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Celebrating the apostolic zeal of St. Patrick and Bl. Stanley Rother

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or 27 years, Catholic men have come together to attend the “In the Father’s Footsteps” Catholic men’s conference, organized by the Oklahoma Fellowship of Catholic Men, an affiliate of the National Fellowship of Catholic Men. Founded in 1996, the conference is designed to provide Catholic men with an opportunity to make a small retreat from their daily lives to listen to speakers, reflect on their roles as husbands, fathers and men, participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation, adore Christ in the Eucharist and participate in the Mass.

On Feb. 25, the conference hosted nearly 1,000 men from across the state at the Embassy Suites hotel in Norman with the theme, “Blessed are the Peacemakers.” The speakers included Jim Lenetti, Father Dave Pivonka, T.O.R., Sister Mary Michael Fox, O.P. and Robert Rogers. There were also two lunch breakout sessions—one on the domestic church and one geared toward young men.

The only freestanding 24/7 perpetual adoration chapel in Oklahoma City, dedicated to the protection of all life with immediate, forceful opposition from the druidic people, but he persisted. Through Saint Patrick’s tire- less apostolic work, the people of Ireland came to know the Lord and established Ireland firmly in Catholicism. This apostolic zeal and persistence are common threads among many of our most beloved saints, including Oklahoma’s Blessed Stanley Rother. Like Saint Patrick, Blessed Stanley thrived in a missionary environment away from his homeland, preaching the Gospel in a new language and under the threat of persecution. He worked tirelessly to bring the Gospel and a sense of dignity to the people of Santiago Atitlan and Cerro de Oro, giving his life for his people and for his faith. The example of these men is important for us today as we attempt to navigate a society that can be hostile, at times open- ly so, to the teachings of Jesus and the Church.

Saint Patrick’s life provides a role model for how we are to live, always striving to do God’s will and preaching the Gospel to those around us.

Saint Patrick was born in Scotland in 387, a Roman British citizen by birth. His father was a deacon and his mother was a relative of Saint Martin of Tours. When Patrick was 15, he was taken captive by marauders and sold into slavery in Ireland, where he spent six years tending the flocks of his master. It was during this time of slavery that Patrick developed a deep and abiding faith. This was truly a providential period that led him to an understanding of the Celtic language and Druidism, which was the predominant pagan culture in Ireland at the time. It was to members of this ancient Celtic culture that Saint Patrick would ultimately bring the Gospel.

After escaping from slavery and returning home to Scotland, Saint Patrick discovered his vocation to the priesthood. Eventually, he returned to Ireland where he dedicated his days to evangelizing the pagan people. As expected, Saint Patrick’s evangelization efforts were met with immediate, force- ful opposition from the druidic people, but he persisted. Through Saint Patrick’s tireless apostolic work, the people of Ireland came to know the Lord and established Ireland firmly in Catholicism.

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The secular world will celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day while at the same time defying an establishment named for the patron saint of Ireland. As Catholics, we are called to be missionary disciples who faithfully proclaim the Word of God, to find the strength to faithfully preach the Gospel to the people of our time and world. We must remain faithful to the teachings of Jesus and the Church.

The Father’s Footsteps was an opportunity to focus on finding the peace of God. The event was designed to help men in their struggle to be faithful to the mission of the Church that needs their service. The event was designed to help men in their struggle to be faithful to the mission of the Church that needs their service.

God our Father, give me every gift to use in the service of Christ. Amen...
The years of the Eucharistic Revival by the bishops of the United States offer an opportunity for a renewal of hearts and minds and a deeper appreciation for God’s gift of the Eucharist. During this time, it is worthwhile to reflect on the saints who had a special devotion to the Eucharist. The witness of their lives brings inspiration and provides an example to follow for Catholics to become saints.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem’s (315-386 A.D.) spiritual writings are considered among the most important sources about the liturgy and sacraments in the first decades of Christianity. In particular, his 25 lectures contain in “Catechetical Homilies to catechumens and Mystagogic Catecheses” about the mysteries of the Sacraments emphasize his extraordinary recognition of the value and efficacy of the sacrament of baptism and the real presence of Christ’s body and blood in the Eucharist. St. Cyril was a bishop of Jerusalem, and is often counted among the early Church fathers. In 1882, he was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII. Cyril was born a few years before the emergence of Arius - a heresy denying Jesus’ divinity and unity with God the Father. He was exiled on several occasions during his life for holding fast to his faith. He attended the Council of Constanti- nople in 381 and Nicene Council in 381 A.D., where the Nicene Creed was approved and Ariantism was utterly condemned.

St. Cyril had a profound understanding of the importance of reverence when receiving the body and blood of Jesus. His writings in “Catechetica Mystagogica” are applicable to each Christian when receiving Christ during Holy Communion: “In approaching therefore, come not with your eyes averted, or your fingers spread, but make your left hand a throne for the right, as far as that which is to receive a King. And being hallowed your palm, receive the Body of the Lord, saying, ‘over it, amen.’ He also emphasized the magnitude of grace that comes to each person receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. “So after having carefully hallowed your eyes by the touch of the holy Body, partake of it, giving heed lest you lose any portion thereof; for whatever you lose, is evidently a loss to you as it were from one of your own members. For tell me, if anyone gave you grains of gold, would you not hold them with all carefulness, being on your guard against losing any of them, and suffering loss? Will you not then much more carefully keep watch, that not a crumb fall from you of what is more precious than gold and precious stones? St. Cyril advised believers to receive the Body of Jesus with deep faith, while forgetting human senses at that time, “O taste and see that the Lord is good. Trust not the judgment to your bodily palate, but to faith unfltering, for they who taste are hidden to taste, not bread and wine, but the anti-typical Body and Blood of Christ.”

May the intercession of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, his feast day being March 14, inspire all Catholics to stronger faith in Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist. And St. Cyril is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.
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The Eucharist: “The Great Sacrifice of Love”

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The Day of Reflection featured three main subject areas: the history of covenants between God and his people since the original sin of Adam and Eve in paradise, Jesus’ sacrifice of love for humanity as the new and everlasting covenant and the Eucharist— the meal of love with God, which allows people to participate and share in this sacrificial relationship.

Abbot Lawrence emphasized the Eucharist as the highest expression, appreciation and participation in the sacred and perfect covenant with God, which was ratified through Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross. He explained a covenant as a complete gift of self to God, which generates a pleasing, spiritual aroma of thanksgiving and praise to the Creator.

“What God wants is loving and willing hearts to respond to his goodness with love,” said Abbot Lawrence. “Jesus and his sacrifice inaugurated an everlasting and complete covenant that is truly effective because it is a true authenticity from his heart requiring full trust in the Father and his will, even unto death.”

He stated that the power of Jesus’ abundant and self-sacrificial love transforms hearts from stone into flesh.

Abbot Lawrence further discussed the Eucharist as a sacrificial meal shared between God and his children; a banquet of love with Jesus’ body and blood. Prefigured in the Jewish Passover meal in the Old Testament; a meal of commemoration that is real and renewed each time it is celebrated.

“We are dealing with a profound mystery ... In the Eucharist we are stepping out of our human linear way of understanding time and space. We are able to experience the last moments of Jesus’ life in the earthly dimension so that we can be open to our future destiny,” said Abbot Lawrence.

He went on to say, “... each time we receive the Eucharist, it is the closest we can get to being in heaven on earth ... When I go to church I am at home ... Jesus is our friend. You can just sit together with him and be comforted by his love, even if you don’t have anything to say. He works in silence.”

Concluding the Day of Reflection, Abbot Lawrence blessed the participants and said, “As we draw close to the Eucharist in the years of the Eucharistic Revival, I pray that all of us will be touched profoundly by the Spirit each time we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The heart of the Eucharist is the great sacrifice of love that Jesus gives us for salvation so that we may have life in abundance.”

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Saints and Superheros women’s event

“Saints and Superheros” – a day of prayer and reflection, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City.

Registration is $30 and will include lunch. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The deadline to register is April 21. Featured speakers Father Don Wolf and Sister Maria of the Trinity will share reflections of modern-day saints in comparison to our cultural “superheroes.”

Father Wolf, co- dean of Blessed Stanley Bother and rector of the shrine, will share his family story and how an “ordinary saint” might inspire people to live their lives for Christ.

Sister Maria of the Trinity, with Gospel of Life Disciples and Dwellings, will give insights about saints as superheroes.

A panel discussion highlighting local pro-life heroes will feature Father Nabil Mouannes, Sister Veronica Higgins, Deacon Joe Vandervort and Rachael Singley, LCJW.

Father Nabil is pastor of Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church in Norman, Sister Veronica works with the Center of Family Love in Oklahoma, Deacon Joe Vandervort is coordinator of the archdiocesan Respect Life Ministry and Marriage Formation office and Rachael Singley is the director of Sanctuary Women’s Development Center, the Catholic Charities’ day center for women in Stockyard City.

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women, is an organization that unites all Catholic women to the needs of the Church and society through spirituality, leadership development and service.

Local parish women’s groups and individuals are invited to become members of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

For more information contact Mary Ann Wolf and Sister Maria of the Trinity at (405) 650-9674 or smga@msn.com. Registration information is also online at OKACCW.com and on Facebook.

Endowment will help teachers

A new endowment at the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma has the potential to do considerable good for teachers in the diocese’s Catholic schools.

Daniel and Nicole de Lange of Edmond created the Teacher Compensation Endowment to help schools recruit and retain excellent, mission-driven teachers. Distributions from the endowment will be made at cfook.org/teachercompensation.

Nicole de Lange, who now teaches at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School in Edmond, said the de Lange’s said their decision to create the endowment “is just one example of transforming God’s word into action.”

“Saint Peter writes, ‘As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace’,” Nicole said. “Second Timothy goes on to say, ‘And what you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well.’

“It was clear our calling was to get back into the classroom, and this endowment will keep us involved for eternity,” Nicole said.

The larger the endowment grows through gifts from donors, the more good it will do for Catholic school teachers who often are compensated at a level below that of their public school counterparts.

Gifts to this endowment may be made at cfook.org/teachercompensation.

Two Oklahomans receive 2023 Chief Justice Kane Awards

OKLAHOMA CITY – Members of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree recently honored two well-known Oklahomans at the annual awards ceremony of the Chief Justice Kane Assembly.

The event was held after a Saturday vigil Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, where Father William Novak, pastor, celebrated Mass and Father Daniel Bui, parochial vicar, concelebrated.

Debbie Espinosa of the Center for Family Love and Deacon Larry Sousa from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Norman shared the assembly’s top honors for 2023.

Espinosa attended Bishop McGuinness and St. Gregory’s University. She earned her nursing degree at the University of Oklahoma then built a national reputation working at Dracumus Pregnancy & Adoption Services, the Integris Baptist Maternity Hospital and Father Paul Zahler’s National Institute on Developmental Delay.

Working as chief executive officer at the Center of Family Love in Okarche for the past decade, Espinosa was named the 2019 Person of the Year by the Notre Dame Club of Oklahoma City.

During Espinosa’s tenure, the Center of Family Love received the annual Gift of Love Gala named more than $88.4 million.

Espinosa and her husband, Sid, have three children, and seven grandchildren – all of whom reside in Oklahoma City.

Accepting the Chief Justice Kane Civic Award, Espinosa thanked the “Knights, and the women as the auxiliary.” She added, “The Center of Family Love is a result of the vision of the Knights. Without them, this could not have happened. You are the ones who provided the resources and the vision.”

Introducted through a recorded message from Jeff Finnell, Deacon Souza’s Oklahoma Catholic Radio partner, Deacon Souza was recognized for his pivotal role in Oklahoma’s history.

Finnell recounted the story of the state radio network, which emerged from efforts stretching back two decades to establish a presence for Catholic news and programming.

Inspired by the example of Mother Angelica, founder of the Eternal World Television Network, EWTN, Finnell and Souza invested personal time, talent and treasure to take the stations from a weekly program to its present status as a 24/7 broadcast entity with state and local programming, EWTN’s world-wide programming and the “Patrick Madrid Show” from Relevant Radio.

Accepting the Encouragement Award, Souza recalled taking the vision to Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius Beltran in 2006. Beltran believed “If God wants this to happen, it will happen.”

Souza recounted his blessings after 45 years as a permanent deacon and 51 years as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Learn more about the Center of Family Love at centeroffamilylove.org, and learn more and listen to Oklahoma Catholic Radio online at okcr.org.
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and brings with him an enthusiasm for evangelization.

“Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp is centered on encounter, discipleship and adventure. At camp, campers are given the opportunity to remove distractions such as phones, tv and video games and to encounter Christ,” Caden Bennett, director of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Camp, said.

“Those may be through Mass, prayer, friends, the beautiful nature around them and as much more. Campers also dive deep into their faith through discipleship, where they learn more about saints and look at how they, too, can dedicate their life to Christ. All camp activities lead campers to a more profound encounter with Christ, adventure, fun and a faith-filled community. Campers step out of their comfort zone and into adventure while engaging in high-energy activities, such as archery, group games, water activities and cabin games that you can only get at camp.”

Bennett added that the goal of the camp is to have participants walk away living a more abundant life with Christ. “This summer, we are adding a low-ropes course to camp. Campers will get to experience fun courses and challenges with their cabin. We are also adding this summer the cabin games! All week, cabins will compete against one another through challenges, games and more to see who will rise to the top as champions at the end of the week. For our high school session, we will go camping for part of the week,” said Bennett.

Bennett added that though he enjoys all elements of the camp, there is one thing he enjoys most: helping campers to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ.

“My favorite part about camp is the opportunity it gives our youth to encounter Christ. At camp, campers are given the opportunity to remove all the world’s distractions and have a week where they can re-center their relationship with God, themselves, others and the world around them. My favorite part about this is that camp does not have to stay at camp. At the heart of camp is an invitation to the abundant life with Christ, which can, and should, be lived out when campers return home to their families, friends and schools. All we do is remove the distractions so that campers can better see the invitation from Christ.”

The deadline to register for summer camp is May 19. Parents can register their children online at campolog.org. The website also contains more information on the camp, example schedules, maps of the grounds, camp life and more.

Bennett encourages youth who have not attended camp in the past to join this year.

“Our advice for first-time campers is to prepare for the great adventure. Camp is a unique experience unlike anything else. Our counselors are fantastic, and we guarantee that not only will they give you the best week, but you will also make great friends.”

Bennett also outlined the many opportunities to draw closer to Christ at camp. Campers will have access to daily Mass, confession and prayer times throughout the day. There will also be morning and evening programs featuring games, skits and talks. Campers will also be placed in a small group for the week where they will discuss talks, scripture, writings of the saints and reflect on how they can bring Christ.

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Dominican Sisters of Go Vap. Growing up in a small, rural town in souther Vietnam, her father always wanted her to be a sister. One of six siblings, her oldest sister also joined a convent. When she turned 18 years old, she joined the Dominicans; resonating with their values of freedom from money, authority, power and all things that keep people from God.

“Every day is a new day for me to follow Jesus,” Sister Mari said. In 2009, she moved to Oklahoma City and is a member of Saint Andrew Dung Lac Catholic Church in Oklahoma City – serving the city’s Vietnamese community and working as the parish’s catechetical leader. For the first Sunday of Lent, she took the parish catechists to the Rite of Election at the new Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. Come Easter, the Church will have 10 new members from Saint Andrew Dung Lac.

Sister Mari lives with four other sisters – two sisters are employed, and two are retired but help with household responsibilities. During the day, Sister Mari works as a preschool teacher. Before that, she worked with toddlers and infants, which was not an ideal fit for her. “They’re too little for me,” she joked. Her previous coworkers assumed she had kids and knew how to change a diaper. Recently, she moved from a private school to a public school, which gives her a deeper understanding of how many Americans live.

Last year, she earned a graduate degree in family and child education at the University of Central Oklahoma. Having overcome many hardships and challenges, she often reflects on three words from the Gospel of John: “Come and see.”

 Sr. Mari Maide, O.P.

“These three words still resonate with me whenever I encounter difficulties,” Sister Mari said. Learn more about Catholic Sisters Week at catholicsistersweek.org. Olivia Dailey is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

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Fr. Carson Krittenbrink celebrated school Mass for Ash Wednesday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City. Photos provided.

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Associate director of planned giving - OKC

The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma is seeking an associate director of planned giving to work collaboratively with the executive director and other staff to plan, develop and administer the planned giving program for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and CFO’s Meherauch Legacy Foundation. Requires: a minimum of 5 years experience in educational leadership or related field, carried out in principal certification, experience as a Catholic school principal or superintendent, a master’s degree in educational leadership or related field, carried out in principal certification, experience as a Catholic school principal or superintendent, a master’s degree in educational leadership or related field. Salaries for positions will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma is an Equal Opportunity Employer and supports a drug-free workplace. Submit letter and resume to lachen@archokc.org.

Internship - OKC

Catholic Charities, OKC, is seeking an intern for its Catholic Charities Office in Development to provide a 10-week internship to Catholic Charities, OKC. This is an excellent opportunity for Catholic college and university students in the ages of 18-30, who are seeking to gain experience in Catholic Charities, OKC, and Catholic education. The intern will work 10-15 hours per week, 38 hours per week, and 40 hours per week, beginning May 1st. Experience in Catholic education, philosophy, and social work is preferred. Send cover letter and resume to lachen@archokc.org.

Assistant coordinator of youth evangelization - Edmond

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond is seeking a full-time youth director to carry out the vision of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond and the school (7-8 grades) and to work with their families and community groups in the high school youth ministry program (9-12 grade) to plan and implement a program that will foster the growth of their youth in their Catholic identity through faith formation, education, and retreats and to support principals and staff in their mission of making disciples of Christ. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing and 21 years of age or older. A bachelor’s degree in education or a related field is preferred. Send cover letter and resume to mservis@archokc.org.

Computer teacher - OKC

St. Joseph Catholic School in Oklahoma City is seeking a full-time computer teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Must have a computer science degree or related experience in teaching at the middle school level. Send cover letter and resume to mservis@archokc.org.

Elementary teacher - El Reno

Sacred Heart Catholic School in El Reno is seeking a full-time assistant teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Must be a practicing Catholic and have a bachelor’s degree in education and experience in teaching at the middle school level. Send cover letter and resume to mservis@archokc.org.

Math teacher - Edmond

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School in Edmond is seeking a full-time math teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Must be a practicing Catholic and have a bachelor’s degree in education and experience in teaching at the middle school level. Send cover letter and resume to mservis@archokc.org.

Social studies teacher - Edmond

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Celebra el Celo Apostólico de San Patricio y del Beato Stanley Rother

Esta semana, a lo largo y ancho del mundo y marcado por diferentes prácticas culturales que van desde el cómo vestimos hasta lo que comemos o bebemos, las personas celebran la fiesta de San Patricio. Agí, en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City, en Anadarko, Oklahoma City y Walters tendrán celebraciones especiales para honrar al santo patrono de Irlanda.

Como parte de nuestro reconocimiento a esta fe de las personas que llevan el Evangelio, es importante recordar el significado de la vida de San Patricio, de manera especial su ejemplo como discípulo misionero. La vida de San Patricio nos ofrece un modelo a seguir de cómo vivir, siempre buscando hacer la voluntad de Dios y predicando el evangelio a los que van desde el cómo vestimos hasta lo que comemos o bebemos, las personas celebrarán el día de San Patricio al tiempo que rechazarán la Verdad de Jesús y de la Iglesia.

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Después de escapar de la esclavitud y regresar a su hogar en Escocia, San Patricio descubrió su vocación al sacerdocio. Después de un tiempo regresó a Irlanda, en donde se dedicó a evangelizar a los paganos. Como se esperaba, los esfuerzos evangelizadores de San Patricio fueron recibidos con una inmediata y fuerte oposición por parte del pueblo druídico, pero él insistió. A través de su trabajo apostólico incansable, el pueblo de Irlanda conoció a Jesús y de la Iglesia.

El mundo secular celebrará el día de San Patricio al tiempo que rechazará la Verdad de Jesús y de la Iglesia. Como católicos, estamos llamados a ser discípulos misioneros que proclamamos la Palabra de Dios en manera fiel, que encuentran la fortaleza para predicar el evangelio a las personas de nuestro mundo y nuestro tiempo. Debe ser permanecer fieles a la misión de la Iglesia que compartimos por nuestro bautismo.

A través de nuestro propio celo apostólico, y con la intercesión de San Patricio y el Beato Stanley, pido al Señor que usemos este tiempo de reflexión cuaresmal para llevar a que otras personas de verdad conozcan a San Patricio y aprecien e imiten su vida de servicio y devoción predicando el Evangelio.
Brieﬁs

Married couples’ retreat
A Domestic Church Married Couples’ Retreat will be held March 17-18 in Oklahoma City. Register at domesticchurchokc@gmail.com or (405) 361-2359.

Day of Reflection
e Duc de Boulogne Manor will be speaking at a Day of Reflection from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturdays and are free and open to the public. The schedule of performances includes an explanation through prayer and the chanting of St. Teresa of Avila. Meeting on the first Saturday of the month at St. Anne for Holy Mass at 9 a.m., adoration and the Rosary on the second Saturday of the month is available at Holy Innocents conference room, Contact Fr. Harrerln (405) 314-2199.

Spiritual retreat for grieving parents
An Emmanuel Ministry spiritual retreat for grieving parents is 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. April 1 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. This Catholic ministry serves the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Space is limited. Register at emmanuel.ok.org.

Wonderfully Made
The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City presents a mothers and daughters Wonderfully Made conference, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 1 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. It is for girls ages 9-12. Keynote speaker is Maria J. Castillo. Topics include Theology of the body, nutrition and women’s cycles. Free event. Visit archdiocese.org/wonderfully-made.

Chastity Mass
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will celebrate the Chastity Mass at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 2301 N. Lake Ave. in Oklahoma City.

Tour the history of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the home of St. Gregory’s Abbey and live as a monk. Contact Fr. Simeon Spitz, O.S.B. at domesticchurchokc@gmail.com or visit monksok.org/vocations.

Grief to grace retreat
A Grief to grace retreat will be held April 11-12 at St. Gregory’s Abbey. Grief to grace retreats have helped people deal with emotions related to grief, pain, anger, substance abuse, self-harm, anxiety and more caused by traumatic experiences. The third of Eastern Oklahoma is sponsoring the retreat. Advance registration is required. Participants will receive a gift from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and Rosary. Interested individuals can join. Contact Bill Puill, OPS minister, at bill@ptill.net.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women meet on the first Thursday of the month for a day of reflection with a special speaker and panel discussion. Presented by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. Contact Mary Ann Schmidt at (405) 850-9674 or jschmidmg@gmail.com to sign up.

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Monastic Encounter Weekend
St. Gregory’s Abbey invites single Catholic men ages 18-45 for a monastic encounter weekend June 23-25 at 1900 W. MacArthur Rd. in Shawnee. Participants will share in the spirituality and practical aspects of monastic life: prayer, common work, communal life of the abbey and live as a monk. Advance registration required. Contact Fr. Terry at deacon.terry@steugenes.org.

Organ recital series
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1901 N.W. 18 St. in Oklahoma City will present an organ recital series each month from March to June. Recitals are at 3 p.m. on Sundays and are free and open to the public. The schedule of performers includes an explanation through prayer and the chanting of St. Teresa of Avila. Meeting on the first Saturday of the month at St. Anne for Holy Mass at 9 a.m., adoration and the Rosary on the second Saturday of the month is available at Holy Innocents conference room, Contact Fr. Harrerln (405) 314-2199.

Family Bingo
6:30 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 600 South Garth Brooks Blvd., Yukon. RSVP at sjnok.org/news.

Celebration of the Annunciation of the Lord.
March 25
Family Bingo
6:30 p.m., St. James Catholic Church, 131 NW 142nd and 20th Ave., Wellston. RSVP at sjnok.org/news.

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Encounter Day of Reflection
A Day of Reflection "A Day of Silence, Adoration, and Penance" will be presented by Ahlot Lawrence Stankey, OFS. The third Saturday of Lent, March 4 at St. Gregory’s Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur Rd. in Shawnee, the retreat must be pre-registered by e-mail at retreats@monksok.org, via the link at monksok.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost $30 pre-paid or $35 at the door. Lunch included.

Saints & Superheroes
Saints & Superheroes is 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 29 at St. Gregory’s Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur Rd., Shawnee. Attendees must pre-register by e-mail at saintsandsuperheroes@monksok.org, via the link at monksok.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost $30 pre-paid or $35 at the door. Lunch included. Saints & Superheroes also includes breakfast, a panel discussion and a craft activity for children. For more information, e-mail Healing@CatholicArchdiocese.org

Encounter Day of Reflection
Day of Reflection, "Transformations in Christ" presented by Dr. Damien Whalen, O.S.B. is 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. April 29 at St. Gregory’s Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur Rd., Shawnee. Attendees must pre-register by e-mail at retreats@monksok.org, via the link at monksok.org or call (405) 878-5656. Cost $30 pre-paid or $35 at the door. Lunch included.

Runners’ Mass
The Runners’ Mass for the Oklahoma City Marathon will be at 5 a.m. Sunday, April 30 at St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, 25 NW 67th St. in Oklahoma City.

Father and son retreat
A father and son retreat will be held May 4-6 at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 1125 W. Walker Ave., Oklahoma City. Any interested in deepening prayer life with community of fathers and sons must attend to register. Contact Bill Puill, OPS minister, at bill@ptill.net.

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March 12
Second Sunday of Lent.

Family Bingo
6:30 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 600 South Garth Brooks Blvd., Yukon. RSVP at sjnok.org/news.

March Encounter
Encounter with God’s Call. March 27 - Conception Seminary College. Visit regse.org.
Archbishop Coakley celebrated the Rite of Election on Feb. 26 at the Bl. Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City. Photos Fran Kozakowski/Sooner Catholic.