It's official!
Praised be Jesus Christ!
Archbishop Coakley received official word March 13 from Rome that Servant of God Father Stanley Rother will be beatified in Oklahoma City in September.

More information will be coming soon in the Sooner Catholic, on social media and online at www.stanleyrother.org.

Beatification of Servant of God
Fr. Stanley Rother
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017
10 a.m., Cox Convention Center, OKC

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

More information coming soon!
Our Lenten journey

Each year on Ash Wednesday, the entire Church embarks on its annual Lenten journey. We are all called to mind the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert following his Baptism in the Jordan at the outset of his public ministry. During those days, Jesus prayed, he fasted and he was put to the test. We enter these 40 days of Lent in the same spirit of prayer, penance and charity to prepare ourselves to celebrate, with mind and heart renewed, the saving mystery of our Redemption: the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord.

Lent leads us by stages to the celebration of the Sacred Triduum, beginning on Holy Thursday evening and culminating on Easter Sunday. These three days are the heart and center of the Church’s liturgical year.

The culminating moment of our Lenten experience takes place during the night of Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil when the Elect of the Church are baptized and the season of Lent is ended.

“Jesus wants us to reach out to others, to proclaim and renew the commitments of our baptismal faith.”

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley

The discipline of Lent trains us through prayer, penance and almsgiving, and through pondering the word of God to grow daily in faith and holiness.

By Sooner Catholic Staff

Additional coverage of Church and archdiocesan news and events can be found on www.sooner.org.

Catholic Relief Services collection reaches vulnerable, marginalized entities

WASHINGTON — The annual Catholic Relief Services collection will be held in most parishes on Laetare Sunday, March 26, with the theme, “Help Jesus in Disguise.”

“The needs of our world are great, and the effects of this collection are far-reaching,” said Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Ala., chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on National Collections.

“Throughout the year, we humbly respond to the suffering Christ who comes to us bearing the face of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, the rejected poor, and the abandoned stranger. We serve these, our brothers and sisters, because we serve Christ,” Rodi said.

Honour Our Lady of Fatima in 100th anniversary year

When news outlets report incidents of child abuse, they usually include someone who said they suspected something, but the person either didn’t know for sure or didn’t want to get involved.

In 1917, 17 years after the Oklahoma, there appeared a disturbing story that should serve as a reminder to us all.

2. She said that war is only possible when people are reduced to the level of animals and that the smell of rotten bodies could only be brought about by the sacrifice of men and women who have been defeated in battle.

Our Lady’s special requests

Our Lady made specific requests that in addition to the daily offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary of the duties required by the state of life; whether single, married, widowed or divorced, etc., and of the hardships or difficulties that God allows them to experience in people’s lives.

Our Lady ['/arch避', '州', 'of the', 'arch', 'of Oklahoma City']
Contagious Faith

A thousand teachable moments

My first impression of Church was that it was a place that smelled of commingled memories of the beauty of the stained glass that shimmered beams of light on the stat- ues and flowers, and the smell of Lewis & Clark candles. In that group, I discovered my nostrils when we went to Mass on Sunday. I was not a perfect child — often engaged in entire artistic settings, I demolished the pew, digging through someone’s purse to see if I could find gold dust. I decided to go to church. It must have been about that time that my parents decided I should learn my prayers, and to that end, they taught me the beautiful stat- ues of the beauty of the stained glass. That was it. I was in a place that was a perfect place. I used to imagine ways that I could sneak into heaven through a small hole. God was evi- dent in his book. If I got too many prayers, I would be caught. So I at least held him at bay. I was crying. My mother, mother about why she wouldn’t let me have some peanuts. I was feeling a little peckish, so I sidled up to a big bin of peanuts in my coat pocket. Once we were in the car, I cracked one. I might as well have fed a gun into my pocket. I was a load! What was THAT? my mother asked. “A peanut?” I re- plied. “Where did you get the peanut?” I was silent in shame — she apparently didn’t realize that whole squirell’s stash. “Carole, did you steal that?” I had been caught. I hadn’t thought of it as stealing, and thankfully I must have received a similar scolding, and I was delighted for that reason. Jesus didn’t seem to think it was such a big deal to have clean hands. Around Christmas time, my mother was picking up groceries and I asked for something to do. I was feeling a little peckish, so I scooped a handful into my coat pocket. Once in the car, I cracked one. I might as well have fed a gun into my pocket. It was a load! What was THAT? my mother thought, “A peanut,” I re- plied. “Where did you get the peanut?” I was silent in shame — she apparently didn’t realize that whole squirell’s stash. “Carole, did you steal that?” I had been caught. I hadn’t thought of it as stealing, and thankfully I must have received a similar scolding, and I was delighted for that reason. Jesus didn’t seem to think it was such a big deal to have clean hands. Around Christmas time, my mother was picking up groceries and I asked for something to do. I was feeling a little peckish, so I scooped a handful into my coat pocket. Once in the car, I cracked one. I might as well have fed a gun into my pocket. It was a load! What was THAT? my mother thought, “A peanut,” I re- plied. “Where did you get the peanut?” I was silent in shame — she apparently didn’t realize that whole squirell’s stash. “Carole, did you steal that?” I had been caught. I hadn’t thought of it as stealing, and thankfully I must have received a similar scolding, and I was delighted for that reason. Jesus didn’t seem to think it was such a big deal to have clean hands. Around Christmas time, my mother was picking up groceries and I asked for something to do. I was feeling a little peckish, so I scooped a handful into my coat pocket. Once in the car, I cracked one. I might as well have fed a gun into my pocket. It was a load! What was THAT? my mother thought, “A peanut,” I re- plied. “Where did you get the peanut?” I was silent in shame — she apparently didn’t realize that whole squirell’s stash. “Carole, did you steal that?” I had been caught. I hadn’t thought of it as stealing, and thankfully I must have received a similar scolding, and I was delighted for that reason. Jesus didn’t seem to think it was such a big deal to have clean hands. Around Christmas time, my mother was picking up groceries and I asked for something to do. I was feeling a little peckish, so I scooped a handful into my coat pocket. Once in the car, I cracked one. I might as well have fed a gun into my pocket. It was a load! What was THAT? my mother thought, “A peanut,” I re- plied. “Where did you get the peanut?” I was silent in shame — she apparently didn’t realize that whole squirell’s stash. “Carole, did you steal that?” I had been caught. I hadn’t thought of it as stealing, and thankfully I must have received a similar scolding, and I was delighted for that reason. Jesus didn’t seem to think it was such a big deal to have clean hands. Around Christmas time, my mother was picking up groceries and I asked for something to do. I was feeling a little peckish, so I scooped a handful into my coat pocket. Once in the car, I cracked one. I might as well have fed a gun into my pocket. It was a load! What was THAT? my mother thought, “A peanut,” I re- plied. “Where did you get the peanut?” I was silent in shame — she apparently didn’t realize that whole squirell’s stash. “Carole, did you steal that?” I had been caught. I hadn’t thought of it as stealing, and thankfully I must have received a similar scolding, and I was delighted for that reason. Jesus didn’t seem to think it was such a big deal to have clean hands. Around Christmas time, my mother was picking up groceries and I asked for something to do. I was feeling a little peckish, so I scooped a handful into my coat pocket. Once in the car, I cracked one. I might as well have fed a gun into my pocket. It was a load! What was THAT? my mother thought, “A peanut,” I re- plied. “Where did you get the peanut?” I was silent in shame — she apparently didn’t realize that whole squirell’s stash. “Carole, did you steal that?” I had been caught. I hadn’t thought of it as stealing, and thankfully I must have received a similar scolding, and I was delighted for that reason. Jesus didn’t seem to think it was such a big deal to have clean hands. Around Christmas time, my mother was picking up groceries and I asked for something to do. I was feeling a little peckish, so I scooped a handful into my coat pocket. Once in the car, I cracked one. I might as well have fed a gun into my pocket. It was a load! What was THAT? my mother thought, “A peanut,” I re- plied. “Where did you get the peanut?” I was silent in shame — she apparently didn’t realize that whole squirell’s stash. “Carole, did you steal that?” I had been caught. I hadn’t thought of it as stealing, and thankful
Catholic Charities announces annual Catholic Advocacy Day

Catholic Charities across Oklahoma to gather at the state Capitol

Catholics from throughout Oklahoma are invited to join the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Tulsa for Catholic Advocacy Day at the state Capitol on Thursday, March 30, from 8:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. To be held in the Capitol’s Blue Room, this annual event provides Catholic voters the opportunity to connect with lawmakers about proposed legislation that affects Oklahoma communities and those in need. Advocacy Day will begin at 8:15 a.m. with presentations highlighting the legislative process and pending bills. Archbishop Coakley and Bishop Konderla of Tulsa will speak on the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church in relation to current legislation that affects Oklahoma. The annual event provides an opportunity to connect with lawmakers before arriving at the event, inviting them to breakfast and scheduling a meeting. The names and contact information for Oklahoma representatives can be found online at www.oklegislature.gov.

To register for Catholic Advocacy Day, visit www.catholiccharitiesok.org/events. To learn more about Catholic Advocacy Day, contact Becky Vasquez at (405) 523-3000, Ext. 245, or bev@okcatholic.org. Founded in 1912, Catholic Charities serves all, regardless of race, religion or national origin through its mission to provide help and hope through the Catholic tradition of service. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, with regional service locations in Ardmore, Clinton, Enid, Guymon and Lawton, and program locations in Norman and Midwest City, Catholic Charities serves more than 14,000 Oklahomans annually.

Legislators are invited to attend the reception and meet with Catholic constituents. Attendees are strongly encouraged to contact their legislators before arriving at the event, inviting them to breakfast and scheduling a meeting. The names and contact information for Oklahoma representatives can be found online at www.oklegislature.gov.

To register for Catholic Advocacy Day, visit www.catholiccharitiesok.org/events. To learn more about Catholic Advocacy Day, contact Becky Vasquez at (405) 523-3000, Ext. 245, or bev@okcatholic.org. Founded in 1912, Catholic Charities serves all, regardless of race, religion or national origin through its mission to provide help and hope through the Catholic tradition of service. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, with regional service locations in Ardmore, Clinton, Enid, Guymon and Lawton, and program locations in Norman and Midwest City, Catholic Charities serves more than 14,000 Oklahomans annually.

Every family needs a dreamer!
Saint Joseph and his fruitful rest

Saint Joseph in a great example of a man of faith and great husband. Just think of it, Jesus got to choose his mother and step-father. Jesus chose the best! Matthew 1, 19 says: “Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.”

Joseph is a great guy! (Righteous in biblical terminology) He loves Mary, and if he says anything about not being the father of the fruit of her womb, she could be stoned to death. To avoid this, he decides to leave her without making a fuss. The people would think he is just another man that abandoned his parental responsibilities and they would track him out to help Mary. Joseph’s attitude is simple. Blame me and let her set the record straight! He did the right thing. God intervene while Joseph is resting. In the first dream, beginning at Matthew 1, 20, Joseph is invited to change his plans: “...the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he is to be a St. Gregory’s Cavalier. You’ll tour campus, meet current students, learn about student activities and opportunities, meet current faculty and staff who can assist the admissions process. Cavalier Day is free and lunch will be provided. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Saint Gregory’s Admissions Office at (405) 233-9872, e-mail admissions@stgregorys.edu or register online at www.stgregorys.edu/cavalierday.

Shawnee – Saint Gregory’s University invites prospective students and their family members to experience Cavalier Day on Thursday, April 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Benedictine Hall. St. Gregory’s is Oklahoma’s oldest Bison football team offers a great athletic program for students and their families can visit with current students, tour the historic campus, learn about student activities and campus life, attend a college class and meet current faculty and staff who can assist with the admissions process. Cavalier Day is free and lunch will be provided. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Saint Gregory’s Admissions Office at (405) 233-9872, e-mail admissions@stgregorys.edu or register online at www.stgregorys.edu/cavalierday.

Saint Joseph didn’t worry. He just went for a nap. Matthew Ch. 2 tells us the rest. “When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. For Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.’” (Verse 14) What Joseph did when he woke up: “Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.” But, how long should they stay in Egypt? No problem. Joseph didn’t worry. He just went for a nap and guess what? Yes! God blesses those who rest in His love and peace. God blesses those who trust in Him. Matthew Ch. 2 also blesses us with the details of this third dream: When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”

Now Israel is a big country. Joseph wasn’t clear where in Israel he should go. The previous dream didn’t give him a map to follow. But, Joseph didn’t worry. He is a good husband and father because he is a man who faithfully trusts in God and he knows that sooner or later God will show him the way. Surprise! Joseph goes to bed, trusting in God and God’s guidance, and he was blessed with a fourth dream: “Because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee.” You know the rest.

This year, March 19 falls on a Sunday, so our celebration of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Family, will be transferred to Monday, March 20. I invite you to take time after this Mass and follow his example. Trust in the Lord, rest a little, take a nap. Here are some words from Pope Francis on Saint Joseph during his visit to Milan, Philippines.

“Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands placed on us. But, rest also is essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God’s voice and understand what he asks us. Joseph was chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. Joseph helps Mary. Joseph’s attitude is simple. Blame me and let her set the record straight! He did the right thing.”

Joseph didn’t worry. He just went for a nap. Matthew Ch. 2 tells us the rest. “When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. For Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.’” (Verse 14) What Joseph did when he woke up: “Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.” But, how long should they stay in Egypt? No problem. Joseph didn’t worry. He just went for a nap and guess what? Yes! God blesses those who rest in His love and peace. God blesses those who trust in Him. Matthew Ch. 2 also blesses us with the details of this third dream: When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”

Now Israel is a big country. Joseph wasn’t clear where in Israel he should go. The previous dream didn’t give him a map to follow. But, Joseph didn’t worry. He is a good husband and father because he is a man who faithfully trusts in God and he knows that sooner or later God will show him the way. Surprise! Joseph goes to bed, trusting in God and God’s guidance, and he was blessed with a fourth dream: “Because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee.” You know the rest.

This year, March 19 falls on a Sunday, so our celebration of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Family, will be transferred to Monday, March 20. I invite you to take time after this Mass and follow his example. Trust in the Lord, rest a little, take a nap. Here are some words from Pope Francis on Saint Joseph during his visit to Milan, Philippines.

“Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands placed on us. But, rest also is essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God’s voice and understand what he asks us. Joseph was chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. Joseph helps Mary. Joseph’s attitude is simple. Blame me and let her set the record straight! He did the right thing.”
CFO scholarships help Oklahoma students thrive

Each year, the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma features students in their senior year of undergraduate study who have received Catholic Foundation scholarships.

John Grim
Parish: Our Lady of Sorrows, Chandler
Saint Gregory’s University, Shawnee

“My education experience at Saint Gregory’s University has been a blessing and has helped me grow spiritually, academically and professionally. The small school environment and Catholic culture are what led me to join the SGU community. The liberal arts education that Saint Gregory’s offers has broadened my horizons and I am excited to be graduating with two degrees in philosophy and business management.”

“The CFO scholarship was a precious gift to me because it allowed me to complete my education without any debt. More importantly, it has reaffirmed my experience as a Catholic scholar. I hope that my experiences and education at a Catholic university will enable me to contribute to the well-being of society in any capacity after graduation. I plan to visit monastic communities and discover a life of contemplation and prayer or furthering my education on the graduate level.”

Paulina Saldana
Parish: Saint Andrew, Moore
University of Oklahoma

“I attended the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing and will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in science of nursing in May. OU has been a wonderful school where I have had an amazing education. In addition, I had the privilege of going on a medical trip to Uganda, Africa, in 2016. While in Africa, I volunteered at Saint Monica’s Clinic in Uganda.”

“The CFO scholarship has helped me greatly with education expenses for four years. After graduation, I plan to work in a hospital for a few years and continue my life-long learning as a high-skilled, compassionate and caring nurse to patients physically, emotionally and spiritually. After working a few years in a hospital setting, I plan to do missionary work as a nurse in Uganda through Sister Rosemary Styrum’s Sewing Hope organization. After returning from Africa, I would like to continue my education to earn a degree as a mental health nurse practitioner.”

Kasey Ross
Parish: Saint Francis Xavier, Enid
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater

“Through the people I have met and the classes, OSU allowed me new and exciting experiences that helped me to discover my passion for the youth of the Church. Helping with various retreats and conferences as well as volunteering for the high school youth group and a 2nd grade religious education class helped to drive this passion. I will be earning a BA in Strategic Communications with a minor in Philosophy. My college is expensive. The CFO Scholarship has helped me in my four years at OSU to finish (almost) debt-free. It has truly been a blessing for my family and me. I would certainly recommend this scholarship to other Catholic students. If you are doubting yourself at all, just apply! God will provide this or other options to help with your educational expenses.”

“After graduation, I want to pursue my master’s degree in theology. With that, I hope to work in some kind of ministry.”

Kylee Severin
Parish: Saint Michael, Galtby
Southwestern Christian University, Bethany

“The experience at Southwestern has been great. I plan to graduate in May 2018 and start working as an elementary teacher. With the CFO scholarship, I have had many financial burdens lifted in pursuing a college degree.”

“My plans upon graduation include getting a teaching job in an elementary school. I would love to go back to my hometown of Galtby to teach at Timberlake Public Schools. This would allow me to be near my family and my church.”

Holy Family Bilingual Lent Retreat

Holy Family in Lawton offered its first Bilingual Lent Retreat on March 4. Pedro Moreno, director of the Office of Hispanic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, and Deacon Armando Cruz Ruda from Holy Angels in Oklahoma City, presented the meditations. The group discussed ways to help newcomers feel welcome, how to support parish ministers and how to invite people to attend and be active in the Church. Nearly 100 people attended the parish-wide retreat. Vicar Gable, religious education director, provided age-related activities about Lent for the 35 children who attended. The retreat was titled, "Come Out of the Desert to Spread the Good News; Sal di Deserto para Pase la Buena Nueva.”

Green Tie Gala

The 2017 Green Tie Gala organized by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City raised more than $468,000 to support the homeless services of Catholic Charities; Sanctuary Women’s Development Centers in Oklahoma and Norman, and Holy Family Home in Midwest City. Organizers of the event thanked auction item donors, sponsors and guests for the event’s success. During the gala, Green Tie Gala Ambassadors Bill and Lil Ross were honored, and 7-Eleven Stores received the Mosaic Award. The gala was held Feb. 25 at the Natural Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum with 628 guests in attendance. Chairs the gala were Rick and Julie Balch.

Residents at Saint Ann Retirement Center enjoyed a Mardi Gras dance with Talk of the Town on Feb. 28.
**Invited** is the ultimate Catholic wedding planner

By J.E. Helm

It’s a beautiful little book: a cream and gold-tinted cover that features wedding rings and elegant black and gold lettering. It’s called *Invited: The Ultimate Catholic Wedding Planner*.

My husband and I decided to *Invited* as our wedding planner because we wanted a Catholic wedding that would be both traditional and personalized. We were also looking for a planner that would be able to accommodate our budget and time constraints.

After reviewing several options, we chose *Invited* because it was highly recommended by other couples who had used it. We were impressed by the planner’s ability to create a personalized wedding plan that fit our needs and budget.

The planner is divided into several sections, each covering a different aspect of the wedding planning process. Each section includes step-by-step instructions, checklists, and helpful tips for planning a Catholic wedding.

One of the most useful sections of the planner is the section on “Wedding Duties and Responsibilities.” This section covers everything from the roles and responsibilities of each member of the bridal party to the logistics of the wedding ceremony and reception.

The planner also includes a section on “Catholic Wedding Traditions and Customs.” This section provides a wealth of information on traditional Catholic wedding customs and traditions, as well as tips for incorporating them into your wedding.

Another useful section of the planner is the one on “Catholic Wedding Prayer and Sacraments.” This section covers the role of prayer and sacraments in the Catholic wedding, as well as tips for incorporating them into your wedding.

Finally, the planner includes a section on “Planning a Catholic Wedding on a Budget.” This section provides tips and advice for planning a Catholic wedding on a budget, including ideas for saving money on floral arrangements, catering, and other expenses.

Overall, we were very pleased with our decision to use *Invited* as our wedding planner. We highly recommend it to other couples who are looking for a Catholic wedding planner that is both personalized and budget-friendly.

By J.E. Helm


The Popcaks write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

For example, the Popcaks write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

The Popcaks also write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

For example, the Popcaks write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

The Popcaks also write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

For example, the Popcaks write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

The Popcaks also write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

For example, the Popcaks write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

The Popcaks also write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

For example, the Popcaks write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

The Popcaks also write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

For example, the Popcaks write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

The Popcaks also write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

For example, the Popcaks write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.

The Popcaks also write that “the point of Discov- ery is not to pass on information about God… but to pass on how to be a God-worshiping community.” They believe that “the point of Discov- ing God Together” is to create a community that worships together.
Nuestro viaje Cuaresmal

Cada año, en Miércoles de Ceniza, la Iglesia comienza su viaje eucarístico anual. Ya estamos en camino. La Cuaresma nos recordará los cuarenta días que Jesús pasó en el desierto después de su bautismo en el Jordán al comienzo de su ministerio público. Durante esos días Jesús oró, ayunó y fue probado. En estos cuarenta días de Cuaresma, reanudaremos en el mismo espíritu de oración, penitencia y caridad la vida que comenzamos a celebrar, con renovadas miradas y corazones, el mismo espíritu de nuestra Redención: la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor.

La Cuaresma nos conduce por etapas a la celebración del Triduo Sagrado que comienza el Jueves Santo y culmina el Domingo de Pascua, cuando los Electos de la Iglesia son bautizados en la muerte y resurrección del Señor. El momento culminante de nuestra exepriencia es el Sábado Santo, cuando la iglesia desconoce el nombre en la Vigilia del Sábado y las palabras “de inscribir a los que se preparan para recibir el bautismo”. Por esos momentos, los bautizados en la muerte de Cristo, muere a través de la oración, penitencia y caridad que deben seguir a la misión y servicio que nos ha confiado la Iglesia. Se necesita ser fuerte para recibir esos dones recibidos en el Bautismo, y el don del Espíritu Santo, somos incorporados a la Iglesia, el Cuerpo de Cristo. El Bautismo nos da la capacidad para recibir los demás sacramentos de la Iglesia que nos ayudan a crecer y madurar hasta alcanzar la plena madurez en Cristo y asumir nuestras responsabilidades para la misión y servicio que nos ha confiado la Iglesia. Debemos ser fuertes como el Señor del desierto, y si no logramos, Dios nos ayudará a ser fuertes en lo que nos corona.

La lectura de Isaías nos ofrece “el camino de conversión. Solo nos abre a las puertas de nuestra redención: la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor. La lectura de Isaías nos ofrece “el camino de conversión. Solo nos abre a las puertas de nuestra redención: la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor. La lectura de Isaías nos ofrece “el camino de conversión. Solo nos abre a las puertas de nuestra redención: la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor. La lectura de Isaías nos ofrece “el camino de conversión. Solo nos abre a las puertas de nuestra redención: la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor. La lectura de Isaías nos ofrece “el camino de conversión. Solo nos abre a las puertas de nuestra redención: la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor. La lectura de Isaías nos ofrece “el camino de conversión. Solo nos abre a las puertas de nuestra redención: la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor. La lectura de Isaías nos ofrece “el camino de conversión. Solo nos abre a las puertas de nuestra redención: la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor. La lectura de Isaías nos ofrece “el camino de conversión. Solo nos abre a las puertas de nuestra redención: la pasión, muerte y resurrección del Señor. La lectura de Isaías nos ofrece “el camino de conversión. Solo nos abre a las puertas de nuestra redenci...
Bingo at 7 p.m. March 23 at St. James, 41 and S. McKinley Ave. Tickets $10. Food and drink available for purchase, 5:30-9 p.m. Admission $5, $3 for seniors. All profits go to support the ministries at St. James.

Sooner Catholic

March 19

Catholic Men's Conference, 2017, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Embassy Suites by Hilton Hotel and Conference Center, 2501 S.W. 50th St., OKC. Register at www.catholicmen.org. Contact (405) 301-1165.

Tours and Retreats

Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club – OKC

• Monday, May 22 – golf

March 19

Life of the Party Gala – OKC

• April 8 – golf

March 19

The Hearing Loss Association of America Central Oklahoma Chapter (RLAACL 2017) scholarship program. Two scholarships of $1,000 each are available for students enrolled for fall 2017 school year. Applicants must have hearing loss and be entering higher education in the fall. No age limit, but the student must attend an Oklahoma higher learning institution. Application deadline is April 30. Contact mail@fm-sgu.org.

Career Opportunity

March 19

Financial services sales position in Oklahoma City. The Bildts are looking for a motivated individual with strong closing skills and excellent communication skills who is willing to work nights and weekends. Requires high school diploma. Salary: commensurate with experience. For more information or to apply, please contact Kevin Pence at 405-927-0572 or kevinpence@archokc.org.

March 19

The Lay Missarines of Charity (Sacred Heart) (405) 721-9351

March 19

Contact (405) 623-3848 or nckaluyn@okcol鸬.com.
March feast days end with The Annunciation

By Ted King  
The Sooner Catholic

Saint Joseph  
The feast day of Saint Joseph, much revered as the Blessed Virgin Mary’s spouse and foster father of Jesus, which is ordinarily March 19, is celebrated March 20 this year because March 19 falls on a Sunday. Joseph was of the house of David and was “a just man” (Matthew 1:19), and Jesus "was obedient" to him (Luke 2:51). Joseph was the head of the Holy Family household. Just as Saint Patrick is especially important to the Irish, Saint Joseph is especially important to the Italians. When there was a drought-caused famine in Sicily in the Middle Ages, the people prayed to Saint Joseph for rain, which then came. A feast was held to honor him. Italian communities around the world consider Saint Joseph to be their patron. He is the patron of workers and patron of the Universal Church.

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo  
March 23 is the feast day of Saint Turibius, Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo, who was born in Spain in 1538. He was educated for the law and became a professor of law at the University of Salamanca. He attracted the attention of King Philip I, who made him chief judge of the ecclesiastical court of the Inquisition at Granada. Later, Turibius was ordained and sent to the Spanish colony of Peru where he became the Archbishop of Lima and worked tirelessly, mostly on foot, visiting his huge archdiocese that extended 400 miles along the coast. He established needed discipline among the clergy, many of whom had been mistreating the natives. Among the many he baptized were Saint Rose of Lima and Saint Martin de Porres. He built chapels, schools, hospitals and the first seminary in the western world. Saint Turibius was a defender of the dignity of the native peoples. He died on March 23, 1606, and was canonized in 1726. He is the patron of Peru.

The Annunciation of the Lord  
March 25, nine months before Christmas, is the feast of The Annunciation, the event when Gabriel appeared to Mary and informed her she would give birth to our Lord: “…the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.” And, he came to her and said, “Hail full of grace, the Lord is with you!” But, she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And, the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And, behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.” And, Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no husband?” And, the angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” And, Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And, the angel departed from her” (Luke 1:26-35,38).

Ted King is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

Ash Wednesday Mass  
On Sunday, March 5, 290 catechumens and their families joined Archbishop Coakley for the Rite of Election at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City as they prepared for baptism. The 368 candidates who are already baptized prepared to make a Profession of Faith and join the Catholic Church. The catechumens and candidates represented 49 parishes in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Rite of the Elect  
Fr. Wickersham and Principal Jacque Cook distribute ashes Wednesday, March 1, at St. Mary in Guthrie.

St. John, Edmond  
Blessed Sacrament, Lawton  
Photos Carra Koenig and provided.

Photos Cara Koenig and provided.