The Lord spoke to Deacon John Herrera in the silence of prayer. It was Spring Break 2012, and Herrera had joined a group of students from Saint Thomas More in Norman on a mission trip to Biloxi, Miss.

"During our trip, I was drawn to silent prayer in the chapel for extended periods of time. In the midst of the silence, I was very close to the tabernacle and our Lord told me he wanted me to be his priest."

The possibility of becoming a priest had been there since he was age 14, resounding and resurfacing, due to his devotion to Saint Francis of Assisi and his corresponding desire to serve the Lord. His pastor as Saint Joseph in Norman, Father Ed Menasco, fostered his vocation.

"Father Ed was very kind and helped me to discern this calling, even prior to receiving the call in prayer in a more direct way," Herrera said.

Before the mission trip, Herrera’s direction had been uncertain. He received an associate degree from Oklahoma City Community College the previous year, but he was unsure what to do next. He took time off school to work and moved in with friends from Saint Thomas More.

"He said, mom, I don’t want you to freak out or get excited; this is not a done deal," Herrera’s mom, Laura Herrera, recalled the conversation she had with her son about his vocation.

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"When I think of a priest, I think of a father"

By Anamaría Scaperlanda Biddick
The Sooner Catholic

MADILL – More than 600 parishioners and guests filled the new Holy Cross Catholic Church in Madill May 4 to celebrate the completion of the first phase of construction for the growing parish community.

Archbishop Coakley joined Father Oby Zunmas, pastor of Holy Cross, and visiting priests and deacons to bless and dedicate the new sanctuary.

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Archbishop Coakley celebrates Mass on May 4 in the new Holy Cross Catholic Church. Photo Diane Clay/Sooner Catholic.

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Dcn. John Herrera will be ordained to the priesthood on June 29. Photo provided.

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ is at the heart of who we are as Catholics. Your gift to the Sooner Catholic Communications Appeal will help support the tools needed for the archdiocese to succeed in its mission of evangelization and discipleship.
Pray with Me!

Greetings from the Rivers! In anticipation of the great Solemnity of Pentecost, I invite all my brother priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful to join me this year praying a special Novena to the Holy Spirit. The novena will begin on Friday, May 31, and end on Saturday, June 8.

We need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our archdiocese and God desires to grant this. We only have to ask. I have shared many times with you that this has always been a constant prayer of mine since my installation as your archbishop. I have prayed earnestly for a new Pentecost for our archdiocese.

I invite you all to join me this year. This is a unique time for this archdiocese. We are in the midst of the commission process of Blessed Stanley Rother and all of us are praying regularly that someday soon he will be declared a saint. We are in the final stages of what has been a very successful capital campaign, “One Church Many Disciples,” and we have been engaged for more than 18 months in a pastoral planning process called Vision 2030, identifying the pastoral priorities and strategies that will guide our efforts during the next 10-12 years. As we prepare for Pentecost, let’s pray together for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our archdiocese, and for God’s abundant blessings as we chart the course for the future! Come Holy Spirit!

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O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, you bestowed the first disciples with the power to proclaim your word throughout our own unique gifts and through the channels of clear communication. Make us willing to receive that you may communicate to us the daily bread of our faith. Send forth the Spirit of Pentecost that we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Closing prayer each day: Renew your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of the successors of Peter and the Apostles, it may achieve the reign of our Divine Savior, the reign of love and truth, and the justice of the love and peace. Amen.

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- Test Pentecost2019 to 45476
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Reflection Day focuses on Divine Mercy

By Judy Bilskevics The Sooner Catholic

The Catholic Church celebrates the Divine Mercy each year to reflect on the promise of God’s mercy that became a more effective sign of the Church.

The following quotes are a sampling from the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet.

- “We need to surrender ourselves in humility by the power of Christ to the mercy of God in order to obtain supernatural graces from heaven.”

If you have never recited the Divine Mercy chaplet, here is an invitation. Please consider offering that prayer with me and take the time to reflect on the mercy of God.

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By Anthony Guzman Sooner Catholic

Hidens in the midst of a poor neighborhood, a Carmelite shrine serves as a refuge for the 29 children, ages 1-14, who reside there. The Spanish name for the shelter, Refugio Infantil Santa Esperanza or RISE, roughly translates to Children’s Shelter of Hope.

This safe haven was founded in 2001 after the parish priest and Carmelites saw the need to provide a refuge to the children who were homeless, orphaned or at risk in their own homes.

During Spring Break this past March, teenagers who attend Christ the King in Oklahoma City traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, as part of a mission trip to work at the shelter.

Before embarking on the mission trip, the high school missionaries from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, parents and a number of par- ish ministries collaborated to put on a fish fry fundraiser to donate to RISE’s educational fund.

The missionaries’ goal was three-fold: to establish a greater life of prayer through daily Adoration, to earn the $1,500 needed for the new location, and to build strength and selflessness to build and manage a mission trip on their own.

The missionaries, who spent time reading with them and playing games. On the day of the mission they were able to help with debris clean up, cleaning out a storage closet, installing a donated cabinet and water- ing plants.

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By Father Rick Stanberry, O.F.M., pastor of Christ the King Church, said, “The story that impacted me the most was of the three little boys, all siblings, who had arrived the week prior to our arrival to RISE. The boys were living in a bad state of hygiene, their clothes were filthy, they were going to eat again the next day. The people who prepared the meals that they were given and that they were going to eat again later that day. The boys could not be- lieve that they were going to have food twice in one day.”

This is just one example of the many stories the young people learned about the children that impacted the people on the mission trip.

Day 2 of the Spring Break trip was for the high school missionaries to reflect on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Church.

“You are blessed to leave a legacy here and that the parents had not been back in a few days.

The boys were neglected. When authorities arrived, the boys were dirty, had no food or shoes, and the home did not have electricity. Upon arrival to RISE, the children were fed, bathed and given clean clothes and shoes. The boys were so excited to have shoes because they had not had any before. After the boys finished eating, one of them asked if they were going to eat again the next day. The day that the people who prepared the meals that they were given and that they were going to eat again later that day. The boys could not be- lieve that they were going to have food twice in one day.”

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Compassion and hope as key elements to mercy.

In gratitude we can do the second thing, and that is to have compassion with others, and have compassion by helping to alleviate the suffering of others, extending reconciliation to others and to ourselves.

I call this in all my experience the most beneficent behavior to you as my prayer for this other person. Do what you will. Remember Jesus said you will be forgiven as you forgive.

He had the group compose their own Psalms 136 by re- calling moments of God’s grace on the first line, then repeat “his mercy endures forever” as the second line. He suggested recounting at least 10 moments where God’s mercy was evident. “It’s very hard to understand that someone loves that much,” Alice Fagen said. Fagen and her husband Jim came from Bartlesville to learn more about Saint Faustina.

The day concluded in Saint Gregory Abbey with a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Alice and Jim Fagen traveled from Bartlesville to attend the Day of Reflection at St. Gregory’s Abbey. Photo: Judy Bilskevics / Sooner Catholic

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day of rejoicing,” said Archbishop Cordy during his homily. “Today, we are opening a new chapter in the history of Holy Cross Parish. ... The memories made and the deepening faith due to the time spent in Mexico are a blessing in the midst of a poor neighbor- hood.”

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The original Holy Cross was built in 1949 and was blessed by Bishop Eugene McGuinness in 1950. The second church building, which is about a mile from the old location, was built in 1957. On May 4, the day of the dedication of the new church, diocese of parishioners, some on horseback, processed from the old location to the new.

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The center will honor Monsignor Patrick Stockinger, MSM alum of Garvey in 1943, one of the most influential people within the Diocese of Oklahoma City. Stockinger's contributions to the Catholic faith and his dedication to helping others will be celebrated during the event.

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**Event Details**
- The event is for the second year.
- The price for the event is $75 per person or $1,750 for a table of 10, and the event for the second year.

**Contact Information**
- For more information on sponsorships or to reserve a seat, visit centeroffamilylove.org or call Nancy Altman at 405-263-4658, Ext. 1042. To purchase raffle tickets, call 405-263-4658, Ext. 1042.

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**Mount St. Mary breaks ground on athletic projects**

Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School held a groundbreaking ceremony May 7 to celebrate the installation of a football field turf, track and new visitor grandstands.

The project was initiated by Woody, Karen, and the James family and the estate of the late Aubrey Stuckinger, MBM alum of 1962.

Hollis Construction of Austin, Texas, was chosen as the project’s construction management company. Hollis has built synthetic turf fields for the Dallas Cowboys, Houston Texans and the new Las Vegas Raiders. Construction will be complete Aug. 12.

**From the Archives...**

Magister A.A. Isenbart was the epitome of competence and consistency throughout his long career as an Oklahoma priest. Archbishop Sisak described him as a “solid rock” and “one whom one could count on.”

Born to a farming family in Alva, he was one of nine children. To state that he was a strong Catholic family does not do justice to the reality. Faith was at the very core of their existence. There was no substitute for religious life. He related the story many times of running behind the wagon to keep warm on cold days to attend Mass.

After seminary at Saint Gregory in Shawnee and Saint John in Little Rock, he was ordained by Bishop Kelley on June 7, 1941. His first assignment was Saint Joseph Old Cathedral as assistant to the already legendary Monsignor Guetawe Deperteuvre. Under his tutelage, the young Father Isenbart gained knowledge and experience.

After serving as pastor of Saint Michael in Golity for one year, he was appointed in 1948 by Bishop Kelley for the mission of Saint Ann’s. At this time, he was assistant director and one of the most influential people within the Diocese of Oklahoma City. Stockinger noted that Monsignor Isenbart was a man of great faith, who always prayed for his family and friends.

In 1956, he was named director. He held this position for 24 years. He was also Father Isenbart's colleague in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.
Why be Catholic?

Catholic faith leads him to volunteer to help the homeless community at Sister B.J.’s Food Pantry. “It is hard, sometimes, as we walk through out daily lives to see the ways in which the Holy Spirit is at work, guiding us toward the great future that God has planned for us,” he said. “When I step back and look back, I can see this truth in my own life and I am thankful that he was fit to lead me to my journey as a Catholic.”

In April, David Kittrell became Catholic at Church of The Epiphany of the Lord in Oklahoma City, calling the choice “the greatest decision I’ve ever made.”

“I felt like this was where I belonged in my heart and soul,” a fellow parishioner also reached the same conclusion.

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One more look at the Book of Psalms

Quality time where God tells us “I am with you”

In my last column, I mentioned the influence of the Book of Psalms, but I need to expand on those ideas. A Psalter is a unique ability to engage our most intimate connection with Adonai, the Lord. The time spent with each psalm is a great opportunity for quality time with God.

Psalm 23 is the best known of the psalms. It's a loving father and creator, he is almighty, and is our guide and companion. He reminds us that as our shepherd, he will always be their friend, allowing that friendship to draw us completely to be able to tell someone else about him. In other words, he is the essential part of the official prayer life of the Church. Psalms are organized in a four-week cycle of morning, evening and other prayers. This grouping of the psalms and other biblical and patristic texts are called the Liturgy of the Hours, Breviary or Christian Prayer. The daily contact with these prayers is a requirement for the clergy and religious men and women. It is also recommended for all the baptized. It is important to spend a regular part of your time spent with Adonai, the Lord. Go to the Liturgy of the Hours or just go to your favorite psalm. Let yourself be loved by him, let yourself be loved by God to those around me. I am no longer alone. He is with us at every hour— I need your light: Psalm 27, Psalm 119—Help me with sadness: Psalm 31, Psalm 55—Forgive me: Psalm 32, Psalm 51—The Lord also acquits the indigent: Psalm 37, Psalm 56—Let the world know that there is a love for God in my soul: Psalm 103, Psalm 107—Help me to mature in my faith: Psalm 73, Psalm 78.

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Mental Health and Wellbeing

“Let’s start with the basics: what is mental health and wellbeing?”

By Katie Kesti

“Saints come in threes.” This is the re- minder Curtis Martin gives us in his new book, “Making Missionary Disciples.” This short book is an introduction to a discipleship method popularized by FOCUS missionaries. Curtis Martin also emphasizes the necessity of au- thority and spiritual power, which is modeled on the way Jesus himself made others his disciples.

Catholic University of America, the University of St. Thomas, and the University of Oklahoma, among others.

The founder of FOCUS, Curtis Martin, is a graduate of St. John’s University and St. Thomas University.

The first and most important part of making disciples, Martin said, is to teach our personal relationship with Jesus. We cannot share what we do not have. We must know Jesus completely in order in share him with others, allowing them to be transformed completely to be able to tell someone else about him.

Martin also emphasizes the necessity of authen- tic friendships. We cannot passively wait for people to come to us. Rather, we must love them sincerely like those God has put into our lives, to teach them about our faith and about how to love others closer to him.

Martin introduces a concept from the Book of the Master, who introduces a concept of discipleship that is modeled on the life of Jesus. Based on 3 Timothy 2:2, “I have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who were able to teach other authentic discipleship is a result of missionary disci- pleship. Martin's teaching about the education of three people but helping them full time. Moreover, those people will disciple others infinitely.

Curtis Martin has written an easy to read and informative book on the importance of missionary discipleship. The book starts with a method popularized by FOCUS missionaries.

“Making Missionary Disciples” is an excellent introduction to the concept of missionary disciples that left me eager to do more for the Kingdom of God, unlike leaving me with empty promises and management experience. strategic planning experience and execution capable, strong budget management skills. The president reports to the Board of Directors. The position starts in July. E-mail cover letter, resume, references for a position in relations and vision for Cristo Rey Catholic High School is to create a community where all the relationships are everything in the mission field. Rachel Karast is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.

Eucharistic Liturgy and bring it into our home, portions of the Liturgy of the Hours, make our life ministry and marriage preparation. The director is responsible for the leadership and implementation of the school’s academic, pastoral, counseling and religious life programs; coordinate all aspects of the school’s academic, pastoral, counseling and religious life programs; coordinate all aspects of the school’s academic, pastoral, counseling and religious life programs.

While the work of evangelization flows from what we see in Jesus Christ—from our personal experience of God and the persons that love you and have been a friend for your life. "After winning them over, we must invest in our disciples. Jesus didn’t just teach and leave the disciples to figure it out, he welcomed them with great joy of faith and in moments of deep questioning and uncertainty. Personal relationships are essential to the discipleship process, through our relationships, we do not just teach about Jesus but show the people what a relationship with Jesus looks like and model discipleship for them. Now that those who have experienced the presence of Jesus with us, it is time to send them out to make disciples. There is no timeframe for when someone will be ready to make disciples themselves. But, you need to be on the lookout for those people and let them know that you are ready to share the love of Christ with them. There are many more disciples to be multiplied infinitely.

Cristo Rey Catholic High School is hiring a full-time assistant in admissions and responsibility, administrative tasks, including all gifts in the school’s donor database, preparing and disseminating thank-you letters for each gift. The advancement department manages the implementation of the school’s advancement plan that incorporates annual giving, major gifts, planned giving and stewardship. Capital campaigns, endowments, scholarships and bursaries are available to students with excellent written skills, the ability to understand and present ideas, ability to develop and manage a campaign, and experience in management or business experience.

Cristo Rey Catholic High School is seeking a director of Admissions and Marketing. The director will be responsible for the management of the school’s admissions process, including planning and execution of all aspects of the school’s marketing strategy and implementation, including creation of new marketing materials and social media content.

The director will work with students on a weekly basis. Contact Regi- na Birchum at Regina.Birchum@CristoReyOKC.org.

The school will be sent to all approved drivers. Drivers can apply online at www.cristoreyokc.org. Preference given to candidates who have a high school diploma and are Catholic. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office and Google tools. Preference given to candidates who have a bachelor’s degree in education with a focus on English or Spanish teaching.

Cristo Rey Catholic High School will partner with students to create a new and improved driver’s education program, the first of its kind in Oklahoma. The program will be open to all students who meet the following requirements:

- Must be a member of Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School
- Must be Catholic
- Must be a full-time student at Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School
- Must be 16 years of age
- Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license
- Must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5

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Golf tournament
The Oklahoma Knights of Co- lumbus state tournament is May 18 at Sapulpa Municipal Golf Course, U.S. 71 West. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.; four-person scramble format; $50 registration is limited to 120 players each and is first come, first served, as register early at www.cokokc.org/ annual-golf-classic. Tournament benefits Catholic school and funds for scholarships in the archdiocese. Contact (405) 721-4115.

Pentecost picnic
The annual Pentecost Picnic at St. Gregory’s Abbey will begin with 10:30 a.m. Mass June 9. This will be the last time to get St. Gregory’s yearbooks. There is no charge for the picnic or yearbooks. Donations are always accepted. RSVP to retab@omokc.org or (405) 876-5206.

Gift of Love Gala
The Center of Family Love and the Oklahoma Knights of Colum bus will host their annual Gift of Love Gala at 6 p.m. June 15 at the Western Heritage Museum. Raffle tickets are $1,875 per table of 10. Raffle wins can be worth up to $20,000 in prizes. For information contact, visit www.centeroffamilylove.org or call Nancy C. at (405) 428-5632, Ext. 1042.

Catechesis - New Evangelization
Summer registrations are open for the New Evangelization, the main entry-level course for the 2nd Degree in Theology program through Newman University, is now open. The course will be 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 11, 18, 25 and July 8, 15 and 22. Cost is $95. Visit archokc.org/institute.

Anniversary celebration
St. Mary in Ponca City, 707 East Ponca Ave., will celebrate its 125th anniversary May 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18. Games for children, music and fellowship.

Day of Reflection
“The Eucharist: The Sacrament of Transformation” will be present ed by Fr. Boniface Copelin, O.S.B. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. June 22 at St. Gregory’s Abbey in Blue Earth. Cost is $30 and includes lunch and registration limited to 40. Contact (405) 876-5636, retreats@montecassino.org.

Oblate retreat
St. Joseph Monastery in Tulsa will have its annual oblate retreat June 9 – 2 p.m. July 13 at the monastry library. Cost is $20, includes lunch. The oblate retreat will be during the retreat. Contact AJ Tisiary at (918) 746-4223.

St. Thomas More Society
The Society of St. Thomas More will have sessions June 11-14 and Sept. 25-28. Trained instructors lead session, as well as group study. Includes multiple speakers. Maybe it was the brilliant sun shine on April 2, but this year’s results were dramatic. The lunchroom raised $40,000. The spring radiothon, April 30 – May 1, used that $40,000 as the base for a challenge match from listeners and support ers. Our first hour had a fast, encouraging start. A new donor pledged $2,000, quickly fol lowed by two monthly auspice donors who called to increase their donations. On day two, Deacon Larry Sosa let us in radio in the broadcast booths to get us started. By the end of the day, we were more than half way to our goal of $40,000.

Two days later, our final re sults were tabulated. Last min ute, electronic pledges on May 1 yielded over $10,000! The 2019 spring radiothon was our most successful ever. Thank you to everyone who listens, prays and generously gives to support Catholic radio in Oklahoma. Did you miss it? It’s not too late to participate. Send a gift to OKCR, P.O. Box 1612, Norman, OK 73070. Contribute online at okcr.org.

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The Center of Family Love and the Oklahoma Knights of Colum bus will host their annual Gift of Love Gala at 6 p.m. June 15 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Cost $175 pp, includes lunch. The oblate book sale will be 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. June 22 at St. Mary, Ardmore. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 623-3844, rachels-vineyard@gmail.com. Contact Rachels Vineyard at (405) 876-5206.

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