**This Lent, REVIVE YOUR ENTHUSIASM FOR THE FAITH, Pope says**

**By HANNAH BROCKHAUS**

Vatican City (CNA/EWTN) - In his message for the upcoming Lenten season, Pope Francis urged people to renew their enthusiasm for the faith, using this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as an opportunity to stoke the flame of charity in their heart.

"Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer," the Pope said.

"If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew."

Seeing the problems in the world and within ourselves, the solution is to turn to the Church, Pope Francis said, because along with the truth, she "offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting."

One of the biggest obstacles to charity, he continued, is the evil of greed of money, which is what almsgiving helps to counteract.

Greed also may lead us to violence, he noted, pointing to how we lash out, in particular, at those we think threaten the "certainties" of our lives, such as the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the immigrant, or even just the neighbor "who does not live up to our expectations."

Almsgiving is a way of setting us free from greed, acknowledging that "what I possess is never mine alone."

In fasting, too, we are given the opportunity to grow, he said, both by experiencing the hunger that many people around the world experience daily, and by expressing our own "spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God."

"Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger," he said.

He explained that devoting more time to prayer also helps us to root out vice from our hearts and to find consolation in God, who is our Father and who "wants us to live life well."

"Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life," the Pope said.

**See an explanation of Lenten Regulations on Page 19.**

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Approximately 19 pilgrims from the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City teamed up with pilgrims from the Catholic Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to attend World Youth Day in Panama Jan. 22-27. In front, center, a pilgrim holds a poster of Blessed Father Stanley Rother, a priest from the Oklahoma archdiocese who was martyred in Guatemala in 1981. The youth hoped to distribute posters and cards of their beloved priest with youth across the world in hopes of spreading his story.

**Local World Youth Day Pilgrims Discover It's A SMALL WORLD AND A Big Church**

“We come from different cultures and peoples, we speak different languages, and we wear different clothes. Each of our peoples has had a different history and lived through different situations. But none of it has stopped us from meeting one another and rejoicing to be together. ...”

“The culture of ENCOUNTER is a call us to dare to keep alive a shared dream. ... A dream named JESUS sown by the Father in the confidence that it would grow and live in every heart. A dream running through our veins, thrilling our hearts and making them dance whenever we hear the command: ‘that you love one another; EVEN AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. By this, all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another’” (Jn 13:34-35).

-- Pope Francis, World Youth Day opening Mass
**Observantia:** Remembering Father Hilary

On Feb. 12, we remembered Father Hilary Hernandez, who died on that date 63 years ago. He was one of the legends of our diocesan history.

Born and ordained in Spain, he began working as a missionary in the Diocese of Monterey, Mexico in 1910. The government was overthrown in 1911, and great unrest followed, and by 1914, it had turned into real persecution of the Church as properties were confiscated, and priests were killed.

Father Hilary used to tell stories of those tenuous days in that sad year. He was familiar with a school for boys in Monterey. Despite its long years of good work, the school was closed when things turned bad.

Many of the former students, boys now become men, had been in the habit of coming back to visit their old teachers. They came back to do what you would expect: they visited, they shared a meal, they reminisced, they told the old stories, and they laughed. Spirits were high on those occasions. *Observantia,* our ancestors called it. It speaks ill of us that we have no word for it in English.

What the Latin word meant was the respect we feel inwardly, and show outwardly, toward those persons who were distinguished by some office, in this case the office of teacher. We are indebted to our teachers, and it is a debt we can never fully repay. That's why students return time and again: to thank their teachers with, and without, words.

But in those dark days, the old students would break bread with their old teachers, Father Hilary said, and then rise up as soldiers in the Mexican Army to be in the firing squad when some of the priests were shot.

Some *observantia,* that.

**Grace that Reigns Lenten retreats**

Bishop Emeritus Ronald M. Gilmore and Jacqueline Loh will present five Grace that Reigns retreats throughout Lent, two of them here in the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City: March 8-9 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Larned; and March 13 at St. Dominic Parish, Garden City. The retreat will also be presented in Nebraska, Arizona, and in Wichita, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, April 2-4.

“Our whole effort is to promote those moments of Grace through which people realize that ... there is more to life than the mundane things that we do,” Loh said. They do this by...

1. “Renewing a Sense of Wonder for our love and relationship with Jesus by sharing our teachings, stories, and inspiring testimonies.

2. “Identifying and healing misconceptions, roadblocks, stereotypes, and hidden barriers that affect our ability to see ourselves as unique, loved, and a ‘Pearl of Great Price.’

3. “Offering retreats, promoting Eucharistic adoration and confession and healing prayers to pastors and parishes.

4. “Providing opportunities for God’s divine supernatural healing grace to transform lives.”

For more information, visit www.gracethatreigns.com.

**Father Marvin Reif fund**

A fund has been established to aid in the finding of Father Marvin Reif by his brother and sister, Duane A. Reif and Karen Winkelman (guardians/conservators).

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Here is a description of the presentation from the “Made for More” website, http://corproject.com/madeformore/:

“Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are decisive for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, popular YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive.”

On the morning of April 5, after a tour and rosary at St. Peter’s Cathedral in Kansas City, the group will journey home. A flyer, as well as more information is available at www.dcdiocese.org/marriage-family-life.

If you would like to attend, RSVP to the Office of Matrimony, Family Life and Natural Family Planning by email: jbernal@dcdioce.org, or call/text: 620-786-5708 with your name and number of people who will be taking part in this pilgrimage.

**Now Available!**

In this intriguing volume, Tim Wendz, archivist emeritus for the Diocese of Dodge City, documents his discovery of more than 300 Kansas communities and geographical sites with Catholic names. Included in this 146-page gazetteer are communities named for saints, popes, cardinals, bishops, priests and friars, nuns and religious sisters, Spanish explorers, frontiersmen, and ordinary Catholics.

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**Protecting God’s Children**

The Catholic 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.

**Abuse Hotline**

If you suspect abuse or neglect of a child in Kansas, and the child is in immediate danger, call 911 or local law enforcement.

If you suspect abuse by Church personnel, in addition to making a report to those civil authorities, contact Charles Befort, crbefort@cox.net, 620-285-3219. You may submit a report to the diocese. Report forms are available at www.dcdiocese.org/safe-environment.

**Correction**

In the last issue, the Called and Gifted workshops, as highlighted on Page 6 of this issue, was listed as being free of charge, when they actually cost $25 per participant.

The article about the Mass for Consecrated Life included a tribute to the vocations committee of Holy Family Parish. The article should have read, “vocations committee of Prince of Peace Parish.” The Catholic school in Great Bend is Holy Family School.
Daddy King, a man of two great sorrows

Journalist recalls her interview with the father of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

By CHARLENE SCOTT MYERS

February is Black History Month, an apt time, I believe, to remember and honor Daddy King, the father of Martin Luther King, Jr. I was blessed to meet and interview Martin Luther King, Sr., an American Baptist pastor, missionary and early figure in the Civil Rights movement, many years ago when I worked for The Houston Post as its religion editor.

Daddy King, as he was known by family and friends, told me he did not wish to have our interview at the newspaper office, but asked me instead to ride with him around the city while we talked.

He arrived at the Post parking lot in a long white limousine filled with several much younger men in the back seats. I squeezed into the front seat between the driver and Daddy King, and saw some shocked faces staring at us through the window as the limo passed other cars winding through the crowded city.

“A white woman seated in a limo with all those black men!” I forgot about all those curious and perhaps shocked people, and asked Daddy King to tell me about his life.

He paused as if wondering where to start. Then he turned the sad eyes in his round face toward me and said: “I have had two great sorrows in my life.” I was surprised and replied,“Sir, I know about your one great sorrow because of the assassination of your son, Martin Luther King, Jr., but what is your second great sorrow?”

He paused, deep in thought, struggling to put that second sorrow into simple words. “My wife was murdered too, six years after Martin was killed,” he said softly with tears in his eyes.

“It was my turn to be shocked. It was unbelievable to me that I had never read or heard that Daddy King’s wife, the mother of Martin Luther King, Jr., had been brutally murdered too.”

He went on to tell me about that second horrible incident. His wife, Alberta Christine Williams King, 69, was shot to death on June 30, 1974 in the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ebenezer was the church where he and his son Martin had been co-pastors of the congregation that rocked the small building with their prayers and powerful singing.

“She was playing the organ, practicing for the church service,” Daddy King told me in his soft, weary voice.

“My wife was shot by a 23-year-old man, Marcus Wayne Chenault. It was six years after the murder of our son Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Chenault, a black man, had traveled more than 600 miles from Ohio to fire two handguns into Alberta King because, as he said, “All Christians are my enemies!”

Chenault also killed Edward Boykin, one of the church’s deacons, and injured another woman.

I was shocked and speechless as Daddy King’s deep sorrow seeped into my own soul.

Daddy King’s wife, Alberta Christine Williams, was born Sept. 13, 1904 to the Rev. Adam Daniel Williams, the preacher of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Her mother was Jennie Parks Williams.

Alberta graduated from high school at the Spelman Seminary and received a teaching certificate from Hampton University in 1924. Alberta met Martin Luther King, Sr. through his sister, who was living with Alberta’s parents.

After Alberta’s graduation, she announced her engagement to King at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, which would figure so prominently in the King family’s future. She and Martin were married on Thanksgiving Day, 1926. Their first child was a daughter, Willie Christine King, born Sept. 11, 1927. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1929. Their second son, Alfred, was born July 30, 1930.

Alberta served as the organizer and president of the Ebenezer Women’s Committee from 1950 to 1962. She also was the choir organist and director at Ebenezer Church, where Martin Luther King Sr. and Martin Luther King Jr. became joint pastors.

The junior Martin would be assassinated by James Earl Ray on April 4, 1968 as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. Martin had come to the city to lead a march supporting the sanitation workers’ union. He was pronounced dead an hour after he was shot. A shocked nation mourned this dedicated civil rights leader.

Chenault was sentenced to death for the murder of Martin Luther King’s mother.

But the King family was a deeply religious family, despite or perhaps because of their deep suffering and loss. As a result of their firm opposition to the death penalty, Chenault was later re-sentenced to life in prison.

The murderer suffered a stroke on Aug. 3, 1995, and died in a hospital 16 days later. He was 44 years old.

Both of Martin Luther King’s parents were buried in the South View Cemetery in Atlanta, where Martin Luther King, Jr. was first buried. (His body later was moved to the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic site in Atlanta.)

His tombstone inscription is Martin’s favorite and most popular slogan: “Free at last, free at last! Thank God Almighty, I’m free at last!!!”

I remember seeing his radiant face chanting those powerful words on my family’s television set many years ago.

When I was a child, my mother told me that her uncle, Joseph Tighe, was the first Catholic printer in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the Ku Klux Klan burned a cross on his front lawn! He had to go into hiding for a while to protect his life.

Perhaps my great Uncle Joe is rejoicing in Heaven that his niece’s daughter rode and spoke with Daddy King, the father of Dr. Martin Luther King.

May all of the King family rest in the blessed peace of Heaven with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the sweet Virgin Mary, and all the saints and heavenly hosts!

We thank you, Martin, and your dear father Daddy King and your kind mother Alberta, for your devoted service to our country and our great and good God.

— Charlene Scott Myers
By Jon Leonetti

Just One More Thing…

The words flowed like our pontiff, I had a Labrador named Sarah, and a young whipper snapper named George W. Step back with me, if you will, to a time when heart, not your waistline. It should be something isn’t a Lenten sacrifice at all. It’s a diet. Lent is our diocesan newspaper.” Then I heard a deep to think to someone else), “Boy, I can’t wait for light, I think to myself (because it’s impossible egg-people. I was discussing Lent. death (RIP HD).

What happened when Humpty fell to his untimely geniuses compared to me, yet we all remember all the king’s horses and all the king’s men are the engine. When it comes to rebuilding things, more likely. I don’t know why I even mentioned Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoon. Like, 100 percent engine. Or maybe an old Rocky and Bullwinkle and I’m watching a video on how to rebuild an ice coffee drink I have every morning for winning his lawsuit. There was zero proof he was craving the stuff like the Energizer Bunny craves batteries, and giving it up will be far from easy. (By the way, congrats to the Energizer Bunny for winning his lawsuit. There was zero proof he was Dancing while on a recent trip to Europe.) And I’m going to try the 40-day challenge. Each day I’m going to prayerfully find something I own that I can give to the poor. Not just old shirts or pants that no longer fit my horizontally-rose, and suddenly I was singing like I had never continued to flow like … like, well, you know …

Thank you

I would like to send a belated but heartfelt “thank you” to all those who sent me sympathy notes and cards following the death of my father last November. I was surprised and very moved with each note I received! One of the good things to come out of a deeply sad situation was that I was left with no doubts that I’ve got the best job, working with and for the greatest people on the planet.

Special note to a caller

I also have been wanting to note that several months ago (it could be more than a year by now!) a very kind gentleman on the phone made a request regarding the name of a family member and my column. Immediately lost the message that I had written down, and have always felt regretful. If you are that gentleman, please give me a call back: (620) 227-1519.

Pope asks for prayers

By Cuyler Black

Inherit the Mirth

By Dave Myers
### Releasing the shackles

**LIFE ISSUES FORUM**

**Says Pope Francis:**

‘Pray with St. Bakhita to end human trafficking’

By COURTNEY GROGAN

Vatican City (CNA/EWTN News) - Pope Francis called for an end to human trafficking, encouraging Catholics to pray for the intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron of trafficking victims.

“We all can and must collaborate by denouncing the cases of exploitation and slavery of men, women, and children. Prayer is the force that sustains our common commitment,” Pope Francis said after the Angelus prayer Feb. 10.

“May God himself release all those who have been threatened, injured or mistreated by slavery and the trafficking of human beings. He brings relief to those who survive this slavery and teaches them to see Jesus as a model of faith and hope so that they can heal their wounds,” he prayed.

Pope Francis thanked all who fight for the end of human trafficking, especially many religious communities, and asked Catholics to recite with him a prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita.

“I especially appeal to governments, so that the causes of this plague are resolved and the victims protected,” he said.

The International Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking falls each year on Feb. 8, St. Josephine Bakhita’s feast day.

Born in Sudan in 1869, Bakhita was kidnapped at the age of seven and sold into slavery by Arab slave traders. During her time as a slave, she was beaten, tortured, and scarred.

In 1883, she was sold to the Italian Vice Consul, Callisto Legani, who took her with him back to Italy. While in Italy, she was given to a family and became their nanny until the family left her with the Canossian Sisters in Venice when they traveled to Sudan for business.

Bakhita was cared for by the Canossian Sisters during the legal battle that ensued for her freedom from slavery. Eventually, an Italian court ruled that since slavery had been outlawed in Sudan prior to her birth, she was not legally a slave.

With her newfound freedom, Bakhita chose to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion in 1890. Three years later she became a novice with the Canossian Daughters of Charity, taking the Arabic name Margaret “Fortunata”—a Latin translation of her Arabic name, Bakhita, which means “lucky.”

“St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that the chains of their captivity can be broken,” Pope Francis prayed.

### Slavery has a firm hold in the U.S.

By DAVE MYERS

Southwest Kansas Catholic

The facts are alarming—more than 60,000 people currently are living in slavery in the United States, the majority of whom are women and girls. Of those, half are minors.

Feb. 8 was recognized as a world day of prayer and awareness for the victims of human trafficking. These special days of prayer often remind us that every day we should recall in prayer those most in need.

The facts of human trafficking should leave any parent analysising what they can do to better to protect their children, because once they are trafficked, a very small percentage are rescued.

Back in 2017, Chimarron resident Marca Deimund spoke to an audience at a special presentation at the Dodge City Public Library.

“Trafficking gangs were going into Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, and bringing people down to Texas to be sold,” she said. “This is the center of the United States! It’s not supposed to happen here! The more I learned about it, the more I learned it happens everywhere.

“There’s actually a loop for human trafficking in the Midwest that starts in Chicago and goes down to St. Louis, comes over to Kansas City, Wichita, Dallas, Houston, and then back up again. These traffickers move the children around and around to different cities,” she said. “1-70 and I-35 are heavily used in moving trafficking victims. Kansas provides the perfect hub for traffickers.”

There are two primary types of human trafficking: sex and labor. Sex trafficking includes the recruitment and harboring of a person for the purpose of providing commercial sexual acts.

“The average age of a sex trafficking victim is 12 to 14 years old,” Deimund said.

She shocked the audience when she noted that “in one case, a six-month-old infant was rescued from sex traffickers.”

“The average life span of someone being trafficked is seven years.” In other words, if recruited at 13, the victim may be ‘sold’ several times a night.”

Most of these sad journeys begin with a conversation—a vulnerable moment.

“Do not try to intervene. Remember, one victim may be ‘sold’ several times a night.”

Over time, she may be bringing in hundreds of thousands of dollars. The trafficker will not let them go quietly.

Instead, contact 911 immediately, relating exactly what you saw or experienced, or you can call the National Human Exploitation Hotline, 1-888-373-7888.
They went with the excited anticipation of a sure adventure.
How could it not be?

World Youth Day 2019, Jan. 22-27 in Panama would include hundreds of thousands of youth from around the world, gathered to celebrate a diverse community, unified in their love of the Lord and the Catholic Church.

“The pope arrived on Thursday and was there until Sunday,” said Adam Urban, Director of Youth Ministry for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, one of five adults who chaperoned 14 youth from southwest Kansas.

“The pope took a long tour of the town, and people lined the roads,” Urban explained. “We got there several hours early and camped out. When the pope went by, we were only five feet away.”

Adults chaperones included Urban, Father Jacob Schneider, Seminarian John Stang, Gabriela Tejo, and Lety Trejo. Youth participants included Adan Gutierrez, Diego Chavez, Brian Duran, Alexis Moreno, Anahi Moreno, Alba Najera, Darvin Salas, Jr., Jody Zimmerman, Alexis Trejo, Angela Enríquez, Gabriel Mendoza, Trista Abernathy, Bryan Hernandez, and Jasmin Duran.

Many of the local youth, most of whom were from Satanta and one from Great Bend, had never even been on an airplane, yet suddenly found themselves deep in Central America surrounded by their peers from across the world.

For these young people, the world suddenly became much smaller, and the Catholic Church much larger.

The trip to World Youth Day 2019 in Panama began with an invitation. Then each youth who responded began the process of raising $3,000 each. About half was donated, and the other half raised through fund drives.

“St. Alphonsus Parish in Satanta really needs to be commended,” Urban said. “They rallied around those kids and the trip.”

The departing flight was supposed to take the group from Wichita direct to Panama, but an overrun airport in Panama City forced the plane to land in neighboring Costa Rica. The youth were soon to learn why the event was considered a pilgrimage, and not a vacation.

“We had to take a bus-ride hundreds of miles across Costa Rica and Panama that we didn’t expect,” Urban said with a smile. “There were many more hardships than we anticipated. Anything that is supposed to be easy is made much more difficult when there are a million people. It was a real pilgrimage!”

Did the hardships take away from the experience? If anything, it drew the group closer together. Urban said that through the often-long waits, the participants were able to get to know each other in a way in which they would otherwise never have had the time or opportunity.

Despite the long waits and other unexpected hardships caused when more than a million are “gathered in my name,” the youth from Kansas kept their spirits up. At rear is Adam Urban, Director of Youth Ministry.

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The local youth travelling to Panama discover it’s a small world, big Church.
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Amid hundreds of thousands of his peers gathered in Panama for World Youth Day, Satanta youth says, ‘I had this sense of belonging’

By SEMINARIAN JOHN STANG
Special to the Catholic

ow, I know getting here was not easy,” Pope Francis said during his opening remarks at the 34th World Youth Day. “I know how much effort and sacrifice you made to participate in this Day. The many weeks of work and commitment, and encounters of reflection and prayer, have made the journey itself its own reward.”

A pilgrimage usually includes difficulty and suffering. No matter the final destination of the pilgrimage—whether it be to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, bathing in the waters at Lourdes, or even traveling to a Steubenville Conference—pilgrims will face hardships on the journey. But once the pilgrim reaches his or her destination, the experience is often spiritually life-changing. This distinguishes a pilgrimage from a vacation.

“World Youth Day was an experience unlike any I have ever had before,” said Adam Urban, the Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Dodge City.

“It was a true pilgrimage filled with many hardships and grace. To see so many priests, lay people, and students from every nation and background on the earth was a surreal experience.”

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City sent a delegation of 14 youth and 5 adults to World Youth Day in Panama City from Jan. 22-27. The kids worked hard for months to fund-raise for the event, receiving grants from Vibrant Ministries, Catholic Home Missions, and several donations. They also sold food items.

“I am so proud of our youth, our parents, our knights, our parish, and our diocese for coming together to make this happen,” said Father Jacob Schneider, parochial vicar at St. Alphonsus and the chaplain for the trip. “It could not have been done any other way.

“I remember thinking that the amount for this trip was nearly impossible, and my prayer became, ‘God, if you want us to go, you have to make it happen.’ Well, He did! That was something I will always remember, God’s providence playing out before our eyes through the generosity of truly thousands of people.”

Many of the pilgrims were high school students from St. Alphonsus Parish in Satanta, and one was from Prince of Peace Parish in Great Bend. The pilgrimage was arranged through Proximo Travel. Dodge City diocese participants traveled with a group from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The group flew into San Jose, Costa Rica and took a lengthy bus ride to Panama City, allowing them to see the countryside of both Central American countries.

The lack of sleep, at least in the initial stages, allowed for suffering necessary for a pilgrimage. This was the first WYD experience for most of the travelers. The group also visited the Old City of Panama and watched ships enter through the Panama Canal.

World Youth Day was instituted by St. Pope John Paul II in 1985. Previous locations included Poland, Germany, Australia, Spain, and the United States. Millions of youth from around the world attend. The largest World Youth Day was at the final Mass in the Manila, Philippines in 1995 with close to five million in attendance, according to Catholic News Agency.

Pilgrims were crowded into festival seating at Santa Maria la Antigua Field, near the Old City of Panama, for most of the engagements, sitting very close to other people. The weather conditions in Panama during January are hot and humid, reaching 90 degrees Fahrenheit most days. During the festivities, pilgrims have an opportunity to trade country specific items with others, often hat pins, holy cards, and currency. This gives the youth a chance to experience the global aspect of the Catholic Church.

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On one of the days, the group attended an English-speaking catechesis with notable speakers like Curtis Martin, the founder of FOCUS, and Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles. The event allowed for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music.

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“I care very much about all of the kids who went. It quickly dawned on me that my role was much more than just helping to lead them through a crowd, but it was also to help them navigate their spiritual lives as well.

“It was great to be one of the many priests there with each of our respective groups of youth. Also, concelebrating Mass with the Holy Father was something special. We as priests pray for the pope at every Mass, but when he is standing right there, it takes on a different meaning.”

The theme for WYD was from Luke’s Gospel showing Mary’s fiat with the words “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” After this pilgrimage, the kids had the chance to say “Yes” like Mary did to the Lord.

Now they must take the graces and go forward in the world.

*Amid hundreds of thousands of his peers gathered in Panama for World Youth Day, Satanta youth says, ‘I had this sense of belonging’*
Called & Gifted Workshop rescheduled

What are your gifts of the Holy Spirit?

By COLEEN STEIN
Assistant Director, Adult Formation

It’s true. The Lord works in mysterious ways, but also in ways that aren’t quite so mysterious —although they may require a bit of detective work.

Take charisms for example. “Charisms” are gifts given by the Holy Spirit to equip God’s people to do God’s work.

God calls each of us to a unique purpose in life, a work of love we alone can do.

Come, begin to discover this work!

You have received gifts, through Baptism and Confirmation, for the ways God intends divine love to reach others.

Come, discover these gifts!

“Called and Gifted” is a one-day opportunity to explore what your charisms might be and to receive tools to do so in the days and weeks to come.

It includes Church teaching on the laity, the nature of spiritual gifts, vocation, and how to undertake the process of discernment.

It can be a bit mysterious, but it’s a mystery participants often find well worth the search.

Allison was considering a future in a medical field. So, it wasn’t a huge surprise to her when she learned that two of her charisms are service and mercy.

“It was encouraging,” she said. Although she already had an inkling as to what her charisms might be, she said she found it reassuring that her charisms combined so well with her hopes for her future.

Terry felt that discovering his own charisms put him in a better place to see charisms in others and to be able to empower them to serve in their parishes and beyond.

It wasn’t much of a surprise to learn that one of his charisms was that of “encouragement.”

Lenten programs at Heartland Center for Spirituality

‘Baptism: Searching Its Meaning and Challenge’

Presenter — Sister Francine Schwarzenberger

Description — “Baptism…grace, anointing, enlightenment, a most precious gift. But what does that mean in one’s life? This sacrament initiates us into the Christian way of living, but it is only the beginning. It calls us to a life of discipleship. Teaching will be based on the book, ‘Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation’ by Timothy Radcliffe, OP. Book is not required for the study.”

Dates: Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11

Time: 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Fee: Suggested Donation $15.

To register, email Sister Francine fschwarzenberger@oppeace.org or call 620-792-1232.

Lenten Retreat

Date: March 9, 2019

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Presenter: Phil St. Romain, M.S., D. Min and Sister Jolene Geier, OP.

Description: “Lent is the six-week period before Easter when Christians go on a retreat, of sorts, to prepare for the remembrance of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus celebrated in our Catholic Holy Week. Our Lenten retreat this year will emphasize ways to have a ‘good Lent’ through the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There will be times for prayer, teaching, and sharing. If you would like to extend your retreat please feel free to stay overnight Friday or Saturday night.”

Fees: Retreat Day $50 (includes lunch); 20 minutes Spiritual Direction $15.

To register: visit: https://heartlandspirituality.org/programs/lenten-retreat/, e-mail office@heartlandspirituality.org or call 620-792-1232

Sung Heroes — A Day for Music Ministers

You are invited to be REFRESHED in your ministry, and RECOGNIZED for your gift

Saturday, March 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Parish Center in Wright

RSVP by March 18 to Gayla Kirmer at gkirmer@dcdiocese.org or (620) 227-1525.

“Come by yourselves to an out of the way place and rest a while.” Mark 6:31a

Catholic Charities seeks donations for fund raiser

Feb. 28 deadline!

Catholic Charities’ biggest fundraiser of the year, a Charity Wine Tasting Event and Auction, takes place on Friday, May 3 at the Great Bend Events Center, 3111 10th Street in Great Bend.

Catholic Charities is accepting event sponsorships and donations throughout February for both the live and silent auction components of the Annual Wine Tasting Event.

Sponsorships help to underwrite the costs of the event (facility rental, catering, tasting beverages, printing and advertising costs, etc.) so that more of the event profit goes to those in need.

The Annual Charity Wine Tasting Event features a live and silent auction.

To sponsor the wine tasting, or to donate something for the live or silent auction, download this form (go to https://catholiccharitiesks.org/wine-tasting-event), fill out the appropriate side and send it in, along with any logo and ad materials for your sponsorship level, by the end of February. One side of the form is for sponsorships and the other side is for auction donations.

Participants also are invited to donate their time to help with the wine tasting. Commitment forms and donations can be mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to Catholic Charities, 2201 16th St., Great Bend KS 67530, rford@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org.

For more information, or to volunteer your time, contact the event coordinator, Rebecca Ford, at 620-792-1393.

Father Brantley to co-lead pilgrimage to the Catholic Shrines of Italy

Father Mark Brantley, pastor of St. John the Apostle, Kiowa, Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge, and St. Boniface, Sharon, and the Very Reverend Russ Mower, V.F. from Dallas, will lead a pilgrimage to the Catholic Shrines of Italy from Oct. 7-17, 2019.

Spend four nights in Rome and attend a Papal Audience, visit the Major Basilicas, the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, the Catacombs, and more. Render homage to St. Anthony in Padua, St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi, St. Mark in Venice, and visit the city of Florence.

The price of $3,890 from Wichita includes transatlantic flights, accommodations in first-class hotels, all breakasts and seven dinners with wine, guided sightseeing, and medical travel insurance. Price per person based on double occupancy.

Prior to becoming a priest, Father Brantley served 26 years as a U.S. Air Force pilot and nearly 10 years as a commercial airline pilot.

Father Mower, also an Air Force veteran, is pastor at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church and School, and chaplain at Bishop Dunne Catholic School in Dallas. He attended Wichita State University, and his undergraduate degree is in Fire Protection Engineering Technology. Prior to being called to the priesthood, he had a 33-year career in the fire service and served seven years in the U.S. Air Force. Father Mower is a widower and has three adult daughters and four grandchildren.

For more information, contact Father Brantley at (620)-886-3596 or fathermark1@outlook.com. For indepth look at all the sites they will visit, and for cost information, go to www.catholiccharitagetours.com/FRMIT.
Children celebrate faith and fun across the diocese

Confirmation celebrated in Olmitz

CONFIRMATION MASS was celebrated at St. Ann Parish in Olmitz on Feb. 9, and was followed by a potluck dinner. Pictured with Father Anselm Eke and Bishop John Brungardt (left to right) are: Kolton Maneth, Katie Kuhlman, Alexander Mater, Tyler Reif, Clayton Schneider, and Kendal Dalton.

Photo by Stephanie Schneider

Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him. Psalms 127:3

St. Dominic School

... in Garden City submitted Catholic Schools Week photos that displayed fun and creative ways that kids put their costuming skills to work. St. Dominic School... in Garden City sent in these additional photos from Catholic Schools Week. At left (left to right) Ana Bir, Dorothea Cooper, Jencie Stocikko, Angenelle Aguilar, and Brooke Savolt enjoy board games. Below are the primary grade spelling bee winners (right to left): Austin Ackerman, 1st; Cindy Yang, 2nd, and Nick Powers, 3rd.

At right are the intermediate grade spelling bee winners: Ethan Unger (center, 1st place), Emma Wedel (far right, 2nd place) and Ava Kempke (left, 3rd place).

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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Bishop Brungardt visits St. Mary School, Garden City

During Catholic Schools Week, the Most Rev. John B. Brungardt paid a visit to St. Mary School in Garden City, where he celebrated Mass with the children. The bishop visits all the schools of the diocese.

Michelle Mead, St. Mary School
ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION RULES EXPLAINED

ITEMS NEEDED FOR PENNIES FROM HEAVEN COUNTRY STORE

KANSAS KNIGHTS TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION

COUNCIL ELECTIONS
TODAY’S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILIES: WHAT WE DO

From the moment our Order was founded in 1882, the principle of the Knights of Columbus, Councils across Kansas have been busy converting the rules of our charitable works in the past year, and will join the councils in all the other jurisdictions in the United States in celebrating the 100th anniversary of our Santa Fe Chapter. These reports convey to the Supreme Council that the Knights of Columbus is excited about men’s desire to serve and grow in the rapidly changing world and the needs of future members. The goal of this model is to provide for them opportunities to be able to leave their family for service. This model was designed to allow Catholic men and their families the opportunity to socialize, to move out of the comfort of the Catholic faith in the areas of Family, Community and Life. Have you noticed a difference in the presence of your local council in your parish and community? To learn more about the “Faith In Action” model, take a look at your council’s grand knight or visit the new “Faith In Action” page on the Supreme Website:

Make plans now to join the Knights in celebration at the 188th Annual Convention to be held in Manhattan, KS May 2-5, 2019. Delegates and guests are reminded of the rules and policies that will apply to make the State Convention an enjoyable and professional meeting. All Knights of Columbus members, their spouses and families are encouraged to attend. There will be events including; banquets, speakers, social gatherings, mass and Mater Dei Masses. The State Convention in Manhattan this May.

— JOHN SCHULZ, FAITH DIRECTOR

FAMILIES TO RECEIVE HONORS FROM KNIGHTS

Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to be part of the other faith-filled Catholic organizations. It is a challenge to continue to make our children feel safe and proud of their faith in our children when the world seems unsafe.

Please take time and seek out “The Family Fully Alive” program. The family Fully Alive program assists families with monthly themes, reflections, discussions and family activities to help each family place the Catholic Church and the center of its life. In the past year, the Catholics successfully celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, November 25. This year’s celebration currently seeks to weaken the bonds of family in the Church, must make it clear that society should value a family that is faithful to God and each other. Now is the time for all councils to begin thinking about their “Family Fully Alive” programs. Every council should select a family from their membership that exemplifies the principles of the Order: charity, unity, and fraternity.

After your council has selected the family, send the “Family of the Year Award” certificate to the appropriate district. It’s time to celebrate the “Family of the Year” and the State Family of the Year.

Winners will be recognized at the state convention.

— PATRICK BURNETT, FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE…

As membership director for the State Knights of Columbus it is my job to assist local councils in the cultivation of new members to their councils. Throughout the first half of the year, I have traveled many miles in doing this and have enjoyed meeting new people and building strong friendships, and hopefully have been able to help local councils grow. In doing this, I noticed through meetings and speaking events that there are many good Catholic men that find the opportunity to grow in their faith as the Knights. Today’s men are faced with challenges that influence the world we live in, a worldwide organization, while not taking anything away from the local councils, there is a realization that the Knights of Columbus has an opportunity to grow on a state and national level. Is it a bad thing? Absolutely not! It is an opportunity for our young men to keep their faith as they move through their time with their families and grow their faith. We as the Knights of Columbus are here to aid men in growing that faith in the family. Pope Francis asks in The Joy of Love, “Who is making an effort to strengthen marriages, to help married couples overcome their problems, to assist them in the work of raising children, and, in general, to encourage the stability of the marriage bond?” The answer is the Knights of Columbus. Through our Building the Domenico Our Parish Initiative we initiate various programs that assist to strengthen marriage. We are able to assist and support those in need and materials which may help families grow stronger. In the words of Pope Francis, “May our Masses become a celebration of family, may family prayer be a means of sharing this family, may family meals be occasions of joy and love for the family, may spending time with your family is very important today. Let the Knights of Columbus assist in those efforts. Still not sold on the Knights? How about you, what do you think about your family? As a member of the Knights of Columbus you can be a part of helping build your top quality portfolio of financial products backed by ethical and Catholic business practices, that can help secure your family’s future and give you peace of mind. What about serving others? As a member, you can help us put coats on kids, give food to families, support victims of natural disasters and support the needs of your community. How about defending your values? As a Knight you can stand up for the unborn and the dignity of all human life. Fight for religious liberty and our persecuted brother and sister worldwide. Deepen your faith as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Our membership is open to a wealth of spiritual resources to help you become a better Catholic in your daily life, and father. Join us on life’s greatest adventure to discover the man God calls you to be. You are born a man. You become a Knight! Join us today? KofC.org/join or scan the QR code for more information. Vivat Jesus.

PATRICK BURNETT, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

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FAMILIES PROMOTE VOCATIONS

The Knights of Columbus believes that supporting religious vocations is one of the most important things we as Catholics are called upon to do. As of early January 2019, we have adopted seminarians and religious across the state in the amount of $209,940.00 with 197 of the councils and 31 of the seminaries that are currently accepting vocations. The local parish, the Knights also pray and contribute in the letter to the seminarians to show our support. Every council throughout our state all helps promote vocations through the Vocation Poster Contest. This contest is open to all children, grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and special education. The theme for this year’s contest is, “Come Follow Me.” Rules for the contest can be obtained from your local council. The local council winners for each age group/division will be submitted to the district deputy by May 2019. The overall State winner and each division winner will be announced at the State Convention in Manhattan this May.

— JOHN SCHULZ, FAITH DIRECTOR

Commitment to Humanities Update

The Commitment to Humanities Campaign continues moving forward at this time. Accordingly, our data indicates that 178 councils reporting $3,310,931.36 as of Dec. 28, 2018. I would like to take this time to thank all the councils that have sent in reports and to those still reporting to help us achieve our goal of $4,000,000. Knights of Columbus Councils are encouraged to go to local organizations assisting individuals with Special Needs, Disabilities. The remaining twenty percent will be used to assist Catholic seminaries, sacred basketball Tournaments and Cheerleading Competitions held in Hays on March 22 and 23 and on March 24 and 25 to assist the Bishops of Kansas in Catholic instruction and assistance to individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. Additional funding will also be provided by the Supreme Council to assist the Kansas Special Olympics. Also, a reminder to all councils to submit Special Olympics Partnership Report Form # 4584 to the Supreme Council.

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Knights of Columbus members work to remove and burn dead trees and branches at the St. Philipinus Duchene Park. The members from councils 1052 Westphalia, 1368 Barnett, 1901 Greeley, 2660 Scipio, 7444 Mound City, and 10786 Osawatomie held a work day at the park on November 17, 2018. The work day consisted of cleaning up the trees on the park, removing dead trees near the stations of the cross and near the altar, and repairing playground equipment. Approximately 1500 man hours were spent which was shared by all attendees. The St. Philipinus Park memorializes the lives and the work of these early Kansas settlers and is the original site of this Potawatomi and Missionary community at Sugar Creek Mission. This park has been well preserved and serves as a spiritual, educational, and recreational opportunity for Catholics, and for those who will appreciate this rich piece of Kansas History.

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St. Dominic grad honored for faith, service, academic achievement

Dr. Jeffrey Larkin has been named as the 2019 “Distinguished Graduate” of St. Dominic School in Garden City.

The following is from a presentation by Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Trina Delgado, at the opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week.

“When asked for his definition of ‘hero’ our distinguished graduate replied:"

“Hero can mean very different things for everyone, but I’ve always thought of a hero as someone who is generous, humble and able to accomplish something extraordinary in relation to what they are given or born with. Mother Theresa is a great example.

“But on a personal note, while I was stationed in South Korea I was missing the camaraderie and fellowship of an active Catholic parish until I made an effort to get involved in the Church on base. As it turned out, the chaplain for the Medical Group was a Catholic priest who was from Vietnam (which made me think of Garden City) and spoke six or seven languages, including Korean.

“Right away I could tell Father Nguyen was fun and engaging for people of all ages on and off base, and he was also very involved with local Korean Catholic parishes. He inspired me to stay very involved and I even got my second and third degrees in Knights of Columbus while there.

“As I got to know him further, I found out that, while being paid well as a military officer, he more than kept his vow of poverty by sending a large majority of his salary home to his family in Vietnam. The amount of people he touched, lives he influenced, and his ongoing accomplishments while remaining very humble absolutely make him a hero in my eyes.”

Delgado told those gathered, “Our graduate of honor attended St. Dominic School from 1990-1995. These were the years prior to St. Dominic having a kindergarten or a 6th grade. He graduated from GCHS in 2002, and from the University of Kansas in 2006 with a degree in Microbiology. [Dr. Larkin] accepted a Health Professions Scholarship for dental school and in March of that year he was sworn in at Whiteman AFB, in Missouri. He was pinned as Captain in May 2010 at the dental school graduation ceremony with nine other classmates (out of 100 in the class), all going into the Army, Navy or Air Force.

[Dr. Larkin] started active duty in the U.S. Air Force in July 2010, spending one year at Offutt AFB, Nebraska for his General Dentistry Residency. He was then placed for one year at Osan Air Base, South Korea, completing his Squadron Officer School there. This is the captain’s rank level professional military education.

“Our honoree completed two years of training as an irregular warfare medic at Hurlburt Field, (Fort Walton Beach) Florida, and then transferred from active duty to Kansas Air National Guard, August, 2014, and presently holds the position of dentist for the 190th Air Refueling Wing at Forbes Field, Topeka. He was pinned with the rank of Major in July 2016.

“When asked of special memories of St. Dominic School, Dr. Larkin responded:"

“It would be impossible to pick a favorite teacher, but Mrs. Geier, Mrs. Fishny, and Mrs. Deal all had a great impact on my educational trajectory and in life.

“There is no doubt that everyone’s foundation for future success begins in elementary school, and St. Dominic is no exception. I have very fond memories of ‘touch’ football and soccer matches at recess, ‘water day’ on the last day of school (especially the egg toss and water balloons in the huge parachute), the old gym/Cafeteria for the Christmas pageant, and winning the spelling bee in 3rd grade. And most importantly, the friends I made at St. Dominic were some of my closest friends all through school.

“I asked our recipient what part did his Catholic education play in helping him become the success he is today.”

“I received my 1st degree as a Knight of Columbus here at St. Dominic, and that has been a big part of my life through my Catholic parishes in Omaha, South Korea, Florida, Kansas City, and now Lawrence at Corpus Christi. Finding something to be a part of from a charitable sense is very important at all stages in life. I don’t know who originally said it, but the quote, ‘To those who have been given much, much is expected’ started at an early age for my brothers and I right here at St. Dominic when we would adopt a family off of the ‘giving tree’ leading up to Christmas every year and buy those presents with our own money from doing chores.”

“Catholic schools do a fantastic job of instilling altruism (or selflessness) and a charitable mindset from an early age, and the importance of this cannot be over-stated.”

“Today,” Delgado said, “Dr. Larkin is married to—and I quote—an ‘incredible mother and physician assistant at St. Luke’s in Kansas City’; the father of a two-year-old daughter named Kate (and he states, ‘Well-deserved for my mom after raising four boys!’), and has baby number two on the way, due in July! He has dental offices in Lawrence and Topeka, and is lucky enough to not only have a fantastic dental partner but is able to practice with his Dad as well.

“It’s funny how distinguished graduates come from distinguished families that take that role of parent hero seriously,” Delgado said. “It is our honor today to recognize a very distinguished graduate. He is no ordinary hero.”
Un taller se celebró en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Dodge City, el 9 de febrero sobre la Misa Santa Cecilia.

Las oraciones y una bendición del Obispo Juan and la promoción por los párrocos lo hizo un gran éxito.

Aproximadamente 200 miembros y músicos de 10 parroquias participaron de Dodge City, Elkhart, Garden City, Great Bend, Hugoton, Johnson, Liberal, Plains, Satanta y Ulysses.

Los presentadores fueron Carlos Ramirez, Estela Valverde y la Hermana Angela Erevia, MCDP.

“Muchísimas gracias!” dijo el padre Jim Dieker. “Tenemos muchas ganas para celebrar la misa con dignidad.”

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A workshop was held on the setting of the Mass of Saint Cecilia, or “Misa Santa Cecilia,” at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City, on Feb. 9.

“Prayers and a blessing from Bishop John Brungardt, and promotion by the pastors, made it a huge success,” said Sister Angela Erevia, MCDP.

About 200 members and musicians from 10 parishes participated from Dodge City, Elkhart, Garden City, Great Bend, Hugoton, Johnson, Liberal, Plains, Satanta, and Ulysses.

Presenters were Carlos Ramirez, Estela Valverde, and Sister Angela.

“Thank you so much for making the music workshop happen,” exclaimed Father Wesley Schawe, cathedral pastor. “It’s like a dream come true!”

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**Observantia:** Recordando al Padre Hilary

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El Padre Hilary solía contar historias de esos días frágiles de ese triste año. Conocía una escuela para niños en Monterrey. A pesar de sus largos años de buen trabajo, la escuela fue cerrada cuando las cosas se pusieron feas.

Muchos de los amigos alumnos, que ahora son hombres mayores, tenían la costumbre de volver para visitar a sus antiguos maestros. Volvían para hacer lo que uno esperaba: visitar, compartir una comida, recordar, contar viejas historias y reír. Los ánimos estaban altos en esas ocasiones. La observantía, lo llamaban nuestros antiguos. Había mal de nosotros que no tenemos ninguna palabra en español para esto. Lo que la palabra latina significaba era el respeto que sentimos adentro, y mostramos hacia afuera, hacia aquellas personas que fueron distinguidas por algún cargo, en este caso el cargo de maestro. Estamos en deuda con nuestros maestros, y es una deuda que nunca podremos pagar totalmente. Por eso los alumnos vuelven una y otra vez para agradecer a sus profesores con y sin palabras.

Para hacer lo que uno esperaba: visitar, compartir una comida, recordar, contar viejas historias y reír. Los ánimos estaban altos en esas fechas.

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**La cuota para este taller es de $25. (La edición anterior de SKC dice incorrectamente que el evento es gratuito).**

Español

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Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

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9 a.m. - El taller comienza puntualmente

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5 p.m. - Terminar!

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Darline Smith, 83, of St. Bernard Parish, Belpre, died Jan. 30, 2019. She was born in Belpre to Clifford and Pauline (Hager) Boman. On Nov. 7, 1959 she married Ralph Smith at Belpre. He preceded her in death in Dec. 15, 2004. She and Ralph owned Macksville Manufacturing, where she was the secretary and office manager. They sold the business and it was relocated to Cimarron where they moved to in August of 1984 and continued to work for the company. Survivors include her two children, Doug Smith and Rayna Maddox; three grandchildren, Aaron, Kyle, and Jason Maddox; her sister, Lizzy Cain, and nephews Mike, Jason, and Josh Cain. Father Bernard Felix presided.

George N. Heskamp, 83, of St. John the Baptist Parish, Spearville, died Feb. 2, 2019. He was born in Spearville, the son of George and Anna (Dennm) Heskamp. He received his Bachelors of Science in Geology from Wichita State University and Education Certificate from St. Mary of the Plains College. On August 28, 1957 he married Marylda Helfrich. He was a member of Knights of Columbus St. Leonard’s Council #1539. He served on the USD 381 Board of Education and as President of St. John Parish Council. Early in his career he was a math and science teacher at Spearville High School for 10 years and a farmer for 50 years before retiring in 2007. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Marylda; three sons, Alan, Jeffrey, and Douglas; three daughters, Marlene Muldoon, Alice Reinert, and Carolyn Wikle; two sisters, Erma Viertlher and Eloise Hoffman; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and exchange student Joseph Judmann, of Metten, Germany, who remains close to the family. Father Robert Schrrem presided.

Elaide Doris Merryfield, 90, of Sacred Heart Parish, Ness City, died Feb. 1, 2019. She was born in Fairfax, South Dakota, the daughter of Raymond and Alla (Rehig) Opbroek. She was a cosmetic saleswoman and a member of the Altar Society. She married Franklin “Dean” Merryfield on Dec. 30, 1981. Survivors include her husband, Franklin; son, Duane Pool; two daughters, Deborah Hawley and Sharon Erskin; stepson, Bradley Merryfield; two stepdaughters, Cheryl Rich and Deana Armstrong; sister-in-law Ilene Norton; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Ryan R. Tague, 51, of Dodge City, died Feb. 1, 2019. He was born in Dodge City, the son of Kenneth and Victoria (Duesing) Tague. On March 22, 1997 he married Melissa Phillips. Ryan coached Lincoln Midget Football in Lincoln, Nebraska for many years.

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Kansas City Catholic school seeks principal
St. John the Evangelist Catholic School is seeking a principal who will continue its tradition of excellence and lead the school in fulfilling its mission of educating students to bring Christ’s message of faith, hope, and love into the world. After 20 years of leadership, the school’s current principal is retiring at the conclusion of the current academic year. St. John School is a thriving pre-K through 8th grade school following in the tradition of St. Francis and the Sisters of Charity and located in historic Lawrence, Kansas, home of the University of Kansas. Supported by the generosity of our parish and benefactors, St John School has added middle school grades and new facilities, and currently enrolls nearly 300 students and employs a faculty and staff of 24.

Applicants should be a practicing Catholic and have a master’s degree in school administration. The school’s search committee will begin assessing qualified applicants on March 1, 2019. Applicants can indicate their interest in this position by completing the principal application process at www.archkckcs.org and sending a resume to: Dr. Kathleen A. O’Hara, Superintendent, Catholic Schools Office, Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS, 12615 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109, or email to kohara@archkckcs.org.

Lincoln, Neb. school seeking lay principal
St. Joseph School in Lincoln, Nebraska is seeking a lay principal for the 2019-2020 school year. Candidate will be working closely with a School Sister of Christ the King Vice Principal. Send cover letter, resume, and references to Sister Mary Cecilia via email: Sr.Mary-Cecilia@cdolinc.net. Contact Sister Mary Cecilia with requests for additional information.

Atchison Catholic school seeks principal
St. Benedict School in Atchison, KS is seeking an individual with demonstrated skill in spiritual and instructional leadership, as well as advancement in Catholic schools for the 2019-2020 school year. St. Benedict’s has approximately 182 students in K-8th grades and 28 preschoolers taught by 14 teachers.

Applicants for principal must be practicing Catholics, understand the mission of Catholic schools, and have or be eligible for Kansas licensure in educational leadership. Please apply on-line at www.archkckcs.org and send resume and credentials to: Superintendent Dr. Kathleen A. O’Hara, Catholic Schools Office, Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS, 12615 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS, 66109, or email to kohara@archkckcs.org. Deadline for applications is March 1, 2019.
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OBITUARIES

From Page 16 you may know a general manager of Ace Hardware in Lincoln, Nebraska and Garden City. Most recently he was the manager of the south second Dollar Tree in Dodge City. He was a certified member of USA Football. Ryan is survived by his wife, Melissa; their three children, Seth Tague and Stacia Steckly, Jessica Barclay and husband Ryan, Danielle Navarette and Jared Klimek, Cheri Lynn Tague and Shaleen Tague; 10 grandchildren; her parents; and two sisters, Stacia Steckly and Stacia Rogers. Father Wesley Schawe presided.

MICHELLE "SHELLEY" ROSE KEELEY, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died Jan. 30, 2019. Shelley was born in Dodge City, the daughter of Thomas "Mac" and Alethea Hornung Keeley. She had Down syndrome and she inspired her family, her church, and others, to help in the process of founding Arrowhead West, and its support of Dodge City’s developmentally disabled population. Shelley attended the Special Education program at Richland Valley School until she was 21. Afterwards, she worked with Arrowhead West for a brief period before she decided to stay at home to help her mother. Shelley was also a trophy winner in Special Olympics bowling and swimming programs. Shelley had a special bond with her "Angel," niece, Mandy. Their relationship inspired Mandy to volunteer for numerous service-learning projects and was chronicled on Kansas City’s KCTV in 2001. At the end of her life, Shelley lived with Alzheimer’s and was lovingly cared for at home by her dad and her sisters Cheryl and Nancy. She also had special caretakers who cared for her. She eventually moved to SunPorch of Dodge City, where she continued to receive loving care until her death. Shelley is survived by her sister, Nancy Whitson, and two brothers, Bill Keeley and Tom Keeley. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and many cousins. Father Wesley Schawe presided.

ELNORA SOUTHARD, 98, died Feb. 9, 2019. She was born near Offerle to William Frank and Amelia (Krengel) Nall. She is survived by her brother, Frank Nall. Elnora was married to Ernest Foote in 1937 at St. Mary of the Plains Church. She served in the Army National Guard from 1967 to 1973. She was a lifetime farmer and cattlemaster and also worked for the Right Co-op Fuel Services. He was a member of Windthorst Knights of Columbus Council 1462 and Special Council 1539. On Nov. 30, 1968 he married Sandra Lutz. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Sandy; their three children, Scott Ackerman, Kelly Kohnhimeier, and Cory Ackerman; seven grandchildren; four sisters, Catherine Bradungt, Alice Craig, Erma Schneewies and Martha Streecker; numerous nieces and nephews; and his faithful companions, Minnie and Duke Father. John Fokkhus presided.

Lenten regulations

(CNS) Ash Wednesday is March 6. Abstinence is the act of "doing without" or avoiding something. For example, someone may abstain from chocolate or alcohol by not consuming them. Particular days of abstinence during Lent are Fridays, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season.

During Lent, Catholics are also encouraged to undertake some sort of personal penance or abstinence. Examples include giving up sweets, a favorite TV show or not listening to the radio in the car on the way to work. Giving up these things isn’t some sort of endurance test, but are done to draw oneself closer to Christ. For example, a person may give up a favorite TV show, but if that person simply turns the television to another channel, the Lenten penance really does not mean as much. Instead, the person should consider devoting the spare time to prayer or perhaps the family.

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Scouts, adult leaders honored at 40th annual Quest weekend

The 40th annual Quest Weekend was held Feb. 15 – 17 at Sacred Heart Cathedral School. The theme was “Brave the Journey.” There were 17 youth in Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and 12 adult leaders who participated in the activities. The scouts attending Quest 2018 used the retreat weekend to work toward requirements for religious emblems and medals. Some youths begin work on the requirements at one Quest weekend, work on service projects and other requirements throughout the year, and complete the program the following year at Quest. The award programs cannot be completed in a weekend.

Guest speakers included Father Wesley Schawe, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and director of seminarians for the Diocese of Dodge City, who spoke on discerning one’s life vocation. Adam Urban, director of Youth Ministry spoke on the retreat topic “Braving the Journey.”

Bishop John B. Brungardt was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award for his support of scouting and Catholicism in the United States; and as the Conestoga District Commissioner; and as a member of the Quest retreat. He currently serves as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 35 in Lakin and serves on the Catholic Committee on Scout and is involved with the Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, and a script volunteer at the Cathedral Parish. He is a voluntee backstage and has been a Quest counselor for the Marian International Catholic Awareness patch. This program helps youths understand more about scouting and Catholicism in other counties and how they may differ from scouting and Catholicism in the United States; and enhances the spiritual dimension of Scouting in the World Scout Movement.

Left to Right): Cindy Trombley, an adult Girl Scout leader from the Cathedral parish, was awarded the St. Anne Medal. The St. Anne Medal is awarded to adults who model the highest ideals for young people and who work tirelessly to mentor youth. Trombley has been actively involved in Girl Scouts for more than 10 years. She is co-leader for her daughter’s troop and has been a Quest counselor for the Marian metal since 2014. She is a volunteer backstage manager for Little Feet Dance Academy. She was a room parent at Sacred Heart Cathedral School when her children attended school there. She continues to serve the church as a member of the Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, and a script volunteer at the Cathedral Parish.

Roy McGregor, also from the Cathedral parish, was presented the Bronze Pelican Award. This award is conferred upon an individual who provides unselfish and generous service to youth and scouting. McGregor has served as and adult leader in both the Catholic parish Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop for 10 years. During his years with the Pack 162 he served as a den leader, an assistant cubmaster and then cubmaster. He is now an assistant scoutmaster in Troop 162. He and his wife, Mendy, assist the Troop in fundraising activities as co-chairs for the troop’s flag and popcorn programs. McGregor also served a three-year term on the School Council for Sacred Heart Cathedral School, serving in his last year as Council President.

Chris Ricketts, from St. Alphonsus Parish, Satanta, received the St. George Award. This emblem is the highest national recognition for adults who have made a significant contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth involved in Cub/Boy Scouting organizations. Ricketts is the father of six Eagle Scouts. He has served as cubmaster for the Pack in Sublette and helped the Troop there with many campouts and trips to summer camp at Spanish Peaks. He has encouraged his sons and the other scouts from the Sublette/Satanta area to attend Quest to work on their religious emblems. He assisted his sons’ Eagle Scout projects with appropriate parental supervision that benefitted St. Alphonsus Church by fixing and installing kneelers, new stained glass windows with wood frames, a new baptistery, and an outdoor Marian grotto.

The Santa Fe Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America annually recognizes individuals who make an impact on the lives of youth through the Silver Beaver distinguished service award. On Feb. 2, at the Council banquet in Garden City, seven individuals were recognized with this award. Bishop Brungardt, who was unable to attend, and Fred Jones from Lakin were recognized at the conclusion of the Quest awards ceremony on Feb. 17. Michael Steward, at left above, is the executive director of the SFTC.

Bishop John B. Brungardt was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award for his support of scouting and youth. Bishop John was a teacher, prior to his ordination as a priest, and continues teaching as one of the responsibilities of his ministry as bishop. He oversees a diocese of 28 counties in southwest Kansas with 48 parishes and a Catholic population of 50,000. He visits at least 20 parishes annually conferring the sacrament of confirmation on more than 800 young men and women. He considers youth ministry a priority and has directed resources for hiring directors of both youth ministry and young adult ministry and the implementation of local mission program known as Prayer in Action. He is supportive of scouting and the three-day Quest retreat. Bishop Brungardt is well aware of the benefits of scouting in the lives of youth. He is quick to point out that two of the current seminarians studying for the priesthood are Eagle Scouts and former participants of the Quest retreats.

Fred Jones, one of the other recipients who received the Silver Beaver Award at the council banquet. He is an active parishioner of St Anthony Church in Lakin and serves on the Catholic Committee on Scout and is involved with the Quest retreat. He currently serves as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 35 in Lakin; as the Conestoga District Commissioner; and as a member of the Santa Fe Trail Council Executive Board.