

From the Diocese



While recently stating that the poor are at the heart of the Church's pastoral activity, Pope Leo XIV declared that "the gravest poverty is not to know God" and that having him accompany us on the journey of life puts material wealth into perspective- "we discover the real treasure that we need."

This comment made me think of Blessed Bartolo Longo, who will soon be canonized a saint. His life is a powerful testimony to the transformative power of grace and should give everyone hope that God never gives up on us.

While many saints stayed faithful to God throughout their lives, Bartolo Longo left the Catholic faith and became very involved with occult practices and even became a "Satanic priest." This involved leading séances, experimenting with drugs, and many other practices that led to his unhappiness.

Then, one night, he heard the voice of his dead father crying out to him, "Return to God!" This led him on a journey back to the Catholic Church, with a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

From a satanist to a saint. There is hope for all. May we help people to "return to God," the one who loves them more than anyone.

+ Gerald L. Vincke

Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of the Salina Diocese

Seminarian Dinners

7/30

Manhattan

Hilton Garden Inn

7/31

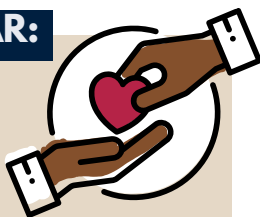
Hays

Rose Garden Banquet Hall

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Church in Africa

Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years. However, it is difficult for the church to sustain its growth and maintain essential pastoral outreach. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help the "salt of the Earth" Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world."



To Give:

Anytime during July, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Church in Africa"



—Upcoming Events—

7/4

Independence Day

7/11

SHHS Endowment Golf Tournament
Salina, Opening Prayer 7:45a.m.

7/12

Catholic Charities Green Tie Celebration
Salina Country Club, 6p.m.

7/13

St. Peter's 150th Anniversary Celebration
St. Peter's, Aurora, 3p.m.

7/19

SacredTable Training Event
St. Mary's Parish Hall, Salina, 9a.m.

7/26

S.H. Plainville Auction
Plainville, Mass 4:30p.m., Auction 6p.m.

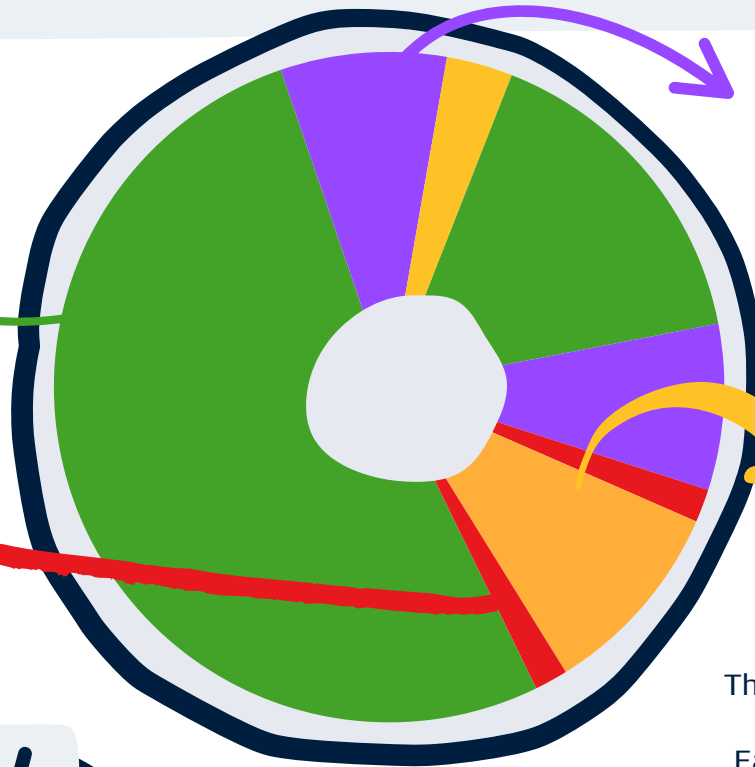
Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The calendar helps us keep track of passing time, while the **liturgical calendar** helps us enter into the times of Jesus Christ! These “mysteries” of his life, death, resurrection, and teaching are celebrated by Catholics every year, using the liturgical calendar as a roadmap.

Green is the color for **Ordinary Time**. “Ordinary” means counted time. During this season, we learn about Jesus’ teaching and ministry. Green symbolizes hope.

Red is the color for **Pentecost** and **Holy Week**. Red symbolizes fire, blood, and charity. It is also worn on the feast days of martyrs!



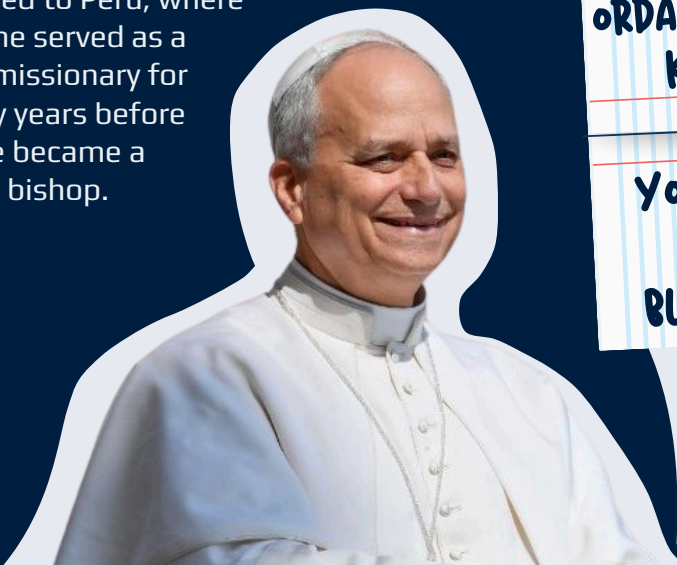
Purple is the color for **Advent** and **Lent**. Purple symbolizes penance.

Gold/White are colors that symbolize glory! They are worn in the Christmas and Easter season, and on feast days!

POPE LEO XIV

THE POPE FROM CHICAGO!

The college of Cardinals elected Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new pope! Cardinal Prevost took the name Pope Leo the 14th. Pope Leo is the **FIRST** American pope- he was born right here in the midwest- in Chicago, Illinois! Eventually, he moved to Peru, where he served as a missionary for many years before he became a bishop.



NEWLY
ORDAINED FROM
KANSAS

YOU WANT
OUR
BLESSING?



PRIESTS ON THE MOVE!

After they were ordained, the three new priests from the Diocese of Salina took off to travel before they settle into their new lives. Their journey brought

them to Rome, where they had the opportunity to see Pope Leo from the crowd. They held up a sign saying they were new priests, and asked if he wanted their blessing. Pope Leo stopped the pope mobile and waved them on! In return, he gave them a blessing too!