“Sweet Caroline, good times never seemed so good!”

"Prayer and Action" team member Brittany Dockendorf, left, and two participants, broke into dance when the song, “Sweet Caroline” by Neil Diamond came on the radio while the youth were offering several days of hard work under the hot Larned sun for the annual summer mission. See more coverage from this and other summer events in this special photo issue.

“The first step in Christian prayer is therefore the surrender of ourselves to God, to his providence: ‘Lord, you know everything, there is no need for me to tell you of my pain, I only ask you to stay here beside me: you are my hope.’” — Pope Francis

God’s Stewardship Given to Me

This headline is from Colossians 1:25, from the Sunday second reading two weeks ago. Yes, our loving Lord has given us many gifts, and has blessed us with being grateful stewards of those gifts. We share God’s blessings to show our love to Him and to each other.

I invite you to our annual Stewardship Conference on Saturday, August 24 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City (details at dcdiocese.org/stewardship). Our Stewardship Director Eric Haselhorst has organized a super conference: great speakers with a variety of topics, with many opportunities to grow in our Catholic Faith.

I will be presenting a talk on two new aspects of our Annual Stewardship Renewal: evangelization and charisms. All parishes should be in the planning stage of the required annual renewal. Starting this Fall, Evangelization will be added as our 5th pillar of Stewardship. We, the baptized, are all called to go forth and spread the Gospel message, the Good News of Jesus Christ our Savior. How do we evangelize in our parishes? Ideas and encouragement will be given.

Just what are Charisms? “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4). These spiritual gifts are called charisms. Sherry Weddell, who has assisted our diocese many times with Called and Gifted workshops, wrote in Fruitful Discipleship: “Charisms are ultimately intended for other people, not ourselves … Charisms don’t belong to us; we are merely their stewards.” Learn more about charisms such as encouragement, mercy, teaching, healing, intercessory prayer, and many others.

Let us be grateful. Let us share our time, abilities and charisms, and tithe and alms with one another. Let us grow in evangelization, hospitality, prayer, formation and service in our Catholic Faith. Let’s attend the Stewardship Conference on August 24. Jesus will help us to be better stewards of His blessings, because He loves us so much!

+ Bishop John
It takes courage, trust to take that leap of faith

All things work together for good,” Saint Paul once told us. That is a comforting thought for many, but an uncomfortable thought for more. It may be that they have never really experienced the Providence of God. You might be one of them.

Father Jacques Philippe once compared people like this to the anxious, first-time, skydiver, in the sleepless night before the first jump. He has been assured that it will be safe. 

Many experienced divers have told him this. He understands the meaning off the word. But he has a hard time bringing himself to accept it, to trust it. Something is missing.

HE HAS TO JUMP FIRST, that’s what is missing. Only then will he know and feel the saving support of the ropes.

Many do not believe in Divine Providence because they have never experienced it, but they have never experienced it because they have never taken the jump into the air, “the jump of Faith.”” (INTERIOR PEACE, page 32).

They never even allow God the chance to be the rope that holds them safe. I do this all the time. What about you? Will we allow our unhealthy need for certainty, this limiting, boxing-in thing, to prevent our making a free choice for Faith? For trusting? For jumping, first?

Mother Nature and Motherhood
Local women share message of God’s gift of Natural Family Planning

Pro-life women deliver semi-truck full of supplies, $72,000 to border

By MARY FARROW
Catholic News Agency

BROWNSVILLE, Texas—The heat index in McAllen, Texas was 125 degrees, but that did not stop members of the pro-life movement from delivering a semi-truck full of supplies and thousands of dollars in aid to respite centers at the border of the United States and Mexico.

The #BottlesToTheBorder campaign, launched by New Wave Feminists in partnership with And Then There Were None (ATTWN), collected more than $120,000 worth of supplies and donated more than $70,000 in aid funding to multiple respite centers, where migrants who are legally in the U.S. are temporarily housed and cared for while they connect with family members and figure out their next steps.

Abby Johnson, a former abortion clinic worker who is now a pro-life advocate and the head of a ministry that helps employees leave the abortion industry, spoke to CNA about the experience.

“We were unloading what feels like a million cases of water, and it’s heavy and it’s hot and it’s exhausting, but you look at these families, and especially the children in this center, and you just realize that it’s worth it....”

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In the shadow of Father Juan de Padilla

A signing of devotion: St. Frances Cabrini Fraternity

Standing at the base of the Coronado Cross just east of Fort Dodge is (Ltor) Mary Amerin, Stanley Cordova, Brenda Lager, Bishop John Brungardt, Troy Haas, Matilda Sheurer, Martha Brown, Silva Rojas, Father James Dieker, Eva Hickman, Deacon Hector Rios, and Christopher Hickman.

Following the signing ceremony, Bishop Brungardt and Father Dieker celebrated a poignant July 4 Mass (below) at a cemetery in Fort Dodge housing the graves of fallen veterans and their families.

At the base of the Coronado Cross just east of Fort Dodge, several people who have committed themselves to following in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi watched as the Most Rev. John B. Brungardt signed a declaration July 4th permitting the establishment of a fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order in the diocese.

The Secular Franciscan Order, also known as the Third Order of Franciscans (OFS), was officially established as an emerging fraternity on Jan. 23, 2016, in the Sacred Heart Chapel at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, when four aspirants joined Chris Hickman as professed members of the order.

On July 4, with the signing of the declaration by Bishop Brungardt, the fraternity officially became independent of the sponsorship of the Fraternity of Juan de Padilla in Hays. In becoming independent, the local group will be able to govern themselves and their activities as a fraternity in the diocese dedicated to the faith-lessons of the Italian saint.

The fraternity chose as its patron Saint Frances Cabrini, the Italian Franciscan missionary to the United States and South America, who also was a third order Franciscan, in addition to being the founder of her order, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Interest in forming a fraternity started in 2011 when Chris Hickman, an active member of the Colorado Springs fraternity, moved to Liberal. When an inquiry of surrounding parishes revealed no professed members—not only in the parish but found living in the diocese—he began work to establish a local fraternity. Hickman became the formation director; the regional Fraternity of Juan de Padilla from Hays was the sponsoring fraternity.

“Up until now it was an emerging fraternity,” explained Father Jim Dieker, who, three years ago, stood with several others in a chapel at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe to take their final professions as members of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Franciscan family—like other secular orders in the diocese—unites all members of the people of God—lay, religious, and priests who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The first order are the friars, the second order are the Poor Clares (cloistered Franciscan nuns), and the third order are lay and secular priests. All three orders were established by St. Francis of Assisi to complete his vision of the call of all to follow Christ in an ordered community loyal to the Catholic Church.

-- Staff
Bishop to explore ‘Christian Morality and Social Issues’ in PMF workshop

THEO 3003 (3 hour course)  
Christian Morality and Social Issues  
Description: A study of basic Christian beliefs about the origin, destiny and meaning of the human person, the nature of Christian life as the fundamental commitment to follow Christ, and the moral principles that flow from this. Students will explore the importance of genuine freedom in the Lord, the universal call to holiness, the dignity of the human person, charity, and social justice.  
*This course is one of the 3 hour courses that may be used to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Curriculum and Instruction from Iowa State University, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Kansas State University. He received an M.Div. and an M.A. in Moral Theology from the Pontifical College Josephinum seminary.

THEO 4881 (1 hour course)  
Celebrating Diversity ... Cultural & Beyond  
Description: Celebrating Diversity ... Cultural & Beyond is not so much a class or a course as a gathering of people seeking a way. As we dialog, pray, share stories, face fears, explore ice bergs, and learn the love, compassion, and charity that unify, we seek a way for the many members of the Body of Christ to make God’s work on earth tangible and real. This “Gathering” views diversity through the Scriptural lens of unity of the human family, Body of Christ, catholicity of the mission and its Church. Christian communities can face challenges applying these truths. We may even need a changed heart in order to overcome obstacles. You are invited to gather over TV and live in-person to seek the way as members of Christ in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Father Bob Schremmer to examine the celebration of diversity, cultural and beyond

THEO 4881 (1 hour course)  
Celebrating Diversity ... Cultural & Beyond  
Class Times: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 17; [The Nov. 17 class will gather at St. Andrew Parish, Wright from 2 to 5:30 p.m.]; Otherwise, classes will take place Wednesday evenings, 6 to 9 p.m.

Cost: 1 hr. course for college credit - $50.00  
1 hr. course for personal enrichment - $25.00  
*price quotes do not include books

About your instructor:  
Most Rev. John B. Brungardt was ordained in 2011 as the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. Bishop John received a B.A. in Physics from Benedictine College, an M.A. in Physics from Iowa State University, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Kansas State University. He received an M.Div. and an M.A. in Moral Theology from the Pontifical College Josephinum seminary.

The National Council on Problem Gambling operates the National Problem Gambling Helpline Network (1-800-522-4700). The network is a single national help anywhere in the U.S. 24/7/365.

Help is available 24/7 and is 100% confidential. The National Problem Gambling Helpline Network also includes text and chat services. These features enable those who are gambling online or on their mobile phone to access help the same way they play. One call, text or chat will get you to problem gambling help anywhere in the U.S. 24/7/365.

Help is also available via an online peer support forum at www.gamtalk.org.

Help for farmers
- Kansas Rural Family Helpline, toll free, 866-327-6578: Provides confidential, short-term emotional support, advice, and qualified referrals directly to rural families struggling with an unmet emotional, medical, financial, or legal need.
- Kansas Agriculture Mediation Services, toll-free, 800-321-3276: Helps farmers, agricultural lenders and USDA agencies resolve disputes in a confidential and non-adversarial setting outside the traditional legal process.
- WORKs -- Work Opportunities for Rural Kansans, toll free, 866-271-0853: Helps farmers, ranchers, and their families to make a transition from farming and ranching to non-farm employment.

Opioid addiction/suicide hotline
For information about opioid addiction or to seek help, visit https://kcfaddictiontreatment.org/, or call (785) 825-6224.

For information about suicide prevention, visit SpeakingOfSuicide.com, or, if you are having thoughts of suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

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.

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Diocese reveals financial expenditures for the coming fiscal year

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City recently completed its most recent fiscal year. This is when we, the chancy staff, present to diocesan financial officer Dan Stremler our budgetary hopes for the next fiscal year. We are supported, in large part, through your financial donations, and the diocese sincerely appreciates every penny donated, every minute of volunteer service provided, and every prayer offered.

In light of that, and to support the diocese’s desire for transparency, I’d like to share with you a few of my proposed financial expenditures for the coming fiscal year.

First: I have been granted permission to purchase a large drone, which I will use to photograph diocesan and parish functions. I mention this because during Masses marking special occasions, you will note a loud whirring sound from above, followed by a four-bladed object whizzing around directly above your heads.

Those with hats, tall hairdos, or who are particularly large should take special notice. Wigs and/or hair pieces should be tied down with a sturdy strap.

Special care should be taken by brides, especially considering what occurred in St. Louis when a drone became entangled in a bride’s veil, lifted her up, and carried her out the doors of the church. The drone operator lost control and the bride was eventually deposited at a nearby Taco Bell. She returned to the ceremony (after enjoying a quick snack).

Second: I have submitted a request for drone insurance.

Third: We’ve had a few issues with our aging computers. Rather than order new ones, we’ve instead been advised to purchase updated 5G computer repair kits, each containing wire, several electronic components, an external disc drive, five packages of Press-On nails, a book on the history of geraniums, a signed photo of Lee Majors, and a box of Graham Crackers.

I know what you’re thinking: Why would they send all that extra stuff? I mean ... wires? Electronic components?! Who am I, Thomas Edison?!

Fourth: Now, I know this next expenditure is going to sound a bit strange, but several of us here at the Catholic Chancery have had a few ... odd experiences. I’m not going to describe exactly what occurred or what many of us have experienced, for fear of sounding wacky. It’s enough to say that Dan has approved the purchase of a complete box set of Bigfoot hunting gear, including camouflage, a tankard of Bigfoot pheromones, and a transistor radio provided, and walla!

Eighth: My final request for the new fiscal year is for a Spirit of Optimism. I haven’t been able to find it on Amazon or Ebay, or in any of the hundreds of catalogs I receive in the mail, but I know it’s available ... somewhere! The difficulty is that pessimism is much more readily available, and at a far cheaper price. I mean, you can find pessimism available everywhere, thanks largely to the current state of lunacy that promotes it.

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For these young people, their acts of kindness were something planned. They were able to do the full knowledge that they were giving of their valuable summer days to do something for one of their brothers or sisters in Christ. What a great example they are.

Dave at (620) 227-1519. Bishop John Brungardt has asked that we submit a request for the current year, go to www.dcdiocese.org/finance, scroll down and click on the link provided.

By Dave Myers
Editor

Acts of Kindness

A gentleman lost his wife not too long ago. I had been trying to get him to come to eat with my wife Virginia and I after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. He would always come up with a reason why he couldn’t. One day we went to Casa Alvarez and he was there. We asked him to join us at our table and he said no, he didn’t want to be the odd man out. He finished his meal before we did and left the restaurant. But before he did, he paid for our meal! I went out to look for him and he was gone.

On another occasion, I had given my wife, Virginia, the electric bill to mail. She stuffed it into the side of her purse so it wouldn’t fall out, but when she went to pay it, the bill was gone. It had fallen out. She went back and looked at different places but couldn’t find it. Three days later she finds an envelope on front porch, and it is the bill to Victory Electric with the money and a note saying We found this and figured you needed it to pay the electric bill. They didn’t take the $50 to spend it; they brought it back.

Sometimes we have to spontaneously think how can we make a situation for someone better real quick, otherwise the moment passes and it’s too late.

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Inherit the Mirth

By Cuyler Black (culyerblack.com)
Ransom native elected provincial vicar of the St. Conrad Capuchin Province

Father Bill Kraus, O.F.M. Cap., born in Ransom the son of Florian and Kathryn Kraus, was elected Provincial Vicar for the St. Conrad Province at the chapter meeting in Victoria April 22-26.

Father Bill, currently pastor of Our Lady of the Angels Parish in San Antonio, also served as a counselor on the last Provincial Council. In his 46 years of priesthood, Father Bill has ministered as a seminary teacher, novice master, local superior, homeless shelter director, inner-city pastor, vocation director and in prison ministry. From 1998 to 2009, Father Bill did mission work at Yecora, a remote mountainous region of northern Mexico. There his ministries included assisting the friars from the Capuchin Province of Western American both in evangelizing the local people and in assisting in the formation of new Capuchin brothers.

Father Bill was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Cyril J. Vogel, bishop of Salina, in St. Fidelis Church (now Basilica) at Victoria on Aug. 25, 1973. He holds a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and master’s degrees in theology and Franciscan studies.

Father Bill is cousin to Diocese of Dodge City priest Father David Kraus, who died April 29, 2013.

A time to give: Mark your calendars for ‘Giving Tuesday’

Diocese of Dodge City Announces Participation in Fifth Annual #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday Dec. 3

SPECIAL TO THE CATHOLIC

KICK off the charitable season on #GivingTuesday, Dec. 3, with #iGiveCatholic—an online crowdfunding event that brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back. The Diocese of Dodge City is joining dioceses across the country for the fifth annual #iGiveCatholic campaign. Considered the most successful Catholic crowdfunding event to date, the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day will be held on #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.

Last fall, 29 partnering dioceses raised more than $5.6 million for 2,500-plus organizations, transforming online giving for their participating parishes, schools, and nonprofits. Since its 2015 inaugural year, the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day has yielded continued growth in not only number of participating dioceses and their participating nonprofits, but also online donations, online donors, and average gift amount.

“This is an exciting opportunity for Catholic communities nationwide to celebrate Catholic philanthropy,” said Cory Howat, president of #iGiveCatholic. “Every donation makes a difference and has a positive impact on the life of the Church. We look forward to collectively raising funds for the organizations that shape our souls, our parishes, schools, and ministries in dioceses around the country.”

Each diocesan landing page, and individual parish, school and ministry landing pages feature personalization and a leaderboard updating total donations in real time, affording parishioners, alumni, and supporters the opportunity to track the participating organizations in their community with increased ease.

#iGiveCatholic’s continued collaboration with national sponsor, Our Sunday Visitor, helps bring the giving day to the attention of Catholic leaders around the country.

For more information about supporting the Diocese of Dodge City or Catholic schools, parishes and Catholic organizations in our diocese for #iGiveCatholic, please contact Eric Haselhorst 620-227-1537 or Mark Roth 620-227-1535.

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#iGiveCatholic is an online giving event that provides parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries affiliated with partner dioceses the opportunity to connect with their current donors and establish relationships with new donors. The goal of #iGiveCatholic is to inspire the Catholic community to come together as faithful stewards and to “Give Catholic” on #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving back. For more information visit www.iGiveCatholic.org.

SOUTHWEST KANSAS AREA AGENCY ON AGING

2019 FALL CONFERENCE
September 25, 2019
Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Center—3231 N. 16th Ave. Dodge City KS

Topics

“Opioid Use Disorder in Older Kansans,” Adrienne Howard, MPH, CFTA, Program Manager for Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment

“Elder Suicide,” Richard Falcon, Program Supervisor and Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Compass Behavioral Health

“A Services and Benefits,” Bobby Carter, Fort Dodge Field Office, Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs

“Caregiving and Support for the Caregiver,” Mitti F. McIntyre—Executive Director, Kansas Advocates for Better Care

SWKAAA Fall Conferences are funded in part by grant from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended.

REGISTRATION AND COST

To register for this event please call 620-225-6230 or 1-800-742-5535, go to www.swkaaa.org and check out our ‘Events’ page or visit our Facebook page (swkaaa) You may also fill out the form below and mail it to us. The registration fee is $180.00 which includes the program, continental breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. The registration fee must be paid via mail in registration form below. Both cash and checks will be accepted. Please call if you would like to make other arrangements. We do not take debit/credit cards. Cut off date is July 16th. No refunds will be issued.

Mail-in Registration

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Will you need a Certificate of Attendance? Y N (please circle one)
Amount Enclosed: $ _________ (please make checks payable to SWKAAA)
Promoting kindness, caring towards those with challenges

What is EmPower?

The EmPower group, which was formed by Dodge City residents Sara Smith and John Trombley, is designed to bring information to the public that can promote kind, caring, and respectful ways to serve those who deal with the challenges of everyday living caused by disabling conditions.

The group hopes to present ideas that may help individuals to live more comfortably with daily challenges. The group will periodically submit articles to the Southwest Kansas Catholic that will contain information about specific disabilities and how we can all serve each other.

The group’s hope is to provide suggestions for ways to serve respectfully. Sometimes it just takes being aware of the people around you.

“Recently, my husband was having a hard time walking from a parking lot to an event venue,” Sara explained. “A kind gentleman saw the problem and asked if there was a way he could help. We asked him to see if a wheelchair was available.”

“He left his two youngsters with us and went to find help. A few minutes later he came back with a wheelchair and a plan to follow once we were inside. My husband was able to attend and enjoy the event thanks to the help of this kind man.

“He didn’t invest much time and didn’t have any special training. He was just kind, respectful, and aware.

“It all happened in a far away city so I don’t think I will see him again except in others who follow his example.

“By educating ourselves about serving people who are in some way disabled we empower ourselves and those around us to serve in meaningful ways. We honor our brothers and sisters with concrete actions.”

Simple changes in behavior can empower those facing challenges

BY SARA SMITH

Special to the Catholic

If you are like me, you may suddenly realize there are household tasks and activities you were once able to do, but that you are unable to do now. When those tasks and activities come up, I feel frustrated or even angry. Sometimes I am embarrassed by how limited I feel. I wonder how other people feel for whom it is not just a decline due to age.

According to U.S. Census Facts for Features, “On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodations, commercial facilities, telecommunications, and state and local government services.” With that anniversary just past it seems a good time to reflect on how we as Catholics can make a positive impact for people who are disabled in some way.

An article from the National Council on Independent Living called “Disability Pride Toolkit and Resource Guide” states, “It is important for people of all ages to feel pride in themselves. Many disabled people, including young people, are exposed on a regular basis to something called ableism.” According to Merriam-Webster, “ableism is discrimination or prejudice against individuals with disabilities. It is present throughout society, and can take the form of condescending, rude, or abusive attitudes towards people with disabilities, leading to a lack of accessible and inclusive services and communities.”

Often it is very subtle; treating a person in a wheelchair like a child, disregarding their input in decision-making, being “kind” by performing tasks for them that they are fully capable and willing to do.

According to the Resource Guide, “Disability pride is a tool to fight against ableism by affirming one’s self-worth as a disabled person in an ableist society.”

“A person’s disabled identity is just one part of who they are as a person. They are just as likely to be proud of being disabled as they are of their other identities,” such as being proud to be an alumnus of their high school or college, being a member of their church or any other group. It is important to respect and honor the identities of all people so that we empower rather than limit individuals. It might be wise to reflect on our own identities, such as sister, daughter, wife, friend, advocate, caregiver, educator. The list could go on and on. What are the roles you play? Further reflection might prompt us to think about a person who is disabled and the roles they play in the lives of others.

The U.S. Census Facts for Features also states that about 12 percent of Americans identify themselves as having a disability. That is more than one in 10 people. That means that we all know someone who is disabled in some way. As servants of the people of God we have a responsibility to serve our brothers and sisters who are challenged in all kinds of ways, including those who are disabled.

There are many disabilities that affect us. Just to name a few, mobility challenges, hearing issues, memory and other cognitive problems, vision issues, living independently, and self-care are all problems that challenge people every day. From the chart below, center it is easy to see than many people need assistance.

While most of us are not in a position where we deal with all of these challenges frequently, we do have the opportunity to minister from time to time. The solutions to these problems can seem monumental and require much time and training. If the degree of disability is not so severe, then just being polite and using the resources at hand might be enough.

Here are a few thoughts for your consideration. When speaking with a person who is hard of hearing we tend to speak louder when often it would be better to slow down our speech and speak clearly. Providing materials in a larger format could be helpful for persons who suffer from impaired vision or even just providing more light.

Problems with mobility are sometimes more difficult but removing obstacles from walkways is one way to help. Actively looking for and reporting problems with access to public areas serves those using canes, wheelchairs, and walkers. Those problems can’t be fixed until someone knows about them. The point is to look for the real need and then do what we can to satisfy that need.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one in three people have difficulty using features in their own homes. As we age, many home tasks become more difficult.

We tend to solve those issues by rearranging furniture, moving contents to more convenient locations, and hiring someone to do house and yard work. When those kinds of solutions don’t resolve the situation, we remodel or even move to a different home. In the meantime, a little kindness from family members, friends, and neighbors can lighten the load. Many of us who face these challenges would rather not impose. Keep in mind that not accepting help when offered has the effect of not allowing the other person to serve.

In a conversation with professionals who interact with people who are disabled, it was brought up that the person often feels that they have been removed or exiled from the mainstream of life. Not being able to hear well enough to engage in conversation is one example. Another is not being able to sit wherever the person desires at a sports event or other gathering. Being set apart can make one feel as if they are no longer one of “us” but rather one of “them.” For someone who has always been among “us” that feeling can be heartbreaking. As a universal church we welcome all to our family. Keep in mind that people feel included when it the environment makes it easy for them to participate.

For more information:

https://www.ncil.org/

Older Americans With a Disability: 2008-2012

Types of Disabilities

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CARSON HAUP and JONATHAN LEMUS met up in Larned (right) where Carson was serving as a team member with the Totus Tuus camp for children and youth. At left, he sits with a young camper during a break at the Totus Tuus camp at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Jonathan (whose English has improved dramatically since he was first interviewed for the SKC a year ago), was busy serving parish ministry at both Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Larned, and St. Bernard Parish in Belpre.

In this poignant photo, ESTEBAN HERNANDEZ holds a young relative while others of his family sit nearby, in his home town of Aguaclatan, Guatemala. The photo was taken during the visit of Father Wesley Schawe, pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He has been serving at the cathedral, assisting Father Schawe, while taking academic and English language studies.

ERIC FRIEB gave the camera a grin when serving with the Prayer and Action team in Larned, laboring to improve dilapidated homes during the day, while taking part in praise and worship in the early morning and evening hours. The Prayer and Action missions also included time for fun and fellowship.

AUSTIN HABASH, fourth from left, spent the summer serving with SENT Ministry in Denver, as well as doing parish ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, also in Denver. SENT trains parishes to reach all those who live within their territory, yet outside their physical walls, who do not know Jesus, or who have fallen away from their faith.

JOHN STANG, fourth from right (and at right), received Candidacy for Admission to Holy Orders by Denver Archbishop Samuel Aquilla on April 6 at Christ the King Chapel at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver. With Stang are members of his Theology I class. At right, John is pictured at St. Boniface Church in Sharon. John spent his summer assisting Father Mark Brantley in Sharon, as well as at Holy Rosary Parish, Medicine Lodge, and St. John the Apostle Parish, Kiowa.

TYLER SAUCEDO (left) spent a “pastoral summer” with his family Kansas City. Originally from Great Bend, the Kansas native worked for three years as a certified public accountant and a certified fraud examiner in Houston before deciding to examine the possibility of becoming a priest.

NEXT ISSUE
The next issue will include coverage from Seminarian Renewal Days, their newest mailing addresses, and we will introduce a new seminarian! Please pray for all our seminarians as they prepare for the next year of studies.
Although the high school and college-age youth help refurbish homes in Larned and Hoisington during this summer mission, Prayer and Action, you can be sure that it is the Church they are building.

Through giving of their sweat and their valuable summer time, they provide a visible witness to all those who would happen upon the curious site of a mass of kids working hard under the hot summer sun.

“It’s a time for community, fellowship and formation,” said team member Nicole Diederich.

One of the recipients of the good will of this group of young people from across the diocese was a woman named Shannon, a mother of five, three of whom were adopted at the same time. It’s been a tumultuous year for the Larned resident, who learned several months ago that a family member needed a new kidney.

The struggles left the family with a deteriorating wooden deck around a pool that the family had used as a meeting ground for extended family members to come and enjoy the gifts of God and each other.

“We asked Shannon if she knew of people who we could help, and she named several others, and then someone said that she needed help herself.”

“I’m very appreciative and very humbled by this,” Shannon said as she brought the youth some ice cream. “It’s been a true blessing.”

Each day of the Prayer and Action mission begins with a 7 a.m. Rosary, followed by 7:30 Mass. The youth are staying at the Sacred Heart Parish Center while in Larned.

Then they head directly to the work site where they labor until 3:30 p.m. In the evening, the youth share stories, praise, and perhaps listen to a team member.

Not only do the missionaries grow in friendship with one another, but also in practicing virtues with one another. For most missionaries, they are searching for an opportunity to grow closer to God.

Team members include, Diederich, Lucas Roth, Seth Hilger, Rileigh Greathouse, Britney Dockendorf, and Seminarian Eric Frieb.

“Special thanks to Director of Young Adult Ministry Gentry Heimerman, and Director of Youth Ministry, Adam Urban, for their leadership in making this and other summer activities a success.”

-- Nicole Diederich

Photos by Dave Myers and courtesy of Prayer and Action
When Pope John Paul II decided to make “Totus Tuus” (Totally Yours) his apostolic motto, he couldn’t have imagined that the phrase would eventually translate into a multitude of happy campers. “Totus Tuus”—the name taken unapologetically from St. Pope John Paul II—consists of teams made of four college aged students; two men and two women. Throughout the summer, each team travels to different parishes within the diocese each week to teach children and youth about the Eucharist, Marian devotion, vocations, and other topics of the Catholic faith, while infusing high energy and joy into all that they do.

The program originated in Wichita 32 years ago. While Totus Tuus first incorporated teams from the Wichita diocese, Bishop John Brungardt asked that young adults from our diocese train to serve as team members for the program in southwest Kansas. They have since served hundreds of children who attend in the daytime hours, and youth, who attend in the evening, from parishes across the diocese.

This year, team members included Emma Showalter, Johnelle Mosher, Brendan Smith, Trace Flax, Abby Kelty, seminarian Carson Haupt, Michael Wright, Krysten Brake and Meleny Jacon-Banuelos.

The team provided Totus Tuus camps in English and Spanish in Larned, Hanston, Great Bend, Liberal, Ulysses, Sharon, LaCrosse, Pratt, Plains, Dodge City, Spearville, Ashland, Ellinwood, and at Camp Cristo Rey in Scott City.

Krysten Brake, a native of Kinsley, served for four summers of Totus Tuus; three with the Diocese of Wichita and one with the Diocese of Dodge City. After last year’s Totus Tuus experience, Brake emphasized the importance of the parish priest being involved with these programs and being a witness.

“The priest has more influence than he knows on the youth,” Brake said. “The priests that are involved in the whole Totus Tuus program throughout the week are the ones that have the most impact. This sounds weird, but I know it has much more impact on me when the priest is willing to put on regular clothes and be involved in the water fight. “This shows everyone that priests are human, too, and like to have fun just as much as we all do. Priests have great opportunities to impact everyone throughout the week by saying Mass every day for us, hearing confessions, allowing us to have Adoration, but I think seeing the human side of the priests are some of the most memorable impacts.”
Kinsley youth spend four days taking

Action for Alex

By DAVE MYERS
Southwest Kansas Catholic

KINSLEY — On any given day, Carmen Rodriguez is surrounded by angels: cherubim and seraphim, guardian angels, angels playing harps or blowing their trumpet — a collection of porcelain winged creatures honoring their loving Lord.

But on a day in early June, it was a different kind of angel that surrounded Carmen as she sat in her Kinsley living room across the street from St. Nicholas Church.

One by one they marched into the living room of Carmen’s home—several area youth—to greet for the first time the woman whose home they were spending four days refurbishing.

This is “Action for Alex,” an annual mission event held in memory of Alex Gleason, a well-liked teen who died three years ago July 20.

“I think it’s fantastic they thought of doing this,” Carmen, 88, said of the youth. “And they probably enjoy doing good things for someone else. It’s really amazing what the kids can actually do.”

From June 5-8, several young people joined to celebrate the memory of Alex Gleason by helping others — a fitting way to honor Gleason, who died on July 20, 2016 at the age of 18, and who “always had a smile on his face.”

“Alex was always happy; he was always smiling,” said Caitlin Herrmann at last year’s “Action for Alex” mission, in which they refurbished a house which was, by chance, located across the street from Carmen’s.

Caitlin and her father, Jon, started “Action for Alex” three years ago. Although Alex was a year ahead of Caitlin at Kinsley High School, like in all smaller communities, differences in grades means far less than in big cities.

“Alex was one of the nicest people I knew,” Caitlin said last year. “He never had a mean thing to say about anyone.”

It is a celebration of the life of one of their own by focusing efforts on the community of which he was a part.

Martin Gleason, Alex’s father, didn’t leave it for the youngsters to do all the work. He was hard at it, scraping old paint around a back door.

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Several volunteers with “Action for Alex” surround Carmen Rodriguez in her Kinsley living room. This was the first time that the 89-year-old had met the young people who spent four days refurbishing her home in memory of a Kinsley youth, Alex Gleason, who died July 20, 2016 at the age of 18.

Photos by Dave Myers and Martin Gleason

Alex Gleason’s memory lives on in the actions of dozens of youth who, each year, celebrate the community of which he was a part by refurbishing a local home and/or business.

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“We were very, very proud of him,” Martin said of Alex.

“The volunteers did a fantastic job and in three days really accomplished a lot. It is unbelievable how much can be done in such a short time.”

A 2016 graduate of Kinsley High School, Alex was a member of the Trenton Workers 4-H Club and the Offerle Fire Department. He was working on earning his private pilot’s license at the time of his death.

Alex is also survived by his mother, Jennifer, siblings Brett and Caitlen, grandparents James and Rosanna Gleason and Doug and Saundra McGraw, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.
Local priest brings SW Kansas kindness to Guatemala

Father Schawe finds familiar faces awaiting him at Guatemalan parishes

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City has long benefited from the gifts of the many immigrants and refugees who call Southwest Kansas home.

The diocese recently was able to return the favor when Father Wesley Schawe, pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, and Seminarian Esteban Hernandez, delivered some southwest Kansas kindness to Guatemala. There, the two visited Canillá and Joyabáj in the state of Quiché, two cities from which many Guatemalans living in Kansas were born and reared.

He also visited the family of Esteban Hernandez in Aguacatan, Guatemala.

"It was really remarkable," Father Schawe said, explaining that people would greet him after Mass saying who they knew or were related to living in southwest Kansas.

"I saw one man and said to him, ‘You look so familiar to me.’ He answered, ‘You baptized my daughter last December’ at the cathedral in Dodge City.

So many men have gone to the United States in order to support their families that it’s common to see a church in Guatemala filled almost entirely with women, Father Schawe said.

Along with celebrating Mass, the Father Schawe and Esteban visited sites, offered blessings to the sick (center, above) and played soccer with some kids before enjoying cold treats. Esteban is pictured at top right with Father Schawe, and at far right enjoying ice cream with children. At right, he speaks to children at his alma mater, St. Juan Bosco School. -- Dave Myers
Celebrando la diversidad

THEO 4881 Celebrando la diversidad...cultural y más allá (1 hr. Course)

…No es tanto una clase o un curso como la reunión de personas que buscan un camino.
Mientas dialogamos, oramos, compartimos historias, enfrentamos miedos, exploramos los temores, aprendemos el amor, compasión, y caridad que unifica, buscamos el camino para los muchos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo para hacer la obra de Dios en la tierra tangible y real.

Esta “reunión,” ve la diversidad a través de los lentes de la Escritura de la unidad de la familia humana, el Cuerpo de Cristo, la catolicidad de la misión y su Iglesia.

Las comunidades cristianas se enfrentan retos aplicando a estas verdades. Hasta necesitaremos un cambio de corazón para superar estos obstáculos.

Esta invitado a reunirse por ITV a vivir y en persona para buscar el camino como miembros de Cristo en el Cuerpo y Sangre.

Padre Robert Schremmer

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Dios me ha hecho servidor

Este título es de Colosenses 1,25, de la segunda lectura del domingo hace dos semanas. Sí, nuestro amado Señor nos ha dado muchos dones, y nos ha bendecido con ser ministros, o sea compartidores agradecidos de esos dones. Compartimos las bendiciones de Dios para mostrarle nuestro amor a Él y a los demás.

Los invitó a nuestra Conferencia de Compartir (Stewardship Conference) el sábado 24 de agosto en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Dodge City (detalles en dcdioce- cese.org/stewardship). Nuestro Director de Compartir, Eric Haselhorst, ha organizado una súper conferencia: grandes oradores con una variedad de temas, con muchas oportunidades para crecer en nuestra fe católica.

Yo presentaré una charla, en español, sobre dos nuevos aspectos de nuestra Renovación Anual de la Compartir: la evangelización y los carismas. Todas las parroquias deben estar en la etapa de planificación de la renovación anual requerida. Comenzando este otoño, la Evangelización será añadida como nuestro quinto pilar de la Compartir. Nosotros, los bautizados, estamos llamados a ir y difundir el mensaje del Evangelio, la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo nuestro Salvador. ¿Cómo evangeli- zamos en nuestras parroquias? Se darán ideas y aliento.
¿Qué son los carismas? ¿Existen diversos dones espirituales, pero un mismo Espíritu? (1 Corintios 12,4). Estos dones espirituales se llaman carismas. Sherry Weddell, quien ha asistido a nuestra diócesis muchas veces con talleres de Llamados y Dotados, escribió en Discípulo Fructífero: «Los carismas se dirigen en última instancia a otras personas, no a nosotros mismos ... Los carismas no nos pertenecen; somos simplemente sus compartir- dores». Aprende más sobre los carismas como la misericordia, la enseñanza, la sanación, la oración de intercesión y muchos otros. Seamos agradecidos. Compartamos nuestro tiempo, habilidades y carismas, y diemos y limosnas unos con otros. Crecemos en evan- gelización, hospitalidad, oración, formación y servicio en nuestra fe católica. Asistamos a la Conferencia de Compartir el 24 de agosto. Jesús nos ayudará a ser mejores compartidores de sus bendiciones, ¡porque nos ama tanto! + Monseñor John

Se necesita confianza para dar un salto de fe

Rev. RONALD M. GILMORE,
Obispo Emérito de la Diócesis Católica de Dodge City

Dios dispone todas las cosas para el bien de los que le aman», nos dijo san Pablo. Ese es un pensamiento reconfortante para muchos, pero un pensamiento incómodo para otros. Puede ser que nunca hayan experimentado realmente la Providencia de Dios. Tal vez usted sea una de esas personas.
Una vez, el Padre Jacques Philippe comparó a personas como estas con un paracaidista ansioso y primerizo, durante la noche en vela antes del primer salto. Ya se le ha asegurado que estará a salto. Muchos paracaidistas experimentados se lo han dicho. Entiende el significado de la palabra. Pero le cuesta aceptarlo, confiar en eso. Le falta algo.
TIENE QUE SALTAR PRIMERO, eso es lo que falta. Sólo entonces conocerá y sentirá el aliento del año de salvador de las cuerudas.
«Muchos no creen en la Divina Providencia porque nunca la han experimentado, pero nunca la han experimentado porque nunca han dado el salto al aire, “el salto de la Fe”» (La paz interior). Ni siquiera permiten que Dios tenga la oportunidad de ser la cuerda que los mantiene a salto.
Yo hago esto todo el tiempo. ¿Y usted? ¿Permitiremos que nuestra necesidad por la certeza —esa cosa limitante que nos encierra— impida que tomemos una decisión libre por la Fe? ¿Por la confianza? ¿Por saltar primero?

REPORTANDO ABUSO

Si usted sospecha abuso o desacato de un menor en Kansas y el menor esta en un peligro inmediato hable al 911 o al departamento de policía local. Si usted tiene alguna sospecha de que un menor esta siendo abusado o desacato haga un reporte confidencial al Departamento de Kansas Centre de Reportes Para Protección de Niños y Familias, 800-922-5330. Si usted Suspecha abuso por parte de personal de la Iglesia, aparte de hacer un reporte a esas autoridades civiles, por favor comuníquese con el Señor Charles Befort, cbefort@cox.net, 620- 285-3219. Si usted o alguien que conoce pudo haber sido abusado/ a por parte de personal de la Iglesia, comuníquese con el Señor Befort. Puede hacer un reporte a la Diócesis en nuestro sitio web.
El formulario para hacer su reporte lo puede encontrar en la siguiente dirección: www. dcdioce.se.org/safe-environment.

Sacerdote local trae la amabilidad del Suroeste de Kansas a Guatemala

El padre Schawe encuentra caras familiares que lo esperan en las parroquias de Guatemala.

La Diócesis Católica de Dodge City se ha beneficiado durante mucho tiempo de los regalos de los muchos inmigrantes y refugiados que llaman hogar al Suroeste de Kansas.
La diócesis recientemente pudo devolver el favor cuando el Padre Wesley Schawe, pastor de la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Dodge City, y el Seminarista Esteban Hernández, entregaron algo de los dos visitados, ofrecieron bendiciones a los enfermos (centro, arriba) y disfrutaron de un poco de fútbol con los niños antes de disfrutar de algunos bocadillos fríos.
Estos estarán fotografiable en la parte superior derecha, disfrutando de un helado con el padre Schawe y, a la derecha extrema, disfrutando un helado con los niños. A la derecha, le habla a los niños en su alma mater, la escuela San Juan Bosco.

Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios

La Diócesis requiere a todos los empleados así como voluntarios que trabajan con menores a asistir a las sesiones de concientización de Proteger a los Niños de Dios. Estas sesiones de concientización están disponibles en ambos inglés y español. Son conducidos por gente de nuestra Diócesis especialmente entrenadas como facilitadores. Las sesiones se publicarán en las parroquias, escuelas, el periódico Southwest Kansas Catholic y la página electrónica de la Diócesis. www.dcdioce.se.org/protectionchildren.

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Lucy R. Hernandez, 78, of St. Dominic Parish, Garden City, died June 26, 2019. She was born in Menard, Texas, the daughter of Ysabel and Maclovio Roman. She married Ernesto “Ernest” G. Hernandez on Aug. 13, 1957. Ernest and Lucy moved to Garden City, Kansas in 1970. Ernest died Sept. 19, 2010. Lucy retired as a Deli Clerk for Dillon’s after 25 years and was an active volunteer at St. Catherine Hospital. Survivors include her children, Natalia Gonzales, Ernest Hernandez Jr., Rudy Hernandez, Maggie Dukes, and Nellie Stevens. Lucy has 17 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Father Warren Stecklein presided.

Virginia E. Martinez, 88, of St. Joan of Arc Parish, Elkhart, died June 25, 2019. She was born in Sophía, New Mexico, the daughter of Jose Sabino and Cirai (Salazar) Marquez. She married Louis Martinez on Nov. 29, 1947. Survivors include her children, Gilbert Martinez, Cathy Forbes, Connie Boese, Leonard Martinez, Ruby Martinez, and Virgil Martinez; brothers, Manuel Marquez, Pete Marquez, and M.C. Marquez; sister, Nancy Salinas; nine grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Father Francis Khoi presided.

J. Melvin Gleason, 83, of St. Nicholas Parish, Kinsley, died June 27, 2019. He was born in Spearville to John and Anne Marie (Antone) Gleason. As a young man, Gleason was a tall and lean farm boy, and as such, played center for the winning Kinsley Coyote football team during his junior year in high school. He was a member of the Kinsley High School Class of 1954. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran; he played football for the Navy while stationed in Japan. He married Ann Lee (Bolding) Jones on Dec. 10, 1965. She survives. He cowboyed, worked at and managed feed lots and sold cattle, traded horses and team roped all through Arizona, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Louisiana. Melvin Gleason was a happy, kind fellow who had many friends, and he will be sorely missed by all but especially by his lifelong partner, Annie.

James Lee Gabel, 78, of Sacred Heart Parish, Ness City, died July 3, 2019. He was born in Ness City, the son of Isidore and Josephine (Stecklein) Gabel. Jim was an electrician. He married Sharon Meyer on Jan. 14, 1961. She survives along with their daughter, Lori Kisslinger; three sons, Scott, Mark, and Brad; a sister, Betty Slaven; sister-in-law, Dorothy Gabel; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

M. Lynne Wooster, 72, of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima Church, Great Bend, died July 5, 2019. She was born in Wichita to Benard “Ben” and V. Marian (Ludlow) Stecklein on Dec. 31, 1946. She married Paul Wooster on Aug. 2, 1980 in Great Bend. He survives. Lynne was a bookkeeper for Globe Exploration in Great Bend, died July 12, 2019. She was born in Wichita to Benard “Ben” and V. Marian (Ludlow) Stecklein. She married Paul Wooster on Aug. 2, 1980 in Great Bend. He survives. Lynne was a bookkeeper for Globe Exploration in Great Bend. Other survivors include: his parents; one grandson, Nathan Fishburn; one great-grandchild. Father Francis Khoi presided.

Miguel Angel Carrasco, 52, of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Ulysses, died July 5, 2019. He was born in La Regina, Chihuahua, Mexico, the son of Miguel and Socorro Carrasco. Miguel moved to the United States in 1985 and began working in the oil field industry. He was currently an operator for North Star Well Service in Woodward, Oklahoma. Miguel is survived by his wife, Maria Ordonez; sons, Miguel Angel Carrasco, Jr. and Raoul Roman Ordonez; daughter, Annett at Socorro Carrasco; brother, Rauchy Francisco Carrasco; sisters, Maria Nieto, Martina Carrasco, and Rosa Aragon; and four grandchildren. Father Anesh Parapparattu, MSFS, presided.

Valentine Perez, 84, of St. Anthony Parish, Lakin, died July 12, 2019. He was born in Coolidge, the son of Juan and Jesey (Lopez) Perez. He married Blanca Nieto on Oct. 1, 1953. Valentine graduated from Lakin High School, working in the high school’s maintenance department while in school and continued there for 27 years after graduation. He then became an Oilier at KN Energy for the rest of his working career. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and had been a volunteer fireman with the Lakin Fire Department for many years. He is survived by his wife Mary; sons Joseph, Chris and Anthony; brothers John (Jr.) and Richard; sisters Pat Arlia, Delilah Vincent, Nellie Bribesca, Ruby Escalada and Lupe Longoria; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Father Peter Tran presided.

Kevin Michael Hines, 57, of St. John the Baptist Parish, Spearville, died July 12, 2019. He was born in Dodge City, the son of Melvin and Florence Irene (Stramel) Hines. He was a graduate of Spearville High School and a lifetime resident. He was a mechanic and owned and operated North Central Service in Dodge City. He farmed and worked various agriculture jobs throughout his life. He was a member of the Knight of Columbus Council 1539. On March 14, 1981 he married Susan Konda; she survives, along with sons, Brandon, Michael, John, and Austin; his father, Melvin; his mother-in-law, Kathleen Konda; brothers and sisters, Athena Moen, Dale Hines, Alan Hines, Gary Hines, Rick Hines, Connie Schuette and Sandra Sejung; and seven grandchildren. Father John Forkuoh presided.

Jonathan Osseil Hernandez, 7, died suddenly Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Valley Medical Center in Dodge City. Jonathan was born July 17, 2011 at Dodge City, Kansas the son of Claudia L. Andazola and Juan Carlos Hernandez Ruiz. He had just finished the second grade and was looking forward to being a third grader at Miller Elementary School Dodge City. Jonathan enjoyed playing, jumping on the trampoline and swimming. His favorite colors were blue and red. Survivors include: his parents; one sister, Ziara Johanna Hernandez; grandparents, Rosalía Andazola, Elvira Ruiz, Nina Gallegos, and Carmelita Dominguez; grandfather, Luis Armando Andazola; aunts, Mayra Andazola, Alma Cecilia Ruiz. Continued on Page 16
How Catholics Pray

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Many years ago a group of seminarians were gathered and their Novice Master instructed them, “Now remember, you are not allowed to chew gum while you are praying.”

One of the seminarians asked, “But, Father, is it okay to pray while we’re chewing gum?”

“How of course,” the Novice Master replied, leaving them wondering just how to follow these contradictory instructions.

This story illustrates that prayer is both an activity on its own as well as a way of living out one’s entire life. Prayer can be formal or informal, verbal or nonverbal, active or contemplative. Prayer is communicating with God. Just as we talk and share with our best friends what is happening in our lives, so we talk and share with God. Just as we listen to our friends, so we listen to God.

As in human communication, our communication with God can be expressed in a variety of ways. We communicate with God using words and songs, in imagination and silence, and rhythmically or spontaneously. We can pray in church, our gardens, our cars, or while in the shower. We can also pray lying in bed, as the first thing we do when we awake, and as the last thing we do as we drift off to sleep. One of the characteristics of prayer we as Catholics believe is that with the right intention every moment of the day—all our hopes, works, joys, and sufferings—can become our prayer.

Catholics pray in different ways. The Catechism names three major expressions of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer.

**Vocal Prayer**

Vocal prayer is giving voice to what is stirring in our hearts and in our souls. Vocal prayer can be as simple and uplifting as “Thank you, God, for this beautiful morning.” It can be as formal as a Mass celebrating a very special occasion. It can be as intense and immediate as the prayer Jesus uttered in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Not my will, but yours be done.”

Most Catholics learn traditional prayers from the time they were young. These normally include the Sign of the Cross, the Hail Mary, the Lord’s Prayer, and a mealtime blessing. They might also include prayers at waking and at bedtime. Over time many people learn other prayers, such as the *Memorare*, a prayer asking Mary, the mother of God, to pray for us in our time of need.

Catholics often pray in groups. When two or more people gather together to raise their minds and hearts to God in prayer, their prayer is called communal prayer. Examples of communal prayer are the Rosary, devotional prayers including novenas and litanies, classroom prayers, and, most importantly, the Mass. Standing together at Mass reciting the Creed (“I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth...”) is a powerful experience that both expresses and shapes our faith. Though we might say the same prayers over the course of our lives, their meaning grows and changes with our life experiences. Surely, the Lord’s Prayer means something vastly different to a person who has just buried his or her father than it does to a child who still has only vague notions about God. Our vocal prayers are not just “going through the motions,” they are the expression of a living faith.

At Mass the presider invites each one of us to “Lift up your hearts.” When we honestly say “We lift them up to the Lord,” we know we are truly praying, for that is what prayer is—lifting our hearts to God.

**Meditation**

To meditate is to reflect on or think about God. When we meditate, we keep our attention and focus on God so that we can recognize his presence in our daily lives and respond to what God is asking of us. When we meditate, a variety of things can help us to concentrate and to spark our imaginations. We may use Scripture, particularly the Gospels; traditional prayers; writings of the spiritual fathers; religious images; or history—the page on which the “today” of God is written. Meditation, also known as reflective prayer, leads us to conversation with God. Remembering that we are in God’s presence, we can listen to him speak to us. We enter into God’s sacred time and space and know that he is with us at all times and in all places.

**Contemplative Prayer**

When we rest quietly in God’s presence, we engage in contemplation. In contemplation we spend time with God in wordless silence, aware that he is with us. To understand how contemplation occurs, we can compare it with thinking on—or contemplating—a beautiful sunset. We are conscious of its impact, but our reaction is wordless. When we experience God personally, we feel his love and wait for him to speak to us in his own way. The key is to make time to relax and listen in God’s presence, to seek union with the God who loves us.

**The Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored they help, or sought thine intercession as left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to the do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in they mercy hear and answer me.

Amen

“...if you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: ‘Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.’ I must admit, this prayer has never failed me.”

~ Mother Teresa

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Adriana Ruiz, and Carmen Vazquez; and uncles, Luis A. Andazola, Jose Gallegos, and Raul Hernandez. Father Juan Salas presided.

JAMES "JIMMY" HELFRICH, 54, of Ellinwood, died on July 10, 2019. He was born to Butch Helfrich and Juanita (Scheuerman) Gann. A lifetime Ellinwood resident, he graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1983 where he loved to play football, even winning the “Jim Brown” Award at the high school. Mr. Helfrich worked as a farmer in the Ellinwood area. Survivors include father, Butch Helfrich; mother, Juanita Gann; and sister, Tammy Helfrich. Other survivors included numerous cousins. Father Terrance Klein presided.

MICHELLE RENEA PEREZ, 48, of St. Bernadette Parish, Johnson, died July 12, 2019. She was born in West Plains, Missouri, the daughter of Curtis Ray and Barbara Ann (Schweizer) Houser. Michelle moved to Johnson in 1973. She married Juan Carlos Perez on Oct. 15, 1989. She worked at the Johnson State Bank, Stanton County Library and USD 214. She is survived by her children, Jalisssa Montes and Marcus Perez; grandchildren, Pedro, Isaiah, and Alex Montes; and parents, Curtis and Barbara Houser. Father Aneesh Parappanattu, MSFS presided.

MARIA ISELA (DELGADO) RIGGS, 55, of St. Mary Parish, Garden City, died July 7, 2019. She was born in Cuidad Juarez, Mexico the daughter of Esteban Delgado Aguirre and Leonor Payan Rodriguez. She worked as a Shelter Advocate for Family Crisis. She married Arnold D. Riggs on Dec. 24, 2009. She survives along with her daughter Elda Menjivar (Jose) and their children, Jacqueline and Roman; Son Antonio (Heather) Martinez; Adam (Kailey) Riggs and their children, Tulsyn and Kratyn and Trishel Riggs and Dan Lewis; siblings Jose Maria, Ramon, Monica, Sandra, Guadalupe and Ismael Delgado. Father Eric G Yamfi presided.

DARLENE V. GLEASON, 87, of St. John the Baptist Parish, Spearville, died July 20, 2019. She was born in Dodge City, the daughter of John B. “Bob” and Alma (Stein) Bogner. She was a lifetime Ford County resident and a 1950 graduate of Dodge City High School. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella. On May 5, 1955 she married Thomas M. Gleason. She preceded her death on May 5, 1987. Survivors include sons, Joseph, Jim, Patrick, Philip, Steven, Richard and Roger; a brother, Duane Bogner; sisters, Donna Schawe and Dolores Engelhardt; sisters-in-law, Maureen Bogner, Diane Bogner, Rosanna Gleason, Lucille Gleason, Catherine Hattrup, Theresa Aistrup, Hanston and Carolyn Gleason; 20 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Fathers John Forkosh and Wesley Schawe presided.

JEROME ANTHONY WONDRA, 76, of Holy Family Parish, Odin, died July 20, 2019. He was born on the family farm in rural Odin, the son of Alfred and Regina (Kirmer) Wondra. He graduated from Odin High School in 1961. Jerome served in the National Guard. A lifetime resident of the Odin area Jerome was a farmer and stockman, farming the family farm with his brother Ambros. He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic minister, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #2630. On Oct. 10, 1969, he married Judy Ann Steiner. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Judy and their five children, Jeff, John, Joe, Jennifer Berens, and Julie Wondra; seven siblings, Bernard Wondra, Mary Rose Oberle, Ambrose Wondra, Leona Canfield, Theresa Schremmert, Norbert Wondra, and Doris Morgan; and five grandchildren.Father Daniel Sheetz presided.

SUNDAY, AUG. 4: Ecc 1:2-12; 2:21-23/ Col 1:3-5, 9-11/ Lk 12:13-21
MONDAY, AUG. 5: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
TUESDAY, AUG. 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
ThurSDay, AUG. 8: Nm 13:1-2, 25-24, 36a, 34-35/ Mt 15:21-28
FRIDay, AUG. 10: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
SATURDAY, AUG. 11: Nm 21:3-25/ Mt 16:24-28
SUNDAy, AUG. 12: Nm 21:3-25/ Mt 16:24-28
TUESDAY, AUG. 13: 2 Cor 9:6-10/ Mt 16:21-28
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14: Nm 1:9-10/ Mt 20:20-28
THURSDAY, AUG. 15: Nm 1:9-10/ Mt 20:20-28
FRIDAY, AUG. 16: Nm 2:13-20/ Mt 21:22-23
SATURDAY, AUG. 17: Nm 3:17-20/Mt 22:23-30
SUNDAY, AUG. 18: Nm 3:20-21/ Mt 22:24-30
MONDAY, AUG. 19: Nm 4:12-17/ Mt 23:24-30
TUESDAY, AUG. 20: Nm 4:18-20/ Mt 23:30-39
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21: Nm 4:21-26/Mt 24:1-14
THURSDAY, AUG. 22: Nm 5:1-10/Mt 24:35-51
FRIDAY, AUG. 23: Nm 5:11-15/Mt 24:52-54
SATURDAY, AUG. 24: Nm 5:16-20/Mt 25:1-13
SUNDAY, AUG. 25: Nm 6:1-6/Mt 25:14-30
MONDAY, AUG. 26: Nm 6:7-13/Mt 25:31-46
TUESDAY, AUG. 27: Nm 7:1-8/Mt 25:47-50
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28: Nm 7:9-16/Mt 25:51-62
THURSDAY, AUG. 29: Nm 7:17-25/Mt 26:1-26
FRIDAY, AUG. 30: Nm 7:26-30/Mt 26:27-30
SATURDAY, AUG. 31: Nm 7:31-32/Mt 26:31-38
SUNDAY, SEPT. 1: Nm 7:33-40/Mt 26:39-46
MONDAY, SEPT. 2: Nm 8:1-8/Mt 27:1-10
TUESDAY, SEPT. 3: Nm 8:9-15/Mt 27:11-20
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4: Nm 8:16-20/Mt 28:1-10
THURSDAY, SEPT. 5: Nm 8:21-26/Mt 28:11-20
FRIDAY, SEPT. 6: Nm 8:27-30/Mt 28:21-30
SATURDAY, SEPT. 7: Nm 8:31-39/Mt 28:31-38
SUNDAY, SEPT. 8: Nm 9:1-7/Mt 29:1-13

OBITUARIES

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Archbishop Odin

O din, Nazareth (Barton County) – The community’s name began and remains Odin, yet old postcards of Holy Family Church identify the community as Nazareth, Kansas. Early families to the community named the settlement for their former home, Odin, Illinois. Father Augustine Heimann, the pastor at Holy Family Parish, knew Odin was the name of a god in ancient Norse mythology and he was determined to change it. For thirteen years, from 1898 to 1911, Father Heimann sent annual parish reports to the Wichita chancery office from “Holy Family, Nazareth.” The name change was never official; the Odin post office never was known as Nazareth. Father Heimann’s tenacity, however, is still visible on the parish grounds. A sign above the cemetery and a metal plate attached to the cornerstone of the church, shown above, both proudly identify the community as Nazareth. Had Father Heimann known of a Vincentian priest bearing the Odin surname, he may have fashioned this “heathen name” into an honor for an early Kansas missionary. Father Jean-Marie (John Mary) Odin, C.M., erected the first buildings at Osage Mission in Labette County in 1829. He was later named first Bishop of Galveston (1847-1861) and second Archbishop of New Orleans (1861-1870).

Holy Family Church in Odin

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3 Dismas, the Good Thief 9 Saint Goretti
10 He saw the wheel 11 French Christmas
12 "...the Lion, the giver of..." 13 Heavenly ___ ear alabaster...
15 Deborah of the Old Testament 16 Second book of the Bible
17 He was Simon, originally 20 Commandment word
22 Color of smoke that indicates a pope has been elected
23 Fr. Junipero ___ 25 The Lord said to him, "Come now, let us set things right" (Isa 1:18)
26 Catholic "Today Show" weather anchor
27 The ___ at the Well 28 Catholic "Today"
29 ___ of Faith 30 ___ occasion of sin
31 Killed by Cain 32 OT prophetic book
33 What you should do when the herald angels sing 34 ___ of Faith
35 Archdiocese in New Mexico 36 Second word in the name of a Parisian basilica
37 What the apostles did while Jesus prayed in the Garden

DOWN
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2 How Jesus addressed Judas in the Garden (Mt 26:50) 8 "...bone of my bones and ___..." (Gen 2:23)
3 Theology on ___ program 14 Michaelmas mon.
4 Words added at the beginning of a Scripture reading in the Lectionary 15 First Catholic US president, familiarly
5 Catholic tennis great Roger ___ 16 Second book of the Bible
6 Her eyes were described in the Bible (Gen 29:17) 19 "Angel of God, my guardian ___..." (Gen 22:14)
21 Alb or stole 22 One of two names in a Catholic book publishing company
24 Take communion ___ 27 "...am I my brother’s ___?" (Gen 4:9)
28 Nationality necessary to be in the papal guard 30 ___ occasion of sin
31 What you should do when the herald angels sing 33 What the apostles did while Jesus prayed in the Garden
32 ___ occasion of sin 34 ___ of Faith

ST. MARTIN’S MIND TEASERS

TEASER THE FIRST: Someone has stolen Beethoven’s Wig and has put it in one of four locked boxes. The boxes are numbered from 1,2,3,4 in that order. There are four different keys that each has its own color. Use the clues below to figure out which key goes in which box and to find the box where Beethoven’s wig is being kept.

1. The green key goes to the third or fourth box
2. The wig is to the left of the fourth box
3. The wig is to the right of the first box
4. The yellow key is to the left of the wig
5. The blue key is to the right of the yellow key and to the left of the green key
6. The red key goes to the first box

TEASER THE THIRD: In this game, you must face two challenges:

Spell 4-letter words that use one letter from each row. You may use the letters in any order. Score 1 point for each 4-letter word you form.

Spell one 10-letter word that begins with the top letter in the triangle and uses every letter in the triangle. Score 5 points for this word.

Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 Sudoku grid containing areas surrounded by gray or dotted lines. The object is to fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear exactly once in each row, column and 3x3 box, and the sum of the numbers in each area is equal to the clue in the area’s top-left corner.

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

ALTERNATIVE ANSWERS

First:  
The wig is in the third box.  
The yellow key goes to the first box.  
The blue key goes to the second box.  
The green key goes to the fourth box.

Pour, purl, rout, rush, rust, ruts, spue, spur, suet, tour, your, yule;

SECOND:

Fourth:  
Bunt, burn, burnish, burnish, burnish.

Fifth:  
Beau, beau, beau, beau, beau, beau.

Sixth:  
Crest, crest, crest, crest, crest, crest.

Seventh:  
Rake, rake, rake, rake, rake, rake.

Eighth:  
Nephew, nephew, nephew, nephew, nephew, nephew.

Ninth:  
Heritage, heritage, heritage, heritage, heritage, heritage.

Tenth:  
Thistle, thistle, thistle, thistle, thistle, thistle.

Eleventh:  
Asphalt, asphalt, asphalt, asphalt, asphalt, asphalt.

Twelfth:  
Capitol, capitol, capitol, capitol, capitol, capitol.

Four:  
Four, four, four, four, four, four.

Five:  
Five, five, five, five, five, five.

Sixth:  
Six, six, six, six, six, six.

Seventh:  
Seven, seven, seven, seven, seven, seven.

Eighth:  
Eight, eight, eight, eight, eight, eight.

Ninth:  
Nine, nine, nine, nine, nine, nine.

Tenth:  
Ten, ten, ten, ten, ten, ten.
Pro-life women deliver semi-truck full of supplies, $72,000 to the border

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A fellow church-goer of one of ATTWN staff members had heard about the initiative and, as the owner of a trucking company, offered to drive an 18-wheeler to the border for the group, Johnson said. The catch: the truck had to be full.

“We did the first registry and filled that up in a couple of days, like in 48 hours it was full,” Johnson said. The first registry filled about half of the truck, so New Wave Feminists and ATTWN launched another registry.

“By the end it was completely packed full of supplies,” Johnson said.

While Johnson could not complain about the hard work that it took to unload thousands of boxes of supplies in the searing Texas heat, there was one frustrating part of the day, before the unloading even got started, she added. A press conference of about a dozen members of Congress had closed down the streets around the center, delaying the unloading of supplies.

“And it was really infuriating for me because here we are with no cameras, we weren’t like, ‘Hey media, come watch us unload this truck,’ because it wasn’t about us. It was about getting these supplies to these people,” Johnson said.

Johnson “busted up” the press conference and invited the members of Congress to help unload the truck instead of just doing a photo-op at the center.

“I said, ‘You know we’ve got an 18-wheeler full of supplies that will be here in 20 minutes, and if you really want to help these migrants and their families, you’ll stick around and help us unload this truck.’”

“And they smirked at me and rolled their eyes and said, ‘Well we only have 10 minutes, we can only give you 10 minutes, because we have another press opportunity in 20 minutes, we can only give you 10 minutes, because we have another press opportunity, and we can only give you 10 minutes, we can only give you 10 minutes, because we have another press opportunity.”

“…When God creates all of us, he doesn’t create Americans with more dignity and worth than he does Mexicans,” she said. “We’re all created in the likeness of Christ, we’re all created with that same inherent dignity and worth at the moment of conception.”

“Why do we have to pick and choose? Because when God creates all of us, he doesn’t create Americans with more dignity and worth than he does Mexicans,” she said. “We’re all created in the likeness of Christ, we’re all created with that same inherent dignity and worth at the moment of conception.”

Johnson said the border crisis presents an opportunity to the pro-life movement to step up and prove that they are supportive of life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

“This is an opportunity to make that known and to show it, and to actually be that pro-life. There are respite centers all along the border that are providing respite to immigrants who have come through a port of entry legally, and they need support, they need rest, they need a shower, they need clean diapers, they need food, and this is an opportunity for us to provide that,” she said.

Confirmation in Wright

ST. ANDREW PARISH, WRIGHT – Bishop John B. Brungardt celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation April 27 at St. Andrew Parish in Wright for students (LtoR) Kara Brakey, Grayden Gamblin (Bishop John), Calista Stein and Ryan Renner.
Dozens of children and youth from across the diocese experienced the joy of Christ through the gift of each other at Camp Cristo Rey near Lake Scott June 9-13. Camp Cristo Rey offers young middle school students the ability to come together and learn about their faith. This year the theme was the sacraments. Camp Cristo Rey is named after the young, early 20th century martyr St. José Sánchez Del Río’s phrase “Viva Cristo Rey” which means “Long live Christ the King.” Through adventure activities such as swimming, hiking, star gazing, and canoeing they will experience God and each other in a profound way.