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Parishioners at the Eucharistic procession at St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo two years ago caught the perfect beam of light on Christ in the Eucharist. They wanted to share this photo to shed light on Christ's presence and encourage people to attend the diocesan Eucharistic Conference.

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MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Fr. Mark Wesely distributes Communion during Mass at St. Patrick's in Lincoln. Fr. Wesely became a pro at pivoting as he said Mass for two parishes during Totus Tuus while still tending to his other duties.

Making it work

Fr. Mark Wesely hosts Totus Tuus the same week at 2 parishes.

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

Pivot might have become one of the new buzz words during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Father Mark Wesely and many priests like him have been adapting, changing, improvising – making things work – for years.

Father Mark became a pro at pivoting during this year's Totus Tuus sessions in two of his three parishes in central Kansas.

Because of a change in schedules, St. Patrick Parish in Lincoln and Immaculate Conception Parish in Minneapolis were scheduled for the same week for the 2024 summer Catholic youth program.

Those two parishes are in different counties and separated by 30 miles.

In order to say daily Mass for both programs, Fr. Mark drove the 60-mile trip back and forth each day while tending to his other duties for both those parishes as well as St. Mary Parish in Glasco.

Bill Meagher, director of youth ministry for the Salina Diocese, said the schedule overlap happened when Lincoln agreed to a last-minute trade for the first week's time slot when another parish had a scheduling conflict. Nearly 25 parishes in the diocese hosted Totus Tuus programs this year.

"Even knowing that would make for

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA

EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

AUGUST 9-10, 2024

SPEAKERS

BISHOP JOSEPH ESPAILLAT • BISHOP VINCKE • SR. AMY MARIE

DR. ANDREW & SARAH SWAFFORD • CHRISTOPHER CARSTENS

BRAD WILCOX • FR. GALE HAMMERSCHMIDT • SR. SERENA DETERS • FR. JARETT KONRADE

BRADEN JOHNSON • MEGAN ROBL • JOHN MCGUMMERY • GRANT STEPHENSON • BILL MEAGHER



SCAN ME!

You're invited to the Eucharistic Conference!

I'm very fortunate to have gotten to know Bishop Joseph Espaillat, the auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn, New York. I believe that Bishop Joe is the youngest bishop in the United States, at the age of 47.

Many people in our diocese have gotten to know him through his ministry at the National Catholic Youth Conference, especially this past fall. In Indianapolis, in front of 20,000 young people and adults, Bishop Joe gave a rousing homily that earned a standing ovation.

After Mass, I asked Bishop Joe if he would be willing to come to our diocese to present to our people, especially our youth. He said, "Sure, as long as I get a steak."

I said, "You got it."

And so, Bishop Joe is going to be present at our Diocese Eucharistic Conference from August 9-10, sponsored by the Comeau Catholic Campus Center at Fort Hays State University.

And I want to invite you and your families to come for this unique moment as we gather to focus on the love and mercy of Jesus through his Eucharistic presence. Even if you can only come for part of the Conference, I

GERALD Vincke
BISHOP, SALINA DIOCESE



think it would still make an impact.

I know August can be a busy month. But I think you will find the

conference worth your time, as we gather as a diocese to be with the One who loves us more than anyone. We will pray for our diocese, our families and those closest to our hearts.

Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt and Sr. Amy Marie are also going to be the masters of ceremonies. And I know they're excited about being there too. Please consider coming to the Eucharistic Conference, Aug. 9-10. More information and registration can be found at salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference/.

I hope to see you at the Eucharistic Conference!

Bishop Joe goes throughout the world speaking at different places, and we are so fortunate that he is coming to our diocese. And when he does, I can't wait to feed him a good Kansas steak!

+ Gerald L. Vincke

The Most Rev. Gerald L. Vincke
Bishop of Salina

He tenido la grandísima suerte de haber conocido al Obispo Joseph Espaillat, obispo auxiliar de Brooklyn, Nueva York. Creo que el Obispo Joe es el obispo más joven de los Estados Unidos, con 47 años de edad.

Muchas personas en nuestra diócesis lo han conocido a través de su ministerio en la Conferencia Nacional Católica Juvenil, especialmente el otoño pasado. En Indianápolis, frente a 20,000 jóvenes y adultos, el Obispo Joe dio una homilía emocionante que le obtuvo una ovación de pie.

Después de la Misa, le pregunté al Obispo Joe si estaría dispuesto a venir a nuestra diócesis para dirigirse a nuestra gente, especialmente nuestra juventud. Él dijo: "Claro, siempre y cuando reciba un buen bistec."

Yo respondí: "¡Lo tendrás!"

Así que el Obispo Joe estará presente en nuestra Conferencia Eucarística de la Diócesis del 9 al 10 de agosto, patrocinada por el Centro Católico Comeau en la Universidad Estatal de Fort Hays.

Quiero invitarte a ti y a tus familias a asistir a este momento único mientras nos reunimos para enfocarnos en

el amor y la misericordia de Jesús a través de su presencia eucarística. Incluso si solo puedes asistir a parte de la Conferencia, creo que aún así tendrá un impacto.

Sé que agosto puede ser un mes ocupado. Pero creo que encontrarás que la conferencia valdrá la pena, mientras nos reunimos como diócesis para estar con Aquel que nos ama más que nadie. Oraremos por nuestra diócesis, nuestras familias y aquellos más cercanos a nuestros corazones.

El Padre Gale Hammerschmidt y la Hermana Amy Marie también serán los maestros de ceremonias. Y sé que también están emocionados de estar allí. Por favor, considere venir a la Conferencia Eucarística del 9 al 10 de agosto. Más información y el registro se puede encontrar en salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference/.

¡Espero verte en la Conferencia Eucarística!

El Obispo Joe viaja por todo el mundo hablando en diferentes lugares y tendremos la gran suerte de que vendrá a nuestra diócesis. Y cuando lo haga, ¡no puedo esperar para alimentarlo con un buen bistec de Kansas!

Kansas Supreme Court weighs in on abortion

By LORI LEISZLER
THE REGISTER

Pro-life Kansans felt a painstaking loss on July 5 when the KS Supreme Court issued opinions overturning two laws on limiting access to abortion.

One of the laws placed restrictions on clinics and doctors who perform abortions.

The second law, Senate Bill 95, banned second trimester abortions, including abortions through a method known as "dismemberment abortions."

Neither law had been in effect—both had been shut down by lower courts previously—but the case was brought to the Kansas Supreme Court with hopes from pro-life advocates that those lower court decisions would be reversed.

The State said three interests compelled the creation of S.B. 95: "(1) promoting respect for the value of, and the

dignity of, human life, born or unborn; (2) protecting the interests of innocent third parties; and (3) regulation and protection of the medical profession and the medical care provided to Kansans."

The court disagreed.

Justice Eric Rosen, on behalf of the majority wrote, "We stand by our conclusion that section 1 of the Kansas Constitution Bill of Rights protects a fundamental right to personal autonomy, which includes a pregnant person's right to terminate a pregnancy."

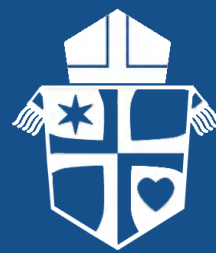
Although this ruling did not affect any current laws, this decision may affect future rulings on abortions in Kansas.

The Catholic Church rejects abortion at any stage in an unborn child's life. The faithful are called to pray for an end to abortion and take steps to help people in need, particularly those facing crisis pregnancies.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

BY ST. JOHN VIANNEY
(FEAST DAY AUG. 4)

God, please give your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; being examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry.



St. John Vianney, pray for us!

Amen.

BISHOP'S CALENDAR

August

- 1 Seminarian Dinner, City Limits, Colby, 5:15 p.m.
- 2 Seminarian Dinner, Rose Garden, Hays, 5:15 p.m.
- 4 Vocations BBQ with priests, St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, 4 p.m.
- 5-8 ACTS XXIX Conference, Detroit, MI
- 9-10 Eucharistic Conference, Hays
- 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chancery closed.
- 31 Kanopolis Annual Mexican Fiesta, Mass at 4 p.m.

AUGUST 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 intentions:

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Diocesan intentions:

Lord, grant us the confidence to proclaim the Good News to all we meet. May our everyday words and actions be a fruitful witness to others of our faith. Give us the courage and strength to boldly proclaim the Goodness of the Lord to all we meet.



DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN, THE REGISTER

A welcome break for 6 deacon candidates

BY DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

Six members of the Salina Diocese preparing for their 2025 ordination as permanent deacons found the perfect way to take a break from their intense study this past year.

The deacon candidates have met for a full weekend of instruction every month for the past four years at the Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life, located in the St. Fidelis Friary in Victoria.

One weekend last year, Deacon Steve Frueh, director of deacons for the diocese, suggested the candidates come up with a service project.

The half dozen candidates didn't have far to look.

Since last fall, the six men have been improving outdoor seating areas around the friary.

Like their formation diaconate program, the candidates' service project didn't happen overnight.

Each weekend, which runs from Friday evening through Sunday noon, is comprised of 12 hours of instruction, prayer and fellowship. And there isn't a lot of free time on those weekends for the candidates.

Nonetheless, they made time for their project.

First, they disassembled nine old benches with rotting wood and took measurements for new wood.

Tim Donohoue, a member of Seven Dolours Parish in Manhattan, took home the iron supports for the benches to sandblast and powder coat them.

During the winter months, the candidates cut and sanded the wood in a workshop in the basement of the friary.

By spring, they were able to reassemble the frames, attach and stain the new wood pieces.

A parish member of the Basilica of St. Fidelis re-landscaped the area with fresh bark, and voilà – the seating area in the circle drive just outside the Center for Spiritual Life as well as near a statue of St.



Deacon candidate Tim Donohoue, Manhattan, brushes stain on the new benches.

COURTESY PHOTO

Francis south of the building had new life.

"We were able to get in a little bit of physical labor and see the immediate effects of what we were doing," Donohoue said. "All of us get along really well, and we all have our niches. When it was showtime, people found their area and we all worked together."

Dave DiNuzzo, from St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit, said he and the other deacon candidates were glad to get in some physical work while showing their gratitude at the same time.

"It was a lot of fun, actually," DiNuzzo said. "The Capuchins are very gracious with their space, letting us come in and sleep and eat and study, so it was the least we could do to beautify their outdoor seating areas."

The historical brick building – more than 125 years old and the first location for St. Francis Seminary – is now home to seven Capuchin priests as well as the Center for Spiritual Life.

Father Earl Befort, an Ellis County native, is one of the current friary residents in the building where he attended high school, which served as St. Francis Seminary until a new seminary building was completed in the early 1960s.

Father Earl is glad the friary can still be so useful – it has more than 50 private rooms and is used by a variety of groups as a retreat center. And he appreciates the work the deacon candidates did to improve the areas.

Ditto for Father Curtis Carlson, local guardian of the friary.

"We definitely appreciate this," Father Curtis said. "It's just beautiful what they have done, provided such a pleasant outdoor area for anyone at the center for a retreat, as well as the residents."

BISHOPS DISCUSS TEACHING, MINISTRY

BY ANDY BRANDT
SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Last month, the Bishops of the United States met to discuss problems, approve new programs and frameworks, and receive updates on ongoing projects throughout the nation and church.

The meetings began with addresses from Cardinal Pierre and Archbishop Broglio, followed by updates on a number of topics, including the ongoing Synod on Synodality, the National Eucharistic Revival, and more. The Bishops sent a message to Pope Francis, asking for his prayers for these meetings, as well as for the success of the Eucharistic revival in reigniting the devotion of the faithful.

A major emphasis of these meetings was the state of catechesis and the role of the catechist, or instructor in the faith. This took a number of forms, from the approval of the cause for beatification and canonization of Adele Briese, a lay catechist from Wisconsin, to formal discussions and the development of documents on the institution of catechists, how they are to be trained, and more.

The Bishops also voted to approve two sets of guidelines focused on specific areas of catechesis and ministry. The first, Listen, Teach, Send, is a proposal for how best to revitalize ministry to youth and young adults in a variety of circumstances. The bishops also approved a document, Keeping Christ's Promise, which lays out a framework for ministry to indigenous communities, emphasizing healing, recognition of past failures in ministering to these communities, and first steps toward a renewed relationship with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Another theme of the meetings was the ongoing work of approving texts for the forthcoming new translation of the Liturgy of The Hours. The Bishops voted to approve three sets of texts for the new translation, which the International Commission for English in the Liturgy (ICEL) hopes to have prepared to print sometime in 2025. The texts approved at this meeting were largely supplementary to the books themselves, so good progress is being made.

For the average layperson, there are a few key take-aways: First, the bishops recognize a need for reform in our catechetical structures, our formation of catechists, and the way we pass down the faith. We should all consider how we are called to share the faith, and with whom. We should also take hope in and pray for the advancement of Adele Briese's cause for canonization, as she shows lay catechists a path to holiness. Finally, as the process of approving a new set of liturgical texts finally draws to a close, we ought to pray for our bishops who take such care in handing down the faith to all of us, that their mission would succeed, and we would all be brought closer to God.

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- TIM DONOHOUE, SEVEN DOLORS, MANHATTAN
- HARRY HARDY, ST. THOMAS MORE, MANHATTAN
- MARK LEVALLEY, ST. MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE, SALINA
- BILL MEAGHER, ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA, HAYS.
- DAN WAHLMEIER, ST. JOSEPH, NEW ALMELO

Saying 'Fiat' this NFP Awareness Week, July 21-27

By **LINDY MEYER**

DIOCESAN NFP COORDINATOR

Have you noticed there seems to be a designated day, week or month of awareness for a multitude of causes, so much so that many times they overlap one another? Amongst all the designations, July 21-27, 2024, has been set aside by the USCCB as National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week. Each year this week intentionally includes the anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* on July 25 and the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, on July 26.

Saints Joachim and Anne raised Mary with an openness to God's will in her life. We see this in her fiat and in the many times Mary didn't fully understand but surrendered her will to the will of the Father. Many times, the scriptures tell us Mary kept those things she didn't fully understand in her heart, pondering them. Couples utilizing NFP are called to discern together and with God, His plan for their marriage and family. They are to work cooperatively with God, who has allowed them to be co-creators with Him, as they plan their family in accord with His design for marital love which is to be unitive and procreative. Just as the Blessed Mother, oftentimes married couples don't fully understand the will of the Father but are called to ponder His plan and surrender their will to His.

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July 25, 1968, Pope Paul VI released the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (Of Human Life). This document was released after much study on the issue of birth control. While the Church had always taught contraception was against God's design for marriage, with new scientific advances and cultural changes there was pressure to reconsider the teachings. Through what has been coined as the Birth Control Commission, lay people, theologians, clergy and scientists

studied the issue and offered guidance to the Holy Father. The conclusions from the commission were certainly divided, but in what we now know to be saintly wisdom, Pope St. Paul VI concluded changing God's design for married love is not ours to change and use of contraception was not in the best interest of women, couples, families or society.

Pope Paul VI didn't only affirm Church teaching against contraception, he also called upon men of science to develop more reliable methods of NFP so couples could achieve or avoid pregnancy with more confidence and reliability. While it has evolved over time, now one could say NFP is an umbrella term for various methods of monitoring fertility naturally without the use of chemicals or devices and using that knowledge of daily fertility and infertility to achieve or avoid pregnancy. Medical advances and discoveries, particularly through the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, have also led to the development of NaProTechnology, a women's health care science that allows physicians to evaluate, diagnose and treat many reproductive and gynecological health issues women and couples experience. In other words, trusting in God's design for fertility and the marital embrace, couples using NFP can work with Him cooperatively to learn about how their bodies work, plan their families, and take care of their physical health.

Not too long ago Bishop Vincke sent me an article from Catholic News Agency entitled "Why do so many Catholics use birth control?" The article suggested challenges of the culture and poor Catechesis were key factors in a majority of Catholics disregarding Church teaching and choosing to use contraception.

National NFP Awareness Week is a great time to share the good news of the Church teaching related to marriage and family life, including a respect for the gift of fertility. The USCCB has many articles, videos and

other resources for anyone interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning, *Humanae Vitae* and other related teachings (<https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning>). Our diocesan Natural Family

Planning Office also has a variety of resources on our website (<https://salinadiocese.org/office/natural-family-planning/>).

As the diocesan NFP Coordinator I have prayed about my role and the role of this office in addressing the issues mentioned in the CNA article from Bishop Vincke. Hopefully this article has piqued your interest to learn more about the Church teaching on NFP and to research the many benefits of NFP. It is my plan to include more information about these topics in future issues of *The Register*. In the meantime, I ask you to consider reading *Humanae Vitae* and discuss it with your spouse, fiancé, friend group, pastor, etc. and let it guide your life. Surrender can be hard and surrendering something as personal and intimate as your fertility can be especially hard. We can follow the example of the Blessed Mother who gave her fiat many times over, because God can never be outdone in generosity.



PRAYER FOR NFP COUPLES

O Jesus! Merciful and generous to allow co-creation with You, hear me.

For the times I did not trust in Your love for me, Jesus, have mercy on me.

For the times I lost sight of my spouse's whole person, Jesus, have mercy on me.

For the times I reduced my spouse to his/her fertility status, Jesus, have mercy on me.

For the times I have grumbled, been angry, or despairing, Jesus, have mercy on me.

From the desire to be in control, deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what my friends and family will say, deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being judged, deliver me, Jesus.

From the spirit of selfishness, deliver me, Jesus.

From the spirit of self-righteousness, deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire to impress others, deliver me, Jesus.

From the spirit of resentment, deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of pregnancy, deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of miscarriage, deliver me, Jesus.

From the wounds, baggage, and pain of my past, deliver me, Jesus.

From a fear of intimacy, deliver me, Jesus.

That I may desire sexual intimacy with my spouse at the times we are able to be together, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That I may lovingly exhibit self control, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That my heart will be receptive, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That I will be open to Your will, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That we may develop genuine, non-sexual intimacy, Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may learn and live out holy, healthy sexual intimacy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Diocesan finance department makes new hire

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Isaac Meyer began working for the Salina Diocese as an accountant in the finance department on June 17.

Meyer was born and raised in Concordia and is the second-oldest of seven children. Growing up, he attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help. He attended St. John's Catholic School in Beloit from K-12 and attended Benedictine College where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting in 2020.

After college, he started a job at Grafton & Associates in Lincoln, NE. Meyer was a parishioner at St. Joseph's during his time in Lincoln and spent his free time playing in their

basketball league.

He spent four years in Lincoln, then was drawn back to Kansas by the opportunity to work for the Church. Meyer said he is looking forward to moving to Salina, joining a parish and finding community in the diocese.

"I would like to stay working here at the chancery for a long while," Meyer said.

Meyer says his close friends and family would consider him to be a strongly

reserved individual, but he loves talking to people and seeing the beauty of God's creation in others. In his free time he enjoys being with his family and going golfing with his dad.



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A Family Serving Families

Diocese staff win Catholic media awards

BY LORI LEISZLER

THE REGISTER

The Communications Office for the Diocese of Salina was well represented at this year's Catholic Media Association conference in Atlanta. This conference serves to recognize and celebrate excellence in journalism, communications and media all over the country. Several members of the Communications team earned awards for their efforts in the Salina Diocese.

Communications Coordinator Matea Gregg won first place from the CMA for Social Media Professional of the Year. Gregg is the diocesan content manager for social platforms, photographer, videographer, and assistant editor for faith magazine and The Register.

"I love to use the talents and gifts that God has given me in creating visual content in spreading the Gospel," Gregg said.

"As Bishop Robert Barron says, 'Beauty is the spearhead of evangelization,'" Gregg continued.

"BEAUTY IS THE SPEARHEAD OF EVANGELIZATION."

-BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

faith magazine editor Katie Hamel won several awards for her contributions to diocesan publications. She earned first place for "Best reporting on the celebration of a sacrament" for her story, "Crossroads: A son's journey home." This story was featured in the January 2023 issue of faith, which focused on the beauty of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Hamel also won the category of Best Interview for her story "Remembering Cecilia," featured in the May 2023 issue of faith. The story focused on a grieving mother turning to Mary in her time of sorrow.

"Lacy (Cecilia's mom) was so open and raw in

sharing her experience," Hamel said. "I was deeply moved and inspired by her strength to go on. But the thing that most struck my heart was when Lacy talked about forgiving the driver who had accidentally taken Cecilia's life. She had a mother's heart of forgiveness just like Mary. She looked at the young woman with pity and mercy and forgave her."

Gregg and Hamel jointly earned second place in Best Video-Feature for their "I Said 'Yes'" seminarian video. The nominating committee said the video stood out as a "first-person celebration of the Church's future, offering a unique approach to storytelling."

Additionally, freelance writer Diane Gasper-O'Brien received recognition for her stellar work for The Register. Under Hamel's guidance as editor, Gasper-O'Brien earned second place for the category of Best News Writing on Regional Events.

She also earned Honorable Mention for the category of Best Reporting on a Senior Citizen for her story "Stitch in Time." The story featured 95-year-old Aurelia Pacey of Manhattan, who sews and donates dresses for young girls in need around the world.

Gasper-O'Brien,

who was raised in Tipton and lives in Hays, has spent a lifetime working for FHSU and The Hays Daily News. She covers events all over the diocese, primarily focusing on diocesan schools and youth.

"I have often said that storytelling is part of my DNA," Gasper-O'Brien said. "Those close to me say I was born talking and that I haven't stopped since! I recognize and respect that our talents are gifts from God, and in writing stories, I am blessed to get the chance to use that particular talent in a positive way."

If you or anyone you know has an impactful story to share, contact theregister@salinadiocese.org with more details.

Q & A

WHAT STORIES HAVE BEEN THE MOST IMPACTFUL FOR YOU?

Diane Gasper-O'Brien:

The stories that have impacted me the most while writing for the diocese are probably the Memorial Masses for Parents of Deceased Children since one of our sons is deceased. I feel I can empathize with those parents, and it is refreshing to hear stories of how parents honor their children in some manner while keeping their memories alive.



Katie Greenwood:

The most impactful story for me was the one I wrote on little Cecilia Graf. I remember the day Cecilia died. Everyone at the Chancery was somber that day. I'm sure we were all imagining the grief of the family. For me, Cecilia was around my little brother Lewis' age. I thought about Lewis and what it would be like to lose him, and I cried for the Graf family and the little child they had lost. Fast-forward three years, and now I'm writing a story. Only now, I'm a mom. I remember working on the story, but this time it was my son who I imagined losing. And the grief I felt at even the thought of losing him was overwhelming ... writing that story was a profound and reflective experience for me, and I am honored that the Grafts trusted me to share it.



Matea Gregg:

I would say our seminarian dinner video from last year and the Call to Share videos I've been really proud of and I think they've been really impactful. I get to help spread the message of what we do as a diocese and make sure people can see our seminarians and support them. I think we've been a lot better at getting out and being present at events so we can share physical art and capture moments while people are there.



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MAKING IT WORK, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

some scheduling issues, they were gracious enough to do that," Meagher said. "They really did us a favor."

No problem. Fr. Mark just made it work.

"We just had to figure out the schedule," he said. "The only thing—I wasn't able to be there for all of the activities at both sites. But we made it work."

That diligence didn't go unnoticed.

"We are so grateful that he's making it work," said Laken Rudolph, the lead Totus Tuus teacher at the Minneapolis site.

"It meant a lot to have Mass said every day," added Gabe Friess, the lead teacher in Lincoln.

Parents also appreciated the efforts of all involved to provide their children with a summer Catholic education program.

"This program is amazing," said Cheryl Hitchings, who was helping serve lunch one day in Minneapolis.

Hitchings had a prime perspective from which to make that statement.

Four of her 15 children (ages 5 to 9) participated in the Totus Tuus program during the day, and four others (ages 13 to 18) attended the evening sessions for high school students.

Hitchings and her husband

moved their large family from Missouri to Tescott about a year ago.

Tescott is about the same distance between Minneapolis and Lincoln. And she said this is the first time they had been close enough to a summer program in which to enroll her children.

Hitchings was especially impressed with how Fr. Mark interacted with all the children, especially the youngest ones.

"Oh, I really like the little ones. Their level is my level now, too," he said with a laugh.

Fr. Mark appeared to be in his element one afternoon in the Immaculate Conception church.

The children were all ears as he explained the significance of Eucharistic Adoration.

"Spending a little time with Jesus is a sign that we recognize that He is truly with us," Father Mark explained. "Whenever you come in to see Jesus, He is so pleased you are here."

Some nodded and a couple even smiled when Fr. Mark told them that sometimes the simplest prayers are the best.

"Just say, 'Thank you, Jesus,'" he said. "That's a beautiful prayer."

At that moment, some parents in attendance were probably thinking, "Thank YOU, Fr. Mark."



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Totus Tuus attendees at Lincoln were eager to learn from their teachers.



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Totus Tuus teachers Sergio Lopez, far right, and Jarred Littrell, along with high school student Benny Dawson, speak with young boys about traits of being respectful Catholic gentlemen in one of their "man cave" sessions at Minneapolis.



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(Above) Fr. Mark Wesely explains in "kid language" the beauty and significance of Eucharistic Adoration to Totus Tuus participants at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

(Left) The Totus Tuus teams. Front (L-R): Riley Chrisler, Maddie Bruna, Alyssa Mikkelsen and Grace Lichtensteiger. Middle: Mary Hogan, Laken Rudolph, Hope White and Felicity Clark. Back: Gabe Friess, Sergio Lopez, Jacob Strecker, Jared Littrell and Ben Hogan. Not pictured: Chris LaRocque.



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

Knights Fund hits \$100 million milestone

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

The Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund (KCCF) recently hit a significant milestone by surpassing charitable grants of more than \$100 million made to Catholic and charitable organizations since its launch in 2019.

"Reaching \$100 million in granting is a dream realized," said Dennis Gerber, president of Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. "And for KCCF to achieve this charitable impact in just five years is very encouraging for our work going forward. While this is an outstanding milestone, we believe it is just the first of many in our work of building a powerful new engine for supporting the Church and our communities."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Aug. 1

• Seminarian Dinner, 5:15 p.m., City Limits Convention Center, Colby.

Aug. 2

• Seminarian Dinner, 5:15 p.m., Rose Garden, Hays.

Aug. 2-4

• St. Boniface Parish and Community Picnic and Celebration, Tipton.

Aug. 4

• Vocations BBQ, 4 p.m., St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays.

Aug. 9-10

• Salina Diocese Eucharistic Conference, Fort Hays State University, Hays.

Aug. 10

• St. Mary of the Assumption Benefit Auction and Dinner, 4 p.m., Clifton.

Aug. 16-17

• St. Thomas More Garage Sale, Friday noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon, Manhattan.

Aug. 24

• St. John's Harvest Festival, 4:30 p.m., Beloit.

Aug. 24

• Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention, Conception Church, Grinnell.

Aug. 31

• Annual Mexican Fiesta and Mass, 4 p.m., St. Ignatius Loyola, Kanopolis.

Aug. 31-Sept. 2

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Prayer and Action opens doors for participants, homeowners

By DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN
THE REGISTER

For high school students, it's a service project for a week.

For college students, a summer job.

For residents in towns across the Salina Diocese, the Prayer and Action ministry is a life changer.

Just ask Marilyn Gamblin, a resident of Oberlin in the northwest portion of the diocese.

Gamblin, a member of Sacred Heart Parish, heard through friends at church that Prayer and Action would be coming to her hometown this summer.

When the P&A committee from the diocese checks out towns for the ministry, it is in search of projects that can be accomplished in three weeks' time.

Friends from her church, Gary and Jennifer Juenemann, asked Gamblin if she would be willing to have teenagers paint her house.

Gamblin, who is retired, had lived in her home for more than 30 years. The siding on her house and garage was needing

some attention. So, of course, she said yes.

It was a win-win situation for all.

Gamblin, who had been saving for a paint job and a new front door, can now look forward to getting that door after the P&A group painted her house and garage.

In the process, Gamblin met some new people, and vice versa.

"I think it's actually kind of relaxing," said Joni Begnol, a senior-to-be at Clay Center High School this fall.

Begnol, like a lot of active high school students, continues a busy schedule into the summer. And she was grateful for a break from the norm.

"It's nice, for one week, not being bombarded with so many other things to do but scrape and paint with a lot of nice people," she said.

It's not all work for the students, who also spend time in prayer and fellowship and evening activities throughout the week.

And it doesn't hurt when you're being treated well by the homeowners.

Gamblin was so appreciative of the work being done on her home that she treated the workers with ice cream sandwiches and popsicles on the warm afternoons.

To top it off, Gamblin got to participate in prayer with the youngsters when they came in the morning and also in the

afternoon.

A different group



MATEA GREGG, COMMUNICATIONS

High schoolers join the team for evening prayer after a long day of work at Oberlin.

of high school students joins the Prayer and Action college staff each week, so some projects are started by one group and finished by another. Gamblin's home was one of those.

"I was kind of sad when they finished that I wouldn't see them anymore," Gamblin said. "Everyone was so nice and polite and looked like they were having fun."

Aubrey Kaiser from Salina, a recent graduate of Kansas State University, said she was enjoying her first job as one of the college teams.

A secondary English education major, Kaiser will student teach at Riley County High School this fall, and she obviously enjoys working with teens.

Kaiser had participated in similar projects in Georgia and Florida, but this was her first P&A in her home diocese.

"It's not as humid (in Kansas) as it is down there," she said with a laugh. "And I also like these small groups. You get to know who you are working with – and the homeowners, too."

The same holds true for the homeowners. Gamblin said she will never forget them.

"I just couldn't have asked for anything better," she said. "I am so grateful."



DIANE GASPER-O'BRIEN, THE REGISTER



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High schooler Molly Ehrlich, from Wilson, paints an eave at a job site in Oberlin.



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The P&A team. (L-R): Collin Thielen, Robyn Logan, Joshua Juenemann, Jamie Kuhlman, Max Megaffin and Aubrey Kaiser.

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On Mission: Jamie Kuhlman joins Office of Youth Ministry

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Jamie Kuhlman didn't know when she went to Prayer and Action as a freshman in high school in 2017 that she would return for the next seven years, spending a total of 25 weeks on mission, and that it would eventually become a calling and a career for her.

A recent graduate of Kansas State University, Kuhlman joins the Office of Youth Ministry after spending the summer on mission, being a team lead for Prayer and Action for her second year in a row. Her work for the diocese will include helping Bill Meagher plan youth and young adult events—including Prayer and Action—and leading the youth in our diocese closer to Christ.

Kuhlman, who was raised in Oakley, has also previously served the diocese as a Totus Tuus teacher and religious education teacher.

Like many of the young adults



JAMIE KUHLMAN

featured in this issue of The Register, Kuhlman has had the opportunity to live out spiritual and corporal works of mercy in meaningful ways, spending days with her team this summer helping to shelter the homeless. That often looked like painting a house or cleaning up an overgrown yard for people who couldn't do it themselves. "I hate scraping paint, but it's so rewarding because you spend time suffering alongside your crew, offering it up for the good of the homeowner," Kuhlman said.

She said the encounters they have with the homeowners are impactful.

"I met a woman who immediately cried on my shoulder because she said this was the hardest time in her life," Kuhlman said.

The team also gets to help the students who come each week to live on mission, living out spiritual works of mercy by instruct-

ing students in the faith.

"I just like that they are all the same age and have people to bond with and figure out their faith with together," Kuhlman said.

The Prayer and Action team members gave talks each night on how to live holy and joy-filled Catholic lives, and Kuhlman said she is excited to work more with the youth in the Salina Diocese.

"I'm looking forward to creating more opportunities for the youth like this," Kuhlman said. "To see it grow. To help them be in communion with each other."



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St. Frances donates to Pregnancy Pathways



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St. Frances Sodality Co-Chairs Jacquie Haffner and Delores Mauck organize the abundant Pregnancy Pathways baby items and take care of the Kansans For Life Bottle Fund collected through their annual drives. Pregnancy Pathways expresses a heartfelt thank you to St. Frances parishioners for their generosity in caring for pregnant women, young mothers and their babies.

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Confirmation at Sacred Heart, Park, Apr. 21
 Front (L-R): Lizbeth Mungaray, Shaylee Baalman, Brooklyn Countryman, Bryn Gillespie, Serenity Smith, Ella Prosser and Bishop Gerald Vincke. Back Row: Fr. James M. Thomas, Kendrick Selensky, Treityn Remington, Blaine Kinderknecht, Camden Polifka, Broady Goetz and Tate Blackwill.



Graduates at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Goodland, May 12
 Front (L-R): Idainia Mendoza, Mia Hernandez, Anahi Hernandez, Christine Albers, Jacelyn Horinek, Haley Biermann and Lesly Dominguez. Back: Manuel Gonzalez, Cole Linton, Juan Hernandez and Diego Delacruz.



Graduates at Sts. Peter and Paul, Clay Center, May 12
 Back (L-R): Emily Hood, Sarabeth Martin, Morgan Brumfield, Mara Williams and Cody Sharp. Middle: Fr. Mike Leiker, Kara Floersch, Caylyn Pfizenmaier, Lainie Sleichter and Rachel Friedrich. Front: Blaine Pfizenmaier.



First Communion at St. Joseph, Hays, May 5
 Front (L-R): Wesley Yarmer, Carter Rose and Daniel Huck. Middle: John Huck, Henry James, Bennett Howard and Gentry Hager. Back: Myah Dreiling, Kennedy Karst, Kendall Zimmerman and Fr. Rich Daise. Not pictured: Ansen Mortinger, Rone Mortinger and Ryker Staab.



First Communion at St. Mary Queen of Angels, Russell, Apr. 7
 Left to right: Fr. Michael Elan, Brooklyn McKenna, Mila Wieger, Sarah Guerrero, Sonya Orender, Kimber Schoenberger and Kellan Whitmer.



Confirmation at St. Francis of Assisi, Munjor, June 30
 Front (L-R): Instructor Joe Pfannenstiel, Katlyn Younger and Jerzi Zimmerman. Back: Fr. Damian Richards, Alec Gerstner, Rexton Leiker, Caleb Staley and Bishop Gerald Vincke.



Graduates at St. Mary Queen of Angels, Russell, May 5
 Front (L-R): Marissa Myers, Elsie Finkenbinder, Harlee Donovan, Emma Finkenbinder and Elizabeth Morgenstern. Back: Zachary Martinez, Herbie Shumaker III and Graham Dreiling. Not present: Abygail Banks and Nevaeh Weigel.



Confirmation at St. Joseph, Hays, May 8

Front (L-R): Brynn Schoepf, Ava Flynn, Madelyn Dintino, Giana Schumacher, Faith Schmeidler, Shaely Shuck, Aubrey Werth, Makenna Wellbrock, Hailey Robben and Catechist Lance Griffey. Second Row: Fr. Michael Raj Kothalamuthu, Dalton Werth, Eli Pfannenstiel, Gavin Bemis, Nash Dreiling, Indy Cline, Jenna Schmeidler, Kinley Pfannenstiel, Jaycee Gibbs and TMP-M Religion Instructor Sr. Mary Monica, IHM. Third Row: Paul Schroeder, Elizabeth Bonczynski, Emma Wasinger, Mia Lee, Shawna Pack, Dalton Schmidtberger, Evan Staab and Anna-Marie Marsell. Fourth Row: Fr. Damian Richards, Dylan Billinger, James Dickman, Owen Hickert, Riley Zimmerman, Kaydon Hoang, Brogan Zimmerman and Jace Dreher. Fifth Row: Catechist Michael Lager, Samuel Pardee, Trevon Williby, Lane Geist, Nathan Ochoa, Carson Kraus, Zach Billinger, Kenneth Walker, Fr. Richard Daise, Adilyn Gottschalk, Kyleigh Leiker and Bishop Jerry Vincke.

Immaculate Conception recognizes parishioner for her service



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In appreciation for all of Mary Flora's years of service, the Solomon Immaculate Conception Catholic Church presented her with a quilt. Mary has been the church organist all of her adult life. Prior to that she was the organist for the Niles Catholic Church, the parish in which she grew up. She also served the Solomon parish as president of St. Ann's Altar Society for over 20 years. Above (L-R): Daylene Tracy at the podium, Helen Hellwig, Mary Flora and Judy Kohman.

Vacation Bible School at Sts. Peter and Paul



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During the week of May 28-31, Sts. Peter and Paul in Clay Center had a wonderful turnout for their "A Day in the Life of Jesus" themed VBS.

St. Thomas More Garage Sale

St. Thomas More, Manhattan, will host its Annual Garage Sale this August. Donations will be accepted on August 13, 14 and 15 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. No clothing, treadmills or electronics are accepted. The Garage Sale will be Friday, August 16 from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, August 17 from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the church at 785-776-5151 or Brother Knight Pete Sandoval at cpsandman@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit charities of K of C Council 8488 and St. Thomas More.



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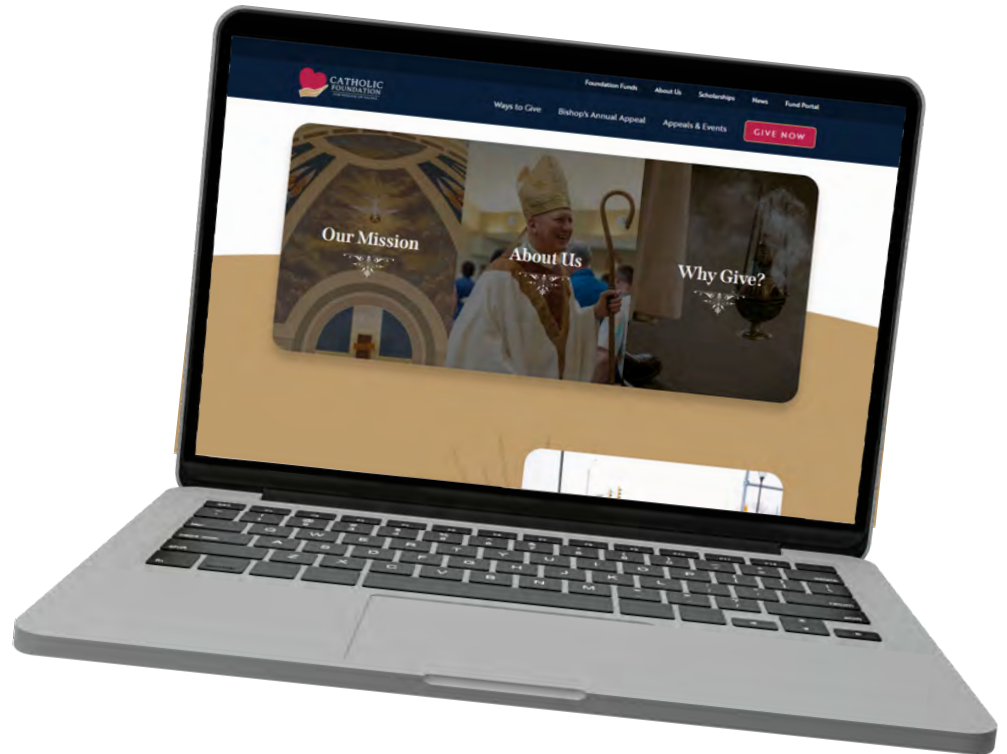
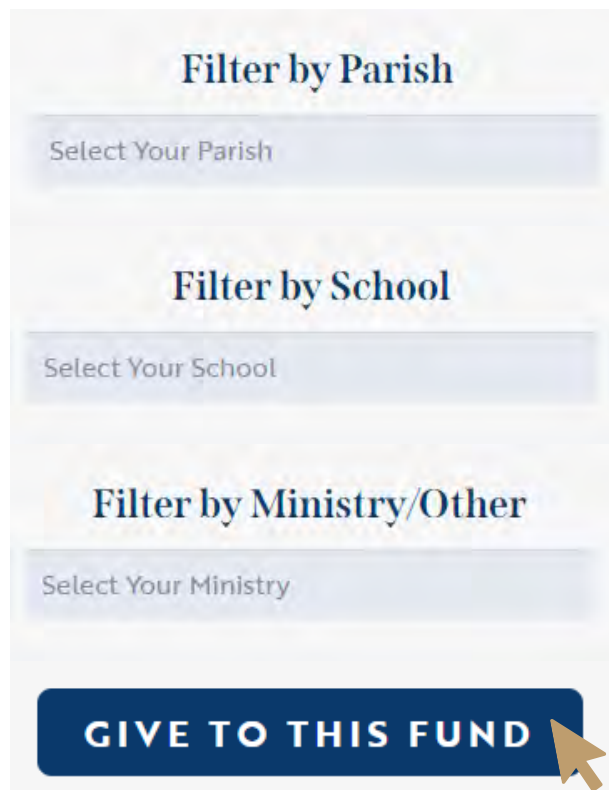
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What are you most looking forward to in your new role as CEO?

I'm most looking forward to getting to know the people of our Diocese. Coming from the finance office I spent a lot of time reviewing reports and spreadsheets. People are more interesting.



Growing their family with help from Catholic Charities

By MEGAN ROBL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHERN KANSAS

Trina and Michael Shockey's journey is one of resilience, hope, and the transformative power of adoption. When their son, Carter, arrived prematurely at 33 weeks, it marked the beginning of a challenging yet ultimately heart-warming path for their family. Trina's subsequent diagnosis of anti-phospholipid syndrome complicated their dreams of expanding their family naturally, leading them to face the difficult reality that traditional methods might not be possible.

Trina candidly shares, "I was just really grateful that Carter was okay and we were okay. But we'd planned on two or three. It was hard to kind of think, 'okay, well my body can't sustain this to grow our family.' It was a hard thing to hear for us."

However, hope was not lost. The Shockeys turned their attention to adoption, embarking on a journey filled with anticipation, challenges, and ultimately, immense joy.

Their search led them to Catholic Charities, where they discovered not only an affordable pathway to adoptive parenthood but also a compassionate community dedicated to supporting families like theirs.

After several years of waiting, the pivotal moment arrived when they received the life-changing call from adoption specialist Peggy Crippen, announcing their selection by a birth mother. Two weeks of intense preparation followed, culminating in the joyous arrival of their son, Oscar. His presence in their lives symbolizes

not just a new chapter but a testament to unwavering love and determination.

"We actually brought Oscar home on Carter's birthday," they share. "They were born one day apart. So it's very much a God thing."

Your impact through Catholic Charities didn't stop there. Your generosity extended a helping hand to the birth mother, ensuring her transition to a new chapter was supported with compassion and practical assistance. Trina and Michael emphasize, "Catholic Charities



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doesn't just say goodbye after the papers are signed. They provide ongoing support and counseling to birth mothers."

Today, Oscar's laughter fills the Shockey household, a poignant reminder of the power of love, resilience, and community support. His bond with older brother Carter speaks volumes about the strength of families united in love and bolstered by the kindness of organizations like Catholic Charities.

Trina and Michael express their gratitude, stating, "No matter what the backstory is for the birth mom, this is a great opportunity for her to provide her child a good home. In our situation, Oscar's going to have a great opportunity to grow up. If Catholic Charities wasn't here, that wouldn't have happened."

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Ately Ann Augustine, daughter of Dawson and Lindsey (Hurford) Augustine, was baptized June 16, 2024 by Fr. Dana Clark at St. Mary's Church in Ellis.

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Clare Evangeline Beckman, daughter of Adam and Shannon (Jarmer) Beckman, was baptized June 15, 2024, by Fr. Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Kingsley Sue Berry, daughter of Brett Berry and Kara (Gabel) Berry, was baptized May 26, 2024, by Fr. Michael Elanjimattathil, CMI, at St. Mary Queen of Angels Church in Russell.

Abigail Louise Bruna, daughter of Nathan and Samantha Bruna, was baptized March 17, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Boone Robert Bruna, son of Tyler and Cami Bruna, was baptized May 19, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Hallie Rae Bruna, daughter of Brent and Courtney Bruna, was baptized May 5, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Sloane Marie Burr, daughter of Ryan and Brigette Burr, was baptized May 25, 2024 by Fr. Gale Hamerschmidt at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Callum Robert Carlson, son of Jacob and Shelby Carlson, was baptized February 11, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Isaac Ricardo Carranza Morales, son of Ricardo Carranza and Carmen Morales, was baptized June 29, 2024, by Fr. Trinity Savariyar at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Hays.

Henry Peter Clennan, son of Nathaniel and Karsen (Webber) Clennan, was born May 31, 2024 and baptized July 7 by Dcn. Jesse Ochs at St. Mary Queen of the Universe in Salina. Godparents are Caeli Clennan and Anthony Clennan.

Micaela Martinez Contreras, daughter of Alvin K. and Anabel (Contreras) Martinez, was baptized June 16, 2024, by Fr. Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Anna Joyce Corwin, daughter of Colton and Shannon (Toll) Corwin, was baptized June 2, 2024, by Fr. Joshua Werth at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo.

Rose Marie Cummings, daughter of Frank and Katrina Cummings, was baptized June 30, 2024 by Fr. Matthew Davied at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Huntleigh Nicole Diederich, daughter of Aaron and Sydney Diederich, was baptized February 25, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Dezi Max Feldkamp, son of John and Kacy Feldkamp, was baptized May 19, 2024, by Fr. Matthew Davied at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Brooke Ann Funston, daughter of Hayden and Macey Funston, was baptized May 12, 2024, by Fr. Peter O'Donnell at St. Andrew's Church in Abilene. Godparents are Kade Funston and McKenzie Funston.

Nora Theresa Garcia, daughter of Giovanni and Kibely Garcia, was baptized July 7, 2024, by Dcn. Kade Megaffin at St. Thomas More in Manhattan.

Cora-Leigh Journey Gregoire, daughter of Ryan and Laura (Augustine) Gregoire, was baptized May 26, 2024, by Fr. Dana Clark at St. Mary's Church in Ellis.

Theodore James Riley Gregoire, son of Ryan and Laura (Augustine) Gregoire, was baptized May 26, 2024, by Fr. Dana Clark at St. Mary's Church in Ellis.

Ridge Mark Hunsovsky, son of Cade and Mariah Huncovsky, was baptized June 28, 2024, by Fr. Jarett Konrade at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Mankato. Godparents are Maycee Callihan and Cole Huncovsky.

Tiare Mariana Jimenez, daughter of Jose and Kayla (Wahlmeier) Jimenez Rivera, was baptized June 2, 2024, by Fr. Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Brixton Hayes Jisa, son of Shane and Samantha Jisa, was baptized February 4, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Killian Fraser Knox, son of Keegan and Hannah Knox, was baptized June 9, 2024, by Fr. Peter O'Donnell at St. Andrew's Church in Abilene.

Haya Ann Kurian, daughter of Josco and Eliza Neelima Mattew, was baptized June 23, 2024 by Dcn. Adam Urban at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan.

Wrenna Lou Lamberson, daughter of Philip and Abbey Lamberson, was baptized May 26, 2024, by Dcn. Wayne Talbot at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Mason Joseph Levario, son of Adam and Gina (Nealy) Levario, was baptized June 14, 2024 by Fr. Dana Clark at St. Mary's Church in Ellis.

Kollyns Kate McCain, daughter of Shelton and Bailey (Foss) McCain, was baptized May 18, 2024, by Fr. Damian Richards at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays.

Beckham Lee McGann, son of Skyler and Logan (Dale) McGann, was baptized June 23, 2024, by Fr. Trinity Savariyar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

James Samuel Meagher, son of Taylor and Elizabeth Meagher, was baptized June 30, 2024, by Dcn. Kade Megaffin at St. Thomas More in Manhattan.

Quade Mitchell O'Neal, son of Tayler and Morgan O'Neal, was baptized May 19, 2024, by Fr. Peter O'Donnell at St. Andrew's Church in Abilene.

Godparents are Parker O'Neal and Olivia Gassman.

Akuabata Ifechukwu Onyekwelu, daughter of Ikenna and Chidimma Onyekwelu, was baptized June 7, 2024, by Fr. Frank Coady at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Henry Owen Riley, son of John and Kiley Riley, was baptized May 22, 2024, by Dcn. Kade Megaffin at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan.

Wyatt Eugene and Matthew Ryan Ruder, twin sons of Mason and Tori (Mai) Ruder, were baptized June 15, 2024, by Fr. Nick Parker at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

Isabel Cecilia Schlabach, daughter of Jarod and Meredith Schlabach, was baptized May 4, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Monroe Kay Sedlacek, daughter of Coby and Krista Sedlacek, was baptized May 19, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Briar William Slipke, son of Ashlyn Slipke, was baptized June 9, 2024, by Fr. Joshua Werth at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo.

Renlee Rochelle Steinfort, daughter of Wade and Kailee Steinfort, was baptized March 10, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

John Paul Suing, son of Ben and Molly (Kuhlman)

Suing, was baptized May 19, 2024, by Fr. Brian McCaffrey at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Church in Salina.

Ace'lia Marguerite Taddiken, daughter of Shawn and Nicolette (Begnoche) Taddiken, was baptized May 19, 2024, by Fr. Steven Heina at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Clifton.

Kollyns Denise Torrey, daughter of Avery and Nicole Torrey, was baptized by Fr. Vincent Thu Taing at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo.

Lincoln Hayes Vathauer, son of Tyler and Kim Vathauer, was baptized May 26, 2024, by Fr. David Metz at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover.

Edward Jameson Weber, son of Kyle and Peony (Reif) Weber, was baptized June 16, 2024 by Fr. Dana Clark at St. Mary's Church in Ellis.

Sloane James Wetter, daughter of Clayton and Megan (Gilliland) Wetter, was baptized May 19, 2024, by Fr. Brian McCaffrey at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Church in Salina.

Jacob Steven Wrench, Jr., son of Jacob and Morgan (Wright) Wrench, was baptized June 2, 2024, at St. Mary Queen of the Universe Church in Salina. Godparents are Elizabeth Lovett and Phillip Schmidt.

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FUNERALS

Linda Campbell, 79, died May 29, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 7 at St. Mary Queen of the Universe in Salina. Fr. Kevin Weber presided. Burial in All Saints Cemetery in Salina.

Charles Deyoe, 91, died May 18, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 21 at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Fr. Donald Zimmerman presided. Inurnment at Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan.

Alice Gerleve, 94, died March 11, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 16 at St. John's Catholic Church in Hanover. Fr. David Metz presided. Burial in St. John's Cemetery, Hanover.

Julie F. Goeckel, 62, died March 2, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 6 at St. John's Catholic Church in Hanover. Fr. David Metz presided; Fr. Joseph Kieffer concelebrated. Burial in St. John's Cemetery, Hanover.

Juanita Hale, 74, Concordia, died June 13, 2024. A Celebration of Life service was held June 19 at Chapput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia. Fr. Joseph Kieffer presided. Burial in St. Concordia Catholic Cemetery, Concordia.

Gilbert A. Haug, 94, died June 15, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 19 at St. Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Fr. Donald Zimmerman presided. Interment at Kansas Veterans Cemetery, Manhattan.

Gloria G. Hiltgen, 94, died January 15, 2024. Memorial Mass was celebrated February 17 at Sacred Heart Church in Greenleaf. Fr. David Metz presided. Burial in St. Michael Cemetery, Kimeo.

James E. Hogan, 68, died May 1, 2024. Funeral service was held May 7 at St. Michael Church in Kimeo. Fr. David Metz officiated. Burial in St. Michael Cemetery, Kimeo.

Michelle L. Hynek, 49, died February 12, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated March 1 at St. John's Catholic Church in Hanover. Fr. David Metz presided. Burial in St. John's Cemetery, Hanover.

Paul E. Jueneman, 80, died April 21, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 27 at St. John's Catholic Church in Hanover. Fr. David Metz presided; Fr. Joseph Kieffer concelebrated. Burial in St. John's Cemetery, Hanover.

Michael D. Leseberg, 69, died May 25, 2024. Funeral service was held May 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in

Hanover. Rev. Elden Crosby, Rev. Jill Duis and Fr. David Metz officiated. Burial in St. John's Cemetery, Hanover. Fr. David Metz officiated.

Marilyn Fay (Hickert) Otter, 87, died May 13, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 15 at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo. Fr. Vincent Thu Laing and Deacon Brian Kirk presided. Inurnment at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Leroy J. Riedel, 74, died June 11, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 15 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hays. Fr. Richard Daise presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays.

Bernadette "Betty" Schmidt, 94, died May 8, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 13 at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Hays. Fr. Damian Richards presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays.

Melvin L. "Mel" Schumacher, 91, died June 7, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Fr. Nick Parker presided. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays.

Gerald Lee "Jerry" Staab, 75, of Hays, died June 14, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated June 19 at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Catharine. Fr. Earl Befort presided. Burial in St. Catherine Cemetery, Catharine.

Clarence E. Turk, 91, died May 19, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated May 28 at St. John's Catholic Church in Hanover. Fr. David Metz presided. Burial in St. John's Cemetery, Hanover.

Doreen (Wahlmeier) Zimmerman, 82, Sioux Falls, SD died April 20, 2024. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Lambert Catholic Church in Sioux Falls. Fr. Paul King presided. Graveside service and burial June 22 at St. Joseph Cemetery, New Almelo with Fr. Joshua Werth presiding.

Kyle Matthew Bauer and Molly Morgan James were married June 15, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Matthew Cooke witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Vincent and Tamara Bauer. Parents of the bride are Roy and Mona James. Witnesses were Nic Eilert and McNeilly James.

Dominic Ronald Castelli and Greta Marie Meyers were married June 22, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Dcn. Adam Urban witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Anthony and Tobi Castelli. Parents of the bride are Derek and Jennifer Meyers. Witnesses were Ames Castelli and Mary Bontrager.

Peyton James Deters and Kelsey Marie Geerdes were married June 8, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Matthew Davied witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Darrin and Cheryl Deters. Parents of the bride are Douglas and Dana Geerdes. Witnesses were Nicholas Deters and Katie Geerdes.

Chad Henry DuFrane and Margaret Christine Jones were married June 1, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Daniel Swartz witnessed their vows. Grandparents of the groom are Henry and Roberta DuFrane. Parents of the bride are James and Tina Jones, Jr. Witnesses were Lucas Valvo and Alaina Riccomini.

Spencer Patrick Dugan and Grace Anne Mernagh were married June 15, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Matthew Cooke witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Richard and Michele Dugan. Parents of the bride are James and Rita Mernagh. Witnesses were Grant Dugan and Kylee Jennings.

WEDDINGS

Avery Hawkins and Lexie Rome were married June 8, 2024, at St. Mary's Church in Ellis. Fr. Dana Clark witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Darin and Jessica Hawkins. Parents of the bride are James and Sandra Rome. Witnesses were Ashton Hawkins and Allie Cassidy.

Keegan Honas and Hannah Pletcher were married June 15, 2024, at St. Mary's Church in Ellis. Fr. Dana Clark witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Gallan and Heather Honas. Parents of the bride are Darren and Melissa Pletcher. Witnesses were Hayley Bergling and Hagen Honas.

Paul Bernard Irvine and Breigh Elise Brockman were married June 14, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Paul and Emily Irvine. Parents of the bride are Aaron and Julie Brockman. Witnesses were Ben Irvine and Brynlyn Brockman.

Douglas James Koch and Lauren Anne Schmitt were married May 25, 2024, at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Jeffrey and Jennifer Koch. Parents of the bride are Dale and Lynna Schmitt. Witnesses were Bradley Koch and Erin Schmitt.

Tyler Elijah Lee and Amanda Noel Silva were married June 1, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Matthew Davied witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Ronald and Jennifer Lee. Parents of the bride are Roger and Sheryl Silva. Witnesses were Roger Silva and Tara Dorsch.

Jeremy Vince Martinez and Emily Jo Infante were married June 22, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Matthew Davied witnessed

their vows. Parents of the groom are Jose and Graciela Martinez. Parents of the bride are Jose and Jolene Infante. Witnesses were Christopher Martinez and Abbey Trickey.

Elisha Robert Peterson and Tricia Rose Schmitz were married June 8, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Matthew Davied witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Robert Jr. and Kimberly Peterson. Parents of the bride are Joseph and Amy Schmitz. Witnesses were Dylon Stutz and Audrey Schmitz.

Gavin Dietrich Pralle and Tasha Rene Bruna were married February 10, 2024, at St. John the Baptist Church in Hanover. Fr. David Metz witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are John and Regina (Reikenberg) Pralle. Parents of the bride are Chad and Theresa (Holle) Bruna. Witnesses were Paden Pralle and Shelby Bradley.

Derek Ray Shaheen and Elisabeth Margaret Wells were married June 29, 2024 at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center in Manhattan. Fr. Drew Hoffman witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Christina and the late Ray Shaheen. Parents of the bride are William and Lisa Wells. Witnesses were Marshall Fike and Emily Wells.

Alex Rein and Jazzmin Wahlmeier were married June 8, 2024, at St. Joseph Church in New Almelo. Fr. Joseph Kieffer witnessed their vows. Parents of the groom are Rick and Jennifer Rein. Parents of the bride are Dan and Shelly Wahlmeier. Witnesses were Calvert Tosie and Taylor Wahlmeier.

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Pope approves canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

By LORI LEISZLER
THE REGISTER

Pope Francis gathered with the College of Cardinals on July 1 at the Vatican to review the causes of canonization for several Blesseds. The group approved 15 people for canonization, including Carlo Acutis, who is now set to be the first millennial to be named a saint.

Most of the Blesseds who were approved on July 1 will be formally added to the List of Saints on Oct. 20, 2024. A date for Acutis has not yet been set.

Born in 1991, Acutis is best known as a young Italian web designer who had a great love for the Eucharist. When he was a teenager he was diagnosed with leukemia, and he died in 2006 at the age of 15.

Despite his young death, Acutis accomplished much with his life. His fascination with computer programming led him to create an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles, which he believed would lead many to realize Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

Acutis also led the people around him, particularly his family, closer to Christ. His mother, who had only



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Blessed Carlo Acutis, a website designer with a great love of the Eucharist, died of leukemia at the age of 15.

ever gone to Mass for her first communion, confirmation and wedding, was drawn to deep conversion by her son's witness to the faith.

He shared his love for the Eucharist and lived out his faith among his peers, too. Acutis loved playing video games and would talk to his gaming pals about the faith. A saint of our times, he played Xbox, Nintendo Game Boy and Game Cube, and he liked Spiderman and Pokémon.

Earlier this year in May, Pope Francis approved a second miracle attributed to Acutis. A young Italian woman had fallen off a bicycle and suffered severe head trauma, with what doctors said was a low chance of survival. A few days after the accident, her mother decided to go to Acutis's tomb and pray for his intercession. The same day she left, her daughter started making rapid progress back towards recovery.

The first miracle attributed to Acutis was approved in 2020, in which a young Brazilian boy was healed from a rare disease of the pancreas after venerating a relic of Acutis during the feast of Our Lady of Aparecida in 2013.

Blesseds up for Canonization on Oct. 20:

† "Martyrs of Damascus." Fr. Manuel Ruiz López, OFM, his 7 companions, and the brothers Abdel Moati, Francis, and Raphael Massabki, three Maronite laymen. The group of 11 suffered in 1890 in Damascus. After being offered the choice of converting to Islam, the men said that they would rather die.

† Fr. Giuseppe Allamano. He was a Catholic Italian priest who made an impact through missionary work, founding the Consolata Missionaries and Consolata Missionary Sisters.

† Sr. Elena Guerra. She was known as a friend of Pope Leo XIII, teacher of St. Gemma Galgani and an apostle of the Holy Spirit.

† Sr. Marie-Léonie Paradis. She was a Canadian-born religious who founded the Little Sisters of the Holy Family in the early 20th century.

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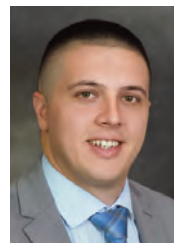
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