed constitutional amendment which would overturn that Supreme Court ruling. The amendment would give the Kansas Legislature the

absolute authority to regulate abortion.

The amendment helps:

- Protect over 20 existing, life-saving Kansas laws that defend women, young girls and preborn babies from the abortion industry.
- Prevent taxpayer-funded and extreme abortions such as partial-birth and live-dismemberment.
- Preserve clinic standards that protect women from the abortion industry.

The abortion industry campaign to defeat Value Them Both is already underway. Our opponents are organized and have been successful in getting their message of confusion out through the media. Based on similar state campaigns, the abortion industry will likely outspend us by three to one. Value Them Both is raising funds to compete, but additional support is needed. Our most powerful asset is prayer, followed by education and mobilizing Catholics and other people of faith so they vote yes on



Value Them Both on Aug. 2. Kansas women and babies are depending on all of us.

What's going on now: Value Them Both presentations have been happening across our diocese informing attendees of the importance of the amendment. If you haven't yet heard about VTB in your parish, contact deborahdeneault@gmail.com. These presentations are being made by our Knights of Columbus, Respect Life Committee, Pro-Life committee, Kansans for Life and others supporting this important legislation.

How you can help: Much work must be done before August to get the word out. You can simply talk to your neighbors about the upcoming vote, make phone calls through an organization, participate in the Knights of Columbus door knocking events, place a sign in your



yard, or, most importantly, pray.

Learn more about all the opportunities at ValueThemBoth.com and click on Take Action. Sign up to be a grassroots volunteer. You can check out the frequent-

ly asked questions to familiarize yourself with what Value Them Both is all about.

Deborah Deneault is the volunteer coordinator for the Value Them Both campaign in the Salina Diocese.

What is the Chrism Mass?

By FATHER WILLIAM SAUNDERS
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

On Holy Thursday morning (in some dioceses it might be another morning during Holy Week), the bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop.

Here the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. This tradition is rooted in the early Church as noted in the Gelasian Sacramentary.

Throughout the Bible, various references indicate the importance of olive oil in daily life. Oil was used in cooking, particularly in the making of bread (e.g. Nm 11:7-9); as a fuel for lamps (e.g. Mt 25:1-9); and as a healing agent in medicine (e.g. Is 1:6 and Lk 10:34). Moreover, with oil the Jews anointed the head of a guest as a sign of welcome (e.g. Lk 7:46), beautified one's appearance (e.g. Ru 3:3) and prepared a body for burial (e.g. Mk 16:1).

In religious practices, the Jews used oil to offer sacrifices (e.g. Ex 29:40); to dedicate a memorial stone in honor of God (e.g. Gn 28:18); and to consecrate the meeting tent, the ark of the covenant, the table, the lampstand, the laver, the altar of incense, and the altar of holocausts (e.g. Ex 31:26-29). The use of oil was clearly a part of the daily life of the people.

Sacred Scripture also attests to the spiritual symbolism of oil. For instance, Psalm 23:5 reads, "You anoint my head with oil," signifying favor and strength from the Lord; and Psalm 45:8 reads, "You love justice and hate wickedness; therefore, God your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellow kings," signifying the special designation from God and

the joy of being His servant. Moreover, to be "the anointed" of the Lord indicated receiving a special vocation from the Lord and the empowerment with the Holy Spirit to fulfill that vocation: Jesus, echoing the words of Isaiah, spoke, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore, He has anointed me" (Lk 4:18). St. Paul emphasized this point, "God is the one Who firmly establishes us along with you in Christ; it is he who anointed us and has sealed us, thereby depositing the first payment, the Spirit in our hearts" (2 Cor 1:21). Therefore, the symbolism of oil is rich sanctification, healing, strengthening, beautification, dedication, consecration and sacrifice.

Given this heritage, the early Church adopted the use of olive oil for its sacramental rituals. The Oil of Catechumens is used in connection with the sacrament of baptism. St. Hippolytus, in his Apostolic Tradition (A.D. 215), wrote of an "oil of exorcism" used to anoint the candidates immediately before baptism. This practice continues: In the current baptismal liturgy, the priest offers the prayer of exorcism and then with the oil of catechumens anoints the person to be baptized on the chest, saying, "We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior; may he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns forever and ever."

Anointing with the oil of catechumens following a prayer of exorcism may take place during the period of the catechumenate on one or several occasions. In both cases, this anointing symbolizes the person's need for the help and strength of God to sever the bondage of the past and to overcome the opposition of the devil so he may profess his faith, come to baptism and live as a child of God.

The oil of the infirm is used in the sacrament of the



anointing of the sick (formerly known as extreme unction). St. James wrote, "Is there anyone sick among you? He should ask for the priests of the Church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. This prayer uttered in faith will reclaim the one who is ill, and the Lord will restore him to health. If he has committed any sins, forgiveness will be his" (Jas 5:14-15).

The Apostolic Tradition of St. Hippolytus recorded one of the earliest formulas for blessing the oil of the infirm. Also, in the early Church, a priest (or several priests) would bless this oil at the time it was to be used, a tradition that has been retained in the Eastern Churches. However, in the Latin Rite, at least since the time of the Middle Ages, priests have used oil blessed by the bishop; for instance, St. Boniface in 730 ordered all priests in Germany to use the oil of the infirm blessed by bishops only. Presently, the priest, anointing the forehead of the person, says, "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit," and then anointing his hands, says, "May the Lord who

frees you from sin, save you and raise you up." Another body part may also be anointed if the hands are not accessible or if there is another particular need.

Finally, holy chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. This oil is linked with the sanctification of individuals. In the Old Testament times, the priest, prophets and kings of the Jewish people were anointed. This oil is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy orders, since they impart an indelible sacramental character. The blessing of the holy chrism is different from that of the other oils: Here the bishop breathes over the vessel of chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the sacraments for which it is used. (Recall how our Lord "breathed" on the Apostles on the night of Easter, saying, 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (Jn 20:22).) The concelebrants at the Chrism Mass also extend their right hands toward the chrism as the bishop says the consecratory prayer, signifying that in union with their bishop they share "in the authority by

which Christ himself builds up and sanctifies and rules his body," the Church (Vatican II, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests, No. 2).

Regarding baptism, St. Hippolytus in the Apostolic Tradition spoke of an anointing after the actual baptism with the "oil of thanksgiving." Similarly, right after the actual baptism in the present rite, the priest anoints the person on the crown of the head with chrism, saying, "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life. Amen."

In the sacrament of confirmation, the bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with chrism saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Sacred chrism is also used in the sacrament of holy orders. In the ordination rite of a priest, the bishop anoints with chrism the palms of each new priest. In the ordination rite of a bishop, the consecrating bishop anoints the head of the new bishop.

Finally, holy chrism is used in the dedication ceremony of a church. Here the bishop anoints the altar, pouring holy chrism on the middle of the altar and on each of its four corners. It is recommended the bishop anoint the entire altar. After anointing the altar, he anoints walls of the church in places marked by crosses.

As the bishop blesses the three oils at the Chrism Mass this year, our hearts turn to our Lord who bestows his infinite love and mercy to us through the sacraments. Let us pray for our bishop and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord.

This article is courtesy of the Arlington Catholic Herald.

BRIEFS

2022 CYO Convention

We are excited to have our CYO Convention on April 2 and 3. The theme of this year's convention will be Come, Holy Spirit. The speaker for this year's convention will be Robert Feduccia.

Feduccia is a nationally known speaker who is passionate about helping young people hear the call of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Along with Feduccia, the young people will listen to talks from the current Diocesan Youth Council

and a group of current college students. The weekend also consists of an opportunity for the young people to encounter Christ in adoration, confession and Mass with Bishop Vincke.

Please pray young people's hearts

will be open to the call of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Chancery closed

In observance of Easter, the Chancery and Catholic Foundation will be closed April 15 and 18.

SEEK events change lives

By ALLISON OCHOA
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

SEEK22, hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), brought college students and parishioners of all ages from across the Salina Diocese together for a unique experience during the month of February.

SEEK22 was designed as a hybrid event, allowing college students as well as parish groups and individuals to participate live or on a weekend that better suited them.

Forty students from Fort Hays State University and 178 students from Kansas State University traveled to Wichita for the live-streamed SEEK conference Feb. 4 to 6. They were joined by more than 300 of their peers from Wichita State University, Emporia State University, Benedictine College, Pittsburg State University and the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

"In the last two years, SEEK has been a 'where you are' kind of experience as we keep the conference size and the safety of the participants in mind," said Mary Grace Hudson, a FOCUS campus missionary at K-State who helped plan the university gathering in Wichita. "It's actually been an incredible opportunity to do this locally with students who may not be able to travel, and it allows us to put our own region's spin on it while keeping the universal vision (for the event)."

The conference featured presentations from Catholic speakers including Sister Bethany Madonna, Dr. Edward Sri, Sister Miriam James Heidland, Curtis Martin and Father Mike Schmitz. Each conference site also reserved time for Adoration, confession and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Students from Fort Hays State University attended the SEEK22 conference in Wichita.

small group discussion.

Parishes, including Sacred Heart in Colby and St. John the Baptist in Beloit, participated in SEEK as well but tailored the experience to their local communities.

"Since SEEK has gone remote, we've had the flexibility to pick our date for the conference which is helpful for parishes to fit it into their calendar," said Sarah Horinek, regional director for FOCUS Parish.

Horinek, who lives in Beloit and coordinated the event for St. John the Baptist parish on Feb. 25 to 26, said the event allowed their parishioners and those from surrounding communities who joined them to prepare in a unique way for Lent.

"We purposefully chose the weekend we did because of it leading into Lent," she said. "We desired to communicate opportunities to those who attended to have something to move into for Lent. We encouraged the opportunity to take a Holy Hour, and we had small group Bible studies they could sign up for."

Sacred Heart Parish hosted the SEEK Conference during the live event Feb. 4 to 6. The participants from Sacred Heart and the

surrounding parishes who joined them watched several of the presentations live-streamed by FOCUS and then spent time in small groups to discuss how the topics impacted their particular parishes and communities.

Terry Roberts of Colby said the speakers provided ample content for reflection and conversation.

"I needed to be reminded of some of those things," he said of the speakers' topics. "It made us think of ways in which we as a parish can reach out to people. It also makes me ask how I can be a better disciple and reach out to others to share God's mercy or invite people back to the Church — those who have no church affiliation, or to those Catholics who have left the Church."

Justin and Jennifer Bentzinger, parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Goodland, also participated at the Colby site. The couple said the weekend energized them in their journey of faith.

"Gathering like this with people gives us the opportunity to go deeper through the talks and prayer time and helps us move forward in our Christian lives,"



Students from Kansas State University also attended the Wichita event.

Jennifer said. "It allows us to walk alongside each other in a more intentional and meaningful way. It sparked that desire to go shoulder-to-shoulder with the people God has put in our lives and continue trying to go deeper in the faith."

The couple said they believed the conference will have a lasting impact on a practical level as the participants would continue gathering for Bible studies and conversation and work to spread the Gospel message.

"The fire is lit after a weekend like that," Justin said, "and it makes it easier to evangelize and share the faith."

In relating their own experiences at the gathering in Wichita, FHSU students Torrie Gregg and Brady Stephenson noted the profoundness of drawing closer to Jesus as well as the support they feel as students preparing for life after college.

"The whole weekend is a whirlwind of spiritual movement," said Gregg, a senior from Hays. "Two of the big things were adoration and confession. People get drawn into that and really feel the love Christ has for us. During adoration, the priests processed around with the monstrance and many students were able to meet Jesus closer

than they have before."

Stephenson, a graduate student from Little River, echoed Gregg's sentiments and said the time spent in Eucharistic adoration was deeply impactful.

"Having that many people around you in deep prayer, seeing the reverence all these college kids have and knowing that it's Jesus (in the monstrance), that moved me, and it moved a lot of people," he said.

As he prepares to begin his new job following graduation, Stephenson said the speaker's messages regarding vulnerability also left a lasting impression.

"The central focus of many of these talks was being vulnerable," he said. "Having that knowledge that I'm called to be vulnerable with myself and with God reminds me I have to let God have control because he's got the bigger plan."

Gregg said she took away several key messages from the weekend, but the idea of community was one that stood out.

"It's about growing with your friends and people from other schools we interact with, and we catch up on where they are (in their walk with Christ)," she said. "It's about the importance of community and how to show each other how God loves us in our everyday actions."

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Christ the King Parish in WaKeeney celebrated World Marriage Day at Masses Feb. 12 and 13.

Pictured left to right are Connie and Mike Waite with 35 years of marriage; Karen and Reginald Flagler married 45 years; Father Charles Steier; Paul and Martina Stanton married 60 years; and Robert and Lorena Stuppelli celebrating 40 years.

Celebrating 25 years of marriage were Darrin and Sara Dunn, pictured with Father Steier.



BAPTISMS

Breckyn Sky Bower, daughter of Joshua and Tosha (Raney) Bower, was baptized Jan. 29, 2022, by Father David Metz at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia.

Sawyer Ann Bruna, daughter of Matt and Rachel Bruna, was baptized Nov. 7, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Aiden Michael Brungardt, son of Tyler and Nicole Brungardt, was baptized Jan. 16, 2022, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Titus Gabriel Clark, son of Zeb and Sharon Clark, was baptized Feb. 5, 2022, by Father Andrew Rockers at St. John the Baptist Church in Beloit.

Hattee Blake Deustcher, daughter of Jared Deustcher and Bailee Bittel, was baptized Feb. 19, 2022, by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Church in Ellis.

Jase River Franz, son of Jerod and Toni Franz, was baptized Feb. 27, 2022, by Father Soosai Rathinam at St. Mary Church in Smith Center.

Kathlyn Brooke Franz,

daughter of Jerod and Toni Franz, was baptized Feb. 27, 2022, by Father Soosai Rathinam at St. Mary Church in Smith Center.

Hudson William Gasper, son of Kyle and Trista Gasper, was baptized Feb. 19, 2022, by Father Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Whitten Sue Goebel, daughter of Nick and Lauren Goebel, was baptized Feb. 27, 2022, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Casten William Griffith, son of Billy and Jordan Griffith, was baptized Dec. 4, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Kinley Cecilia Keller, daughter of Krey and Sarah Keller, was baptized Feb. 5, 2022, by Father Frank Coady at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Cohen Bradley Klaus, son of Austin and Laurel Klaus, was baptized Jan. 30, 2022, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Keller James McMillan, son

of Brock and Megan McMillan, was baptized Feb. 6, 2022, by Father Jarett Konrade at St. John the Baptist Church in Beloit.

Jack Eldean Melo, son of Victor and Kimber Melo, was baptized Feb. 20, 2022, by Father Keith Weber at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Salina.

Hallie Mae Needham, daughter of Brock and Erin Needham, was baptized Feb. 20, 2022, by Deacon Wayne Talbot at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Julia Jolynn Ramsey, daughter of Heath and Madison Ramsey, was baptized Feb. 20, 2022, by Father David Metz at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia.

Taylee Mae Riedel, daughter of Clayton and Jordan Riedel, was baptized Feb. 20, 2022, by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Church in Ellis.

Kasen Lane Riggs, son of Alex and Erin Riggs, was baptized Jan. 23, 2022, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Trinity Ann Sauvage, daughter of Tyler Sauvage

and Lindsey Sauvage, was baptized Jan. 29, 2022, by Father Vincent Thu Laing at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Hoxie.

Evelyn Marie Schlabach, daughter of Jarod and Meredith Schlabach, was baptized Aug. 29, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Sienna Clare Schroeder, daughter of Joshua and Megan Schroeder, was baptized March 6, 2022, by Father Elias Chinzara at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Jolee Christine Speltz, daughter of Chris and Amanda Speltz, was baptized Feb. 20, 2022, by Father Kerry Ninemire at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center.

Penny LeeAnn Stanton, daughter of Jacob and Brette Stanton, was baptized Jan. 15, 2022, by Father Jarett Konrade at St. John the Baptist Church in Beloit.

Sadie Jane Stanton, daughter of Jacob and Brette Stanton, was baptized Jan. 15, 2022, by Father Jarett Konrade at St. John the Baptist Church in Beloit.

Adrianna Justine Swenson, daughter of Kevin Swenson and Janel Durler, was baptized Feb. 20, 2022, by Father David Metz at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia.

Xavier Michael Thayer, son of Jordan and Monica Thayer, was baptized Feb. 20, 2022, by Father Henry Baxa at St. Edward Church in Belleville.

Willow Marie Weidenhaft, daughter of Tanner and Tegan Weidenhaft, was baptized Jan. 29, 2022, by Father Brian McCaffrey at St. John the Baptist Church in Beloit.

Creed Evan Weiser, son of Devan and Brianna Weiser, was baptized Feb. 6, 2022, by Father Luke Thielen at St. Joseph Church in Oakley.

Caylee Nicole Woods, daughter of Ken and Katie Woods, was baptized Nov. 28, 2021, by Father Joseph Kieffer at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

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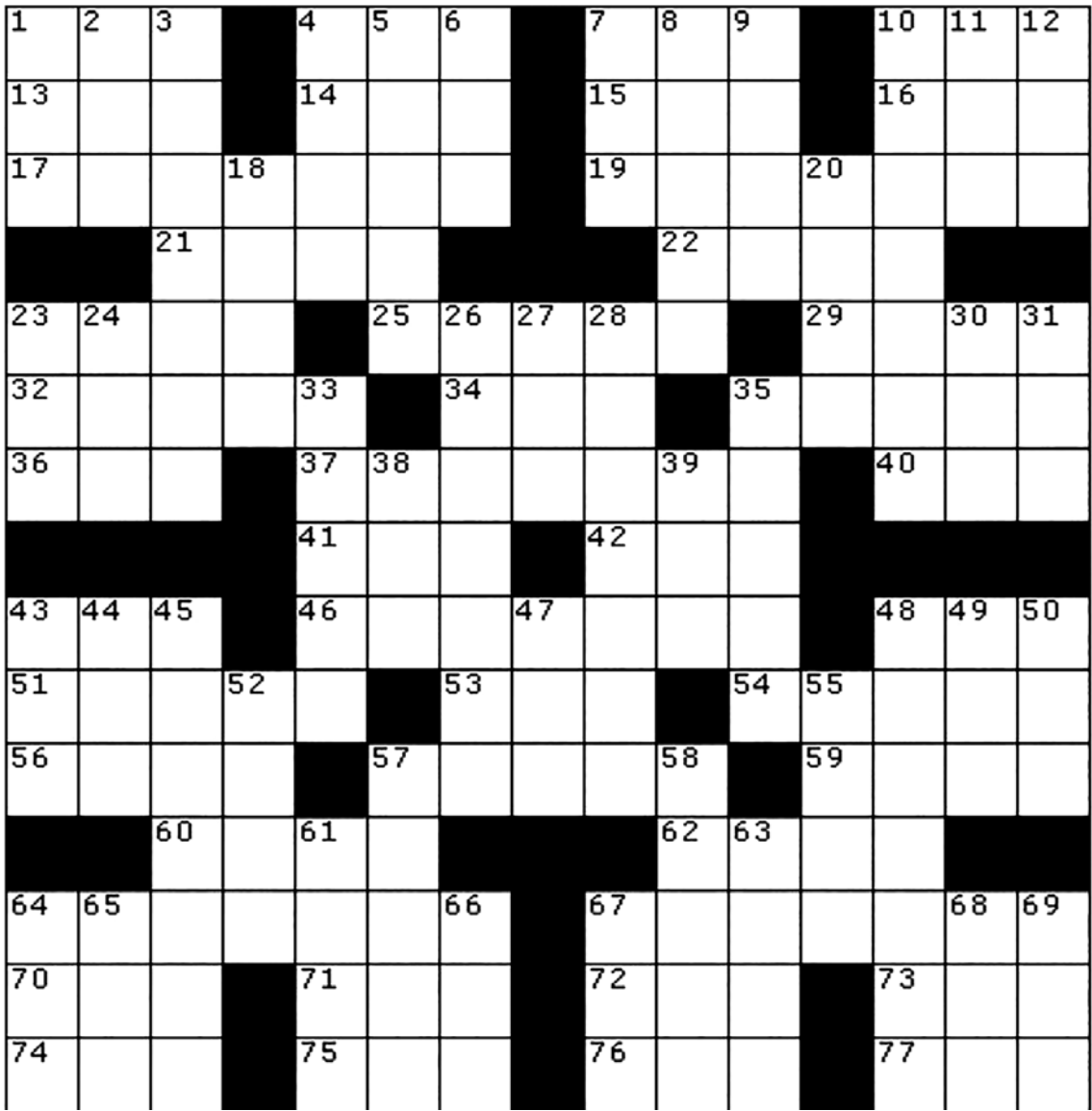
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KIEFFER, FROM PAGE 3

The maintenance guy needed help. And I was in the storm with him trying to bucket water away from the school so it wouldn’t get inside. I had to throw my shoes away after that storm.

Some of the challenges of being a priest are being caught up in arguments between individuals or groups of people when you are trying to keep the peace. Or the sadness when someone leaves the Church

because of something you did or didn’t do or say. I’ve been a priest for 17 years. I’ve gotten a little bit of a thicker skin, but sometimes, I still take things personally.

But the greatest blessing of being a priest are the people. I’ve been able to share in their joys and sorrows, and make many friends along the way.

I think for those considering the priesthood, never say never. You do not know

how God will call you. Just be open to the call and take the leap of faith, and enter seminary just to see. I do remember when Father Lemoine asked me about the priesthood, he didn’t push. He just gently encouraged. I appreciated that.

Father Joseph Kieffer is pastor at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover; St. Augustine in Washington and Sacred Heart in Greenleaf. He also serves as pastor at St. John’s School in Hanover.

The Eucharistic Miracle of Seefeld

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



Seefeld, Oswald Milser, Lord of Schlosberg, expected, at the Holy Thursday Mass, to receive the large Host like that of the celebrating priest. But at the moment he was about to receive communion, the pavement began to tremble and broke apart. Oswald grasped the altar so as not to fall, and the priest immediately took back the Host from the man’s mouth. The trembling stopped, and live blood began dripping from the Host. Here were many witnesses who saw the miracle, and soon the news spread throughout the whole nation. The Emperor Maximilian I himself was devoted to it. Today, one can visit the Church of St. Oswald where the precious relic of the Host, stained with blood, is exposed, and also view many paintings depicting the miracle.

Finding redemption after relapse

By OLIVIA AYRES
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

When Shelly came to Catholic Charities, she was anxious, afraid and unsure.

Like many people in this country, Shelly struggled with addiction and had relapsed after nine years of sobriety. The aftershocks of her relapse had catastrophic effects on her personal relationships and finances, leaving her isolated.

That’s when Shelly turned to Catholic Charities, where she received housing assistance and regained control.

“When I relapsed, it was really bad,” she said. “I decided I was going to live alone, but I could not save up the money. When I came to Catholic Charities and applied for housing assistance, I was approved that same day. I left in tears. I had never had that kind of support from people who did not know me.”

Thanks to the support of

Catholic Charities Financial and Housing Assistance Program, Shelly was able to move into an apartment in a safe, clean area.

“It only took me three weeks to find a place to live,” she said. “To not have to worry about the deposit, being in a safe place or having to live with somebody that I do not know or trust was huge.”

For Shelly, the gift sobriety had given her was a chance to reconnect with her son.

“For me, to be able to say I turned my life around, and to not just say it, but show it, was a stepping stone for fixing that relationship,” she said.

“It is just really important that I show gratitude for the help I was given. The only thing that Catholic Charities wants is for you to be in a better place and to do the right thing.”

Olivia Ayres is the communications coordinator for Catholic Charities.

SYNOD DATES

March 27 – 2 p.m., St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish Hall, Salina.

Final Hispanic Listening Session to occur at Seven Dolors in Manhattan at a later date.

Catholic journey 'miraculous' for Mead

BY KATIE HAMEL
THE REGISTER

April 3, 2021, was a day Matt Mead will never forget. It is the day he became Catholic.

"I felt nothing but joy and relief on the day I became Catholic," Mead said. "It was like coming home. I felt like I was finally where I needed to be."

Mead grew up in the small town of Kismet in southwest Kansas and was relatively active in Kismet United Methodist Church, which he had been baptized and confirmed into.

However, he was married in the Catholic Church at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. His wife, Keely, was Catholic. Mead said he had no interest in converting to Catholicism at the time. However, once the couple had children, he began to think he would be better able to lead his family in the faith if he understood what was going on. Thus began his conversion to Catholicism.

Mead began Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes at St. Andrew Church in Abilene. The classes were an hour-and-a-half long on Wednesday nights beginning in mid-September and ending the following Easter. The class was broken into three periods: Period of Inquiry, Period of Catechumenate and Period of Purification/Illumination. Some



Mead

topics studied included: history of the Catholic Church, Catholic teachings, the seven sacraments, the liturgical calendar and more.

Mead credits the enriching experience of his RCIA classes to his four teachers, Mac and Inge Teasley, Kristi Anguiano and Lisa Schartz, and his pastor, Father Peter O'Donnell.

"I can't say enough about, or express enough gratitude for my four RCIA teachers," he said. "They are just wonderful people donating a lot of time to bring people closer to Jesus. I am proud to say

they are now also good friends of mine. This would not be a complete testimony without also bragging on all the wonderful people under the leadership of Father Peter in the Abilene St. Andrews parish."

As Mead went through the RCIA process, there were a few things that were difficult for him to accept, such as transubstantiation and the sacrament of reconciliation.

"With the help of some great RCIA teachers though, I now see how important it is and very well evidenced in the Bible," he said.

Through Mead's open heart and the generous spirit and teachings of his instructors and pastor, Mead was able to complete the RCIA curriculum and enter the Catholic Church. Since he had been baptized in the Methodist Church, it was not necessary that he be baptized again. As a result, Mead was a "candidate" and only needed to receive the sacraments of confirmation and communion before fully entering

the Catholic Church.

"I don't remember anything negative in the final weeks, other than feeling like I knew very little about the faith, and a bit unworthy at that point," Mead said. "This is because there is so much to learn in a very little time. My main feeling was relief though. This is something I had wanted to do for 10-plus years for cohesion and to be a better leader for my family. I knew that I had gained much more than both of those things. I was becoming a member of the one and only Christian faith that is descended directly from Jesus and the apostles."

To those considering joining the Catholic faith, Mead strongly encourages to give RCIA a try.

"At the minimum, you get a year's worth of Christian Catholic theology and history, and it's free," he joked.

He then, on a more serious note, continued, "If your mind is open, you will gain much, much more than that."

For current Catholics, Mead advises the best way to approach catechumens and candidates is to, "Introduce ourselves, tell them they are welcome and that we are glad they are here. From the outside looking in, it can seem kind of exclusive so the earlier we can make folks feel welcome, the better."

With his newfound Catholic status, Mead has done a deep dive into everything the faith offers, including frequent attendance at Mass, being an usher, joining the Knights of Columbus, planning to become a Eucharistic minister and even sponsoring a candidate who will become Catholic this Easter.

"To know that Jesus is a part of my life on a weekly basis through these sacraments is nothing short of miraculous for me," Mead said. "This is something I did not know was available to me as recently as two years ago. Thank God, and Jesus, and all the saints that I finally arrived in the right place."

Rite prepares those for entrance into Catholic Church

BY LAURYN BECKER
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

As another Lenten season comes to a close with Easter approaching, candidates and catechumens entering into the Catholic church are not only preparing for the resurrection of Jesus, but also becoming official members of the Catholic church.

"Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity for those who are entering the Catholic church to receive an education on the faith, as well as learn how to start living it," Father Andy Hammeke said.

Rite of Election is the step before the official initiation into the Church. During the ceremony, candidates and catechumens are offered the choice and admission to take part in the next sacraments of initiation into the Catholic church. For the western portion of the Salina Diocese, the ceremony was March 13 at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church in Hays.

"The Rite of Elections is where we bring all those who are entering the Church on Easter Vigil to

be together as a Church," Bishop Jerry Vincke said. "And the bishop is here to welcome them into the church. As they prepare further for the Easter Vigil, it's a special moment where they get to meet all the rest of the people from the church throughout the diocese."

For one candidate, the road to Catholicism was a long but rewarding one, and the Rite of Election was finally the next step to fulfilling the next part of her faith journey.

"I feel like my journey to the Catholic faith has been long. I grew up pretty much Baptist, but technically non-denominational. And then I became a Lutheran right before I finally gave into miraculous calls to the church,"

said Eleanor Carlson, a candidate from Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays.

Carlson said after seeing her husband rejoin the Church, she started attending as well. Through that, she found it had softened her heart and she decided it was time to join.

"That's where my home was supposed to be," Carlson said. "This is the first step of deepening my faith, and becoming closer to Christ, and knowing that I'm where he wants me to be."

Attending the ceremony were 14 separate parishes, all part of the Salina Diocese. Whether the candidates and catechumens were 76 years old or 10 months old, all that mattered was they were there,

sharing in the joy of Christ as they each began their way into the Church.

"To me, it's one of the most beautiful days of the year just to see all these people, young and old," Bishop Vincke said. "Today, there were two men, one was 74, one 76. They said to me it's about time – it was time. It was really great to meet these guys, but then there were little children, too, in church as well. So it's really just so exciting. You can see the joy, and I'm just really thankful for all the sponsors and all the RCIA coordinators."

What's next for the candidates and catechu-

mens is finally being initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 16.

They will receive the first three sacraments of initiation into the Church that evening.

"What's next is preparing for Easter Sunday," Father Hammeke said. "We continue to have weekly classes all the way up until the week before Easter. We have classes where they're learning about the faith, and we have a fellowship amongst each other to practice living the faith together. So just continual preparation for Easter Sunday."



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Daughters of Isabella celebrate 100th anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The Saint Rose Circle No. 205 observed its 100th anniversary Feb. 26. St. Rose Circle was established in 1922 with 22 charter members. The International Circle of Catholic women was founded in 1887 with the patroness being Queen Isabella of Spain. The group is a subsidiary of the Knights of Columbus. For more than the last 100 years, the Circle has been active in Tipton church, school and community.

The evening began with Mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church, with Father Daryl Olmstead officiating. Forty-six members, spouses and state officers were present.

Following Mass, members and guests gathered at

the community building for dinner. Regent Rose Ann Tonne opened the evening with a poem, and chancellor Phyllis Schmitt led the Thanksgiving prayer. Father Olmstead gave the invocation.

Members enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Knights of Columbus and served by the Tipton High School Catholic Youth Organization.

The program continued with introduction of state officers and spouses. Present were: Past State Regent, Lynn Kasper (Wilson), State Regent, Jeanette Gunkle and spouse John (Spearville), State Vice Regent, Brenda Unrein and spouse Robbie (Hoisington), State Financial Secretary, Dana Hollerich and spouse Bob



COURTESY PHOTO

First row, from left, Rev. Daryl Olmstead, Kim Ellenz and Lou Mick. Second row, from left, Helen Wales (Wichita), Brenda Unrein (Hoisington), Jeanette Gunkle (Spearville), Wilma Hollerich, Marguerite Becker, Mary Dubbert and Deb Britain (Lenexa). Third row, from left, Rose Ann Tonne, Janelle Streit, Britney Dockendorf, Samantha Hollerich, Lynn Kasper (Wilson), Dana Hollerich and Judy Corley (Gotham). Fourth row, from left, Stacie Hake, Nathalene Greif, Pam Krier, Joanne Brummer, Phyllis Schmitt, Lori Schmitt, Alane Ketter, Lela Arnoldy, Michelle Murrow and Carolyn Ellenz.

(Tipton), State Treasurer, Judy Corley (Gorham), State Recording Secretary, Helen Wales (Wichita) and State Auditor, Deb Britain (Lenexa).

Gunkle then gave a

congratulatory speech.

St. Rose members were recognized for their years of service.

After giving awards, Gunkle thanked the planning committees and urged

the group to view the history display and enjoy fellowship. The evening closed as the sisters gather to sing the closing ode, "We're the daughters of Isabella."

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WEDDINGS

Kyle Pfeifer and Baylee Werth were married Feb. 12, 2022, at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Richard Daise witnessed their vows.

Wade Steinfort and Kailee Rupprecht were married Jan. 22, 2022, at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Allen and Angela Steinfort. Parents of the bride are Jim and Misty Rupprecht.

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SEMINARIANS REFLECT ON HOLY SEASON

**Holy Thursday –
Adam Zarybnicky**

The words of institution, “This is my body ...” and “This is my blood ...,” spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper are familiar to Catholics from the thousands of times we have heard them at Mass. Their meaning became evident in the days after the first Holy Thursday as Jesus poured out his blood on the cross and then rose from the dead. These words gain their full significance in light of the entire Paschal Mystery when the Son of God saved us from our sins and offered the chance of eternal life with him, but it was at the Last Supper that Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist.

**Zarybnicky**

Jesus’s words of institution contain an essential command – “Do this in memory of me.” We memorialize Christ’s sacrifice on the cross every time we participate in Mass. This memorial is not only like the way we fondly recall memories with friends. Rather, Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection become truly present to us. Each time we participate in Mass, Jesus gifts us the opportunity to enter the same mystery that occurred 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem.

The extraordinary nature of this gift should stir us to wonder at God’s immense love for us. The knowledge that we actively participate in Christ’s Paschal Mystery also moves us to desire to enter into Mass as worthily

as possible. For while God always pours out an abundance of his grace and love, we need to be properly disposed to receive his gifts. How is the Lord calling me and you to open ourselves more completely to the gift of the Mass? Perhaps it is arriving early to spend a little time in prayer beforehand. Maybe it is returning to the sacrament of confession to heal our relationship with the Lord. However the Lord prompts us to greater receptivity of his love, the increased openness to grace will have manifold effects on our lives.

Lord, thank you for the Eucharist, which you gave to us at the Last Supper. Please open our hearts to a greater understanding of that mystery.

**Good Friday –
Kaiden Van Schuyver**

“Not this man (Jesus Christ), but Barabbas!” (John 18:40). On Good Friday, these words in the holy Gospel according to St. John strike me. Leading up to this moment, Jesus had been arrested, sent to Caiaphas, the high priest, and then to the praetorium to be questioned before Pontius Pilate. Since it was Passover, it was custom to free and crucify a prisoner. Pilate turns to and asks the Jewish people who he should condemn and pardon. It would seem like an easy decision for the Jews to free Jesus and condemn a prisoner named Barabbas.

**Van Schuyver**

There’s no comparison here. Barabbas was a crooked thug who led a rebellion, murdered people and should be held accountable for his actions. Jesus cast out demons, healed the disabled, restored the blind and cured the mute. What did the people do? They freed Barabbas. How was a vicious killer chosen over the Son of God? Upon further reflection, Barabbas reminds me of someone. That someone is me. God the Father sent his only begotten son for people like Barabbas. As a sinner and in my brokenness, Christ still died for me. As sinners and in our brokenness, Christ still died for you. We can be so blind to the self-sacrificing love Jesus showed for Barabbas. As it was for Barabbas, it continues to be for us – there is only one thing that can free us from the imprisonment of sin – and it’s the one who took Barabbas’ place and continues to take

our place every day.

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

**Holy Saturday –
Jesse Ochs**

This day is so mysterious, as Jesus has died and all are silent, not understanding their Redeemer will soon rise from the dead and forever change the world. The holy souls from before Jesus came as a man rejoice this day, for they are freed at last. Jesus does something unthinkable: He allows himself to die on a cross and then descends to the realm of the dead. What kind of God would do such a thing? What kind of God would willingly die and suffer so much to save his people? Our God did this. Let us

**Ochs**

praise him for coming to save all of us and enter into the mystery of Holy Saturday.

Let us both feel the silent joy and anticipation of Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday and imagine the sorrow and distress his disciples must have felt at losing their savior and friend, not understanding he would return to them in glory.

Let us pray in gratitude for all of his blessings, especially when he allows us to suffer and we do not understand his greater plan for each of us.

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DEATHS

Janet Faye Adam, 85, died Jan. 22, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 26 at St. John the Baptist Church in Beloit. Father Jarett Konrade presided. Burial was in St. Concordia Catholic Cemetery in Concordia.

Evelyn Billera, 88, of Clay Center, died Feb. 10, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 16 at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center. Father Kerry Ninemire presided. Burial was in Miltonvale Cemetery.

Verlene Janet Blochlinger, 79, of Concordia, died Jan. 24, 2022. Graveside service was Jan. 28 at St. Concordia Cemetery. Father David Metz officiated.

Joan Joyce Bremer, 98, died Jan. 21, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 22 at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady presided. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery in Ogden.

Lawrence Paul Bremer, 69, died Sept. 28, 2017. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 22 at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady presided. Inurnment in St. Patrick Cemetery in Ogden.

Edward J. Carl, 81, died Feb. 24, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 28 at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Cawker City. Father Jarett Konrade presided. Inurnment to follow at a later date in Downs.

John Bernard "J.B." Coufal, 80, of Hanover, died Sept. 16, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 24 at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

Elwin Eugene Danielson, 92, died Feb. 2, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 15 at St. Edward Church in Belleville. Father Henry Baxa presided. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery near Wayne.

Joyce D. Dechant, 65, of Hays, died Feb. 2, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 7 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Cecelia T. Deneault, 95, died Jan. 20, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 29 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Clyde. Father Steven Heina presided. Burial in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia.

Jerold "Jerry" B. Eubanks, 71, of Concordia, died Feb. 7, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 10 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father David Metz presided. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia.

Anna Flax, 94, of Ellis, died Nov. 5, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 9 at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Ellis.

Henry L. "Hank" Geist, 69, of Hays, died Jan. 12, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 19 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Larry G. Gillette, 82, of Tipton, died March 3, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 7 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. Father Daryl Olmstead and Msgr. James Hake presided. Burial in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

Robert Alan "Bob" Grant, 77, of Hays, died Jan. 14, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 21 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Alberta Hake, 84, of Tipton, died Jan. 24, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 28 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. Msgr. James Hake presided. Burial in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

Mary Patricia "Pat" Hatton, 85, of Concordia, died Feb. 16, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 25 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father David Metz presided. Burial in the Elmwood Cemetery in Beloit.

Ruth M. Heyka, 83, died Feb. 2, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 5 at St. Edward Church in Belleville. Father Henry Baxa presided. Burial in St. Josaphat Cemetery near Belleville.

Sister Dorothy Hoover, CSJ, 92, died Jan. 30, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 3 at the Motherhouse Chapel in Concordia. Msgr. Barry Brinkman presided. Burial in Nazareth Motherhouse Cemetery in Concordia.

Sister Rosalyn Juenemann, CSJ, 90, died Jan. 27, 2022. Funeral Mass was Jan. 31 at the Motherhouse Chapel in Concordia. Msgr. Barry Brinkman presided. Burial in Nazareth Motherhouse Cemetery in Concordia.

Doyle E. Kauk, 78, of Hoxie, died Dec. 15, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 21 at St. Frances Cabrini in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing presided. Burial in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery in Hoxie.

Ileta Klecan, 86, of Hanover, died Oct. 23, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 27 at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

Doran "Corky" Woodrow Knapp, 82, of Hays, died Feb. 15, 2020. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 22 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Glenda Ann Knapp, 79, of Hays, died Dec. 23, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 22 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Robert "Bob" M. Koster, 90, died Feb. 18, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 25 at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Cawker City. Father Andrew Rockers presided. Burial in Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Norine M. Leiker, 79, died Feb. 12, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 18 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Munjor. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery.

John Damian Linenberger, 86, of Manhattan, died Feb. 22, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 26 at Seven Dolors Church in Manhattan.

Lee Eugene Morey, 82, died Feb. 1, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 11 at St. Edward Church in Belleville. Father Henry Baxa and Father John Wolesky presided. Private burial at a later date.

James Lyle "Jimmy" Myers, 77, of Hays, died Feb. 19, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 25 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Barbara Ann Ramos, 87, of Brierfield, Ala., died Oct. 20, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 3 at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

Viola R. Richmeier, 90, of Grinnell, died Feb. 11, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 19 at Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell. Father Harvey Dinkel (brother of deceased) and Father James Thomas presided. Burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Grinnell.


Melvin A. "Mep" Schmidt, 88, of Hays, died Feb. 19, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 22 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Bernadelle Rose "Bunny" Schroeder, 92, of Grinnell, died Dec. 18, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 5 at St. Paul Church in Angelus. Father Luke Thielen presided. Inurnment in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Florence Rose (Ritter) Thompson, 93, of Hoxie, died Dec. 21, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 28 at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Hoxie. Father Vincent Thu Laing presided. Burial at Calvary Cemetery in Leoville.

Christopher Lee "Chris" Weigel, 57, of Gorham, died Jan. 9, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 14 at St. Mary Help of Christians Church in Gorham. Father Michael Elanjimattathil presided. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery in Gorham.

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Knights team up for successful Souper Bowl

By KATIE HAMEL
THE REGISTER

During Super Bowl weekend Feb. 12, the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council No. 8488 hosted their annual Souper Bowl Food and Fund Drive.

The council invited area churches and local schools to participate, as well as a few local businesses. Then, the Saturday of Super Bowl weekend, they contacted grocery stores and asked for permission to have volunteers standing outside to collect donations.

The purpose of the event is to raise food and funds for the Flint Hills Breadbasket, a community food network that has been collecting and distributing food since 1983 to ensure no one in the Manhattan community goes hungry.

This year, the effort raised approximately 6.5 tons of food and more than \$3,000 in cash donations.

While the main benefit and positive outcome of the event is raising much needed food and funding, there is an additional benefit, which is the fraternal cooperation and relationships established between the participating grocery stores, schools and churches.

Knights Kevin R. Roberts, William Kennedy III

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The fundraiser aided Flint Hills Breadbasket.

and Dave Ekart coordinated the event. Maribeth Kieffer, executive director

of Flint Hills Breadbasket, also served on the planning committee.

"You know, we really do appreciate every donation — from one can of food to multiple bags," Roberts said. "But it is humbling to see people come out of the store and donate more than what they are taking home. A volunteer told me of one

person who came out with a cart full of food, picked out a bag with a few items in it, took that home and gave the rest of the cart to the collection. Year after year, we hear of stories like

this."

The event is a success that goes to support a great cause, but it is only as successful as it is because the whole community can participate.

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