



Celebrating a hero



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A photo of Father Emil Kapaun celebrating Mass during the Korean War was on display, along with other items, at the memorial Mass on May 30 in Herington.

HERINGTON HONORS FORMER ARMY CHAPLAIN KAPAUN

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

In life, Father Emil Kapaun was known for his calm demeanor and for inspiring others to stay strong.

This Servant of God is still gathering people together more than 70 years after his death in the Korean War.

That's the message Father Isaac Coulter gave in his homily during a memorial Mass in honor of Father Kapaun on May 30. The Mass preceded a dedication ceremony to rename the Herington post office the Capt. Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building.



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Father Richard Daise, Hays, speaks at the ceremony as Father Emil Kapaun's nephew, Ray Kapaun, listens.

Father Kapaun grew up in Pilsen, a small town approximately 50 miles south of

Junction City. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1940, with his first

assignment being at his hometown parish of St. John Nepomucene.

He had served for 18 months as the auxiliary chaplain at the Army airbase in Herington in 1943-44, then was recommended for army chaplaincy and served in both World War II and the Korean War. He was captured by communists in 1950 and died in captivity in 1951 at the age of 35. He has been recognized for his heroism with many awards, including the nation's highest military award for valor, the Medal of Honor.

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A TINY BOOK IS A GIANT MEMORY TO TREASURE

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

Betty Stroda says history was not one of her favorite subjects in high school in the late 1940s.

"But I love it now," she said recently with a sparkle in her eye.

Part of the reason for her passion for that subject now, she admits, is because she is part of history — in a big way, both in her hometown of Herington and in her childhood home of Pilsen.

Pilsen is the home of the late Father Emil Kapaun. Because of his service in World War II and heroism during the Korean War, Father Kapaun earned the distinction of Servant of God in 1993, beginning the long process for canonization as a saint.

And the 90-years-young Betty is humbled but proud to tell anyone who will listen that she received her First Holy Communion from Father Kapaun a month before her 10th birthday. That memorable date, she explains, was April 26, 1943.

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COURTESY PHOTO, ROBBIE KRAMER

Betty and Ralph Stroda and their son, Scott Stroda, all of Herington, carry offertory gifts at a Mass for Father Emil Kapaun.

FINAL PROJECTS

Students use capstone class at TMP-M to serve others.

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Smith Center church sees new blessing.

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Our family

I belong to a subcommittee for the conference of bishops on both the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Africa. The mission of the committees is to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in these places and to help fund projects in areas that are in need. These funds come from donations from people throughout the United States who want to help.

Obviously, the people in Ukraine are really hurting. The recent explosion of a dam which caused massive flooding has not only affected the crops but also the drinking water of 60,000 to 70,000 people. A member of the subcommittee recently went to Africa and found out first-hand what the effects were. Ukraine is much like Kansas — it provides food for others. Because of what is happening in the Ukraine, the people in Africa have less food to eat.

Millions of Ukrainians have been displaced. It's hard to imagine taking only a suitcase of your belongings to live in another country. Many have had to do that.

I want to share a happy story though. Recently, the bishops conference hired a young woman from Ukraine who came here approximately 10 months ago. She told me how she arrived in Washington, D.C., without knowing anyone. She spent weeks crying. She longed for home and especially for some Ukrainian food. She told me she went to church and prayed to God she might meet someone who could

help her. As she sat in church in a pew by herself, suddenly a woman out of nowhere came to sit by her right before Mass began. After Mass, the woman introduced herself to her and said she wanted to invite her to go to a wedding reception. Lo and behold, it was a Ukrainian couple who got married. As she sat to eat the meal, she began to cry. Someone came up to her and said, "Are you OK?" She said, "I am so happy to have Ukrainian food." She felt like she was home.

Back to our brothers and sisters in Africa and Eastern and Central Europe. Pope Francis said the people we do not see are our brothers and sisters. He calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed

all those who love their brother "as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him." The people in Africa and Europe and throughout the world are our family. We belong to one another.

I also wonder sometimes what the people in our pews are going through — a difficult marriage, health issues, recent death of a loved one, worries about their finances. Perhaps we can also be on the lookout for those in need who live close to our homes too.

In Christ's service,

+ *Gerald L. Vincke*

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- 8** Tour die Kapellen, 7:15 a.m. invocation, Hays
- 9** 150th year celebration, 4 p.m. Mass, St. Isidore's, Cuba
- 11** Year of Mercy, Aurora
- 12** Year of Mercy, Concordia
- 15-16** Year of Mercy, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina and Brookville
- 17** Year of Mercy, New Almero
- 18** Year of Mercy, Hill City
- 19** Year of Mercy, Damar
- 20** Year of Mercy, Cuba and Munden
- 21** Year of Mercy, Belleville
- 25** Year of Mercy, Victoria, St. Fidelis
- 26** Year of Mercy, Walker
- 27** Year of Mercy, Vincent
- 29** Catholic Charities Green Tie Celebration, Salina

NIGHT OF HEALING

Join Father George Chalbham, C.M.I., with Father Leo Blasi, chaplain of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement in the Diocese of Salina, for a healing service for the sick and those in physical, emotional or spiritual need.

The Night of Healing Faith will be July 14 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 712 Broadway, Herington. The evening will commence with

Mass at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., exposition and adoration will take place. Confessions will then be heard by the priests. The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary rosary will be led by Father Blasi before benediction and repossession. The healing service will begin at approximately 7 p.m. Light refreshments and conversation will follow. For more information, call Deacon Dick at (785) 366-6189.

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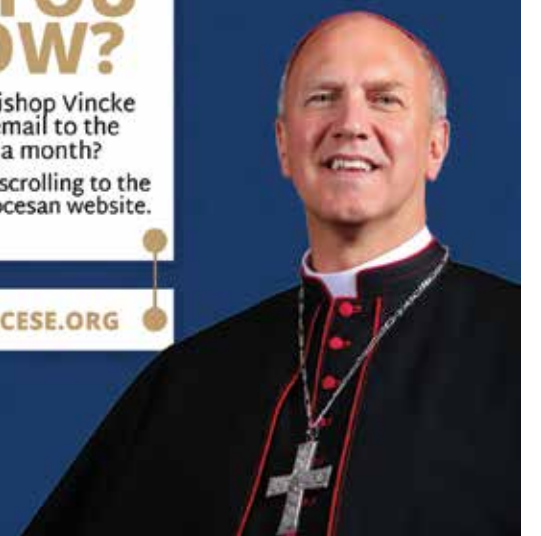
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PRIEST MOVES

Effective July 1, 2023:
Father David Micheal, HGN: Released from assignment as parochial vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays to take on a new assignment in the Diocese of Reno with other priests of his province.
Father David Metz: Granted temporary sabbatical leave from July 7, 2023, until Aug. 12, 2023.
Father Matthew Cowan: Released from assignment as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Norton and St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo to return to his home diocese of Gaylord, Mich.
Father Joshua Werth: Transferred from pastor of St. Bernard Parish in Ellsworth and St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish in Kanopolis to pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Norton and St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo.
Father Fred Gatschet and Father Stanley Basil, HGN: Appointed pastoral care of St. Bernard Parish in Ellsworth, St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish in Kanopolis and St. Joseph Parish in Brookville as priests in solidum, with Father Fred Gatschet appointed as moderator. Father



Micheal



Metz



Cowan



Werth



Gatschet



Basil



Kulandai



Ninemire



Leiker



Metz



Kieffer

Gatschet is released from assignment as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Brookville, while remaining pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish and maintaining other official appointments. Father Basil is released from assignment as parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish in Salina and St. Joseph Parish in Brookville. Father Gatschet will continue to reside at Sacred

Heart Cathedral in Salina, and Father Basil will reside at St. Bernard Parish rectory in Ellsworth.
Father Gnanasekar Kulandai, HGN: Released from assignment as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City to return to his home country of India.
Father Kerry Ninemire: Transferred from pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center and St.

Anthony Parish in Miltonvale to pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Junction City.
Father Michael Leiker: Released from assignment as parochial vicar of Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Manhattan to be appointed pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Clay Center and St. Anthony Parish in Miltonvale.

Effective Aug. 12, 2023
Father David Metz: Transferred from pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia and St. Peter Parish in Aurora to pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover, St. Augustine Parish in Washington and Sacred Heart Parish in Greenleaf.
Father Joseph Kieffer: Transferred from pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hanover, St. Augustine Parish in Washington and Sacred Heart Parish in Greenleaf to pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Concordia and St. Peter Parish in Aurora, and ministry support priest for St. Edward Parish in Belleville, St. Isidore Parish in Cuba and St. George Parish in Munden.

Deacons celebrate 10-year milestones

By KATIE HAMEL
THE REGISTER

On June 22, 10 men celebrated their 10-year anniversaries to the permanent diaconate. They were ordained June 22, 2013, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina by Bishop Edward Weisenberger. The group marks the second cohort of deacons for the Diocese of Salina, with the first cohort having been ordained in 2009.
The Council of Vatican II restored the Order of the Diaconate, with an aim for deacons to be stewards of service and imitate Christ's example of the washing of feet. Specifically, deacons are called to serve the people through word, liturgy and charity.
A deacon is typically assigned to a parish and assists the priest with Mass and other sacramental ministries.
In addition, he is called to be involved in the community by serving the people on the fringes, such as the homebound, incarcerated, homeless, etc.
Reflecting on their 10 years of service, the deacons share their thoughts as well as their hope for the Church.

Deacon Dave Kisner
Serves at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.
Husband to Susan; father of two; grandfather of four.
Deacon Kisner shares, "The greatest blessing I have received as a permanent deacon is being able to minister to all people in the Diocese of Salina, especially the people at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church."



Kisner

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Currently, the Diocese of Salina is supporting eight men in the permanent diaconate program. Your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share

helps make this ministry possible. To give, visit join.salinadiocese.org. If you have questions about the diaconate program, visit salinadiocese.org/office/office-of-deacons/.

Deacon Walt Slingsby
Serves at Clay Center, Miltonvale (assists in many other parishes as needed).
Husband to the late Carol (Berland) Slingsby; father of four; grandfather of seven.
Deacon Slingsby shares his favorite part of his diaconate is the Eucharist and encountering the glorious nature of the Triune God. He has a special fondness for the Holy Spirit, crediting the spirit for granting the ability to go out and search for God.
Deacon Slingsby's own encounter with God and the reason he became a deacon is because of the example of his late wife, Carol, who passed away in 2014. "She lived her faith, and I wanted what she had."



Slingsby

In reflecting on his hope for the diocese, he shares, "All of us have the ability to write in some form or another. The main component of any sentence is centered around the noun or the subject of the sentence. However, a noun cannot function without a verb. Verbs show what the subject is doing. Verbs are the only type of word that is absolutely necessary to make the noun in a sentence function properly. So, like a sentence, my life must be centered in and bring Christ's teachings to those I encounter each and every day. Christ is a God of Action. So, to that extent, my life and the lives of everyone is to glorify our lord and savior by the

example of our lives every day. It is my hope and desire to continue to bring the subject of our God of Creation to bring those I encounter closer to Christ. Peace be with each of you today and always."

Deacon Dennis Engel
Serves at St. Joseph Parish in Oakley.
Husband to Linda; father of two; grandfather of four.
Deacon Engel shares the biggest surprise about being a deacon is that "it is hard. Keeping a balance between the diaconate and family can really be a challenge. It should be mentioned that deacon wives have to be very generous with their husbands. Without our wives, we wouldn't be good deacons."
He says one of the blessings is being able to share in the spiritual growth of so many people, while one of his favorite parts of being a deacon is the sacrament of baptism. "Being asked to baptize a child by a young family is the best."



Engel

Deacon Engel credits young families as a source of hope for the diocese. "We have many young families in our parish, so Mass gets kind of loud sometimes, and that's a good thing. The best part is that most of the time the young dads are there with their families. With the importance of dads being involved in the lives of their families, it is good to see them there."

Deacon Jorge Rivera
Serves at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina.
Married to Celia; father of four; grandfather of nine (with one on the way); great-grandfather of one.
Deacon Rivera says being a deacon comes with many surprises and blessings. However, one of the best is "being able to pray for the sick and the dead, and to help them die in peace after receiving the sacraments."
His favorite parts are being able to expose the blessed sacrament each week for holy hour and leading the rosary in Spanish for different funerals.
He says his hope is the diocese will receive more Spanish-speaking vocations and permanent deacons. "It is good to be able to speak my language."



Rivera

Deacon Mark Vrbas
Serves at Sacred Heart Parish, Atwood; St. Mary Parish, Herndon, St. John Nepomucene, Beardsley; and St. Joseph Parish, Bird City.
Husband to Jeanne; father of two; grandfather of three.
Deacon Vrbas shares one of the greatest surprises, blessings and his absolute favorite part of being a deacon is the ability to baptize his grandchildren.
He also takes great joy in ministering to neighboring parishes and teaching people about the Catholic faith.
He shares that his greatest hope is "for our youth to recognize the importance of faith, in Christ and his Church, to live peaceful lives in service to others."



Vrbas

Many benefit from capstone projects

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

The senior capstone project at Thomas More Prep-Marian High School in Hays helps students learn about service of many kinds.

Another objective of the religion class project is for students to learn something about themselves, says their teacher, Rick Binder.

"It definitely enables and empowers students to find out more about themselves," Binder said. "Not only do they learn about serving others but also their ability to accomplish something. They have to learn how to ask for donations and sponsorship. It takes a lot of organization and planning, and they find out there are obstacles to overcome."

After choosing a project, the seniors present to a three-person committee, telling why they chose it and what they hope to accomplish. Upon completion, they present the project to the committee again.

About half of the students work on their own on an individual project, and others partner with a group of one or more classmates.

The projects all have to demon-

strate that they are providing a service in some way. This year's projects ranged from a variety of volunteerism to raising money for different causes to donating stuffed animals to a children's hospital.

"I am there to mentor and guide the students, make sure they are staying on track, give advice sometimes," Binder said. "I don't give them the answer, I give them the question."

Julianna Baalman teamed up with fellow cross country runner Sophia Allen in the fall semester for a 5K for a Cause Color Run during homecoming weekend at TMP-M. Proceeds from entry fees went to Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas.

"I came out of my shell a little working on this project," Julianna said. "It takes a lot of communication skills, a willingness to talk to others and reach out to people for sponsorships."

"Sophia is normally more outgoing, and she pushed me to do that," she added. "And we learned a lot about organization. I had no idea so much went into organizing an event."



DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN, THE REGISTER
TMP-M seniors Julianna Baalman, left, and Sophia Allen display a poster designating their senior capstone project.

Kade Harris didn't have his project with classmate Michael Hale scheduled until second semester, and they had to overcome challenges they hadn't anticipated.

Kade injured his knee during the state basketball tournament and learned soon afterward it would require surgery that kept him on crutches for several weeks.

Kade and Michael chose as their

project to hold a one-day football camp for youngsters.

"We wanted to give kids an opportunity to learn football skills while incorporating our Catholic faith and nutrition into it as well," Kade said. "We wanted to give back because those young kids are always at our games cheering us on, let them know we are also supporting them, too."

In addition to learning football skills, the campers heard a powerful message from Kade that he experienced first-hand.

"You definitely have to work for everything," Kade said while leaning on one crutch. "It's not given to you."

Proceeds from Kade's and Michael's project went to Special Olympics.

"A lot of people don't get the opportunity to compete like we do," Kade said. "We learned through all this that sports isn't everything. We also see that we need to give back to our community."

"It strengthened our faith as well," he added. "We realized that we need to cherish the time that we have."

Sacred Heart sets state golf record

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

The Diocese of Salina was represented well by its Catholic school students at several state athletic venues this spring.

Student-athletes won many a medal at their respective season finales, led by impressive individual and team performances at golf courses in Hesston and Riley.

Salina-Sacred Heart continued its dominant run in boys' golf by winning its eighth straight state team title at the Class 2A State Championships at Hesston. Thomas More Prep-Marian in Hays qualified for the second day of action at that tourney, finishing sixth as a team with one individual medalist.

Beloit-St. John's and Tipton also won team trophies with their 2-3 finish at the sand greens state meet at Riley.

Sacred Heart carted home a lot of hardware as the Knights placed five in the top 20 for individual honors in running away with the first-place trophy by 44

strokes.

That propelled the Knights into the state record books as the only team to win eight consecutive state golf titles.

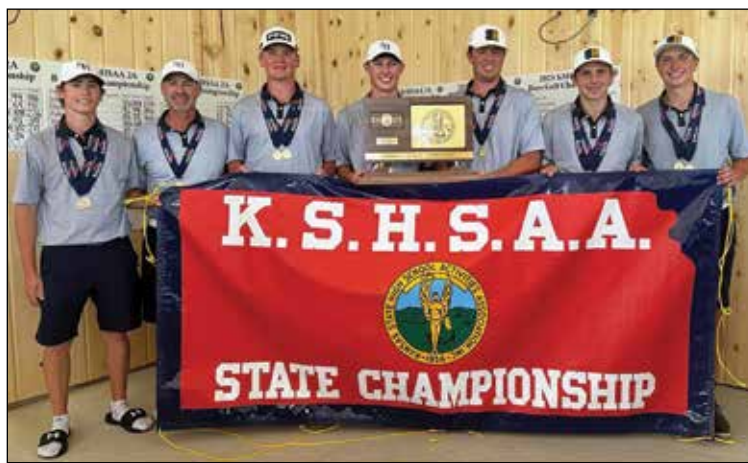
What makes their run even more amazing is there wasn't a senior on the team.

Junior Michael Matteucci won top individual medalist honors for the Knights, and sophomore Luke Newell finished third, while juniors Walker Tuttle, Max Ehrlich and Hunter Newell also finished in the top 20 to medal individually.

By the time the awards ceremony was finished, the Knights and their coach were sporting a dozen medals while posing for a team photo with their team trophy.

"We seem to have a group of really talented golfers every couple of years," Coach Newell said in explanation of the Knights' success. "We have a great streak going. Sometime it will end, but not in the near future. And it sure has been a fun ride."

This recent run has particularly been enjoyable



COURTESY PHOTO
Members of Salina-Sacred Heart's 2023 Class 2A state championship golf team are from left: Hunter Newell, Coach Patrick Newell, Walker Tuttle, Luke Newell, Jason Marrs, Michael Matteucci and Max Ehrlich.

for the coach and his family.

That third-place state medalist for the Knights this year (Luke) is the middle of Patrick's three sons. Luke's older brother, Hunter, was one of those juniors who placed in the top 20. And younger brother Ethan will be a freshman next year.

It comes as no surprise the Newell siblings are golf enthusiasts. Their dad, a 1986 graduate of Sacred Heart, was a member of the Knights' state runner-up team in 1985.

Patrick went on to play

college golf at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina. He was a longtime coach at Salina Central, where he is a math instructor, before the coaching position came open at his alma mater three years ago.

Now, he is thoroughly enjoying the school — and family — tradition at Sacred Heart. Next year's team will have four sets of brothers on the squad.

"I'm just so grateful to be blessed with great young men to work with," Coach Newell said. "I am honored to be the Sacred Heart

coach."

TMP-Marian's individual medalist in 2A was senior Pake Dewey, while St. John's and Tipton also had several medalists at the sand greens tournament.

St. John's placed three in the top 10, led by the 3-4-7 finishes of senior Luke Bates, junior Chris LaRocque and senior Cooper Jermark. Tipton also bunched up several golfers with four placing from 14 through 21 to earn the third-place trophy.

It was an especially busy week for three of Tipton's golf team. Following their state performance at Riley on Tuesday, that trio headed to Wichita for the weekend to compete at the state track meet, where they picked up more medals for their collection.

Senior Koevin Schroeder, junior Trey Collins and senior Josh Towner — all individual medalists at golf at 14-16-19 — were members of the Cardinals' 1,600-meter relay team that finished sixth at state track, where Collins also earned a medal in high jump (seventh).

Holy Family celebrates last 6th-grade class

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

When enrollment for the 2023-24 school year rolls around later this summer, some families will be registering three of their children, rather than just two, at Thomas More Prep-Marian Junior/Senior High School in Hays. Sixth-graders from Holy Family Elementary will be attending school at TMP-M for the first time, forming a three-year junior high for Hays Catholic Schools (HCS).

Moving sixth-grade classes to the TMP-M building is part of the strategic plan for HCS to match the alignment of other elementary schools in Hays.

The four local public elementary schools top out at fifth grade while HFE has always gone through sixth grade, and TMP-M Junior High served seventh and eighth grades.

In the past, any students from the public schools wanting to attend TMP-M after elementary school attended Holy Family for sixth grade before transitioning to the junior high as



TRACY PERRETT, SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Fifth- and sixth-graders at Holy Family Elementary School each were honored with separate graduation Masses in May.

seventh-graders. “This will make for a smoother transition for all sixth-graders going into junior high,” said Rachel Wentling, HFE principal. Two parents who will have three students at TMP-M a year earlier than expected are Cody and

Karen Marintzer. Sixth-grader Joshua will join older brothers Matthias, who will be a freshman, and Caleb, a junior. The Marintzers, like other Holy Family fifth-grade parents, were pleased with the way HFE sent the school’s last fifth-grade

class out in style. “We’ve worked really hard to make sure our fifth-graders had similar experiences as if they were in sixth grade,” said Wentling, in her 11th year as principal of the local Catholic elementary school.

The sixth-graders followed the normal tradition of ordering their class shirts in the fall, with the fifth-graders getting their shirts in the spring semester. Wentling said faculty and staff believed holding celebrations for both fifth- and sixth-graders in 2022-23 was important. Each class also was honored in a separate Mass in May with a reception afterward. Moving sixth-graders to the junior high will allow more room for growth for younger students at HFE. Holy Family now will be able to expand its preschool services, adding classes for 3-year-olds as well as offering additional options for 4-year-olds, including all-day preschool or a five-day program. That older age group currently features a four-day, half-day program. “We’re basically just trading sixth-graders for 3-year-olds,” Wentling said. “We’re really looking forward to growing our preschool and continuing our excellence in early childhood experience.”

FIRST COMMUNIONS



Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria — April 23

Front row from left, Georgia Jones. Second row from left, Adalynn Sander and Jentrie Lang. Third row from left, Dalton Schmeidler and Brayden Stone. Back row from left, catechist Jeanna Wellbrock, Gentry Dempewolf, Bently Hammerschmidt and Father James Moster, OFM Cap.



St. John Nepomucene, Beardsley — April 9

Front row from left, Anthony Micek, Agnes Sabatka, Kora Sramek, Marissa Kopriva, Corbin Martinez and Joseph Hanson. Back row from left, Kegan Hemel, Matt Micek, Kenny Ruda, Deacon Mark Vrbas, Father Joseph Asirvatham, catechist Deb Pochop, Andy Sramek and Kenny Micek.



St. Joseph, Oakley — April 23

Front row from left, catechist Jessica Halbleib, Lettie Rumbach, Collins Kahle, Annie Wilson, Blair Weiser, Aria Thompson and Finley Kuhlman. Middle row from left, catechist Robin Whelchel, Dominic Macias, Sebastian Schrick, Xavier Urrego, Heston Ottley, Wyatt Zerr and catechist Michelle Selzer. Back row from left, Deacon Dennis Engel, Father Luke Thielen and Deacon Mike Brundgart.



MCS at St. Thomas More, Manhattan — April 23

Front row from left, Leah Riordan, Molly Downs, Charlotte Burger, Gabriella Galvan, Rory Minnich, Billie Danehey, Marilyn Solari, Brooke Lackey and Lucille Peschel. Second row from left, Avery Feldkamp, Ava Major, Heidi Aikens, Jack Grier, Lucas Beltz, Davis Vilkanskas, Graham Garvert, Jackson Gering, Kayzlyn Walsh and Elliott Wassenberg. Back row from left, Father Ryan McCandless, Father Frank Coady, Case Hynek, Landry Bosse, David Sheldon, Henry Robke, Luke Peabody, Carter Grennan, catechists Jessica Hampton and Andrea Feldkamp.

DEACONS, FROM PAGE 3

Deacon Steve Urban

Serves at St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays. Husband to Nancy; father of two.

Deacon Urban shares he is surprised by the great joy he has experienced as a deacon. "It brings my heart great delight and happiness."

His favorite part is serving the broken-hearted. He shares, "I remember one of the first Communion calls I made to the homebound. It was to a couple who were both suffering various forms of paraplegia and needed 24-hour constant care. My thought was that here is the broken and crucified Christ. I felt privileged to experience their brokenness, to witness their faith, and to bring them the Eucharist."

His hope for the diocese and the Church is to minister to the marginalized, the poor and those who feel the Church has abandoned them.



Urban

Deacon Steve Heiman

Serves at St. Edward, Belleville; St. George, Munden; and St. Isidore

Parish, Cuba.

Husband to Jeanne; father of two; grandfather of three.

Deacon Heiman shares that the greatest blessings have been being able to baptize his grandchildren and ministering communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes.

He shares that at first, the homebound ministry was something he did not want to do as it was out of his comfort zone. "But it quickly turned into one of my favorite things to do." He also shares that he enjoys the relationships he has made with parishioners and that his favorite parts are "to get to really know someone as they share with you in their time of need. To really be present to them through RCIA. To go from giving a blessing in the communion line to giving them the body and blood of Christ."

His hope for the diocese is to grow in faith. One tangible thing he would like to see is a diocesan retreat center. "Jesus retreated to the



Heiman

mountain or wasteland to pray. We need a place to retreat to for prayer. Our priests, deacons and other lay groups deserve a place to retreat, to grow in their faith and prayer. My biggest dream is that our diocese gets its own retreat center to pray and meditate in. Perhaps this would lead to more vocations for our diocese."

Deacon Wayne Talbot

Serves at St. Thomas More Church, Manhattan.

Husband to Kathryn; father of two.

Deacon Talbot shares, "One of the great blessings of being a deacon is to realize how the Lord works even with the most unworthy of us and brings about his glory. Another blessing is to see how many people truly have a heart of service in so many ways in our community. I know God has provided his blessings to me with the privilege of doing ministries such as the jail, hospital and homebound." He shares that his favorite part is



Talbot

the people he has met who have been a truly great example of faith and strength. "Sometimes, it can be a challenge to see Christ in others. But I believe the ministry of the diaconate has allowed me to grow even more and see how profound it is to be Christ the servant to others. One can never possibly imagine what they will experience when ordained. God places us in the most unexpected of places sometimes. I feel pretty humbled by many of these experiences."

His hope for the diocese is that our parishes continue to be beacons of light in service to our gracious God. That will require clergy and laity to work together in unity under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our example and witness ought to inspire others to have a personal encounter with Christ who sustains us."

Deacon Ron Lehman

Retired.

Deacon Scott Watford

No longer serving in the Diocese of Salina.

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Fall 2023**THEO 3003 Christian Morality and Social Issues (Core Course - 3 college credit hours)**

Instructor — Bishop John B. Brungardt.

A study of basic Christian beliefs about the origin, destiny and meaning of the human person, the nature of Christian life as the fundamental commitment to follow Christ, and the moral principles that flow from this. Students will explore the importance of genuine freedom in the Lord, the universal call to holiness, the dignity of the human person, charity, and social justice.

Class dates — Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 28, Nov. 4, 11.

Location — This course is offered over Zoom. To be in a Zoom class, one will need a computer with a microphone and camera.

Saturday mornings — 8:15 a.m. to noon.

John B. Brungardt was ordained in 2011 as the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. He received a B.A. in physics from Benedictine College, an M.A. in physics from Iowa State University, and a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Kansas State

University. He received an M. Div. and an M.A. in moral theology from the Pontifical College Josephinum seminary.

THEO 4881 Amazed...by Liturgy-for Liturgy (Elective - 1 college credit hour)

Instructor — Father Robert Schremmer.

Class dates — Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26.

Location — This course is offered over Zoom. To be in a Zoom class, one will need a computer with a microphone and camera.

Tuesday evenings — 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Pope Francis asks, "How do we continue to let ourselves be amazed at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes?" He invites us not just to learn more about liturgy, especially the Eucharist, but learn more from the liturgy. He shares: What we say and do in liturgy means a great deal. What liturgy says and does to us means even more.

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Particular attention will also be given to adoration of the exposed blessed sacrament with a method that seeks to allow the time of adoration to flow from the sacrifice of the Mass and to deepen the hunger for communion with Christ and the rest of the Church.

Text — The Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God (Desiderio Desideravi), with commentary by Kevin W. Irwin.

Father Robert Schremmer is a diocesan priest in retirement. From 2001 to

2019, he served as vicar general. He holds an MA degree and MTh degree from St. Thomas School of Theology, Denver. He began teaching in the Pastoral Ministry Formation Program since its inception in 1998. He has taught the core course, "Theology and Methods of Ministry," seven times and a number of one-hour courses such as: Crash Course in Vatican II, 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Mysterious Mystagogia, The Hunger Games and the Good News, Equipping for Ministry at Mass, Navigating Charisms.

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The healing power of prayer

One of the things I have noticed about regularly going to adoration of the blessed sacrament is how Jesus has used these beautiful moments of prayer to change my heart slowly. I didn't even realize it was happening as it happens gradually over time, but looking back, I can see changes. I have even noticed it in the words I pray. I began coming to adoration with a whole list of things I thought God needed to do and ways that I thought he could better do his job. For some reason, in my pride and arrogance, I guess I felt God could be doing a better job of running the world, and I was just the one to tell him how he should do it.

It amazes me the patience he had and still has with me as I pray these prayers and think these thoughts. He didn't laugh at or condemn me, and I didn't see a giant hand come out of the sky to backhand me off the planet, which is what I may have been tempted to do if I was God

listening to me. He did engage in conversation with me (prayer), and through these moments of connection, one of us did change. Much to my surprise, it wasn't the one I went there thinking needed to change.

Prayer will always change us, and as we spend more time talking to God, our hearts and wills move toward his heart and will. We begin to see things through his eyes and trust in him. An age-old truth says you become like the people you spend the most time with. If Jesus is the one we spend significant time with, we naturally become more like him. A beautiful thing happens as we see our lives transform and fill with peace and joy.

We also begin to see ourselves as Jesus sees us. As we gaze upon Christ present in the blessed sacrament, we see his loving gaze back towards us,

and we can't help but feel our value to him. We are so valuable that he came into the world, suffered and died for our sins, and rose from the dead so we could spend eternity with him in heaven. As amazing as that is, he doesn't want to wait until we die to have that relationship. He wants to spend time now in prayer with each of us. Think about how amazing it is that whenever we want to pray, we have the full attention of God.

That thought alone has humbled me significantly.

The next step for me has been to realize that if that is true for me, then it is also true for everyone else in the world around me. God loves and values every single person in the world, and that is where I have felt the most challenged by God as he asks me to become more like him during adoration. He wants me to see everyone around me in the same

way he sees them and treat them with the value and dignity they deserve.

Unfortunately, not everyone is at Mass or adoration to be able to gaze upon Jesus and see their lives and value through his eyes. Jesus is asking us to become living tabernacles and bring his love to everyone around us as we let the light of Christ shine on all we meet. In a world of people destroyers, God asks us to be builders of the people around us.

The song I have been humming as I have left adoration the last few times has these words: "May our light shine before all. That they may see the good that we do and bring glory to God."

I don't think it is a coincidence I have that song in my head. I believe it is just one more way that God continues changing my heart.

Bill Meagher is director of youth ministry, family life and religious education in the Diocese of Salina.

BILL Meagher
DIOCESE OF SALINA



The loving, important words of a father

If you saw the recent *faith* magazine, you'll know we dedicated the entirety of the magazine to women, motherhood and Mary. As of now, we don't have the subject of fatherhood lined up to be featured (maybe one day). So, I decided to talk about fatherhood here.

Upstairs in my room, I have a box. And in that box are all the mementos from my life. Letters, cards, photos — the physical paper trail of proof that I am loved.

That box contains dozens of letters from my mom and

siblings — cards they wrote me on a birthday or just because.

But there is one letter that is worn-out, something that's been unfolded and read and re-folded dozens of times. It's a letter my dad wrote on my 20th birthday.

It's short and to the point. If you know my dad, you know flowery language is not one of his traits. Neither is sentimentality. So the fact he even wrote me a letter is

kind of hard to believe.

But that letter is one of my most prized possessions.

And every now and then, I'll go upstairs and drag that beat-up cardboard box full of memories from its dusty hiding

place and look for that letter. And I'll sit down, and I'll read it. I'll probably tear up a little bit, and then I'll put it back and go on with my day.

I don't know why it means more to me than all the other letters, but it is my favorite.

Even today, my dad's words still mean more to me than most anyone else. My mom tells me anytime they get the newspaper or magazine, my dad sits down and reads every single article I wrote. If an article really impressed him, he'll call to tell me. He doesn't own a cell phone, so it's a big deal for him to find a phone to give me a call.

There was one time, I was really nervous about one of the publications. It was the *faith* magazine on Discovering the beauty of the Mass. For whatever reason, I was

torn up by that issue. I was nervous it was not going to be well-received. I regretted every article and felt completely inadequate.

The day that issue came out, my dad called. He told me he knew how anxious I had been and that he had spent the whole day praying for me. He said he read it when he got home, and he thought it was the best work I had ever done. He told me he was proud of me.

That phone call meant everything to me. And as it turned out, that particular issue of the magazine ended up being a favorite of many of our readers.

So much of my life and so many of my choices have been made because of the influence of my dad. I know he loves me. But more than anything, I want him to be proud of me.

I don't think I'm alone in desiring to make my dad proud. I think most seek the approval of their father. There is something so special about knowing your dad is proud of you. That knowledge inspires a self-confidence that is unmatched by any other type of praise.

Happy father's day to all the dads in the diocese. Being a father figure is one of the most important callings there is. Thank you for your "yes" to being a dad.

Katie Hamel is the creative editor for the Diocese of Salina.

KATIE Hamel
CREATIVE EDITOR



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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA

KAPAUN, FROM PAGE 1

"He had such a good heart and gathered all his brothers together," said Father Coulter, the pastor at the Pilsen church. "He lived a life of certainty and had a power stronger than death. And his soldiers discovered that new certainty. He is still using his humanity to draw us together here today."

The post office dedication was scheduled for the day after Memorial Day so his nephew, Ray Emil Kapaun from the state of Washington, could attend. Ray had already planned to be in the area on June 2 to celebrate Father Emil Kapaun Day, now in its 15th year in his hometown of Pilsen.

Robbie Kramer, wife of Deacon Richard Kramer at St. John the Evangelist, said she felt an urging from the Holy Spirit to help plan a Mass to be said the same day.

Several clergy members from the Catholic dioceses of Salina and Wichita participated in the Mass. Father Sampson Etim from the Archdiocese of the Military, who is stationed at Fort Riley, also was in attendance.

Father George Chalbhagam, CMI, pastor at Herington, announced a surprise at the end of Mass. The chalice used during Mass was the same one Father Kapaun used as a priest. Father Chalbhagam called it "the most humbling experience."

Shortly after the Mass, dignitaries and members of the media joined friends, family and the community for the post office dedication downtown.

"It's fantastic to see so many people from the community," said U.S. Rep. Tracey Mann, who had introduced the bill to rename the post office in honor of Father Kapaun. "I think in this day and age when we don't do a good job of celebrating our heroes, you look at someone that sacrificed his own life like Father Kapaun. To do this (dedication) the day after Memorial Day seems right and fitting."

Father Kapaun was a beacon of light to troops in South Korea, where he took care of the soldiers both spiritually and physically,



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Ray Emil Kapaun, nephew of Father Emil Kapaun, addresses the crowd during the special events May 30 in Pilsen.

said prayers with the troops, offered them sacraments and even carried wounded soldiers to safety.

"Everything Father Emil did in his life came from his heart," Ray Kapaun said. "He will always be a Pilsen boy. He will always be a country boy. He will always be a Kansas boy."

Ray, who is honored that his parents chose his middle name in remembrance of his dad's older brother, said his uncle would not have liked all the attention he is getting.

But his namesake is just fine with it.

"You know, having this post office renamed after him, it just means more and more people know his name and more and more people are going to know his story," Ray said, "which means more and more people are going to be affected by how he led his life."

Those attending the reception could

view medals earned by Father Kapaun and memorabilia, including the legendary photograph of him celebrating Mass during the war using the hood of a Jeep as an altar.

In March 2021, Father Kapaun's remains were identified at the National



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Several priests presided over the memorial Mass for Father Kapaun.

Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii and returned to Kansas. Bringing them home increased awareness of who Father Kapaun was. He is buried in a tomb in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita.

It's been 30 years since Father Kapaun was declared a Servant of God in the long journey to sainthood. The next step is venerable, but Ray Kapaun says that could be tomorrow, in a few years or 20 years.

However, he hasn't lost hope. After all, his family was shocked 95 percent of Father Kapaun's remains were found.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Father Kapaun's Medal of Honor was on display during the events.

"I never say never," Ray said. "We didn't think they would even find his remains, much less such a large percentage of them."

We know what kind of man he was, what he did for so many. To me, (official canonization) is just a signature."

BOOK, FROM PAGE 1

Betty had plenty of folks to listen to her story May 30 at the dedication and renaming of the Herington post office as the Capt. Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building. Father Kapaun served as army chaplain at Herington Air Base in the mid-1940s.

Betty had the honor of taking up the gifts during the offertory at a memorial Mass preceding the dedication downtown, and she said it's something she will never forget.

"I just get really emotional sometimes, thinking that I knew Father Kapaun personally and that I could do something this special at one of his Masses," she said. "And we were seated right behind Raymond. He is so warm and loving. His disposition is just like Father Kapaun's."

The Raymond to whom she was referring is Ray Kapaun, nephew of the beloved and famous Kansas priest who risked his life in the Korean War by ministering to soldiers on the front line.

Betty's eyes light up when she talks of Father Kapaun, whose first assignment after his ordination into the priesthood was at his home parish in Pilsen.

Betty and her younger sister, who grew up on a farm, were attending the Catholic school in town when Father Kapaun served as the priest at St. John Nepomucene Church.

Father Kapaun was not your ordinary priest of that era, Betty said. The school children were delighted when the young priest showed up at school and played baseball with them.

One day Betty remembers in particular was when Father Kapaun gave each of the students a small prayer book whose plastic cover has tiny rosary beads around the outside and the crucifix in the middle.

It's something she has held onto through the years and still treasures today.

Betty enjoys telling people about the First Communion photo she still has in her possession. But, oh, that little prayer book is something she guards with her life.

She laughs and shakes her head while telling where she kept the 80-year-old prayer book for several years — in a Ziplock bag in her freezer.

"I thought if there was ever a fire, I wanted it to be safe so I put it in the deep freeze," she said. "But now, I keep it in a fireproof safe at home."

Betty celebrated her 90th birthday a few days before the Herington dedication. What a way to celebrate, she said.

"I just can't believe it sometimes to think that I knew Father Kapaun," Betty said. "He's in heaven. We know that. To have something that he gave me is so precious."



DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN, THE REGISTER

Betty Stroda holds a treasured 80-year-old prayer book she received from Father Emil Kapaun.

K of C releases documentary on Kapaun

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The Knights of Columbus recently announced the release of *The Magazine and the Miracle: Finding Father Kapaun*, a short documentary film highlighting the extraordinary life and legacy of Servant of God, U.S. Army Chaplain and Medal of Honor recipient

ent Father Emil Kapaun.

Father Kapaun's heroism, selfless service to his country and devotion to Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith were a daily inspiration to his fellow soldiers during World War II and the Korean War.

The 15-minute film, produced by the Knights of

Columbus, also traces the incredible journey of Father Kapaun's mortal remains, from a shallow grave in the prisoner-of-war camp where he died in May 1951, to an unmarked tomb in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu's Punchbowl Crater in 1954, to his final resting

place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita in 2021. Father Kapaun, a native of Kansas, first served in the Diocese of Wichita following his ordination in 1940.

The Magazine and the Miracle shares how in 2003 a Korean war veteran, William Hansen, visited a VA medical clinic in Naples, Fla., and stumbled upon a copy of a Knights of Columbus magazine — believed to be the March 2003 issue of *Columbia*, which featured an article about Father Kapaun. Hansen immediately recognized the beloved chaplain and recalled burying him in the prisoner of war camp. His testimony then became a significant factor that led to the eventual discovery and identification of Father Kapaun's remains in Hawaii.

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




In addition, Father Kapaun was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2013. He is one of only five 20th-century chaplains to receive the military's highest award for valor. Today, there are 23 Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies named in Father Kapaun's honor, beginning with Father Kapaun Council 3423 in his hometown of Pilsen, which was chartered shortly after his death in 1951.

The Magazine and the Miracle: Finding Father Kapaun can be watched online at <https://www.kofc.org/en/documentary/father-kapaun/index.html>.

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Prayer and Action 2023

Front row from left, Robyn Logan, Sienna Wingerson and Jamie Kuhlman. Back row from left, Braden Dameron, Douglas Koch and Jared Littrell.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Religious Women Mass — May 16

Bishop Jerry Vincke and priests from around the diocese gathered to celebrate a special Mass honoring the religious women of the Diocese of Salina. Honored at the Mass were the Concordia Sisters of St. Joseph and the Vietnamese sisters they are hosting, as well as the sisters from Mexico and a consecrated virgin.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Totus Tuus, Team 1 — Red shirts

From left, Michelle Zarybnicky, Holden Giefer and Riley Chrisler.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Totus Tuus, Team 2 — Yellow shirts

Front row from left, Atalee Amthor and Candace Taylor. Back row from left, Joshua Juenemann and Connor Kuhlman.



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Totus Tuus, Team 3 — Blue shirts

Front row from left, Emma Evins and Maria Mick. Back row from left, Laken Rudolph and Imagen Tremblay.



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Totus Tuus, Team 4 — White shirts

Front row from left, Lauren Schmitt and Elaina White. Back row from left, Collin Thielen and Mark Underwood.



Confirmation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina — April 22

Front row from left, Brooklyn Dooley, Gracy Dooley, Hayden Hammel, Armando Franco, Peyton Wohlgemuth, Hayden Augustine, Emma Chaput, Mya Clark, Keaton Feil and Graham Armstrong. Middle row from left, Taelynn Scott, Bret Hecker, Raelyn Robinson, Conner Stuart, Marley Yost, Kaitlyn Leis, Casson Klover, Nate Mincks, Tiernan Ptacek and Emmalina Stevens. Back row from left, Tarin Carlson, Irma Luna, Riley Robinson, Carter Malbrough, Izaac Konzem, Leah Stein, Adrian Lara, Jorge Lara and Father Keith Weber.

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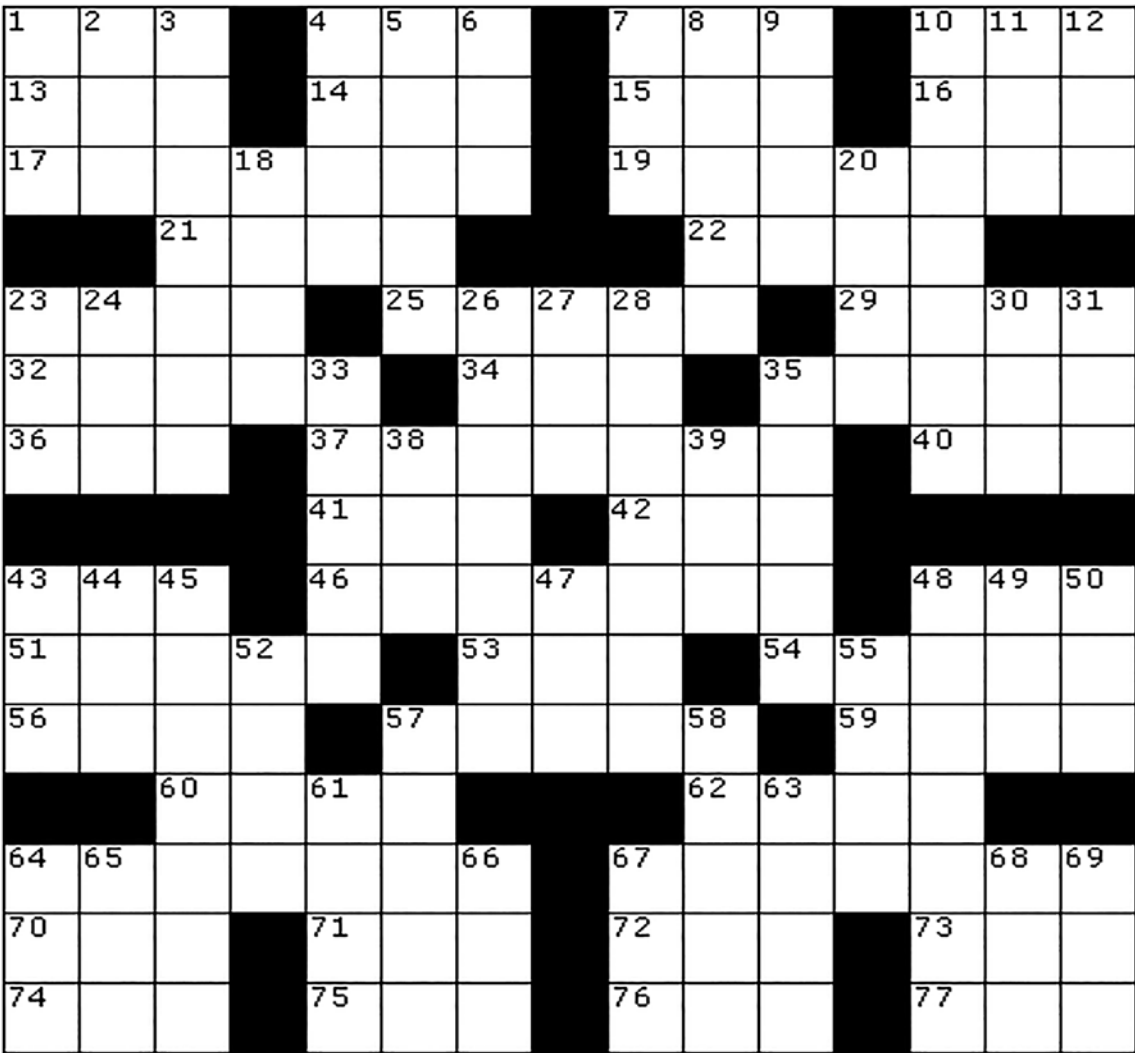
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 - 31 Pigpen
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 - 35 For God so loved the ___
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 - 44 Calorie
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 - 47 Representative
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 - 49 Mr.
 - 50 Tree
 - 52 Mexican sandwich
 - 55 Son of Seth
 - 57 Word written on the wall (Daniel)
 - 58 Preserved
 - 61 Faith, ___ and charity
 - 63 National capital
 - 64 Flower start
 - 65 Inquire
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Speaker discusses beauty of purity

By CLARE MEYER
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Jason Evert has been a chastity speaker for 25 years, educating teens and adults on the importance and beauty of purity. Although popularly known for his talks on chastity, Evert also gives talks for parents on how to address purity with their children, for engaged couples on Natural Family Planning, for college-age adults about dating, and a recent talk on gender dysphoria.

Evert and his wife, Crystallina, co-founded Chastity Project, a non-profit organization committed to helping people of all ages live lives rooted in purity. Behind the scenes, the Chastity Project creates products for schools, youth leaders and churches that can be bought in bulk for a lower price, and gives away many free resources. Evert is in the process of giving a copy of his new book, "Male, Female, Other?," to every Catholic high school, bishop, college campus minister and seminary in the United States.

Over years of addressing crowds, Evert has seen many changes in the practice of chastity. Evert shared that the rate of sexual activity among high-school students has been consistently going down for 30 years. However, this increase in abstinence does not necessarily mean an increase in virtue.

In Evert's words, there has been an exponential rise in online pornographic addiction, struggles with anxiety and struggles with identity as male or female. He also pointed out the increase in women specifi-

cally struggling with pornography.

"The hunger of the young people for authentic human love has not waned in the least," he said.

Evert said young people are remarkably open to the message of chastity. He acknowledges that unless people are shown the impact of chastity, they do not want it. But once they experience and realize it frees them to love and frees them to know if they are authentically being loved, they are receptive to the message.

He is not going to stop spreading this message any time soon.

"I want to do it my whole life, and then God willing, from heaven continue to intercede for these young people," he said. "I have no plans of hitting the brakes."

After all these years, his message for teens is to consider this quote from Pope St. John Paul II: "Chastity can only be thought of in association with the virtue of love."

Chastity helps discern authentic love from its counterfeit, he said. He's got a particular message for those who have fallen and are trying to get back on the right path.

"It is never too late to start over," Evert said. "It does not matter what happened last year or last month. Your value does not come from your virginity. Your sexuality has value because of you. Even if you've lost your virginity or it's been taken from you, you are the gift and you still have yourself to give, and anybody can start over."

Clare Meyer is a student at St. John's in Beloit.

Altar dedicated at Smith Center parish

By DAVID AND LINDA EDELL
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

St. Mary's Parish in Smith Center consecrated its new altar June 7. The ceremony was presided over by Bishop Jerry Vincke, Father Frank Coady and Father John Schmeidler. The original altar, consecrated in 1960 when the parish was founded, was replaced with a new one several months ago. Also, a new tabernacle stand and altar table have been constructed, replacing the older ones.

"The seed was planted several years ago to move the tabernacle

under the crucifix," said Annette Wingerson. "After years of discussing the possibilities of how to make it happen, the fruits of the labor are now complete."

The new altar was constructed by David Herndon of Herndon Custom Cabinetry. He has also crafted several other church items. Father Coady had a hand in the design of the altar, altar table and tabernacle stand.

The funding for the project was made possible by the Helen Durr Memorial and the volunteer help of St. Mary's parishio-

ners.

After the consecration Mass finished, the parishioners followed Bishop Vincke outside for him to preside over the burial of the old altar. In accordance with tradition, the old altar was burned earlier and its ashes collected. The ashes were buried in front of a statue to the parish's namesake, St. Mary, near the church front entry.

The evening culminated with a potluck. Many from the parish had a hand in the celebration, proving once again that faith can unite communities.



Bishop Jerry Vincke blesses the altar at St. Mary's Parish in Smith Center.

Why June is the month of Sacred Heart of Jesus

By **FRANCESCA POLLIO FENTON**
CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus most simply because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during this month. This year, the solemnity fell on June 16. The date changes each year because it is celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave, or the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost.

However, other reasons exist as to why June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart.

The feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun who belonged to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in eastern France began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart.

Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire,

and surrounded by a crown of thorns.

These different ways include partaking in a holy hour on Thursdays and the reception of the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary: "My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."

These visions continued for 18 months.

On June 16, 1675, Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart. He also gave Sister Margaret Mary 12 promises made to all who venerate and promote the devotion of the Sacred Heart.

He said: "I ask of you that the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special feast to honor my heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to it by a solemn act, in order to make amends

for the indignities which it has received during the time it has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that my heart shall expand itself to shed in abundance the influence of its divine love upon those who shall thus honor it, and cause it to be honored."

Sister Margaret Mary died in 1690 and was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 13, 1920.

The Vatican was hesitant to declare a feast to the Sacred Heart, but as the devotion spread throughout France, the Vatican granted the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to France in 1765.

In 1856, Pope Pius IX designated the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi as the feast of the Sacred Heart for the universal Church. Ever since, the month of June has been devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and his immense love for us all.

On the current calendar, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a solemnity, the highest-ranking feast in the

liturgical calendar, although it is not a holy day of obligation.

These are the promises the Sacred Heart of Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:

I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.

I will give peace in their families.

I will console them in all their troubles.

I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.

I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.

Sinners shall find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

Tepid souls shall become fervent.

Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.

I will bless those places wherein the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.

I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.

Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my heart.

In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the first Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

A miracle in Missouri?

By **KELSEY WICKS**
CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

GOWER, Mo. — Hundreds of pilgrims have descended on a Benedictine monastery for religious sisters in rural Missouri after news began to spread on social media that the recently exhumed remains of the contemplative order's African American foundress appear to be incorrupt, four years after her death and burial in a simple wooden coffin.

Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster, OSB, founded the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of the Apostles — best known for their chart-topping Gregorian chant and classic Catholic hymn albums — in 1995 at the age of 70, leaving the Oblate Sisters of Providence, her community of more than 50 years, to do so.

Known for her devotion to the Traditional Latin Mass and her faithfulness to Benedictine contemplation and the Liturgy of the Hours, she died at age 95 on May 29, 2019, on the vigil of the solemnity of the Ascension.

Roughly four years later, on the solemnity of the Ascension in the Latin rite, the abbess and sisters decided to move her body to a final resting place inside their monastery chapel, a long-standing custom for founders and foundresses.

Expecting to find bones, the Benedictine Sisters instead unearthed a coffin with an apparently intact body, even though the body was not embalmed and the wooden coffin had a crack down the middle that let in moisture and dirt for an unknown length of time during those four years.

"We think she is the first African American woman to be found incorrupt," the current abbess of the community, Mother Cecilia,

OSB, told EWTN's ACI Group.

As the head of the monastery, it was her role to examine what was in the coffin first.

The body was covered in a layer of mold that had grown due to the high levels of condensation within the cracked coffin. Despite the dampness, little of her body and nothing of her habit disintegrated during the four years.

The shock was instant for the community who had gathered to exhume her.

"I thought I saw a completely full, intact foot and I said, 'I didn't just see that,'" the abbess said. "So I looked again more carefully."

After she looked again, she screamed aloud, "I see her foot," and the community, she said, "just cheered."

"I mean there was just this sense that the Lord was doing this," she said. "Right now we need hope. We need it. Our Lord knows that. And she was such a testament to hope. And faith. And trust."

The Catholic Church has a long-standing tradition of so-called "incorruptible saints," more than a hundred of whom have been beatified or canonized. The saints are called incorruptible because years after their death parts of or even the entirety of their bodies are immune to the natural process of decay. Even with modern embalming techniques, bodies are subject to natural processes of decomposition.

According to Catholic tradition, incorruptible saints give witness to the truth of the resurrection of the body and the life that is to come. The lack of decay is also seen as a sign of holiness: a life of grace lived so closely to Christ that sin with its corruption does not proceed in typical fashion but is miraculously held at bay.

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BAPTISMS

Amelia Marie Bourne, daughter of Craig Bourne and Maria Del Mar Molina, was baptized May 6, 2023, by Father Ryan McCandless at Seven Dolors Church in Manhattan.

Baylee Brook Branfort, daughter of Jordan and Ashley (Moore) Branfort, was baptized May 21, 2023, by Father Steven Heina at St. John the Baptist Church in Clyde.

Aspen Jade Dreiling, daughter of Jake and Rebecca (Borger) Dreiling, was baptized May 28, 2023, by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Church in Ellis.

Archer Matthew Eastes, son of Jacob and Kayle (Campbell) Eastes, was baptized May 21, 2023, by Father Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Sharlene Isiss Enderle Jr., daughter of John Enderle and Sharlene Isiss Joseph, was baptized April 8, 2023, by Father Ryan McCandless at Seven Dolors Church in Manhattan.

Addalyn Rose Erickson, daughter of Logan and Abby Erickson, was baptized May 14, 2023, by Father Quentin Schmitz at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Payton Harper Feldkamp, daughter of John and Kacey Feldkamp, was baptized May 14, 2023, by Father Quentin Schmitz at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Nora Kay Finke, daughter of William and Chelsea Finke, was baptized April 15, 2023, by Father Peter O'Donnell at St. Andrew Church in Abilene.

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Noel Eduardo Villezcas Garcia, son of Jesus Villezcas and Raquel Garcia, was baptized April 8, 2023, by Father Vincent Thu Laing at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Hoxie.

Ensley Kay Gaschler, daughter of Eric and Kristen (Weber) Gaschler, was baptized May 28, 2023, by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Church in Ellis.

Wesley Dean Hamel, son of Steven "Gabe" Hamel and Shania (Werner) Hamel, was baptized Jan. 15, 2023, by Father Leo Blasi at Sacred Heart Church in Plainville.

Hadley Raelynn Hopper, daughter of Kenny and Audrianna Hopper, was baptized May 20, 2023, by Father Kerry Ninemire at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center.

Kayson Jordan Hubert, son of Cayle and Krista Hubert, was baptized May 21, 2023, by Father Gale Hammerschmidt at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Isla Sue Isern, daughter of Cody and Anna Miller, was baptized April 16, 2023, by Father Matthew Davied at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Kruze Matthew Johnson, son of Matthew and Jaci Johnson, was baptized April 22, 2023, by Father Peter O'Donnell at St. Andrew Church in Abilene.

Berkley Jean Johnston, daughter of Hannah Johnston, was baptized May 14,

2023, by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary Church in Ellis.

Jameson Francis Kaus, son of Trenton and Haley Kaus, was baptized May 20, 2023, by Deacon Larry Erpelding at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Amberllie Raeann Kindel, daughter of Allen and Melissa Kindel, was baptized May 7, 2023, by Father David Metz at St. Peter Church in Aurora.

Sean Allen Kindel, son of Allen and Melissa Kindel, was baptized May 7, 2023, by Father David Metz at St. Peter Church in Aurora.

Rebekah Dorothy Kirmer, daughter of Richard and Stephanie Kirmer, was baptized April 9, 2023, by Father Gale Hammerschmidt at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Valor Sway Kisby, son of Shane and Amber Kisby, was baptized May 20, 2023, by Father David Metz at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia.

Reese Alma Kramer, daughter of Jacob Kramer and Stephanie Murray, was baptized May 13, 2023, by Father Mike Leiker at Seven Dolors Church in Manhattan.

Elias James Lagow, son of Gillian Lagow, was baptized May 6, 2023, by Father Kerry Ninemire at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center.

Isabella Lynn Acosta Lopez, daughter of Alejandro Lopez Jr. and Jennifer Acosta Williams, was baptized April 30, 2023, by Father Gale Hammerschmidt at St. Isidore's Catholic Student

Center in Manhattan.

Edward William March, son of Virgil and Jennifer March, was baptized May 6, 2023, by Father Kerry Ninemire at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center.

Tatianna Marie March, daughter of Virgil and Jennifer March, was baptized May 6, 2023, by Father Kerry Ninemire at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center.

Skylet Mae March, daughter of Virgil and Jennifer March, was baptized May 6, 2023, by Father Kerry Ninemire at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center.

Yesenna Ann March, daughter of Virgil and Jennifer March, was baptized May 6, 2023, by Father Kerry Ninemire at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Clay Center.

Lyla May, daughter of Logan and Stephanie Lehmkuhl, was baptized May 7, 2023, by Father Peter O'Donnell at St. Michael Church in Chapman.

Reid Michael Narrow, son of Adam and Kate Narrow, was baptized May 17, 2023, by Father Kerry Ninemire at Seven Dolors Church in Manhattan.

Cooper Dale Redig and Caroline Grace Redig, children of Kenneth and Maggie Redig were baptized April 15, 2023, by Father Peter O'Donnell at St. Andrew Church in Abilene.

Ameilia Daisy Robben, daughter of James and Kaitlin Robben, was baptized May 8, 2023, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Robyn Maggie Robledo, daughter of Issac and Elizabeth Robledo, was baptized April 9, 2023, by Father Gale Hammerschmidt at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Rudy Dan Roth, son of Joseph and Emily (Ruder) Roth, was baptized May 6, 2023, by Father Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Kohen James Schmidt, son of Chandler and Katelyn (Hecker) Schmidt, was baptized May 28, 2023, by Father Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Everett George Weiser, son of Kyle and Jenny (Havice) Weiser, was baptized April 30, 2023, by Father Keith Weber at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Salina.

Sloane Collier Wilson, daughter of Samuel Wilson and Marta Ott, was baptized April 22, 2023, by Father Gale Hammerschmidt at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Beckett Gene Winge, son of Luke and Emily Winge, was baptized May 21, 2023, by Father Matthew Cowan at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo.

Elliott Thomas Worm, son of Ryan and Hannah Worm, was baptized April 29, 2023, by Father Peter O'Donnell at St. Andrew Church in Abilene.

Jaci Anne Zimmerman, daughter of Nathan and Jessa (Stramel) Zimmerman, was baptized April 29, 2023, by Father Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.



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WEDDINGS

Brandon Geist and Megan (Leis) Gerber were married May 27, 2023, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Father David Micheal, HGN, witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Gary and Lou Ann Geist. Parents of the bride are Randy and Diane Leis. Witnesses were Scott Schumacher and Anna Wellborn.

Luke Ryan and Meaghan Jones were married May 20, 2023, at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. Father John Wolesky witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Patrick and Marcia Ryan. Parents of the bride are Bob and Stephanie Jones. Witnesses were Dawson Gardner and Emma Jones.

Logan Brummer and Gemma Clark were married May 20, 2023, at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. Father Andrew Rockers witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Tyler and Rebecca Brummer. Parents of the bride are Zebulon and Sharon Clark. Witnesses were Tristen Brummer and Felicity Clark.

Jacob Tiernan and Lydia

Hoffman were married April 15, 2023, at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Church in Salina. Father Kevin Weber and Monsignor James Hake witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Steve and Stephanie Tiernan. Parents of the bride are Kevin and Lisa Hoffman. Witnesses were Justin Brummer and Hannah Hoffman.

Connor Graham and Emily Collins were married May 20, 2023, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father David Metz witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Bruce and Michelle Graham. Parents of the bride are Kevin Collins and Danita Green. Witnesses were Auston Stepter and Mariah Shrader.

Truitt Dean Kuhlmann and Kaitlin Beth Albert were married April 15, 2023, at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Matthew Davied witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Garen and Micki Kuhlmann. Parents of the bride are Jeff and the late Joan Albert. Witnesses were Shawn Stansbury and Ellie Stansbury.

Steffan Paul Dolechek and Halle Ann Knigge were married April 22, 2023, at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Matthew Davied witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Doug and Stacy Dolechek. Parents of the bride are Steve and Julie Knigge. Witnesses were Grant Dolechek and Hannah Knigge.

Sheldon Weber and Madeline Lohmeyer were married June 3, 2023, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Father Andrew Hammeke witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are William and Tiffany Weber. Parents of the bride are Joseph and Misty Lohmeyer. Witnesses were Ethan Lang and Halle Lohmeyer

Derek Pfeifer and Brooklyn Walker were married May 27, 2023, at St. Mary Church in Ellis. Father Dana Clark witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Dave and LuAnn Pfeifer. Parents of the bride are Lance and Myra Walker. Witnesses were Dalton Hensley and Brynn Skidmore.

Nolan Meyer and Emily Hoffman were married May 20, 2023, at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Gale Hammerschmidt witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Pat and Peg Meyer. Parents of the bride are Greg and Sharon Hoffman. Witnesses were Braden Meyer and Sienna Wingerston.

Anthony Ybarra and Kimberley Waslawski were married May 20, 2023, at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Matthew Davied witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Christopher and Cosuelo Ybarra. Parents of the bride are Kathy Waslawski and the late Edmond Waslawski. Witnesses were Alexander Ybarra and Laura Waslawski.

Brandon Lutgen and Taylor Huff were married May 27, 2023, at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Matthew Davied

witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Randall and Jana Lutgen. Parents of the bride are James and Lisa Duff. Witnesses were Jacob Lutgen and Lillian Luther.

Alan Mick and Alissa Towsley were married May 27, 2023, at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Gale Hammerschmidt witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Russell and Nedra Mick and the late Linda Mick. Parents of the bride are Gregory and Julie Towsley. Witnesses were Maverick LeRock and Lauren Forck.

Colton Ehrich and Macie Miller were married April 29, 2023, at St. Andrew Church in Abilene. Father Peter O'Donnell witnessed the vows. Parents of the bridegroom are Aaron and Jodie Ehrich. Parents of the bride are James Miller and Andrea MacOubri. Witnesses were Zac Schlesener and McKenna Schlesener.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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DEATHS

Anthony "Tony" Roy Anderson Sr., 62, of Concordia, died May 21, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 31 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father David Metz presided. Burial in St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia.

Kevin "Pete" Bergstrom, 65, of Clyde, died May 9, 2023. Memorial service was May 17 at St. John the Baptist Church in Clyde. Father Steven Heina presided. Burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Clyde.

David Braun, 74, died May 14, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 24 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. Father Daryl Olmstead presided. Burial in St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton.

Robert John DeSanto, 89, died Feb. 12, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 15 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Gale Hammerschmidt presided. Burial in Duluth, Minn.

Edgena M. "Jean" Fieler,

88, of Hays, died May 7, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 11 at St. Joseph Church in Hays. Father Richard Daise presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Duane Raymond Gasper, 72, died April 25, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 8 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards and Father Dana Clark presided. Burial in Duffield Cemetery in Jay, Okla.

Eugene Kippes, 92, of Hays, died May 5, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 11 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Father Kevin Weber presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays.

Phyllis Geneva (Strait) Koster, 89, of Concordia, died April 28, 2023. Funeral

Mass was celebrated May 2 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. Father David Metz presided. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia.

Fern N. Kusy-Solbach died May 6, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 22 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Clifton. Father Steven Heina presided. Burial in Miltonvale Cemetery in Miltonvale.

Janel Moore, 70, of Hays, died April 4, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 11 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Father Joshua Werth presided. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hays.

Harry D. Orbison, 88, died March 6, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 11 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father

Keith Weber, Father Gale Hammerschmidt and Father Daniel Scheetz presided. Burial in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Manhattan.

Arlene D. Pfeifer, 91, of Victoria, died May 3, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 8 at the Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria. Father John Schmeidler, O.F.M. Cap. presided. Burial in St. Ann Cemetery in Walker.

Trudy Ringer, 75, died April 29, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 4, 2023, at St. Edward Church in Belleville. Father Henry Baxa presided. Burial in St. Isidore Cemetery in Cuba.

Rita Katherine Schwarz, 99, of Grinnell, died April 9, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 14 at St. Paul Church in Angelus. Father Luke Thielen presided. Burial in St. Paul's Cemetery in Angelus.

Donald James Smith, 92, died May 10, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 17 by Father Jarett Konrade at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Cawker City. Burial in Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Cawker City.

Ho Thi "Sam" Stevens, 79, of Manhattan, died April 16, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 4 at Seven Dolours Church in Manhattan. Father Ryan McCandless presided. Burial at a later time.

Marilyn J. Wallace, 88, died April 28, 2023. Funeral service and burial were May 4 at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia. Father David Metz officiated.

Catherine Rose Willard, 72, died April 26, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 2 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Gale Hammerschmidt presided. Burial in Wamego City Cemetery in Wamego.

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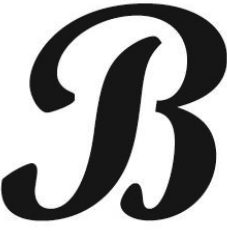
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SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Recently, I was able to spend time with some of our senior clergy and it was wonderful to see them. It also made me think back to my own family. I was lucky enough to be around Catholic priests and sisters my entire life. I did not know how fortunate or rare that was until I was an adult. My father's family is all from Liebenthal, home to those amazing Volga Germans. My grandmother Annie Schmidt Ziegler was one of 10. Her oldest sister Isabel (where our daughter Isabella got her name) spent her entire life taking care of priests. When she lived in Victoria, we would visit across the street from St. Fidelis, and I thought every priest had a house-keeper.

Grandma Annie also had two sisters who were Catholic sisters. Sister Bernadette was an ASC at Newman and had her masters in library science. She served as a librarian for the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Sister Ann Mary O'Carroll was one of my favorite people. She was a Carmelite sister, and I loved when she would visit. Her beautiful brown habit fascinated me, and she always took time to answer all my curious questions. She was an amazing writer and I still have letters and cards she sent me. We also grew up



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Front row from left, Father Norbert Dlabal, Father Charlie Steier and Father Dan Scheetz. Back row from left, Father Rich Daise, Father Alvin Werth, Bishop Jerry Vincke, Father Dana Clark and Father Daryl Olmstead.

with my great uncle Monsignor George Schmidt. He was the kindest man and loved his family and his faith. He enjoyed coming back to the farm and having my grandma dote on him. She always cooked his favorite meals and made sure she had his favorite scotch to drink. He would say Mass for us wherever we were, at the farm, in the field, at the lake or on vacation. I thought everybody had that same experience growing up. I know how much I took it for granted and wish they were all still here on earth.

I watched my grandma take care of her siblings, especially those who had given their lives to serve God. She knew firsthand how hard they all worked to help us get to heaven. She knew that taking care of them was her

way of giving back. She never left a restaurant without picking up the check for a priest or sister (whether she knew them or not). That is a family trait I watched my dad take over and I am proud my family does it, too. I hope my kids realize the importance of taking care of the people who are spiritual shepherds here on earth.

Right now, the diocese has 12 retired priests. We also have eight priests who are 70-plus years old and still working. The Bishop's Annual Appeal - Call to Share helps take care of our retired priests. Will you join me in supporting those who have served us over many generations? To make a gift, visit join.salinadiocese.org.

Heather Hartman is director of development for the Catholic Foundation in the Diocese of Salina.



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The senior priests of the Diocese of Salina gathered for their annual health and retirement meetings in May in Victoria and Salina. The day included Mass, lunch, business meeting and time for socialization. Front row from left, Father Frank Coady, Father Daryl Olmstead, Bishop Jerry Vincke, Monsignor James Hake and Father Jerome Morgan. Back row from left, Father John Wolesky, Father Don Zimmerman, Father Kerry Ninemire, Father Steven Heina, Father Mark Wesely, Father Rich Daise and Father Larry Letourneau.

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