Abuse crisis, day of discernment, prayer top agenda for fall meeting

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON – Discussion and voting on concrete measures to address the abuse crisis and a day of spiritual discernment and prayer will top the agenda for the U.S. bishops when they meet Nov. 12-14 for their fall general assembly in Baltimore.

Public sessions of the assembly also will be livestreamed, live tweeted and carried via satellite, said an Oct. 29 news release from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The assembly will begin Nov. 12 with an address by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, who is USCCB president, as well as remarks by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, papal nuncio to the United States.

The body of bishops will then adjourn to an on-site chapel for a full day of spiritual discernment and prayer. This will be followed by a Mass celebrated at the site of the assembly that evening.

In a letter sent to all U.S. bishops, Cardinal DiNardo asked them to spend seven days before the meeting, from Nov. 5 to Nov. 11, in “intensified” prayer, fasting and reparation to prepare for their general assembly in Baltimore.

During their business sessions, the U.S. bishops will discuss and vote on a series of concrete measures to respond to the abuse, in

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Fort Sill chaplain finds Catholicism in Afghanistan

By Charles Albert
The Sooner Catholic

In 2011, Army Chaplain Jerry Sherbourne was having lunch with a friend and fellow Anglican Chaplain, and a Catholic Chaplain in battle-weary Afghanistan. His friend challenged the Catholic Chaplain with the following, “Tell me about the Immaculate Conception.” The Catholic priest said, “Oh, that’s easy. It’s all very Biblical.” Chaplain Sherbourne was stunned!

He thought that all Catholics “knew” the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was just a “pious belief” made up in the Middle Ages. He didn’t think anyone really thought it was Biblical! Then, the Catholic priest continued, “What did the angel Gabriel say when he greeted Mary? ‘Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.’” Chaplain Sherbourne began to understand, for the first time, that the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is indeed Biblical. This transformation was key to understanding the Scriptural consistency of the rest of the teachings of the Catholic Church with which he had disagreed in the past.

So, on Dec. 8, 2011, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, while he was thousands of miles away from home, Chaplain Sherbourne made the decision to enter the Catholic Church – and to offer himself for the priesthood.

Of course, there were some obstacles to over

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Put Out Into the Deep
Lord, renew your church!

As this issue of the Sooner Catholic reaches homes across the archdiocese, the bishops of the United States, myself included, will be gathering in Baltimore for our fall General Assembly. This meeting will not be business as usual. It cannot be. The eyes of the nation will be upon us as we make critical decisions in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis that has transgressed our beloved Church in the United States and in countries all over the world.

To allow maximum time for dealing with these crucial matters, the ordinary agenda of the meeting has been streamlined. We will spend time only on the most important and necessary business. We will begin the meeting with a day of prayer imploring the assistance of the Holy Spirit for our deliberations and decision-making.

During the week leading up to this meeting we bishops have committed ourselves to an intensified time of prayer and sacrifice for three important intentions:

- For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.
- For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and conviction of sexual abuse.
- For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and keeping their flocks from all harm.

Fully aware of the gravity of these concerns weighing so heavily upon us all, I am humbly appealing to you to join in prayer with the bishops for these same intentions. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us and give us courage. Pray that the fruit of this meeting will be a profound purification of the Church, beginning with the hierarchy of the archdiocese, the bishops of the United States, and the hierarchy of the worldwide Church.

Christ established his Church on the foundation of Peter and the Apostles. He promised that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. He promised he would always be with us until the end of the time. We need to cling to these promises now more than ever. The attacks of Satan have been unleashed against the Church from within and from outside. We are in need of heavenly assistance. We are in need of radical conversion.

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Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

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

**Nov. 25**
- Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Frances de Sales Chapel, CPC

**Nov. 20**
- Presbyteral Council meeting, 9:30 a.m., CPC

**Nov. 16**
- Catholic Relief Services Governance and Nominations Committee teleconference, 1 p.m.

**Nov. 10-15**
- Sooner Catholic Staff Retreat

Please pray for:
- For the strength and courage to face the challenges that lie ahead.
- For all those who have been harmed.
- For the faithful who seek healing.
- For those whose faith is being tested.

By Sooner Catholic Staff

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- To send photos, event information or your ideas, e-mail tips@archokc.org.
- Rosary for Life – OKC St. Maris, parishioners at St. James and community members gather every morning at 11:30 to pray the Rosary. The Rosary is at 1240 S.W. 44 at the corner of S.W. 44 and Blackwelder Avenue near the abortion center. Anyone can partici-pate.
- Rosary for Life – Norman The Rosary for Life is every Sunday at 6:30 a.m. at the chapel at St. Thomas Moore, 100 Strm St., Norman. Contact Connie Lang at petalo lang@gmail.com or (405) 249-1041.

For the Safeguard of Soldiers
Almighty and eternal God, those who guard your people will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love may heal those hurt, bring them home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Bible study brings Scripture to life
By Sally Linhart
The Sooner Catholic

Every year since 1941, the week of Thanksgiving has been declared National Bible Week by each U.S. president. This year marks the 77th celebration of the weeklong event that begins Nov. 18 on the International Day of the Bible. While the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops designates the week as a time for all Catholics to celebrate the word of God, it also serves as an opportunity to encourage people of all faiths to read the Bible.

At Corpus Christi Catholic Church in northeast Oklahoma City, one man works throughout the year to fulfill that mission. For nearly a quarter century, George Johnson has undeniably led his fellow parishioners in a weekly Bible study. Using the Sunday Mass as a study guide and a whiteboard full of notes, he uses his expansive knowledge of Scripture to dissect each reading. His unique approach focuses on creating a deeper comprehension of the Gospel, what Jesus is saying and how it resonates with us today.

“Getting them to understand the connection is wonderful,” Johnson said. “It’s really exciting to talk about what Jesus is trying to get us to understand today, through the words He has written – His living word.”

Johnson, a former college professor, published author and communications executive described how the decision to make 25 years ago to facilitate the group changed the way he reads the Bible.

“When I really started reading Scripture to study it and I had this great big wow moment,” Johnson said. “I stopped reading it like you would read any other book, and that’s when the Bible started reading me.”

Parishioners from ages 19 to 89 from diverse cultural backgrounds have attended the Bible study. At times, there have been as many as 30 people signed up, although the group consists of about six to 12 core members that regularly participate. Monthly, there are Catholics from three continents attending the adult study group. Each meeting starts with prayer, then a hearty breakfast that Johnson says follows the Lord’s example.

“He always fed the crowds who came out, as we do too,” he explained. “When people show up, you know there’s something they need, so you feed them. You feed them breakfast first, then the word,” Johnson said.

Father Danny Grover, pastor at Corpus Christi, called Johnson’s Bible study group extensive, describing the big whiteboard full of notes that breaks apart the Scripture.

“He knows his Bible! This is a supplement to in giving of his time and talent to lead the Bible study group, the experience has made Johnson feel more like Jesus than anything else ever has.

“It has been a true privilege,” Johnson said. “He has allowed me to stand before His children and give them greater insight into the words He has written.”

Johnson’s approach to studying Scripture has helped her realize how much the words apply to present day circumstances.

“He challenges us to reflect on what we’ve learned – and we become better Christians as a result.”

For Johnson, the importance of helping others understand Scripture is just as important as imparting the knowledge that Jesus’ words in our own mouths are just as powerful as the words that came from His mouth.

However, even after almost 25 years leading the group, the former professor never describes himself as a teacher.

“I’m not the teacher, I’m the leader,” he said. “I’m not teaching, I’m facilitating.”

Sally Linhart is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.
The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma will be presenting a continuing education program Nov. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway. The course is geared toward attorneys, accountants, financial planners and trust officers. Cost is $85 in advance; $95 at the door. Cost includes materials.

The course will feature Doug Stanley, byron care lightbody, partner, llp, in saint louis, mo. Stanley counsels and advises clients, including high net-worth individuals, professionals and entrepreneurs, on a wide range of sophisticated estate planning, tax and fiduciary matters.

His broad practice includes estate planning and administration as well as income tax planning with a particular emphasis in the areas of wealth transfer, tax planning and wealth transfer strategies. Stanley has experience in individual estate administration, closely-held business succession planning, asset protection, and tax financial planning.

As co-leader of the firm’s fiduciary litigation team, a significant portion of Stanley’s practice is dedicated to fiduciary conflict resolution and tax controversy work, including representation of clients in trust and estate administration disputes in local courts, during IRS audits and in the U.S. tax court.

Stanley is currently an adjunct professor in tax at Washington University School of Law and a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Prior to law school, Stanley practiced as a CPA with an international accounting firm. The sponsor for the course is Bank of Oklahoma.

Topics to be covered will be updates on trust modifications, non-judicial settlement agreements, trust decanting, donor advised funds and private foundations. This course is approved by the mandatory continuing legal education commission of Oklahoma for a maximum of four credit hours, of which one hour is credit covering ethics. Certificates of attendance are available for CFP, CPA and other forms of continuing education.

For more information, contact (405) 721-4115 or info@cfook.org. Register online at www.cfook.org/estate-planning.

From Sept. 20-23 this year, some 3,000 delegates from the dioceses of the United States gathered outside of Dallas for a massive event that reflects an important development in the U.S. Catholic Church. The Encuentro, meaning “Encounter,” was the fifth major gathering of Hispanic Catholic leaders since the first one in 1972. Catholic Extension has been a proud supporter of each of the people who spoke at the event, and it also has supported several offices of Hispanic ministry in dioceses that sent delegates.

Hispanics—the majority of whom were born in the United States—represent about four out of 10 U.S. Catholics today, and perhaps more significantly they represent a majority of Catholics under age 18.

Yet, the leadership of the Church in this country remains predominantly of non-Hispanic, European descent. At present, only 10 percent of bishops and 3 percent of priests are Hispanic, though those numbers will increase slightly with the growing numbers of young Hispanic priests and seminarians. To see the real growth of Hispanic Catholic leadership, one must look at lay men and women, whose numbers are creeping toward half the total number of students in lay formation programs.

That growing reality—of a Church led by young lay men and women (the average age of Hispanic Catholics is 27)—was evident at the Encuentro. The convention center was filled with the faces of young people who were nominated by their dioceses to represent the interests of the people among whom they pray, study scripture, celebrate the sacraments and serve in their ordinary family-centered lives. I spoke with several of these leaders to learn how they perceived the impact of the Encuentro.

One woman, Jumary Castro, serves as the director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of Galveston–Houston. She points to the need that the Encuentro process has unfolded over the past 40 plus years as a sign of hope for the U.S. Church. Specifically, she calls attention to the theme of missionary discipleship that was so prominent at the gathering—that is, of going out to the margins to embrace people from all paths of life. She reflects on her particular role as a walking with young people in a mission diocese, “humbly being a prophetic voice for the ‘poor church of the poor’—encouraged by the presence of so many other young people at the Encuentro who share this vocational call.

Another woman, Jessica Maciel Hernandez, serves as the coordinator of Hispanic Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Des Moines. She points to the way that the Encuen
tro offered members of the Hispanic community to have a voice at the national level. Many, like her, are immigrants, and she found hope in the spaces for open dialogue about immigrants’ walk of faith and building God’s kingdom. She sees richness in the faith traditions of people’s various countries of origin, and has hope for the ways that immigrants can share these traditions with other Catholics.

These voices as well as several others I encountered used language about the Church in the United States, which reminded me of the opening lines of Aquinas at Ephes., the document from the Church’s Second Vatican Council some 50 years ago, which steered the world Church on a course of careful attention to people’s joys and hopes in everyday life. The council, a gathering of all the world’s bishops, described a Church attentive to “the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men and women of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted.”

The delegates at the Encuentro are leaders who are immersed in joys and griefs of their friends, neighbors, and fellow Catholics, listen
ing as they bring them all before Jesus and, in many cases, the Virgin of Guadalupe. Their model of the “poor church of the poor”—to echo a memorable phrase from Pope Francis—is one that will humbly, yet powerfully, shape the future of the U.S. Church.
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come. As an Anglican priest, Father Jerry was married and had six children. Fortunately for Father Sherbourne, in 1980, St. John Paul II had approved a pastoral provision by which Episcopal clergy and individuals could enter the full communion of the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Benedict XVI expanded on this provision in 2009 by issuing the Apostolic Constitution, “Anglican Ordinariate,” providing for personal ordinariates (diocese-like structures) within the Catholic Church for groups of Anglicans (priests and deacons and lay together) to come into the full communion of the Church. On Jan. 1, 2012, the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter (OPCP) would be established in North America. Father Sherbourne responded to Pope Benedict XVI’s invitation through the newly established ordinariate in the United States. While remaining on active duty as an Army chaplain, he was accepted for formation as a Catholic priest. His wife and children were confirmed as Catholics during the Holy Triduum in 2012. Father Sherbourne continued priestly formation while serving on active duty, redeploying from Afghan on to Fort Bragg, N.C., and then changing duty stations to Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Finally, after completing his course of priestly formation, Father Sherbourne was ordained a Catholic priest for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter on Dec. 8, 2013, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. by Archbishop Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

Along with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, Father Sherbourne has served in Fort Campbell, Tenn.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Redstone Arsenal, Ala. He served at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., before coming to Fort Sill, where he expects to serve through summer 2020. While serving as an Army chaplain, he helps personnel of all religious traditions – and those with none – providing religious support and spiritual leadership for his as well as pastoral leadership for the Catholic chapel community.

He was recently asked by a fellow Anglican chaplain, “Well, how is it? Is the grass greener on the other side?”

He replied, “Do you really want to know?”

When his friend said, “Yes,” Father Sherbourne answered without hesitation, “It’s like going from splashdowning around in a kiddie pool to swimming in the awesome depths of the ocean. It’s more real, more serious, more complete. It’s better than I ever thought it would be – in ways I could never have imagined.”

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Marine veteran holds to faith, honor

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eterans Day honors the sacrifice and service of men like Ray Lueb of Edmond, who in 1945 witnessed history first-hand on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima.

He was part of the second wave of American Marine troops who captured the island after five weeks of intense fighting.

Lueb, 95, experienced his only combat of the war, but it was quite a test as the private stayed on the island for 32 days, and escaped the battle unharmed.

“I was a fast fox hole digger,” Lueb said.

He also credits God for his safety.

“I guess He had other plans for me,” he added.

Even as a young Marine, his Catholic faith was always a big part of his life.

“Mom and dad were both strong Catholics,” he said.

Some 73 years later, his Catholicism remains important. He attends Mass regularly and participates in a weekly TimeOut activity at his parish, Saint John in Edmond. That program involves older and independent seniors who get together weekly for fellowship and fun.

The two Jima veterans also is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Before his military service he had only been to Oklahoma and Texas.

He has two clear memories of his time in two Jima. One was the raising of the American flag on the Japanese island of Suribachi, on Feb. 23, 1945, that quickly became an iconic image from the war.

“None of us had any idea that photo would become so famous,” he said.

Ray Lueb’s proudest moment during duty was on March 10, 1945, when he helped to save the lives of at least 100 Marines. He was assigned to duty on a fire support boat. Alas, Lueb knew he had to try to put out the fire or it would ignite stored ammunition.

Two other men, seeing what he was doing, came back to help him extinguish the blaze.

For that effort he received a commendation from Maj. General T.E. Bourke of the U.S. Marine Corps.

After 32 days, Lueb was rotated out of the war zone and earned some much-needed rest in Hawaii.

His military service culminated with a six-month stint as military policeman in the occupied nation of Japan.

American Indian saint

Luttrell was also a key leader in the planning and execution of building a shrine in Pawhau honoring Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first

For the Safety of Soldiers

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Seven themes of Catholic social teaching

In these brief reflections are highlighted several key themes at the core of Catholic faith and social teaching. These themes are: Life dignity of the human person, Call to community and solidarity, Rights and responsibilities, Option for the poor, The dignity of work and the rights of workers, Solidarity, Care for God's creation.

These themes are central to the teaching of the Catholic Church and provide a framework for understanding the Church's commitment to justice, peace, and the common good. They are not isolated concepts, but rather interrelated themes that are reflected in the Church's teaching on a wide range of issues. By considering these themes, we can better understand the Church's approach to social issues and its calls for action to build a more just and peaceful world.

November 11, 2018

Clerics in the trenches: French priests in WWI

By J.E. Helin

The Sooner Catholic

Many people would be surprised to learn that in World War I, priests were on the front lines fighting for the French Army. All were not chaplains, however, and some were actually arms-bearing soldiers. In fact, the French army classified priests as "Patriot Priests" and required them to be active in military service.

In 1899 and 1905, laws were passed in France that "provided for the drafting of seminarians and priests into military service." May explains. The 1899 law brought forth many in one year, and the 1905 law eliminated the exemption from regular military duty and extended their term of service to two years. In her work, May was about 33 "priests whose memoirs and letters were examined in the archives of the Vatican." Her findings are presented in "French Catholic Priests in World War I: The Story of Their Service and Their Sacrifice." The book was published by the Vatican's "Legislature for the Study of the History of the Church." It includes 15 pages of notes to the text (110 pages), a seven-page bibliography, and an index. The book is available for purchase by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Ch. 1. "The Antiterrorist Third Republic"

"The French government embellished its role in military affairs, and there was a flurry of enthusiasm for military service." May writes. "Patriot Priests" were drafted in World War I or, in the words of the law, "to serve without pay as chaplains on the French battlefields."

"The priests were either in active military service or in some form of auxiliary service, such as working with wounded soldiers or in hospitals."

"Patriot Priests" were not the only religious orders who were involved in military service. "The book explains that many other religious orders were involved in military service, providing chaplaincy to soldiers and civilians, and assisting with the care of the wounded."

"The book also highlights the importance of religion in the lives of soldiers and civilians during World War I. Religious organizations and priests provided spiritual support and care to soldiers, helping them cope with the challenges of war." May writes. "Patriot Priests" were more than just religious figures; they were also leaders and role models for soldiers and civilians alike.

"The book concludes with a reflection on the role of religion in modern military service. May writes. "Religion continues to play a significant role in military service today, providing comfort and support to soldiers and their families."
Lánzate a lo más Profundo

¡Señor, renueva tu iglesia!

En estas breves reflexiones se destaca el impacto del enfoque de la enseñanza social católica.

Justicia, gratitud como signos de amor verdadero

Amor hacia Dios y hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas

¿Qué pasó con los regalos que recibiste la Navidad pasada?
¿Usaste tus tarjetas de regalo? ¿Usaste los volantes y los perfumes? ¿Hay de esos objetos que te gusten a pesar de todo? ¿Los tienes en tu casa?

Prometió estar con nosotros siempre hasta el fin del tiempo. Necesitamos afirmarnos a estas promesas ahora más que nunca. Los ataques de estafas se han disputado contra la Iglesia en el pasado y desde fuera. Necesitamos ayuda celestial. Necesitamos una conversación con el médico. He sido sacerdote durante 35 años y obispo durante 14. Durante mi ministerio nunca he conocido un momento más desafiantes. Los fiel están reajustando y reorientándose. Tragamás, algunos se han alejado. Los sacerdotes están reorientándose y heridos. Los obispos también están exudando, triunfando y frustrándose. Por favor, oren por sus sacerdotes y apoyados. Orémos por los obispos para que en los mares trascendencias y acciones dénc como resultado una mayor vigilancia, transparencia y responsabilidad real en la forma en que gestionaremos a la Iglesia consignada a nuestros cuidados.

Los derechos y deberes

La tradición católica enseña que no se puede proteger la dignidad humana y se puede establecer una comunidad sin derechos humanos y se cumple con los deberes.

La opción por los pobres e indefensos

¿Se dirige a los miembros más indefen- sos y menos poderosos de la sociedad, la historia del Juicio Final (Mt. 25:35-40) y los deberes que para el justo son siempre primero por las necesidades de los pobres e indefensos.

La dignidad del trabajo y del de los trabajadores

Si se ha de proteger la dignidad del trabajo, debemos respetar los derechos básicos de los trabajadores: el derecho a un trabajo productivo, al salario adecuado y a los bienes y del derecho de propiedad privada.

La solidaridad

Una de las enseñanzas más universales de la Iglesia Católica es la solidaridad. Nos hace reflexionar sobre nuestras acciones y nuestras acciones como un regalo de Dios. La solidaridad nos hace reflexionar sobre nuestro papel en la sociedad y en la familia.

El cuidado por la creación de Dios

Nuestros maestros reivindicaron al Crucificado cuidando la creación. El cuidado por la tierra es un requisito de nuestra fe. Últimamente hemos visto cómo el cambio climático afecta a nuestro planeta. ¿Qué acciones podemos tomar para ayudar a preservar el medio ambiente?

Para aprender más sobre este tema, visita en línea a http://www.earthjustice.org/ o http://www.earthjustice.org/ enlace-ambiental/

San Oscar Romero aparece en esta foto de archivo de la Iglesia Católica, en puesta al antiguo arzobispo de El Salvador. Su muerte en 1980 no sólo marcó la muerte de un santo al arzobispo, sino también la muerte de un líder que se enfrentó a la represión y la injusticia en su país.

Declaración sobre la remoción del ministerio de Padre James Micks

El arzobispo Coakley anunció el domingo la expulsión del Padre James Mickey de los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma para revisar e investigar la denuncia de abuso sexual de un menor. El Padre Mickey es sacerdote desde 1960 y ha trabajado en varios puestos en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma. Durante su ministerio, el Padre Mickey ha sido acusado de abuso sexual en varias ocasiones. La acusación más reciente fue en 2012, cuando se le acusó de abuso sexual en el seminario de Oklahoma. El arzobispo Coakley ordenó la captura de James Mickey y otros dos acusados en el seminario.

Al ver que llegó la temporada de crímenes sexuales, la denuncia fue realizada por varias personas, incluyendo un adulto que denunció al Padre Mickey en 2012. La denuncia fue investigada por la policía y la fiscalía de Oklahoma. La acusación fue levantada y el Padre Mickey fue liberado.

La justicia, gratitud como signos de amor verdadero

Amor hacia Dios y hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas

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Blessed Virgin Mary. Concert at 8:15 p.m. and adoration at 7 p.m.; Nov. 18: Christmas Bazaar will be Nov. 16-18, 711 W. Hickory Ave., Duncan. Contact (405) 200-8760 or gjohnson@ccaoke.org.

 Suicide and Agilence Initiative
 Under the new St. Eugene Faith and Agilence Initiative, extended prayer time will be 3 p.m. on Monday, and former service members and their families can receive assistance. On Jan. 6 representatives from Catholic Charities Heartline 211, St. Eugene Small Communities of Faith, Habitat for Humanity and the St. Eugene Small Department of Veterans Affairs will be available after all Masses at Rose Hall. They will coordinate teams interested in service projects, offer a way to connect with others who have served, and be a resource for service members as they reconnect with civilian culture. Contact Patty Dearden at ptyrdar@mccokok.org.

 Domestic Church
 A Domestic Church information session will be presented by Alex and Sarah Schimpf on Dec. 4 at St. Eugene, 10711 Greystone Ave. OKC. Contact (405) 385-6565 or rctr@MonerOK.org.

 Turkey dinner
 St. Joseph in Odessa will have their annual turkey dinner Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults and children age 11 and older $10; Children, ages 4-10 $5; children age 4 and under free. Relocation and other baked items will be for sale on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Level I classes. Registration deadline Jan. 4. Space is limited. Contact Patty Yarndy at (405) 751-7115, Ext. 172, or psytyrdy@stjoeok.org.

 Lenten Mission
 St. Eugene presents Create in Me a Clean Heart Lenten Mission with Val Larson Janzan on Feb. 24-26 at 2400 W. Hiater Rd., OKC. Janzan is a highly regarded singer, writer and speaker. There is also a college professor, leader of worship and prayer and a national workshop presenter. Contact Patty Yarndy or Judi Wilkinson at (405) 751-7115, psytyrdy@stjoeok.org, wiljassociates@cox.net.

 Women’s conference
 The Oklahoma Catholic Women’s Conference will be Feb. 23 at Embassy Suites in Norman. Visit www.womensconferenceokc.org.

 Catholic Young Adults of OKC for events and information or e-mail info@catychocoolbookshop.com.

 Veterans Day
 Nov. 11: Veteran’s Day. School open house 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

 Thanksgiving dinner
 The 96th annual Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by the Holy Apostles Club and Knights of Columbus, will be 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Nov. 11 in the gym, 421 E. Acres, Norman. Tickets: adults $10; children age 6-10, $5; children age 5 and under free; family $35. Tickets may be purchased at the door. In honor of our Armed Forces on Veteran’s Day, no charge for veterans with identification.

 MSM open house
 Mount St. Mary Catholic High School open house is 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 11. Meet MSM students and faculty on guided tours. Contact Diane Wilson at (405) 631-8865.

 The 177 Project
 Adoration Artists will present The 177 Project Nov. 17 at St. John, 900 S. Littler Ave., Edmond. Special guests are Lee Eberhardt and Tom Young. Rosary at 6:45 a.m.; Eucharistic adoration at 7 p.m.; concert at 8:15 p.m. Free tickets at ticketk.t.

 Christmas banquet
 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Christmas Ba-zar will be Nov. 16-18, 711 W. Hickory Ave., Duncan. Contact (580) 255-0590.

 National Christmas Pageant
 Friday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 30, at 2:30 p.m. at the State Fairgrounds. Visit www.thenationalchristmascostume.com for more information.
Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School seniors recently completed their “Senior Service Project,” working with The Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma City. They hosted a carnival for 300 boys and girls with face painting, basketball, hula-hoop, dancing, a hotdog lunch and a bouncy obstacle course. Photo provided.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School students in the Little Flowers Girls Club—Caroline Reiger, Clarice Silovsky, Lucy Foss, Rebekah Raglow, Sarah Dickerson and Tessa Gilliland—raised $180 for a dog bed, dog toys and kitty litter to donate to Free To Live. Photo provided.


St. Patrick, Anadarko, hung fall decorations on residents’ doors at the local nursing home during their September Community Care Night on Sept. 23. The group also played games and ate hotdogs. Photo Carolyn Cantrell.

Parishioners enjoy dressing in costumes and playing games at Oktoberfest on Oct. 14 at St. Mark in Norman. Photos provided.

Counterclockwise: Fr. Rayanna Narisetti celebrates Mass Sept. 30 at Mother of Sorrows in Apache to begin the annual Tri-Parish Picnic, which unites Mother of Sorrows, Saint Ann in Elgin and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sterling; Parishioners gather for the Tri-Parish Picnic; Children enjoy the inflatable bounce house; Fr. Roy plays a game of Bocce Ball. Photos Jolene Schonchin/Sooner Catholic.

From left to right: Fr. Brian Buetttner plays the claw game at the annual Blessed Sacrament Fall Carnival Oct. 8 in Lawton; Samantha Ormabee and her friend Linda won bingo prizes; and Palalya Spencer and Kaleigh Woods play the Frog Game. Photos Jolene Schonchin/Sooner Catholic.

Volunteers Cathy Irwin, Ana Graham and Marlene Stapp volunteer at Oklahoma Catholic Radio Oct. 24 for the annual radiothon. For more information about Oklahoma Catholic Radio or to donate, visit www.okcr.org. Photo provided.