Providing help, hope

Catholic Charities begins new chapter in Garden City

By DAVE MYERS
Southwest Kansas Catholic

GARDEN CITY -- Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas, which has put faith into much needed action for a multitude over the last half-century, has a new office to call home in Garden City.

And with their new home comes a new designation designed to help even more. Besides aiding pretty much anyone in need—from adoptive parents, to those facing addictions, to communities struggling with through disasters—they are now an official “Legal Immigration Services” provider, offering help and guidance to immigrants along their difficult journey.

At the August 14 ribbon-cutting and blessing by the Most Rev. John B. Brungardt for the new office at 705 Ballinger Street, Director of Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas Debbie Snapp spoke about the twin blessings.

“Our need for space was growing, and we knew that we needed to do something," she told a crowd of staff, volunteers, and friends.


“Then I will go to college," he said sternly. “Education is very important. I travelled all the way from Africa to here. I have to do something big with my life.”

Somali refugees thankful for the kindness of strangers

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They had little choice.

Cousins Abdurushid Mohamed and Nimo Hussein had to leave their homes and families in Somalia to make the long and frightening journey to the United States.

For Abdurushid, it was about seeking a better life, one with opportunity and hope for a future.

For Nimo, it was about survival.

“She was living in a region with no government,” Abdurushid said of Nimo, who speaks little English.

Wrapped in her Muslim hijab, Nimo sat smiling with her cousin in the new offices of Catholic Charities as they celebrated the grand opening of the new offices and its expanded services to refugees and immigrants.

Abdurushid is 20 and soon to earn his high school diploma.

“I only ask you to stay here beside me: you are my hope.’’ Pope Francis

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“Jesus is looking at you and loving you. Let us love with each other. Your pastor may give you an opportunity to do this at the parish level. Thank you for your input.

We are discerning how we can better Evangelize with Joy. This phrase is from Pope Francis’ The Joy of the Gospel. We have discussed this with the priests and the chancery staff. Now we ask your input. Please consider completing the survey questions found in this issue, and add any ideas of your own as to how we can better share Jesus’ love with each other. Your pastor may give you an opportunity to do this at the parish level. Thank you for your input.

In the story of the rich young man, we learn: “Jesus, looking at him, loved him...” (Mark 10:21). Jesus is looking at you and loving you. Let us discern how we may fall deeper in love with Him, and share His saving faith with others.

+ Bishop John
Approximately 170 faithful from across the diocese attended the Aug. 24 Stewardship Conference at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. In order to present the many photos and stories from the day, coverage will be held until the next issue of the SKC. Presentations included subjects related to disaster preparedness and response, human trafficking, the cathedral’s “door to door” project, the upcoming census, and many other subjects.

Guile ran deep in the Hebrew story, flaming out here and there, as the Chosen People made their way through history. From even this warped thing, the Lord brought out good. Jacob (also known as “Israel”), the grandson of Abraham, was legendary for his duplicity. (Chapter 27 in the Book of Genesis) On the 24th of August, we celebrated the feast of St. Bartholomew, also known as “Nathaniel” in Saint John’s Gospel. The Lord calls Nathaniel a “true Israelite,” a “true Israel, because there is no guile in him.” Not a “Jacob,” in other words.

We do not hear much of any of the commandments these days, so it is not surprising that speaking of the Eighth Commandment will draw a blank stare. Thou shalt not bear false witness: what in the world is that all about? No fully human life can be lived in a lie. Not so hard to understand, this, even if it is so hard to do. “Guile” is wrong because it is a lie. All dissimulation, and deceit, and duplicity lead us down a wrong path. Our words and our actions should be measured by the simple standard of truth. When they are not, we find among us those who would cunningly foment division, and love to incite quarrels, and seem to find a malignant pleasure in sowing discord, in severing the dearest social ties, and in unleashing endless hatred and endless fighting among those who should be friends. Lying is an almost incurable disease today. Those who do it cannot be pardoned ... cannot be cured ... unless they repair the injury they have caused. And where, in our frenzied media society, where do we even begin with that?

When duplicity and lying reign supreme, good faith and truth are dissolved in something of an acid bath. And these are the very things that hold any society ... family, city, state, country, church, you name it ... these are the things that hold any society together. Without good faith, without truth, confusion rears its ugly head. We never stop talking, but we talk past one another, we yell at one another, we communicate nothing. And it just never ends. It grows and it spreads until there is something almost demonic in the words that come from our mouths. A Nathaniel here, and a Nathaniel there ... they would do us a world of good. Today, yes they would.

Evangelization with Joy: Bishop seeks input from the faithful

Editor’s Note: Please read the Bishop’s Column on Page 1 in regard to the questions below. You may clip and return the answers written below—or on a separate sheet of paper—to Evangelization with Joy Survey, 910 Central, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City, KS, 67801, or email your reply to gkirmer@dcdiocese.org, with the subject “Evangelization with Joy Survey.”

1 How do I fall deeper in love with Jesus Christ, my Savior? How do we, as a family and a parish, fall deeper in love with Jesus Christ, our Savior? Jesus is in my heart of hearts, He is my fundamental relationship, He is my Brother and Friend. St. Thomas said: “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

2 How do I/we better evangelize (share the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Church), as missionary disciples, sharing my/our love for Jesus Christ in:

• building one-on-one relationships

• serving (especially those in the peripheries), and

• reconciling with God, others, and myself?

Jesus said: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

3 What is bearing fruit in the Lord in my personal life, my family, and our parish? What can we cultivate and fertilize, that we bear more fruit? What, after many attempts to improve, do we need to “let go?” (Luke 13:6-9). Jesus said: “By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples” (John 15:8).
By DAVE MYERS  
**Southwest Kansas Catholic**

Someone once said that you should “be kind to everyone you meet, for they are fighting a hard battle.”

But what if the battle is set so deep that they don’t even know it’s waging?

At the 2019 annual Dodge City Diocesan Teachers’ Institute at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Aug. 16, dozens of Catholic school teachers from around the diocese learned that a child’s misbehavior may be the result of a trauma they experienced earlier in life.

The guest speaker was Jina Arellano of Garden City, a 30-year educator. Mass was celebrated by Bishop John Brungardt, who commissioned the teachers as they prepared to enter another year of teaching.

It was a sobering thought. That children—and adults—may be experiencing behavioral patterns that stem from trauma received at a young age.

For the child, this behavior might include abnormal responses to difficult situations—anger, fighting, crying, or withdrawal. For the adult, such behavior can include addiction, abuse, even suicide.

They’re called ACEs: Adverse Childhood Experiences. And they can be anything from emotional and sexual abuse, to neglect, to living with family dysfunction. And it can start at the earliest moments of life.

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Then this: the mother’s face goes blank. The baby continues to laugh and smile, but something’s wrong. Then this: the mother’s face goes blank. The baby reaches for her mother who is unmoving.

The mother is not responding. The baby reaches out, then pulls itself up. It continues to laugh and smile, but something’s wrong.

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And then the baby begins to wail.

This is neglect, perhaps one of the most common forms of trauma, since it can be subjected by even the most well-intentioned parent. Think of the cell phone, and how they draw attention away from your immediate surroundings, including family.

If simple neglect can cause trauma, think how much more trauma is caused by physical or sexual abuse, seeing one parent beaten by another or abusing a drug, or being bullied in school.

How does the brain respond to trauma incurred during youth or childhood?

“Research shows that whatever age the trauma occurs, it can throw a glitch into development,” Arellano said. “Brains are not grown, they’re built.”

Teachers can learn to see the signs of Adverse Childhood Experiences, and respond appropriately. Whether confirmed or suspected, the response is the same: “Hone in on their strengths, and support their weaknesses,” Arellano said.

Guide them in learning to solve problems and make decisions, thus allowing them a sense of control they may feel they have lost. This, in turn, can lead to a growth in self-esteem. Help them to trust. Help them to develop a sense of hope.

At the commissioning Mass, Bishop Brungardt said, “This time of year is special to my heart because I was a teacher for so many years before becoming a priest.”

He spoke of the importance of living the virtuous life, in particular, helping children to live out the love, compassion and kindness that is mercy.

“Patience,” he said, “is the love of mercy. How many of you need more patience with your students? With your priests?”

“With your bishop?” Bishop Brungardt glanced behind him at Fathers Juan Salas and Wesley Schawe as the congregation laughed.

“Let us ask the Lord for greater emphasis on mercy. Let us ask Him to instill that in our children."

In closing, Superintendent of Schools Trina Delgado encouraged those gathered to “treat your students as if they were your own children.”

Guest speaker Jina Arellano of Garden City discusses ACEs, or Adverse Childhood Experiences that can affect us for the rest of our lives.

With Bishop Brungardt and Superintendent of Schools Trina Delgado (far right), are teachers celebrating anniversaries of service. Those teachers are: From Sacred Heart Cathedral School—Kathy Hirschfeld, 30 years; Becky Gleason, 25 years; and Sara Zellers, 5 years. From St. Dominic School in Garden City—Amanda Frick, 15 years; and Kelly Gerber, 5 years. From Holy Family School, Great Bend—Joan Henning, 25 years; Kathy Hayes, 20 years; Kristy Jerke, 10 years; Lori Keller, 10 years; and Amanda Johnson, 5 years. From Sacred Heart School, Ness City—Kathy Whitley, 20 years; and Ramona Johnson, 10 years.
When a rock hits the windshield of life

I was a hot Tuesday morning, soon to be a sizzling afternoon. I was two hours west of Dodge City, heading toward Denver. It was an innocuous day; nothing happens on Tuesdays. Even God didn’t do much on a Tuesday. He created the sky, but how hard could that be? A splash of blue, a few blobs of white... ten minutes, tops. I bet He spent most of the day fishing. But back to my story. I had literally replaced—Wait. I just realized God didn’t invent fish until Friday (makes sense). I bet that when He was done with the sky, He doodled in His sketch book, maybe coming up with ideas for later, like the fish, so he could offer them up in His daily prayer. That’s what I believe.

As I was saying, I had just replaced my windshield three days before my trip to Denver... for 225 smackaroos. (“We don’t take smackaroos,” the guy told me. So I wrote a check.

The new windshield was so clean, so crisp, so... clear! It was beautiful! No chips, no bird poop, no bug splats. So, two hours after I left for Denver, I was driving along listening to a lecture on the financial benefits of reducing everything to the poor, when—“CAAACK!”

What the...?”

My eyes were immediately drawn to a dime-sized star—like a picture drawn from one of those old Spirograph toys—pretty in a way, something you’d hang on your Christmas tree if you could—in the middle of my windshield.

It had several little cracks ready to go exploring, leaving hair-line tracks across my window. It was just a matter of time. I cursed under my breath. And over my breath. And beside my breath. Then under my breath again, just for good measure.

I’m prone to ignoring things like this, hoping they eventually fix themselves. But all my studies regarding the laws of physics (which come from old Star Trek episodes) told me that windows usually don’t mend themselves, at least not with our present-day technology. If only Mr. Scott were here, I thought. But he wasn’t, so I called ahead to a repair shop in Lamar, Colo. “Bring it on!” the lady said musically (she had back-up singers). But when I arrived? “Oh, I’m sorry,” but the guy who handles those is gone. I don’t know where he went and he’s not answering his phone! I thought he’d be back by now!

He and I weighed me down before the windshield and the credit card issue. I had forgotten to notify them that I was travelling. They assumed it was stolen. How diligent of them. I lifted my windshield back up and went on my way.

“Sorry—my support, my rock (along with the Lord) was in Tulsa. I drove on to my mom’s place on a breath of gas, my spirit battered and fried. It wasn’t just the glass and the card, there were other stresses, other anxieties, that had already weighed me down well before the windshield and the credit card issue. The latter were just icing.

I felt defeated. Someone reminded me recently that faith shines brightest in the dark. For the next several days, while staying in my mom’s assisted living apartment, God led me quickly out of my funk and into a place of solace and rest through the sheer act of encountering others.

The loneliness, the health issues, the plethora of struggles facing those I encountered, reminded me that God’s place is not in the absence of suffering, but in the way we encounter those who are suffering. This, in return, acts as a salve on our own pain, for (the Loving Lord reminded me), it is in giving that we receive.

Revealed with fire

Bedouins are an exceptionally hardy, hospitable people... learned of the Holy Land from my friend, Tony, a Catholic archeologist who grew up in Jerusalem and is presently completing his dissertation on King David, examining his life in the rock and ruins. Tony tells me that he will sometimes employ Bedouins to work on his archeological digs especially during the blistering summer months. He hires them in particular for their work ethic, but also for their ability to withstand the crushing desert heat. He speaks of them with sincere admiration when he says, “I am a son of the desert, I know what 120 degree heat is, and even I can’t work past about ten a.m. some days. But the Bedouins,” he adds, nodding his head in approval and a touch of disbelief, “they can work all day.”

They have their methods. One day while working alongside them, Tony was about to collapse due to the rising temperature. About mid-day, he told the Bedouin workers to quit for the day. Instead, they made a roaring fire and sat around it, close, drinking very hot tea. Curious, Tony joined them. About forty minutes next to the blaze, he said, “I’m cooked! I can’t take any more!” and he got up to move away from the fire.

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As he stepped away from the blaze, he stopped short—he suddenly felt completely cool. It was over 120 degrees, but sitting next to the fire, drinking the hot tea raised his body temperature such that he actually felt cool when he returned to the dig. And he was able to work vigorously the rest of the day alongside his Bedouin desert brothers.

God’s method of mercy is often just like this: a roaring fire in the desert heat. Sometimes, Jesus brings us a little bit closer to the blaze, asks us to drink just a little more of that hot cup of suffering, whatever it might be—persecution or poverty, loneliness or rejection, illness or isolation—but it is to prepare and strengthen us, that we might go back out into the heat of spiritual battle and continue to fight with fresh courage.

The question, sometimes, will I trust his method or will I run for shade? Am I just too attached to my own comfort that I refuse to drink that burning cup?

O, God of fire! In his word, you cannot miss the multiple references to the Lord as a consuming fire, or his curious choice to lead the Israelites by night as a pillar of fire, or to appear to Moses as a burning bush, or the tongues of fire that descended upon the trembling first faithful in the upper room. I could go on. Yahweh seems rather smitten with his creation of fire—its power, for its beauty, its ability to withstand the crushing desert heat. How’s the heat where you are? Is the Lord offering you a seat close to the blazing fire? Is he handing you a miserable burning cup when all you long for is a sip of cold water? Can you trust his method just a little bit longer until he releases you into cool, blessed relief?

Lord, you are a consuming fire. Devour my fears in the flames of your Sacred Heart. Give me the grace to withstand your refining holy fire while I work, and grow in the heat of faith. I am not, certainly, completely cool. But I am learning to trust your method.
Wake Up: The real danger posed by the California confession bill

In the context of confession, the priest, we hold, is operating in the very person of Christ, and therefore, the penitent is speaking to and hearing from the Lord himself. Thus, absolutely nothing ought to stand in the way of a sinner who seeks this font of grace.

By BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

S B 360, a piece of proposed legislation currently making its way through the California state senate, should alarm not only every Catholic in the country, but indeed the adepts of any religion.

In California, as in almost every other state, clergy members (along with a variety of other professionals, including physicians, social workers, teachers, and therapists) are mandated reporters—which is to say, they are legally required to report any case of suspected child abuse or neglect to law enforcement. However, California clergy who come by this knowledge in the context of “penitential communication” are currently exempted from the requirement. SB 360 would remove the exemption.

I would like to make clear what the passage of this law would mean for Catholic priests in California. Immediately, it would place them on the horns of a terrible dilemma. Since the canon law of the Church stipulates that the conscious violation of the seal of confession results in automatic excommunication, every priest, under this new law, would be threatened with prosecution and possible imprisonment on the one hand or formal exclusion from the body of Christ on the other. And does anyone doubt that, if this law is enacted, attempts will be made to entrap priests, effectively placing them in this impossible position?

What I hope is clear—not only to Catholics, but to any American committed to the First Amendment—is that we are dealing here with an egregious violation of the principle of religious liberty. In its stipulation that Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, the first amendment holds off, if you will, the aggression of any religion toward the civil state. But in its further stipulation that Congress shall never legislate in such a way as to obviate the free exercise of religion, it blocks the state’s aggression toward religion. The framers of the Bill of Rights were legitimately alarmed at the prospect of the government meddling in the affairs of a religious community, monitoring its beliefs and policing its behavior. But such meddling and monitoring is precisely what SB 360 involves.

I realize that not all Catholics and nonbelievers might not appreciate how precious the sacrament of confession is to Catholics and why the seal of confession matters so profoundly. In my last year in the seminary, my classmates and I took a course in the theology and practice of the sacrament of reconciliation (to give it its proper title). Our professor said something that has stayed with me for the thirty-three years of my priesthood, burned into my mind and soul. He told us, “If someone asks, ‘Father, would you hear my confession?’, the answer is always yes. Even if hearing that confession puts your own life in danger, the answer is always yes.” And he went on, “If a person inquires about what was said during a confession, you should act as though the confession never even happened. And if doing so puts your own life in danger, you should still act as though the confession never happened.”

We do so because we believe that through this sacramental encounter, a sinner accedes the healing and forgiving grace of Christ. In the context of confession, the priest, we hold, is operating in the very person of Christ, and therefore, the penitent is speaking to and hearing from the Lord himself. Thus, absolutely nothing ought to stand in the way of a sinner who seeks this font of grace. In light of these clarifications, one can understand the indispensable importance of the seal. If a penitent thought that the priest to whom he confessed were likely to share with others what was given in the most sacred confidence, he or she would be reluctant indeed to surrender to approach the sacrament of reconciliation. And this is why the Church has striven so strenuously to protect, at all costs, the integrity of confession.

And through the entire course of our country’s history, the government has protected the right of the Catholic Church to determine its own sacramental practice and has never sought to compel the violation of the seal. Given this venerable tradition, grounded in the second clause of the First Amendment, an extraordinary burden of proof, it seems to me, lies with those who would seek to dispense with the exemption. But what is impossible to doubt is that religious liberty is indeed under threat. And if we allow the slippery slope onto which SB 360 would invite us. Surely murder, theft, spousal abuse, child neglect, and rape are terrible crimes. Would the state determine that priests are obligated to report these offenses to the authorities, should they hear of them in the confessional?

For some time now, the public institutions of the Church have been under attack from the secular state. The government has been seeking to determine what is taught and practiced in Catholic schools and what is carried out in Catholic hospitals, even when these practices run counter to the Church’s formal doctrine. But with SB 360, the secular authorities are reaching into the inner life of the Church, into its sacramental practice and discipline. Catholics should, of course, rise up in strenuous protest against this very aggressive incursion—but so should anyone who cares about the freedom of religion in our society.

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Editor’s Note: Although Senate Bill 360 was withdrawn July 8, Bishop Brungardt asked that this May 7 column be reprinted due to the frequency at which similar bills are introduced that seek to nullify the seal of confession.
An ACTS retreat is a three-day/three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. The weekend retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday with a Mass celebrated with the parish community. Retreats for men, women and teens are given separately.

Talks and activities during the retreat focus on 1) Adoration; the call by, acceptance of, and response to God 2) Community: the love and caring of each other 3) Theology: the study of God through scripture and the Catholic Faith 4) Service: to God and His people. ACTS retreats take place at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend. Upcoming retreat dates are:

For women: Oct. 21-24
For men: Nov. 21-24
For teens: Dec. 26-29 (in Amarillo)

The cost for the Great Bend retreats are $175, including room and meals. Partial scholarships are available.

For information or to register, go to http://greatbendcatholic.com, and click on the information at the bottom right of the page. Or, contact Paula Brozel, 620-793-8172; Mel Waite, 620-564-2518; or Dan Thompson, 620-797-4685.

### Father Robert Schremmer to examine the celebration of ‘Diversity—Cultural and Beyond’

The Diocesan Director of Youth Ministries supports and encourages diocesan and parochial ministry to youth and with youth in collaboration with parish ministers and pastors; specifically implementing US Bishops’ document, “Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry”. The director provides direct outreach and development to 47 parishes over 23,000 square miles in our rural, multi-ethnic, mission diocese, as well as, provides diocesan, regional, and national events and gatherings. A successful candidate has a degree in Pastoral Ministry or equivalent, a minimum of 3 years successful diocesan or parish ministry, must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Proficiency in Spanish is a definite plus. Send résumé and cover letter describing applicant’s vision of effective, comprehensive youth ministry to Georgina Paz, Director of the Curia, gpaz@dcdiocese.org, P.O. Box, 137, Dodge City, KS 67801. Position open until filled.

### Upcoming ACTS Retreats

**Diocese of Dodge City seeks a Diocesan Director of Youth Ministries**

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**HEO 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 icebreakers, 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 and in-person to seek the way as members of Christ in whose body and Blood we have communion.

**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.

### 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.

#### Awareness Sessions:

- **Garden City (Spanish language)**
  - Sunday, Sept. 8; 4 – 7 p.m.
  - St. Mary Catholic Church
  - 500 St. John Street
  - Garden City, 67846
  - Contact: Hector Rivera
  - 620-276-2716; Facilitator: Norma Alvarez
  - 620-225-4802

- **Ellinwood**
  - Monday, Sept. 9; 6 – 9 p.m.
  - St. Joseph Parish Center
  - 110 W. 2nd St.
  - Ellinwood
  - Contact: Marlene Chi
  - 620-564-2721; Facilitator: Donna Staab
  - 620-786-5785

- **Hugoton**
  - Sunday, Sept. 8; 3:30-5 p.m.
  - St. Helen Learning Center
  - 1021 S Jefferson St (South Building)
  - Hugoton
  - 620-267-6578

- **Hoisington**
  - Wednesday, Sept. 11; 6 – 9 p.m.

For information about opioid addiction or to seek help, visit https://kckadictiontreatment.org/; or, call (785) 825-6224. For information about youth suicide prevention, visit SpeakingOfSuicide.com, or, if you are having thoughts of suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

### Help for farmers

- **Kansas Rural Family Helpline**, toll-free, 866-317-6578. 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

**National Problem Gambling Helpline**

The National Council on Problem Gambling operates the National Problem Gambling Helpline Network (1-800-522-4700). The network is a single national access point to local resources for those seeking help for a gambling problem. 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.gamltalk.org.
Dominican Sisters celebrate lives of devoted service

SPECIAL TO THE CATHOLIC

A large number of Dominican Sisters of Peace gathered in the Dominican Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend on June 22 to celebrate the religious profession and service of 12 of their fellow religious Sisters. Together these Sisters have given 745 years of dedicated service to the people of God.

Sister Corona Bayer (70 years)

Sister Corona gave much of her ministerial life to domestic work in the Sisters’ missions. She also served at the Great Bend convent in the kitchen and sewing room. Later she ministered as a health aide in nursing homes and home health in Kansas and Colorado. Sister Corona is the tireless producer of items for the Sisters’ annual bazaar, organizing the production of sets of embroidered tea towels and crocheted net scrubbies. As a person who is visually impaired, she has been an inspirational force for aid to the blind in the Central Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired. Sister Corona currently lives at the Motherhouse in Great Bend.

Sister Virginia Brungardt (70 years)

Sister Virginia began her ministerial life as a teacher of children in grades 1-4 in Kansas parochial schools in 1950, and then served in the convent diet kitchen and in other domestic services. In 1961 she began a long tour as a missionary in the Nigeria, West Africa mission among the Dominican Sisters of Guasu, Nigeria, a congregation founded by the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, which she continued until 1975. While in Nigeria she served for several years as the formation director for the young Sisters in the indigenous congregation. Back in the States, Sister Virginia served in Garden City as a nurse aide, teacher aide, and as an assistant in a hearing aid office. She currently lives at the Motherhouse in Great Bend.

Sister Jean Goering (65 years)

Sister Jean is a native Nebraskan who taught not only in Nebraska, but also in Iowa, Massachusetts, and New York. She also gave several years to repairing homes and apartments in Missouri and Illinois. Educated in both liturgy and pastoral ministry, she has also devoted time to parish work in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. In Kankakee, Illinois, she tutored at the local community college. At the Motherhouse in Great Bend, where Sister Jean currently lives, she volunteers in many aspects of the local community life, one of which is her commitment to do all she can to preserve the beauty and integrity of our Earth.

Sister Lillian Gehlen (60 years)

Sister Lillian, who currently lives and ministers in Wichita, has had a lifetime of service as a nurse and as a missionary in Nigeria. Of her jubilee she says, “Jubilee means for me thanking God for the opportunity to serve as a Dominican Sister. My years of service in the nursing profession and my years working in Nigeria have been a true gift from God. It is great to have a special day to say Thank You to God.”

Sister Nancy Jane Kuntz (60 years)

Sister Nancy Jane looked over her 60 years as a professed Dominican Sister and found that she has been transformed through various missions and ministries. She was called to be: teacher, parish minister, prison minister, missionary in Nigeria, vocation director, director and chaplain at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, and now offers Compassionate Care as a chaplain at Catholic Care Center in Wichita. “A jubilee year is my time to praise and thank God for every grace and blessing through my life, beginning with my parents, family, relatives, friends, and my religious community for their support and love,” she said. “I rejoice that each personal encounter continues to transform me into what God has called me to be – His disciple and a Dominican Sister of Peace.”

Sister Amy McFrederick (60 years)

Sister Amy was 16 when she entered the Dominican Sisters Convent in Great Bend, and 19 when she made her first vows 60 years ago. Looking back over the years, she says with a grateful heart, “What a ride!” After graduating from high school, earning a B.S in Education, and doing graduate studies in Liturgical Music, her vow of obedience (to do God’s will and go where one is sent in mission) took her to serve in several states, and short missions in Ontario, Canada; Nigeria, West Africa; and Rome, Italy. Starting as a teacher in primary schools, then high school, she was called to serve as an organist and to run a House of Prayer in Detroit, MI before returning to Great Bend to serve in the Pilgrim House of Prayer and Retreat Center, on the Preaching Team, in parish ministry, liturgical music ministry with several Sisters congregations and national conferences, the role of Co-Director at the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate, and as part of the Leadership Team in Great Bend. In 2009 when the Great Bend congregation joined with six other Dominican Sister Congregations to become the Dominican Sisters of Peace, she was asked to move to Akron, Ohio, to serve on the Vocation Team, then a few years later to be Co-Director of the Dominican Associates. She has recently completed seven years in that role and is presently on sabbatical. “There have been many adjustments, painful times of struggle and letting go,” she said, “but the joys far outweigh them, and my predominate prayer is ‘THANK YOU, GOD FOR ALL!’”

Sister Denise Mueting (60 years)

Sister Denise started her ministerial work teaching children in the primary grades for 30 years in Kansas and Colorado schools. Then she worked with archdiocesan housing in Denver helping low-income families find affordable housing. Those years were followed by 24 years of ministry at the Gardens of St. Elizabeth, a retirement community in Denver, filling the position of administrative assistant. Through the years she tutored English to those needing assistance, taught vacation Bible school during many summers, and transported seniors and children to free cultural events in Denver. Of her jubilee she says, “Jubilee means thanking God for His presence during my years of ministry. Also there have been abundant gifts received from my Dominican life. God and the Dominican life give a deep spiritual meaning to my life.”

Sister Rebecca Otter (60 years)

Sister Rebecca spent 14 years teaching in elementary and junior high schools at St. Mary’s in Garden City and St. Rose in Great Bend. She ministered for seven years in campus ministry at Angelo State University in San Angelo, TX. She served for several years in community formation ministry, and she has given nearly 30 years to pastoral ministry in Dodge City; Sweetwater and Abilene, TX; and Perry, Meriden, and Larned, KS. “This 60th jubilee is a great celebration of all those years and people whose lives have touched mine contributing to who I am today,” she said. “It is a time of giving thanks and praise to God for all those blessings, and for calling me to live the Dominican way of life with this Community of Sisters.”

Sister LeAnn Probst (60 years)

Sister LeAnn was a teacher for 46 years, mainly in Kansas. About half of those years were spent working with students with special needs from kindergarten through college. The past 10 years she ministered at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Lame Deer, MT, on the Northern Cheyenne Indian reservation. Currently in transition, Sister LeAnn is living in Larned. For her, Jubilee means an opportunity to reflect on the blessings and challenges of the past years and to give thanks.

Sister Mary Terence Wasinger (60 years)

Sister Terry entered the Great Bend Dominican Sisters from Hays in 1956 because she learned that they had opened a mission in Nigeria that year. From childhood she wanted to “be a nurse and go to Africa”. Her father, a dentist, placed Medical Missionary magazines in his waiting room and the images of the missions called to her from age 3. When she graduated as a nurse, she worked in St. Rose Hospital and CKMC for two years, until she completed the requirements to volunteer for Nigeria – being 25 years old and having made final vows. She ministered in Nigeria as a nurse-midwife in hospitals, conducted primary health care in the villages, and assisted in the Novitiate of the Nigerian Dominican Sisters for a total of 25 years. Returning to the United States, she ministered in Labor and Delivery at CKMC while living and helping at Heartland Farm for 21 years. Six years ago she moved to the Dominican Motherhouse in Kentucky, ministering as the nurse for retired Sisters in independent living until six months ago, at which time she retired. Celebrating her jubilee of 60 years, Sister Terry rejoices and prays the words of Psalm 139: “I thank You, God, for the wonder of my being, for the wonder of Your works!”

Sister Annette Winter (60 years)

Sister Annette began doing domestic work and being an organist. After junior college she worked in many hospitals as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. While working at a garden center, she became a Master Gardener. In the past several years she has cared for the flower beds at the shrines at the Great Bend Motherhouse. After doing all of the above, she is happy helping prepare for the annual bazaar at the Motherhouse, and she is grateful that her health allows her to do what she can still do.

Sister Joan Wolf (60 years)

Sister Joan has had a variety of ministries over the past 60 years, each of which was an answer to a call deep within. After several years of teaching, she served in parishes in the areas of music and liturgy, RCIA, religious education, and teaching for the dioceses of Salina and Dodge City. In 1985 she helped found the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend, after which she acquired a degree in pastoral counseling and practiced in Manhattan, KS, and Pueblo, CO. In Pueblo, she viewed and valued her call to a life of love, teaching, this time on the university level. A perfect circle. She says, “This jubilee is for me a marker of God’s faithfulness and a deepening of my commitment to the Dominican way of life. My life has been and continues to be a wonderful journey, and all I can say is ‘God is so good!’”

At left: Celebrating 60 years of vowed life are (front, L to R) Sisters Amy McFrederick, Joan Wolf, Denise Mueting, Annette Winter, (back row) LeAnn Probst, Nancy Jane Kuntz, Rebecca Otter, Lillian Gehlen, and Terry Wasinger. At center: Celebrating 70 years of service are Sisters Virginia Brungardt and Corona Bayer. At right is Sister Jean Goering, celebrating 65 years of vowed life.
NFP method helps women to discover serious health issues

By DAVE MYERS
Southwest Kansas Catholic

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Enter the Church-taught, science-based mode of Natural Family Planning (NFP) called the Creighton Model.

What does NFP have to do with Ana’s ailment?

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Soon she was able to deliver her chart to her NaPro doctor. The doctor looked over Ana’s results. Based on Ana’s own findings, the doctor determined that she did not have fibromyalgia.

“It was my thyroid,” Ana said matter-of-factly. “Not only did they find a thyroid dysfunction, but also polycystic ovarian syndrome, hormonal imbalance, blocked tubes, and endometriosis that took almost 12 years to be diagnosed.”

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But what about the Family Planning aspect of Creighton?

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When Diana experienced health issues related to her reproductive functions, she was dissatisfied with the answer she was given, which was to be prescribed “the pill” to regulate her cycles.

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But in this case, it’s not only supported by science, it is science.

And because the science is neither suppressive nor destructive, and because it works in cooperation with the procreative and gynecological systems, the Church has given its approval.

For more information, visit www.dcldiocese.org/mflnfp.

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- National Collections
  - $86,000
- Holy Father Assessment
  - $7,500
- United States Catholic Conference
  - $11,800
- Kansas Catholic Conference
  - $44,000
- **$149,300**

Gifts, Grants & Other Assistance

- $31,200

Administration

- Bishop's Office
  - $116,403
- Vicar General & Director of Curia Office
  - $83,748
- Finance, Insurance & Debt
  - $337,088
- Bishop's Residence
  - $15,498
- **$553,557**

Retired Priests - Health & Housing

- $226,939

**Total Budget**

- $2,357,297

**Comments on the Budget**

Please note that the budget highlighted in this report does not include the budgeted activities of the Dechant Foundation, the Deposit & Loan Fund of the Diocese of Dodge City, or Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas, all separately incorporated entities who are guided by their own boards of directors and who approve operating budgets for each of their entities separately.

If you would like more information about the activities and budgets of these entities, please feel free to contact the Finance Office by email at dnmstreml@dcdioocese.org or by phone at 620-227-1517 for more information.

At this time, the books and records of the Diocese of Dodge City are undergoing a financial audit from a certified public accounting firm, who will issue a report on their findings at the conclusion of the audit process. The audited financial report in summary form will be made available on the diocesan website after it is presented to the Diocesan Finance Council and approved later this year.

If you would like more information about the budget or the audited financial reports, please contact the Finance Office to set up an appointment to discuss the report in detail and to answer questions you may have.

I am pleased to share the adopted budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The Diocesan Finance Council met on June 20, 2019 to review the proposed budget. After discussion, a recommendation was made to Bishop John Brungardt to approve the budget, which he approved. Parish remittances from the Parish Stewardship Contributions (PSC) which represent 10% of ordinary parish income (actually 6.5% of all parish income as many revenue items are excluded from the PSC formula) make up approximately 42% of the needed revenues to operate the above ministries. A large part of the budget is supplemented with grants from the Vibrant Ministries Appeal. The remainder of the funding comes from grants, fees and other revenue sources that are outlined above.

The Vibrant Ministries Appeal will continue to support diocesan ministries as outlined in the materials presented during the appeal. Pledges and gifts continue to come in and will affect the ultimate distribution of the funds to the areas of ministry originally identified - Works of Mercy, Faith Formation, and Priestly Vocations. The appeal will benefit the above mentioned ministries in addition to ministries of Catholic Charities and the Dechant Foundation. Additionally, continuing algaeing in support of these ministries is ongoing to support these ministries as well.

I would invite your review of this important information about the finances of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City and if you have any questions or comments, please contact me or a member of the diocesan staff. I would be happy to set up an appointment to discuss the budget in more detail. I can be contacted by telephone at 620-227-1517 or by email at dnmstreml@dcdioocese.org.

Daniel M. Stremel, CPA, CDFM
Chief Financial Officer

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**Funding Sources for Budget**

- 44% - Grants, Fees & Other Revenue Sources
- 42% - Parish Stewardship Contributions
- 14% - Vibrant Ministries Grants

**Grants, Fees & Other Revenue by Category**

- 3% - Development Efforts
- 6% - Insurance Coverage
- 19% - Insurance Premiums
- 39% - Parish Stewardship Contributions
- 3% - Christian Extension
- 10% - Parish Operations
- 23% - Diocesan Operations
At a Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Aug. 4, Bishop John B. Brungardt proudly introduced the largest class of seminarians for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City in three decades. Portraits by Carleigh Albers
In three days in August, eight seminarians who, if it be God’s will, one day will serve Catholic parishes in southwest Kansas as priests, were given an official send-off by the diocese as they went off to a new year of study. In early August, Austin Habash, Adam Urban, Jonathan Lemus (kneeling), John Stang, Tyler Saucedo, Esteban Hernandez, Carson Haupt, and Eric Frieb, took part in Seminarian Renewal Days: three days of prayer, service, celebration, and community.

The event began with Mass at the Coronado Cross near Fort Dodge, celebrated by Bishop John Brungardt. There, diocese archivist and author Tim Wenzl spoke on the history of the cross, which marks the general location of the first Mass celebrated in what became Kansas by Father Juan de Padilla on June 29, 1541. The seminarians then went to neighboring Fort Dodge where they took part in a service project, helping paint a wheelchair ramp for a resident. They enjoyed Holy Hour, evening prayer, and a barbecue and rodeo at Dodge City Round-Up Arena to conclude the day. The following day, Saturday, Aug. 3, they took part in several spiritual activities, as well as a family reception prior to Mass, which was followed by a meet and greet reception. The three-day event concluded with English and Spanish Masses at the cathedral, where Bishop Brungardt proudly introduced the eight seminarians.

The people of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City are awesome! Back a few years ago when Father Mark Brantley was in seminary, he had several letters from well-wishers pinned to his bulletin board. Other seminarians from much larger dioceses and archdioceses noted how lucky he was to have the prayers and support of the people back home. Please take a moment to send a letter of support to our seminarians who, if it be God’s plan, will one day serve as a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City! The seminarians have said on many occasions how much these letters mean to them!
Evangelización con Alegria: Obispo busca palabras de los fieles

Nota del editor: lee la columna del obispo en la página 1 con respecto a las preguntas de abajo. Puede recortar y devolver las respuestas escritas aquí, o escritas en una hoja separada, a Evangelization with Joy Survey, 910 Central, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City, KS, 67801, o envíe su respuesta por correo electrónico a gkirmer@dcdiocese.org, con el asunto “Evangelization with Joy Survey”.

¿Cómo me enamoro más profundamente de Jesucristo, mi Salvador?

¿Cómo evangelizamos mejor (compartir la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo y Su Iglesia), como discípulos misioneros, compartiendo mi/nuestro amor por Jesucristo en:
• construir relaciones uno a uno,
• servir (especialmente aquellos al rededor), y
• ¿Reconciliarme con Dios, con los demás y conmigo?

Jesús dijo: “Vayan pues, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos” (Mateo 28:19).


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Bishop dedicates new Catholic Charities office

City officials, and appreciative beneficiaries of Catholic Charities, in the basement of the new office building.

“Fortunately, a lot of people came together to help make it happen.”

Catholic Charities, then called Catholic Social Service, began serving the region in and around Garden City back in 1975, providing programs such as Marriage for Keeps, life skills classes, Seeds of Hope reentry (after incarceration) program, counseling—particularly addiction counseling— adoption and pregnancy support, risk management, disaster support, and a non-food pantry.

More recently, Catholic Charities has delved into refugee resettlement efforts.

“Part of this celebration is not just the new building,” Snapp said, “but the merging of the offices of Catholic Charities and the Catholic Office of Migration and Refugee Services.”

Levita Rohlman has been the face of refugee resettlement since Catholic Social Service opened the office in 1975.

In 1982, the office was closed, but the diocese—and Rohlman—continued to assist immigrants through the Catholic Agency for Migration and Refugee Services, a national organization that was separate, but working in cooperation with the Diocese of Dodge City.

And now, a new chapter begins.

“We now are a recognized agency with the Department of Justice, and we will have an accredited representative who can provide legal immigration services and represent people with their immigration cases with USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services),” Snapp explained.

“We have so many hopes and dreams because of this new space that we have,” Snapp added. “I just want to always remember that all the work that we do is focused on our mission and vision of honoring the human potential through service, advocacy, and invitation, in the spirit of the Gospel, so that every person experiences hope and fulfillment. That’s what we’re about. That’s what we wish for everyone—not just the people who come to our door, but the people who work for us and the people who help us.”

Bishop Brungardt then went to each room of the office, sprinkling holy water and offering his blessing. As he stood smiling outside with several others, Marc Smith, Director of Family Services, cut the ribbon signaling the start of another chapter in the life of the Garden City office of Catholic Charities, as well as for a multitude of people who will one day enter its doors in search of a helping hand.

Photos by Dave Myers
Estamos discerniendo la familia humana, el Cuerpo de Cristo, la de los lentes de la Escritura de la unidad de tangible y real. para hacer la obra de Dios en la tierra que unifica, buscamos el camino para los miedos, exploramos los témpanos, camino. La clase de nov. 17 se reunirá en la Parroquia San Andres en Wright KS de 2:00 a 5:30 p.m. Horario de clases: sept. 18, 25, oct. 30, nov. 17 la astucia se adentraba profundamente en la historia hebrea, arrodié aquí y allá, a medida que el Pueblo Elegido se abría paso a través de la historia. Incluso de esta cosa retorcida, el Señor sacó lo bueno. Jacob también conocido como «Israel», el nieto de Abraham, era legendario por su duplicidad. El 24 de agosto celebramos la fiesta de San Bartolomé, también conocido como «Natanael» en el Evangelio de San Juan. El Señor llama a Natanael un «verdadero israelita», un «verdadero Israel, porque no hay engaño en él». No un «Jacobo», en otras palabras. No oímos de ninguno de los mandamientos en estos días, así que no es de extrañar que hablar del Octavo Mandamiento atraiga una mirada en blanco. No dards fal sor testimonio; pero ¿qué es eso? Ninguna vida plenamente humana puede ser viva en una mentira. No es tan difícil de entender, aunque sea tan difícil de hacer. La «astucia» está mal porque es una mentira. Todo disimulo, engaño y duplicidad nos llevan por un camino equivocado. Nuestras palabras y nuestras acciones deben ser medidas por la simple norma de la verdad. Cuando no lo son, encontramos entre nosotros a aquellos que astutamente fomentan la división, y aman incitar a las disputas, y parecen encontrar un placer en desatar los lazos sociales más queridos, y en desatar un mal ensembrar la discordia, en cortar los lazos... no pueden ser curados... a menos que reparen el daño que han causado. ¿Y dónde, en nuestra frenética sociedad mediática, por dónde empezamos con eso? Cuando la duplicidad y la mentira reinan supremas, la buena fe y la verdad se disuelven en un espectro de bafo de ácido. Y estas son las mismas cosas que sostienen a cualquier sociedad... familia, ciudad, estado, país, iglesia, lo que sea... estas son las cosas que mantienen unida a cualquier sociedad. Sin buena fe, sin verdad, la confusión alza su fea cabeza. Nunca dejamos de hablar, pero hablamos más allá de los demás, nos gritamos unos a otros, no comunicamos nada. Y nunca termina, crece y se extiende hasta que hay algo casi demoniaco en las palabras que salen de nuestras bocas. Un Natanael aquí, y un Natanael allá... nos harían un mundo de bien. Hoy, sí, nos harían mucho bien.

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OBITUARIES

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RICHARDO “RICK” A. TERCERO, 45, of St. Anthony of Liberal Parish, Liberal, died July 2, 2019. In 1993 Rick enlisted into the U. S. Marine Corp where he received numerous awards and was honorably discharged in 1997. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Rick is survived by his wife Jessica; four daughters, Madison Tercero, Mia Tercero, Mykenzie Tercero, and Mykayla Tercero; his mother, Bertha Torres; two sisters, Brenda Chavez and Estella Torres; four brothers, Albert Tercero, Frank Tercero, Armando Alvidrez, and Jesse Torres; and grandmother, Pablita Alvidrez.

ROD PETTY, 64, of St. Dominic Parish, Garden City, died July 19, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Vickie Regan Petty; mother, Norma Jean Petty; daughter, Stephanie Regan; son, Stephen Regan; brother, Jerry Petty; nephew Tim Petty; niece, Amy Gaines; and three grandchildren, Kevin, Taylor, and Brooklyn. Father Warren Steckelkein presided.

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ELVIRA C. “CANDIE” GARCIA, 93, of St. Mary Parish, Garden

City, died August 7, 2019. On Sept. 29, 1951, she married Pete M. Garcia. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include six children, Debra Maestas, Marc Garcia, JoAnn Farnsworth, Gary Garcia, Patrick Garcia, and Sally Swaim; close friend Nancy Holts; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Father Jacob Schneider presided.

OLIVIA MENDOZA, 80, of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Ulysses, died August 2, 2019. Olivia married Abel Mendosa on Sept. 17, 1963. She is survived by her husband, Abel Mendosa; two sons, Jose Musquiz and Rudy Jacques; two daughters, Linda J. Navarrette and Juanita Sanchez; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Father Anesh Parappanattu, MSFS, presided.

SCOTT ALAN STEIN, 32, of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Great Bend, died August 7, 2019. He served in the Army for 12 years, and was honorably discharged in January 2019 at the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served three tours in Iraq, Cuba and Afghanistan. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include, his wife, Emily; two survival sons, Christmas Eve, Cohen Scott Stein; his yokie, Calvin; his father, Alan Stein and stepmother Cindy; mother-in-law, Chris Goodpasture; father-in-law, John Ruiz and stepmother-in-law Valerie; brothers, Cody Smith; sisters, Lindsey Ferguson and Mariah Stein; brother-in-law, Eric Ruiz; sister-in-laws, Jordan Vsetecka and Shaylee Ruiz; grandmother, Norma Ward; nieces, Sierra Ferguson, Jordyn Rains and Kylee Rains; nephews, Bowen Smith, Dathan Smith, Easton Smith, and Dylan Ferguson; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Father Don Bedoret presided.

ZENAIDA BAYRON, 73, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died Aug. 8, 2019. She is survived by her husband, Tarcisio; children, Gina, Rizza, Glenn and Hazel; daughter-in-law, Anabella; siblings, Luzcencion, Felizardo, Eularita, Ferdinand, Raul, and Foridzando; two great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Father Wesley Schawe presided.

GARY LEE FLAIR, 82, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died August 10, 2019. On May 2, 1958 he married Kathleen “Kathy” Schifferle. She died on April 27, 2011. Survivors include a son, Robert Flair; daughters, Deborah Flair and Julie Wessel; sisters, Jonell Panaras, Beth Sinkola and Trudy Feno; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two on the way.

LAWRENCE J. “LARRY” SEIFERS, 78, of St. Joseph Parish, Ellinwood, died August 11, 2019. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 50 years. He was named Knight of the Year in 2009. He married Sherrie I. Holl on March 12, 1959. Larry defied the odds of survival when his pelvis was crushed on June 30, 1964, near Pratt when the head of a pumping unit fell on him. Doctors said he would never walk again, but after 99 days at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Larry left on crutches and proved them all wrong. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Sherrie; sons Mark and John E; daughters Teresa Sieker, Jennifer Albers, and Christine Siefers; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister Beth Olson; brother Terry Siefers; and many cousins. Father Terrance Klein presided.

MARY JUANIECE (SMITH) HAMILTON, 69, of Apache Junction, Arizona died March 3, 2019. Mary Juaniece married Stanley Alan Hamilton Oct. 22, 1988. She is survived by her husband Stanley Alan; one son, Lincoln Clay; two brothers, Rawlin (Sara) Smith and Jonathon Robin Smith; as well as aunts, uncles, and numerous nieces and nephews. Father Robert Schuemmer presided.

VERONICA E. OBERLE, 84, of Immaculate Conception Parish, Claflin, died August 13, 2019. She was a member of St. Ann’s Altar Society, and the Daughters of Isabella. On March 5, 1982, she married Oscar Oberle. He preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 1997. She is survived by two sisters, Pauline Kaiser and Rita Hall; and many nieces and nephews. Father Terrance Klein presided.

JOSEPHINE OTERO, 80, of St. Mary Parish, Garden City, died August 17, 2019. On April 27, 1957 she married Daniel S. Otero. He preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 2010. She fought and beat colon cancer and strongly battled MDS/Leukemia. She is survived by her children: Victor Otero, Dan Otero, Mary Jamieson, Shirley Arteaga, Dolores Otero and Ralph Otero; siblings Dolores Pena, Rose Gonzalez and Connie Palacios; eight grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. Father Jacob Schneider presided.

MARGARET M. RODRIGUEZ, 90, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died August 17, 2019. Margaret worked as one of the first telephone operators in Ensign, as well as working many years as a clerk at the Lora Lock Hotel in Dodge City. Margaret is survived by her brother, Francis H. Rodriguez; several nieces and nephews who revered her as “Aunt M”; several great-nieces and nephews; numerous relatives and friends; and her caretaker and very good friend, Nancy Barnes. Father Juan Salas presided.


RAY ROBL, 82, of St. Joseph Parish, Ellinwood, died Aug. 20, 2019. He was a Knight of Columbus. Remaining to celebrate his life are sons Tim, Doug, Mike, Matt and Paul Robl; daughter Debbi Bush; sister Ellen Wilkon; brother Vernon; along with 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren with another on the way; and a multitude of nieces and nephews. Father Terrance Klein presided.

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Obituaries

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BARBARA LAUTERS, 80, of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dodge City, died August 24, 1999. He preceded her in death Jan. 1, 1958. She later married Melvin Max Holmes in February 1960. He preceded her death in Sept. 25, 1970. During her second year at St. Francis, she was a U.S. Nurses Cadet Corp and served until World War II ended in 1945. She served on the Altar Society and was a Christian Mother. She also served as the school nurse for Sacred Heart School. Survivors include two sons, Stan Munsch and Kenneth Munsch; two daughters, Kathy McCammond and Terri Dann; two brothers, Levan Rohr and Alvin Rohr; two sisters, Ida Belle Gassman and Vera Mae Schmidt; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Catholic Place Names in Kansas, Obvious & Obscure

ROME

Rome, Italy stands as a symbol of unity and authority for the Catholic Church. There were three towns in Kansas named Rome. Rome (Ellis) – In May 1867 Co-Founders William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody and William Rose, a railroad contractor, platted a town with the classic name of Rome. The town boomed with over 2,000 inhabitants. Only a month later just one mile to the east, the Big Creek Land Company surveyed and staked the town site of Hays City. By the time the Union Pacific Railroad completed a depot at Hays City, the citizens of Rome “stampeded to the new town” and the budding metropolis became wilderness. A marker near Fort Hays State University stands at the former town site of Rome, Kansas. Buffalo Bill Cody was married to Margaret Louise Federici, a Catholic. He was baptized and converted to Catholicism on his deathbed Jan. 10, 1917. The two “other” Romes in Kansas were located in Franklin and Sumner counties. Little is known of the Franklin County community beyond its inclusion as an extinct geographical location in Kansas. The Sumner county community was chartered Dec. 11, 1883. Named by Silas Omo who donated the land for the town site, this Rome was the only one that had a post office (Jan. 6, 1874 – Dec. 31, 1918, and April 17, 1919 – Dec. 30, 1933). Located on the Southern Kansas and Oklahoma Railway south of Wellington, the town is still on the map.
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**Gabriel’s Crossword**

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6 Morally neutral  
10 Presider at Mass  
11 Room for sacred vessels and vestments in a church  
12 Catholic  
16 He schemed to get the throne of Israel  
18 Forty ___  
20 Wise Men  
21 Long cloak-like vestment  
22 Ordinary ___  
23 Tantum ___  
24 Magdalene and the sister of Martha  
26 Miraculous, for one  
28 Joseph of ___  
32 Pertaining to Scripture  
33 Prayer beads  
35 Martha, to Lazarus  
36 Catholic actor of ___ fame, Don ___

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22 Ordinary ___  
25 Saint for sore throats  
27 In some versions of The Lord’s Prayer, trespasses are called these  
30 Article of clothing or bone of a saint  
31 “…they will be done on ___”  
32 Male members of religious orders (abbr.)  
33 Prayer beads  
34 Holy ___

**St. Martin’s Mind Teasers**

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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.

Regras De Sudoku:
Cada fila debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9. Cada columna debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9. Cada cuadrado 3x3 debe contener los números a partir la 1 a 9.

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**Teaser The First:** Place JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, into the grid. The sequence will snake around, but cannot go diagonally, nor cross itself.

**Teaser The Second:** Take the given words, and by moving a single letter from one word to the other, make a pair of synonyms, or near synonyms. For example, given: Boast - Hip, move the ‘s’ from ‘Boast’ to ‘Hip’ creating two synonyms: Boat - Ship.

1. Inks - Tiles  
2. Ride - Relive  
3. Gaze - Freed  
4. Snail - Pike  
5. Snag - Cold
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God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I am so far behind, I will never die.

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ANSWERS

1. Links - Ties
2. Rid - Relieve
3. Graze - Feed
4. Nail - Spike
5. Nag - Scold

FIrsT: sorry!
THE FIRST was not made available.

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LEOTI -- Father Tim S. Hickey, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, leads members of the community in the blessing and dedication of the Tyler M. Graff Memorial Park in Leoti, Aug. 3. Tyler’s parents, Sherry and Gary Graff (shown left), members of St. Mary’s Church in Marienthal, have led a community-wide effort to create a park to honor the memory of their son, who died in 2016 at the age of 31.

Scott City Catholic Youth Organization presented $1,000

Josh Bailey, president of Security State Bank, left, presented a check for $1,000 to Father Matthew Kumi and Jan Metzen, Formation Chairman at St. Joseph Parish, Scott City, for the St. Joseph Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). This was given to the CYO through a Greater Rewards Cash & Car Giveaway promotion held at the bank.

Father Matthew Kumi celebrates 20 years a priest

During the August 10-11 Masses at Holy Trinity in Timken, St. Joseph in Liebenthal and St. Michael’s in LaCrosse, Bishop John Brungardt officially installed Father Stephen Dabanka as pastor of the three parishes. Father Stephen originates from Ghana in Africa and is a missionary priest for Kansas. His pastoral duties began back in July. Parishioners from all three parishes are grateful to have him as their pastor and are looking forward to working with him and getting to know him.

St. Mary of the Plains to honor three Vietnam War heroes with monument

“Greater love hath no man than this: to lay down one’s life for his friends.”

-- John 15:13

As the nation celebrated the 75th anniversary of World War II’s D-Day in June, it gave Americans time to reflect on those heroes who gave their lives not only in both World Wars, but also in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Afghanistan.

St. Mary of the Plains High School had three young men who gave their lives representing their country, families, state and hometown in the Vietnam War.

Gary Noller, a 1965 SMP high school graduate and Vietnam veteran, put together a proposal that was approved by the Dodge City Commissioners that will honor St. Mary’s alumni, PFC James L. Nufer, PFC Richard J. Conrardy, and SGT Gregg F. Steimel.

The monument was designed as a trapezoidal monolith with vertical faces standing six feet tall. It will be erected west of Cavalier Field on the St. Mary’s campus with a paved walkway adjacent to the existing walking trail.

“The cost of the project is right around $25,000, which includes the design work, site construction, the Georgia grey granite, lettering and landscaping,” said Beverly Schmitz Glass, president of St. Mary of the Plains Alumni Association.

“We are asking our alumni, civic groups, and local and area community members to join us in donating to this project as a way of saying thank you to those young men and their families for their service to our country and our continued freedom. It is, no doubt, a project worthy of consideration.”

The granite has been ordered and is expected to arrive in October. Work on the base will begin later this month. It is estimated that the monument will be installed by Veterans Day in November.

A dedication ceremony will be set for mid-2020. Donations, large or small, can be sent to Veterans Memorial Fund, c/o St. Mary of the Plains Alumni Association, P.O. Box 416, Dodge City, KS 67801.

Thank you to all those who have offered to lay down their lives for this country through military service—men and women, those alive on Earth and those alive in Heaven. We thank you, we appreciate you, and we pray for you. May God bless and keep you.

The St. Mary of the Plains Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Honoring PFC Richard John Conrardy, PFC James Leo Nufer and SGT Gregg Francis Steimel who gave their lives in the service to others during the Vietnam War

To help defray the cost of this memorial monument made of grey Georgian granite to be placed on the St. Mary of the Plains campus, donations are now being accepted through the St. Mary of the Plains Alumni Association.

Please make checks payable to SMP Alumni Association, P.O. Box 416, Dodge City, KS 67801

For more information, visit www.stmaryoftheplainsalumniassociation.org or phone 620.290.3436.