

From the Diocese



As some of you may know, I was in Ukraine recently as part of the subcommittee for the bishops of the United States for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I met a man in his early eighties who, decades ago, spent eight years in a Gulag camp in Siberia, Russia. These places are a brutal system of forced labor camps coupled with freezing temperatures during the winter. As this man talked about the current situation of what's happening in Ukraine by Russia aggression, he concluded the conversation with a sigh, adding, "What gives me hope, though, is that in the end, evil does not win."

This reminds me of a story told by a priest in a homily that I heard decades ago. The priest shared how a man had been in the Gulag camp for fifteen years and finally had enough of the torture. He decided he would try to escape, knowing full well that he would be shot. The day he was going to attempt an escape, a man whom he had never seen before came up before him, leaned to the ground, and drew a cross in the dirt with his finger. At that moment he realized that God was with him. The next day, he was released from prison.

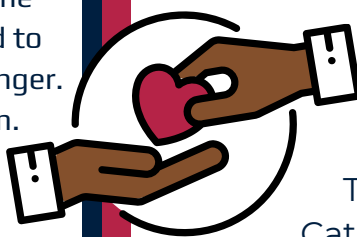
The cross! All the evil in the world cannot surpass the infinite love from the cross. The love from the cross is infinitely greater than all the evil in the world. Evil does not win. Love does. Jesus loves us from the cross. He told St. Catherine of Siena, "It's not the nails that kept me on the cross, but my love for you." This is why each one of us can say, "We are not the sum of our sins, failures and mistakes, but God's love for us." Happy Easter to you and your families! May the risen Christ fill you with hope, joy, and peace!

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Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of the Salina Diocese

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Catholic Home Missions



Surprisingly, the Catholic Church is poorly established in many parts of our country.

The bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the U.S., and in its territories and former territories.

"Home Missions" is the name for dioceses and parishes in these places which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help.

The Salina Diocese is a Mission Diocese directly supported by this appeal!

To Give:

Anytime during the month of April, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Catholic Home Missions"



—Upcoming Events—

— 4/10

Chrism Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Salina, 11:30 a.m.

— 4/20

Easter Sunday

— 4/27

Divine Mercy Sunday

— 4/29-5/2

Divine Mercy Radio Spring Care-A-Thon

— 4/26

Transitional Dcn. Ordination

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Salina, 10:00 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier School Auction

Junction City, 5 p.m.

Salina Catholic Schools Blue & Gold Affair

Salina, 5:30 p.m.

51st Annual Auction for Christian Education

TMP-Marian, Hays 5 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Bazaar & Fundraiser

Damar, 4 p.m.

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

H O L Y W E E K

Palm Sunday



A long time before Jesus, a man named Zechariah said our king would ride in on a donkey. When Jesus came to Jerusalem during Passover, a Jewish Holiday, he was riding on a donkey! The crowds used palm branches to wave him in.

Spy Wednesday

The day before the Last Supper, Judas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver. We call this day Spy Wednesday because of his sneakiness!



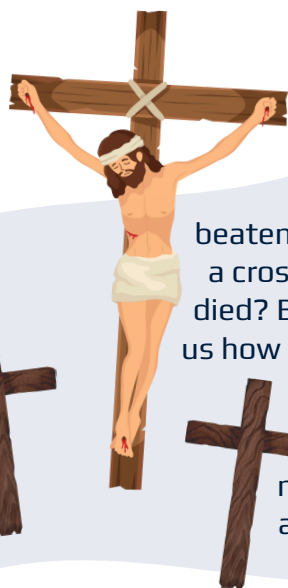
Holy Thursday

Because Jesus was Jewish, he celebrated Passover with his apostles. After he broke bread (like we do at communion!), Jesus went to a garden to pray. All of his apostles fell asleep. Then, soldiers arrested him.



Good Friday

Jesus died at 3 p.m. on Good Friday. He was beaten, made fun of, and nailed to a cross. Why is it "good" that he died? Because he showed all of us how to die like him, so that we can rise like him too! We are all called to love our neighbor as much as Jesus loved us!



Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday, Jesus was buried in a tomb. While he was still dead, Jesus went to where all the souls were of people who loved God and died before him. He did this so he could bring these people into the Kingdom of Heaven too!



Easter Sunday

Women were going to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body, but the tomb was empty! An angel appeared and told them he had risen, just as he said he would! We call this "Easter," and we celebrate it every Sunday, but especially after the Triduum, where we have a 50-day long Easter season!



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The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

This is because Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska (a nun from Poland) and asked her to help the world celebrate his mercy. He asked her to have a picture of him painted and create a special day. In the picture, Jesus' hand is blessing us. The red coming from his heart is showing us his love, and the white coming from his heart is showing us his mercy!

