



FILLING OUR HEARTS

TEENS IN SALINA DIOCESE FINALLY GET BACK TO NORMAL CYO CONVENTION

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

That was the theme of the 2022 CYO Convention as young people of the Diocese of Salina gathered and learned to open themselves up to the call of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The two-day event was attended by high school students and their sponsors from throughout the diocese. There was a buzz of excitement over this year's convention, as it was the first time in two years youth were able to gather in this way.

"Watching the young people in the Salina Diocese come together for a weekend to share in their faith is truly something special," said Geoff Andrews, superintendent of Catholic schools. "Connect-

ing the future of our Church is extremely important, and it is great to have events like CYO Convention to facilitate the interaction."

The event started with a welcome by Bill Meagher, director of youth ministry and religious education. He then turned the microphone over to the featured speaker for the weekend, Robert Feduccia.

Feduccia is a national speaker associated with events like NCYC and the One Bread, One Cup conference.

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Robert Feduccia speaks to students at the CYO event in Salina.

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Bishop Vincke celebrates Chrism Mass

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On April 7, Bishop Jerry Vincke, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful from throughout the Diocese of Salina gathered to celebrate the Chrism Mass. At the Chrism Mass, the three oils that are used in sacraments were blessed, the priests were able to renew their vows, and all the faithful were able to renew their baptismal

promises.

Prior to Mass, many old friends were greeting each other for what seemed to be the first time in a while, and piano and violin music filled the air.

Mass began with the song Lord You Give the Great Commission. As the strains of music echoed throughout the church, the procession journeyed down the aisle. First were the servers carrying the candles and incense, then

the many deacons, priests and finally Bishop Jerry Vincke. Joy was evident throughout the church as each priest kissed the center of the altar.

Following the readings, Bishop Vincke stood to give his homily. He began by thanking everyone who was in attendance, as well as announcing and congratulating the seven jubilee priests. Father Jerome Morgan was celebrating 60 years of priest-

hood; Father Norbert Dlabal celebrating 50 years; Father Steven Heina celebrating 40 years; and Father Ernest Amoake-Opare, Father David Metz and Father John Schmeidler celebrating 25 years. And finally, Father Gale Hammerschmidt and Father Brian Lager were celebrating 10 years. Bishop Vincke thanked the priests for giving themselves in service to the faithful.

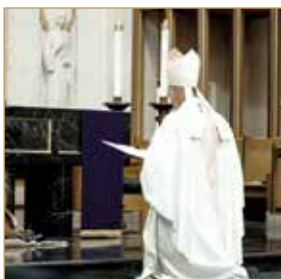
He then told a story of his

friend Bishop Chad Zielinski. Before he was appointed a bishop, Bishop Zielinski was a priest serving in the military. He shares a story of a time he was celebrating Mass for a group of military men, when suddenly, bombs started to fall from the sky. Bishop Zielinski stopped Mass and asked the men, "Should we do something about this?" And the men responded, "Press on, Father."

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Now, it's our turn

Happy Easter everyone. Jesus is risen. Jesus is God. Jesus is alive. Jesus is with us.

The certainty of the resurrection inspires us to live for Jesus and our brothers and sisters. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he did not leave us alone. He knew we would need graces and help to choose him over the temptations of the world. After he ascended, on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down as tongues of fire over the apostles.

We are currently in the confirmation season. I love visiting our parishes and talking with the students getting confirmed. I will often ask the confirmation students what book in the Bible comes after the four Gospels. Some know, but many don't.

Do you know which book it is? It is the Acts of Apostles.

If I could make one book recommendation for the Easter season, I would suggest reading the Acts of the Apostles.

The Acts of the Apostles is 28 chapters long, and it tells the story of the early Church on a mission to be the presence of Jesus in the world. When we read Acts, we find that what happened to Jesus also happened to the apostles. We learn what Jesus started, the apostles continued.

Now it's our turn. We are called to write Acts 29 by leading lives that continue the work of the early Church. We are called to mission and to spread the Gospel to everyone we meet. As Pope Francis stated in the "Joy of the Gospel," "Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us, and any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others. As it expands, goodness takes root and develops. If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good. In this regard, several sayings of St. Paul will not surprise us: "The love of Christ urges us on" (2 Cor 5:14); "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16)."

This mission of continuing what the early Church did begins by living out our baptismal call and inviting the Holy Spirit to guide us. I often tell the confirmation students they will receive the same Holy Spirit as the apostles did, not a lesser amount or lesser quality, but the same Holy Spirit. You and I

have also received that gift.

The apostles were sent on a mission. We are too. And there is nothing greater in life than bringing someone to Jesus and his Church. Pope Francis once again invites us to ponder our mission: "Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others."

I have heard many people remark that we are living in the times like the early Church. Our faith is rejected and often persecuted. But as Pope Francis urges us, "Let us recover and deepen our enthusiasm, that "delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow... And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first received the joy of Christ."

The apostles and disciples continued the work of Jesus. Now it is our turn. We rely on the graces of the Holy Spirit to empower us to lead lives for Christ.

Martyrs have died defending their faith. Saints have served the poor and marginalized, often forgetting their own needs, throughout history. Why would saints and martyrs do something like this? Because they said yes to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. But also, they knew they were going to live forever.

I pray every decision we make in our lives is based on knowing we will live forever with God, that this world is passing away.

May everything we do be based on knowing that when we die, we will see Jesus face to face, the One who was given authority to judge the living and the dead.

Jesus is God. Jesus is alive. Jesus is with us. May the Holy Spirit guide us to live the power of the resurrection in our lives.

In Christ's service,

+ Gerald L. Vincke

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

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Vincke**
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BISHOP'S CALENDAR

May

- 1-2** Knights of Columbus Convention, Topeka
- 1** Confirmation, 9 a.m., St. Mary, Ellis
- 4** Confirmation, 6:30 p.m., St. Andrew, Abilene
- 7** Mass & Procession, 4 p.m., St. Joseph, Bird City
- 7** Mass, 7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis
- 8** Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. John Nepomucene, Beardsley
- 8** Confirmation, 2 p.m., St. Bernard, Ellsworth
- 11** Mass for Parents Who Have Lost a Child, 2 p.m., Sacred Heart, Colby
- 11** Confirmation, 6 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi, Norton
- 12** Mass for Parents Who Have Lost a Child, 2 p.m., St. Andrew, Abilene
- 15** Graduation, 10 a.m., Tipton Catholic, Tipton
- 15** Graduation, 3 p.m., Sacred Heart High School, Cathedral, Salina
- 16** Graduation, 5 p.m., St. John's, Hanover
- 17** Women Religious Appreciation Mass, 11 a.m., Cathedral, Salina
- 18** Confirmation, 7 p.m., Sacred Heart, Washington
- 21** Confirmation, 2 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, Junction City
- 22** Confirmation, 9 a.m., St. Mary, Esbon
- 22** TMP-M Baccalaureate Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays
- 22** TMP-M Graduation, 4 p.m., Al Billinger Fieldhouse, Hays
- 24** Senior Priests' Luncheon, 11 a.m., Victoria
- 25** Senior Priests' Luncheon, 11 a.m., Salina
- 25** Confirmation, 7 p.m., St. John, Herington
- 28-30** Junior CYO Camp, Junction City
- 28** Memorial service at Pfeiffer Cemetery, 3 p.m. Mass at Pfeiffer, 4 p.m.
- 29** Confirmation, 8:30 a.m., St. Joseph, New Almelo
- 30** Memorial Day – Chancery Closed
- 30** Mass at Old St. Joseph Church, 9:30 a.m., St. Joseph

BRUNGARDT RETURNS

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Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas recently announced that Bishop John Brungardt will resume his duties as the bishop of the Diocese of Dodge City.

Bishop Brungardt does so after a 14-month period during which he stepped aside after an allegation of sexual abuse was made against him. Bishop Brungardt voluntarily withdrew from public ministry to facilitate the investigation of the allegation. During that period, the allegation was fully investigated by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, following which civil authorities declined prosecution.

Following the KBI investigation, Church authorities conducted their own separate investigation of the allegation. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican has now

determined the allegation against Bishop Brungardt is not supported by the evidence, and the case against him has been dismissed.

Bishop Brungardt has vigorously denied the allegation throughout, and he fully cooperated with both the civil and Church investigations. Throughout this entire 14-month period, Bishop Brungardt has been entitled to the presumption of innocence under both civil and Church law.

During Bishop Brungardt's voluntary absence, Bishop Gerald Vincke of Salina served as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Dodge City.

Bishop Brungardt has expressed his gratitude to Bishop Vincke for his many months of service to the faithful of the diocese.

Bishop Brungardt urges everyone "to pray for and listen to all victims of sexual abuse."

PRAYER INTENTION

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

Faith-filled young people
We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in

Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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Consecration to Mary's heart

By KATIE HAMEL
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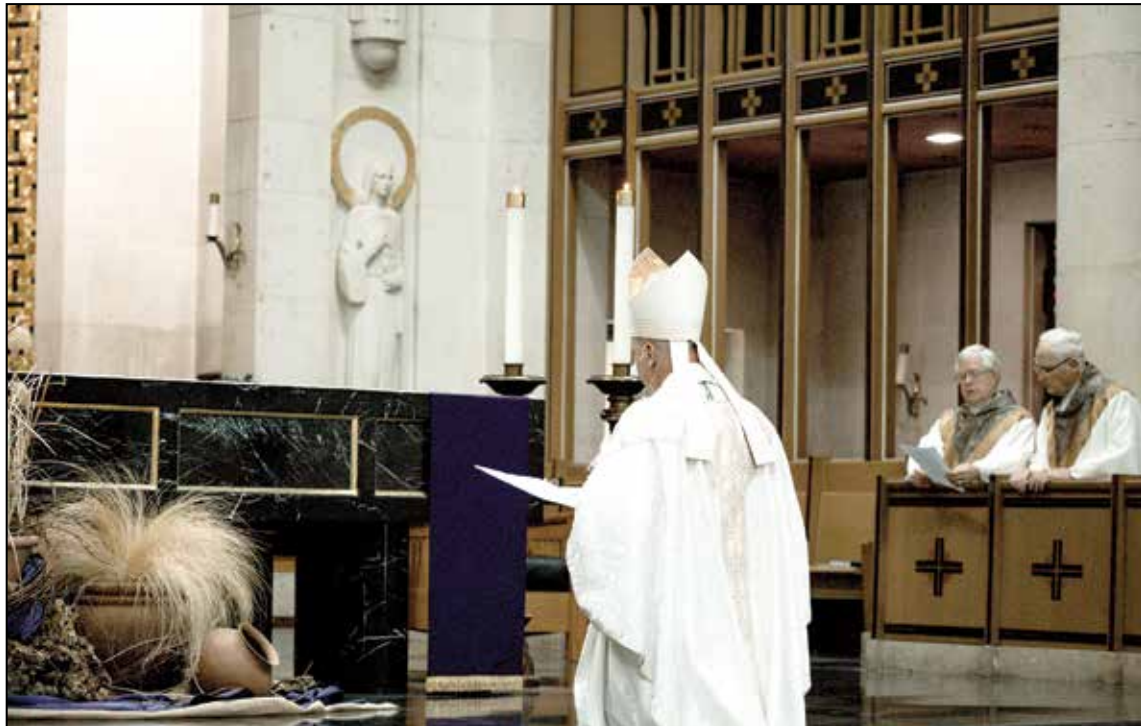
On March 25, Pope Francis celebrated a special Mass to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In a letter from the Vatican, he said, "This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace."

All lay faithful, religious, priests and bishops throughout the entire world were invited to join in the solemn celebration "so that God's Holy People may raise a heartfelt and choral plea to Mary our Mother."

At the 12:05 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina, Bishop Jerry Vincke took part in the Act of Consecration.

In his homily, Bishop Vincke recalled his relationship with his late mother. He remembered how she always loved and cared for him. He related his mother to the Blessed Mother, reminding the people that she loves and cares for everyone.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Bishop Jerry Vincke takes part in a solemn celebration to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25.

"Today, we are united with the whole world in consecrating Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary," he said. "This consecration, especially for Russia, has been our Blessed Mother's request for more than 100 years."

He reminded all gathered of the Miracle of Fatima. In 1917, the Blessed Mother made six appearances to three young children, Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, in Fátima, Portugal. She requested the children pray a daily Rosary for

world peace, the conversion of Russia and that Russia might be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart, and the end of World War I.

Francisco and Jacinta died shortly after the influenza pandemic, but Lucia lived until she was 97. In that time, she received further visions, many of which called to pray for the conversion of Russia.

"Mary has asked us to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart and pray the Rosary," Bishop Vincke said. "We should listen to our Mother."

Some things to note about the imagery behind the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- Mary's heart is visible outside of her body. This points to her undying love for all people. Her love is such that she cannot contain it within.
- Her heart is typically on fire, which emphasizes the intensity of her love for God and for humanity.
- There are white roses that encircle her heart. These symbolize her purity, brought about by her Immaculate Conception, creating within her a most

pure heart.

- A single sword is sometimes added going through her heart, referring to the passage of Luke ("a sword shall pierce ...") and recalls the sorrows she endured during her lifetime, especially during the crucifixion.

- The heart is typically surrounded by rays of light. This recalls Revelation 12:1, where it describes the Blessed Virgin Mary as "a woman clothed with the sun."

Later in the Mass, Bishop Vincke knelt in front of the altar and led the faithful in the act of consecration. Part of the prayer stated, "To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears."

As the celebration concluded, the faithful dispersed, comforted by the closing words of Bishop Vincke's homily.

"We all want to help, to go over there. But Mary invites us to join in prayer. Mary witnessed her son die on the cross. We want to be the disciple who joined her at the foot of the cross. Today, we join her as she sees her children in Ukraine suffer and die. We join her at the foot of the crosses in Ukraine."

Diocese remembers Father Hoover

Father James "Jim" Hoover was born May 13, 1934, in Junction City to Laurence and Josephine (Casper) Hoover. He attended school at St. Francis Xavier grade school and high school, completing high school at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary in St. Louis. (B.A. from Marymount College, Salina, 1964). He attended seminary at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis.

He was ordained April 2, 1960, by Bishop Frederick Freking at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City.

The following are comments from Father Hoover that were pulled from an article in the May 22, 2020, issue of the Register.

Upon celebrating his 60th anniversary to the priesthood, Father James Hoover once said, "I was one of these ones who pushed and burned the candle at both ends. I thought, 'Those guys don't live too long,' but I did."

The desire to be a priest

was one he experienced at a young age. Father Hoover said he was 8 years old, working in the silo of his family's dairy farm. He was praying as he assisted in filling the silo and eventually became stuck in the mounds of silage.

"It was starting to get up to my chest, but I wasn't worried," Father Hoover said. "God got me into this, he would get me out."

Eventually, when the grain was up to his chin, his older brother peered into the silo, saw the stuck child and pulled him out.

The next day, Father Hoover told his parents of his desire to become a priest. Initially unsure about his parent's reaction, Father Hoover said he sat to talk with his father about the desire.

"(My father) said, 'You made me the happiest man in the whole church today. I often prayed that one of my

boys would be a priest.'"

Father Hoover reflected on his years as a priest.

"We're in this to serve, not to take," he said. "The most gratifying thing — outside of church — was serving people. Serving them always."

Father Hoover loved his priesthood, and he gave it his all.



Hoover

Parish assignments

- 1960 — Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.
- 1961 — Parochial Vicar at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit.
- 1966 — Pastor at St. Theresa Parish in Mankato and pastoral administrator at St. Francis Parish in Claudell.
- 1970 — Pastor at St. Bernard Parish in Ellsworth.
- 1976 — Co-pastor at St. Mary, Queen of the Universe Parish in Salina.
- 1980 — Pastor at St.

Boniface Parish in Tipton and St. Mary Parish in Downs.

- 1987 — Pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit.
- 1994 — Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Selden, Immaculate Conception Parish in Leoville and sacramental minister at Sacred Heart Parish in Oberlin.
- 2002 — Pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover and Sacred Heart Parish in Greenleaf. Sacramental minister at St. Augustine Parish in Washington and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Morrowville.
- 2009 — Pastor at St. Wenceslaus Parish in Wilson, St. Mary Parish in Holyrood and St. Joseph Parish in Dorrance.
- 2011 — Retired.
- 2011-19 — Chaplain at Nazareth Motherhouse in Concordia.
- 2019 — Chaplain of St. Joseph (nursing home) in Concordia.

In addition to his parish assignments, Father Hoover had nearly four decades of experience in education. He received his master's in religious education from Creighton University in 1970. He began his education career in the diocese by teaching at both the public and Catholic high schools in Beloit. From 1963 to 1966, he led local efforts to establish the North Central Vocational Technical College, which is now called North Central College in Beloit. Also in 1963, he served as the CYO diocesan director. He also taught in the public school in Mankato, where he served as pastor of St. Theresa Parish. In addition to being in the classroom, he served for nearly a decade as superintendent of Catholic schools. While superintendent, he was also appointed as the director of religious education.

Catholic Schools receive accreditation

By ALLISON OCHOA
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

A five-year-long process to earn accreditation for the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Salina resulted in “a gleaming review,” according to Superintendent Geoff Andrews.

“We also hold the distinction of being the first diocese in the state of Kansas to be accredited as a diocese rather than have each Catholic school working toward accreditation independently,” Andrews said. “This could be a model that other Catholic dioceses might consider in the future.”

The accreditation process through Cognia, a non-profit

educational accreditation organization, began in 2016. Diocesan and school representatives conducted their fact-finding work, gathering data from each school related to learning outcomes, institutional effectiveness, professional practices, leadership, preparing students for future careers and other criteria. The process was put on hold for one year in the middle of the cycle due to the COVID-19 pandemic but then resumed. Each of the successive years in the cycle included surveys of stakeholders and work by individual schools as well as collaboration at the diocesan level to bring the results together.

The final year of the process also included in-person and virtual site visits at multiple schools by Cognia representatives, as well as interviews with Bishop Jerry Vincke, students, faculty, administrators, parents and community partners.

Each of the diocese’s 15 schools created a narrative and digital presentation outlining the school’s improvement during the five-year period in various areas identified in the previous cycle of the accreditation process. The presentations were part of the comprehensive package presented to Cognia prior to the final accreditation review.

“We met frequently via Zoom and worked together electronically,” Andrews said of the last few years of the cycle. “We also had two in-person workdays this year where the principals and maybe a staff member or two from each school came together in Salina to brainstorm and work through details. It was extremely beneficial to have that collaboration during this process.”

Cognia’s final review took place March 21 to 25, and the exit report for the diocese was delivered soon thereafter. The exit report outlined “Powerful Practices,” areas in which the diocesan schools were meet-

ing or exceeding standards. The report also included a short list of areas in which Cognia’s review team felt the diocese could improve. The state of Kansas will review the organization’s findings and a comprehensive report will be returned to the diocese in late April or early May.

“Right now, we are preparing to celebrate, but then we’ll review the final report and start to see where we can improve our schools for the next cycle,” Andrews said.

The next five-year accreditation cycle will begin during the 2022-23 school year and will conclude in 2027.

Students learn 7 themes of CST

NO. 4 — RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

By KATIE HAMEL
THE REGISTER

“Every human person has a right to life and to those things which will allow for their well-being. At the same time, every human person has the responsibility of upholding the rights of others and of promoting the common good.”

Will Allen, a fifth-grade teacher at Sacred Heart Grade School in Colby, says: “Living our Rights and Responsibilities means serving others to ensure they have every opportunity to live a life of dignity. This could be as simple as tithing to reach those less fortunate, using your talents to teach students about dignity, or praying for the end of abortion.”

Fifth-grade student Kenly Moss echoes that same sentiment.

“I live our rights and responsibilities by serving lunch at school every day,” Moss said. “You don’t have to do a lot to live out rights and responsibilities; it is as simple as holding the door open for someone.”

It is pretty simple to live out rights and responsibilities, and Sacred Heart Grade School in Colby does this through a variety of ways such as a baby shower, after-school STREAM club, food drives, classroom jobs, Mass ministries and one very interesting project dubbed “Young Ameritown.”

Young Ameritown is an entire economics curriculum the fourth- and fifth-grade students



COURTESY PHOTOS

Students at Sacred Heart Grade School in Colby assist in serving lunch to fellow students.

complete. It includes applying for jobs, practicing interviews, managing a checking account and participating in elections. Then, towards the end of the semester, the students — joined by students from Sacred Heart Grade School in Plainville and St. Joseph Grade School in Oakley — travel to Lenora and run the town for a day. Each student has jobs and responsibilities they either ran for or interviewed for. They run the businesses, set prices and keep track of all income and expenses.

Sacred Heart Junior/Senior High School in Salina is another example of faculty, staff and students committed to living out

the Catholic social teaching of rights and responsibilities. With an emphasis on outreach ministry through service hours, the goal of the school is to encourage students to develop lifelong habits of helping others.

With service both directly and indirectly benefiting the individuals served, the students are taught all roles are necessary and important when it comes to serving others.

But rights and responsibilities don’t have to necessarily be grand gestures. They can be little actions, such as basic classroom etiquette.

Science teacher Kirk O’Donnell has his students switch lab

partners every quarter. The new partners are asked to work together gathering and analyzing data to complete their assigned projects. The hope is to provide an environment for students to learn to work with individuals of all types.

“The process of conducting an experiment forces the students to interact with their peers in a respectful manner,” O’Donnell said. “In other words, without a regard for others, it would be impossible to complete the lab assignments. By changing teams every quarter, the students have an opportunity to work with persons with varying levels of difficulty.”

You're never lonely with God by your side

About three weeks before I was married, I was once more “trapped” in the adoration chapel. This seems to be a theme for me. I was only going to stop by for a half-hour or so, and when no adorers were present, and no other adorers made an appearance, I stayed.

What's funny about that day is I had no plan to go to adoration. I don't know how to describe it except that suddenly a nudge on my heart very clearly called me to go to adoration at 6 p.m. So, I went. And I promptly became trapped.

Being trapped in adoration ended up being the best thing that could have happened to me.

I dug out my prayer journal for this article, and below is what I wrote that day.

“I walked into adoration tonight, sad and lonely. And there was no one here. Were you sad and lonely, too? I felt a tug on my heart to go to adoration at 6 p.m. I came at 6:30 p.m. Was that you, Jesus? I'm sorry

I was late, but I'm glad I made it.

I cried when I knelt before you. I'm sorry you were alone. I was too. And oh Jesus, I'm so scared of being alone. And yet I see that a future of loneliness is very much ahead of me. Is this what you want of me? I hear you in my heart and in my bones. I hear you say, ‘I will sustain you.’ ”

You see, Nathaniel and I were long-distance our entire relationship. In the three weeks before we were married, I saw him for a grand total of 20 hours. We talked on the phone every night, but I never saw him. And not seeing him was causing some anxieties on my heart. I knew I struggled with being alone. I was about to marry a man I dearly loved and move to a new place. And I was marrying a man who, by the nature of his work, would not always be around. There would be times in our marriage that we were “long

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distance” once more.

As I sat in the adoration chapel that night, I was being kind of a brat. I kept throwing situations at Jesus. “What if this happens? What about this? Well, what about this one?”

And with every situation I threw at him, I just felt a quiet, still voice in my heart that kept repeating, “I will sustain you.”

And we have a God who keeps his promises.

In prayer, I said that I would say “yes” to God's will. I would marry Nathaniel. I would move. And I would keep writing. But I asked if God would help me. And I see his hand in so much of my life.

For instance, the day the last paper came out was a day filled with joy for me.

For in that paper, I had a reflection on loneliness, and I can't tell you the number of women from

my parish who reached out to me offering friendship. It warmed my heart, and I prayed a prayer of thanksgiving with each kind message.

And as I ponder this, I realize God sustains each of us. He would never ask us to go where he could not also be. He would never ask us to go where his grace could not sustain.

That doesn't mean every day is filled with smiles and rainbows. Some days are harder than others. And some days, even though we know God will sustain, it doesn't always feel like he's there. But he is there. The fact that we yearn for him is proof that he is in the very center of our hearts, right where he belongs.

Katie

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Following a Texas-sized map to God's calling

I was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1983. My parents both went to Kansas State University. Then, my dad got a job at a bakery in Texas. That's why we were there. They always had the intention of moving back to Kansas, and they did when I was 8. My younger sister was 3 at the time. I really liked south Texas, so it was a little hard moving.

We moved to Manhattan, and I attended Manhattan Catholic Schools from third to eighth grade. And then I went to Manhattan High School.

I was pretty quiet growing up. I played basketball through eighth grade, and then just for fun after that. I played the trumpet from fifth to 12th grade, including marching band in high school.

I always saw myself as a parish priest, if I'm being honest. My parents modeled the faith for me. We went to daily Mass and prayed a daily family Rosary. I saw the Church as a second home, so I was naturally drawn to discerning if I was called to be a priest.

There was only one other occupation I considered. I used to draw maps for fun. And I was always the navigator on family vacations, even at the age of 9. So, I considered some type of occupation related to city planning or cartography. But I never pursued it.

I started looking at seminaries in high school. I never really broadcast that I was looking. My parents were always really supportive of me pursuing the priesthood. Occasionally, I'd get some unexpected comments from others who said they could see me

being a priest. Others didn't understand.

But rather than being discouraged, I wanted to give it a shot. It intrigued me that people had those uncertain types of perceptions.

I was 18 when I entered seminary. Bishop George Fitzsimons accepted me into the program.

I spent four years at Conception Seminary College in Missouri (2001 to 2005), and five years at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver (2005 to 2010).

I liked Scripture classes, both in college and theology. But I perceived most of my classes as something to get through. They were a means to an end to become a

parish priest. I didn't enjoy them, but they weren't terrible. I got good grades. But my heart was with the people in the parishes.

As a seminarian, I had a summer assignment that was beneficial to me. In 2003, I did a youth program. It was a precursor to Totus Tuus but was set up the same. I liked being present in various parishes. You get to know families and get a good sense of what the Salina Diocese is like.

That summer really helped renew my calling. I had doubts about whether to go back, and that summer answered those doubts for me. I still wasn't for sure if I would be a priest, but it helped me take the next step.

I thought I knew I was going to be a priest, but then I realized I really didn't. I had a lot of uncertainty through seminary, but each

year, I believed I was meant to continue in that place. It's strange because it's not a cut-and-dry deal. I wasn't 100% certain, but at the same time, I wasn't going around with no direction.

I was ordained a priest May 22, 2010, by Bishop Paul Coakley. Father Rich Daise was also ordained. It was a good day.

I remember there were a lot of people in the Cathedral. I remember how it felt laying on the floor listening to the Litany of the Saints. I remember when the priests processed through and welcomed me. I remember during the ritual of the ordination, that I immediately felt connected with all the priests.

My first assignment was at St. Mary Queen of the Universe in Salina. I was with Father Kerry Ninemire. The biggest struggle with that assignment was teaching the sophomores, two hours a day for two years. I struggled with that because I knew the subject matter, but I didn't know the art of teaching. And the world had changed since I was in high school. Cellphones were all of a sudden more common. It was a challenge to navigate the duties of teaching and school chaplain ministry, but it all worked out.

Otherwise, I felt really blessed to be a priest; I still do. Every year, I enjoy it more. I learn more about what I'm doing. There's a lot of consolation in the calling. I have no regrets or doubts. Each parish assignment brings many challenges and joys.

PETER O'Donnell
PASTOR



In January 2014, I started online canon law school. I volunteered for it. I saw a need for a priest to assist in the Tribunal. One day, I was praying, and I sensed God was asking me to be open. I talked to Bishop Edward Weisenburger. He was open to it, too. I did online school from 2014 to 2016, and then I moved to Ottawa, Canada, for school for 14 months. I completed my license in June 2017.

It was hard leaving the parishes to go to school. Canada was more difficult than I thought it would be. Looking back, I'm happy I did it. Now, I assist in the Tribunal on nullity cases, which is about 80% of the work. It's writing sentences, interviewing, following up with people — as part of the Tribunal team. I also organize the diocesan archives and assist the bishop on various canonical tasks and projects.

It can be disheartening working on nullity cases. It is a real blessing to be in a position to minister to the couples where they are. I try to remember those who have gone through a divorce when I celebrate Mass. I think it is part of my job, part of my calling, to bring those who are divorced closer to the Lord. There is a chance for a new beginning after a divorce.

I think there are two challenging things as a priest. I've moved many times in my first 10 years, so there is a lack of stability.

The other is navigating a support network in the midst of expectations of parish priesthood. I have to balance being a father and being a friend.

O'DONNELL, PAGE 13

Masses focus on parents' losses

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

"We shall find our little ones again up above."

St. Zelig Martin

There is a story of a man who was escaping Vietnam on a boat. While on the boat, a pregnant mother died, leaving behind a young son. As her body was burned, the young man looked through the flickering flames and saw the little boy who was now an orphan. He listened as the little boy's screams of agony lifted upwards. The young man grew angry with God.

How could God do this?

The memory dulled as time passed, and the young man eventually became a priest. One day in prayer, the memory came back with intense vividness, and the young priest became angry once more. He lamented, "God, why did this happen? Where were you?"

And as he prayed, an image appeared in his mind. An image of the fire, and in the middle of the flames stood Jesus holding the body of the young mother. He was with her in the heart of the fire.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

The Diocese of Salina is hosting two special Masses for parents who have lost a child.

When death occurs, the grief can sometimes be unbearable. But one can

find solace and comfort in the hope that our loved ones are with Jesus.

This year, there will be two Masses with Bishop Jerry Vincke for parents of a deceased child. The first Mass will take place at 2 p.m. May 11 at Sacred Heart Church in Colby. The second Mass will take place at 2 p.m. May 12 at St. Andrew Church in Abilene.

There will be a luncheon immediately following Mass at both locations.

There is no fee to attend, but registration is appreciated.

Visit salinadiocese.org/events or call Rick Binder at (785) 827-8746.

BRIEFS

Hearing about faith

BY THE REGISTER

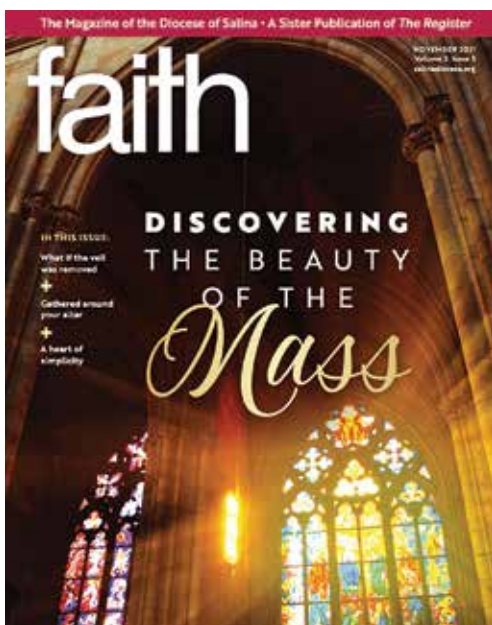
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Be sure to tune in.

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Mass to celebrate religious

BY THE REGISTER

Join Bishop Jerry Vincke and the priests of the Diocese of Salina at 11 a.m. May 17 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina as they celebrate Mass in honor of women religious.

The Diocese of Salina is happy to have many religious women serving its parishes and faithful.

Junior camp upcoming

BY THE REGISTER

Junior CYO Camp is an annual event occurring on Memorial Weekend, Saturday through Tuesday, for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders (2021-2022) at Rock Springs 4-H Camp.

Counselors for the event are high school seniors through college-age students.

To register for camp, visit salinadiocese.org/news-and-updates/jr-cyo-camp-registration-now-open/.

Contact Bill Meagher with any questions at (785) 827-8746, Ext. 49, or email bill.meagher@salinadiocese.org.



FILE PHOTO, THE REGISTER

A farmer cuts his wheat crop in this file photo.

Celebrating St. Isidore

BY THE REGISTER

St. Isidore had deep religious convictions. He rose early in the morning to first go to church, then worked the rest of the day walking behind a plow. All the while, he prayed to God.

He prayed so long at church that he would often get to work late. But legends tell stories of angels and mysterious oxen assisting him. His work was never neglected.

What we learn from the legend is this: If we work on keeping our spiritual self in order, our worldly commitments will fall into order as well.

The observance of St. Isidore's day for the

Diocese of Salina will be May 16 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Jerry Vincke at 11 a.m., followed by a lunch for participants. There will be blessings of the flocks and fields on the way to the afternoon tours of a local locker plant and a guided tour of an agriculture manufacturing plant.

In preparation for St. Isidore's day, Catholic Rural Life will host an online Rosary novena for farm communities. Additional details to follow by social media.

Plan to start the week of May 15 in Hanover by commemorating St. Isidore the Farmer, Patron Saint of Farmers.

GOSPEL READINGS

May 1 — Third Sunday of Easter
John 21:1-19

Jesus revealed himself for a third time to the apostles.

May 8 — Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10:27-30

Jesus says the sheep know

his voice.

May 15 — Fifth Sunday of Easter
John 13:31-35

Jesus gives a new commandment.

May 22 — Sixth Sunday of

Easter
John 14:23-29

Jesus tells the disciples that the Holy Spirit is coming.

May 29 — Seventh Sunday of Easter/

The Ascension of the Lord
Readings may vary.



St. Joseph, Hays — March 23

Front row from left, Gunner Weigel, Sabrina Werth, Kinslee Newell, Jaci Schmidt, Sienna Lummus and Karlee Crispin. Second row from left, Konner Haas, Matthew Pfeifer, Zechariah Dickman, Kate Scoby, Reese Vehige, Jacob Schaffer, Jesse Staab and Isaac Purinton. Third row from left, Father Damian Richards, Deyton Schmidtberger, Jenna Brull, Christopher Gnad, Eli May, Anna Cappuccio, Bailey Barnes, Mariella Dreiling, Blaise Staab and Rachel Staab. Back row from left, Father Richard Daise, Isaac Fox, Drew Wellbrock, Wyatt Herl, Cora Rupp, Maci Vanek, Clayton Walters, Mark Grabbe and Bishop Jerry Vincke.



St. Thomas More, Manhattan — March 6

Front row from left, Grace Geisbrecht, Jeanae Disberger, Paige Habbart, Lia Jimenez, Macey Pecenka, Emersyn Colby, Erin Craft and Breanne Sanneman. Second row from left, Allie Schurle, Brenna Bammes, Maxine Doering, Jayda Juenemann, Reese Snowden, Grace Ruder, Allison Cloyd and Hayley Fobes. Third row from left, Father Frank Coady, Jaxson Portenier, Carter Oehme, Damian Butler, Jason Kim, Carson Marks and Addison Moeller. Back row from left, Jacob McCollough, Max Stanard, Aiden Koeneke, Brady Lowry, Miles Braxmeyer, Pierson Linck, Jackson Radi and catechist Bill Kennedy.



Immaculate Conception, Solomon — April 3

Front row from left, Jarrett Baxa, Lucas Newcomer, Maya Newcomer, Dawson Duryea, Kyle Ryan, Zoe Milner and Spencer Coup. Middle row from left, Alfonso Baxa III, Ryan Weber, Jill Weber, Luke Riordan, Luke Ryan, Caleb Smith and Kyler Stein. Back row from left, Father John Wolesky and Bishop Jerry Vincke.



St. Francis Xavier, Junction City — March 9

Front row from left, Father Gnanasekar, Kevin Lechuga-Adame, Lathan Ngiraidong, Mathias Schoenhofer, Miguel Weber, Liam Meece, Scott Weber, Fatima Lechuga-Adame, Brian Cervantes and Jacob Boland. Middle row from left, Isaac Solis, Nicholas Fields, Gabriella Marshall, Silas Schoenhofer, Alana Gaytan, Nadine Olidan, Jalinda Okara, Susannah Phillips, Kassidy Jahnke and Bishop Jerry Vincke. Back row from left, Janis Curit, Charles Quinton, Jeter Gonzalez, Henry Engstrom, Ian Effland, Conner Cote-Boss and Leonardo Ngiraidong.



Sacred Heart, Park — March 20

Front row from left, Saige Betz, Paige Bell, Kelsey Selensky, Trace Kinderknecht, Fabian Mungaray and Ethan Gruenbacher. Back row from left, Father James Thomas, Kaitlyn Countryman, Jazmin Luna, Trevor Kaiser, Trent Riedel, Braden Polifka, Preston Havlas and Bishop Jerry Vincke.



Seven Dolors, Manhattan — March 5

Front row from left, Jamileth Cisneros, Yuliza Ramirez, Adaly Castillo Torres, Alexa Gutierrez, Noelia Juarez-Vazquez, Noah Perry, Cameron Coonrod, Allison Umscheid and Adaly Espinoza. Middle row from left, Ethan Weiszbrod, Esmeralda Maldonado-Perez, Sean Minnich, Evelyn Thornburg, Alexander Rodriguez, Grace Bond, Lila Martin, Claire Schimke, Ayla Price and Wade Rottinghaus. Back row from left, Father Ryan McCandless, Wesley Irvine, Axel Fraire Viezcas, Kylie Yaussi, Gil Cisneros, Antonio Sosa, Greyson Wassenberg, Lucas Peschel, Natalie Theubet and Bishop Jerry Vincke.



Immaculate Conception, Minneapolis — March 26

Front row from left, Riley Still, Georgia Rolph, Shelby Mullen and Claire McKain. Back row from left, Father Mark Wesely, Jaci Biggs, Daniel Roth, Liam Nichols, Gabriel Hueser and Bishop Jerry Vincke.



Immaculate Conception, Grinnell — March 19

From left, Patrick Johnson, Karoline Schroeder, Aubrey Losey and Bishop Jerry Vincke.

Two profess vows to Church, God

BY CARLEIGH ORLOWSKI
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

On the feast day of St. Joseph, two sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters of Wichita professed their perpetual profession and solemn consecration at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Carl Kemme of the Diocese of Wichita. Sister Maria Kolbe Schaeffer, IHM, and Sister Mary Francesca Winters, IHM, vows were witnessed by family, friends and religious on March 19 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colwich.

The occasion hits close to the Salina Diocese as Sister Mary Francesca calls Plainville her hometown. She received her sacraments at Sacred Heart Parish in Plainville and attended Fort Hays State University upon graduating

high school. She entered the community of religious sisters in September 2016 and professed her first vows in June 2019.

"Today, in no less of a real way, Sister Maria Kolbe and Sister Mary Francesca are being wed to their beloved spouse, to none other than Christ himself," said Bishop Kemme in his homily during the Mass. "As a bride of Christ, they are laying down their lives for him in response to his laying down his life for them. Joined now in a perpetual bond that can never be broken, symbolizing, embodying the unended bond of Christ to all of humanity. From this day forward, they will call Jesus their bridegroom and strive to be faithful to him in all things knowing that his fidelity is perfect and



COURTESY PHOTO

Sister Mary Francesca Winters and Sister Maria Kolbe Schaeffer along with Bishop Carl Kemme.

unalterable."

The Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita moved from California to Wichita on June 22, 1976. Their mission is contemplation of the word and spread of the gospel through education. The sisters pray

for the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of priests. They have a devotion to the Immaculate Heart and Sorrowful Heart of Mary and strive to be united with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The sisters stood and were asked by Bishop Kemme to declare their intentions. At the profession of vows, each sister came forward to kneel in front of the mother superior, Mother Mary Magdalene O'Halloran, IHM, to read the formula of profession. Each sister's vows were accepted by the mother superior, and Bishop Kemme prayed the solemn prayer of consecration over the newly professed sisters.

Sister Mary Francesca attributes much of her discernment to enter religious life to her experi-

ence at the Comeau Catholic Campus Center in Hays.

"The greatest gift that the Comeau Catholic Campus Center offers is the chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in that small, simple chapel," she said. "I encountered Jesus personally for the first time and eventually came to hear his invitation to follow him unreservedly as his bride. Father Fred Gatschet was also instrumental in my vocational discernment as he generously offered daily Mass and confession which provided a wealth of graces. I also met many new friends at the campus center who were on fire for Christ, devoted to his Blessed Mother, and sincerely sought to follow God's will, and their radiant witness inspired me to do the same."

Sisters of St. Joseph have long history

BY KATIE HAMEL
THE REGISTER

The Sisters of St. Joseph began with six women meeting in a small kitchen in LePuy, France, in 1650.

These six women had a common desire to grow in their love of God and serve the unmet needs of the people around them, whom they came to call their "dear neighbors." These women, with the spiritual direction of a Jesuit priest, Jean Pierre Medaille, formed the first community of Sisters of St. Joseph.

The sisters lived simply and among the people, rather than behind cloistered walls as was the norm for women religious of the time.

During the next century, the

congregation experienced rapid growth in France, until it disbanded during the civil and religious unrest of the French Revolution. Unwilling to renounce their religious freedom, many of the sisters, led by Jeanne Fontbonne (Mother St. John Fontbonne), were imprisoned or forced into hiding where they lived as dedicated lay women. In 1807, the Cardinal of Lyons asked the remaining sisters to establish a foundation in his city.

Under the direction of Mother St. John, seven sisters journeyed from France to America in 1836 to work with deaf children in St. Louis at the invitation of the bishop of that city. From there, new communities of Sisters of St. Joseph were formed

throughout the United States and Canada.

In 1883, Mother Stanislaus Leary of Rochester, N.Y., stopped in Kansas en route to Arizona. At the urging of Bishop Louis Mary Fink, Order of St. Benedict in Leavenworth (the entire state of Kansas was the Diocese of Leavenworth at that time), she went on to Newton and later to Concordia, where she established a motherhouse. Three years later, Concordia was named the site of the new Diocese of Concordia. This diocese would later become the Diocese of Salina.

Sister Jean Rosemarynowski said, "We have had well over 1,150 women become Sisters of St. Joseph. We have a long and rich history of serving in

the Diocese of Salina. We staffed and/or owned multiple hospitals, the St. Joseph Orphanage and Marymount College. We also staffed numerous schools and taught religious education in the summers."

But the sisters are in more places than just Concordia, Sister Jean said.

"Being a pontifical congregation, we are able to minister outside the diocese," she said. "Even today, we have sisters ministering on a reservation at a tribal college; working in multi-cultural, multilingual parishes; providing play therapy for abused children; offering day programs for women and young children, among other ministries. We also have a mission in Brazil where sisters work tirelessly for evangelization."

CULTIVATING VOCATIONS

BY THE REGISTER

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

O Lord, My God, please raise up an army of priests from the sons of the Diocese of Salina. Priests that will carry Your merciful words of absolution upon their lips. Priests that will anoint our loved ones with Your Holy Oil in sickness and at the hour of their death. Priests who will fearlessly proclaim the Gospel in season and out. Priests who will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our salvation.

Dearest Mother Mary, fill the hearts of mothers and fathers of our diocese with joy as their sons discern a call into the Holy Orders of Christ's Eternal Priesthood. We ask this with humble hearts through the Holy Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

vocations@salinadiocese.org

In honor of World Day of Pray for Vocations (May 8), we thank the many seminarians, deacons, priests and women religious who have said "yes" to God's call. A call to the priesthood or religious life is a call from God, but that call is nurtured by family, friends and individuals on fire for the faith.

At the Diocese of Salina, we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but we also attempt to cultivate vocations through

events that allow young people to encounter Christ. Some of these events include the Annual Men's

Conference, Prayer and Action, Totus Tuus, Junior CYO Camp and the annual CYO Convention. The diocese also pledges to financially aid seminarians and permanent deacon candidates in the cost of their education.

To help support diocesan efforts to cultivate vocations, please make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share by visiting join.salinadiocese.org.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord God, you call us to be saints. The plan you have for our lives is far greater than anything we could desire for ourselves. Help us be open to the particular vocation you have planned for us. May those you are calling to priesthood, the diaconate, consecrated life, marriage, or generous single life respond to your call with the words of our Blessed Mother, "May it be done to me according to your Word." Bless the Diocese of Salina with an abundance of disciples who desire to be the saints you are calling them to be.

Jesus, we trust in you.

Amen



BRADY HUTCHISON

"I would like to thank all of you who have given of your gifts to help support my brother seminarians and I. It is such a blessing and an encouragement to know that we are supported by so many great people who support us and care for us."

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PRIEST?

The reason that I want to be a priest, other than feeling called by God, is that I have been given many graces and blessings from having conversations and developing friendships with priests, and I want to be able to pass that on to others.

PRAYER REQUEST

That I may do well on my oral comprehension exam which is the summation of the last two years of seminary in one exam.



HOMETOWN:
Hays, KS

YEAR:
Pre-theology II

SCHOOL:
St. John Vianney School of Theology

FAVORITE CANDY BAR:
100 Grand

FAVORITE MOVIE:
The Scarlet and the Black



KADE MEGAFFIN


"I would like to thank all of the people of the Diocese of Salina for their generosity in prayer and support! God's grace through your prayers is what truly sustains me in my vocational journey. Thank you! And God bless you all!"

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PRIEST?

I want to be a priest because I believe this is how God has asked me to praise, revere and serve Him for His greater glory.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for my continued conversion and my upcoming oral exam in Trinitarian Theology!




HOMETOWN:
Hays, KS

YEAR:
Theology I

SCHOOL:
St. John Vianney School of Theology

FAVORITE CANDY BAR:
Baby Ruth

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Remember the Titans



JESSE OCHS


"I would like to sincerely thank all of you who have supported my seminary journey throughout the years. Your thoughtfulness, generosity and prayers have made an immeasurable difference. Thank you!"

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PRIEST?

I want to be a priest to joyfully serve the people of the Salina Diocese and bring others to Christ. It means a great deal to me to spread the joy and peace that Christ has given me, and it will be phenomenal to do so as a priest in my home diocese.

PRAYER REQUEST

That Jesus may guide and bless the remainder of my pastoral year in the way that He desires. (Also, that my K-State Wildcats will find a head basketball coach who will win us a national title!)




HOMETOWN:
Park, KS

YEAR:
Pastoral Year

SCHOOL:
St. John Vianney School of Theology

FAVORITE CANDY BAR:
Don't have one because I can't eat a lot of sugar

FAVORITE MOVIE:
The Shawshank Redemption or O Brother, Where Art Thou?



KYLE PFEIFER

"I would like to thank all the people of our diocese, especially the Knights, morning-Rosary prayers and parishioners I've met, for their prayers and financial support. "

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PRIEST?

I want to bring Christ to others, especially in the sacrament of confession.

PRAYER REQUEST

That I continue to grow deeper in pastoral Charity.




HOMETOWN:
Manhattan, KS

YEAR:
Pastoral semester at St Andrew's in Abilene

FAVORITE CANDY BAR:
Baby Ruth

FAVORITE MOVIE:
The Matrix



COLLIN THIELEN

"Thank you to everyone who has given us financial support, prayers and anything else that has supported us in even the slightest way. Any contribution helps tremendously. Thank you for all the sacrifices you have made for us, and please continue to pray for us and an increase in vocations."

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PRIEST?

I want to be a priest because the sacraments are vital, and we need priests to offer them. To me, there is no better way to spend my life than administering the sacraments.

PRAYER REQUEST

Prayers for trust, so I may better allow myself to be formed spiritually, pastorally, educationally and humanly.



HOMETOWN:
Quinter, KS

YEAR:
Freshman

SCHOOL:
Conception Seminary College

FAVORITE CANDY BAR:
Twix

FAVORITE MOVIE:
My All American



KAIDEN VAN SCHUYVER

"In the short time of being a seminarian, I greatly appreciate all those who have prayed for me - your prayers are always heard and felt! I am also thankful for all those who have sent letters. Receiving mail gives me hope and much needed support in my vocation. I would not be where I am in my discernment without the unceasing charity of those in the Salina Diocese!"

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PRIEST?

The pulling factor for me to become a priest is fulfilling the will God has for my life. The biggest pushing factor is helping others build their relationship with God through personal interactions and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. I want to flood the Kingdom of Heaven!

PRAYER REQUEST

I ask that you pray for an increase of religious vocations in the Salina Diocese. Pray for the young man/woman in your parish that would make a great priest/religious sister. Pray for our seminarians and priests who are wanting to help others find God in an ailing world that often rejects Him.



HOMETOWN:
Plainville, KS

YEAR:
Freshman

SCHOOL:
Conception Seminary College

FAVORITE CANDY BAR:
Anything with chocolate

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Simon Birch



ADAM ZARYBNICKY

"Thank you to everyone who supports seminarians through prayer, generous donations and other means. Our formation would not be possible without the magnanimity of the faithful of the Salina Diocese."

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PRIEST?

I love how priests spend their lives aimed entirely at spreading the message of God's love.

PRAYER REQUEST

For Kenrick's formation staff, especially as we transfer to having a new rector.



HOMETOWN:
Hanover, KS

YEAR:
Theology I

SCHOOL:
Kenrick School of Theology

FAVORITE CANDY BAR:
Snickers

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Hacksaw Ridge



CHRISM, FROM PAGE 1

Bishop Vincke shared that we, too, are called to press on. As a Church, we are told to go out into the world and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. In doing this, we must remember to not be afraid. He said God gave his life to save us, and with him all things are possible. If we fear the opinions of others, Jesus' sacrifice would have been for nothing.

He then challenged the faithful to remember God's desires. God has a plan for each person, but he asks that every person seek him through prayer. But also, Bishop Vincke challenged every person to be a light in a world of darkness.

Following the homily, all priests were asked to renew the vows they had made the day of their priestly ordination. With each resolution posited to them, they solemnly vowed, "I am."

Then, Bishop Vincke asked the faithful to pray for the priests. He also asked, "And

"AND PRAY ALSO FOR ME, THAT I MAY BE FAITHFUL TO THE APOSTOLIC OFFICE ENTRUSTED TO ME IN MY LOWLINESS AND THAT I BE MADE DAY BY DAY A LIVING AND MORE PERFECT IMAGE OF CHRIST."

BISHOP JERRY VINCKE

pray also for me, that I may be faithful to the apostolic office entrusted to me in my lowliness and that I be made day by day a living and more perfect image of Christ."

Following the renewal of vows, the three Chrism oils were presented to Bishop Vincke. He first prayed a general prayer over the three oils. But then, he prayed specifically over each oil. The three oils included the Oil of the Sick (used in the Anointing of the Sick), the Oil of Catechumens (used in Baptism and at the Rite of Election), and the Holy Chrism Oil (used in Baptism, Confirmation, Ordinations and altar blessings).

As Mass continued, the congregation was overjoyed to be able to receive the Blood of Christ. Due to the pandemic, it had been nearly three years since the faithful were able to receive this gift.

At the close of Mass, Bishop Vincke prayed, " ... that those you renew by your sacraments may merit to become the pleasing fragrance of Christ. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."

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Finding purpose through the unthinkable

BY OLIVIA AYRES

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

For many, home represents security and is a place that provides warmth and comfort. It serves as an anchor in a fast-moving world and stores precious memories of the past and future.

In December, Judy Rosado's idea of security dramatically shifted when her home was destroyed in a devastating fire. Rosado, who resides in Lincoln, is a mother to seven girls, four of whom live at home and, luckily, were at school when the fire broke out. Recounting the events of that day, Rosado said she was walking home from the store when she saw the unthinkable, the sight of her home completely engulfed in flames.

"It was crazy. All I could see was smoke coming from my house," Rosado said. "I just had this gut wrenching feeling in my stomach, realizing we had lost everything. All that I have ever owned was in that house, and it had just turned to dust."

Even upon the fire department's swift arrival, it was too late. The fire had destroyed everything, leaving Rosado and her young daughters to pick up the pieces of the beloved home they once shared. On top of the disaster, Rosado was also dealing with the loss of her grandfather, who passed away a few days after the fire.

"I want to say I think God gave me the strength in all of this," Rosado said. "When you lose your home and then lose you grandfa-



COURTESY PHOTO

Judy Rosado and her family lost their home to a fire in December.

ther, you realize which one is more valuable, it gives you perspective."

With the incredible weight of devastation on her shoulders, Rosado

contacted Catholic Charities for help.

She received assistance through the Disaster Relief Fund, helping her cover the deposit and rent expenses for her family's next home. Rosado said the support of Catholic Charities has been nothing short of divine intervention.

"Catholic Charities was a place I could reach out and have a conversation with zero judgment," Rosado said.

"It was like God sent some angels to steer us in the right direction."

This direction, Rosado

said, is a fresh start in a new home. She has an optimistic outlook, crediting the support of Catholic Charities as what carried her family through this incredibly difficult time.

"Through all of this, I realized you have it all and nothing in a matter of days," Rosado said. "If it were not for Catholic Charities' help, we would have ended up having to move to a different city and go to a homeless shelter. Catholic Charities was that help from above that got us through this loss and is giving us hope for the future."

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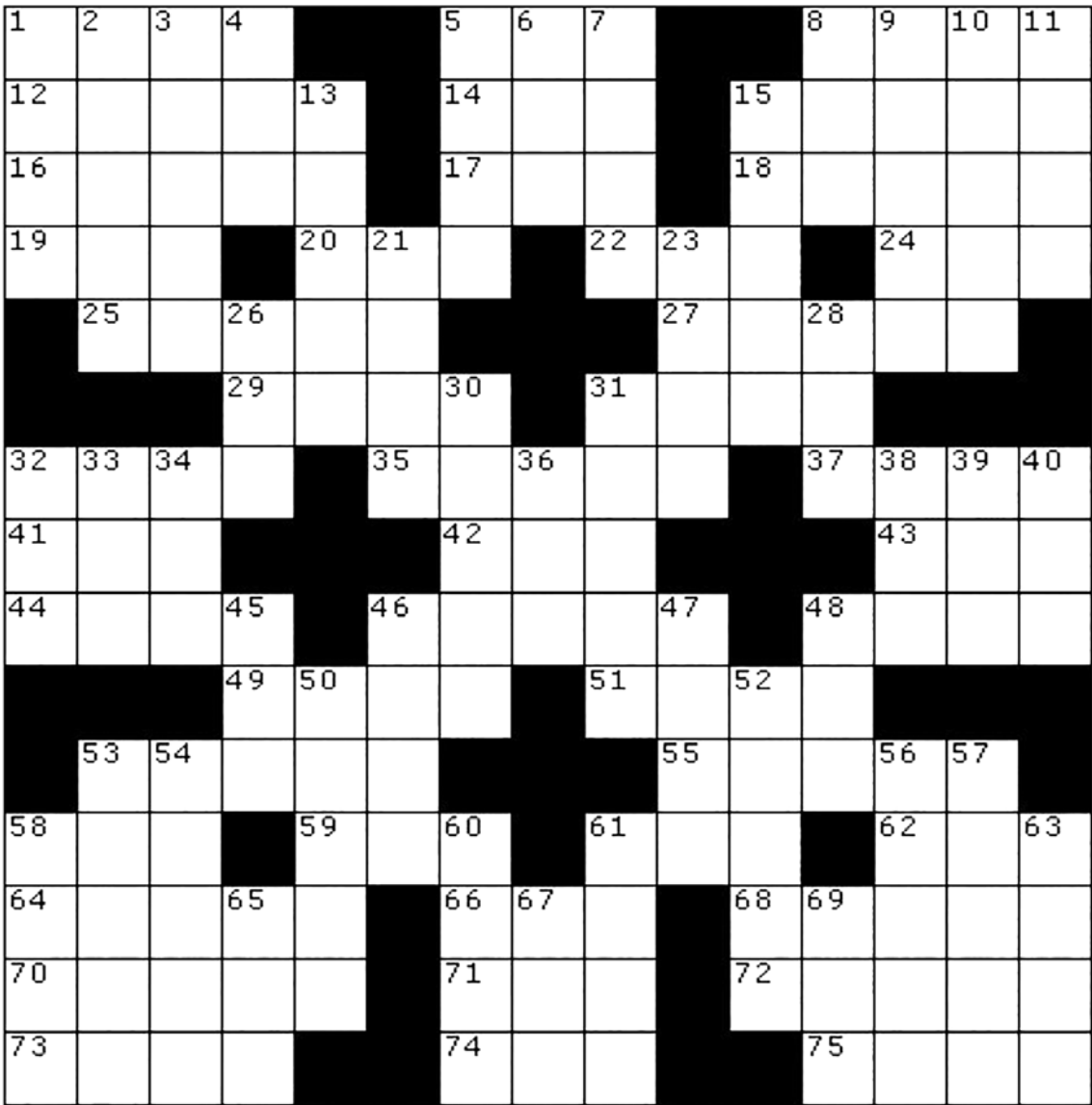
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 - 5 Taxi
 - 8 Pairs
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 - 14 Is
 - 15 Italian physicist
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 - 17 Winter hazard
 - 18 Extraterrestrial
 - 19 Serving of corn
 - 20 No room for them in the
 - 22 Before HST
 - 24 Maturity
 - 25 Large instrument
 - 27 City in Nebraska
 - 29 Sister of Rachel
 - 31 Posttraumatic stress disorder
 - 32 Tribe of Israel
 - 35 Grating
 - 37 Speck of wood, etc. (KJV)
 - 41 Brew
 - 42 Scarf
 - 43 November (abbr.)
 - 44 Pocket bread
 - 46 Holy book
 - 48 Dole out
 - 49 Cheer
 - 51 Starling
 - 53 Capital of Senegala
- 55 Dukes
 - 58 Bread spread
 - 59 Explosive
 - 61 Hoopla
 - 62 A name of God
 - 64 First letter in Hebrew alphabet
 - 66 Dress edge
 - 68 Many
 - 70 Planet
 - 71 Bard's before
 - 72 Son of Abraham
 - 73 Association (abbr.)
 - 74 Gray sea eagle
 - 75 Teen disease

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 - 1 Land measurement
 - 2 Tawdry
 - 3 ___ Matisse, painter
 - 4 Compass point
 - 5 First son of Adam and Eve
 - 6 Electric spark
 - 7 Angus
 - 8 Eastern st.
 - 9 First husband of Bathsheba
 - 10 I am the Alpha and the
 - 11 Trigonometric function
 - 13 Pigs
 - 15 Grows
 - 21 He survived the Great
- Flood
 - 23 Does (KJV)
 - 26 Boxer Muhammad
 - 28 Admiral (abbr.)
 - 30 Manner
 - 31 Hymn of praise
 - 32 Lick
 - 33 Samuel's mentor
 - 34 Animal doctor
 - 36 Steal
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 - 39 Toddler
 - 40 Adam's wife
 - 45 Noah's ___
 - 46 You must be ___ again
 - 47 Looked at
 - 48 Deface
 - 50 Vows
 - 52 Mother-in-law of Ruth
 - 53 Valleys
 - 54 Last words of prayers
 - 56 Light purple flower
 - 57 The devil
 - 58 Indonesian island
 - 60 KJV pronoun
 - 61 Last word of a prayer
 - 63 Rodents
 - 65 Play on words
 - 67 Stray
 - 69 North American nat.

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The Eucharistic Miracle of Ulmes

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.miracolieucaaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>) he created before he died of leukemia.

Eucharistic Miracle of Les Ulmes, France, 1668

On June 2, 1668, Saturday of the Octave of Corpus Christi, in the small Church of Les Ulmes, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for public adoration. The pastor of the Church, Nicolas Nezan, began to incense the monstrance. While the hymn Pange Lingua was being sung "and having reached the stanza 'verbum caro Panem verum,' the shape of a man appeared in the monstrance in place of the Host. He appeared to have light brown hair that fell over his back, a luminous face, the hands crossed one over the other, and the body covered by a white tunic. This apparition lasted for more than a quarter of an hour; whether on the tabernacle where the

Blessed Sacrament was exposed, or on the altar where the priest had moved the Blessed Sacrament to allow a closer look to all those present."

On June 13, the pastor immediately sent a message of what had occurred to his bishop, Henry Arnould, who quickly ordered an inquiry. On June 25, the pastoral letter was published containing the "faithful description" of the marvel. Among the several works which followed and which sought the objective description contained in the letter, we remember that of the Dominican Father Gonet, who describes the event in Volume VIII of his work Clypeus Theologiae, published for the first time in 1669 by the French editor Bertier.

The bishop ordered this fact to be diffused widely, therefore three engravings were immediately commissioned: one of Edelynck which is still in Paris, of optimal quality; one of Jean Bidault di Saumur and lastly, one by the editor Ernoudi Parigi. At the end of the 18th century in the parish of Les Ulmes, every year the anniversary of the apparition was solemnly celebrated. In 1901, the International Eucharistic Conbress of Angers was celebrated in this parish. And in July 1933, during the National Eucharistic Congress, a complete session of study was dedicated to the miracle of 1668. Even today in the church, the recess can be seen that for 130 years contained the miraculous Host. The Sacred Species was devoutly consumed during the French Revolution by the Vicar of Puy-Notre-Dame who was afraid the precious sacrament would be profaned.

SPRING TEA



Spring Tea was April 3 at Immaculate Conception Parish of the Virgin Mary in Minneapolis. The Spring Tea was hosted to honor the women of the parish who are 80.

SAINTS, FEASTS OF MAY

"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 Joseph the Worker
- 2 Athanasius, bishop and doctor
- 3 Philip and James, apostles

- 12 Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs
- 12 Pancras, martyr
- 14 Matthias, apostle
- 15 Isidore
- 18 John I, pope and martyr
- 20 Bernardine of Siena, priest
- 25 Venerable Bede, priest and doctor
- 25 Gregory VII, pope
- 25 Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin
- 26 Philip Neri, priest
- 27 Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
- 31 Feast of the Visitation

CYO, FROM PAGE 1

Feduccia spent the weekend helping young people encounter the Holy Spirit in prayer and the sacraments.

In the afternoon, the students had an opportunity to spend an hour in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance and direction. During this time, they also had an opportunity to go to confession.

"It was so beautiful to watch an entire gym full of young people go silent as they dropped to their knees in prayer and worship before the Blessed Sacrament," Meagher said. "Their faith and passion for adoration is inspiring and gives us hope at a time where the world needs hope."

Bishop Jerry Vincke was able to join the youth for Mass on Saturday evening. The Mass was extra special as it was offered in remembrance of the late Sister Barbara Ellen Apaceller, who unexpectedly passed away in July 2021. Sister Barb had been the heart of youth ministry in the Diocese of Salina for decades.

He talked to them about the value of prayer and taking time to think and pray about the big questions in life. He implored them to spend time asking the Holy Spirit to guide and lead them as they discern the future God is calling them to.

The evening continued with a message from John Clark, a teacher from Bishop Miede High School, and a listening session with the youth in preparation for the Synod on Synodality before beginning the traditional CYO Convention Dance. The students were joined by Gene Flax, assistant principal at Holy Family Elementary in Hays, and his wife, Theresa.

The couple spent the first part of the dance teaching the CYO members the Western two-step, the polka and a few line dances. Afterwards, the dance was turned over to Avery Werth, a senior from Hays who



Participants pray during the CYO Conference in Salina.

MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS



Bill Meagher, director of youth ministry and religious education, opens the conference.

played the music for the rest of the night.

The night closed with Ashton Hernandez, Avery Werth and Amelia Herrman leading the entire group in night prayer. Hernandez and Werth are current youth council members, while Herrman will be serving on the youth council next year.

On Sunday, everyone gathered for donuts and juice, followed by Feduccia leading the group in Lectio Divina over the Mass readings. Feduccia shared a few final stories with the students before turning the floor to a group of nine college students who presented to the students on their experiences in high school and keeping their faith in college. The college students encouraged the high school students to get serious about their faith while in high school and gave them some tips on staying active in college. They then

and challenge to the students from Meagher.

"Your school, community, diocese and the world desperately need your courage," he said.

Meagher challenged the students to take what they had learned at the convention back to their communities, spread the Gospel to others and be the leaders the Church needs. He also encouraged them to allow the Holy Spirit to work through them as they seek God's will for their lives.

"We want to give a special thanks to everyone who

ATTENDEE TESTIMONIALS

"I enjoyed watching the youth of our diocese reconnect through the mutual love of God. It was truly mesmerizing to see everyone kneel before the Lord during adoration and then celebrate Mass together with the bishop."

Senior Avery Werth

"Lord, it is good that we are here. CYO Convention 2022 taught me the importance of seeing God's presence in every moment. The key speaker, Robert Feduccia, touched on a variety of topics that affect high-school students. The convention inspired me to become courageous for Jesus and live out my faith to the fullest."

Senior Michelle Zarybnicky

helped us be able to hold our 2022 CYO Convention," Meagher said. "We have such an incredible team in our diocese that work together for our young people. Events like this couldn't happen without so many people across the Salina Diocese being willing to sacrifice time and energy for our young people."



Students from Salina during Eucharistic adoration during the conference.

VTB VOLUNTEER KICK-OFF
SALINA, April 30
HAYS, May 7

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Salina VTB volunteer session:

- April 30
- Central Baptist Church | 2026 Starlight Dr. | Salina
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- Afternoon session: 1:15-3:30 (check-in at 1 p.m.)

Hays VTB volunteer session:

- May 7 (this is a new date)
- Other details to come

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O'DONNELL, FROM PAGE 3

I also didn't realize how difficult it can be for priestly fraternity to be consistent. Even though I feel connected, the priesthood can be isolating.

One challenge I faced in seminary was following the 2002 priest scandals that came out my freshman year. I could sense the perception of priesthood was changing and becoming more controversial or more of a target for people's hatred and anger. So, I think what happened for me is that I chose to lean into the calling rather than run away, hoping to find redemption, to be part of the priesthood of Jesus Christ, and to bring hope to people. That has been my desire.

So, my advice to someone considering the priesthood, don't let the pres-

sure from society prevent you from seeing the real opportunity that is present and available to bring hope, truth and new life.

With priesthood, I went from being such a quiet kid, to someone not afraid to preach, someone who enjoys visiting classrooms or going to a football game and saying hello to parishioners. Priesthood brought a new zeal, a strengthening of confidence and less fear over time. For some priests, their stories are that they mature and then they join seminary. For me, I had some growing up to do during seminary and during my first few years as a priest.

Father Peter O'Donnell is pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Abilene and priest supervisor of St. Michael Parish in Chapman.

Hays hosts Synod

By DIANE O'BRIEN
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The Synod on Synodality for dioceses around the world opened this winter in the Salina Diocese with seven English discussion groups and four Hispanic discussion groups across the diocese. Those in the western part of the diocese were in Colby, Norton and Hays, with a range of five to nine parishes represented at different locations. Parishioners in the eastern part of the diocese met at Tipton, Belleville, Manhattan or Salina.

The philosophy of the Synod is listening to the Holy Spirit and listening to others. Synod means "journeying together," and participants journeyed with fellow Catholics through discussions about three different questions.

Those questions posed to participants were: 1) What brings you joy in your local parish or in the larger Church right now?; 2) What brings you sadness about the Church?; and 3) Where do you see the Holy



DIANE O'BRIEN, COURTESY PHOTOS

Parishioners from several parishes participated in the Synod at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Spirit leading the Church?

After discussing the first question for 15 minutes, each small group gave thoughts to the whole room. Notes were compiled at each location, which will be turned in to the diocese. Any member of the diocese can participate by emailing their responses to one of the Synod committee members: Father Frank Coady at coady@stmmanhattan.com, Father Andy Hammeke at andy.hammeke@salinadiocese.org, or Jana Fross at mjfross@eagle-com.net.

Facilitators for the three discussion sites in the western part of the diocese



Father Andy Hammeke, pastor of FHSU's Catholic Campus Center, explains the Synod process as St. Nick's Pastor Damian Richards looks on.

were Fross and Father Hammeke, pastor at Fort Hays State University's Catholic Campus Center.

Facilitators for the four eastern Kansas sites were Father Coady, pastor at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan, and Father Kerry Ninemire, pastor at St. Peter and Paul Parish (Clay Center) and St. Anthony Parish (Miltonvale).

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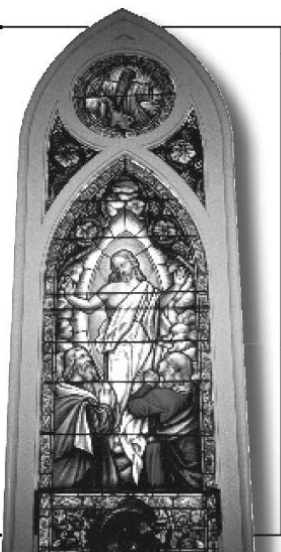
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AROUND THE DIOCESE



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

For the second year in a row, the Catholic schools in the diocese teamed up to host a middle school scholars' bowl meet at Sacred Heart Junior/Senior High School in Salina. For the seventh grade, Manhattan Catholic Schools in Manhattan took first, and Thomas More Prep-Marian took second. For the eighth grade, St. John's in Beloit took first and Manhattan Catholic School in Manhattan took second.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

May 13 is the 105th anniversary of the miracle at Fatima, also known as the Miracle of the Sun.

On May 13, 1917, the shepherd children reported seeing a woman "brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal goblet filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun." The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. She asked them to devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to pray "the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war."

In Arapahoe, Neb., there is a shrine to honor the Miracle of Fatima. The shrine was built by Father Henry Denis and other dedicated parish members.

Father Denis was a young, Polish priest arrested by the Nazis in the opening weeks of World War II. He was incarcerated in various prisons and concentration camps, including Dachau from 1942 to 1945. The life-changing event at

Dachau related by Father Denis occurred on Oct. 7, 1944.

During the roll call of prisoners, he did not hear his name and number called by the prison guards. He had been praying the Rosary, and so he did not step forward when called. This action was punishable by death.

He later went to his work detail, and upon returning that evening, he learned he was to be spared. He made a vow that night, "If I ever leave the camp alive, I will express my gratitude by building for the Blessed Mother a little shrine."

Father Denis was ultimately freed and immigrated to America. He was assigned to St. Germanus Parish in Arapahoe, Neb., in 1949. Seven years later, in August of 1956, Father Denis realized the fulfillment of his concentration camp promise. He built a shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima.

To learn more about the shrine, visit visitnebraska.com/arapahoe/our-lady-fatima-shrine.

Theological Institute set for July

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The topic of the Sisters of St. Joseph's 2022 Theological Institute will be, "Healing Divisions: The Experience of Interculturality."

The annual Theological Institute is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia. It is an adult learning experience aimed at deepening roots in the Christian tradition and exploring its implications for living the gospel in the contemporary world.

This year's institute will be from July 14 to 17 at the Nazareth Motherhouse in Concordia.

The presenter will be Father Anthony Gittins, CSSp.

Father Gittins is experienced as a missionary pastor and professor of

mission theology and culture and is the author of many books.

The 2022 institute will be an exploration of the present world in light of and in hope for our future as Christians with a mission in and for the world. It will encompass the themes of these recent works by Gittins who is a skilled missionary, workshop and retreat leader, professor and, above all, a passionate Christian for our world. Come and sharpen your heart and your vision in the company of this missionary.



Gittins

How to register

The institute begins at 5:30 p.m. July 14 with a meal and concludes with lunch July 17. Cost is \$325 to attend in person (includes

registration, room and meals) and \$200 to attend by Zoom.

Pre-registration required by July 7. A \$50 non-refundable, pre-registration fee is required, applicable to total cost. There are a limited number of partial scholarships available.

Overnight accommodations are available at Manna House of Prayer. For more information or to register, call Manna House at (785) 243-4428, email retreat-center@mannahouse.org or visit www.mannahouse.org for online registration.

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DEATHS

Jerry Lee Baalman, 77, of Grinnell, died March 17, 2022. Funeral Mass was March 26 at Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell. Father James Thomas presided. Burial in St. Paul's Cemetery in Angelus.

Jean Berland, 93, of Hays, died March 21, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 26 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Bernard "Bernie" O. Bieker, 73, of Concordia, died Feb. 25, 2022. Memorial service was March 4 at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia. Father David Metz officiated. Burial at a later date.

Jane Marie Boling, 77, of Aurora, died Feb. 26, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 1 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father David Metz presided. Burial in St. Peter Cemetery in Aurora.

Anna Gasper, 95, of Tipton, died March 22, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 29 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. Father Andrew Rockers and Father Daryl Olmstead presided. Burial in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

Marsha Koster, 66, of Clay Center, died Feb. 27, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 4 at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center. Father Kerry Ninemire presided. Burial in Cawker City Cemetery.

Doris Maxine Linden, 95, of Norton, died March 21, 2022. Funeral Mass was March 25 at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo. Father Matthew Cowan and Father Vincent Thu Laing presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in New Almelo.

Tillie A. Locklear, 88, died January 26, 2022. Private burial to follow.

Robert Eugene Losey, 76, of Grinnell, died March 21, 2022. Funeral Mass was March 28 at Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell. Father James Thomas presided. Burial in Gove Township Cemetery.

Shirley Marshall, 93, died March 8, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March

14 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Clifton. Father Steven Heina officiated. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Clifton.

Ronald E. Neff, 82, died Nov. 27, 2021. Funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 3 at Sacred Heart Church in Selden. Father Carlos Ruiz-Santos presided. Burial in Selden Cemetery.

Harlan G. Neuberger, 83, died March 3, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 10 at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Father Frank Coady presided. Burial in Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Manhattan.

Virginia Dorothy Margaret Patton, 93, died March 19, 2022. Funeral service

was celebrated March 23 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Clifton. Father Steven Heina officiated. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Clifton.

Frances Mae Pfannenstiel, 89, of Hays, died March 18, 2022. Funeral Mass was March 22 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

John Andrew Syko, 80, died Feb. 1, 2022. Private burial to follow.

Luellen Maxine Trahan, 97, of Concordia, died March 6, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 16 at St. Anthony Church in Miltonvale. Father Kerry Ninemire presided. Burial in Miltonvale Cemetery in Miltonvale.

James Earl Walsh, 73, died March 10, 2022. Graveside service celebrated by Deacon Larry Erpelding at Valley View Memorial Park in Manhattan.

James "Jim" F. Westerhaus, 83, died March 8, 2022. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 12 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City. Father Gnanasekar Kulandai presided. Burial at a later date.

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Marian Eucharistic Mission
Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, 2022
with Father James Blount, S.O.L.T. Internationally Recognized Evangelist and Healing Ministry
Sacred Heart Catholic Church • 206 North Washington Street • Plainville, Kansas
Seating is limited and on a first come basis. Please call 785.434.4658 by April 22, 2022 to register for one or both days.
A voluntary freewill offering made only in cash or by check will be collected for Father Blount.

Friday, April 29		Saturday, April 30	
6:00 PM	Mass with Father James Blount and Father Leo Blas	3:15 PM	Father Blount Talk Two
7:00 PM	Father Blount Talk	4:00 - 5:45 PM	Dinner Break (On Your Own)
8:00 PM	Exposition/Healing Service Begins	5:00 - 5:45 PM	Confessions in the Church
10:00 PM	Benediction/Reposition	6:00 PM	Mass with Father Blount and Father Blas
Saturday, April 30		7:30 PM	Passing the Flame of Love and Prayers
1:00 PM	Flame of Love Rosary	8:00 PM	Exposition/Healing Service Begins
1:45 PM	Father Blount Talk One	9:00 - 10:00 PM	Confessions in the Church
3:00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet	11:00 PM	Benediction/Reposition

BAPTISMS

Avery Rene Adams, daughter of Eric and Kelsey Adams, was baptized Feb. 12, 2022, by Father Donald Zimmerman at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City.

Bodie Wayne Bell, son of Brandon and Haley (McCain) Bell, was baptized March 19, 2022, by the Rev. Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Hays.

Brooks Kelly Biery, son of Andrew and Jana Biery, was baptized March 27, 2022, by Father Donald Zimmerman at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Amelia Hazel Brown, daughter of William and Jennifer (Ruda) Brown, was baptized March 6, 2022, by

the Rev. Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Hays.

Jack Delmon Conklin, son of Jack and Jhesica Conklin, was baptized March 27, 2022, by Father Donald Zimmerman at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Randell Jr. Angafor Frubi, son of Laudis Frubi Che and Estrella N. Angafor, was baptized Feb. 20, 2022, by Father Andrew Rockers at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City.

Brantley John Gassman, son of William Gassman and Taylor Maxfield, was baptized Feb. 13, 2022, by Father Matthew Cowan at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo.

Krew Emory Kirmer, son of Kyle and Kaci (Smith) Kirmer, was baptized March 27, 2022, by the Rev. Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Hays.

Hazel Marie Miller, daughter of Matthew Miller and Sarah Wolford, was baptized Feb. 12, 2022, by Father Donald Zimmerman at St. Francis Xavier Church in Junction City.

Reed Ryan Miller, son of Ryan and Kelly (Maze) Miller, was baptized March 12, 2022, by the Rev. Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Hays.

Payton Ann Moeder, daughter of Trey and Alyssa Moeder, was baptized March 27, 2022, by Father Andrew

Hammeke at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Theodore Robert Onofre, son of Rodrigo and Kelsey Onofre, was baptized April 3, 2022, by Father Frank Coady at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Abigail Lynn Palen, daughter of Cody and Megan Palen, was baptized March 12, 2022, by Father Elias Chinzara at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Avery Jane Pumphrey, daughter of Andrew and Hannah Pumphrey, was baptized March 12, 2022, by

Father Soosai Rathinam at St. Theresa Church in Mankato.

Hayden Margaret Pumphrey, daughter of Andrew and Hannah Pumphrey, was baptized March 12, 2022, by Father Soosai Rathinam at St. Theresa Church in Mankato.

Cooper Joel Schippers, son of Colby and Lacey Schippers, was baptized March 19, 2022, by Father Nicholas Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Colt Ryan Sibley, son of Ryan and Holly Sibley, was baptized Feb. 27, 2022, by Father David Metz at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia.



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Saturday, May 28, 2022

3:00 P.M. Memorial Service at the Cemetery

4:00 P.M. Memorial Mass

Celebrants: Bishop Jerry Vincke
Father Reggie Urban

6:00 P.M. Picnic lunch
(available for purchase)

7:00 P.M. The Adam Capps Band
(free will donation accepted)

Bring your lawn chair and plan to enjoy the activities you are able to attend.

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