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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.

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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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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Things visible and invisible

“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!

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

- Mass and blessing of new Religious Education Building, 11 a.m., St. Andrew Dung-Lac Catholic Church.
- Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma “Saints & Spirits” Pilgrimage to England and Scotland.
- New state-of-the-art building that will help bridge the gap between people with different abilities and inclusion in the workforce.

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ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA
Honor Dance celebration

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

After the Mass, the St. Kateri Honor Dance began with prayers, led by Arlene Goodfox and elder Marvin Thurman, followed by a group dancing led by the head grand dancer, Randy Frazer, which continued until supper. A free educational Native American meal was prepared over an open fire by the Southside Potawatomi Family and Friends, and served to all who attended. Desserts were provided by the Sacred Heart Altar Society.

Next was the grand entry, led by the Seminole Native Color Guard, the head man dancer, Marty Thurman, and head lady dancer, Angie Thurman Goodfox. Traditional Native drumming followed, with Rowe Kishketon as the head gourd dancing led by the Seminole Nation Color Guard, the head man dancer, Angie Thurman Goodfox. Traditional Native American dancing followed with Row Kinblenton as the head dancer. The ceremony, Carla Whiteman, and the arena director, Joseph Blanchard, directed the activities and the emcee, Carla Whiteman, also 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 St. 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.
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The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women hosts 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.

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Localy, the ACCW has supported Good Shepherd School, Sanctuary Women’s Development Center, Dragontail 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.

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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.”

Additional information can be found at okcaccw.com or Facebook page OKCACCW Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and Regions.

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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 Photo Konstakowski/Sooner Catholic.

Our Lady of LaVang

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 Mama. Cost $25 pp.Childcare available; $10 per child (four or more children free). Register at sjnk.org/news. RSVP deadline Oct. 15.

Day of Reflection
Day of Reflection, “The Gift of Stability in a Chaotic World,” pre-sented by Abbott Lawrence Sta-tams, G.H.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 mandatory. Cost $30. Email registration to a-lstatams@gmail.com or call (405) 478-5600. Cost $30 per paid or $35 at the door. Lunch included.

Halloween carnival
The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School annual Halloween carni-val is 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Oct. 28 at 600 N. Grove in Oklahoma City. Dress up and enjoy games, face painting, bouncy houses, candy and food. 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 N. 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. A retreat for every stage of marriage is 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Oct. 22 at St. Francis Leven Center, 110 N. Madison in Enid. Tickets $30, includes dinner and drink. Adults 21 and older. Positive cheerful attitude is required for dinner. Tickets $35. Call (405) 232-0747 for information.

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. Positive cheerful and active attitude is required for dinner. Tickets $35. Call (405) 721-0747 for information.

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Holiday market, health fair
Vendor booths are available for the Sooner Catholic 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.

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MMK open house
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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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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.

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**Job Book**

### Executive assistant - OKC
The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time executive assistant to provide effective support for the chancellor, chief financial officer, director of human resources and other administrators/custs general. The person will maintain all executive files, prepare necessary documents and other requirements for all meetings. Maintain calendar, schedule meetings, follow-up on tasks, organize presentations, minutes, track expenses and pay-per-view video content and inventory. Must be organized with the ability to prioritize and juggle multiple tasks. A minimum of three to five years of experience in a similar position and/or a bachelor’s degree in a related field. Excellent oral and written communication skills, ability to manage multiple tasks, and strong ability to work as a team. Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

### Director of communications – Norman
The St. Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking a communications professional to oversee all aspects of communications, media relations and publications. This person’s responsibilities will include managing social media accounts and interacting with the parish choir, Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses, and to promote devotion to Bl. Stanley Rother. The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking a full-time music director to work with students with autism or other challenging behaviors, training and providing one-on-one support. Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

### Gift shop manager - Shrine
Shrine is seeking a gift shop manager to be the primary contact for sales of the gift shop, including purchasing and maintaining an inventory. Responsible for developing plans and accurately accounting payments and expenses for all gift shop equipment and inventory. Strong computer knowledge, experience in merchandising, business management and providing leadership. Must have strong communication and decision-making skills, and have the ability to manage and maintain effective relationships. 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 with intake at the Sanctuary Women’s Development Program and coordinate parish volunteers for the homeless shelter in Norman as scheduled. Support includes coverage for float days, assistance with case management and intake, ongoing support with case management and intake; and file work and may carry a small caseload. Strong preference for a school diploma or GED; a degree in social work or a related field preferred; experience working with people experiencing homelessness; bilingual in English and Spanish is a plus. Send resume, cover letter and three references to Christy Knotts at clasny@archokc.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 management experience with vulnerable, low-income, underserved populations is essential. Bilingual in English and Spanish is desired, but not required. Please see the job and cover letter at humanresources@archokc.org.

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### Behavior therapist - OKC
St. Elizabeth School is seeking a full-time behavior therapist to work with students with autism or other challenging behaviors, training and providing one-on-one support. Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

### Music director – Harrah
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church is seeking a part-time music director/organist. Send resume and cover letter to Pastor Kathy Grooms at kathy@stteresaavilaharrahsok.org. Also send resume and cover letter to humanresources@archokc.org.

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### The Catholic Difference
Americans have many reasons to mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Not only was she a most remarkable woman, but she also was the first queen in modern European history that was born in the 20th century. She was a role model to many women and an inspiration to all. She was known for her grace, elegance, and humility. She was a true leader who tried to form and lead public opinion rather than cater to it, especially in over-regulation.

A friend of mine told recently that my 52nd high school reunion that I attended in 2019, that America can grow up to 2022, but was now a warning. Indeed. Not everyone can grow up to be a judicial, monarchical, which may offer some republicans some theologies; 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 not chosen as a successor to the British throne. The reason is that we would have a reality that is both self-evident and obvious. We have a reality that is 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 a beacon of hope and optimism for all people, or from the most virtuous cultures.

Thank you, Your Majesty. And may you place your trust, and whom you place, your trust, and whom you place, your trust in God. Amen.

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**Thank you, Your Majesty.**

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**Book Review:** *Saint Therese of Lisieux: Living on Love*

By Dr. Benet Eaton, O.S.B.

The characterized life of Saint Therese of Lisieux is meant to help us understand how our own lives can be lived with passion and devotion. This book is a biography of Saint Therese, written by Dr. Benet Eaton. It covers her life, her family, her education, her vocation, her writings, and her experiences in the Carmelite Order. The book also includes a foreword by Dr. Alice B. Kline and an introduction by Dr. John J. Walsh.

Saint Therese of Lisieux was a French Carmelite nun who lived from 1873 to 1897. She was known as “The Little Flower” and was famous for her writings, which were later translated into English. Saint Therese was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI.

The book is divided into two main parts: part one covers Therese’s early life and part two covers her time as a novitiate and later as a nun. Part one focuses on Therese’s childhood and early education, her relationship with her family, and her decision to enter the Carmelite Order.

Part two details Therese’s time as a nun, including her formation as a Carmelite, her relationship with her sisters, her spiritual development, and her contributions to the Order. The book also includes a section on Therese’s writings, which are considered some of the most significant works in the Catholic tradition.

The book concludes with an analysis of Therese’s life and teachings, as well as a discussion of her impact on the Church and on contemporary Catholic thought.

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**Summary:**

The book is a well-written biography of Saint Therese of Lisieux, written by Dr. Benet Eaton. It provides a detailed account of Therese’s life, including her early years, her vocation, and her time as a nun. The book also includes Therese’s writings, which are considered some of the most significant works in the Catholic tradition. The book concludes with an analysis of Therese’s life and teachings, as well as a discussion of her impact on the Church and on contemporary Catholic thought.
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Shrine Tepeyac Hill dedication
Join Archbishop Cordell, priests of the archdiocese and guests for the dedication of Tepeyac Hill at the St. Stanley Rother Shrine on Sunday, Dec. 11, the day before the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Oklahoma City.

Retro shrine dedication
Join Archbishop Cordell, priests of the archdiocese, bishops and guests for the dedication of the St. Stanley Rother Shrine on Friday, Dec. 16, in Oklahoma City. Contact archdiocesepr@archokc.org. The dedication will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Oklahoma Catholic Native Schools Project
The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, in partnership with the Native American Catholic 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@oklahomaca.org. Learn more at archdioceseok.org/oknativeschoolsproject.

Visitacion
The Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelites of the Bl. Virgin Mary of St. Carmel and St. Teresa of Avila in Oklahoma City will be having visitations of their schools during the month of October. The schedule is as follows:
- 1-3 p.m., 2801 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City
- 7 a.m., 200 S. McKinley Ave., Oklahoma City

Feast of St. Teresa of Jesus
The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Oklahoma City will be having a giant garage sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1530 NW 23 St. in Oklahoma City. Proceeds go to help the needy in the community.

Anniversary Mass
Archbishop Cordell invites married couples who celebrated milestone anniversaries (25, 40, 50) in the calendar year 2022 to participate in the annual Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 321 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City, beginning with Lisa Carrasco in the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 5 p.m., followed by a free dinner at 7 p.m. To RSVP, contact archdiocesepr@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. on 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 10522, 12525 Deep Wood Creek Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73162. No one will be turned away.

Legacy Society Mass
Archbishop Paul Cordell and the Knights of Columbus of Oklahoma invite you to come and join us as we wish you happy to 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 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 12525 Deep Wood Creek Dr., Oklahoma City. For more information, call (405) 406-5800.

40 Days for Life
The fall 40 Days for Life campaign in Edmond and Oklahoma City continues today with a prayer at 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@oknativeschoolsproject.com. For the campaign at 1650 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 Sunday, Oct. 16. Fall campaign for 40 Days for Life. The Red Rose Rally will be prayed at Our Lady of the Rosary, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Nov. 6. The Oklahoma City Area’s “March for Life” will be held from 2-6 p.m. every Sunday. Contact Mike Hurney at Mike.hurney@oknativeschoolsproject.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 421 S. McKinley in Oklahoma City. There will be food, games, cake walk, bounce house, live pony rides and more.

MNM Stroll the Halls
St. Mary’s High School at 2801 S. Shartel Ave. in Oklahoma City. Open to alumni, current families, future families and friends. The event will begin at 5 p.m. Contact archdiocesepr@archokc.org. Learn about the admissions timeline for the 2023-24 school year. Contact (405) 611-8865.

Garage sale
The St Vincent de Paul Society of Oklahoma City has a garage giant sale, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 15 at the gym at 421 S McKinley Ave. in Oklahoma City. Proceeds will go to help the needy in the community.

Are you listening?
By Sally Cross Nash
Do you love to hear about the current events of your faith? Do you want to hear about the most popular Catholic Call-in radio show? Do you want to stay current with the latest in Catholic programming? Catholic Answers, an apostolic institution that strives to make the whole Bible clear and useful, provides a variety of resources to help people study the Bible, learn to share the faith, and help people to grow in the faith. They have created two radio shows: “Catholic Answers Live.”

Missionary Movement of the Rosary
In support of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the “Missionary Movement of the Rosary” is a movement sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross, to extend the Rosary around the world. The movement is driven by three main goals: increase prayer, increase awareness of the mysteries of the Rosary and to help the Church grow.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Oklahoma City will be having a giant garage sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1530 NW 23 St. in Oklahoma City. Proceeds go to help the needy in the community.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Our Lady of Lebanon Church is having a giant garage sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 2801 S. Shartel Ave., Oklahoma City. Contact Con-Car-Nez.com.

Pray the Rosary for Life
Pray the Rosary for Life, 9:30 a.m., Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church, 200 Alfreda St., Norman. Contact Con-Car-Nez.com.

Church is having a giant garage sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 500 Alameda St., Norman. Proceeds go to help the needy in the community.

Lay Missionaries of Charity provides an explanation through prayer and the chanting of St. Teresa of Calcutta.

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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 appearing to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill is recreated in oversized bronze statues. A live feed from the shrine construction site can be viewed any time at rothershrine.org/webcam.

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