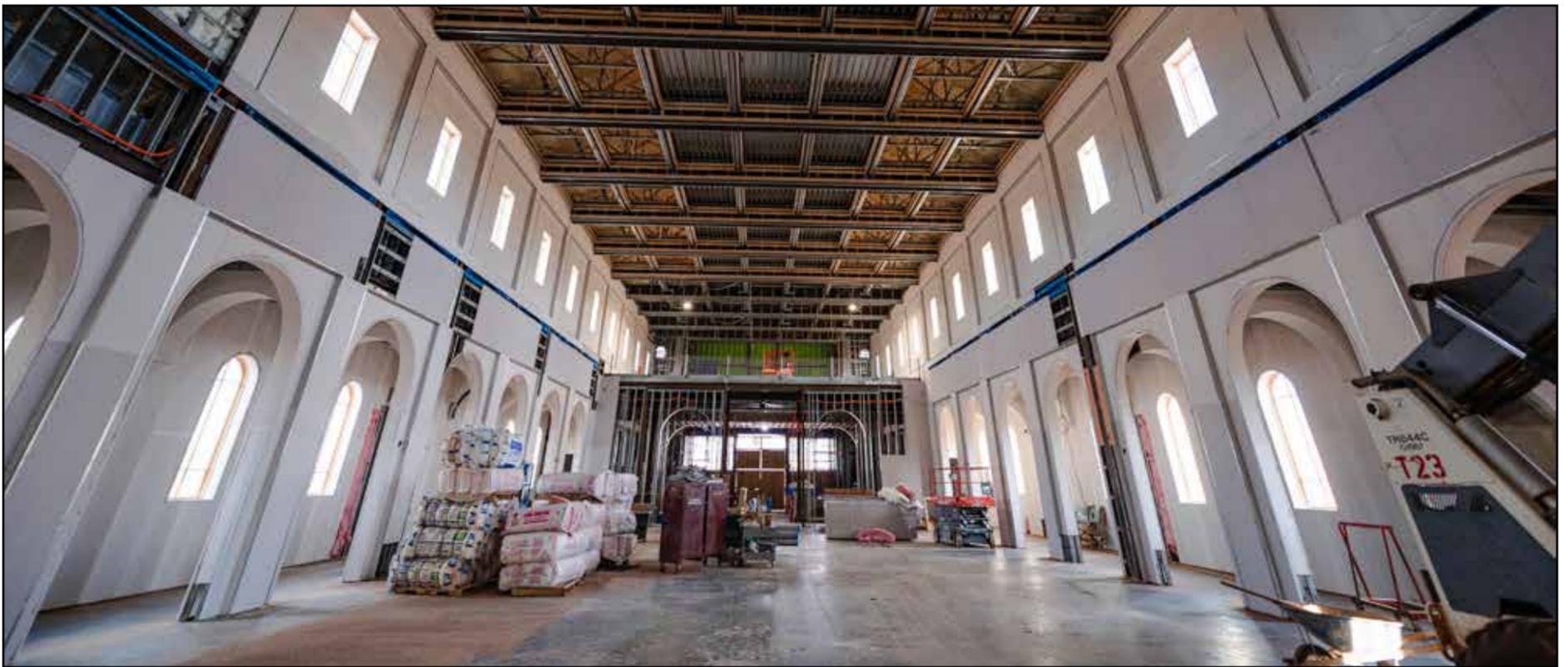


Go Make Disciples



Construction continued inside the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine in this July 2022 picture. *Photo Avery Holt/Sooner Catholic.*

Rother Shrine is a work of heart

By Debi Wagner
The Sooner Catholic

The Feb. 17, 2023, dedication of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine will have something for everyone. Many inspiring and carefully chosen pieces of art will be waiting to welcome pilgrims from near and far.

“The committee members are all

honored to be included in such a unique and historic project,” said Father William Novak, chairman of the shrine’s arts and environment committee, which has been overseeing the design of the building and its furnishings. “They are working diligently to create a space that will both highlight the beauty of Blessed Stanley’s church in Guatemala and illustrate his life of ministry and sacrifice.”

The church is designed in the Spanish Colonial style, with key design elements including the clay tile roof, the wooden ceilings and the Saltillo tile floors. Because of frequent severe hailstorms, real clay tile roofs are impractical. The material used on the roof of the shrine is a synthetic material that resembles natural clay but is much more durable. All the candlesticks and crucifixes will

be silver, as silver is plentiful in Spanish and Mexican cultures.

The shrine will house two worship spaces. The main church seating approximately 2,000, and the chapel seating 144. The altars for both spaces are from Italy, and were carved by hand in Baroque style, with a polychrome, or multi-colored, finish. They will be

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Kathy Rooker named Educator of the Year

Kathy Rooker, from Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Oklahoma City, was named the 2022 Educator of the Year during the 2022 Education Institute held on Sept. 16 at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in Oklahoma City.

Rooker has taught fifth grade for 15 years and was previously a kindergarten teacher for six years. She is known for taking her deep spirituality



to the classroom and interacting with her students; recognizing they are created in the image and likeness of God.

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Mary Dresel named Catechist of the Year

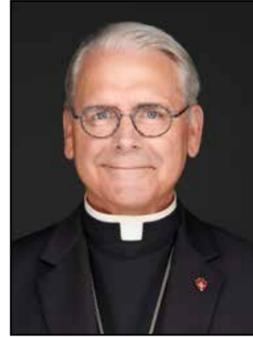


Fr. Aaron Foshee and Mary Dresel at the 2022 Catechetical Conference on Sept. 17 at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in Oklahoma City. *Photo provided.*

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Put Out Into the Deep Luke 5:4

Things visible and invisible



Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

“The world is charged with the grandeur of God!” These words of the English poet and priest Gerard Manley Hopkins find an echo in our hearts whenever we experience moments of transcendence or awe before the wonder of God’s creation. Perhaps such a moment is inspired by a magnificent Oklahoma sunset or a golden landscape of Colorado’s quaking aspens. In the Nicene Creed we profess our faith in God, “the maker of all things visible and invisible.”

For those who have eyes to see, the visible world points beyond itself. It points to God and manifests his beauty, his truth and his goodness. God first reveals himself through his creation. Through the mystery of the Incarnation, God entered our world to redeem it from the corruption of sin and death. But what about those invisible things? There are many who refuse to accept that there is anything beyond what we can see, touch, taste or measure. Pity the person whose range of experience has been so severely restricted by their materialistic worldview!

The Church’s liturgy and sacraments remind us that there is more going on here than meets the eye. Faith expands our horizons beyond this visible world. Our faith celebrates the invisible world as well – the supernatural world. Through liturgy and sacraments, we enter that world that exists beyond space and time, beyond what our senses can perceive.

As this issue of the Sooner Catholic is published, the liturgy is celebrating two feasts that remind us of this teach-

ing of our faith. On Sept. 29, we celebrated the feast of the Archangels: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. On Oct. 2, we observe the memorial of the Guardian Angels.

The angels are spiritual beings, created by God to minister before God and do his bidding. They are his servants, and ours. A beautiful teaching of our faith, and sign of God’s love for us, is the presence of our Guardian Angels. God has created and assigned to each of us an angel to accompany, guide and to protect us. Their mission is to assist us in the journey of life and the spiritual battles and dangers that are part of that journey. Their task is to bring us safely to heaven.

One of the earliest prayers that I remember learning from my parents was the Guardian Angel prayer. Truth be told, I think I abandoned it for a time, thinking that it was a childish thing. Fortunately, I outgrew my adolescent sophistication and learned to recognize and appreciate what a valuable companion my Guardian Angel has been throughout my pilgrimage through life. It is an important antidote to the materialism of our age as we strive to recover a supernatural vision that honors God who creates all things “visible and invisible.” I encourage you to pray to your invisible companion, your Guardian Angel, who is God’s gift to you.

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

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

- Oct. 3-5** – USCCB International Justice and Peace Committee and Domestic Justice and Human Development Committee meetings, Washington, DC
- Oct. 6-15** – Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma “Saints & Spirits” Pilgrimage to England and Scotland
- Oct. 16** – Mass and blessing of new Religious Education Building, 11 a.m., St. Andrew Dung-Lac Catholic Church, Oklahoma City
- Oct. 16** – Anniversary Mass, 3 p.m., The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City

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By Sooner Catholic Staff

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✓ **To send photos**, event information or story ideas, e-mail communications@archokc.org.

✓ **For women and men** who are victims of domestic violence, may God help deliver them from abuse and live safely in the peace of Christ. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

✓ **St. Ann Retirement Center** at 7501 W. Britton Rd. in Oklahoma City is offering one month free in its independent living community. Limited time offer. Contact (405) 721-0747, Ext. 322.

✓ **Archbishop Coakley** invites everyone to the Mass for Medical Professionals at 10 a.m. Oct. 22 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. Guest speaker is Dr. Natalie King. Register at archokc.org/medicalmass.



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All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. For you have called us to serve you and one another in love.

Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus’ sufferings and restore them quickly to health.

Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith.

Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Upcoming documentary to focus on Center of Family Love residents, initiatives



Chef Marc Guizol, executive chef at Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club, showed Center of Family Love resident Linda different pastry tools and techniques. Photos provided.



By Courtney Rhone
The Sooner Catholic

The Center of Family Love’s Gift of Love Gala is what brought a new vision to light. “We think all of our residents are heroes because of their individual untapped talent, and we are hoping to infuse that into our society,” Debbie Espinosa, Center of Family Love president and CEO, said. “The problem with the world is that we see the disability and not the ability; and we need to change the way we view people with different

abilities because we have not given them a chance.” One of the main focal points of CFL’s new vision is the brand-new state-of-the-art building that will help bridge the gap between people with different abilities and inclusion in the workforce. Historically, there has not been anything for people with disabilities past high school, but the new building will “give us the ability to develop their skills as well as showcase these new talents so that they can teach the next generation of heroes,” Espinosa said. “Society has never allowed this population to get into the business world, so we do not know their perspectives and

just how much they have to offer.” “The world needs this population’s input,” Espinosa said. “We as a society need to recognize that people with different abilities might not do things the same way, but they will do it their own way, and we need to incorporate it into our society.” The Center of Family Love wants people to realize that because this is the only way we have done something does not mean that it is the best or only way to do it. “Inclusion to us means making a mark that will change people forever,” Nellie Sanders, executive vice president of fundraising, said. The new building will have the ability to give residents the opportunity to continue life after high school by working with experts in the field to develop skills and untapped potential. The Center of Family Love has partnerships with businesses, restaurants, a ballet as well as many others. “We have an extensive waitlist with two thirds

being from the adult population. We are also expecting an additional 600 people to come develop their skills,” Espinosa said. Not only has there been community interest in the new vision of CFL, but this movement has also piqued the interest of a former BBC documentary filmmaker.

Production has started on the documentary which focuses on the day-to-day activities, fundraising and CFL’s workforce initiative.

Documentary filmmaker Nik Coleman notes that “there will always be doubters, but the mission is to change that.”

The Center of Family Love’s workforce initiative seeks to find talents and maximize abilities in such a way that the residents are leading and teaching the next generation of heroes.

“It is cloud seeding, and we are trying to make it rain,” Coleman said.

“God’s divine intervention has led us to where we should go next and it has been an incredible walk,” Sanders said.

To learn more about the Center of Family Love, visit centeroffamilylove.org.

Courtney Rhone is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

Rother shrine update



The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine continues to add new elements, including wooden ceilings in the interior of the church and chapel. These additions have taken the shrine to a new level. The hard work of everyone involved in designing and constructing the site is reflected in the inspiring beauty that is beginning to unfold.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, pilgrimages evoke an earthly journey toward heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer.

Bl. Stanley Rother, pray for us!





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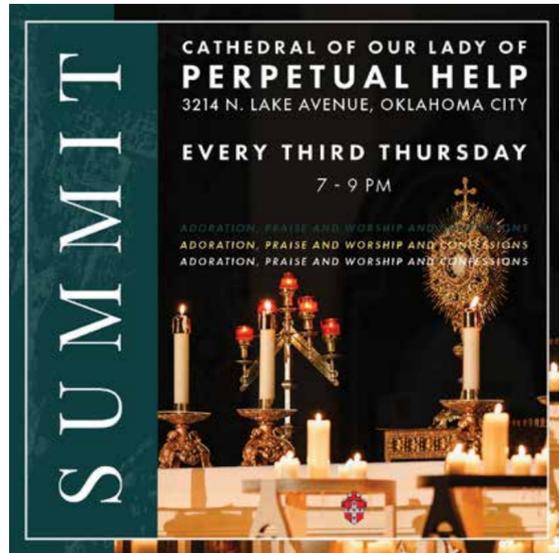
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Holy Innocents' Chapel

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 more dedicated and substitute adorers. The chapel is located at 6114 N.W. 63 in Warr Acres. Contact Julie Mayfield (English), (405) 413-0272; Maria Santana (Spanish), (405) 664-3052.

First Friday Mass

The monthly first-Friday Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart is 7 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. Adoration with confessions available from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information about Home Enthronement, contact Francisco Lozano at (405) 921-5095, filozano12@gmail.com. Sponsored by the archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life office.



From the Archives ...

A photo series from George Rigazzi, archdiocesan archivist

Father Denis Statham, O.S.B., was an educator par excellence, a devoted monk and a beloved curmudgeon. Underneath what seemed to be a sometimes blunt and crusty personality, Father Denis possessed a big heart, but did his best to make sure it wasn't seen on a regular basis.

He was born on Oct. 21, 1919, in Cisco, Texas. His family moved to Oklahoma City where he was a student at Bishop John Carroll Catholic School. He hailed from a staunch Catholic family as a brother was a priest and his mother joined the Benedictine sisters when she became a widow.

Attending Saint Gregory's High School in Shawnee, and seeing the monastic lifestyle firsthand, he became convinced that he was being called to the religious life. He made his monastic profession in 1939, solemn vows in 1942, and was ordained a priest on March 17, 1945.

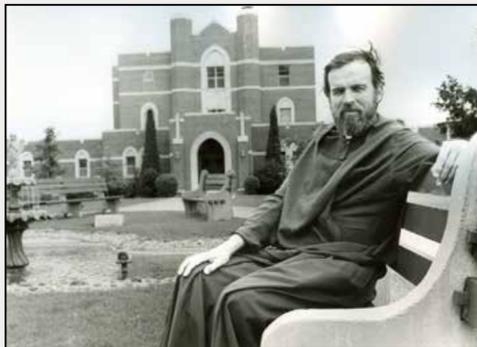


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Father Denis' obvious intellectual talents were quickly recognized as he earned a master's degree in English from the University of Oklahoma. He then received a doctorate in theology from the Angelicum in Rome in 1954. During his time in Rome, he became intrigued with the Jesuit theologian and philosopher, Bernard Lonergan.

His role as a professor was the stuff of legend at Saint Gregory's. Brilliant, challenging and demanding, Father Denis was named teacher of the year by students throughout the 1970s and 80s. He worked very hard to help the students learn to think critically and he was not afraid to push them to get to that point. Regardless of what he required, he was widely respected and appreciated.

Not limited to academia, he was a spiritual director for the Cursillo movement, conducted retreats at the Abbey and



Fr. Denis Statham, O.S.B.

was subprior for the community. His love for the history of the community led him to spearhead the restoration the two existing structures and the clean-up of old Sacred Heart in Konawa, the birthplace of the Benedictines in Oklahoma.

His teaching prowess notwithstanding, it was his passion for horses that led to another type of ministry for which he became known. In 1974, he began an equestrian therapeutic program for those with disabilities. His motto had become: "The best thing for the inside of a man is the outside

of a horse." He even stenciled this on the door of the abbey work truck—in Greek.

Ironically, it was a serious fall from a horse that led to his physical decline during his final years. Upon his passing, one of the stories told about Father Denis came from a student. The student decided to engage the somewhat intimidating professor by uttering the innocuous phrase, "How are you this morning, Father Denis?" His response: "Better than you." One can only imagine the wry smile on his face as he walked away.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Honor Dance celebration

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Konawa hosted a Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance on Saturday, Sept. 10. Planning began several months in advance with Esther and Kendra Lowden, the Southside Potawatomi Family and Friends and several members of Sacred Heart. The celebration started with an honor ceremony at the Saint Kateri statue outside of the church. A Potawatomi women's group began the ceremony with a drum honor song, "Ogema Kwe." Father Joseph Reddy Duggempudi, pastor at Sacred Heart, continued with an opening prayer and blessing before the flower crowning by the Honor Dance Princess, Abby Brimm. The parish community entered the church to the Potawatomi Women's group singing "All are Welcome to our home."

After the Mass, the Saint Kateri Honor Dance began with prayers, led by Arlene Goodfox and elder Marvin Thurman, followed by gourd dancing led by the head gourd dancer, Randy Frazier, which continued until supper. A free traditional Native American meal was prepared over an open fire by the Southside Potawatomi Family and



Friends, and served to all who attended. Deserts were provided by the Sacred Heart Altar Society.

Next was the grand entry, led by the Seminole Nation Color Guard, the head man dancer, Marty Thurman, and head lady dancer, Angie Thurman Goodfox. Traditional Native American dancing followed with Rowe Kishketon as the head drum. The emcee, Carla Whiteman, and the arena director, Joseph Blanchard, directed the activities while explaining the various dances and their meanings. The evening's activities concluded with a prayer as a cool gust of wind preceded a bright, orange moon in the sky.

The Church celebrates the Feast Day of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, "The Lily of the Mohawks," on July 14. In 2012, she became the first Native American to be canonized by the Catholic Church.



Top: Fr. Joseph Reddy Duggempudi, pastor at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Konawa, prayed before the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance on Sept. 10.



Left: The Seminole Nation Color Guard led the grand entry at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Honor Dance. Photos provided.





Edgar Garcia

Edgar Garcia is the director of Hispanic ministry. He coordinates events, classes and workshops for the Bl. Stanley Rother Institute. Outside of the chancery, he enjoys reading, exercising, spending time with family and friends, board games, movie nights, hiking and camping. For more information on the Bl. Stanley Rother Institute and course offerings, visit archokc.org/institute.



Red Mass for legal professionals



Archbishop Coakley celebrated the Red Mass for legal professionals on Sept. 22 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. The guest speaker was Vice-Chief Justice M. John Kane IV of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. *Photos Avery Holt/Sooner Catholic.*



Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women hosts luncheon with archbishop

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women hosted a luncheon with Archbishop Coakley on Sept. 23 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City to celebrate the works and service of Catholic women. Archbishop Coakley praised the faith and support shown through the acts of love and leadership at the parish, diocesan, state and national level.



Women from twenty parishes came together for lunch and to learn more about the National Council of Catholic Women and its relationship to parish women's groups. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops invited Catholic women more than 100 years ago to gather together to provide all Catholic women a common voice and an instrument

of unified action. The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women, which acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

The National Council of Catholic Women programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. Parish groups include Altar Societies, Councils of Catholic Women, Ladies of Saint Peter Claver and women's groups.

"We are excited to share our faith and resources to support parish leaders, engage in social action, grow in spirituality and service to those in need," stated Becky VanPool, province director for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.



The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women hosted a luncheon with Archbishop Coakley on Sept. 23 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City, to celebrate the work of women throughout the archdiocese. *Photos Rosalinda Rivera/Sooner Catholic.*

Locally, the ACCW has supported Good Shepherd School, Sanctuary Women's Development Center, Drag-onfly

Home for Human Trafficking victims and the Center of Family Love. The council has participated in the pro-life Rose Day rally and Catholics at the Capitol Day events. Outstanding women of achievement are recognized annually, and gatherings are held featuring outstanding speakers such as Sister Maria of the Trinity, Father Bill Pruett and Father Joseph Irwin. Internationally, the council supports Catholic Relief Services, the Guatemala Mission and Cross International.



"Women are able to connect with like-minded faithful women through prayer, communication and fellowship," said VanPool. "By joining the council through annual parish dues, women have access to information about issues that affect our families, communities, and nation. Individual memberships are also available."

For more information, contact Becky VanPool at (405) 834-3782 or beckyvanpool@cox.net. Additional information can be found at okcaccw.com, or Facebook page OKCACCW Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and Regions.



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Let us know so we can invite you to the next Meerschaert Society luncheon and Mass with Archbishop Coakley.

Contact Owen Canfield at the Catholic Foundation.

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Our Lady of LaVang



Archbishop Coakley celebrated Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of LaVang on Sept. 11 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. Photos Fran Kozakowski/Sooner Catholic.



Second wind for refurbished pipe organ in Woodward

By Owen Canfield

Beautiful music filled Saint Peter Catholic Church in Woodward on a recent Sunday afternoon. The source was a pipe organ concert celebrating the dedication of the church's newly refurbished instrument.

Around 125 people from Saint Peter and its missions attended the event on Sept. 18. Noah Smith, a student at the University of Oklahoma, played pieces ranging from J.S. Bach and Franz Schubert to the popular hymn "Pan de Vida."

Saint Peter's pastor, Father Cristobal De Loera, noted that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said the purpose of music in the liturgy "is above all to glorify God and lead us to holiness." "The investment in this instrument is an investment in our liturgies," said Father De Loera. "We are asked to celebrate our liturgies with the active participation of the faithful, and a good pipe organ enables and encourages this participation."



Noah Smith, University of Oklahoma student, played a pipe organ during a concert on Sept. 18 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Woodward. Photo Owen Canfield.

The Reuter organ was installed in 1980 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Catholic Church in northwest Oklahoma. It had gone mostly unused, however, since the passing of the previous organist about a decade ago.

Father De Loera learned of the pipe organ during his first visit to Woodward after being assigned there as pastor in 2021, and he encouraged the parish to pursue its renovation.

"He said, 'We need to use that every week,'" said Peggy Kitchens, music director at Saint Peter. "He said, 'We have to - it's a pipe organ.'"

Several fundraisers over the previous year helped cover the cost of the refurbishment, as did a Parish Life Grant from the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma. The organ received all-new components that allow it to be used to its full potential once again. Father De Loera added that the church houses what is believed to be the only pipe organ in Woodward.

"Our parishioners have been very supportive of this project and we express our gratitude," he said. "With this support, we have an instrument that can sustain our liturgies for generations." Owen Canfield is associate director of gift planning at the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma.

Briefs

Merciful mother's retreat

A retreat for every stage of motherhood, "The Merciful Mama" is 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Oct. 22 at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church, 600 S. Garth Brooks Blvd. in Yukon. Retreat led by Lauren Nelson, creator of Gathering Manna. Cost \$25 pp. Childcare available; \$10 per child (four or more children free). Register at sjnok.org/news. RSVP deadline Oct. 15.

Day of Reflection

Day of Reflection, "The Gift of Stability in a Chaotic World," presented by Abbot Lawrence Staszyn, O.S.B., is 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Oct. 22 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@monksok.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost \$30 pre-paid or \$35 at the door. Lunch included.

Halloween carnival

The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School annual Halloween carnival is 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Oct. 28 at 5000 N. Grove in Oklahoma City. Dress up and enjoy games, food,

bingo and candy. Proceeds benefit the school.

Bingo

The Knights of Columbus Family Bingo is 6:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 4210 S. McKinley in Oklahoma City. All games \$10. Door prizes. Food available for purchase, served at 5:45 p.m. All players receive a raffle ticket for a LG 50-inch LED TV to be given away in October. October birthdays recognized.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is having a weekend to strengthen and build up marriages Oct. 28-30 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. Contact Bryan and Karen Berland at bkberland@gmail.com or (405) 850-4274. Apply at meoklahoma.org.

Together in Holiness conference

A Together in Holiness conference for married couples and engaged couples is 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Oct. 29 at Christ the King Catholic Church, 8005 Dorset Dr., Oklahoma City. Archbishop Coakley will

celebrate Mass at 8 a.m. Early bird pricing: \$54 couple or \$35 individual ends Sept. 5. Regular pricing: \$64 couple or \$40 individual. On-site childcare is \$5 per child (2-12 years old). Register at togetherinholiness.org.

Dia de los Muertos dinner

The Enid Catholic community is hosting a Dia de los Muertos dinner fundraiser at 6 p.m. Oct. 29 at St. Francis Leven Center, 110 N. Madison in Enid. Tickets \$30, includes dinner and drink. Adults 21 and older. Festive cheerful attire award for best dressed. Raffle tickets \$5, available from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church religious education office in Enid. Proceeds benefit Totus Tuus and Steubenville trip.

Early application

Early application opens for the Mount St. Mary Catholic High School Class of 2027, on Nov. 1. Visit mountstmary.org.

Craft fair - Norman

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary in Norman is preparing for their annual

craft fair on Nov. 12 and is looking for vendors. Crafters and artisans interested in reserving a booth should contact Teri O'Dell at (405) 250-2471.

Holiday market, health fair

Vendor booths are available for the St. Ann Retirement Center holiday market and health fair 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 12 at 7501 W. Britton Rd. in Oklahoma City. Booths are \$35 and include one lunch and one table. Contact Lisa or Kimberly at (405) 721-0747.

Encounter with God's Call

The next Encounter with God's Call at Conception Seminary College is Nov. 12-14. The weekend provides an opportunity to discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life. Visit ewgc.org. Contact Fr. John Herrera at (405) 474-5534.

MSM open house

Mount St. Mary Catholic High School open house is 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at 2801 S. Shartel Ave. in Oklahoma City.

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ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL

Contact Rev. John Herrera for more information or to sign up: (405) 474-5534



"I came to Encounter With God's Call during my junior year of high school and it changed my perspective on what I thought seminary would be like. I saw the love that the men had for each other and more importantly for Christ. Seeing the fraternity and how prayer was incorporated in their lives was important for me when I was discerning. I had countless worries about the seminary, but they did not go away until I came to experience it. After being able to come here and pray, I could see more clearly how God was calling me."

- Jessie Ortiz
Diocese of San Angelo



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Educator of the Year

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One of her peers wrote, "She models an apostle going to make disciples; this is her goal as an educator here."

Rooker is also known for engaging her students in a variety of ways, especially focusing on science and hands-on labs and activities.

The other two finalists for Educator of the Year were Sherry Sanders from Rosary Catholic School in Oklahoma City and Constance Clark from Christ the King Catholic School in Oklahoma City.

To learn more about Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, visit archokc.org/schools.

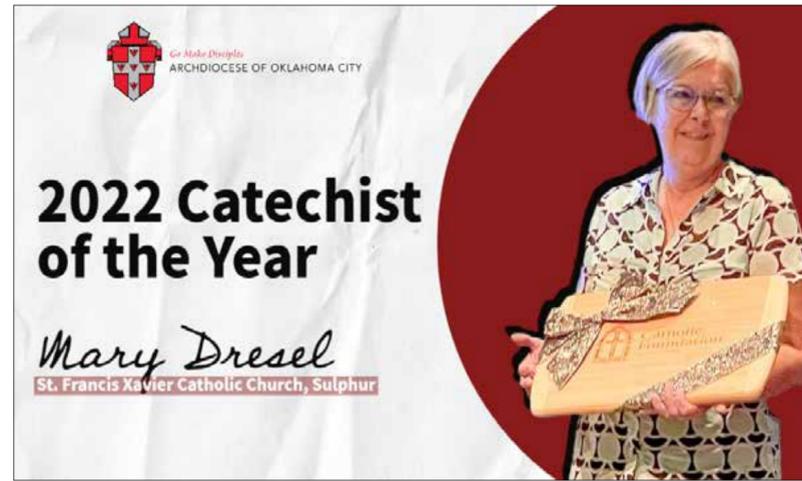


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Teachers at Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City were recognized for their years of service at the 2022 Education Institute held on Sept. 16 at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in Oklahoma City. Photos Fran Kozakowski/Sooner Catholic.

Mary Dresel named Catechist of the Year



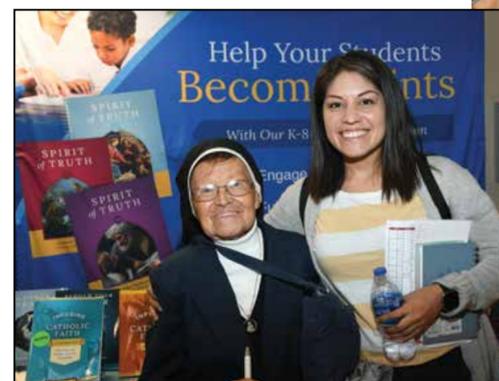
Mary Dresel, from Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sulphur, was named the 2022 Catechist of the Year during the 2022 Catechetical Conference held on Sept. 17 at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in Oklahoma City.

Dresel has volunteered at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church for six years and currently teaches confirmation and first communion classes. She is known for exuding kindness, happiness and love in all that she does. She is active in the church and students say that she actually lives what she teaches in the classroom.

Prior to volunteering at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Dresel has served the archdiocese since 1996, first as a teacher at Villa Teresa Catholic school in Oklahoma City, and then as a teacher and principal at Saint Philip Neri Catholic School in Midwest City until 2016, when she moved to Sulphur.

Dresel was nominated by Rosalina Agliarolo-Hoyle and Father Aaron Foshee at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

The other two finalists for Catechist of the Year were Karen Armbruster from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alva and Kevin Konrade from Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell.



Catechists throughout the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City participated in the 2022 Catechetical Conference on Sept. 17 at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in Oklahoma City. Photos Fran Kozakowski/Sooner Catholic.



St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Norman held a parish potluck meal on Sept. 17. Photos David Long.



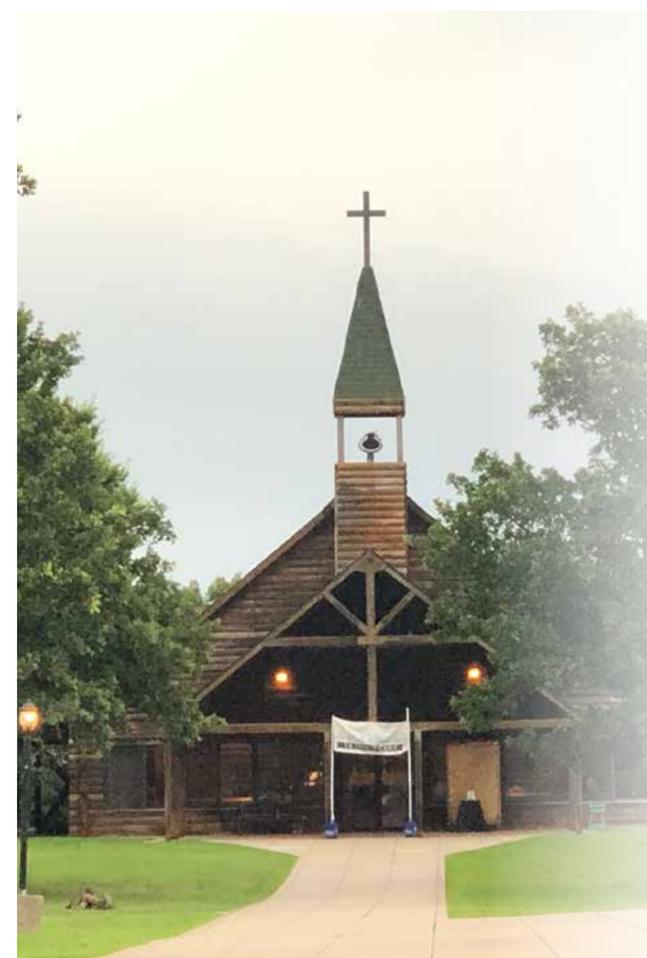
Mount St. Mary Catholic High School is honored to announce that two seniors have been recognized as National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalists. Congratulations to Thomas Doan (left) and Daniel Brown (right). Doan and Brown represent 16,000 seniors across the United States and less than 1% of the seniors in the state of Oklahoma. Photo provided.



Mount St. Mary Catholic High School community does lip-sync music videos, organized by Kaylyn Henderson, MSM video production teacher, and the MSM media team. Mount St. Mary takes a day to dress in blue to show off Rocket Pride. This year, Mount St. Mary chose the song "I Ain't Worried" by OneRepublic, with senior Trey Creel leading the way. Kaitlyn Hurst taught the dance choreography, and the entire student body participated. Photos Kedon Gumerson/Provided.

Endowment provides for the future of Catholic youth camp

By Owen Canfield



Most Rev. Eusebius Beltran's tenure as archbishop of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City saw a strengthening of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma. Nowhere was that more evident than with one of his hallmark achievements – the opening of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Youth Camp in 2000. A new endowment at the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma will help ensure that "Camp OLOG" benefits youngsters and others for decades to come. An Oklahoma City couple created the Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran Endowment with an initial gift of \$50,000. The endowment is for the general use and benefit of OLOG.

past 22 years. It has been especially true for the thousands of youngsters who have attended the camp each summer, or taken part in school field trips, weekend retreats or other activities.

The camp comprises about 320 acres, much of it in its natural state. Structures on the site include a chapel, dining hall, pavilion and 20 cabins for campers.

Annual operational costs of the camp are significant and are borne by the archdiocese and the families who send their children to the camp. The Beltran endowment will help ensure long-term operations and ease the burden on those who support the camp by providing annual support for the camp and the important ministry that happens there.

At the time of the camp's opening, Archbishop Emeritus Beltran said, "At the camp and through its programs, people of every age will be able to come together to experience genuine community."

That has been the case for the

Owen Canfield is associate director of gift planning at the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma.

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The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time executive assistant to provide administrative support for the chancellor, chief financial officer, director of human resources and moderator of the curia/vicar general. The person will maintain databases and coordinate documents and other requirements for clergy, religious and lay; maintain calendars, schedule meetings, distribute agendas and transcribe minutes; track expenses and payments and maintain office supply inventory. Must be organized with the ability to prioritize and anticipate needs; must have excellent computer skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint, with attention to detail and accuracy; must have the ability to communicate in a professional manner in a multicultural environment; must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church; fluent in English and Spanish; at least three years office experience is required. Send cover letter and resume to humanresources@archokc.org.

Executive assistant – OKC

The Catholic Pastoral Center is seeking an executive assistant in the Secretariat for Stewardship and Development to prepare and manage donor correspondence and acknowledgements, schedule meetings and make necessary reservations, prepare and distribute board and committee agendas and meeting minutes. Responsible for maintenance and management of all relevant databases and will help organize and coordinate office procedures to ensure effectiveness and efficiency, including inventory of office supplies. Must be able to independently manage a wide range of administrative tasks. Send cover letter and resume to humanresources@archokc.org.

Cook, event hospitality – OKC

The Catholic Pastoral Center is seeking a part-time cook and event hospitality person to assist with meal preparation in the staff dining room and refreshment set-up and replenishment for meetings and conferences. The flexible schedule will be 20-30 hours per week and will include most weekends and some evenings. Kitchen experience in food preparation preferred; customer service-related experience a plus; high school diploma a must. A background check and safe environment training will be required. Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

Administrative assistant – OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an administrative assistant to provide support for the department of evangelization and discipleship at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The assistant will coordinate schedules, facilitate

communication and registration for departmental events, submit invoices and credit statements and perform other administrative duties, including answering calls and maintaining office supplies. Previous office experience and proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint is required. Must also be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

Director of communications – Shrine

The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking a director of communications to oversee all aspects of communication, media relations and promotion of the shrine. Minimum three to five years of experience in public relations, journalism or marketing; bachelor's degree in a related field and must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Bilingual in English and Spanish is desired, but not required. To learn more, visit rothershrine.org. Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

Gift shop manager – Shrine

The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking a gift shop manager to be responsible for all operations of the gift shop, including purchasing and maintaining an inventory. Responsible for tracking purchases and accurately accounting payments received. Bachelor's degree in management or a related field, and/or at least three years of experience in merchandising, business management/administration or any combination of education and experience that demonstrates the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the above-described responsibilities. Must have a desire to evangelize and to promote devotion to Bl. Stanley Rother. Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

Coordinator of volunteer services – Shrine

The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking a coordinator of volunteer services to oversee the daily management, coordination and support of volunteers. Duties include recruiting, training, scheduling, supervising and recognizing volunteer efforts in support of pilgrimage activities as well as special events and celebrations held at the shrine. Applicant must be a Catholic in good standing, have a minimum of two years' relevant experience or a bachelor's degree in a related field, exhibit an interest in volunteerism and community building and demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively with diverse populations. Leadership experience with volunteer groups within the Catholic Church is preferred. Fluency in Spanish is a plus. Must have a desire to evangelize and to promote devotion to Bl. Stanley Rother. Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

Homeless services floater – OKC, Norman

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a homeless services floater to assist at the Sanctuary Women's Development Center in Oklahoma City and Norman as scheduled. Support includes coverage for staff absences at both locations, assistance with case management assistant tasks such as intake and file work and may carry a small caseload as appropriate. High school diploma or GED; a degree in social work or a related field preferred; experience working with homeless or other at-risk populations a plus; bilingual in English and Spanish is a plus. Send cover letter and resume to Christy Knotts at cknotts@ccaokc.org.

Respite shelter case manager – OKC

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a respite shelter case manager to provide case management services to clients entering the respite shelter program at Cardinal Community House. Undergraduate degree in social work or behavioral science preferred; at least one year of case management experience with vulnerable populations, particularly those with health, mental health, and substance abuse issues; proficiency with Microsoft Office; fluency in Spanish and English preferred; excellent verbal and written communication skills; have a strong sense of prioritization and can coordinate multiple demands in a high-pressure environment; Able to be able and willing to obtain CPR/First Aid training. Send cover letter and resume to Rachael Singley at rsingley@ccaock.org.

Case manager assistant – OKC

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a Sanctuary Women's Development Center case manager assistant to provide support to staff for case management services in the homeless day shelter to individuals and families who are seeking assistance including assessment, goal planning, advocacy and coordinating services available within the community. High School Diploma or GED; At least three years' secretarial experience, working knowledge of word processing programs and operations, understanding of the functioning of a social service agency; experience working with a large homeless concentration and or case management; fluency in Spanish and English preferred. Send cover letter and resume to Rachael Singley at rsingley@ccaock.org.

Music director – Harrah

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Harrah is seeking a part time music director/organist. Responsibilities include directing the parish choir, Saturday and Sunday Masses with funerals and

weddings as needed. Send resume to staharrah@gmail.com.

Behavior interventionist – OKC

The Good Shepherd Catholic School and Clinic is seeking a part-time behavior interventionist to work with students with autism, or other challenging behaviors, at three locations. High school diploma (or equivalent) required, bachelor's degree (or pursuing) in psychology, social work, education or related field preferred. One year experience in ABA, childcare or related occupation. Must possess excellent verbal and written communication skills and a willingness to learn behavioral concepts and tablet-based software for data collection. E-mail resume to gscs@goodshepherdcs.org.

Music director, organist – OKC

St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time music director and organist. Responsible for four weekend Masses, the parish choir and school Masses. For a full job description visit stjames-catholic.org. Send cover letter, resume and three references to Fr. Bill Pruett at pastor@stjamesokc.com.

Spanish teacher – OKC

St. Eugene Catholic School is seeking a Spanish teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants should hold at least a bachelor's degree in education with state certification. For more information and specific positions visit steugeneschool.org/careers. Send resume, cover letter and archdiocese teacher application to Principal Molly Goldworthy at jobs@steugeneschool.org.

Teachers – Okarche

Holy Trinity Catholic School in Okarche is seeking teachers for the 2022-2023 school year for the following positions: middle school English language arts and reading. Bachelor's degree with Oklahoma state teaching certification is desired. Send a resume and cover letter to Principal Alice Newman at anewman@holytrinityok.org.

Band teacher – OKC

Christ the King Catholic School and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School are seeking a band teacher. This individual would split time throughout the week at both schools and work with students in grades 4-8. Applicants must have knowledge of music (band) instruction. Send resume and cover letter to either Amy Feighny, afeighny@ckschool.com or Todd Gungoll, mr.gungoll@scbokc.org. Download application packet at archokc.org/careers.

Organist – Kingfisher

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Kingfisher is seeking an organist for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Contact (405) 375-4581 or secretary@stspeterandpaul.org.

The Catholic Difference

Thank you, Your Majesty

Americans have many reasons to mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II, one of the few truly noble figures on the contemporary world stage.

We were deeply touched by her decision to have the band play our national anthem at the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace the day after 9/11. We were tickled by her puckish sense of humor: while visiting USS Constitution in Boston Harbor during the Bicentennial, the royal eye noticed that some of Old Ironsides' ancient guns bore the monogram of her ancestor, King George III, and the Queen said to her husband, Prince Philip, "We really must have a talk with the Defense Minister about these foreign arms sales."

We were delighted when, in a whimsical moment during her platinum jubilee, she pulled a marmalade sandwich out of her handbag during an encounter with Paddington Bear.

In a reminiscence published years ago, a longtime acquaintance said of Her Majesty, and irrespective of the lighter moments in her seven-decade reign, "There is never a moment when she's not, you know, The Queen." That sense of noble reticence got Queen Elizabeth into trouble once. I honor her memory all the more for it.

It was September 1997 and

Diana, Princess of Wales, had been killed in an automobile accident in Paris. I was staying in South Carolina that week with my friend, Father Scott Newman, developing the outline that would structure the first volume of my John Paul II biography, "Witness to Hope." Each night, Father Newman and I watched the evening news as Great Britain binged on emotional incontinence. It was, we agreed, rather disconcerting to watch a country having a nervous breakdown.

Determined to protect her grandsons, Diana's children, Queen Elizabeth initially insisted on staying with them at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, rather than coming down to London amidst a media circus; and as the late princess's family originally wanted a private, family funeral, that, too was the Queen's wish. This, she insisted, was how Britons handled tragedy: quietly, and with dignity. That was what the world respected in the British character, as it had when the country stood alone during the Battle of Britain.

Day in and day out, she was blasted for this reticence by the tabloid rags once derided by James McFadden as the "tablouids." The pile-on then extended to more respectable media sources, and, on the advice

of Prime Minister Tony Blair, the Queen agreed to return to London from Balmoral for a public funeral.

The night before that event, the character of which was best summed up by Sir Elton John singing "Candle in the Wind" in the abbey church where English kings and queens had been anointed for centuries, Her Majesty made an entirely dignified, and entirely adult, statement to the nation. The baying mob, some of whom absurdly blamed the royal family for Diana's death, began to calm down.

On the day the Queen died, I listened to the BBC's wall-to-wall coverage and was struck that even intelligent commentators continued to get that episode wrong, calling it Her Majesty's "one misstep." It was nothing of the sort.

There is no doubt that this devoutly Christian woman thought of being "The Queen" as a vocation to which she had been consecrated. And that vocation did not require her to take instructions on the emotions proper to the sovereign from the most self-absorbed and shallow of her people, or from the most vulgar sectors of the media. Quite the contrary.

And to my mind, she did her country, and the world, a great service by demonstrating that a true leader tries to form and



George Weigel
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lead public opinion rather than cater to it, especially in overwrought times.

A friend of mine recently told his 52nd high school reunion that the phrase, "Anyone in America can grow up to President of the United States," used to be a boast but was now a warning. Indeed. Not everyone can be the sovereign of a constitutional monarchy, which may offend some republican sensibilities; but we'll leave that conversation for another day.

Now, anyone who cares about decency in public life should give thanks that Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was well-suited by character and conviction to be a source of inspiration to her people, a bulwark of national self-confidence in difficult circumstances, and the embodiment of the best of a great nation.

Thank you, Your Majesty. And may the Lord in whom you placed your trust, and to whom you bore witness in your Christmas messages, give you the reward of your long labors.

Book review: "Saint Therese of Lisieux: Living on Love"

By Br. Benet Exton, O.S.B.
The Sooner Catholic

Therese Martin was born into a middle-class family on Jan. 2, 1873, in Alencon, France, and died on Sept. 30, 1897, in Lisieux, France. She entered the Carmelite monastery in Lisieux at the age of 15, on April 9, 1888. Three of her sisters entered the same Carmel. Another sister entered a Visitation convent. Their parents Louis and Zelie (Guerin) Martin were also recently canonized. Saint John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church in 1997, which made her the third of four women Doctors of the Church.

Father Didier-Marie Golay, O.C.D., published the book "Saint Therese of Lisieux: Living on Love" in France in 2018, and the book was later translated into English by Anne Englund Nash. The Church celebrates the Feast Day of Saint Therese's on Oct. 1.

This book is a wonderful resource on this very popular saint, who is commonly known as "the Little Flower." This book has many black and white and color illustrations and photographs. The illustrations depict houses and

buildings connected to Saint Therese, her family and her Carmelite community. Contained in the book there are many historical photos of Saint Therese and those connected with her, many charts and sidebars and some interesting floor plans of the places where Saint Therese lived.

Some of the photographs display objects from her life like her baptismal gown, the church where she attended with her family, her hair which was trimmed, her artwork and many other items that are fascinating to see. Most people will not have the chance to visit France and see where Saint Therese lived, but the color photos of her family home's interiors provide a unique glimpse into the life of this Saint of the Church.

Those who know about Saint Therese most likely know her autobiography that made her known throughout the world and inspired millions, however, she was also a poet and some of the original copies of her poetry are on shown in this book. Some of the sidebars contain biographical information about people connected

to Saint Therese, or related to her like Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Theophane Venard or other historical events or figures.

The book has a genealogy of Saint Therese's family, a chronological table, general index, list of sidebars, abbreviations and list of illustrations and credits. The text flows with the illustrations. The illustrations are what stand out most to the reader because they are so bright and inspiring.

This book by Father Golay is highly recommended to devotees of Saint Therese and to those interested in this humble saint – it is a great introduction to everything a person might want to know to start their collection of information on this famous and humble saint.

Br. Benet Exton, O.S.B., *Saint Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee, is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.*

Book Review



Lánzate a lo más Profundo
Luke 5:4

Todo lo visible y lo invisible

“¡El mundo es transformado por la grandeza de Dios!” Estas palabras del poeta inglés Gerard Manley Hopkins encuentran eco en nuestros corazones cada vez que experimentamos momentos de trascendencia y asombro ante las maravillas de la creación de Dios. Ya sea un momento inspirado por la magnificente caída del sol en Oklahoma o por un paisaje dorado de trémulos álamos en Colorado. En el Credo Niceno profesamos nuestra fe en Dios, “creador de todo lo visible y lo invisible”.

Para todos aquellos que tienen ojos para ver, el mundo visible nos apunta a algo más allá de sí mismo. Nos apunta a Dios y nos manifiesta su belleza, su verdad y su bondad. Dios se revela a sí mismo primeramente a través de su creación. A través del misterio de la encarnación, Dios entró a nuestro mundo para redimirlo de la corrupción del pecado y de la muerte. Pero ¿qué sucede con las cosas invisibles? Hay muchos que se niegan a aceptar que existe algo más allá de lo que pueden ver, tocar, saborear o medir. ¡Pobre de la persona cuyo rango de experiencia ha sido severamente restringido a solo el mundo material!

La liturgia de la Iglesia y los sacramentos

nos recuerdan que existe algo más a nuestro alrededor que lo que simplemente pueden ver nuestros ojos. La fe expande nuestros horizontes por encima del mundo visible. Nuestra fe celebra lo invisible también, el mundo sobrenatural. A través de la liturgia y los sacramentos nos introducimos al mundo que existe más allá del tiempo y del espacio, más allá de lo que nuestros sentidos pueden percibir.

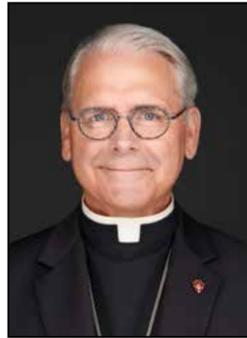
Al tiempo de la publicación de esta edición del periódico Sooner Catholic, la liturgia estará celebrando dos fiestas que nos recuerdan esta enseñanza de nuestra fe. El 29 de septiembre celebramos la fiesta de los Arcángeles Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael. El 2 de octubre observamos la memoria de los Ángeles Guardianes.

Los ángeles son seres espirituales, creados por Dios para servirle y hacer su voluntad. Son sus sirvientes y los nuestros. Una enseñanza hermosa de nuestra fe, y que es signo del amor de Dios por nosotros, es la presencia de los Ángeles Guardianes. Dios ha creado y nos ha asignado a cada uno de nosotros un ángel para acompañarnos, guiarnos y protegernos. Su misión es asistirnos en la jornada de nuestra vida y en las batallas espirituales y peligros

que son parte de esa jornada. Su misión es llevarnos al cielo.

Una de las primeras oraciones que recuerdo haber aprendido de mis padres fue la oración al Ángel de la Guarda. A decir verdad, creo que la abandoné por un tiempo, pensando que era infantil. Afortunadamente, superé la sofisticación de mi adolescencia y aprendí a reconocer y apreciar la valiosa compañía que mi Ángel de la Guarda me ha brindado a lo largo de mi peregrinar por la vida. Es un antídoto importante contra el materialismo de nuestra era, al tiempo que intentamos recobrar una visión sobrenatural que honra el hecho de que Dios ha creado todas las cosas “visibles e invisibles”. Los invito a que recen a su compañero invisible, a su Ángel de la Guarda, que es un regalo de Dios para cada uno.

Ángel de mi Guarda, dulce compañía, no me desampares ni de noche ni de día. No me dejes solo, que me perdería. Amén.



Arzobispo Pablo S. Coakley

La formación de servidores de la Renovación Carismática Católica de Oklahoma se llevó a cabo el 4 de septiembre en el Centro Pastoral Católico en Oklahoma City. Asistieron casi 300 servidores. El predicador Pepe Enciso y su esposa quienes son Peruanos, asistieron a este evento. Armándino Nava fue el maestro de ceremonias del evento. Fotos proporcionadas.

Las actualizaciones del Santuario

El Santuario del Beato continúa agregando nuevos elementos, incluidos techos de madera en el interior de la iglesia y de la capilla. Estas adiciones han llevado el santuario a un nuevo nivel. El arduo trabajo de todos los involucrados en el diseño y la construcción del sitio se refleja en la belleza inspiradora que comienza a desarrollarse.

Según el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, las peregrinaciones evocan un viaje terrenal hacia el cielo y son tradicionalmente ocasiones muy especiales de renovación en la oración.

Beato Stanley Rother, ¡rueda por nosotros!

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La primera reunión del nuevo ciclo para el Consejo Hispano en la Iglesia Católica San James the Greater fue el 10 de septiembre en Oklahoma City. Los coordinadores de los diferentes ministerios reciben el apoyo del Padre Scott Boeckman.

Fotos proporcionadas.

Caja de trabajos



Edgar Garcia

Edgar García es el director del ministerio hispano. Coordina eventos, clases y talleres para el Instituto del Beato Stanley Rother. Fuera de la cancillería, le gusta leer, hacer ejercicio, pasar tiempo con su familia y amigos, los juegos de mesa, las noches de cine, las caminatas e ir de campamento. Para obtener más información sobre el Instituto del Beato Stanley Rother y ofertas de cursos, visite archokc.org/institute.

Director de comunicaciones - Santuario

El Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother está buscando un director de comunicaciones para supervisar todos los aspectos de la comunicación, las relaciones con los medios y la promoción del santuario. Debe contar con experiencia mínima de tres a cinco años en relaciones públicas, periodismo o marketing; licenciatura en un campo relacionado y debe ser un católico practicante con buena reputación. Se desea, pero no se requiere, ser bilingüe en inglés y español. Para obtener más información, visite rother-shrine.org. Enviar curriculum y carta de presentación a humanresources@archokc.org.

Gerente de tienda de regalos - Santuario

El Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother está buscando un gerente de tienda de regalos que sea responsable de todas las operaciones de la tienda de regalos, incluida la compra y el mantenimiento de un inventario completo de artículos que reflejen la fe católica y promuevan al Beato Stanley Rother. El gerente será responsable de rastrear las compras y contabilizar con precisión los pagos recibidos. Debe contar con una licenciatura en administración o un campo relacionado, y/o al menos tres años de experiencia laboral en comercialización, administración/gestión comercial o cualquier combinación de educación y

experiencia que demuestre el conocimiento, las habilidades y las capacidades para desempeñar las responsabilidades descritas anteriormente. Debe tener el deseo de evangelizar y promover la devoción al Beato Stanley Rother. Enviar curriculum y carta de presentación a humanresources@archokc.org.

Coordinador de servicios de voluntariado - Santuario

El Santuario del Beato Stanley Rother está buscando un coordinador de voluntarios para supervisar la gestión diaria, la coordinación y el apoyo de los voluntarios en el santuario. Los deberes del trabajo incluirán el reclutamiento, la capacitación, la programación, la supervisión y el reconocimiento de los esfuerzos de los voluntarios apoyando las actividades de peregrinación, así como los eventos y celebraciones especiales que se llevan a cabo en el santuario. El solicitante debe ser católico con buena reputación, tener un mínimo de dos años de experiencia relevante o una licenciatura en un campo relacionado, mostrar interés en el voluntariado y la construcción de comunidades y demostrar la capacidad de comunicarse de manera efectiva con diversas poblaciones. Se prefiere la experiencia de liderazgo con grupos de voluntarios dentro de la Iglesia Católica. La fluidez en español es una ventaja. Debe tener el deseo de evangelizar y promover la devoción al Beato Stanley Rother. Enviar

curriculum y carta de presentación a humanresources@archokc.org.

Asistente ejecutivo - OKC

La Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City está buscando un asistente ejecutivo de tiempo completo para brindar apoyo administrativo al canciller, director financiero, director de recursos humanos y moderador de la curia/vicario general. El asistente ejecutivo mantendrá bases de datos y coordinará documentos y otros requisitos para clérigos, religiosos y laicos. Debe mantener calendarios, programar reuniones, distribuir agendas y transcribir actas; realizar un seguimiento de los gastos y pagos y mantener el inventario de suministros de oficina. Debe ser altamente organizado con la capacidad de priorizar y anticipar necesidades; debe tener excelentes habilidades informáticas en Microsoft Word, Excel y PowerPoint, con una atención excepcional a los detalles y la precisión; debe tener la capacidad de comunicarse de manera profesional con el clero, el personal y el público en general en un entorno multicultural; debe ser un católico practicante con buena reputación en la Iglesia que hable inglés y español con fluidez; se requiere al menos tres años de experiencia en el cargo. Envíe una carta de presentación y un curriculum a humanresources@archokc.org.

La formación para educadores de planificación familiar natural se llevó a cabo el 10 de septiembre en el Centro Pastoral Católico en Oklahoma City.

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Briefs

Shrine Tepeyac Hill dedication

Join Archbishop Coakley and guests for the dedication of Tepeyac Hill at the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine on Sunday, Dec. 11, the day before the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Oklahoma City.

Rother shrine dedication

Join Archbishop Coakley, priests of the archdiocese, bishops and guests for the dedication of the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine on Friday, Feb. 17, in Oklahoma City. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Oklahoma Catholic Native Schools Project

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Diocese of Tulsa and St. Gregory's Abbey have launched the Oklahoma Catholic Native Schools Project to better understand the history and experiences of native students in Oklahoma Catholic boarding schools from 1880 to 1965. To contribute documents, photographs or an oral history to the project, e-mail info@oknativeschoolsproject.org. Learn more at archokc.org/oknativeschoolsproject.

Visitation

The Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelites of the Bl. Virgin Mary of Mt. Carmel and St. Teresa of Jesus Community of Oklahoma will be having visitations of their orders during October, November and December. Anyone inspired by the spirituality of St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross can contact Letty Silva, O.C.D.S., formation director, at (405) 706-4817 or Susan Staudt, O.C.D.S., president, at (405) 473-6328.

40 Days for Life

The fall 40 Days for Life campaign in Edmond and Oklahoma City is Sept. 28 – Nov. 6. It is a pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. To sign up, or to get information, for the campaign at 619 N.W. 23 St. in Oklahoma City contact Mike Hurney at mike.hurney@outlook.com. For the campaign at 1601 S. Boulevard in Edmond contact Tori Nunn at Warrior-For-Christ@outlook.com. Sign up is also available 40daysforlife.com.

40 Days for Life Rosary

Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion on Sundays during the fall campaign for 40 Days for Life. The Rosary will be prayed on Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Nov. 6. The Oklahoma City Rosary is 2 p.m. each Sunday. Contact Mike Hurney at mike.hurney@outlook.com. The Edmond Rosary is 3 p.m. each Sunday. Contact Tori Nunn at Warrior-For-Christ@outlook.com.

Parish festival

St. James the Greater Catholic

Church parish festival is 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at 4201 S. McKinley in Oklahoma City. There will be food, games, cake walk, bounce house, live pony rides and more.

MSM Stroll the Halls

Stroll the Halls at Mount St. Mary Catholic High School is 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Oct. 2 at 2801 S. Shartel Ave. in Oklahoma City. Open to alumni, current families, future families and friends of the Mount. Learn about the admissions timeline for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact (405) 631-8865.

Garage sale

The St Vincent de Paul Society at St. James the Greater Catholic Church is having a giant garage sale 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 15 in the gym at 4201 S. McKinley Ave. in Oklahoma City. Proceeds will go to help the needy in the community.

Anniversary Mass

Archbishop Coakley invites married couples who celebrated milestone anniversaries (25, 40, 50+) in the calendar year 2022 to participate in the annual Anniversary Mass at 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City. Register with Lisa Carrasco in the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (405) 709-2709. lcarrasco@archokc.org.

Grand House dinner

The Knights of Columbus council at St. Eugene Catholic Church is hosting a dinner at Grand House Asian Bistro at 6 p.m. Oct. 18. The dinner will have five courses and a wine pairing with each course. Cost: \$60, includes tax and gratuity. Contact Steve Chastain at (405) 408-8931. Make checks payable to K of C Council 10822 and mail to Steve Chastain at 12532 Deep Wood Creek Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73142.

Legacy Society Mass

Archbishop Paul Coakley and the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma want to honor people who have remembered their church, school or other Catholic ministry in their estate planning with a Mass at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 20 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. Participants will be formally welcomed into the Bishop Meerschaert Legacy Society. RSVP by Oct. 17, to Owen Canfield at ocanfield@cfokc.org or (405) 709-2745.

Bronco Bash

The annual Broncho Bash is 6 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Great Hall at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 900 S. Littler Ave. in Edmond. Proceeds benefit UCO campus ministry. Raffle tickets: \$25 per ticket or five for \$100; Dinner: \$150 pp; Sponsor a table: \$1500. Contact Emily Sanchez at (405) 990-7386.



Are you listening?

By Sally Crowe Nash

Do you love to hear about the vacations your friends take? I do. Recently, a fellow Catholic radio donor and enthusiast discussed his summer trip to Houston. He was astounded that his hosts were unaware of any Catholic radio stations in that large metropolis. He asked me to investigate. My research allowed me to explore some of the biggest networks of Catholic radio stations around the country.

Guadalupe Radio Network, GRN, is our neighbor to the south – based in Midland, Texas. It covers a large swathe of Texas, New Mexico and part of western Kansas. Their 10 markets also extend into southeast Alabama, Florida, and even to Washington D.C. The GRN is home to a thriving Spanish market. The lay Catholic foundation, La Promesa, the promise, which strives to carry out four areas of ministry: protecting the sanctity of life, evangelizing, building strong families and promoting holy vocations - sponsors GRN. In Houston, GRN resides at 1430 AM, KSHJ.

Oklahoma Catholic Radio listeners are familiar with the country's most popular Catholic call-in program: "Catholic Answers Live." Today, Catholic Answers, an apostolate of the San Diego archdiocese, is the top database for answers concerning Catholic beliefs and practices. Karl Keating founded Catholic Answers in response to a local church's treatise on the Eucharist. The printed missive, filled with errors and inaccuracies, was left on car windshields in Keating's Catholic parish parking lot. Keating was frustrated by this misleading portrayal of his faith. His written response and ensuing dialogues with the church sparked the humble beginnings of apologetics that characterizes "Catholic Answers Live." Listeners from all over the world learn how to articulate what they believe about Catholicism from hosts such as Tim Staples, Joe Heschmeyer and Jimmy Akin as they defend, explain and share the faith. Their repository is also published as an array of books, booklets, CDs, podcasts and more.

If you only listen to Catholic radio during a certain time of day, you are still likely to be familiar with Ave Maria Radio because Ave Maria is the largest producer of American Catholic programming. Teresa Tomeo, Father John Ricardo, Dr. Ray Guerendi and Al Kresta all have popular programs broadcasted on OKCR. Tom Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza, instituted the network "to extend the work of the Church in media." In 1996, Monaghan and colleague Frank

Czajka, leased 1290 AM in Ann Arbor, Michigan. WDEO became the first American Catholic to air EWTN programming 24 hours per day. The network supports other areas of Catholic life with programs, "Catholic Connection" and "Kresta In the Afternoon." Their conferences and pilgrimages are also very popular.

Another large Catholic radio network, with headquarters in Green Bay, Wisconsin, is Relevant Radio. Oklahoma Catholic Radio listeners are the beneficiaries of Relevant Radio's "Patrick Madrid Show" which airs nightly from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on OKCR.

Not to be confused with Relevant Radio is Register Radio, an electronic and printed media service of EWTN, featuring well known programs and personalities such as "The World Over with Raymond Arroyo," Tracy Sobal's "EWTN News Nightly" and "Women of Grace." The Eternal Word Television Network, EWTN, was founded by visionary, Mother Angelica in 1981. EWTN's reach spans across the world via documentaries, films, news coverage, prayers, books, events and more. They deliver teachings that are faithful to the Catholic Church. Because Mother Angelica saw the need for a larger presence of the Church in the media, she acted in faith and all the other networks were subsequently realized.

These networks offer so much more than mere distraction when you are driving in the car. The Holy Spirit uses various languages and inspiration on many more networks, in many more markets than I have explored here, to reach out to us in love. Archives, articles, books, interviews and podcasts open our hearts and help us live out the Gospel in our connected world.

My inquiry led me to a handy resource to corral these networks when you are traveling and want to experience the local Catholic flavor. The "Catholic Travelers Guide" is a reference by state, of 521 radio stations, as of 2019, to help you listen by location as you visit.

Perusing the variety and depth of these resources leads us to intentional listening, not just listening by accident. Oklahoma Catholic Radio carries many of the programs sponsored by these large networks, and their other materials are easily accessed online. Whether you are making an epic road trip, or just driving home from work, appreciate how modest, and recent, were the beginnings of Catholic radio. Marvel, as you listen, at the variety within Catholic radio that leads us to communion with our Lord through Catholics across the globe.

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.

October	6	15	15
20	Feast of St. Bruno.	Feast of St. Teresa of Jesus.	cutta. Meeting on the first Saturday of the month at St. Ann for Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m., adoration and the Rosary. On the third Saturday of the month the meeting is at Holy Innocents' conference room. Contact Toni Harrelson at (405) 341-2199.
22	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.	7 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.	15 St. Vincent de Paul Society garage sale, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 4201 S. McKinley Ave., Oklahoma City.
23	St. James Catholic Church parish festival, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., 201 S. McKinley, Oklahoma City.	7 First Friday Sacred Heart Mass, 7 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 p.m.; reconciliation prior to Mass. Call (405) 721-8944.	15 Pray the Rosary for Life, 9:30 a.m., Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church, 500 Alameda St., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com .
24	MSM Stroll the Halls, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., 2801 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City.	8 Pray the Rosary for Life, 9:30 a.m., Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church, 500 Alameda St., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com .	15 Lay Missionaries of Charity provides an explanation through prayer and the charisma of St. Teresa of Cal-
25	40 Days for Life Rosary, 2 p.m., Oklahoma City and 3 p.m., Edmond. Contact Mike Hurney, mike.hurney@outlook.com or Tori Nunn, Warrior-For-Christ@outlook.com , respectively.	9 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	
26	Third Order (Lay) Dominicans meeting, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., St. Monica Catholic Church, Edmond (St. Ambrose building room No. 105), for any Catholic layperson drawn to religious life. Call John or Mary McClernon, (405) 313-6611, (405) 414-9407.	9 40 Days for Life Rosary, 2 p.m., Oklahoma City; 3 p.m., Edmond. Contact Mike Hurney, mike.hurney@outlook.com for OKC or Tori Nunn, Warrior-For-Christ@outlook.com for Edmond.	
27	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.	11 Feast of St. John XXIII.	
28	Feast of St. Faustina Kowalska.	12 Catholic War Veterans USA the Oklahoma Memorial Post No. 168 meeting, 7 p.m., Sunnlyane Family Reception Center, 3900 S.E. 29, Del City. Contact (405) 760-3886, OklaPost168@cox.net .	
29	Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos.	14 Feast of St. Callistus I.	
30	Bl. Marie Rose Durocher.		

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Rother Shrine is a work of heart

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vibrant, gilded and very ornate. The coffin containing Blessed Stanley's remains will be set into the altar in the chapel. In the apse dome above, a mural by the Evergreene Studio from Brooklyn, New York, depicts Blessed Stanley being welcomed into heaven by Christ and the company of martyrs.

Along the pillars in the main church will be the Stations of the Cross, which are replicas of the stations in the Basilica Cathedral in Puebla, Mexico. The stations are hand-painted and framed in carved wood. Following the visual path of the stations will lead worshippers to the main altar and tabernacle.

Behind the altar is a reredos that will stand 28 feet high and 17 feet wide. It features a hand-carved statue of Blessed Stanley in the center, surrounded by saintly figures and pilgrim images. The reredos has two ornate antique columns, and

several others carved to match. Represented in front of all of them will be the sacred hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In the attic, or top of the reredos, is an antique crucifix that was found in Italy.

Outside, the scene of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Initially, a well-known sculptor from Santa Fe was chosen to create these pieces, but various considerations led the committee to look elsewhere. Eventually, they contacted Georgina Farias, the creator of a statue for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and commissioned her. She is currently 78 years old and lives in Mexico, where she works with a team to create works of art. She and her creative team viewed the project as more of a calling than a commission.

The statues were taken to be blessed by Monsignor Eduardo Chavez Sanchez, the Postulator for the Cause of Saint Juan Diego in Mexico City.

The committee expects to add more stenciling, decoration and statues to the shrine in the future to enhance its beauty for new and regular visitors alike.

A live feed from the shrine construction site can be viewed any time at rothershrine.org/webcam.

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A worker plastered the dome in the chapel at the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine in this July 2022 picture. Photo Avery Holt/Sooner Catholic.

appearing to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill is recreated in oversized bronze statues.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

ARCHBISHOP COAKLEY INVITES MARRIED COUPLES WHO ARE CELEBRATING MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES (25, 40, 50+) IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 TO PARTICIPATE.

Oct. 16, 2022 - 3 p.m.

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