Une invitación a la Corpus Christi procesión

Estas invitadas a una procesión Eucarística en la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo (Corpus Christi) en Dodge City. Comenzaremos nuestra procesión en la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón a las 3 de la tarde, domingo, 3 de junio y terminaremos en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Habrá 5 altares (estaciones) para oración y adoración, mientras damos “testimonio público de nuestra fe y devoción” al sacramento de la Eucaristía (del Rito). Todos son bienvenidos a esta celebración bilingüe de Jesús.

Photo by Dana Rich

Bishop of Dodge City, announces the following:

The Most Reverend John B. Brungardt, Bishop of Dodge City, announces the following:

Father Benjamin Martin, currently pastor of St. Mary, Marienthal; St. Joseph the Worker, Tribune; and St. Anthony of Padua, Leoti, has been granted retirement effective May 31, 2018.

Father Timothy Hickey, a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, is currently in an orientation process and assisting at St. Anthony, Liberal; and St. Alphonsus, Satanta, is appointed pastor of St. Mary, Marienthal; St. Joseph the Worker, Tribune; and St. Anthony of Padua, Leoti, effective June 1, 2018.

By Order of the

Most Reverend John B. Brungardt, Bishop of Dodge City

Judge Janice Grochowsky, CSJ, JCL, Chancellor

‘This is My Body’

Diocese invited to Corpus Christi procession

You are invited to a Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) in Dodge City. At 3 p.m. Sunday, June 3, we will begin our procession at Sacred Heart Cathedral and end at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral. There will be five altars (stations) for prayer and adoration, as we “give public witness of faith and devotion” to the sacramento of the Eucharist (from the Rite). All are welcome for this bilingual celebration of Jesus.

I encourage Eucharistic Processions in your parishes on Corpus Christi Sunday. Some parishes have the procession within the church, or around the block, or throughout the town. Let us proclaim our faith in Christ, and draw strength from our Risen Lord. Jesus is “present in a true, real, and substantial manner: His Body and His Blood, with His Soul and His Divinity” in the Blessed Sacrament (CCC 1413). Let us worship!

Spirit takes flight at Diocesan Track Meet

Students from (L to R) St. Dominic School, Garden City, Holy Family School, Great Bend, Sacred Heart Cathedral School, Dodge City, and Sacred Heart School, Ness City, were among dozens of competitors from each Catholic school in the diocese competing in the annual Diocesan Track Meet May 5 in Dodge City.


Official Appointments

Beloved sinners

Just who are we? What is our fundamental identity? What is our very essence, our inherent being?

The old nursery rhyme says that we are “butchers, bakers and candlestick makers.” But we are much more than what we do. We are children of God, siblings of Christ, daughters and sons of the Holy Spirit, human persons made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26). Awesome!

At the same time, we are sinners. Due to Adam and Eve’s disobedience, at times, we hurt each other, we ignore God, we get down on ourselves. But we are, through the grace of God, beloved sinners, wounded healers, compassionate sufferers. What to do?

“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven,” (John 20:23) Jesus told His Apostles in one of his post-Resurrection appearances. By practicing our Kingdom Living: daily prayer, weekly Holy Mass, and the regular celebration of the Sacrament of confession/reconciliation/penance/conversion (yes, that Sacrament that Jesus Himself gave us has five names; CCC #1423-1424).

At times, a person thinks he or she is at the extremes: she believes that she does not sin, or he believes that he is such a sinner that God cannot help him. Ask our Gentle Jesus, in prayer, to show you in your heart that you are a beloved sinner, and He will welcome you with open arms to this healing Sacrament.

Each parish has regularly scheduled times for the Sacrament of Confession. Advent and Lent Penance Liturgies have been very popular the last few decades. Or make an appointment with a priest or me. Jesus’ saving mercy will pour down on you. You will receive “peace and serenity of conscience, and spiritual consolation” (CCC #1496). You will profoundly feel the Love of Our Risen One, Our Savior, Jesus!

Good News:
1. A need a Savior
2. Jesus is God
3. Jesus died and rose to save me
4. Jesus invites me to believe, and I respond
5. I follow Jesus and His Church, not the world

Kingdom Living:
1. Daily prayer
2. Weekly Holy Mass
3. Monthly Confession
4. Study the Bible and the Catechism
5. Witness the Good News

Good News:
1. I need a Savior
2. Jesus is God
3. Jesus died and rose to save me
4. Jesus invites me to believe, and I respond
5. I follow Jesus and His Church, not the world

Bishop’s Catechesis

Good News:
1. A need a Savior
2. Jesus is God
3. Jesus died and rose to save me
4. Jesus invites me to believe, and I respond
5. I follow Jesus and His Church, not the world

Bishop’s Catechesis

Good News:
1. I need a Savior
2. Jesus is God
3. Jesus died and rose to save me
4. Jesus invites me to believe, and I respond
5. I follow Jesus and His Church, not the world

Bishop’s Catechesis

Good News:
1. I need a Savior
2. Jesus is God
3. Jesus died and rose to save me
4. Jesus invites me to believe, and I respond
5. I follow Jesus and His Church, not the world
Fleeing ‘Revelation’

The he shortest psalm, with the tallest meaning, by an unknown poet:
O praise the Lord, all you nations;
Acclaim him, all you peoples.
For his merciful love has prevailed over us;
And the Lord’s faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 117 is two verses only, but its depth has never yet been plumbed.
First, it calls all the nations and all the peoples to praise the Lord. Not just the Hebrew people. It proclaims a universal call for all ... for all ... to acclaim the Living God, who never tires of loving us.

Second, it links two Hebrew words: Hesed (merciful love) and Emeth (faithfulness). This was the way the Hebrew people came to understand the Lord in the crucible of the Exodus. And this was the source of all their wonder at him.

But there is another facet to this wonder. Most translators render that second verse as “Strong is his love for us.” That is not quite what the Hebrew suggests. It might better be rendered as his love “has prevailed over us.” For the word comes from a Hebrew noun meaning “a strong man, a warrior, who triumphs and overcomes difficult situations.” The one who never stops coming: that is the energy hidden in this verse.

In the 4,000 years of the Hebrew and of the Christian Revelation, “we” have always been the “difficult situation.” We have looked past the Revelation. We have dismissed it. We have despised it. We have mocked it, and we have fled from it, in 10,000 inventive ways.

But, still, he keeps coming, this warrior, Francis Thompson’s Hound of Heaven.
I fled him, down the nights and down the days;
I fled him, down the labyrinth ways
Of my own mind; and in the mist of tears
I hid from him ....

Answering the Call by Bishop John

Hey, parents!
Do you want your son to be happy?

I hope my son will be happy! When I first held him in my arms, I had so many hopes and dreams for him. I hope he likes baseball, my favorite sport. Will he go to the same school that I did? Will he have a great job? Who will he marry? I hope he has a loving wife. I hope he gives me grandchildren. I feel such joy! God has blessed me with a son!

Parents, do you experience any of these questions, thoughts or feelings? I, your bishop, do not have children, so I can only imagine these things. These statements and questions look at your son from your perspective. But, how does God see your son? Who does our Loving Lord want your son to be? God may have plans for your son in each of these areas. Or God may have another calling for your son: the priesthood.

Wait a minute! you might say. I don’t want that! But let us open our hearts to what God wants, not just what we want. This is called discernment, listening to God’s will in our lives. And being open to God’s will in the life of our son.

The key perspective is the headline of this article: Do you want your son to be happy? God’s calling for your son will make him most happy, most fulfilled, most content, most joy-filled. And if that calling is the priesthood, we rejoice with our son. If that calling is to be a husband and dad, we rejoice with our son.

Yes, parents, you want your son to be happy. Help him listen to God’s call for his life. Jesus will help; He loves your son more than you can ask or imagine.

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)

Protecting God’s Children

The Diocese of Dodge City requires all employees and volunteers who work with children to participate in a Protecting God’s Children awareness session. Through the Diocesan Awareness Sessions and other educational efforts of the diocese, all people of the diocese can learn how to discuss different aspects of abuse — including sexual abuse — with children and how to teach them to protect themselves.

Protecting God’s Children Awareness Session Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018; 1-4 p.m. St. Dominic Parish Center, 615 J.C. St., Garden City 67846

Contact Person: Sister Myra Arney (620) 276-2024
PGC Facilitator: Sharon Stuart (620) 225-5364

Abuse Hotline
If you or someone you know may have been a victim of sexual abuse by clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Dodge City, you are asked to contact Dave Snapp, Fitness Review Administrator: (620) 225-5051 work; (620) 225-2412 home; dsnap3@starrtech.net. You always have the right to directly contact the Department for Children and Families/Kansas Protection Report Center: Hotline number is 1-800-922-5330.
SPIRIT TAKES FLIGHT AT DIOCESAN TRACK MEET

Dozens of competitors from Catholic schools across southwest Kansas ran, jumped, threw, and flew at the annual Diocesan Track Meet, May 5 at Memorial Stadium in Dodge City.

Schools included: St. Dominic School and St. Mary School, Garden City; Holy Family School, Great Bend; St. Joseph School, Ellinwood; Sacred Heart Cathedral School, Dodge City; and Sacred Heart School, Ness City.

“It was a beautiful day for a track meet,” said Spearville photographer Dana Rich, who has photographed many local sports activities for the Spearville News. “There was a very positive attitude among the adults and kids and was so refreshing to witness!”

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders competed in the events, running, jumping, and propelling themselves as high and far as they could go, competing for ribbons, which were awarded to those placing first through sixth.

The event was hosted by Sacred Heart Cathedral School in Dodge City.

Editor’s Note: See these photos and many more in color at http://danarich.zenfolio.com/p686481038. Dana Rich, a professional photographer from Spearville, is offering the photos at a low purchase price. To see a list of competitors awarded ribbons, go to dcdiocese.org/swkscatholic.
At 3:15 a.m., I am the first pick-up for the airport shuttle. Fred, the driver, recognizes me from previous airport runs. So Fred and I chat it up a bit. Yes, I tell him, I now live downtown. No, I haven’t traveled much lately. We pick up a retired couple. They climb into the middle seats. We all make early morning small talk.

At our final downtown stop we pick up a young woman.

“These condos must be new,” Fred says to her in his friendly way. “How do you like living there?”

“I hate it,” the young woman says. “I hate living downtown.” She pauses. “I’m here only because of a job. I hate this town.”

The mood in the van changes instantly. I had been savoring the delicacy of this hour before dawn, with everything feeling dewy fresh and full of promise. But that delicate space feels shattered now.

“I have two big dogs,” she continues. “And there is no place downtown where I can let them run. So I have to walk them in the alley in my block which is usually strewn with needles and trash.”

Another pause.

“Those people just ruin everything.” The retired couple in the middle seats, and Fred and I front, we have no words to respond to, no way to engage the anger. So we don’t. Like some harsh and dissonant piano chord, the words hang, decay, then vanish.

I feel the need to not let anger have the final word. After a while I say, looking out the passenger window, with a tone of quiet anger, “How is this town?”

I let this sound hang in the air, an inviting chord. I turn toward Fred.

“I’ve lived here since 2000. I love the beauty of this town, the forested buttes, the hills, the natural beauty.”

I pause.

“I love the people here,” I say, glancing toward the couple in the middle seats. “I love the way so many people are engaged in doing good.”

“Use it to do overnight at Egan,” as I recall,” says Fred.

“Egan” is shorthand for the overnight warming centers that shelter homeless people on bitter cold nights. They were not around 10 years ago when Retired Major Thomas Egan died, homeless and alone, in a snowbank.

“Yes,” I say.

“We do Egan,” the gentleman in the middle seat pipes up. I nearly weep for joy. I am in the company of the blessed.

“We work the dinner shift at First Christian,” his wife says. Suddenly the four of us come alive with conversation.

We get to the curb at the airport. I want to get a look at this young woman with two large dogs and a soul unsettled with anger and distress. I want to see her face, and love her. I want her to feel a part of the whole.

We gather at the rear of the van as Fred unloads our bags. I notice that this sister is wearing a stunning cobalt blue jacket, collar pulled up against a cold wind.

“Nice jacket,” I say, hoping to ease her into a better space.

“Thank you,” she says, with a distant smile.

“Have a good fly day,” I say as I snap my roller bag handle into position.

This feels like the briefest of sacred moments.

What I really want to say to my sister is this: I hope, in your travels today, that you will be utterly and inescapably ambushed by Love. In ways that will deliver you from all that holds you bound. Free to love where you are, wherever that may be.

Interiorly I pray a blessing on her life: I want you to be free! I cannot say these words to her. She would not be able to receive them. What I hope for my sister is this: May you love the ones you’re with!

(c) Mary Sharon Moore, 2018. All Rights Reserved. Mary Sharon Moore writes and speaks nationwide on the nature of God’s calling in our times. Visit marysharonmoore.com.
With so much ill in the world...

Why would we devote a page to smiling?

The following is reprinted with permission from Biblereasons.com. It is unsigned.

Always put a smile on your face because it’s a very powerful weapon. I’m not talking about a cheesy fake one. I’m talking about a genuine smile of happiness. Instead of putting on a frown when in hard times, which will only make you feel worse, turn that frown upside down.

I guarantee you if you do this, you will feel so much better. Remember God is always faithful. He will hold you up. Rejoice because all things work together for good. Uplift your life and think about all the great things God has done for you. Here are reasons why you should always be thankful.

Think about things that are honorable. Give God thanks and always smile, which shows strength. Bless someone’s life today by just giving them a smile and that alone can indeed uplift them.

Six quick benefits

- Lowers blood pressure
- Better mood, especially for bad days
- Relieves stress
- Strengthens your immune system
- Lessen pain
- It is contagious

What does the Bible say?

1. Proverbs 15:30 A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; good news makes for good health.
2. Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but depression drains one’s strength.
3. Proverbs 15:13-15 A glad heart makes a happy face; a broken heart crushes the spirit. A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash. For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast.
4. Psalm 126:2-3 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”
5. James 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
6. Matthew 5:12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
7. Romans 5:3-4 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.
8. Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Smiling through the pain shows strength.

Like St. Teresa, other spiritual teachers and scientists agree that a smile can transform you and the world around you. Research, and common sense, shows us that a smile is contagious; that it lifts our mood and the moods of those around us; and that it reduces stress.

A smile expresses a message of happiness, hope, and love to anyone who sees it. A smile makes others feel welcome, accepted, and appreciated.

Too often, we underestimate the power of a smile. A smile has the power to turn someone’s whole day around, like the lady in the grocery store.

We all have the power to pass on hope, love, and happiness to others, with a simple smile.

In his poem “The Power of a Smile,” rap legend Tupac Shakur put it this way:

The power of a gun can kill, and the power of fire can burn
The power of wind can chill, and the power of the mind can learn
The power of anger can rage inside until it tears you apart
But the power of a smile, especially yours, can heal a frozen heart
Go ahead, put a genuine smile on your face and brighten someone’s day.

Reprinted with permission from the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

... A smile is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing!

-- Mother Teresa
Daughters of Isabella celebrate patroness with rosary, Mass

Daughters of Isabella, Immaculate Conception Circle #744, charted on April 20, 1947, celebrated Queen Isabella on Sunday April 22, in Great Bend at Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima Church. The Circle prayed a rosary and attended Mass together. Members and guests enjoyed a breakfast following the rosary and Mass.

Queen Isabella, a Spanish queen who helped Christopher Columbus undertake his historic voyage, is the patroness of the Daughters of Isabella. This organization was founded in 1897 by Father Michael McGivney as an auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus.

The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization founded on the principles of “Unity, Friendship and Charity.”

Pastoral Ministry Formation class: ‘Getting Equipped’ A spiritual, community experience

The one credit-hour course, “Get Equipped,” presented by the Pastoral Ministry Formation program, quickly evolved into a retreat-like experience for the 90 participants, with prayer, song, learning – and not to mention, wine and cheese.

The class began Friday evening, April 27, and continued through Saturday morning. The event concluded with a prayer service and ceremonial feet-washing.

Organizer and participant Coleen Stein knew this experience was going to be different than past classes she has attended when it became apparent that the English and Spanish speaking participants were going to spend much of the experience as one group.

“We had English and Spanish tracks, but the majority of the time [presenter] Father Bob [Schremmer] had us sitting together,” she said. “We ate together, we prayed together, we had conversations together, and we had music and social time together.

“It was a class, but it felt like a retreat, the coming together of community. It was all ages, men and women, English and Spanish.”

The course in liturgy is part of the PMF program of the Diocese of Dodge City and Salina: Formation for Liturgical Ministry. Most classes are taught through the Interactive Television System. Every now and then, organizers make a point to bring students together for a closer-knit experience.

“It felt like I had experienced something very holy,” Stein said. “The plenary and break-out sessions were thought provoking, inspirational and educational. The presenters were well informed and passionate about the content they were sharing.”

The class looked into the heart of liturgical ministry, and included breakout sessions on lectors, eucharistic ministers, music ministers, ushers/greeters/ministers of hospitality, as well as the role of presider, deacon, and sacristan.

Besides Father Schremmer, Salina Diocese priest Father Frank Coady also presented. Breakout sessions were conducted in English and Spanish by Dolores Martinez, Eduardo Lopez and Donna Staab.

The course was open to anyone, including those working toward a degree, a certificate, or for personal enrichment.

For more information on the Pastoral Ministry Program and upcoming classes, go to dcdiocese.org/pastoral-ministry-formation, call Coleen Stein at (620) 227-1538, or email cstein@dcdiocese.org.

— Dave Myers

Earn your Masters in Theology

The Graduate Program in Theology at Newman is designed for working adults looking to grow in their understanding of their faith and their ability to pass it on as catechists in parishes, schools, and communities.

Here are some key features of our program:

- Faithful to Church Teaching
- Rooted in Tradition but Engaged with Today’s Issues
- Convenient Online Delivery Paired with On-Campus Opportunities
- Real Relationships with Faculty and Fellow Students
- Opportunities to Study in Rome and Israel

Full-Tuition Scholarships available for Catechists in the Dodge City Diocese!

Classes are forming now for Summer and Fall terms.
For more information, please contact Dr. Joshua Papsdorf at (316) 942-4291, ext. 2148.

Please also visit our website: www.newmanu.edu/TheologyMA

A Degree of Difference

Claflin PSR students go to the movies

CLAFLIN -- On April 4, high school PSR teachers Christina Hayes and Lindsey Bogner continued an annual tradition and took the students from Immaculate Conception Parish to see the movie, “I Can Only Imagine.” The faith-based movie taught lessons of forgiveness and the power of God in one’s life.

Reprinted from the parish newsletter
It should have been expected when discussing centuries-old attitudes toward women, yet the Oct. 26 Scripture Day, presented by Father Raymond Collins,

On April 22, the knights of Columbus from St. Ann Parish in Olmitz hosted their first annual Spring Social, with St. John the Evangelist, Hoisington parishioners also invited to participate in the festivities.

(Left, top) No one left hungry, including this young family. Luke Pechanec just returned in March from an almost yearlong deployment in Kuwait, and his family, friends, and parish community are happy to have him home at last. Pictured are (Left to Right) Tina Pechanec (Luke’s sister), Connor Pechanec, Luke Pechanec, Kelsey Pechanec, and Tristin Pechanec.

Knights host Spring Social at St. Ann Parish, Olmitz

S t. Ann Parish in Olmitz and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hoisington hosted papal missionary Father Jim Sichko for their mission on April 23-25. Father Jim is from the diocese of Lexington, Kentucky, but for two years has traveled the country as a Papal Missionary of Mercy, having been commissioned by Pope Francis to do so. Considering Father Jim is a former opera singer who earned his undergraduate degree in vocal performance, it’s no wonder he opened and closed each night leading the congregation in song. (Actually, he made everyone keep singing until they sang loud enough to lift the rafters!) Father Jim told many stories over the three evenings to help relate the Gospel to everyone’s day-to-day lives, captivating the audience for the full 60 minutes each night.

Many of Father Jim’s main points were not lofty, extraordinary words of wisdom or advice. He instead elaborated on the basics to which people all too often do not stay true. These included: be kind; don’t be a jerk; honor the absent by not gossiping about them; if you have something to say, say it to someone’s face; always think positively, not negatively; if someone tells you that they need something, believe them unless you have proof otherwise.

Father Jim gave the example that often times we are hesitant to give money to the homeless because “they’re just going to spend it on alcohol.” However, Father Jim noted that what the recipient does with that money is between them and God. “No one ever became poor from giving,” Father Jim said.

Through many stories specific to how he has been able to give generously to others through his ministry, Father Jim stressed how he has been blessed a thousand times over for doing so. Father Jim also encouraged those in attendance to “try.” Just open your Bible and read the Scriptures.

Arguably, one of the most thought-provoking points he then offered was, “Meet God halfway! He has already died for you!” — Stephanie Schneider

At parish mission, Kentucky priest tells Olmitz, Hoisington parishioners ‘Meet God halfway! He has already died for you!’

Welcome home, Luke Pechanec! (top photo, third from left) Luke recently returned home after a nearly year-long deployment in Kuwait.

On April 22, the Knights of Columbus from St. Ann Parish in Olmitz hosted their first annual Spring Social, with St. John the Evangelist, Hoisington parishioners also invited to participate in the festivities.

(Left) Mission presenter Father Jim Sichko (right), a fan of “selfies,” made sure to catch a shot of himself and Father Anselm Eke, pastor of St. Ann and St. John the Evangelist parishes in Olmitz and Hoisington, respectively. Upon meeting for the first time during this visit, they discovered just how small of a world it is when Father Anselm relayed that he knew Father Jim’s mom and sister from when he was a pastor in Texas.

RIGHT: Although the first two nights of the mission did bring in a full church of eager listeners, attendees poured into the third and final night of the mission at St. John Church in Hoisington with hardly a spare seat to even be found in the balcony.

Knights host Spring Social at St. Ann Parish, Olmitz

Music teacher Ron Cole takes his students onto the street in front of the Carnegie Center for the Arts in Dodge City where they receive lessons and real concert experience at the same time. Playing the electric violin is April Lee, an eighth grade student at Comanche Middle School. Her family belongs to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

ROUND THE DIOCESE — May 20, 2018 — Page 7

Making Music
Celebrating local graduates

ST. MICHAEL PARISH, La CROSSE; Five seniors and five 8th grade students were recognized during the Sunday morning Mass, May 6. Back row from left to right: seniors Adam Leiker, Kale Mongeau, Father Reggie Urban (filling in for Father Eric Gyamfi), seniors Jacob Showalter and Julie Schwindt. Eighth grade students in the front row from left to right are Colby Stull, Brooke Herrman, Allie Seltman and Danielle Wagner. Not pictured are senior Brett Herrman, who was in Topeka receiving the Governor’s Scholar Award, and also eighth grader Gabe Proffitt. The five seniors all received the St. Michael’s Religious Education Scholarship Award. Qualifications for this award are that they must have attended religious education classes all 12 years of their schooling upon graduation from high school and must show positive Christian values in their schools, parishes and communities. The scholarship award consists of $50 and a crucifix. Scholarship monies are donated by persons who wish to remember a loved one who has died.

ST. NICHOLAS, PARISH, KINSLEY: The parish recognized and celebrated their graduating seniors at a special Mass and reception, May 6: (L to R) Shelby Hattrup, Chandler Hirsch, Bryce Sexton, and Ricardo Lujan.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH, La CROSSE; Five seniors and five 8th grade students were recognized during the Sunday morning Mass, May 6. Back row from left to right: seniors Adam Leiker, Kale Mongeau, Father Reggie Urban (filling in for Father Eric Gyamfi), seniors Jacob Showalter and Julie Schwindt. Eighth grade students in the front row from left to right are Colby Stull, Brooke Herrman, Allie Seltman and Danielle Wagner. Not pictured are senior Brett Herrman, who was in Topeka receiving the Governor’s Scholar Award, and also eighth grader Gabe Proffitt. The five seniors all received the St. Michael’s Religious Education Scholarship Award. Qualifications for this award are that they must have attended religious education classes all 12 years of their schooling upon graduation from high school and must show positive Christian values in their schools, parishes and communities. The scholarship award consists of $50 and a crucifix. Scholarship monies are donated by persons who wish to remember a loved one who has died.

ST. NICHOLAS, PARISH, KINSLEY: The parish recognized and celebrated their graduating seniors at a special Mass and reception, May 6: (L to R) Shelby Hattrup, Chandler Hirsch, Bryce Sexton, and Ricardo Lujan.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH, La CROSSE; Five seniors and five 8th grade students were recognized during the Sunday morning Mass, May 6. Back row from left to right: seniors Adam Leiker, Kale Mongeau, Father Reggie Urban (filling in for Father Eric Gyamfi), seniors Jacob Showalter and Julie Schwindt. Eighth grade students in the front row from left to right are Colby Stull, Brooke Herrman, Allie Seltman and Danielle Wagner. Not pictured are senior Brett Herrman, who was in Topeka receiving the Governor’s Scholar Award, and also eighth grader Gabe Proffitt. The five seniors all received the St. Michael’s Religious Education Scholarship Award. Qualifications for this award are that they must have attended religious education classes all 12 years of their schooling upon graduation from high school and must show positive Christian values in their schools, parishes and communities. The scholarship award consists of $50 and a crucifix. Scholarship monies are donated by persons who wish to remember a loved one who has died.

ST. NICHOLAS, PARISH, KINSLEY: The parish recognized and celebrated their graduating seniors at a special Mass and reception, May 6: (L to R) Shelby Hattrup, Chandler Hirsch, Bryce Sexton, and Ricardo Lujan.

Food for thought

“All the sacraments have a deifying purpose: Baptism introduces the Divine Life into us. Confession restores it when it’s lost through sin. Confirmation strengthens it. Matrimony and Holy Orders give it vocational direction. Anointing of the Sick prepares us for the transition to our heavenly homeland. And the Eucharist is meant to Christify us.”

-- Bishop Robert Barron

“I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles.”

-- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

“When we go to Confession, we are not telling God something He doesn’t already know, and we’re not showing Him something He doesn’t already see. We are giving Him something He doesn’t already have: Your broken heart.”

-- Father Mike Schmitz

“We are strengthened as we see, touch, and taste the Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion.”
— Bishop John


“We are strengthened as we see, touch, and taste the Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion.”
— Bishop John

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, DIGHTON: First Communion was held on Sunday, April 22. Pictured left to right, Brianna Gutierrez, Lyndi Johnson, Ebelin Dizmang, Kelby Buehler, back row, Liliann Ramirez, Father Peter Tran, Aaron Dyke.

Arzobispo da consejos a niños de Primera Comunión para que perseveren en la Eucaristía

Ahora, “quiero decirte otra cosa: estoy seguro que tú quieres ser buen amigo de Jesús. Pues no te olvides de que esa amistad hay que cuidarla”. “Cuando tienes amigos y compañeros en el Colegio, en tu barrio, en tu parroquia, y quieres seguir siendo amigo de ellos: os veis con frecuencia, jugáis juntos, os ayudáis, celebráis los cumpleaños; también te gusta contarles tus cosas y hacer planes juntos”.

“Y eso, ¿se puede hacer también con Jesús? Pues claro, para eso Cristo ha resucitado, está vivo, y a tu lado”, asegura el Arzobispo y recuerda que cuando “rezas, vas a misa, continúas y compañeros para que perseveren en la Eucaristía y su amistad con Jesús.

“Os quedan, por tanto, pocos días para esa fiesta. Cada uno de vosotros ha estado en catequesis preparando su corazón para ese día señalado. Sin duda que habéis recibido la ayuda de vuestros padres, o del colegio y, como no, de vuestras parroquias”, asegura el Arzobispo en su carta y a los pequeños a “preparar el corazón y rezar esos días un poco más”.

Esa oración se puede hacer en casa “o visitando a Jesús en el Sagrario, pues está contigo siempre esperándote”. “El es el Señor quien, en adelante, te alimentará y dará fuerza en la Comunión de la Misa dominical, a la que tienes obligación a asistir después de la Primera Comunión”, les explica.

El Arzobispo también pide a los niños que le escriban una carta con lo que más les haya gustado del tiempo de preparación de la Primera Comunión. “Te prometo leerla y pedir por ti y tu familia”, precisa.

Mons. Rodríguez Plaza afirma que “cuando se conoce y se ama a Jesús, inmediatamente uno empieza a pensar más en los demás”, y recuerda a los pequeños que “no todos tienen la misma suerte que tú en este mundo” y por eso les anima a seleccionar algún regalo para darlo a “otros niños que no tienen nada”.

“En tu parroquia saben dónde está, por ejemplo, las Misiones, o Cáritas o Misas Unidas, y desde ahí puedes enviar lo que tú desees regalar a otros niños, que seguro que lo están pasando mal”, explica el Arzobispo.

Además el Prelado les insistió en que para ser “un buen amigo de Jesús” hace falta cuidar esa amistad.

Ahora, “quiero decirte otra cosa: estoy seguro que tú quieres ser buen amigo de Jesús. Pues no te olvides de que esa amistad hay que cuidarla”. “Cuando tienes amigos y compañeros en el Colegio, en tu barrio, en tu parroquia, y quieres seguir siendo amigo de ellos: os veis con frecuencia, jugáis juntos, os ayudáis, celebráis los cumpleaños; también te gusta contarles tus cosas y hacer planes juntos”.

“Y eso, ¿se puede hacer también con Jesús? Pues claro, para eso Cristo ha resucitado, está vivo, y a tu lado”, asegura el Arzobispo y recuerda que cuando “rezas, vas a misa, continúas y compañeros para que perseveren en la Eucaristía y su amistad con Jesús”.

“Más tarde, cuando estemos en el colegio, en el barrio, en la parroquia, o en casa, contaremos a nuestros compañeros de los buenos momentos que hemos tenido con Jesús”. Así les animaba el Arzobispo.

CNA — El Arzobispo de Toledo y Primado de España, Mons. Braulio Rodríguez Plaza, envió una carta a los niños de la Archidiócesis que recibirán la Primera Comunión para animarlos a dar algún regalo a los pequeños que no tienen nada y dárles consejos para que perseveren en la Eucaristía y su amistad con Jesús.

“Os quedan, por tanto, pocos días para esa fiesta. Cada uno de vosotros ha estado en catequesis preparando su corazón para ese día señalado. Sin duda que habéis recibido la ayuda de vuestros padres, o del colegio y, como no, de vuestras parroquias”, asegura el Arzobispo en su carta y a los pequeños a “preparar el corazón y rezar esos días un poco más”.

Esa oración se puede hacer en casa “o visitando a Jesús en el Sagrario, pues está contigo siempre esperándote”. “El es el Señor quien, en adelante, te alimentará y dará fuerza en la Comunión de la Misa dominical, a la que tienes obligación a asistir después de la Primera Comunión”, les explicó.

El Arzobispo también pide a los niños que le escriban una carta con lo que más les haya gustado del tiempo de preparación de la Primera Comunión. “Te prometo leerla y pedir por ti y tu familia”, precisa.

Mons. Rodríguez Plaza afirma que “cuando se conoce y se ama a Jesús, inmediatamente uno empieza a pensar más en los demás”, y recuerda a los pequeños que “no todos tienen la misma suerte que tú en este mundo” y por eso les anima a seleccionar algún regalo para darlo a “otros niños que no tienen nada”.

“En tu parroquia saben dónde está, por ejemplo, las Misiones, o Cáritas o Misas Unidas, y desde ahí puedes enviar lo que tú desees regalar a otros niños, que seguro que lo están pasando mal”, explica el Arzobispo.

Además el Prelado les insistió en que para ser “un buen amigo de Jesús” hace falta cuidar esa amistad.

Ahora, “quiero decirte otra cosa: estoy seguro que tú quieres ser buen amigo de Jesús. Pues no te olvides de que esa amistad hay que cuidarla”. “Cuando tienes amigos y compañeros en el Colegio, en tu barrio, en tu parroquia, y quieres seguir siendo amigo de ellos: os veis con frecuencia, jugáis juntos, os ayudáis, celebráis los cumpleaños; también te gusta contarles tus cosas y hacer planes juntos”.

“Y eso, ¿se puede hacer también con Jesús? Pues claro, para eso Cristo ha resucitado, está vivo, y a tu lado”, asegura el Arzobispo y recuerda que cuando “rezas, vas a misa, continúas y compañeros para que perseveren en la Eucaristía y su amistad con Jesús”.

“Más tarde, cuando estemos en el colegio, en el barrio, en la parroquia, o en casa, contaremos a nuestros compañeros de los buenos momentos que hemos tenido con Jesús”. Así les animaba el Arzobispo.

CNA — El Arzobispo de Toledo y Primado de España, Mons. Braulio Rodríguez Plaza, envió una carta a los niños de la Archidiócesis que recibirán la Primera Comunión para animarlos a dar algún regalo a los pequeños que no tienen nada y dárles consejos para que perseveren en la Eucaristía y su amistad con Jesús.

“Os quedan, por tanto, pocos días para esa fiesta. Cada uno de vosotros ha estado en catequesis preparando su corazón para ese día señalado. Sin duda que habéis recibido la ayuda de vuestros padres, o del colegio y, como no, de vuestras parroquias”, asegura el Arzobispo en su carta y a los pequeños a “preparar el corazón y rezar esos días un poco más”.

Esa oración se puede hacer en casa “o visitando a Jesús en el Sagrario, pues está contigo siempre esperándote”. “El es el Señor quien, en adelante, te alimentará y dará fuerza en la Comunión de la Misa dominical, a la que tienes obligación a asistir después de la Primera Comunión”, les explicó.

El Arzobispo también pide a los niños que le escriban una carta con lo que más les haya gustado del tiempo de preparación de la Primera Comunión. “Te prometo leerla y pedir por ti y tu familia”, precisa.

Mons. Rodríguez Plaza afirma que “cuando se conoce y se ama a Jesús, inmediatamente uno empieza a pensar más en los demás”, y recuerda a los pequeños que “no todos tienen la misma suerte que tú en este mundo” y por eso les anima a seleccionar algún regalo para darlo a “otros niños que no tienen nada”.

“En tu parroquia saben dónde está, por ejemplo, las Misiones, o Cáritas o Misas Unidas, y desde ahí puedes enviar lo que tú desees regalar a otros niños, que seguro que lo están pasando mal”, explica el Arzobispo.

Además el Prelado les insistió en que para ser “un buen amigo de Jesús” hace falta cuidar esa amistad.

Ahora, “quiero decirte otra cosa: estoy seguro que tú quieres ser buen amigo de Jesús. Pues no te olvides de que esa amistad hay que cuidarla”. “Cuando tienes amigos y compañeros en el Colegio, en tu barrio, en tu parroquia, y quieres seguir siendo amigo de ellos: os veis con frecuencia, jugáis juntos, os ayudáis, celebráis los cumpleaños; también te gusta contarles tus cosas y hacer planes juntos”.

“Y eso, ¿se puede hacer también con Jesús? Pues claro, para eso Cristo ha resucitado, está vivo, y a tu lado”, asegura el Arzobispo y recuerda que cuando “rezas, vas a misa, continúas y compañeros para que perseveren en la Eucaristía y su amistad con Jesús”.

“Más tarde, cuando estemos en el colegio, en el barrio, en la parroquia, o en casa, contaremos a nuestros compañeros de los buenos momentos que hemos tenido con Jesús”. Así les animaba el Arzobispo.
Pecadores amados

¿Quiénes somos? ¿Cuál es nuestra identidad fundamental? ¿Cuál es nuestra esencia misma, nuestro ser inherente?
La vieja canción infantil en inglés dice que somos “carniceros, panaderos y fabricantes de candelabros.” Pero somos mucho más de lo que hacemos. Somos hijos de Dios, hermanos de Cristo, hijas e hijos del Espíritu Santo, personas humanas hechas a imagen y semejanza de Dios (Génesis 1,26). ¡Increíble!
Al mismo tiempo, somos pecadores. Debido a la desobediencia de Adán y Eva, a veces nos lastimamos entre nosotros, ignoramos a Dios, nos rebajamos. Pero somos, por la gracia de Dios, pecadores amados, santos heridos, víctimas compasivas. ¿Qué hacer?
“¿A quienes les perdonan los pecados les quedarán perdones?” (Juan 20:23). Jesús les dijo a sus apóstoles en una de sus apariciones posteriores a la Resurrección. Practicando nuestra Vida del Reino: la oración diaria, la santa misa semanal y la celebración regular del sacramento de confesión / reconciliación / perdón / penitenencia / conversión (si, este sacramento que Jesús mismo nos dio tiene cinco nombres; CIC n.º 1423-1424).
A veces, una persona piensa que él o ella está en los extremos: cree que no peca, o cree que es tan pecadora que Dios no puede ayudarle. Pida a nuestro apacible Señor Jesús, en la oración, que le muestre en su corazón que usted es un pecador amado, y Él lo recibirá con los brazos abiertos a este Sacramento sanador.
Cada parroquia tiene horarios programados regularmente para el Sacramento de la Confesión. Las liturgias de la Penitencia de Adviento y Cuaresma han sido muy populares en las últimas décadas. O haga una cita con un sacerdote o conmigo. La misericordia salvadora de Jesús se derramará sobre usted. Recibirá “la paz y la serenidad de la conciencia, y el consuelo espiritual” (CIC n.º 1496).
¡Sentirá profundamente el Amor de Nuestro Resucitado, Nuestro Salvador, Jesús!

Huyendo revelación

¡Oigan, padres y madres!
¿Quiieren ustedes que sus hijos sean felices?
¡Espero que mi hijo esté contento! Cuando lo sostuve por primera vez en mis brazos, tuve tantas esperanzas y anhelos por él. Espero que a él le guste el beisbol, mi deporte favorito. Irá a la misma escuela que yo fui. ¡Tendrá un buen trabajo! ¡Se casará! Espero que tenga una esposa cariñosa. Espero que me de nietos. Siento tanta alegría: ¡Dios me ha bendecido con un hijo!

Parece que hay algo que está mal en estos versículos. ¿Cómo no esta aquellos versículos: “Pues grande es su amor con nosotros, la fidelidad del Señor es eterna.”

Primero, llama a todas las naciones y a todos los pueblos a alabar al Señor. No solo al pueblo hebreo. Proclama un llamado universal para todos... para Todos... para aclamar al Dios vivo, que nunca se cansa de amarnos.

En segundo lugar, vincula dos palabras hebreas: Jesed (amor misericordioso) y Emeth (fidelidad). Esta fue la forma en que el pueblo hebreo llegó a entender al Señor en el crisol del Exodo. Y esta era la fuente de toda su admiración hacia Él.

Pero hay otra faceta de esta maravilla. La mayoría de los traductores representan ese segundo versículo como “grande es su amor con nosotros”. Eso no es exactamente lo que sugiere el hebreo.

En los 4.000 años de la Revelación hebrea y cristiana, “nosotros” siempre hemos sido la “situación difícil”. Hemos mirado más allá de la Revelación. La hemos descartado. La hemos despreciado. Nos hemos burlado de él, y hemos huido de él, en diez mil formas inventivas.

Pero, aún así, él sigue viviendo, este guerrero, El sabueso del cielo de Francis Thompson.

¿Estas siendo llamado?

La verdad de Dios es más emocionante que lo que podamos entender. Es el camino a todas las cosas maravillosas y buenas en la vida, las cosas que Dios quiere que tengas. ¡Es también el camino hacia la mayor libertad que existe! Jesús dijo a sus primeros discípulos: “¡No tengas miedo!” ¡Así que no tengas miedo! ¡Se valeinte! Si tienes preguntas, pide la ayuda de tu pastor u otros sacerdotes que puedan ser tu amigo y una fuente de inspiración para ti. Estarán contentos de poder ayudarte durante tu viaje.

Plateles amados

¡Oigan, padres y madres!

¿Quiieren ustedes que sus hijos sean felices?

¡Espero que mi hijo esté contento! Cuando lo sostuve por primera vez en mis brazos, tuve tantas esperanzas y anhelos por él. Espero que a él le guste el beisbol, mi deporte favorito. Irá a la misma escuela que yo fui. ¡Tendrá un buen trabajo! ¡Se casará! Espero que tenga una esposa cariñosa. Espero que me de nietos. Siento tanta alegría: ¡Dios me ha bendecido con un hijo!

El Salmo 117 tiene solo dos versículos, pero su profundidad nunca ha sido completamente sondeada.

Primero, llama a todas las naciones y a todos los pueblos a alabar al Señor. No solo al pueblo hebreo. Proclama un llamado universal para todos... para Todos... para aclamar al Dios vivo, que nunca se cansa de amarnos.

En segundo lugar, vincula dos palabras hebreas: Jesed (amor misericordioso) y Emeth (fidelidad). Esta fue la forma en que el pueblo hebreo llegó a entender al Señor en el crisol del Exodo. Y esta era la fuente de toda su admiración hacia Él.

Pero hay otra faceta de esta maravilla. La mayoría de los traductores representan ese segundo versículo como “grande es su amor con nosotros”. Eso no es exactamente lo que sugiere el hebreo.

En los 4.000 años de la Revelación hebrea y cristiana, “nosotros” siempre hemos sido la “situación difícil”. Hemos mirado más allá de la Revelación. La hemos descartado. La hemos despreciado. Nos hemos burlado de él, y hemos huido de él, en diez mil formas inventivas.

Pero, aun así, él sigue viviendo, este guerrero, El sabueso del cielo de Francis Thompson.

¿Estas siendo llamado?

La verdad de Dios es más emocionante que lo que podamos entender. Es el camino a todas las cosas maravillosas y buenas en la vida, las cosas que Dios quiere que tengas. ¡Es también el camino hacia la mayor libertad que existe! Jesús dijo a sus primeros discípulos: “¡No tengas miedo!” ¡Así que no tengas miedo! ¡Se valeinte! Si tienes preguntas, pide la ayuda de tu pastor u otros sacerdotes que puedan ser tu amigo y una fuente de inspiración para ti. Estarán contentos de poder ayudarte durante tu viaje.

Envíe una carta de apoyo a nuestros seminaristas

La verdad de Dios es más emocionante que lo que podamos entender. Es el camino a todas las cosas maravillosas y buenas en la vida, las cosas que Dios quiere que tengas. ¡Es también el camino hacia la mayor libertad que existe! Jesús dijo a sus primeros discípulos: “¡No tengas miedo!” ¡Así que no tengas miedo! ¡Se valeinte! Si tienes preguntas, pide la ayuda de tu pastor u otros sacerdotes que puedan ser tu amigo y una fuente de inspiración para ti. Estarán contentos de poder ayudarte durante tu viaje.
Call us today at the following locations:
Bucklin: 620-826-3848
Cimarron: 620-855-3185
Dodge City: 620-227-3196
Garden City: 620-276-7671
Ness City: 785-798-2237
Syracuse: 620-384-7800

www.kellerleopold.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE Making a difference for life

 DAN REED, FICF (785) 472-2139 office
    (785) 531-0135 cell
    Ellinwood, Huisiton, Olmitz, Russell, Claflin, Ellsworth

 D ARIN REED, FICF (785) 726-4899 office
    (785) 259-2335 cell
    Goodland, Colby, Lawnlodge, St. Leo, St. John, Pratt, Danville, Medicine Lodge, Kiowa, Greensburg

 T YLER MEYER, FICF (620) 546-1566
    Kingman, Garden City, St. Leo, St. John, Pratt, Danville, Medicine Lodge, Kiowa, Greensburg

 B RENT WOOD (785) 821-1265
    Marienthal, Dighton, Scott City, Sharon Springs, Tribune, Goodland, Colby, St. Francis, Garden City, Goodland, Colby

 S HAN LINENBERGER (785) 623-8716 cell
    La Crosse, Olmitz, Larned, Belpre

 For more information on a career with the Knights of Columbus, contact George Spinelli at (785) 726-4899.

 S UAN LINENBERGER (785) 301-2676 office
    (785) 623-8716 cell
    Ransom

 D AN ORDONZ (620) 260-0962
    Garden City, Plains, Liberal, Ulysses, Ingalls, Elkhart, Junction, Hugoton, Larim, Syracuse, Satanta

 H ECTOR SOLER, FIC (785) 569-1466 office
    Great Bend

 J OSE ARIAS (785) 259-6869
    Spearville, Wright, Dodge City, Ness City, Jetmore, Ingalls, Ashland, Kinsley

Check out our website! kofcinsuranceks.com

KOF C

ST. SEBASTIAN'S SUDOKU

1 7 6 5 8 3 4 2 5
5 8 3 4 2 5
4 6 7 1 8 3
2 1 4 7

ST. MICHAEL'S MIND BENDERS

A phrase scramble is a group of words, all cut up and mixed up, and you need to put the phrase blocks in order to create a saying. We use famous quotes and famous lines from famous songs/books etc.:

ACROSS
1 Monk's cowl
3 Job's wife told him to, ____ God and die! (Job 2:9)
6 AKA Paul
8 He traveled with Abraham
9 ...but do not perceive the wooden ____ in your own? (Mt 7:3)
11 “Listen to my prayer from lips without ____” (Ps 17:1)
12 Viaticum is part of these rites
13 Bad habit
14 Cry from the congregation
15 Fiddle-playing, Christian-hating ruler
17 ...of my bones and flesh of my ... (Gen 2:23)
19 College of Cardinals’ task regarding the pope
22 “How Great Thou ____”
23 ____ the Good Shepherd” (Jn 10:14)
24 “Regina ____”
27 “Whatever you ____ on earth shall be bound in heaven” (Mt 16:19)
29 US state in which the Diocese of Nashville is found
30 6A, by both names, is the major character of this book
33 “Te ____”
35 Pope (II) who called for the Crusades
36 Catholic actor of Obi Wan fame
37 Catholic cartoonist Keane of “Family Circus”
38 Convent dwellers
39 Papal crown

 body that is to be but a ____ kernel of wheat!” (1 Cor 15:37)
20 “Vanity of vanities” source (abbr.)
21 Judah, for example
23 Mary and Joseph were turned away from here
25 The Diocese of Mobile is located in this state
26 First place
28 A dispensation granted by the competent ecclesiastical authority
29 Jesus’ description of the Pharisees
31 NT epistle
32 Jesus’ name for the Father
33 Prophet in Luke 2

REGLAS DE SUDOKU:
Cada fila debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9. Cada columna debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9. Cada cuadrado 3x3 debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9.

Printed with permission from Sudukooftheday.com.
Iowa governor signs Fetal Heartbeat Bill into law

Des Moines, Iowa (CNA) - Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds (R) has signed into law the Fetal Heartbeat Bill, which prohibits doctors from performing an abortion after the detection of the baby’s heartbeat.

The law would require any women seeking an abortion to undergo an ultrasound to determine whether a fetal heartbeat can be detected, a milestone usually detected around the sixth week of pregnancy. The legislation does make some exceptions for pregnancies conceived through rape or incest, as well as fetal abnormality, or if a doctor determines that a woman’s life is in danger.

It would also ban all persons from knowingly acquiring, providing, transferring, or using fetal remains in Iowa. This would not apply to medical diagnostic samples, or forensic investigations, or to fetal body parts donated for medical research after a miscarriage or stillbirth.

Previously, abortion was legal in Iowa until the 20th week of pregnancy. The new law is the strongest abortion regulation in the country.

The bill passed through the Iowa House of Representatives on Tuesday by a vote of 51-46, and passed the Senate on Wednesday by a vote of 27-19. The bill has been significantly controversial in the state, and there have been many protests.

In a statement published on the governor’s website, Reynolds said she signed the bill as she felt it was "immoral to stop an innocent beating heart," as well as "sickening to sell fetal body parts.”

“I believe that all innocent life is precious and sacred, and as governor, I pledged to do everything in my power to protect it. That is what I am doing today,” she said. She credited her faith as the force that “leads her to protect every lowan, no matter how small.”

The law will most certainly be challenged in court, and is unlikely to go into effect without approval from the Supreme Court. Acknowledging this, Reynolds said that her actions on Friday were “bigger than just a law,” and that she will not be backing down.

BISHOP GILMORE SEeks ON-CALL ADMINistrATIVE HELP

Bishop Ronald Gilmore is seeking on-call administrative help in Dodge City, Kansas with the “Grace that Reigns Society.”

Our Ideal Candidate will have the following experience:

• 2 years in an administrative role
• Belongs to the Catholic Faith and lives in or near Dodge City
• Proven Proficiency in MS Office (Excel and Word)
• Proficiency in using Google Docs and sharing files over Google Drive
• Professional and pleasant demeanor both in person and on the phone
• Excellent attention to detail, organization and prioritizing skills
• Pleasant oral and written communication skills
• Data Entry experience preferred
• Bookkeeping skills using Quickbooks
• Able to hit time sensitive deadlines
• Ability to work remotely

What your day might look like:

• Ordering and keeping records of books to be ordered and books sold using Excel (No programming required. Data base is already created.)
• Preparing mailouts - cards and notes to friends of Grace that Reigns (3 times a year)
• E-mailing proposals and following up with calls to parishes
• Updating bookkeeping records and organizing receipts
• Accompanying Bishop Gilmore to distribute his books. (Local parishes around Dodge City only)
• Organizing files
• Entering names of participants into a data base template (Mailchimp)
• Emailing using Zoho mail (We will provide you with training. It’s like gmail, but on a different platform )

Hours will begin on contract, and training will begin this summer. Our busy season runs from October through April. Please see https://www.GracethatReigns.com for more information.

Please send resumes to: rmg@dcdiocese.org or to information@gracetthatreigns.com.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” — Psalm 23
Died May 23, 1951
Father Emil Kapaun ‘Servant of God’

Father Kapaun was born April 20, 1916 in Pilsen. He was ordained June 9, 1940 by Bishop Christian H. Winkelmann at Sacred Heart College, Wichita. His first assignment was at his home parish, St. John Nepomucene, Pilsen. From 1944 to 1946 he served as a military chaplain for the U.S. Army in India and Burma. He was appointed assistant pastor of St. Teresa, Hutchinson, in 1946. He served as temporary administrator at St. John the Baptist, Spearville, in August of that year, after the death of Father Francis Dombrowsky. He was appointed pastor at Holy Trinity, Timken, in 1948, but served there only five months. At the suggestion of Bishop Mark K. Carroll, he reenlisted as a chaplain in the U.S. Army.

On July 10, 1950, he was with an invasion force that landed in Korea. He was constantly serving on the front lines, and twice had his pipe shot out of his mouth. Father Kapaun was captured Nov. 1, 1950, after saving a trapped unit of 50 wounded soldiers. Surrounded by Chinese, he gathered a dozen men capable of walking and took them out and surrendered. He told the Chinese that there were only wounded in the command post and asked them to cease attacking.

He continued to minister to the soldiers as a prisoner. He was stricken with a blood clot in the leg, dysentery and pneumonia. Father Kapaun died in a camp hospital on May 23, 1951. He was buried in Prison Camp #5, North Korea. (Advance Register, Sept. 11, 1953)

The Wichita diocese and the Military Archdiocese have begun the process to have Father Kapaun canonized.
**Word Search**

INFANT OF PRAGUE

M L K W Q C C P Q N X T Y H R
Q G S N O I T O V E D E M B J
K M N S T A U E C L C D K A
C H N I D D L I H C R B O J Y
Y A P S H W C I O N S N G R
H C R Q W S N G S Z V H R J E
O Y S M P Z E S W Y W R H S T
T I P Y E M N L W M X I X H S
X W I E R L V B B P W N B S A
S G H B T O I D K P E L Z N
R Z S O E G T T T M S T W U O
A W G L H I V A E M O R K I M
I D N G D F D S R F A V O R S
R D I Y R T W T K O T V F X D
F E K I J H O N O R V Y F F J

**Blessing & Devotion**

Blessing: Carmelite
Devotion: Friars
Kingship: Monastery
Child: Favors
Gift: Globe
Cross: Shrine
Honour: Statue

**COMPLETE FAMILY VISION CARE**

Dr. Los Verhulst Kersen
Optometrist
208 W. Ross, Dodge City, KS
620-225-6500
Toll free 800-456-EYES (3937)
Se Habla Español
www.vkoptometry.com

**Distributors of**

**Budweiser,**
**Bud Light,**
**Michelob Ultra,**
**Michelob Amber Bock,**
**Natural Light,**
**Busch, O’Doul’s**

**Western Beverage Inc.**
301 E. Wyatt Earp
Dodge City, KS
(620) 227-7641
1-800-658-1770

**New from Catholic author & columnist**

Mary Sharon Moore
CONFORMED TO CHRIST
Discoveries in the nurturing Christ-centered life

Conformed to Christ offers moving insight into Saint Paul’s words: “I live, no longer I, but Christ in me.”

$18 | Read sample pages and order at marysharonmoore.com
marysharonmoore@gmail.com

**SCIENCE OF BLOOD**

**Complete Family Vision Care**

- Most Single Vision Glasses in 1-2 Hours
- Speciality Contact Lenses
- Certified Optician on Staff

**Ideal Weight Loss Center**

Joyce Hamill - Certified Consultant
801 N. Main Street - Garden City, KS 67846
Office: 620-905-5388 - Cell: 620-272-1021

**Western Beverage**

**Lopp Motors Inc.**

Sales & Service Rent by the Day - Week - Month

New
Chrysler
Plymouth
Dodge Trucks
P 225-0271

**Largest Selection of**

**Catholic Gifts & Books**

in the Midwest

**The I Donnelly Co., Inc.**

6601 Troost Ave. • Kansas City, MO 64131
M-F 8:30am-5pm, Sat 9am-3pm
(816) 363-2828

Visit our online catalog at: www.idonnelly.com

**Phrase Scramble:**

“Be a friend to thyself, and others will be so too.”

-- Thomas Fuller

**Feast Days**

**Sunday, May 20; Pentecost**


**Monday, May 21**

James 3:13-18/ Mark 9:14-29

**Tuesday, May 22**

James 4:1-10/ Mark 9:30-37

**Wednesday, May 23**

James 4:13-17/ Mark 9:38-40

**Thursday, May 24**

James 5:1-6/ Mark 9:41-50

**Friday, May 25**

James 5:9-10/ Mark 10:1-12

**Saturday, May 26; Saint Philip Neri, priest**

James 5:13-20/ Mark 10:13-16

**Sunday, May 27; The Holy Trinity - Solemnity**

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40/ Romans 8:14-17/ Matthew 28:16-20

**Monday, May 28**

First Peter 1:9-9/ Mark 10:17-27

**Tuesday, May 29**

First Peter 1:10-16/ Mark 10:28-31

**Wednesday, May 30**

First Peter 1:18-25/ Mark 10:32-45

**Thursday, May 31; The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

Exodus 24:3-8/ Hebrews 9:11-15/ Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**Friday, June 1; Saint Justin, martyr**

First Peter 4:7-13 or First Corinthians 1:18-25/ Mark 11:11-26

**Saturday, June 2**

Jude 1:17, 20-25/ Mark 11:27-33

**Sunday, June 3**

We Run by Faith!
5K/Prayer Walk
to benefit youth
going to NCYC

To raise money for their trip to Indianapolis for the annual National Catholic Youth Conference, the youth of St. Stanislaus Parish in Ingalls are hosting a 5K Run and Prayer Walk Saturday, July 14 at 7 a.m. at Cimarron Crossing Park in Cimarron. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. (Check for updates at https://werunbyfaith.wordpress.com.)

The conference allows the youth to celebrate their faith with 20,000 other youth from across the country. It is an experience they won’t forget.

Mail registration form to: Katrina Baker PO Box 114, Cimarron KS 67835; 620-874-2870.

PARTICIPANT FORM

First/Last Name ________________________________
Address _______________________________________
City ___________________________________________
State _________________________________________
Zip Code ____________________ Phone ___________________
Email ___________________________________________
Date of Birth ____________________ Age ________ Sex ________
Race: _____ 5 K _______ Prayer Walk

Shirt Size (circle one)        Gray shirt             S M L XL
Yellow shirt YS YM YL

ENTRY FEES FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:
5K - $25; Prayer Walk - $20
Pre-registered runners by July 3, 2018 will be guaranteed a t-shirt

REGISTRATION AFTER July 3, 2018:
5K - $30.00; Prayer Walk - $25.00
Shirts will be first come first served

My Payment is enclosed. (Make checks payable to St. Stanislaus)

Waiver (below) must be signed by individual, or parent/guardian for participant under 18.

ONE ENTRY PER APPLICATION • NO REFUNDS, EXCHANGES OR TRANSFERS

Every Participant Must Sign This Waiver! Parent/Guardian for anyone under 18 must sign the waiver. I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the event. I assume all risks associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, traffic and conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of you accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf; waive and release the St. Stanislaus Youth, and all volunteers associated with this event from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver.

DATE: ____________________________
SIGNATURE: ________________________

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Besides putting on your walking shoes and taking part, you can make a monetary donation. The “We Run By FAITH! 5K Prayer Walk” will take place Saturday, July 14 at 7 a.m. at Cimarron Crossing Park in Cimarron.

Organizers are offering sponsorship opportunities at three different levels to allow companies, organizations, and individuals to support fundraising efforts.

BLUE LEVEL: $100 or more
Logo printed on back of event shirt.
Logo posted on race website.
Name printed on race advertisements.

PINK LEVEL: $75 or more
Logo printed on back of event shirt.
Logo posted on race website.
Name printed on race advertisements.

GREEN LEVEL: $50 or more
Name listed on race website.
Name printed on race advertisements.

Make checks payable to St. Stanislaus
Please return form and payment to: Katrina Baker, ATTN: 5K/Prayer Walk,
P.O. Box 114, Cimarron KS 67835
Send logo to katbaker03@hotmail.com Contact Katrina Baker 620.874.2870 or email katbaker03@hotmail.com for more information/questions.

Name (as you would like it to appear on all listings):

Contact Person: ________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
City, State, Zip: ___________________________________
Email Contact: __________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________
Fax: ____________________________________________

Sponsorships should be turned in by June 22, 2018.

OBITUARIES

DONALD W. STRONG died Sept. 9, 2017.
When he was a young child, the family moved to Windthorst to the family farm. He attended the rural school and graduated from Windthorst High School. On August 29, 1959 he married Rotheale Fox at Windthorst. They moved to Offerle and he went to work for the Offerle CO-OP. In 1986 he and Victor Kurth purchased the Lumberyard and started S&K Building Center, which they later expanded to Kinsley. He was a former Offerle City Councilman. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Kinsley, and when they moved to Kinsley, they joined St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Don is survived by his wife; a son, Dudley; a daughter Mandi Johnson; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a sister Carolyn Forbes; and two brothers, Gary and Larry. Father John Strasser presided.

Editor’s Note: If you notice that a listing for a friend or loved one has not been included, call Dave at (320) 227-1519 or email skregister@dcdiocese.org.

DONALD EUGENE REIF, Sr., 83, of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Hoisington, died April 28, 2018. Don was united in marriage to Lorene Marie Lang on Aug. 27, 1956, in Beaver; she preceded him in death March 16, 2018. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a farmer, stockman, businessman and salesman. Don also was a member of the United States Army Reserve, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by one son, Donald E. Reif, Jr.; two daughters, Sheila Metzger and Diane Reif; grandson Hunter Metzger; and one sister, Yvonne Lang. Father Anselm Eke presided.

CARMELO RIVERO, 51, of St. Mary Parish, Garden City, died April 29, 2018. Rivero attended schools in Mexico before moving to Kansas in the early 80s. He was a true cowboy and was skilled at breaking horses. He loved his “gallos” and horses. He was employed at different feed yards throughout southwest Kansas. He married Joann Navarro on May 23, 1987 in Garden City, She survives. Other survivors include his four children, Jaime Jurado, Marcos Rivero, Carmelo Rivero, Jr., and Adam Riveroy; his mother, Aurora Rivero; eight siblings, Lupe Rivero, Raul Rivero, Tomas Rivero, Flavia Rivero, Aurora Rivero, Roberta Rivero, Julia Rivero, and Eva Rivero; and nine grandchildren. Father Charles Seiwert presided.

THERESA VASQUEZ, 87, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died April 30, 2018. Theresa made crochet blankets and quilts that she gave to her family and friends. Theresa is survived by her husband, Victor C. Vasquez; three sons, Victor, Jr., Raul, and Gilbert; two daughters, Rachael Fernandez and Mary Rose Vasquez; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jesse and Juan Arteaga; and four sisters, Elvira Rangel, Margaret Otero, Cathy Velasquez, and Ann Jenkins.

HENRIETTA HERL of Wichita, died May 2, 2018. Her funeral Mass was Saturday, May 5, 2018, at St. Joseph Church, Ashland. (No further information was available at press time.)