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Students Celebrate Golden Anniversary of Catholic Schools Week



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Bishop Jerry Vincke and Father Gale Hammerschmidt visit with students from Manhattan Catholic School after Mass at Seven Dolors.

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

Catholic Schools Week can bring a little bit of chaos to classrooms around the diocese as students, teachers and staff participate in the national celebration of their schools the last week of January.

Years ago, Cheri Gillis thought of a great way to keep her students learning during this particular week by introducing them to the School of Real Life.

As part of their Corporal Works of Mercy curriculum, sixth-graders at St. Mary's Grade School in Salina participate in "The City Tour," where they visit various organizations in town.

The theme this year, the 50th anniversary for CSW, was "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community."

St. Mary's students were some of 500 across the diocese celebrating their faith and community.

Students attending the 15 schools participated in National Catholic Schools Week 2024 in style, as all

also had the opportunity to celebrate the golden anniversary with Bishop Jerry Vincke. He celebrated eight masses around the diocese with students and teachers.

The 30 St. Mary's sixth-graders got a golden opportunity to learn and give back at the same time.

Gillis introduces the Corporal Works of Mercy curriculum to her students at the start of the second semester, and she said they anticipate The City Tour with excitement.

Students gather items to donate to various organizations, and a table outside her classroom is filled with canned food, paper goods, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and other necessities of everyday living that the students bring from home.

By the time they take to the streets, students are well aware of the seven works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

The sixth-graders at St. Mary's, Salina practice Corporal Works of Mercy during Catholic Schools Week.

They got a first-hand look at No. 6 when they toured the new Saline County Jail early in the week.

It was an eye-opener for students. "We learned what it would be like if you couldn't be with your family because of a bad choice," said 11-year-old Jarred Patterson. "It makes you want to be on your best behavior and make good choices."

Family also was high on Patterson's priority list when they visited the Morrison House, a Heartland Hospitality House. The two-house complex, located within walking distance of Salina Regional Health Center, is a guest residence for ones living outside

Salina who have a loved one in the hospital.

The Morrison House is a service provided by Salina Regional's Health Foundation and its service auxiliary, but donations are also welcomed.

"Some families can't afford a hotel, or they might have a lot of hospital bills," Patterson said, "so this is great for them. I'm glad we were able to help them out a little bit."

St. Mary's students also donated items to the Salina Rescue Mission, the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas and Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas.

CELEBRATING, PAGE 2

Filling Our Hearts During Lent

When St. Ignatius of Loyola was 30 years old, he suffered a terrible leg injury that left him hospitalized for more than a year. He wanted to read books of chivalry, but the only books available to him were the life of Christ and the lives of the Saints. His heart became riveted when he read these books he didn't want to read at first.

GERALD Vincke
BISHOP, SALINA DIOCESE



Ignatius found that when he read books of chivalry, he felt immediate gratification, but after a while his heart became dry and tired. But when he read the books on the lives of Christ and the Saints, his heart became inflamed for the love of God. He always wanted to be a hero, but he soon wanted to be like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Catherine of Siena.

His time in recovery and what he read led him to develop the now famous spiritual exercises along with the discernment of spirits.

Can we tell the difference in our hearts when we watch television, spend time on the computer, or read some-

thing? These are not bad things in itself. Does it give us joy and peace or leave us dry and tired.

Recently, someone sent me an interesting article on "good news." It shared some statistics on how "positive or good news" does not sell on television. In fact, the question is asked, "why do you think there are so many crimes shows on during primetime?" Perhaps many of us have been infected by the "bad news" that fills our televisions, computers, and phones. Perhaps some lose hope, become stressful and fall into despair.

Lent is a good time to examine what fills us with hope and joy compared to what leads to negativity and despair. Negativity and despair are sicknesses that Jesus wants to heal. The love of the cross of Christ is infinitely greater than all the evil in the world.

In Christ's service,

+ *Gerald L. Vincke*

The Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke
Bishop of Salina

BISHOP'S CALENDAR

March

- 3 Year of Mercy, Chapman
- 5 Year of Mercy, Walker
- 6 Year of Mercy, Victoria
- 7 Year of Mercy, St. Elizabeth's, Salina
- 10 Year of Mercy, St. Mary's, Salina
- 12 Year of Mercy, Hope
- 13 Year of Mercy, Elmo
- 14 Year of Mercy, Herington
- 16 Year of Mercy, Kanopolis
- 17 Year of Mercy, Ellsworth
- 17 Confirmation, St. Bernard's Parish, Ellsworth, 2 p.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass, Ogden, 5 p.m.
- 19 Year of Mercy, Ellis
- 21 Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 11:30 a.m.
- 23-24 Year of Mercy, Tipton, Osborne & Downs
- 29 Good Friday-Chancery Closed



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Gillis said the students often talk about their CSW experience the rest of the school year.

"They learn so much about their community and how they can use their foundation of faith to help others," she said. "I want the kids to have the experience of how good it feels to give back. If you can instill that feeling and see how much the person you are giving to appreciates it, that's a feeling you don't get from anything else."

"And," Gillis added, "we hope they continue giving their whole lives."

ALL AROUND THE DIOCESE

From Colby to Hanover (243 miles) and everywhere

in-between, schools hosted events to celebrate, thank and honor their families, faculty, staff, and volunteers, community, vocations, parish and nation.

Bishop Vincke celebrated eight masses around the diocese, with students and teachers from some schools traveling to a nearby parish for a joint celebration.

A bit of diocesan trivia: When mentioning certain schools in the diocese, one must include the town with it.

Three schools bear the name of Sacred Heart – elementary schools in Colby and Plainville and the junior-senior high school in Salina.

St. John the Baptist is the

patron saint of three diocesan schools: the grade school and middle-high school in Beloit and Hanover Grade School.

Other schools with saints in their official names are elementary schools in Oakley (St. Joseph), Abilene (St. Andrew) and St. Mary (Salina and Ellis), as well as St. Francis Xavier in Junction City (preschool through 12th grade).

Rounding out the list of 15 diocesan schools are Holy Family Elementary and Thomas More Prep-Marian Junior-Senior High in Hays, Manhattan Catholic Schools (pre-K through 8) and Tipton Catholic High School.

SAINT PIO RELIC IN BELOIT

A first class relic of Saint Padre Pio was established on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2024 at St. John the Baptist Church in Beloit. The relic is the first of five placed throughout the United States and is sponsored by the St. Pio Foundation from Tuckahoe, NY.

Each chapel will have a certified first-class relic of a fragment of gauze stained with blood from Saint Pio's side. Saint Pio suffered the stigmata, wounds that correspond to those Jesus Christ received during his Passion.

The relic was placed in the church's side altar closest to the confessional.

The placing of the relics in the United States is part of a series of initiatives planned for the 10th anniversary of the St. Pio Foundation's

founding and for the 25th anniversary of the beatification of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.

"We are honored and thrilled to be a part of this initiative and to serve as the host diocese for the first Padre Pio chapel," said Bishop Vincke. "We look forward to offering this veneration opportunity to the faithful to experience a prayerful, spiritual encounter and to ask for Saint Pio's intercession."

The Saint Pio Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization founded in 2014 to promote the knowledge of and devotion to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, known also as Padre Pio, a 20th century Catholic priest from the Puglia region of Italy.

For more information, please visit www.saint-piofoundation.org.

MARCH PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Pope's prayer intention:

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Diocesan prayer intention:

May this Lenten Season be a time of spiritual growth for each of us as we seek to grow in holiness and deepen our relationship with God.

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Have We Made Satan's Scouting Report?

We are in the middle of Lent as we prepare our hearts and lives for the Joy of Easter in a few short weeks. Lent is often during basketball season, so I do many scouting reports during the Lenten Season. I enjoy that part of the process, which gives me incredible insights into people. When scouting a team, you don't know the players personally because you only watch them on film. So, you watch their body language, how they react to things and how they relate to their teammates, and you begin to understand who that person is.

BILL Meagher
DIOCESE OF SALINA

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As I was scouting a team the other day, a thought popped into my head. I wonder what Satan's scout on me would look like. Satan doesn't know me, but he watches and observes the way I carry myself, the way I treat others, the way I speak to and about other people, and how I handle pressure and difficult situations. He has a lot of "tape" to watch for each of us and has determined whether we are a threat to his mission. I then began to think about how awesome it would be to see his scouts on some of the great saints. I bet he has huge folders on St. Pope John Paul II, St. Mother Theresa, St. Peter

and St. Joseph. As the "coach" of the evil team, he had to be terrified of them and what they were doing during their lives. I once read a quote by C.S. Lewis: "My prayer is that when I die, all of hell rejoices that I am out of the fight." I believe that is how Satan has felt about so many great saints. I don't know if I have even made Satan's scouting report yet, but as I reflected on this thought, I became more determined to live a life that made Satan notice me. I spent some time thinking and praying about the things the Saints did that scared Satan and threatened his mission. As I prayed about it, I began to see how being a positive and joyful person must be part of the formula. All the great saints lived with unshakeable joy and trust in God. They were not

Eeyores or Debbie Downers but were optimistic and looked at everything positively. They knew that no matter their adversity, God would bring good out of that situation. They embraced the hardships and found joy in their difficulties. Their constant connection to God through prayer made it hard for Satan to mess with them in any way. I think the second part is how we speak to and about others. We should look different in a world full of out-of-control gossip, harsh words, and people so quick to judge others. Satan should see by the way we treat others that we recognize every human as a valuable creation of God. When we encounter difficult people, we follow the example of the Saints and pray for them with


genuine concern for their souls. Hurt people hurt people, and instead of adding pain to people's lives, our humility should allow us not to take things personally and respond to negativity and hate with love and forgiveness. The last part is having a growth mindset. We will surely struggle and fall, but we will be Saints if we pick ourselves back up, go to confession, and commit to trying again until we get it right. Just as coaches notice kids like this on teams, Satan will notice people like this in life. He knows that people who never stop trying will change the world and help many people. Let's continue to grow in holiness and live a life that causes hell to celebrate when we die because we are finally out of the fight!

LEARNING FROM SAINT PATRICK

By JENN HINNEN

Did you know St. Patrick ministered to the very people who once enslaved him? He chose to go back to Ireland, despite attaining freedom in Britain, because he loved the Irish people. He saw their pagan rituals and religion and how desperately they needed Christ. It was a need he couldn't ignore. So, he returned to Ireland, sharing his love for the Lord and teaching them with passion and creativity. He used their culture to teach; for instance, he met some pagan Irishmen and began revealing the

mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. When he first explained it, the men were lost and confused. Persevering, St. Patrick bent down and picked a three-leaf clover, noting how this one plant has only one stem, yet three distinct leaves. This is like the Trinity. One God—one plant, three divine persons—three distinct leaves. The three leaves don't mean it is three plants, just like three persons doesn't mean three Gods. Hearing this they began to understand. Let us learn from and imitate St. Patrick by sharing our love for the Lord with those around us with passion and creativity.



AN EXCERPT FROM ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE PRAYER

Christ with me; Christ before me; Christ behind me;
Christ in me; Christ beneath me; Christ above me;
Christ on my right; Christ on my left; Christ when I lie down;
Christ when I sit down; Christ when I arise;
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me;
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me;
Christ in every eye that sees me; and Christ in every ear that hears me.

Schroeder Named New Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

By DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

Jake Schroeder feels that the formation of a new ministry in the Diocese of Salina was all about God's timing. Schroeder is in charge of organizing monthly events to gather young adults in the diocese (ages 18 to 40) for faith-based get-togethers to connect and build relationships and to grow together in faith. Schroeder became active with Catholic Disciples at FHSU and eventually served as the organization's president. During the summers, he served the diocese as a student counselor for the Totus Tuus and Prayer and Action programs. He graduated from FHSU and had been pondering the idea of starting some events for young adults locally when he was contacted by Bill Meagher, director of youth ministry and religious education for

the diocese. "It was very good timing," said Schroeder. "I was trying to start something like this in Hays, and Bill reached out to me and asked, 'Why not take this diocese-wide?'" By establishing a ministry targeting this specific age group, Meagher said the diocese hopes to fill that gap and "get some of those young people connected back into their faith." Schroeder was pleasantly surprised with the response to the kickoff of the ministry with an event held in late January in Salina. About 120 sent in RSVPs, and nearly 150 showed up the

night of the event. "I was shocked at that number," Schroeder said. "And it was such a broad demographic." Plans are to move the monthly get-togethers around to the larger locations in the diocese, including Manhattan, Hays and Colby. The events are open to both single people and married couples. More information can be found at salinadiocese.org/office/young-adult-ministry.



Schroeder



Mark your calendar for the 2024 Heartland Parishes' Lenten Mission featuring Cy Kellett from Catholic Answers!

March 18, 19, and 20
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Hosted by
St. Joseph Parish
215 W. 13th St.
Hays, Kansas



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Young adults gather to start the evening with a prayer.

Scholars Compete at State

By **DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN**
THE REGISTER

The five diocesan high school scholars bowl teams closed out Catholic Schools Week 2024 in style, finishing in the top three at their regional tournaments to qualify for state.

Salina-Sacred Heart went on to claim its third consecutive state title by winning the Class 2A season finale the following weekend.

The Knights went 8-2 overall on the day, with its only two losses being to Sterling in pool play and in the finals.

Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian also qualified for finals at the 2A state meet but didn't crack the top three.

It was the fifth top-four state finish for Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart and TMP-Marian had each won their Class 2A regional meets. Sacred Heart, which went 11-1 at regionals, closed out its postseason with a 19-3 overall record.

Class 1A, Division II

Beloit-St. John's was the state runner-up in this division, with a score of 8-2 on the day.

The Blujays' only losses at state were to Hutchinson-Central Christian, which went a perfect 10-0 on the day to claim the first-place trophy.

St. John's went undefeated 10-0 at regionals and finished its postseason with an 18-2 mark.

Tipton Catholic and Junction City-St. Francis Xavier's also were both third-place regional finishers to qualify for the 1A, DII state meet but were not able to make it out of pool play.

CELEBRATING



Fr. David Metz receives offertory from students at St. John's, Hanover. COURTESY PHOTO, AMANDA COOK



Students play outside at Sacred Heart, Colby, during Catholic Schools Week. COURTESY PHOTO, LAURA SCHWARTZ



Community members were invited to Tipton Catholic High School, and students served long johns, coffee, and juice. COURTESY PHOTO



Bishop Vincke chats with students at Mass in Oakley. COURTESY PHOTO



REFLECTING

By **DR. NICK COMPAGNONE**
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Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

As a community, Catho-

lic schools are nourished and stimulated by the word of Christ expressed through knowledge, service, scripture and sacramental tradition. Our schools support the distinct



benchmarks of: Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence and Vitality.

Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living. We are very proud of our 15 Catholic schools!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Students at St. Francis Xavier participate in a Eucharistic Procession as the capstone event of CSW. COURTESY PHOTO

Bishop Vincke celebrates Mass with students and teachers from Abilene. MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Students celebrate vocations by dressing like saints during CSW at Holy Family, Hays. COURTESY PHOTO, HANNAH AUGUSTINE

Whitehair Receives Distinguished Educator Award

By DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

As principal of St. Andrew Elementary School in Abilene, Chris Whitehair makes an effort every year to attend the KAIRS state conference held in February in Topeka.

This year – her 22nd at St. Andrew's – was a special appearance for Whitehair at the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools event.

Whitehair, now principal at the Catholic school for preschool through sixth grade, was chosen to receive the KAIRS distinguished educator award for the Salina Diocese for 2023-24.

"This is such an honor, and I feel very blessed for all the people I work with and help me do what I do," she said. "We have such an awesome faculty and a very supportive staff and community."

Whitehair accepted the award not for herself but for the entire school. That didn't surprise those who work with her day in and day out.

"Christina Whitehair is wholeheartedly dedicated to St. Andrew's school," wrote one co-worker in nominating Whitehair this year.

Another nomination stated, "Her tireless efforts in working toward an atmosphere of respect and kindness do not go unnoticed. Her love for the students and staff is seen in her everyday actions."



Chris Whitehair

Whitehair has been instrumental in numerous improvements to St. Andrew's.

School auctions have doubled and tripled the income from when she first came to the school.

School enrollment has increased consistently in the past two decades, and pre-school enrollment increased so extensively that St. Andrew's opened a second classroom for pre-schoolers.

Most recently, Whitehair oversaw a \$3 million renovation project that

included the addition of a new library and additional classrooms.

Since arriving at St. Andrew's back in 2002, she has also taught at every level with the exception of fourth grade.

"Those are all ways to be able to interact with the kids and see them outside of the classroom," she said. "I love the kids."

Numerous family members, as well as St. Andrew's faculty and staff, were on hand to see Whitehair honored.

"This is absolutely a team award," she said. "This is such a great thing for our entire school, and I'm proud to be part of St. Andrew's."



Priests gathered together from Holy Family, TMP and Plainville for Mass with the bishop. COURTESY PHOTO



Residents at Plainville Red Bud Nursing Home visit with students. COURTESY PHOTO



Students from Saint John's, Beloit collect food items during CSW. ANDREW NIEWALD, COURTESY PHOTO



First graders at St. Mary's, Salina visit with Sr. Pauline on her vocation story and being a sister. COURTESY PHOTO



Students celebrate our nation at Mass in Ellis. COURTESY PHOTO

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS



St. Joseph, Bird City

I

Jesus is condemned to death

How ashamed we should feel for being a voice in the crowd to condemn you to death, yet you still look at us with compassion and love. We commit to walk with you on the way to Calvary and to be drawn closer to you in our prayers, fasting and almsgiving. Help us to get rid of the Pontius Pilates of the world, in your name we pray.

By Deacon Mike Brungardt

II

Jesus carries the cross

As Jesus takes up his cross for our salvation we are also called to take up our cross for the salvation of others. Sometimes our crosses are easy to bear: sometimes not. Sometimes it seems that our cross is too much to bear, but Jesus called us to pick up our cross and follow him anytime that our cross seems to be too much. All we need to do is ask and Jesus will help carry our cross. Jesus never promised that it would be easy.



Sts. Philip & James, Phillipsburg

III

Jesus falls the first time

I love you, Lord Jesus. I want to love you with all my heart... and I realize that were I the only sinner in the world, you would choose to suffer this agony for me. What kind of love is this, Lord? Please, please, give me the grace to embrace it, to share it, to proclaim it, and to live it with all my being ... then, do with me as you will.

By Deacon Dennis Engel and Linda

IV

Jesus meets his mother

A son is born and is placed at his mother's breast. An immediate bond is created between the two due to the child's eye being locked onto his mother's eyes and as he tenderly feeds at her breast. This bond continues as the boy grows older; the father is out working while the mother watches over the son, their eyes again locking as the mother ensures that the son is staying out of trouble and the son ensures that his mother is still there with him. As he falls and cries, the son runs to his mother who hears his cry and rushes to comfort him. The son continues to grow and age, becoming more independent and more distant from his mother's gaze, but their hearts never lose "sight" of one another through their lives.

When Jesus met His Mother at the 4th Station, He was a human Son looking at His Mother for comfort; His Mother looking at Her Son in pain and with love as She stroked His face. The humanity of Jesus needing love from His Mother; Jesus the God showing us to look to our Blessed Mother in our need of love and comfort when carrying the pain of our crosses throughout life.

By Deacon Steve Frueh



St. Wenceslaus, Wilson

V

Simon helps Jesus carry the cross

Lack of food, loss of blood from the scourging and crowning with thorns, and the weight of the heavy wood was all taking its toll on Jesus. The brutal soldiers were growing impatient, and yet they did not want him to die on the way. They mercilessly wanted to prolong his suffering so that Jesus could be killed by the torture of his crucifixion. So they grabbed Simon of Cyrene to carry the load. Lord Jesus, we are sorry for our sins and your suffering. We beg pardon for all the times we may have refused to help family, friends, or neighbors. You set the ultimate example for each of us by carrying your cross. Please help us to carry our crosses and follow you so that we can be with you for all eternity.

By Deacon Brian Kirk



St. Francis, Norton

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

VI

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Thorns and thistles (the land) shall bear for you, and you shall eat the grass of the field. By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread (Genesis 3:18-19). The thorns grown up in the soil of Adam's fall now weaves and wounds with my painful sin, the King of Kings royal crown. Saint Veronica does what I fear to do. She looks upon Jesus in learned compassion. Veronica wipes free the sweat of the brow that earned the bread of my salvation.



By Deacon Dr. Ed Souz

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hill City



Sacred Heart, Oberlin

VII

Jesus falls for a second time

As we reflect on this Seventh Station, we see Jesus falling under the weight of the heavy cross. His body is scourged and beaten as he takes on the sin of humanity, but he doesn't give up. His love for us is so great that he will fall again and again for us. So, when we fail over and over, it is through the grace from God, that we can begin anew. Let us reflect, how we feel when we realize he is bearing the weight of our sins.

By Deacon David Kisner

VIII

Jesus meets the women

After getting up from his second fall in excruciating pain and exhaustion, Jesus struggling to carry his cross stops to speak to the women. Jesus tells them not to weep for him, but to weep for themselves. Amid his agony, Jesus thought not of himself but of others. Through his selfless action, may we follow his example that no matter what our crosses, there are those who need our compassion and love. Who are those in our midst who are crying for our love, forgiveness, food, clothing, shelter, etc.? Lord God, give us strength to bear our crosses and help others to bear theirs. Amen.

By Deacon Larry Erpelding



St. Patrick, Lincoln

IX

Jesus falls for the third time

This is the third time Jesus has fallen and He shows us his persistence when He gets back up. He also taught us faithfulness and dignity under difficult circumstances. We must continue to get up when we fall. Thank you, Jesus, for your example.

By Deacon Thomas Schrick



St. Theresa, Mankato

X

Jesus is stripped of His garments

The Scriptures reflect that Jesus' clothes were stripped and divided amongst the soldiers. This is taken from Psalm 22 in the Old Testament but what was He stripped of? Jesus' passion and death are an example of true detachment. We often go around looking for certain things to fulfill us and, usually, find it in the wrong places. There are temptations to wealth, power, pleasure, privilege, and so on. These often get in the way of our being able to trust in God's providence for us. When we let go of those things then we often find the joy we long for. Jesus demonstrates this type of detachment from everything the world has to offer and is willing to give His life for us. In that remarkable act He shows us what true joy leads to. Are we willing to give up those temptations, and be stripped, as it were, so that we may open ourselves up to the grace and love God has to offer?

By Deacon Wayne Talbot



St. Mary of the Assumption, Clifton

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

XI

Jesus is nailed to the cross

As we reflect on this station, it is almost incomprehensible for us to imagine the physical pain and mental suffering Christ endured for us. Christ's suffering hits us in the pit of our stomach. This unselfish act of love by Christ for our redemption shows us the great love God has for all of us. May this act of love cause us to examine our own lives so that we can humbly be of service to others.

By Deacon Buzz Harris



St. Mary, Smith Center



St. Bernard, Ellsworth

XII

Jesus dies on the cross

Jesus hangs on the cross, jeered and insulted, for over two hours and He is in great agony. The Roman guards offer Him a painkiller, myrrh, one of the gifts He received at birth, but He refuses it. He forgives the people and the guards for what they have done, gives His Mother to all of us as our Mother, and with the words "It is finished," Jesus dies for us. The enormity of Jesus' Crucifixion was beyond the understanding of all those on Calvary that day, and even so for us now. Christ's is the ultimate gift, given freely and lovingly, for the forgiveness of all mankind's sins, from Adam and Eve until the end of time. I Love You, Jesus, and Thank You, for coming and sacrificing Yourself for my sins. Help me always to live out my love for You.

By Deacon Dick Kramer



Sacred Heart, Park

XIII

Jesus is taken down from the cross and given to His mother

Christian discipleship means being an agent of resurrection by being in solidarity with those who were crucified. Taking them down from the cross means working to change the systems, structures, attitudes, and mindsets that nail people to the cross of injustice (hatred, abortion, euthanasia, war, terrorism, etc).

Jesús es bajado de la Cruz y entregado a su Madre

Seguir a Cristo significa ser testigo de la resurrección y sentir compasión por los crucificados de hoy. Bajarlos de la cruz significa cambiar los sistemas, estructuras, actitudes y modos de pensar que clavan a las personas en la cruz de la injusticia (el odio, aborto, eutanasia, la guerra, el terrorismo.)

By Deacon Jorge Rivera

XIV

Jesus is placed in the tomb

We adore you O Christ and we Praise You. Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world. The final resting place of Jesus. A tomb. The disciples are questioning if Jesus was really the Messiah. How can the one who was promised to be the savior of humanity, king of the world, be humiliated, tortured, and crucified. Jesus' word in John 12:24, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit," gives us hope that one day we can experience the glory of God after the resurrection.

By Deacon Mark Vrbas



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Mar. 3
• Synod Listening Session, 2 p.m., St. Thomas More, Manhattan.

• Freedom in Christ Youth Retreat at Sacred Heart in Colby, sponsored by Megan Augustine and Sacred Heart Parish.

Mar. 10
• Marian Eucharistic Mission in Spanish, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., St. John the Baptist, Beloit.

Mar. 10
• Synod Listening Ses-

sion, 3 p.m., St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays.

Mar. 16
• Mass, Dinner & Auction, 4 p.m., St. John's Catholic School, Beloit; advance tickets required.

Mar. 17
• Dinner & Raffle, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Immaculate Conception of BVM Parish Hall, Grinnell.

• St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass, 5 p.m., St. Patrick, Ogden.

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MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

All are welcome at this year's Chrism Mass celebration.

CHRISM MASS INVITE

All people throughout the diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at 11:30 a.m. March 21 at the Cathedral in Salina.

The Chrism Mass is a significant liturgical celebration that traditionally takes place on Holy Thursday.

Due to the large geographical area in the Diocese of Salina, the Chrism Mass is held the Thursday before Holy Week to allow priests to be in their parish churches for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

The Chrism Mass is a particularly special Mass

where the Bishop, surrounded by his priests, blesses the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and Confirmation.

The Chrism Mass is a beautiful and solemn occasion that symbolizes the fullness of Christ's Priesthood and the unity of the Church.

It is an invitation for all the faithful to attend and witness this sacred ritual, to be inspired by the dedication and love of the priests, and to deepen their understanding of the sacraments and their role in the life of the Church.

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Esta mision esta patrocinada por el "Ministerio Hispano" y por los miembros de los Cenaculos de La Llama de Amor del Corazon Immaculado de La Virgen Maria de la iglesia "San Juan Bautis-

ta" en Beloit. Ademas, varios sacerdotes bilingues de la diocesis de Salina estaran presentes para confesiones, etc.

Patti Schwartz, anterior Directora Nacional de La Llama de Amor sera la conferencista invitada. Este evento gratuito

se va a llevar a cabo de las 8:00 am hasta las 4:00 pm de dicho sabado, en la iglesia que ha sido bellamente renovada recientemente: La

parroquia de San Juan Bautista localizada en : 701 East Court Street en Beloit. Una ofrenda voluntaria sera muy agradecida para ayudar al ministerio de Patti Schwartz. Inmediatamente despues de La conferencia, estan cordialmente invitados a compartir con nosotros una cena en familia al estilo mexicano: "Taco Bar" en el restaurante "El Puertos" en Beloit.

El costo de la cena es de \$15.00 por persona e incluye café o soda.



Schwartz

Por favor llame o mande un mensaje de texto a Eva Delay al 785-259-5490 para registrarse antes del Viernes primero de marzo del 2024. De esta manera podremos planear el numero de sacerdotes que necesitaremos invitar para que nos acompanen en un dia tan especial!

Los esperamos!!!

Marian Eucharistic Lenten Mission

Saturday, March 9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., all Hispanic community members, all ages from the Diocese of Salina are invited to celebrate in this free event held in the newly restored St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beloit.

Father Jarett Konrade, pastor of St John the Baptist Catholic Church, 701 E. Court Street, and priests will be joined by Patti Schwartz, former National Spanish Director for the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary from Del Ray, Florida.

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All are invited to the transitional deacon ordination at 10:00 a.m. on April 6th at the Cathedral in Salina with a reception following. Join us in celebrating with Kade Megaffin, Jesse Ochs, and Adam Urban!

Catholic Charities Breaks Ground on New Facility in Hays

By MEGAN ROBL AND JEREE HUGHBANK

In a groundbreaking event held on Friday, January 26, Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas marked a significant milestone with the commencement of construction on a new 9,000 sq. ft. facility in Hays. The celebration, attended by over 100 individuals, showcased the future home that promises to bolster the organization's mission and services across Northwest Kansas.

Megan Robl, Executive Director for Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas, welcomed attendees, recounting the organization's history spanning over 60 years. The initial outreach facility in Hays, established in 1983, has grown to serve over 600 families annually across 16 counties. The demand for services has surged, leading to the need for expanded space.

The key announcement of the day was the generous donation by Verlin and Elaine Pfannenstiel, who contributed the entire building, more than tripling the current capacity of Catholic Charities in Hays. The new facility, planned to open next fall, will include features such as a spacious warehouse, updated offices, and even an on-site Thrift Store.

Architect Donnie Marrs, who designed the facility, highlighted the thoughtful consideration for both current and future needs, emphasizing the creation of spaces that foster

growth in response to changing community needs.

Robl expressed gratitude to various individuals and organizations, including Commercial Builders, the general contractor set to kick off construction on March 4. The project's success is a result of collaborative efforts from around



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the diocese. The celebration also included a campaign update from Jessica Allen, Director of Development for Catholic Charities. With a fundraising goal of \$1,216,000, the organization has made significant progress, with only 20% left to reach. Contributions from the Kansas Department of Commerce



Above: Contributors, partners, and staff in attendance gather to officially launch the renovation project for the new Catholic Charities office in Hays, which was donated by a local couple.

Community Service Tax Credit Program and the Patterson Family Foundation have been pivotal in achieving this milestone.

Allen emphasized that every contribution, big or small, brings them closer to their goal. "We're 80 percent there, so we only have \$250,000 left," Allen said.

The event also included a symbolic swinging of the sledgehammer, officially marking the beginning of the construction project, and a blessing from Bishop Jerry Vincke.

"I'm thrilled about this possi-

bility because it's going to make what we do so much more prevalent in our communities," he said, "not only in Hays but throughout the rest of the diocese as well. We're continuing the ministry of Jesus, proclaiming good news to the poor, giving hope to those who are lost and confused, and telling people that God is with them through it all."

As the construction progresses, Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas looks forward to fulfilling its mission by providing compassionate services to those in need in the expanded and improved space in Hays.

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The logo for Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas, featuring a stylized cross and the text "Catholic Charities OF NORTHERN KANSAS".



COURTESY PHOTOS

Diocese Marches for Life

By ALLISON OCHOA

When the United States Supreme Court overturned what has been known as the Roe vs. Wade decision in June 2022, the pro-life community celebrated a victory, but knew their work was not over. In January 2024, individuals from across the Diocese of Salina traveled to Topeka and Washington, D.C. to continue to fight for the rights of the unborn.

"There has been a shift in the focus over the last year and a half from the federal level to what the individual states are doing," said Melissa Pinkney, Spanish instructor at Thomas More Prep-Marian Jr./Sr. High School in Hays and co-coordinator of the contingent of TMP-M students and sponsors who traveled to Washington, D.C. for this year's March for Life.

A seven-time attendee of the national event, Pinkney said the experience is a whirlwind for the participants, but the impact of the pro-life rally and march is powerful.

"Most of the kids, especially those experiencing it for the first time, were in awe of the number of people who show up for one cause," she said. "They're walking in a giant crowd of people in the nation's capital to show support for the unborn. It is taking them out of the bubble we live in most of the rest of the year to something that is bigger than they are, and that struck them."

Blaise Staab, a sophomore at TMP-M, was one of those students who experienced the March for Life for the first time.

"I really liked seeing all the other

people who were there for the same reasons I was, to show we are against abortion and that all lives matter," he said. "There were thousands of people marching and it was people of all ages, even some parents who brought little kids to the rally and march."

The event's lineup of speakers included former NFL tight end Benjamin Watson and new head coach of the NFL's Los Angeles Chargers, Jim Harbaugh. Staab said these public figures are a positive example for the young attendees.

"It shows you anyone can have an opinion," he said. "You don't have to be an older person to go out and make a change in the world."

Closer to home, pro-life supporters gathered in downtown Topeka

for the Kansas Mass, March, and Rally for Life. One of those attendees was Lauryn Mikkelsen, a senior at Sacred Heart Jr./Sr. High School in Salina. Mikkelsen, a two-time participant in the event, said the experience has helped her become more articulate on pro-life issues and will help her as she prepares for college.

"Participating in pro-life events like this helps me form better ideas to help others support life," she said. "I want to be knowledgeable about the issues so I can educate or help others."

Mikkelsen said the event in Topeka is one young people should consider attending.

"A lot of people don't want to be judged for being pro-life, but this event makes you realize you're fighting for something more important than yourself."

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The Knights of Columbus Council 1661 of St. Andrew's, Abilene, received an award from State Deputy, Mike Groth, at their Jan. Meeting. The plaque was awarded to their council for highest percentage of membership growth in the fraternal division.

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Soil University, Commodity Classic members gather

BY DAVID & LINDA EDELL
CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE BOARD

The Office of Catholic Rural Life (CRL) kicked off the year with two large events.

On January 18-19 in Salina, heavy snow did not deter 200 area participants, speakers, and vendors from attending the High Plains Journal Soil Health U.

Later in the month, Jan. 26, participants at the KCC in Salina learned about weather patterns, legislative updates on the Farm Bill and forecasts for corn, wheat, sorghum and soybean markets, both imports and exports.

The opening prayer, lead by Deacon Ed Souza, seemed to empower the session presenters to elaborate on how faith plays an instrumental part in all aspects of agricultural life. The opening prayer was of a reading of Psalm 64 with a response from the attendees of “God, our God has Blessed Us.” There was also a reading from “The Holy Earth” by L. H. Bailey. The opening prayer concluded with attendees joyfully singing “God Bless America.”

Matt Splitter of Splitter Farms spoke about using the proper equipment to help maintain the health of our soil. In his first eight years of farming, Splitter took his fleet of equipment from full tillage to complete no-till. Splitter walked attendees through his steps of changing his equipment fleet. Splitter’s attitude of being “good stewards” of the land was a theme that carried throughout the two-day symposia.

Looking Ahead:

February 29th, the St. Isidore Catholic Center on the campus of Kansas State University will host a 100-year celebration of Catholic Rural Life. Catherine DiNuzzo, MA, a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice will be the keynote speaker. DiNuzzo also operates Sacred Heart Mental Wellness, as well as author of the book “The Catholic Guide Through Anxiety.” Also speaking will be Bishop Gerald Vincke, Mike Beam, Secretary Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, and Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt, Chaplain of St. Isidore’s. The evening will be a celebration of the Catholic faith and its role in agriculture and ranching.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



COURTESY PHOTO

K of C free throw winners from the Victoria area, left to right: Kasen Truan, Stella Rodger, Aria Haselhorst, Jackson Hunt, Cohen Rodger, Chelsie Huser and Gianna Haselhorst



COURTESY PHOTO

Winners of Abilene’s annual Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest: 5-6 grade- 1st Whitney Kollhoff, 2nd Ava Straight; 3-4 grade - 1st Ella Strunk, 2nd Charley McAsey; 1-2 grade- 1st Johanna Pugh (not pictured), 2nd Harper Nusbaum; Kindergarten- 1st Hallie Brantley, 2nd Hazel McAfee

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SDCCW Women Gather, Grainfield

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Women from across the Salina Diocese (SDCCW) came together for a workshop at St. Agnes Parish in Grainfield on Sunday Jan. 28, 2024.

Lucrecia Nold, from the Kansas Catholic Conference, outlined the goals for 2024. As directed by the bishops of Kansas, they will have three main areas for lobbying the legislature. They are: Life, Marriage & Family, and Religious Liberty.

There was panel discussion; eight mothers whose sons or daughters have been called to a religious

vocation. Bishop Vincke was on hand and Fr. Daryl Olmstead shared his vocation story with the group. Everyone received a list of current seminarians with their addresses. The group filled care packages for the 10 seminarians and 6 religious orders and pledged prayers for our priests as a spiritual bouquet for each of them.

President Merna Zerr thanked all those who helped plan and carry out our workshop day. She led us in the closing prayer for Vocations. The next Board meeting for April 20, 2024 in Damar.

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A Reuniting Trip to France!

The Marymount Centennial Reunion in October 2022 was a special event that re-connected alumni, faculty, friends of Marymount College, the Salina Community, and

the Sisters of St. Joseph, who founded Marymount. And now, as you may have already heard, friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Marymount

alumni, and all interested folks are taking a trip to France! We will be visiting LePuy, the home of the Sisters of St. Joseph. In addition to LePuy, many other beautiful and historical areas and French cities are included in the 12-day tour. Day trips will include French cuisine, fabulous cities, French countryside, wineries and wine tasting, an evening Seine River cruise, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Arc De Triomphe, Lyon (the culinary center of France), and much more. MMC France 2024 will be a guided group tour arranged by Pentecost Tours, with round trip air travel, first class hotel, two meals per day, baggage handling, ground transportation by motor coach and train, and much more. Scan the QR code for full details about the Tour or call the phone number for Pentecost Tours.



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DEATHS

Darryl Reynold Apel, 75, died January 16, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 20, 2024, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, in Hays.

DeVera Delene (Smith) Baalman, 93, of Cimarron, died January 20, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 25, 2024, at St. Frances Cabrini in Hoxie. Fr. Vincent Thu Laing presided. Burial was in St. Frances Cabrini Cemetery, Hoxie.

Marilyn Joyce Bogart, age 77, died January 24, 2024. Funeral services were January 27, 2024, at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home with Celebrant Samantha Stensaas officiating. Burial at St. Concordia Catholic Cemetery.

Dolores T. Dreiling, 95, of Overland Park, died January 18, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 22, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hays. Fr. Richard Daise presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Christopher Gerhard "Chris" Dinkel, 57, of Hays, died January 10, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 13, 2024 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Fr. Nick Parker presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Sherrie Elizabeth Horn, 53, died January 19, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 29 by Father Frank Coady at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Inurnment at later date.



Sister Eulalia Kloeker Sister Eulalia Kloeker died January 25, 2024, at Nazareth Motherhouse in Concordia. She was 89 years old and a Sister of St. Joseph for 71 years. Born in Marysville, KS, March 1, 1934, to August and Mary Kloeker, she was baptized Eulalia Joann. On August 14, 1952, Eulalia received the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph and was given the name Sister Mary de Sales, later changing back to her baptismal name. She pronounced first vows on August 15, 1953 and final vows on August 15, 1956. A Bible Vigil Service was held January 29 in the Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel with Sister Marilyn Wall as the eulogist, followed by The Mass of

Christian Burial with Father Barry Brinkman presiding. Memorials for Sister Eulalia may be given to the Sisters of St. Joseph Health Care/Retirement Fund or the Apostolic Works of the Sisters; P.O. Box 279, Concordia, KS 66901.

June Koerner, 85, of Hays, died January 6, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 23, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Fr. Richard Daise presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Douglas Dale Kruse, 70, died September 15, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated September 26, 2023 at Sacred Heart Church in Greenleaf. Father Joseph Kieffer presided.

Matilda "Tillie" Leiker, 90, died January 15, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 19, 2024, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Father Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, in Hays.

Anne Reif, 80, of Osborne, KS died January 20, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 27, 2024 at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church in Osborne. Father Daryl Olmstead officiated. Burial was in the Osborne City Cemetery.

Armellia (Meyer) Reiter, 86, died January 17, 2024. Memorial Service was celebrated January 21, 2024 at Schmitt Funeral Home in WaKeeney. Father Dana Clark presided. Burial at St. Peter's/Meredith Township Cemetery in Aurora, KS.

Maureen Ann Stigge, 74, died January 17, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 30, 2024 at Sacred Heart Church in Greenleaf. Father David Metz presided. Burial in St. Michael Cemetery in Kimeo.

Fred Taylor, 94, died January 23, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 27, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in

Ellis. Father Dana Clark presided. Burial at Mount Hope Cemetery in Ellis.

Ernest R. Von Busch, 81, died January 22 in Wakefield. Fr. Joseph Kieffer conducted the funeral service January 30 at St. Edward Church in Belleville. Burial was in Josophat Cemetery near Republic.

Barbara Wolf, 74, died December 31, 2023. Funeral Mass was celebrated January 6, 2024 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays. Father Nick Parker presided. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Ellis.



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BAPTISMS

Thomas Milton Cummings, son of Dan and Patty (Denning) Cummings, was baptized January 6, 2024, by Rev. Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Murphy Evelyn Erbert, daughter of Cole and Kristie (Whiting) Erbert, was baptized January 27, 2024 by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary's Church in Ellis.

Adrian Gonzalez, son of Ignacio Gonzalez Calderon and Adriana Morales, was baptized January 27, 2024, by Rev. Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays.

Lane Lucie Hertel, daughter of Brett and Kendra (Werth) Hertel, was baptized January 16, 2024, by Rev. Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Hays.

Brooke Ann Hund, daughter of Christopher and Laura (Pedrosa de Freitas) Hund, was baptized January 20, 2024, by Rev. John Sherlock at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays.

Theo Beckett Loomis, son of Jared and Bethany Loomis, was baptized January 21, 2024, by Rev. Frank Coady at St. Thomas

More, Manhattan.

Lucile Rose Norin, daughter of James and Janna Norin, was baptized December 31, 2023, by Father Michael Elanjimattathil at St. Mary Queen of Angels in Russell.

Emma Ann Reifschneider daughter of Jacob and Jennifer Grater, was baptized January 21, 2024 by Father Gale Hammerschmidt at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Fulton Thomas Schroeder, son of Joshua and Megan (Dinkel) Schroeder, was baptized January 21, 2024, by Rev. Trinity Savariyar at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays.

Lincoln Jeric Sherley, son of Dylan and Rachel Sherley, was baptized January 14, 2024, by Dcn. Wayne Talbot

at St. Thomas More, Manhattan, KS.

Sophie Dawn Werth, daughter of Bradyen and Kristin (Huser) Werth, was baptized January 21, 2024 by Father Dana Clark at St. Mary's Church in Ellis.

Tyrion Riley White, son of Shawn and Dawn Opitz-White, was baptized January 28, 2024, by Rev. Frank Coady at St. Thomas More, Manhattan.

Klay Alan Younger, son of Joel and Amber (Unrein) Younger was baptized January 13, 2024, by Rev. Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays.

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WEDDINGS

Nathan Charles McDonald and Patricia Ann Schartz were married January 13, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Matthew Davied witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are the late Gerald and Ramona McDonald. Parents of the bride are the late Leo and Dorothy Schmidt. Witnesses were Brett Bullinger and Marcie Schartz.

Coleman Joseph Forst and Allison Rose DeWeese were married January 27, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Father Matthew Davied witnessed the vows. Parents of the groom are Jerry and Theresa Forst. Parents of the bride are Robert and Sheila DeWeese. Witnesses were Grace DeWeese, Marissa DeWeese, and Zach Otott.

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BIBLE ACCENT

Levi was not the first man whom Jesus called to follow him. In Luke 5:1, we read that Jesus was teaching a crowd of people at Lake of Genesaret.

Jesus saw two boats alongside the lake. The fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.

Jesus climbed into one of the boats. It belonged to a man named Simon.

He asked Simon to put out a short distance from the shore. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowd from the boat.

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch," Jesus said after he was finished teaching.

"Master," Simon replied, "we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

Simon and his crew lowered the nets. They caught so many fish that the nets were overflowing and beginning to tear. Simon and his crew signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them.

Both boats became so filled with fish that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees.

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," he said.

"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men," Jesus replied.

JESUS CALLS THE TAX COLLECTOR

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After Jesus began his public ministry, he traveled to many places to teach and heal people.

In one town he visited, Jesus was approached by a male resident who had leprosy. The man saw Jesus and fell down before him.

"Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean," the man said.

"I do will it," Jesus said as he stretched out his hand and touched the man. "Be made clean."

The man's leprosy immediately disappeared.

In another town, some people tried to bring a paralyzed man on a stretcher to Jesus as he was teaching in someone's home. Since the men could not get their friend through the crowd and to the door of the home, they instead climbed to the roof, removed some of the roofing material and lowered the stretcher through the roof so it was in front of Jesus.

Jesus saw how much faith the

men had.

"As for you, your sins are forgiven," he said to the paralyzed man.

Some scribes and Pharisees were listening to Jesus. They thought to themselves that Jesus was blasphemous, because only God can forgive sins.

Jesus knew what they were thinking. He asked whether it was easier to say the man's sins were forgiven or to tell him to rise and walk.

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins, I say to you, rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home," Jesus said to the paralytic.

The man immediately did what Jesus said, and he walked home glorifying God.

After he healed the paralytic, Jesus went outside. There he saw a man named Levi, a tax collector who was sitting at the customs post.

Jesus went to speak to Levi.

"Follow me," he said.

Levi got up and followed Jesus. He

even gave a great banquet for Jesus in his home. Many tax collectors also were there for the celebration.

The Pharisees and scribes started complaining.

"Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" they asked Jesus.

"Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do," Jesus replied. "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

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Luke 5

Q&A

1. How did the paralyzed man get into the house where Jesus was teaching?
2. Whom did Jesus call to follow him?

TRIVIA

What other name is the tax collector known by in the Gospels?

Answers: (1) His friends lowered him through the roof. (2) Levi, the tax collector. (3) Matthew

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SAINTS

The foster father of Jesus and the husband of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph is known for his humility and hard work as a carpenter. He is often called upon as a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

He's the patron saint of workers and of the universal church. We can look to St. Joseph and ask him to pray for us in a special way, for hope for the sick and protection for our families.

His feast days are celebrated on March 19 (St. Joseph's Day) and May 1 (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker).

ST. JOSEPH



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Unscramble the letters in each word and arrange them to form a quotation from the children's story.

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Answers: to, the, I, not, call, righteous, have, repentance, to, come. Together it reads: I have not come to call the righteous to repentance