Archbishop Coakley leads hundreds of faithful in Eucharistic procession

The special event launched the Eucharistic Revival in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY — Archbishop Coakley on June 19 led more than 1,000 faithful Catholics in a two-mile Eucharistic procession through the streets of Oklahoma City to launch the Eucharistic Revival in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The procession, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, was one of the longest of any diocese in the country, stretching from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School to The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

“The procession was a special moment in the history of the archdiocese, providing amazing witness to our Catholic faith through the streets of Oklahoma City,” Archbishop Coakley said. “It was inspiring to see hundreds of Oklahoma Catholics from so many cultures and backgrounds

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Supreme Court overturns Roe in anticipated Dobbs decision

WASHINGTON — In a 5-4 decision June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned its nearly 50-year-old decision in Roe v. Wade that legalized abortion in this country.

The court’s 213-page ruling in Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization was not totally unexpected due to the leak of an opinion draft a month earlier. The ruling emphasizes that there is no constitutional right to abortion in the United States.

The Dobbs case focused on Jackson Women’s Health Organization, an abortion clinic in Mississippi that challenged the state’s law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

The court’s reversal of its long-standing abortion ruling brings abortion policy decisions to the state level. At least

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Blessed be God!

January 22, 1973, is one of the solemn dates in our nation’s history that we observe every year – the landmark date of Roe v. Wade. This decision overturned the 1972 Supreme Court of the United States’ decision in Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion nationwide.

As religious leaders, we pledge ourselves to continue to work together peacefully to educate and persuade our neighbors about the injustice of abortion, to offer care and counseling to women, and to work for alternatives to abortion, including adoption, foster care, and other policies that truly support families. We share their joy today and we are grateful to pro-life workers for their work for the cause of life reflected in all that is good in our democracy, and the pro-life movement deserves to be numbered among the monumental achievements in the cause of civil rights in our nation’s history.

Now is the time to begin the work of building a pro-life America. It is a time for healing wounds and restoring our national and personal identity as Americans. It is a time for reason and reflection; and for coming together as a society and economy that is centered on the family. It is a time for refraining from the sale and use of firearms. On June 23, the USCCB sent a letter to all members of Congress urging law enforcement to “unite in their humanity to stop the massacres of human life,” and to advance life-saving legislation to address gun violence. The USCCB has consistently supported the sensible regulation, sale, and use of firearms.

WASHINGTON – Following the passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Archbishop Paul Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, commented members of Congress for passing the legislation.

Archbishop Coakley’s full statement follows:

“I welcome the passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which will take meaningful actions to prevent gun violence and protect lives. The investments in mental health services and reasonable measures to regulate guns included in this bill are positive initial steps towards confronting a culture of violence. This agreement, born of dialogue and compromise to advance the safety and well-being of all, embodies the work of Pope Francis as he encycliced, Fratelli Tutti. Good politics comes from love with hope and with confidence in the re-sources of goodness present in hu-man hearts. I commend members of Congress for their work thus far and encourage them to continue working to confront the plague of gun violence in our nation.”

Archbishop Coakley’s statement on the overturning of Roe v. Wade

WASHINGTON – In response to the Supreme Court of the United States issuing its ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Archbishop William E. Lori of Balti-more, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued the following statement:

“This is an historic day in the pro-life movement. The overturning of Roe v. Wade is a defining moment in our lifetime that fixes a legal and moral mistake, which led to decades of emotional dis-tress, tremendous guilt, physical harm and infertility for women, and the unnecessary and cruel deaths of more than 63 million unborn babies who were denied their God-given potential be-cause of poverty, ignorance, and lack of access to medical care. Women and children deserve better. More than ever before, we as a nation are at a crossroads. This is an opportunity to actually protect women and families, and to protect the sanctity and dignity of human life from conception until natural death.”

Put Out Into the Deep

Luke 5:4

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

July 3, 2022

The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley’s official calendar.

July 2

– Archdiocesan Review Board meeting, 3 p.m., CPC

July 12

– Mass, Noon, Holy Family, Lawton

– ACA Archbishop’s Circle Mass and reception, 6 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

– Vocations Board meeting, 3 p.m., CPC

July 14

– Priesthood Ordination, 10 a.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

– Vespers and dinner with priests of the archdiocese, 5 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

– Mass and celebration for Feast of St. Charbel, 11 a.m., Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Norman

– Catholic Camp

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– Cookbook with seminars, 5:30 p.m., archdiocese’s residence

July 8

– Knights of Columbus Dinner Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus

July 10

– Knights, noon, Holy Family, Lawton

July 11

– Naps Institute Communications Committee virtual meeting, 10:15 a.m.

July 12

– Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis of Sales Chapel, CPC

July 12

– Archdiocesan Board meeting, 3 p.m., CPC

July 14

– Senior Staff meeting, 10 a.m, CPC

July 14

– Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Building Committee meeting, 2 p.m., CPC

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– Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Dedication Planning Committee meeting, 3 p.m., CPC

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– Catholic School Staff Meeting, 3 p.m., School

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– Mass and celebration for Feast of St. Charbel, 11 a.m., Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Norman

July 26–28

– Naps Institute, Naples, Calif.

July 31

– Mass for Quo Vadis Days, 11 a.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp

Aug. 2–3

– Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

Aug. 4

– Senior Staff meeting

Aug. 4

– Assembly of Catholic Professionals luncheon, 11 a.m., Downtown Petroleum Club, OKC

Aug. 4

– Catholic Foundation Board meeting, 3 p.m., CPC

Aug. 4–5

– Mass and dinner for Talitha Koum women’s discernment retreat, 5 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe

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The Knights of Columbus built Columbus Hall in 1921 as a dormitory for male Catholic students. Newman Hall was constructed in 1925 for female students and plans were made for the construction of a chapel next door. To finance the project, Bishop Kelley turned to the organization of which he was the founder, the Catholic Church Extension Society. The donor attached the caveat that the chapel must be named “Ma- ter Admirabilis” (Latin meaning “mother most holy,” a title from the Litany of the Blessed Virgin); it was completed in 1926.

To serve the parish, at times both gloriously and grimly, the new St. Thomas More Catholic Church continued in the life of the university and the church on Stinson Street became an historic building on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in 1926.

Father Joachim was an inspiring individual. He coordinated the weekend supply service and dedication of the new building on Sept. 18, 1989, and the opening of the University of Tulsa on July 11, 1960. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1938, in Colwich, Kan., to Bernard and Olivia (Les) Spexarth. He was ordained a priest and immediately sought a scholasticate and university. In 1956 he was assigned to the Church Extension Society. The little church on Boyd was dedicated and immediately sought a culture of safety to increase the safety measures. “I encourage Congress to continue these efforts which will help build a culture of safety. It is imperative this Congress passes into law new protections for the American people,” he said.

Archbishop Coakley made the remarks in response to a June 12 announcement by 20 senators that they had reached an agreement on a package of safety and gun-related measures narrowly focused on preventing future shootings similar to the one in Uvalde, Texas, as an 18-year-old gunman fatally shot 19 students and two teachers May 24. The senators’ proposal, which was not yet written into bill form, calls for funding to encourage states to pass and implement so-called “red flag” laws to take guns away from potentially dangerous people; funding for school safety and mental health resources; expanded background checks for gun purchases for people between ages 18 and 21; and penalties for illegal straw purchases by convicted or domestic violence offenders. The senators “willingness to engage in dialogue and commit to the common good” illustrates “the better kind of politics” that Pope Francis champions in “Fratelli Tutti,” Archbishop Coakley said, quoting from the pope’s 2020 encyclical: “For when the good of others is at stake, good intentions are not enough. Concrete efforts must be made to bring about whatever they and their nations need for the sake of their own development.” The USCCB has consistently called for laws to address gun violence. In a Nov. 11, 2019, presentation titled “Responses to the Plague of Gun Violence” that he gave during the U.S. bishops’ fall general assembly, Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, then the chairman of the USCCB’s domestic policy committee said, spelled out the bishops’ support for a ban on assault weapons, universal background checks and a federal gun trafficking bill. They also backed, he said, regulations on sales of handguns, improved mental health intervention and safety measures and an honest assessment of violent images and experiences in our society.

Archbishop Coakley praised senators’ efforts to address ‘plague of gun violence’
They came from all around, in search of Vincentian spirituality, friendship and service to the poor. In early June, members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul came together for a regional meeting, coming from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma.

“We haven't gathered since 2018, so having the opportunity to host this conference offered a special occasion for the Oklahoma City Archdiocesan Council to share the things that make Oklahoma special” reported Diane Wiebusch, event chair.

Archbishop Coakley celebrated the opening Mass. Maria Soperlanda, local author, told the life story of Blessed Stanley Rother at the event chair.

“I believe the event was a great success, with much goodwill and positive feedback. In the end all was spiritually made new and lifelong friends will continue to see the face of Christ while serving the poor,” Deaver said.

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Sr. Teresa Margaret Layman

Sister Teresa Margaret Layman died on June 7 in Oklahoma City. She was 101.

Sister Teresa Margaret Layman was a true prayer warrior. She loved praying for priests and seminarians. She loved God with every fiber of her being. God’s love for her was truly reflected in her to others by her kindness, gentleness, joyfulness and beautiful smile.

Unkind word came from her. She loved her caregivers and prayed for them daily. God showed mercy to Albert and Mary Rose Layman in Harrah.

She made her First Profession in 1938 and Final Profession in 1944. Sister Teresa Margaret Layman traveled with the teaching of small children for more than 40 years. She started with Villa Teresa in Oklahoma City, then Bristow, Sand Springs, Cushing, Newkirk, Little Flower in Oklahoma City, Riverside, Calif., Vilonia and Tulsa. Along with her regular classroom teaching during these years, she also served as a catechist whenever and wherever she was needed.

Sister Teresa Margaret Layman came together for a regional meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul regional meeting in Oklahoma City.

She said there was also training future training events in their diocese,” stated Kelly Deaver, seasoned event chair.

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The procession, which started in a field at Bishop Arledge and Father Kelly Stephen Hamilton, Father Joseph Arledge and Father Kelly Edwards.

The procession ended at the Shrine of the Holy Family, teaching them to observe the Law of God and love of neighbor – as Christ said, “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). This is exactly what Blessed Stanley did – he gave his life for his friends. And his martyrdom provided seed for the growth of the Church.

In particular, his martyrdom is the cause for the building of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. The shrine will be a place of pilgrimage, meaning that people will travel from near and far to visit the site, to pray and to rededicate their lives to God. The Holy Eucharist is central to the life of the Church and to the life of individual Christians.

As a pilgrimage site, the shrine will offer daily Mass, so that pilgrims can receive grace and strength to live the Christian life. Recollection is another essential aspect of pilgrimage, and Confessions will be available every day at the shrine, so that pilgrims can receive forgiveness of their sins.

An essential work of the shrine will be to honor Blessed Stanley and tell pilgrims the story of his life. His body will be laid to rest in a beautiful chapel within the shrine church where pilgrims will have the opportunity to pray and seek his intercession.

A museum will be located in the Pilgrim Center where people can learn about Blessed Stanley’s life and witness. His life and his heroic martyrdom will encourage pilgrims and inspire them to follow his example and dedicate their lives to serving God and others.

And the shrine will serve the growing Hispanic community. Centuries ago, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego on Tepey- ac Hill in Mexico City. On the shrine grounds, we have built a version of Tepeyac Hill that stands close to 50 feet tall. A beautiful statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be found at its summit, along with a statue of Saint Juan Diego in prayer. This will undoubtedly be an inspiring place of prayer and contemplation for pilgrims.

A ministry and education building will eventually be located across the plaza, or plaza, from the Pilgrim Center. Classrooms and workshops will be offered in this building to assist with evangelization efforts. In this way, the shrine will help to “teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

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We look forward to welcoming you to the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine later this year, along with numerous pilgrims from near and far. To support the shrine as we begin this vital ministry, please use the enclosed envelope or visit us at gift.rothershrine.org.

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Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Project Prayer

Lord God, you are the master builder and the foundation of all we do. We give you thanks for this day, and for the opportunity to work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation. We ask you to guide all who design and build this shrine to Blessed Stanley Rother. We pray over us and protect us as we pray. We need your help today and always may be done for the good of your people and for the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Rother Shrine to bring pilgrims from near and far

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For Catholics, 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 the streets of Diocesan Year of Eucharistic Revival from June 2022 to June 2023 to June 2024, and in June 2025.

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What’s next on road to sainthood for Blessed Stanley Rother?

Blessed Stanley Rother Feast Day July 28

By Diane Clay

The Sooner Catholic

In 2007, the cause for canonization for Blessed Stanley Rother was opened by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. It was a massive undertaking led by Archbishop Emeritus Edward J. Slattery and a commission charged with gathering thousands of documents, photographs and testimonies about Blessed Stanley from his family, brother priests and laypeople who served in Guatemala.

The story of Blessed Stanley and the “evidence” of his worthy life was compiled in a 1,126-page “posita,” which Archbishop Coakley presented to the Vatican commission charged with reviewing and recommending beatification and sainthood. It didn’t take long—in Catholic Church standards—for the Vatican to recommend Father Stanley Rother become a Blessed, and he held up as an example of faithful Christian witness.

He was beatified on Sept. 23, 2017, at the Gun Convention Center in Tulsa in a Beatification Mass celebrated by Cardinal Angelo Amato, S.D.B, the then-Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, and attended by more than 20,000 people from across the country. It was carried live by KTWV-Ch. 9 in Oklahoma City and nationally by EWTN. Those who couldn’t fit into the packed and overflow seating from conference rooms, hallways, hotel lobbies and on a large screen at a downtown building.

Blessed Stanley was the first U.S. born priest to be beatified and the first and the first declared martyr for the United States. It took less than 10 years from the start of his cause to Pope Francis’ declaration in December 2016 that Father Stan was a martyr for the faith. Now, we need everyone’s help in getting to the next step of saintliness.

When the miracle has been proven, the pope proceeds to the ceremony of canonization, which is an act of the infallible teaching authority of the pope. By this act, the Church declares that he or she is a saint in heaven with God. It also means that the saint is worthy of public veneration by the universal Church and held up as a model for imitation and a powerful intercessor for all, according to Deacon Norm Mejstrik, the head of the Rother canonical process.

Blessed Stanley Rother is such an inspiration, especially to me as a Catholic Oklahoman. He adhered to the will of God unto death. You can’t be a better example than that.”

Charelle McCool

“I pray daily to him.”

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I am grateful to God and to all those who work to pray for his canonization.”

“In the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Diocese of Tulsa and the Diocese of Little Rock, Blessed Stanley’s feast day is celebrated each year on the date of his martyrdom, July 28. After five years, the archdiocese can petition to have his feast day celebrated by all dioceses in the United States.

To provide information on a possible miracle with Blessed Stanley’s intercession, visit archboc.org/rothermiracle or contact Deacon Norm Mejstrik at (405) 709-2710 nmejstrik@archokc.org.

To learn more about Blessed Stanley’s life and witness, visit stansleyrother.org. Diane Clay is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

Bl. Stanley Rother Rosary Run

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Rother Feast Day Mass

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“Called to be saints”

A s Christians, all of us are called to be saints. Saints are persons in heaven who lived heroically virtuous lives, offered their life for others, or were martyred for the faith. The lives of saints are worthy of imitation. The official process of canonization is called a Cause. The Cause of Canonization for then-Father Stanley Rother began in 2007, and resulted in his beatification – that is, declared “Blessed” – on Sept. 23, 2017.

For a Blessed to be canonized, a miracle is required. A miracle is something that has occurred through the grace of God. The intercession of saints or other deceased persons, including those whose Causes have been declared, is called a Cause. The process of canonization is called a Cause. For a Blessed to be canonized, a miracle is required. The standards for a medical miracle are very strict. For a miracle to be considered, the situation must be extraordinary and scientifically inexplicable. A medical doctor will determine if there is any possible natural or scientific explanation for the healing. The standards for a medical miracle are very high. In addition to having no medical explanation, the healing must have been spontaneous, instantaneous, and complete. Of the many cases already reported, several remain in various stages of the review process.

To submit a story of a favor you have received, visit archokc.org/rothermiracle.

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Dobbs and the vindication of American democracy

George Weigel
Ethics and Public Policy Center

Book review: Fathers of the Faith: Saint Irenaeus’

In this current book, he writes using a style of intellectual history that also uses non-academic language in his historical biographies. He also uses a method of telling a lively narrative biography instead of a dry, academic one. The book also includes a bibliography with quotes from other works. Some quotes are not short, which gives the book a scholarly and comprehensive sample of Saint Ire- naeus’ writings and insights.

There are end notes and a bibliography of sources used by Weigel in the text. There is also a comprehensive list of sources that are mentioned in the book, which provides a useful resource for further reading. Weigel’s work is not only an introduction to Saint Irenaeus but also an exploration of his ideas and teachings in the context of his time and place.
¡Bendito sea Dios!

El 22 de enero de 1973 es un día soleado que pasará a la historia de nuestro país como un día en “infamia”. Hoy, el 24 de junio, en la solemnidad del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, esa infamia ha sido aprobadamente corregida.

Después de la muerte de más de 60 millones de niños inocentes, el día de hoy, nuestro corazón voltea hacia la infamia ha sido significativamente corregida.

Solemnidad del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, esa infamia ha sido aprobadamente corregida.

Tenemos la oportunidad de elevar nuestros corazones en acción de gracias a Dios por el don de la vida y esta victoria a favor de la vida.

Pero debemos formar conciencia espontáneamente y vigilantes.

Hoy es una batalla que va más allá de lo que podemos ver; es nuestro deber confrontar a protestas y contra protestas. Las fuerzas de la vida y las fuerzas del enemigo de la vida. ¡La vida saldrá victoriosa! Esta decisión de la Suprema Corte, es un ejemplo de fiel defensa de la vida y esta victoria a favor de la vida.

El 28 de julio de 1982 fue canonizado el Beato Stanley Rother por el Papa Juan Pablo II. Para los cristianos en los Estados Unidos ha reconocido su error y condenado el aborto porque temen no tener el apoyo de algunos miembros de los Estados Unidos. En 2019, el arzobispo de Oklahoma City, R. Kevin Vann, anunció que hubo suficientes evidencias para la beatificación.

Tres eventos públicos durante la semana de la dedicación del santuario

Tres eventos durante la semana previa a la dedicación del Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother estarán abiertos al público. La primera es una vigilia de oración en el Santuario el 27 de junio a las 9 p.m. La segunda es el concierto de la Catedral de los Santos Cecilia y Elías el 28 de junio. La tercera es la procesión y bendición del Cerro Tepacoy el sábado 5 de noviembre en el recinto del santuario.

Por Diane Clay

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Para obtener más información sobre la vida y el milagro del Beato Stanley, visite archokc.org/reformarize o comunícate con el Díacono Norm Mejía en (405) 709-2710; norm@archokc.org.

Para un informe más detallado sobre la vida y el milagro del Beato Stanley, visite santuarionacional.org.

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Opción por la Causa de Canonización del Beato Stanley Rother

Beato Stanley hermano nuestro, donado tu servicio en el servicio por los demás y defendiendo tu sacerdocio como testigo a favor de la vida en tu servicio a Cristo,

¡San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla!

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Estoy agradecido con Dios y con todos aquellos que trabajan para promover la causa del Beato Stanley, dijo el Arzobispo Coakley. “La Iglesia necesita testigos heroicos para hacer avanzar la misión de Cristo, y el Beato Stanley Rother fue verdaderamente un testigo heroico en el servicio a la vida en el servicio pastoral a su pueblo. Animo a los fieles a buscar su intercesión y orar por su canonización.”

En la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, la Diócesis de Tulsa y la Diócesis de Little Rock, la festividad del Beato Stanley se celebra cada año en la fecha de su martirio, el 28 de julio. Desde hace cinco años, la arquidiócesis solicita que se celebre su festividad por todos los demás de los Estados Unidos.

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Blessed Stanly Rother Feast Day Mass, 6:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 211 Missouri Ave., Okarche.

Feast of St. Martha.

Feast of St. Peter Chrysologus.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

Beds, Whites & Brews, 6 p.m. Dunlap Coddig, 609 W. Sheridan Ave., OKC.

Feast of St. Bridget.

Bl. Stanley Rother Rosary Run, 8 a.m., Catholic Pastoral Center. therothermen.com.

Day of Reflection, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. St. Gregory’s Abbey, 1900 W. Missouri Ave., Norman.

Trinity Catholic Church, 2111 S. MacArthur Blvd., Edmond. Call (405) 313-6611.

Feast of St. James.

Feast of St. Augustine Zhao Rong.

Blessing Mass, 11 a.m., Our Lady of Lebanon, 500 Alameda St., Norman.

Feast of Our Lady of Carmel.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Call (405) 760-3886.

Catechetical Certification Day.

Register now for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Summer Camp at uskofc.org. Visit campusing.org.

Shrine dedication week

These events during the week leading up to the dedication of the Blessed Stanly Rother Shrine will be open to the public. The first day, Aug. 9, will feature a vigil with Blessed Stanly’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 day, Aug. 10, will feature the dedication of the shrine at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, on Saturday, Nov. 5, and the procession and blessing of Tepeyac Hill on Sunday, Nov. 6. Stay updated at archokc.org/shringdedication.

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St. Anthony Catholic School reunion

St. Anthony Catholic School reunion is 1 p.m. July 16 at St. Anthony Activity Center. Contact Larry Holle at (918) 756-1792.

Woda, Whites & Brews

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City presents Woda, Whites & Brews 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. July 22 at Dundun Coddig, 609 W. Sheridan Ave., Oklahoma City. Tickets and sponsorships available at archokc.org/recreation.

St. Stanley Rother Rosary Run

The fifth annual Blessed Stanly Rother Rosary Run is July 23. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northeast Expressway, in Oklahoma City. No cost to ride. All vehicles are accepted. All proceeds benefit the Gospel of Life Dauplaise. Visit therothermen.com.

Day of Reflection

“Heaven Continually: A Primer on Discernment of Good and Evil” presented by Alex Schump in 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 23 at St. Gregory’s Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur St., Shawnee. Limited seating. Masks are recommended but not required. Attendees must pre-register by e-mailing retreats@okcr.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost $30 pre-paid or $35 at the door. Lunch included.

Announcement information session

Fri. Rick Stackhouse will lead a general information session about announcements 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Great Hall at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 500 S. Littler Ave. in Edmond. Open to everyone. Call (405) 490-3691.

Catechetical Conference

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“The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” – John 10:11

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Resources for families and individuals

Marriage and Family Life Ministry
archokc.org/respectlife

Catholic Charities
catholiccharitiesok.org

Project Gabriel
projectgabriel.org

Willow Pregnancy Support
willowpregnancy.org

Holy Innocents’ Chapel
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