Three young people from two different high schools were inspired by speakers from the Knights of Columbus council at Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Norman to not just be pro-life but to do something about it. The speakers were Jackie Nguyen and Maggie Forth from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School and Meah Allison from Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School.

The three students knew that one school could not raise $13,000 to buy an ultrasound machine for the unborn in the five months before graduation in May 2022. However, if the two schools worked together, they could raise a large part and the Knights would match.

When ninth grade students at Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School filled the hallways as the inaugural class in 2018, a bell system had not yet been installed. School staff stood in the hallway and rang a bell by hand to signal class changes and dismissal times.

Now, four years later, they are the first graduating class from Cristo Rey. They processed through the hallway in their caps and gowns, each of the 56 graduating seniors armed with their own bell, to commemorate how far the school and its students have come in the past four years. "This year is so special because it's the first big end-of-year celebration for our school," Principal Kelsey Herman said. "It's exciting to see this first group making plans and choosing their colleges."

The college preparatory school has lived up to its title, accomplishing an impressive goal of 100 percent college acceptance rate for the first graduating class. Students and staff encountered expected wrinkles along the way; however, a year of exploring uncharted territory followed by a global pandemic was no match for Cristo Rey student's resilience. The group only became more cohesive.

"Being founders of this first class is critical to their identity," Herman explained. "They have grown together into their roles as leaders, they know they are unique."

Senior Anthony Fraire echoed Herman's sentiments. "It means a lot to me knowing that I was part of the founding class and part of the process in making the school a reality," he stated.

Senior Laura Martinez also is a member of the first graduating class. "Going through amazing experiences and opportunities with the same people brings a sense of..."
Preparing for a Dobbs reality

The frenzy following the leak of Justice Alito’s draft opinion that anticipated Dobbs decision by the U.S. Supreme Court on the issue of abortion has been jarring. From the constant stream of alarmist op-eds to the calls on social media to interrupt Catholic Masses in protest, emotions of many choice lovers are being stoked at fever pitch. And many pro-lifers have been caught up in the tense emotions of the moment as well since the president of the United States argued that women should retain the choice to “aborte a child.” When the ugly reality of abortion as the taking of a human life is so badly stated and defended by a professed Catholic, it can be difficult to respond with prudence and charity.

I would like to encourage all Oklahoma Catholics at this critical time to do the following things: 1) pray, 2) be prepared with logic and love, and 3) give.

1) Pray. It is no means certain that a majority of the court will overturn Roe v. Wade. We must continue to pray for this outcome. In addition to praying for the supreme court, we also need to continue praying for our state legislators, who will legislate on abortion if Roe is overturned. Oklahoma leaders in the state legislature recently enacted several significant safeguards that will help slow abortions in our state regardless of the outcome of the Dobbs case. But, that’s not enough.

Additionally, praying for the conversion of hearts and minds of all Americans (not just legislators) on this issue is crucial. Street laws won’t end abortions as effectively as the conversion of hearts.

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Put Out Into the Deep

May 22 – Confirmation, 8 a.m., St. Mark, Norman
May 22 – Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School graduation, 1 p.m., National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
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May 24 – Mount St. Mary Catholic High School graduation, 7 p.m., Oklahoma City Community College
May 26 – Confirmation, 7 p.m., St. Joseph, Norman
May 28 – Confirmation, 10 a.m., St. Andrew Duc, LOC
May 29 – Confirmation, 11 a.m., Corpus Christi, OKC
May 29 – Confirmation, 3 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
May 30 – Memorial Day Mass, 9 a.m., Resurrection Memorial Cemetery Chapel, OKC
May 31 – Archdiocesan Finance Council meeting, 2 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center
June 1 – Blessing of ultrasound machine donated by Knights of Columbus, 3 p.m., Crossroads Clinic, OKC
June 1 – Mission and dinner with camp staff, 5 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp
June 2 – Senior staff meeting, 10 a.m., CPC
June 2 – Catholic Charities Board meeting, 1:30 p.m., Catholic Charities Offices, OKC
June 3 – Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC
June 3 – Lunch with Catholic Foundation scholarship recipients, Noon, CPC
June 4 – Confirmation, 11 a.m., Holy Name of Jesus
June 4 – Gift of Life Gala, 6 p.m., National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, OKC
June 5 – Confirmation, 10:30 a.m., Sts. Peter and Paul, Kingfisher

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- To send photos, event information or story ideas, e-mail communications@archie.org.
- For expectant mothers considering abortion. May the Lord give them the grace to choose life for their children and serve one another. We pray for the courage to help meet their needs. We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.
- For Holy Innocents Chapel – The only freestanding 24/7 perpetual adoration chapel in Oklahoma City dedicated to the protection of all life from conception until natural death is seeking endowments and substitute adorers. The chapel is located at 1114 N.W. 63 in Warr Acres. Contact: Julie Mayfied (English), 405-413-5272; Maria Santanis (Spanish), 405-664-3052.

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Rev. Richard “Archie” Beckman

Father Richard “Archie” Beckman, a retired priest for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, died peacefully on May 6 in Ponca City. He was 92.

The Vigil service was held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Newkirk. The funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 12, at Saint Francis with Archbishop Coakley presiding and Father Michael Wheelerman serving as deacon. Father Beckman was born March 24, 1930, in Chicago to Oscar and Mary (Howard) Beckman. He was one of five children with two children becoming priests and a third serving as a religious sister. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1956, in Chicago by Archbishop William O’Brien.

Father Beckman graduated from Quigley Catholic High School in Chicago before attending Cardinal Glenmon College in Saint Louis. He entered Saint Thomas Theological Seminary (now the Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary) in Denver.

He came to Oklahoma in 1956, serving as an associate priest at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Tuba. He also served as an associate pastor at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Muskogee and Saint William Catholic Church and Catholic student center in Durant.

He served as pastor at Saint Corinthians Catholic Church, Cherokee; Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Chandler; Saint Mary Catholic Church, Guthrie; Saint Mary Margaret Catholic Church, Crescent; Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, Lexington; Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Poteau; and Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Newkirk where he retired in 1994.

Along with his parish priest, Blessed, he served as chaplain at the Chesterfield Regional Detention Center in Eufaula from 1966-1975, and was a member of several community and county service groups. He celebrated his 65th anniversary as a priest in 2011.

Because of his long career of service, Father Beckman and his wife, and sometimes oblate, situate of humor was well known to many in the archdiocese. He was beloved by many parishioners, including parishioners and friends in Newkirk who he considered family. They continued to visit and help care for Father Beckman in retirement.

He enjoyed golf, water skiing and snow skiing. His greatest interest was serving the Catholic Church to which he dedicated his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Mary Howard Beckman, his brothers Father Charles Beckman, Edward Beckman and John Beckman, and nephew Edward “EL” Beckman Jr. He is survived by his sister Mary C. Beckman, B.V.M., nieces Beth Beckman and Ellen Beckman and nephew Jack Beckman and great nieces and nephews Erin Melswik, Natalie McCarthy, Baines, Joey and Samuel, along with nieces and nephews.

The family expresses deep appreciation to the many dedicated health professionals and friends who provided loving service, including Dr. and Ray Strawberry, Becky and Billy Tabor, Karen and Steve McConnell, Demitra and Mike Humana Clear (priests’ nurse for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City), Mary Diane Stedeframp (former priests’ nurse, and the shrine’s first pastor, 1966-1975, in Chicago) and Karen Stedeframp (former priests’ nurse, and the shrine’s first pastor, 1966-1975, in Chicago) and Karen Stedeframp (former priests’ nurse, and the shrine’s first pastor, 1966-1975, in Chicago).

Funeral and burial arrangements with Trust Funeral Home in Ponca City. Memorial gifts may be made to Sisters of Charity, B.V.M., 1101 Carmel Drive, Duluth, Iowa 52033.

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Vatican confirms pope will visit Indigenous in Canada in late July

Archbishop Smith said the trip is being planned with representatives of the Indigenous communities, and “it is clearly a priority for all of us that whatever takes place in whatever venue will feature as a priority, as a first con- cern, Indigenous culture, Indigenous spiritual- ity, Indigenous ways.”

The bishops’ website provides a few notes about the three cities that were chosen: Edmonton, it said, is home to the sec- ond-largest number of Indigenous people living in urban centers in Canada, and “25 resident- schools were located in Alberta, the most in any province in territory Canada.”

“Ignatius, with a population of 8,000 people, is home to the largest number of Inuit in Canada of approximately 3,000,” it said. “Pope Francis was personally invited by the Ignatius bishop to visit the North. The pope did, however, insist he would not go to the region in winter.”

Quebec, the website said, would serve as the “eastern hub for those who may wish to trav- el to see Pope Francis, especially Indigenous peoples” of Canada’s eastern territories. “The region is also home to (the Shrine of) Saint Anne-de-Beaupré, one of the oldest and most popular pilgrimage sites in North America, drawing Indigenous peoples from throughout Canada and around the world each year.”

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BUFFALO BISHOP CONDEMNS RACIST ATTACK

"In what unfortunately has become an all too common occurrence in this country has now shown its abhorrently evil face in Buffalo as we have now learned that 10 innocent souls have lost their lives here."

On behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, in the strongest of terms, condemn this utterly senseless attack and pray for the victims and all those impacted by this act of cowardice.

May the Good Lord guide us as we pray that our society regain respect for life and for an end to this tragic and despicable act in this beautiful city of ours. I encourage all Cathohes and all people of faith to come together in prayer for the victims and for peace.

The scourge of senseless gun violence that has taken the lives of so many across our nation and changed the lives of countless innocent men, women and children must come to an end.”

Bishop Michael W. Fisher
Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.

The Mount sets fundraising record during annual Week of Giving

O KLAHOMA CITY – The Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School’s annual Week of Giving from April 25-29 raised a record-breaking $277,473. The campaign kicked off April 25 with the first record of the week as students raised $59,295 through the annual Phone-A-Thon. Students, paired into teams, competed to secure the most commitments of the evening.

“We were blown away by this incredible support,” said Chita Stiles, director of advancement. “Our motto for the week was ‘One Week. One Mount. One Community’ and our Mount family answered the call.”

Throughout the week, the Mount community answered calls and texts in a new direct campaign effort. By integrating the school’s technology, students were able to utilize Google Voice on their 1-1 Chromebooks for Phone-A-Thon calls. Additional technology for this year’s campaign allowed MSM to connect with students, alumni and community members via text to set up an easy giving with a digital wallet feature.

“I love being a part of the Phone-A-Thon every year because it is a great way to directly see who is benefiting my school environment,” said sophomore Ainyole Greenaw.“The event this year was a great success; I loved working with my peers to help our school.”

Gifts made through the campaign were matched up to $100,000 and more than 280 alumni, past and present parents, grandparents and friends of the Mount made a contribution during the week. All proceeds go directly to the school’s annual giving campaign, The Mount Fund.

“We raised more than 60 percent of our annual fund goal during this one week,” Stiles said. “A gift to the Mount Fund enhances all aspects of our school.

The Mount Fund supports student programs and activities, tuition assistance, retaining quality teaching professionals as well as operating, maintaining and upgrading the historic campus.

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The Center of Family Love resident heroes to host 9th annual Gift of Love Gala

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Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women holds biennial convention

By Mary Ann Schmitt
ACCW secretary

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women held their 21st Biennial Convention “Women of Faith and Vision 2022” on April 30 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Keynote speakers were Father Bill Pruett, ACCW spiritual advisor, and Larren Wilson, director of parish leadership engagement for the archdiocese. Wilson’s presentation “An Easter Reflection on Saint Mary Magdalene” was a way to continue on an Easter journey.

The ACCW 8500 scholarship winner, Taylor Marie Barton, was introduced and awarded her certificate. Barton is a senior from Carver and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawton. She is concurrently enrolled at Cameron University where she is taking classes in criminal justice, a career path she plans to pursue. She has been home-schooled since first grade and said it has provided her with a Christ-centered and academically strong Catholic education.

ACCW officers for 2022-2024 were elected. Suzyyn Greiff, central region president and Victoria Stringer, southern region president, will be ACCW co-presidents, Kathy Holland, treasurer, and Mary Ann Schmitt, secretary.

The day ended with raffle drawings and silent auction winners. The funds raised from the auction and raffle go to the scholarship program and general fund.

The Saint Ann campus has changed some over the years. The nursing home across the street still carries the Saint Ann name but is no longer owned by the archdiocese. A grand theatre, chapel and expanded dining area were added to independent living. There are six styles of living home across the street still carries the Saint Ann name but is no longer owned by the archdiocese. A grand theatre, chapel and expanded dining area were added to independent living. There are six styles of living home, independent living apartments and two assisted living options.

The emphasis Cristo Rey places on preparing its students for college is evident, given the ratio of counselors to students. In addition to a social and emotional counselor, three college counselors and a newly appointed alumni advisor serve the student body of less than 300.

“Cristo Rey has impacted various areas of growth in my life. My skills, my faith, my academics, my social skills, and the list goes on,” she explained. “I quickly learned the importance of community and connections. I also grew tremendously in my faith, and being able to share that experience with classmates, who then became family, further pushed me on my own to allow my faith to grow.”

Some openings remain for the 2022-2023 school year. Students entering 9th or 10th grade that are interested in applying at Cristo Rey can get more information by calling (405) 945-9100 or visiting cristoreyokc.org/admissions. Sally Lechtari is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.
Archbishop Conley in April met with the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Class 5A State Champion Academic Team (top left) and Class 5A State Champion Speech and Debate Team at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. Photos Diane Clay/Sooner Catholic.
Religious Education students at Sooner Catholic.

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Students at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Oklahoma City participated in May Crowning of Mary on May 7. Photo provided.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Newkirk joined community for Easter Vigil on April 15. Photo provided.

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The Bishop McGeenney Catholic High School girls soccer team are the 5A State Champions after defeating Piedmont 1-0 at Telt Stadium on May 14. Photo provided.

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Parishioners celebrate Fr. Oly Zunimas at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mindil for First Appreciation Week. Photo provided.

Holy Week at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lawton.

Photos provided.

Parishioners at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City held a celebration on May 7 to honor Don Richard Bohlander’s 30 years as a deacon. His baptismal gown and candle were displayed. Photos provided.

First year confirmation students at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Oklahoma City received Bibles from their religious education teachers. Photo provided.

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Religious Education students at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church in Oklahoma City made little sheep and placed them in the creche. The ceremony took place on Good Shepherd Sunday. Photo provided.

St. Joseph Catholic

Pr. Carous Komtownchik celebrated Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City for seniors on May 15. Photos provided.

MENS DISCERNMENT DAY

St. Joseph Old Cathedral

June 11

8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

August 13, 2022 at 8 a.m.

Fr. Joseph Brown, S.J., and a staff member provided.

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Dehumanizing one another

By John H. Dolezal
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Preparándonos para la realidad del caso Dobbs

El feriado causado por la filtración del hor- ror de la corte del Juez Alito que anticipa un decision en el caso Dobbs, y que podría re- sultar en la famosa resolución de Roe vs. Wade, ha sido discordante. Las emociones de los grupos de derechos humanos que ven desde el flujo constante de las opiniones editoriales hasta las llamadas en las redes sociales de interrupción masiva catóicas protesta, han sido llevadas hasta el punto más alto. Los periódicos del movimiento pro-vida han sido parte de estas emociones del momento dado que el presidente de los Estados Unidos ha declarado que las mujeres deberían tener el derecho a abortar a sus hijos. Cuando la horrible realidad del aborto, que continúa, interrumpa la vida humana, es sombreada por el miedo y el odio. Las emociones de los grupos de derechos humanos, que ven desde el flujo constante de las opiniones editoriales hasta las llamadas en las redes sociales de interrupción masiva catóicas protesta, han sido llevadas hasta el punto más alto. Los periódicos de movimientos pro-vida han sido parte de estas emociones del momento dado que el presidente de los Estados Unidos ha declarado que las mujeres deberían tener el derecho a abortar a sus hijos. Cuando la horrible realidad del aborto, que continúa, interrumpa la vida humana, es sombreada por el miedo y el odio. Las emociones de los grupos de derechos humanos, que ven desde el flujo constante de las opiniones editoriales hasta las llamadas en las redes sociales de interrupción masiva catóicas protesta, han sido llevadas hasta el punto más alto.
Briefs

Please contact organizers before attending, as more briefs at archdiocese.org/briefs.

Three public events during devotion

Three events during the month leading up to the dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine will be open to the public. The first is an all-night vigil with Blessed Stanley Rother prayer on Sunday, Oct. 31, and the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The second is the dedication of the shrine at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and the third is the procession and blessing of Tepeyac Hill on Saturday, Nov. 5, in the shrine campus.

Eucharistic procession

The Eucharistic procession launches in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City with a two-mile Eucharistic procession at 7 a.m. June 19 from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School to The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

England, Scotland pilgrimage


Poland, Vienna, Germany pilgrimage

Join Fr. Rich Stiehlsberry on an 11-day pilgrimage to Poland, Vienna, and Germany Aug. 1-11. The pilgrimage includes the Our Lhomer- merger/Passion Play. Other hosts include Marcellino Drabkow, Fr. Casey F. Jones and Dcn. Pete Markewich. Contact Select International Travel at (800) 842-4842, janes@select-intl.com. Visit selectinternational.com.

Germany, Prague, Austria pilgrimage

Join Fr. Jan Jaroscha and Fr. Danny Greer on a pilgrimage to Germany, Prague and Austria Sept. 19-30. Cost: $4,590 pp, including airfare from ORC, four-star hotels, most meals and more. Sites include Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Salzburg, Munich and the Our Lhomer Play. A $2,000 deposit required. Contact Fr. Carl Janocha at (405) 247-5255, frarry@archokc.org for brochure and more information.

Bingo

The Knights of Columbus Family of骊es at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 4210 S. McKinley in Oklahoma City is at 6:30 p.m. May 26. All games $10. Door prizes. Food reasonably priced served at 5:45 p.m. All players may receive a raffle ticket for a LED TV to be given away in October. May birthdays recognized.

Men’s Discernment Day

Join the office is calling all young men going into freshman year of high school to recent college graduates for a day of discernment 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. June 11 at 7470 N. Western Ave. in Oklahoma City. Students will meet core discerners, the vocation staff and meet with the Lord in prayer. Particip- ants will complete a survey and receive a devotional to take the day of the event. Contact (405) 721-9351, aborman@archokc.org.

Gift of Love Gala

The Center of Family Love and Oklahoma Knights of Columbus will host the “Gift of Love Gala” on June 4 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Visit online for more information. The call is (405) 263-4658, Ext. 1009.

Prom Night

The Gospel of Life Disciples first Saturday FIU/Real Prom Night for all ages is 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. June 4 at 8 a.m. St. Anthony Lady Rother Barn, 4113 S. Eastern Ave. in Moore. Advance tickets only. Visit gospellefl.com.

Gazale sale

St. Paul’s Apostolic Church, 3903 S. Stonum Rd. in Del City will be having a gazale sale 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. June 10. Contact Linda Oland at (405) 706-7513, or call church office at (405) 677-4873.

Spring Fling

The Central Region Council of Catholic Women invite ladies in the archdiocese to a Spring Fling 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. June 11 in the parish hall at St. Francis of Assisi, 1907 N.W. 18 in Oklahoma City. Nancy Capps from the Apogen Iris Garden Club will present “How to make a spring flower centerpiece.” Reservations required. Cost $10. RSVP to Mary Ann Schmitt at (405) 650-9673.

Day of Reflection

Day of Reflection, “Heaven Continually: A Primer on Discern- ment in Prayer,” will be held by Alex Schimpf is 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 23 at 900 W. MacArthur St., Shaw- nee. Limited seats are recommended, but not required. Attendees must pre-register by e-mailing reflection@menaksh.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost $30 per person and 835 at the door. Lunch included.

Ignatian Year Spirituality Conference

The Ignatian Year Spirituality Conference “Soe All Things New in Christ,” in July 29-31 at Mary- rie Dallas/Fort Worth Westlake. Fr. James Harvey, S.J., secretary for the service of faith to the General Curia of the Society of Jesus in Rome, is the keynote speaker. The event is sponsored by Spirituality Institute of Dallas. Visit ignatianstitute.org or call (940) 268-8769.

Quas Vadis Days

The next men’s vocation discern- ment retreat is June 29-30 and is July 31-Aug. 3 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Wellston. Registration coming soon.

Talitha Koum

The next women’s vocation discern- ment retreat for women ages 15-35 is July 31-Aug. 3 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Wellston. Registration coming soon.

Faith art - Norman

Mary, Help of Christian Catholic Ladies Auxiliary in Nor- man is preparing for an annual craft fair on Nov. 12 and is looking for vendors. Crafters and artists interested in reserving a booth should contact Teri O’Dea at (405) 250-2471.

Faith Fair - Mustang

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mustang is preparing for the annual Autumn Fair at 9 a.m. on Nov. 12. Crafted and handmade items are accepted. Contact Kathy for forms and more information at Kathy50@ gmail.com. Deadline is Nov. 2, 2023.

Sidewalk advocates

Anyone interested in becoming a peaceful and prayerful sidewalk advocate can contact Julie Lewis at norman/goldministerial. For more information, visit sidewalkadvocates.org.

Calendar

This calendar only covers the two weeks between issue dates and may not reflect all of the calendar items. To see a full calendar, go to soonercatholic.org.

May

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Sunday of the Holy Cross

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First Sunday of Advent

June

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Feast of St. Justin

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Feast of St. Marcellus and Peter

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Feast of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

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Feast of St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi.

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Feast of St. Philip Neri.

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Bingo. 6:30 p.m. – St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 4210 S. McKinley, Oklahoma City.

July

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Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

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The Ascension of the Lord.

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Pray the Rosary for Life, 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church, 500 Alas- meda St., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potatos.lang@gmail.com.

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DNA event.

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Easter Vigil.

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1 p.m. Activity Center (former St. Anthony School/gym). Dinner reservations, $20 pp. Call Larry Biddle at certplus@hotmail.com. (405) 756-1792.

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Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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1 p.m. July 16 at the St. Anthony Lady Rother Barn, 4113 S. Eastern Ave.

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Memorial Day. CPC closed.

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Memorial Day celebration/
Revival Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a Eucharistic procession?
A: The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. A Eucharistic procession is a public witness of the adoration of the holy Eucharist, conducted through public streets. A consecrated host – the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ – is placed within a monstrance. It is lifted and carried by a priest who leads the faithful in procession. Like a pilgrimage, a Eucharistic procession normally starts at one holy place and ends at another. This earthly journey reminds the Catholic faithful of their spiritual journey toward eternal life.

Q: How long will it take to get to the cathedral?
A: The procession will take about an hour; a bus will be available at the midway point for participants who can’t walk the full route.

Q: What can parish groups bring?
A: Participants can bring banners to represent their parish.

Q: What is available at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School before the procession?
A: Several food trucks will be available; $5 food voucher per person provided (while supplies last); entertainment.

Q: What will happen at the cathedral?
A: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place outside of the Connor Center, which will be open with air conditioning, restrooms and water.

Q: How will participants get back to the high school?
A: Buses and shuttles will be available at the cathedral to return participants to parking areas.

Q: Can parishes have their own Corpus Christi Eucharistic procession this year?
A: Yes, parishes can have their own Corpus Christi Eucharistic procession as the kick-off for the National Eucharistic Revival in the archdiocese.

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Three public events during shrine dedication week
Three events during the week leading up to the dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine will be open to the public. The first is an all-night vigil with Blessed Stanley’s casket from 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 31, at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The second is the dedication of the shrine at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and the third is the procession and blessing of Tepeyac Hill on Saturday, Nov. 5, on the shrine campus. Stay updated at archokc.org/shrinededication.

Conception Seminary College announces Spring 2022 Dean’s List

CONCEPTION, Mo. – The Office of the Registrar at Conception Seminary College, in Conception, Mo., announced the students named to the Dean’s List for the 2022 spring semester. To be included on the Dean’s List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and earn a 3.70 GPA or higher on at least 12 semester credit hours.

Conception Seminary College is a four-year liberal arts college seminary preparing candidates for ministry in the Roman Catholic Church through human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation in the Benedictine tradition.

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City
Robert K. Blaschke
Nathaniel W. Boyd
Patrick S. Estabrooks

Seminarians Joseph Allen, Rendon Chambers and Dominick Denney graduated from Conception Seminary College on May 14. Fr. Alex Kroll and Fr. Aaron Foshee also were in attendance. Photo provided.