“Now I have a new life, a new beginning”

Lisa Singleton shares how Catholic Charities helped her move through grief

My husband, David, and I were married for 28 years, had five children – three biological and two adopted. We all lived in our historic dream home in Enid until one day our lives changed forever.

In August 2018, we found out David had Myelodysplastic Syndrome, MDS, a pre-leukemia cancer in his bone marrow. We quickly got him on the stem-cell transplant list and began our research. We realized the morbidity rates for this form of cancer were extremely high and at the age of 61, he passed away – leaving me alone, afraid and with a level of sadness I hope no one ever has to experience. He was the love of my life and now he was gone.

I was visiting his gravesite four to five times a day and sleeping in his chair at night, really struggling with my grief, and then I lost my mother in May 2021 and my dog in July 2021. Then I lost our dream home. It was at

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SWOSU Catholic Student Center works to expand ministry efforts

By Everett Brazil, III
The Sooner Catholic

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University, SWOSU, Catholic Student Center has provided support to Catholic students for several decades. For years, the facility has been addressing the spiritual and academic needs of the students and is now moving to increase that ministry, as they are not only finishing renovations of a current building but plan to construct a new building to reach out to more students for years to come.

Father Kelly Edwards is the pastor at Saint Eugene Catholic Church in Weatherford, and serves as the director of the Catholic Student Ministries as well, although the campus ministry is separated from the parish and operates independently.

“We have about 10 – 15 students right now, but there are more

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Top: Fr. Kelly Edwards and students at the Catholic Student Center near Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.
Right: Inside the Catholic Student Center.

Photos provided.
Ten years on the Camino

The path itself is the retreat director. It affords time for prayer, for solitude and silence as well as for compassion, friendship and adventure! It keeps the pilgrim in touch with the things that are concrete and real in the created world around us as well as in our own needs, joys, aspirations and limitations.

When I set out with a few friends 10 years ago to walk the last 100 miles of the Camino, I could not imagine what was in store nor did I plan to return as often as I have. One of the lessons that the Camino has reinforced for me has been the importance of living in the present moment and entrusting the future to the Lord!

Earlier this month, I completed my 50th Camino and now have tallied more than 830 miles walking various routes. I have walked all three miles with Bishop Wall and many of them with Bishop Corley. We have completed the entirety of the French Way (the one popularized in the film called “The Way”) as well as the Camino Primitivo and the last 115 miles of the Camino Portugues.

People have asked, “Are you finished yet?” The answer is that while I do not know if I’ll ever have the opportunity to return to Spain and walk the Way of Saint James again, our Camino goes on for as long as life goes on. We are pilgrims, sojourners living in a foreign land. Our true home is in heaven. I have been very fortunate and blessed to have the opportunity to make these pilgrimages. But, there are ways we can all have our own pilgrim experiences closer to home as well.

In the months ahead we will dedicate the shrine of Blessed Stanley Rother and the Tepeyac hill on the shrine campus. Those will provide opportunities for pilgrimages much closer to home. And there are many more others! Being on pilgrimage, or on Camino, is a mindset we can adopt and make our own no matter where we are in life. Buen Camino!

Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar

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

Archbishop Paul E. Coakley

- Sept. 16-19 – Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre Investiture, Houston, Texas
- Sept. 20 – Mass, 11:30 a.m. – St. Francis de Sales Chapel, Catholic Pastoral Center
- Sept. 20 – Continuing education for priests meeting, 2 p.m., CPC
- Sept. 21 – Mass with UCO students, 6 p.m., UCO campus
- Sept. 23 – ACCW Priests and Presidents’ Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., CPC
- Sept. 23 – Saints and Scholars Dinner for Catholic Schools, 6 p.m., Embassy Suites Northwest OKC
- Sept. 24 – Mass, 5 p.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Church, McLoud
- Sept. 25 – Ordination, 10 a.m. – St. Patrick Church, Anadarko
- Sept. 26-30 – Institute for Priestly Formation Program for Bishops, Mundelein, Illinois
- Oct. 1 – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass, 1 p.m., The Cathedral of our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
- Oct. 1 – Scotch & Cigars for Seminarian Education, 6 p.m., Archbishop’s residence

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**From the Archives …**

Father Kasimir “Casey” Krutkowski came to Oklahoma in 1949, with 12 other priests from Poland recruited by Bishop Eugene McGuinness to serve in the diocese as one of many who could not return to their homeland after World War II. His path to the Sooner state is one of heroism and terror.

Born in Kostowiec, Poland, on Oct. 6, 1917, he graduated as a priest on the day after Christmas, 1939. After parish work for four years, he became a chaplain in the Polish Army in 1934, five years before the fatal invasion of Poland by the Germans on Sept. 1, 1939 – signaling the beginning of the deadliest war in human history: the Second World War.

Marching toward Warsaw on Sept. 17, Father Casey and the troops of the 17th Polish Infantry Division were pinned down in a roadside ditch. Scrambling to the nearby woods and an abandoned farmhouse, he and his comrades intended to hide from the Germans but were immediately captured. Thus began a six-year odyssey of suffering and intense courage for the priest chaplain. Assigned to a prisoner of war camp, he was transferred to Buchenwald concentration camp. Two years later, the infamous concentration camp of Dachau was what he perceived as the “last stop.” Enduring unspeakable horror, he was part of the medical experiments by the Nazis, his indomitable spirit refused to buckle under the intense cruelty and the inhuman actions of his captors.

When the 45th American Infantry Division, in which many Oklahomans served, arrived to liberate the camp, Father Kasimir was free for the first time in six years. True to form, he was again serving Polish soldiers in Italy a scant three weeks later.

Assigned to the 2nd Polish Tank Division in Northumberland in the United Kingdom. Accepting Bishop McGuinness’s solicitation, he began work in the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa in July 1949. In a letter of recommendation from the Chaplain General of the Polish Roosevelt Corps he stated: “Due to his unbroken character through many circumstances and sufferings enforced with high spirits I have to recommend him as a virtuous, zealus and hard-working priest.”

He later recalled: “I wanted to work in Oklahoma because I was liberated by the 45th Division from Oklahoma.”

This extraordinary man began his Oklahoma journey in Poteau where he worked on mastering English. He was pastor and hospital chaplain at Muskogee, Wagoner, McAlester, Wilburton and finally at Union City where he so fondly remembered.

After 25 years of priestly ministry, he retired in 1976. It was not until 1974 that Archbishop Quinn asked him to be inculcated as a priest in the Archdiocese. He gladly did so as this was near his home.

Surviving the ravages of war, and spending a large portion of his life in a foreign country, the faithful servant, Father Kasimir Krutkowski, died in his native Poland on July 2, 1978. His life is a perfect example of the Sooner state is one of heroism and terror.

**Walking with the Holy Spirit**

A three-day Walking with the Holy Spirit retreat was held Sept. 11-13 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. Fr. Anthony M. Boosman, pastor of The Church of the Transfiguration in Los Angeles, was the keynote speaker. The Mass on Sept. 11 included a celebration of the Feast of St. Peter Claver. In attendance were members of the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver: Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Oklahoma City – Corpus Christi Council and St. Martin DePorres Court No.204; Uganda Martyrs Catholic Church, Oklahoma City – Uganda Martyrs Council and Alfaretta Aubry Court No. 55; St. Augustine Catholic Church, Tulsa – Edmond Hunter Council and Fr. John Strumski Court No. 237; and St. Monica Catholic Church, Tulsa – Council and Fr. Benedict Justice Court No. 317.

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Fr. Joseph Porter, FSSP

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Catholic students on campus,” Father Edwards said. “The numbers are small right now but we’re going to increase that with what we have going.

SWOSU has a well-known pharmacy school, attracting students from many states, but most are from Oklahoma. “We have students from Oregon, Texas, but of course most are from Oklahoma,” Father Edwards explained.

Father Kelly said the ministry has been equipping Catholic students for many years, but it was located several blocks off-campus, which made it difficult for students to be able to easily visit the facility while also trying to attend classes or complete homework.

“The campus ministry has been going for 40 to 50 years, but it was pretty small when I got here four to five years ago,” he said. “They used to have a house near campus in the 1980s, and that was a while ago.”

The campus ministry is trying to move in a new direction with the new building, which is only a block south on Custer Street.

“Most students recognize it as one block south of Batcliff Books,” Father Edwards said. “They’ve been there for quite a while.”

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City was instrumental in the new campus facility, having purchased the property for the ministry. It was Father after Saint Maximilian Kolbe, whose Feast Day is Aug. 14.


The property at the time contained two buildings. A larger building was deemed dilapidated and had to be demolished, but a smaller structure is expected to be renovated.

“There was a much larger building on the site that was too old to be able to use, so we demolished that building,” Father Edwards said. “There is a side building we renovated, and we are using that.”

The ministry found new space for student activities once the older building was torn down. Activities include grilling on a cool evening, athletic activities and simply enjoying one another’s company.

“With the removal of the building, there is a much larger space for students to gather, whether that be for studying or just having fun together,” Father Edwards commented.

There has also been better student outreach with the renovated building, such as a shared meal, bible study, homework or simply fellowship with one another, especially as Catholic students.

“We want students to have a nice recreational space to come and spend time,” Father Edwards said. “We do have meals, Rosary and other activities, too. The students are often here at night studying.”

The renovation project is only partially completed, as a new building is planned for the empty space vacated by the demolished structure. The campus ministry is still raising funds to realize their vision. Funds for the building project were obtained through fundraising. Gifts came from some parishioners from St. Eugene and some of the funds came from the archdiocese.

“We don’t have a timeline yet. We have architecture plans and we will be fundraising for those plans,” Father Edwards said.

Once finished, it will provide a gathering space for SWOSU’s Catholic students to come together for fellowship — just one block from campus.

“The facility will provide a space to pray together and spend time together. It will be a space for them outside the dorms, right off campus,” Father Edwards said.

Everett Brazil is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.
In 1922, the cornerstone was set for the construction of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Perry. The construction was finished on Oct. 24, 1923. A celebration to kick off a year of festivities for the hundredth jubilee was held on Aug. 21. A mural was painted in the parish hall. The oldest and newest church members baptized in the new church opened the celebration. Young ladies dressed as St. Rose. Archbishop Coakley will celebrate the jubilee on Oct. 15, 2023. Photo provided.

Fundraiser
Knights of Columbus Council 12198 is having a fundraiser to provide financial support for five seminarians for the 2022-2023 school year.

First prize: TCL 55" class 4k KDR LED Smart Roku TV.
Second prize: LG TONE free wireless active headphones.
Third prize: OU Legacy letter jacket.

Tickets $10 each or three for $25. Drawing on Oct. 2. Purchase tickets via the QR code.

To purchase tickets online:

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this time I started asking people in the community for help. I reached out to Justin from Making a Difference who pointed me in the direction of Stacy at Catholic Charities. I felt I was getting stuck in my grief before I entered the doors of Catholic Charities of Enid in September 2021. I started seeing Stacy once a week. The counseling sessions were very affordable, which was important to me because I live on a fixed income. I clearly remember Stacy telling me early on, “You haven’t fully grieved the loss of your husband.”

Stacy gave me the tools necessary to get through my grief and loss. She validated my feelings and set up a game plan for how I could get unstuck from my grief. I used to feel as if grief was like a wave, but my back was turned and I couldn’t see the waves coming. Now, with the tools I have, I can face the waves and see and feel them coming. I have learned through my sessions to re-frame my story, to find joy in my grief journey. I really wish I would have done this sooner. Grief comes every day and loss. She validated my story and loss. She saw me and loss. She was great at making me feel like my grief was normal.

Now I have a new life, a new beginning and have cut back my sessions to every other week. David would be proud of me and how I have been able to share his story and help others going through loss.

Catholic Charities counseling sessions: 20 hours at $20 = $400. Counseling sessions are normally $20 per hour, which would have cost Lisa $2,400. Total savings for this client: $2,000.
The mission of Catholic Charities is based on the following Works of Mercy:

**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**Problem** - The state has approximately 3,944 unsheltered individuals who are food insecure.

**Solution** - Catholic Charities hands out between 200-350 snack packs per month to those in the community who walk through the doors hungry.

**GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY**

**Problem** - Many brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity.

**Solution** - Gifts provide a water station for clients entering the lobby where they can fill up their own containers as well as provide bottled water to around 40 people per day.

**VISIT THE IMPRISONED**

**Problem** - There are more than 2.3 million people incarcerated in the country. Some are “imprisoned” by mental illness and addiction.

**Solution** - There are several members of the staff and church leaders who visit prisoners, take them gifts and send well wishes from the community. Catholic Charities offers counseling to those “imprisoned” by mental illness and addiction. No one is perfect and without need of forgiveness.

**VISIT THE SICK**

**Problem** - Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided.

**Solution** - SSM Health St. Anthony and Cardinal Communities have partnered with Catholic Charities to provide a respite shelter for recently discharged patients who are homeless. This service provides them a place to recuperate while the case management program allows them to find transitional housing once they are released from respite care.

**SHelter THE HOMELESS**

**Problem** - Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided.

**Solution** - There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home.

**Solution** - Last year Catholic Charities housed two women per week. Gifts allow us to reach those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek peace in the face of many challenges including deposits, utility fees, appliances, furniture and so much more.

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

– Teresa of Avila

“Your support translates directly into lives changed”

2022 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This issue of the Sooner Catholic includes several encouraging stories directly from clients, whose names have been changed to protect client confidentiality, who have been positively impacted by your support of Catholic Charities. These examples were chosen to showcase how each Catholic Charities program animates the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. We hope these true stories inspire your continued support as we launch the 2022 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal.

Every year, your Catholic Charities assists those in our community who are without proper shelter, hungry, fearful of their future and desperate. Informed by our Catholic understanding of the Corporal Works of Mercy, Catholic Charities has more than 14 programs to assist families through crisis pregnancy, family counseling, disaster recovery and family support services designed to alleviate poverty.

Catholic Charities can only do this because of the generosity of thousands of supporters like you, which is why this year’s Annual Appeal theme is, “Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.” Through this appeal, you and all our supporters can live out your faith by making possible the daily works of mercy we provide our clients.

Will you help continue Catholic Charities’ 110-year legacy of service to central and western Oklahoma? Your support directly translates into lives changed. Please help others through your support of this year’s Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. May God richly bless your compassion.

In Christ,

Patrick J. Raglow
Executive Director
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The Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine is seeking an administrative coordinator to be responsible for all operations of the gift shop, including purchasing and merchandising for 150 new items and a complete inventory of items that reflect the Catholic liturgy and the life and teachings of Blessed Stanley Rother. Must be highly motivated. Send resume and letter no later than 23rd to Principal Nancyjohn at archokc.org. For more information call (405) 375-4581.

Behavior interventionist - OKC

St. Joseph Catholic School is seeking a behavior interventionist to work with students with autism, or other challenging behaviors, at three locations. High school diploma or equivalent, parish volunteer, bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in psychology, social work, or related field preferred. One year experience in ABA, childcare, or related occupation. Must possess excellent verbal and written communication skills and the ability to learn behavioral concepts and process new information. Must be able to work 10-20 hours per week. Send resume and cover letter to Principal Alice Newman at anewman@holytrinityok.org.

Director of Admissions - OKC

Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School is seeking a director of admissions who will be responsible for tracking purchases and payments and accurately accounting payables and receivables. Must have experience in merchandising, business administration experience; knowledge of admission systems, records management, grade school re-enrollment. Must have experience in relational database management, and experience as a registrar to be ready to serve as the school’s systems registrar. Send resume and cover letter to Principal Alice Newman at anewman@holytrinityok.org.

Register - OKC

Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School is seeking a register for the 2022-2023 school year to assist maintain financial data and participate in financial planning, record management, grade school re-enrollment. Must have experience and/or experience as a registrar to be ready to serve as the school’s systems registrar. Send resume and cover letter to Principal Alice Newman at anewman@holytrinityok.org.

Game review: King of All Hearts

The King of Heaven and Earth, of all the kingdoms in the universe, is going to great lengths to invite you to experience the soul. As I was somewhat stunned by the realization that I was already Jesus who filmed a video game, and even more so to find joyful reflection in that reality, I think to pray and think about why, in the Lord’s providence, “FFXV” so moved me. I would like to share from those conversations. That a video game could move me from more enjoyment into actual joy—not only by the story told, but also in the manner that I experienced the soundtrack—which my brothers can attest that I care and intentionality. He knows the things that speak to you, move you, draw your heart toward what is best for you. "Final Fantasy XV" is, for me, a great gift by which the Lord prepares me to be the desires of your heart. God fully knows us and loves us as we are. I always wait, always waiting, always waiting, always waiting for the appearance of bread. God is going to give bread to all the desires of your heart. "Final Fantasy XV" by which the Lord gifts me love, and the love that I desire to hold a new friendship with you. He made your heart and is your Lord's providence, "FFXV" so move me. I intend to seek God's grace and invite Jesus to reign in your heart. For more information about this version of this review, written about this unique woman. Kate Barnard was a fiesty woman. She was not very tall and did not have an exotic appearance of bread. Kate Barnard was an avid church goer and an avid reader of newspapers. She continued working in her office even after she was elected to a state-wide office. She held that position for a few years before her death. Kate Barnard died in 1982 of a heart attack. She was 45 years old. Kate Barnard was a woman of great faith and a woman of great strength. She was a woman of great courage and a woman of great love. She was a woman of great faith and a woman of great strength. She was a woman of great courage and a woman of great love. She was a woman of great faith and a woman of great strength. She was a woman of great courage and a woman of great love. She was a woman of great faith and a woman of great strength. She was a woman of great courage and a woman of great love. She was a woman of great faith and a woman of great strength. She was a woman of great courage and a woman of great love.
Lánzate a lo más Profundo, J. D. S. Craddock

Día 34

Diez años en el Camino

Han pasado diez años desde que hice por primera vez el Camino de Santiago. El Camino es una red de rutas históricas que conectan varios puntos de Europa con el lugar donde está la tumba del Apóstol Santiago el mayor; el hijo de Zebedeo, amigo de Jesús y el primer apóstol en darse su vida por el Evangelio.

Por muchos siglos, el deseo de hacer peregrinaciones ha estado profunda y enraizado en la conciencia católica. Las tres grandes e históricas peregrinaciones en el mundo católico. Las tres grandes e históricas peregrinaciones en el mundo católico: la peregrinación a Jerusalén, a Roma y a Santiago de Compostela. Hace miles de peregrinos a Roma y a Santiago de Compostela en la esquina del noroeste de España. Esos destinos, y muchos otros, siguen siendo populares hoy en día para los peregrinos de nuestros tiempos. Una peregrinación es un modelo de nuestra vida católica. Las tres grandes e históricas peregrinaciones en el mundo católico.

A principios de este mes, completé la espléndida catedral, es la expresión de la vida del peregrino, la dura y ardua jornada al ver por primera vez la espléndida catedral, es un diminuto eco del gozo que esperamos experimentar un día cuando estemos por las puertas del cielo.

Para mí, el Camino es como un retorno andando y la ruta es el director del retiro. Mi tiempo ofrece tiempo para orar, para estar solo y en silencio, como compañía y aventura. Pone a los peregrinos en contacto con las cosas que son concretas y reales, y con el mundo creado alrededor de nosotros, así como con nuestras propias necesidades, gozos, aspiraciones y limitaciones.

Cuando fui por primera vez a caminar las últimas 100 millas del Camino, hace 10 años con un grupo de amigos, no podía imaginarme lo que me esperaba, ni que regresaría tan frecuentemente como lo he hecho. Una de las lecciones que el Camino me ha dejado es la importancia de seguir el futuro en las manos del Señor. A principios de este mes, cumplí mi quinto Camino y he acumulado más de 830 millas andando distintas rutas. He caminado muchas millas por el obispo Wall y muchas de ellas con el obispo Conley. A estas alturas hemos completado el Camino Francés en su totalidad, él, se hizo popular en la película titulada "El Camino", además del Camino Primitivo y las últimas 115 millas del Camino Portugués.

Las personas me preguntan si ya termine de recorrer todo el Camino. La respuesta es que, aún cuando no sé si tendré la oportunidad de regresar a España y volver a caminar el Camino del Apóstol Santiago, nuestro propio Camino sigue adelante mientras seguimos vivos. Somos peregrinos, estamos de paso viviendo en una patria que no es la nuestra. Nuestra verdadera patria está en el cielo. He sido muy afortunado de tener la oportunidad de hacer estas peregrinaciones, pero hay distintas maneras de tener experiencias de peregrinaje en el lugar donde vivimos.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En Cristo,

Patrick J. Raglow
Director Ejecutivo

Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas 2022

“Su apoyo se traduce directamente en vidas cambiadas”

E Esta edición de Somer Catholic incluye varias historias alentadoras de manera directa de clientes, cuya generosidad ha sido cambiada para proteger la confidencialidad de ellos, estos clientes han sido impactados positivamente por su apoyo a Caridades Católicas. Estos ejemplos fueron elegidos para mostrar cómo cada programa de Caridades Católicas anima las siete obras de misericordia. Expresamos que estamos entusiasmados con su apoyo continuo mientras lanzamos la Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas 2022.

Cada año, Caridades Católicas ayuda a aquellos en nuestra comunidad que no tienen un refugio adecuado, tienen hambre, tienen por su futuro y están desesperados. Informados por nuestra comprensión católica de las obras corporales de Misericordia, Caridades Católicas tiene más de 18 programas para ayudar a las familias durante el embarazo, servicios de salud, soporte emocional, recuperación ante desastres y servicios de apoyo familiar diseñados para aliviar la pobreza.

Caridades Católicas solo puede hacer esto gracias a la generosidad de miles de padres que han regresado en amor a nuestro pueblo, razón por la cual el tema de la Campaña Anual de este año es; "En Cristo no tiene otro cuerpo que el tuyo. No tienes manos ni pies en la tierra excepto los tuyos". A través de este llamamiento, usted y nosotros podemos ayudar a aquellos en nuestra comunidad que no tienen un refugio adecuado, tienen hambre, tienen por su futuro y están desesperados. Informados por nuestra comprensión católica de las obras corporales de Misericordia, Caridades Católicas tiene más de 18 programas para ayudar a las familias durante el embarazo, servicios de salud, soporte emocional, recuperación ante desastres y servicios de apoyo familiar diseñados para aliviar la pobreza.

¿Ayudará a continuar con el legado de servicio de 110 años de Caridades Católicas en el centro y este de Oklahoma? Su apoyo se traduce directamente en vidas cambiadas.

Ayuda a otros a través de su apoyo a la Campaña Anual de Caridades Católicas de este año.

Dícese en línea en givetocc.org para hacer un regalo de cualquier cantidad.

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Shrine Toppary Hill dedication
Join Archbishop Coakley, priests of the archdiocese and guests for the dedication of the new St. Mary the Queen Shrine Toppary Hill on Monday, Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Oklahoma City. The dedication is open to the public and will be followed by a spiritual blessing of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego atop the hill. Find more information at archokc.org/shrinededication.

Rother shrine dedication
Join Archbishop Coakley, priests of the archdiocese, bishops and guests for the dedication of the new Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine on Friday, Feb. 17, in Oklahoma City. The dedication will be celebrated in the spirit of a week-long celebration and is open to the public. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Find more information at archokc.org/shrinededication.

Visitation
The Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelites of the Virgin Mary, Msgr. Thomas J. Buchanan, O.C.D., is having spiritual exercises October 31—November 4 in heavy Carmel,_tensors in our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave., Oklahoma City. For more information, contact Letty Silva, O.C.D., 405-805-3155.

Cultural Institute of St. Joseph
The Bl. Stanley Rother Hispanic Cultural Institute of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 20100 SW MacArthur St., Shawnee, will be having visitations of their patron, St. Joseph of Arimathea, Oct. 3—Nov. 1. Visitations will be from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Saturday. For more information, contact Letty Silva, O.C.D., sjnok.org/news.

Catholic Church will have the opening night Blue Mass in remembrance of babies lost to abortion. The Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 in the Parish Hall of St. Eugene Catholic Church, 500 Ala- mo Drive, Mustang. Tickets are $5 per child (2-12 years old). For more information, contact Bill Full, OFS minister, at billfull@cox.net.

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Catholic-Lutheran prayer service
St. Eugene Catholic Church in Mustang will host an 8 a.m. Lutheran-Catholic prayer service this Saturday, Oct. 8 at 8 a.m. The service is open to everyone with the Mass for the Dead Livestreamed. Cost is $35, includes breakfast rolls and juice. Seating is limited. Masks are recommended, but not required. Attendees must pre-register by e-mailing retreats@monksok.org or call (405) 660-5656. Cost $30 pre-paid or $35 at the door. Lunch included.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter
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Together in Holiness conference
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St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day
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Clients were pampered with hair, makeup and nail services at the Sanctuary Women’s Development Center “Queen for a Day” event.

Women and children from Sanctuary Women’s Development Center celebrated Christmas with dinner at Cattlemen’s, gifts and a visit from Santa.

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