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Season of Lent offers opportunity to grow in faith

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Lent is a spiritual opportunity to grow in the faith. It isn’t just a time to fasting, but a time to strengthen the faith and grow in the spirituality of the Catholic Church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our theme for this year’s ADF Archbishop’s Appeal we have chosen “Join Me! Our Mission: Make Disciples.” We are building intentionally on last year’s theme and our mandate to foster discipleship among the faithful and along the margins of our communities.

Our response in gratitude to all that the Lord has given us, beginning with the gift of life and the gift of faith, is expressed in our faithful stewardship over God’s many gifts. Stewardship is a disciple’s response to God’s mercy and fidelity. One way we can give expression to our faith as disciples and stewards is through our participation in the ADF.

God’s word challenges all of us with the mandate to go make disciples. In a particular way, this is our call and mission in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, as proclaimed in my Pastoral Letter, which outlines the vision and priorities of the next five years for this archdiocese.

I am inviting you and every Catholic in the archdiocese to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the Appeal according to your ability. Every gift, no matter the amount, is necessary and appreciated. Thank you for your generous response. With the assurance of my prayers, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley
Archbishop of Oklahoma City

To learn more about the programs in your parish funded by the Archbishop’s Appeal, turn to pages 7-9.
To read Archbishop Coakley’s letter to parishes, turn to page 2.
To fill out a donation form today, turn to page 16.

2015 Archbishop’s Appeal

By Ted King
For the Sooner Catholic

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Lent is a time to do positive things like reading scripture, saying the Rosary daily, meditating on the Stations of the Cross in church, and performing works of mercy for others. Some works of mercy to perform include visiting someone in a nursing home, seeing a lonely friend or acquaintance, or choosing to forgive someone who has hurt you. “Love your neighbor as yourself, and you thereby love God.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to Lent as one of the “intense moments of the Church’s penitential practice... appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works) (CCC 1438).

In addition to the spiritual benefits to be derived during Lent, Lent also is an opportunity for self-improvement. For instance, some parishioners have given up the consumption of alcohol...
“Join Me. Our Mission: Make Disciples!”

I am grateful to the many individuals and families across central and western Oklahoma who generously support your parishes and the archdiocese through theADF each year. In order to extend our reach and bring hope to those who live on the margins of our communities, we need to broaden our base of support.

I invite each of you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to support the mission of Christ and his Church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. The educational, pastoral and apostolic works supported by the ADF touch the lives of every Catholic and every parish within our archdiocese.

Please join me in making a generous gift according to your means and consistent with the blessings you have received.

Know that you and your loved ones are in my prayers. Thank you for all you do to support your parish and our archdiocese.

With good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley
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By Sooner Catholic Staff

Additional coverage of Church and archdiocesan news and events, only on www.soonerocatholic.org

The archdiocese’s Department of Catholic Education is seeking your input regarding the inclusion of Catholic themes in our schools. They would love to have your feedback and ideas even if you don’t have a child in school. Visit www.archokc.org to fill out a survey.

Registration is open for Camp OLOO! Forms and a video about the camp are available under the Youth and Young Adult office page.

The archdiocese will be a host site for the broadcast of an international summit on the New Evangelization, featuring Dr. Scott Hahn, Father Robert Barron, Father Michael Gaitley and other distinguished speakers. For more information, visit http://archokc.org/new-evangelization/up-coming-events.

Half of our generation is missing. Sixty million have been killed since Roe v. Wade, which is why I am dedicating my time to the March for Life.

After the musical opening, Patrick Kelly, the chairman of the March for Life board, told the crowd they were attending “the largest and most important human rights rally in the world,” and noted the march is becoming “bigger and younger every year.”

Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, opened the rally with prayer alongside priests, bishops and patriarchs of the Greek Orthodox, Orthodox American, Antiochian Orthodox, Scottish Orthodox churches, in a show of what the archbishop called “a sign of Christian unity.”

The archbishop called the marchers not only “joyful witnesses to the goodness of life” but also to be “living and welling this year’s theme: "Every Life Is a Gift" emphasized that every life is a gift, regardless of a person’s difficulty or disability, and also was meant to emphasize that everyone has a call and a mission — and a role to play creating a culture of life. A large congressional delegation in attendance emphasized the importance of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act before yielding the floor to a paschal message by the archbishop. By Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina, who said the defense of life was “the responsibility of every single person in America.” The rally’s theme would implement a broad religious exemption and conscience protections for private employers who oppose the federal contraception mandate that is part of the Affordable Care Act.

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St. Gregory’s University students and staff members made the 10-hour journey from Shawnee to Washington D.C. to participate in the March for Life. Photo provided.
Finding a home, sense of belonging through God

Like all kids growing up, at times I felt out of place—at school, at church, with friends and even in my own family. In early elementary school, I longed to play the more rugged games of the “big kids,” making myself out of place with my peers, but not belonging with the older students. Like many others, this feeling grew as I entered the awkward stage of life that is adolescence, and was bolstered by the themes of many coming of age stories. Like Gabriel Garcia Marquez in “One Hundred Years of Solitude” and the Disney classic “Beauty and the Beast,” the archetypal many young people hear is that leaving home, especially for those from small towns and the middle of the country—is the path to success and to shedding the feeling of not fitting in. While this has its benefits in developing a mature understanding of the world, this narrative implies that it is always better for a person to leave her home than to stay. More importantly, this account misses the reason that Bell’s words “there must be more than this provincial life,” resonate with so many young people: that there is more. But it isn’t out there in the great beyond, or in Europe or New York. It’s heaven. The story of humanity begins with Adam and Eve kicked out of their home, where they had good work, luxurious food and a close relationship with the creator. Biblical stories remind us, we, like the characters in the don’ts and holy family in Egypt, are a people in exile. Our sense of exile does not get easier from any deficit in our homeland, but from our distance from God.

Our true home is communion with God. Through our mortal life, we will always be, in some sense, in exile; however, we can draw closer to God during our earthly pilgrimage. Prayer, scripture and the Sacraments are at the center of the path toward Christ. A deeper relationship with the Lord requires spending time with him, meditating on the words of scripture and physically receiving him in the Eucharist and other Sacraments.

The Catholic Difference: Owning Our baptism

The transfer of the celebration of the Epiphany to a Sunday a day from Jan. 6 (the solemnity’s traditional date), and the elimination of Sundays-after-Epiphany in favor of the ill-named Sundays of “Ordinary Time,” has made a hash of the Epiphany liturgy, as I suggested in “Evangelical Hesitanc

But the liturgical calendar of Blessed John Paul II does serve us by letting us emphasize the uniquely significant Feast of the Baptism of the Lord as the birthstone of the Christian Church.

And, that is service to remind us to remember, cherish, and celebrate the date of our own baptism. When I first started working on my personal and religious mission and the meaning of Sundays After Epiphany, and other movable feasts, I was struck by the way these folks individualized their faith.

Most Americans, in such circumstances, identify themselves by occupation: “I’m John Smith and I’m a lawyer [or [or surgeon]” or “I’m Jane Doe and I’m a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital.” My “new friends didn’t do that. Rather, they’d say “I’m John Smith (or Jane Doe)” and name the place on which and such-a-such-a-date” — which was usually a Sunday school class in question was a young adult.

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As John Paul II introduced in his St. Matthew’s homily in 2005, the beatified John Paul II, “I wanted to be with the poor, with John Paul II, my spiritual father and the people. I wanted to be with God in this poor world and in the poor heart of people.”

When did you take your first vows? In 1964.

When and where did you feel called to a religious vocation? In 1964 in a community in Oklahoma.

My evangelical friends’ sense of the Lord as the terminus of the Christ-fi could have been “born again” in 1920.

John Paul II, and suggest that was not the day on which he was consecrated a priest, venerated the place where he was “born again” in 1920. John Paul II was in the Sistine Chapel on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in 1979.

George Weigel is a distinguished fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. He is the author of the new volume of his biography, “John Paul II, Witness to Hope.”

Archdiocese celebrates Year of Consecrated Life

Archbishop Coakley celebrated the Year of Consecrated Life with a Vespers service attended by consecrated men and women from around the archdiocese. Top, Fr. John Baptist Sterner of the Apostles of Jesus. Above left, the archbishop leads the Vespers service as Abbot Lawrence Stasyszyn and Br. Benet Exton of the Benedictine Fathers pray. Photos by Dr. George A. Halk; O.S.B. Above right, Fr. Kay Powers and Betty Kehoe, both of the Congregation of the Sacramental Life, stand with sisters from the Medical Sisters of St. Joseph and the Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. At left, Sr. Barbara Joseph Foley (left) and Sr. Therese of the Sacred Heart pray. Photos Cara Koenig.

Benedictine Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart are the original community in the state of Oklahoma. Above left, the archbishop leads the Vespers service as Abbot Lawrence Stasyszyn and Br. Benet Exton of the Benedictine Fathers pray. Photos Cara Koenig.

Annemarie Scarpelinas Biddick For the Sooner Catholic

God is love; so cultivating the virtue of love draws us closer to him. Matthew 22 explains that advice is to “do small things with great love.” For some, this is working to provide for one’s family, while for others it is taking small steps to work toward their goal. Each of our duties, however small, provides us with the opportunity to do them with love.

As the source of all beauty, God reveals himself in the beauty of the tabernacle and in even the most urban environment and by cultivating beauty in our everyday surroundings.

In other words, we can come to know God through making and appreciating our home — even when it doesn’t feel like home.

George Weigel Ethics and Public Policy Center

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Commentary

Meet Our Sisters

Betty Ann Elmer, RSM

What community do you belong to? I am a member of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, founded by Catherine McAleer in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831. We have been in Oklahoma since 1884, in Indian Territory.

What is your ministry in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City? I have worked in education at Saint Mary High School for 16 years. This is where the Sisters of Mercy have served in education since 1903.

When and at what age did you enter the community? I was 18 years old when I entered the Sisters of Mercy in St. Louis in 1964.

When did you take your final vows? I took final vows in 1972.

When and how did you first discern a call to the religious life? I was lucky enough to have the sisters of the Sacred Heart for 11 out of 12 years of my secondary and elementary schooling. I admired my teachers. In the fourth grade, our school rector had the book “Come Quickly” by its limited library shelf. I read it in back several times and was greatly impressed by its main character, Catherine McAleer. This planted the seed to my vocation.

What has surprised you the most in your vocation? When I was first discerning a religious vocation, I thought I probably had to be a religious in a religious community to secure a teaching position in a Catholic school. A lay teacher was a rarity. Today, I am the only Sister in a Catholic school that was founded by a religious community and completely staffed by religious women for many years.

What is the most fulfilling part of your vocation? I think recognizing that God is the Giver of both life and love. But I have also sent many people young, old and young, in my life to remember all His goodness to me. It is a vocation of ministry to others and sharing with others is fulfilling.

What is your advice to young women who are in the process of discerning their vocation? Do not forget to pray for God’s guidance in choosing your vocation. When the religious vocation pos

The Sisters of Mercy came to Indian Territory at Sacred Heart in 1888, at the request of the Benedictine Munks. Soon the Sisters were ministering to the hospital and college students in eastern and western Oklahoma before it was a state.

Grant, our behemoth then, O Almighty God, that we who solemnize the festival of blessed Val

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Sister Helen Prejean visits Oklahoma, calls for end to death penalty

By Sooner Catholic Staff

Sister Helen Prejean, author of “Dead Man Walking,” visited Oklahomans in January to protest capital punishment and call for mercy in similar cases. She held a news conference at the Oklahoma State Capitol along with human rights groups and legislators.

“I have worked to end the death penalty since witnessing my first execution,” Sister Helen said. “I think we set down the road 30 years ago thinking it was the right thing to do. But the people who get in situations and do the killing don’t even think they’re going to get caught. And, if you don’t think of consequences, it doesn’t deter your actions.”

Prejean visited Oklahoma shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court decided to review Oklahoma’s death penalty protocol and the drug used to carry out the punishment.

Until the review is complete, the Oklahoma attorney general will stay future executions at the request of Attorney General Mike Hunter.

“We don’t end the cycle of violence by committing more violence,” Archdiocese President Paul Coakley said. “In all of these crimes, we lose a part of our soul. And the death penalty only serves to further devalue the dignity of human life. When available, we should choose other non-violent ways to ensure justice and protect society.”

Regarding the death penalty, the archdiocesan pro-life office announced that it has determined, after an extensive examination, that the guilty party’s identity and responsibility have been fully determined, the traditional teaching of the Church cannot be excluded. If认定本死刑，he has committed an offense incapable of doing harm — without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself — the question in the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity “very rare, if not completely non-existent.” [N207]

## Okarche’s Center of Family Love provides roses for Rose Day

By Ray Dyer

Special for the Sooner Catholic

More than 1,000 Oklahoma roses were shipped to the state Capitol for the annual Rose Day event to celebrate life and present roses to legislators.

The Center of Family Love greenhouse, were handed to state lawmakers to celebrate life and present roses to legislators.

The roses are a reminder of the sanctity of life. Fifty-five white roses were designated the date as an annual day of prayer for Life, the Center of Family Love and others.

The roses were delivered in large quantities to the Capitol for the annual Rose Day event, and every year an over-the-counter measure to protect the unborn in our state,” said Debbie Sanders, director of the Center of Family Love.

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## Join the Archbishop’s Mission

### “Make Disciples” for our Church, one body, Christ’s body

By Thomas Maxwell

Disciples are critical for the success of the work of the Church and fulfillment of God’s plan. There are many ways to find its fulfillment through Jesus Christ. The Church — working together with one voice — serves the needs of His people.

“I serve these needs for the Church in Oklahoma, the appeal for the Archdiocesan Development Fund was created to develop the life of the archdiocese through ministry.”

“The annual appeal is the very lifeblood for the work of the Church in Oklahoma. Donations help make possible the many ministries that support the Catholic faithful through archdiocesan programs, awareness and discernment programs, programs that serve our parish communities, the rights of the unborn, support Catholic schools and religious education, strengthens marriages and families, advocate for the least amongst us, fund the education of seminarians, the care of retired priests and formation programs for our clergy, religious and layperson/catechists.”

The missionaries can be separated into three major basic divisions.

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Return ‘fire to your faith’ with adult faith formation classes

By Sarah Cooper
For the Sooner Catholic

After losing their loved ones to death, individuals may find it difficult to maintain their faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program offered a support system as well as a community for those who have experienced a personal loss.

By Bruce Brown
Director of New Evangelization

Although most Catholics are sacramentally initiated, many have not been “personally” initiated into the life of an intention of the Church. They have not experienced a personal encounter with Jesus, or entered into a personal relationship with Him. New adult faith classes are being offered as a vital part of a dynamic parish setting. Each week, staff members and volunteers offer several classes and programs to meet their community’s busy schedule. They continue to work with more than 200 members, and they have utilized video lectures by Father Robert Barron and The Augustine Institute’s Symbolic Series.

Archbishop Paul Coakley’s pastoral letter “Go, even to the end” has been instrumental in development of adult faith formation opportunities by 5 to 10 percent. From these adult faith formation opportunities, strong Catholic communities are formed and sent into their community to evangelize others, he said.

The Catholic Church of Saint John the Baptist in Edmond recently experienced a surge of participation in adult faith formation classes. After discovering that busy and unpredictable schedules are an impediment to attendance, staff members and volunteers created a solution. The church now offers Bible study classes that are offered alongside a weekly “Lunch and Learn” program, and an adult Sunday school class.

Karen Cherry, a member of the women’s Bible study at Saint John, said she believes participation in adult faith formation bears fruit in many aspects of their everyday life. “Obviously, it brings new light to Scripture that we may have read or heard many times by helping us put it in context and place,” Cherry said. “Each lesson requires a commitment to reading and reflecting on what we’re reading, which always brings us closer to God. It also bears fruit in our obvious ways. We’re more likely to answer ‘yes’ when asked to step forward in the Church. I believe our whole parish benefits from the fruits that come from this program.”

At Saint Peter Catholic Church in Woodward, Father Joe Rigazzi is reaching out to the parishes, archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry.

New discipleship groups nourish Catholics’ relationship with Christ

By Anamaria Scopelatti Bidikic
For the Sooner Catholic

The archdiocese of Oklahoma City, which provides support for families throughout central and western Oklahoma, has implemented several marriage preparation programs, the topic of which always brings us closer to God. Each year, Father Rigazzi said several parishes are looking into the programs for marriage preparation.

The programs are forming disciples to assist parishes in bringing new spouses exchange rings as Pope Francis, pictured in the background, celebrates the marriage of married couples during a Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica. (CNS/photo/Paul Haring.)

Parishes, archdiocese develop new programs for marriage

Groups designed for all marriages, English & Spanish

Parishes are already in development of new programs for marriage. Father Rigazzi said several parishes are looking into implementing the program.

Marriage Programs

By Pedro A. Moreno, OP, MRE
Director of Hispanic Ministry

A little more than a year ago, Archbishop Paul Coakley brought forth, in both English and Spanish, his first pastoral letter, “Go, even to the end.”

This letter established a clear vision for future archdiocesan pastoral ministry in Oklahoma. One priority in the pastoral letter was “evangelization of the family,” which always brings us closer to God. Each year, Father Rigazzi said several parishes are looking into implementing the program.

“Go, even to the end” was a call to everyone in the Church to do something about the family. The letter said, “Our outreach might be to help others heal their marriages, to begin coaching couples, and the ministry grew. Church leaders were commissioned with marriage preparation, marriage enrichment and couples counseling. The goal of this ministry is to help all marriages.

‘Go, even to the end’ is the answer to the new evangelization program and for Father Rigazzi, ‘we’re helping, there’s saving.’”

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By Martin M. Keane, a director of the adult faith formation class at St. John the Baptist in Edmond. Photo provided.

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We live in a world where the evening news is filled with reports of national and international violence. How are we to endure and not be defeated by this evil? The lines of war were fought in World War II and were unknown to the severest of suffering, provided us with courage and inspiration.

“The Unbroken,” by Laura Hillenbrand, has been a New York Times bestseller and recently was made into a motion picture directed by Angelina Jolie. The full title of the book is “Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption,” and the book is exactly that. It is the story of Louis Zamperini, an Olympic runner who became a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator. On a search and rescue mission over the Pacific, Zamperini’s plane, The Green Hornet, experienced engine failure and crashed into the shark-infested sea. Zamperini and two other men miraculously endured 46 days on the raft before being captured by the Japanese. One of the men dies, Zamperini becomes a prisoner of war.

Hillenbrand’s extensive research has yielded all-too-vivid descriptions of beheading raids and attacks. Her narrative of the airmen’s survival at sea is terrifying, and the reader cannot fail to be impressed by the airmen’s resourcefulness and courage. The story is told from the point of view of a Japanese plane. They catch and eat fish and birds, and survive by capturing rainwater. The tale goes from bad to worse: Zamperini is transferred from one prison camp to another where he is starved and beaten. He witnesses men being tortured and killed. He becomes the special focus of a Japanese war criminal, and Stigler will persist in “Unbroken” to and against a ream of Brown’s 270th Bomber Group in 1940. Both men are gone now, following each other in death, eight months apart, in 2008.

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Another World War II true story that is sure to inspire is “A Higher Call” by Adam Makos. This is the story of two pilots, one American and one German. The first 130 or so pages describe the life and early flying career of Franz Stigler, the German pilot in the story. His life, as described, shows that not all Germans were Nazis and that some German pilots supported Hilter’s new Germany, who by similarity to the editors.

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Finally, we come to the most common name and what started all this information. The mass actually has nothing to do with what occurs during the core celebration of the Eucharist. Believe it or not, the Mass refers to what happens after Mass is over! The name comes from an old Latin word Missa and is the Latin word for “mission” or “missionary.” The Mass is the missionary act of worship.

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Nuestra fe, enraizada en un encuentro con Jesucristo, vive en nuestra iglesia, más hoy, en la forma en que ejercemos nuestra mayor-dominio sobre los muchos dones que Dios nos da. Y el don más grande es el don de nuestra misericordia. Nuestro don nuevo es asumir la responsabilidad de cultivar y compartir nuestras dones y talentos para que sean glorificados en todo. Mayor, buena administración, se convierte no solo en una expresión de fe, sino una forma de vida. Es una espiritualidad que influye todos los aspectos de nuestras vidas: cómo gastamos nuestro tiempo, cómo usamos nuestros talentos, cómo consideramos nuestras finanzas. La Campaña de ADF del Arzobispo ofrece un medio importante para el ejercicio de la buena administración de las ofrendas financieras. Aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City llevamos a cabo nuestra misión a través de una variedad de ministerios, programas y servicios que profundizan la fe, tratan experiencias, anan y llenan el amor de Cristo a todos los demás. El ADF apoya estas actividades a fin de realizar un sueño de la iglesia: dar un mejor servicio a todos los de nuestra comunidad y a los que necesitan ayuda. Para realizar este sueño, se nos debe hacer responsable.

Por Pedro A. Moreno, OP, MRE
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Lent
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during the 40 days of Lent and by doing so have empowered themselves over everything that may have controlled them. Others have lost weight due to fasting. These benefits are not the specific purposes of Lent, but they are nonetheless bene-
fits from this penitential time.
From Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, to Easter Sunday on April 5, there are 46 days, and six of those days are Sundays. Sundays are not a part of Lent. If giving up something, you may take Sunday as a time to indulge a little, a few days before Monday comes.

Lent is a reminder to Catholics of Christ’s journey in the wilderness and temptation by the devil before his return to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) which saw his resurrection (Easter). Ted King is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

Calendar

February
10 Catholic War Veterans USA Oklahoma Memorial Post 168 will handle their memorial meet-
ing at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday in the Sunflower Family Reception Center, 3990 SE 29, Del City. For more information, contact Ken at (405) 739-0036 or by e-mail at OkkPast168@jcom.net.
12 An “AdvoCacy 101” workshop will be held Feb. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the CPC with valo-
eering to the parish of St. Eugene.
14 St. Valentine’s Day
14 Scout Religious Emblem Training 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the CPC, Register with the Youth and Young Adult Office at (405) 721-9220.
14 The Oblates of St. Benedict will meet once a month at the CPC. No registration is needed. Meet from noon to 1 p.m., with obligations meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Judith Martin, (405) 635-5663.
14 Month Crusade: Love. St. Charles Borromeo. Dance lessons at 7:30 p.m; dance music 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Bring a favorite food to share. Call Dorothy at (405) 604-4603.
17 Monthly Sorena to the Infant Jesus. During these nine days, the novena prayers will be as follows: Monday-Friday following Noon Mass, Saturday following 6 p.m. Mass, and Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass.
18 Ash Wednesday. Catholics be-
tween the ages of 18 and 59 must fast and abstain from meat.
18 Charles Catholic prayer meeting 7 p.m. at the CPC. Rm. C-1. Call Toni Calvey at (405) 630-0539 or visit www. sprin8.org.
19 Pope Francis’ presents “No Exit.” This existentialist French one-act play exam-
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Job Box

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olic Church in Oklahoma City, is seeking a principal for the 2015-
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Candidate should have at least a master’s degree in educational admin-
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