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"O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love that will ever increase in the course of their priestly life."

Poker run benefits The Center of Family Love

"We are constantly astonished and humbled by the overwhelming support provided to our residents by the Knights on Bikes. We are thrilled to roll out our new 1981 Crew, spearheaded by our captain, center resident, Kevin D. The support provided by the Knights on Bikes is helping us launch a new initiative that illuminates the collective power that donors can have together," said Debbie Espinosa, president and CEO of The Center of Family Love.

"Priesthood Sunday" is a program created by the Knights of Columbus that celebrates the gift of vocation and the unique role of priests in the Church. The logo for Priesthood Sunday is shown in the image.
Strive to preserve the unity of the Spirit

In the First Letter of Saint Peter, the author admonishes us in these words, “Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith” (1 Pt 5:8-9).

The devil, whom Saint Ignatius of Loyola referred to as the enemy of our human nature due to his hatred for us, has many tactics. In these times, he is employing one of his oldest and most effective: He is sow discord and division. The work of the Evil One is always to scatter and divide; the fruit of the Holy Spirit, by contrast, is always unity and peace.

Vigilant. The devil is still at work. The Evil One seeks to exploit every division to his own advantage. He has many tactics and tools. He takes what is good and corrupts it. A prime example of this is the use that he makes of social media to advance lies and half-truths, lie and suspicion to create discord.

We are living through a series of crises unprecedented in our lifetime. Though we might wish this year was already behind us, 2020 will not soon be forgotten! The global pandemic, the suspension of Holy Mass, the deaths in our country and around the world, the political lenses. They seek solutions through visions and suspicions that the Evil One is eager to exploit. It is sowing discord and division. The work of the Evil One, hatred for us, has many tactics. In these times, he seeks to exploit any division to his advantage.

Put Out Into the Deep

Luke 5:4

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According to the USCCB Statutes (Article X), the USCCB Bylaws (VII, 1, b), and the USCCB Committee Handbook (A, 11), it is in the duty of the Executive Committee to deal with urgent conference matters such as corporate and financial issues and relations with the federal government when the Administrative Committee or Plenary Assembly is not in session; to exercise oversight over personnel matters; to make recommendations to the president and committee chairmen, as appropriate, concerning the business of the conference; and to fulfill any other responsibilities entrusted to it. The committee is composed of the conference officers and one member of the Administrative Committee elected by his fellow members.

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

Sept. 28-29 - Fall Clergy Days, Catholic Pastoral Center
Sept. 29 - Mass, 11:30 a.m., St. Francis de Sales Chapel, CPC (live-streamed)
Oct. 1 - Oklahoma Catholic Radio: Steak, Scotch & Cigars Event, 6 p.m., CPC refectory and patio
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Oct. 2 - Red Mass, Archdiocese of St. Louis, 10 a.m.
Oct. 6 - Archdiocese of Oklahoma City (archocath.org)
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

If the devil has his tactics and weapons, faith offers us our own spiritual weapons: prayer, fasting and the use of spiritual communion and the Eucharist to strengthen our faith.

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This right must be available to all people, and we have a particular concern for individuals who are most vulnerable. We advocate for this just as Catholic service providers endeavor to meet the needs of all who come to their doors. In this way, we pursue the imperative work of mercy that Jesus made known in saying "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." The regulation proposed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, modifying rules with respect to sex-specific accommodations, poses considerations affecting the well-being of, and service to, the poor. Though not perfect nor answering all questions, it is a step in the right direction toward improving flexibility while respecting all persons’ right to basic shelter, for which we are grateful.

"Because individual shelters function under varying circumstances, have different facilities and resources, and may have specialized program work or with distinctly vulnerable persons, ‘one-size-fits-all’ mandates may not always be appropriate. Flexibility for personnel to ensure shelters and their arrangements are as beneficial as possible for all persons, while remaining faithful to the truths that motivate their service, is important."

The full text of the USCCB comment letter may be accessed at: www.uscb.org/offices/general-counsel/rulemaking/9/8.2020 finalist_HUD_comments.pdf

Bishop chairman affirm right to shelter for all, commend improvements to HUD Rule

WASHINGTON – On Sept. 11, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops submitted public comment on a proposed regulation modifying the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s “Equal Access Rule” for temporary and emergency shelters. Archbishop Coakley, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty, and Bishop Konderla of Tulsa, chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, issued the following statement:

“Catholic faith teaches that housing is a universal and inviolable right of all persons.

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human beings in your image and likeness. Youensue every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through your Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mass in Remembrance of the Unborn

Most Rev. David Konderla, Bishop of Tulsa, celebrated the annual Mass in Remembrance of the Unborn on Sept. 12 at St. Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee. During the Mass, wreaths were blessed. The wreaths will be laid at the graves of the unborn by the Knights of Columbus.

Seven Family Respect Life Ideas

Easy things to do as a family to build a culture of life!

• Sign up for a time to pray at www.40daysforlife.com.
• Write letters to deliver to nursing homes.
• Visit www.grapewavefeminicides.org to help with outreach projects or hang out at Family Fun Raisers every First Saturday of the month.
• Organize a porch drop off of baby supplies to deliver to local pregnancy resource centers.
• Pray a Rosary for Life.
• Keep snacks in car to pass out to homeless at intersections.
• Prepare a meal with the kids for a new mom.

Put Out Into the Deep
Day of Reflection

Fr. Sean O'Brien presented “A Deeper Encounter with Christ from the Gospel of John” during the Day of Reflection on Sept. 12 at St. Gregory’s Abbey in Shawnee. Photo provided.

Deacon Formation

The Celebration of the Eucharist for the title of Institution of Acolytes for the Deacon Formation Class of 2021 was held Sept. 11 at the St. Francis de Sales Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City.

Kazimierz Biesiada

What is your home parish?

My home parish is in Saint Monica Catholic Church in Edmond.

What seminary do you attend?

I attend Konkret-Glennon Seminary in Saint Louis.

If it is God's will, what will you be ordained as a priest?

God willing, I’ll be ordained in 2026.

What advice would you give to someone discerning a call to the priesthood?

If you are discerning the priesthood, I recommend reading “To Save a Thousand Souls” and praying about everything you’ve read.

What do you look forward to most about becoming a priest?

I look forward to bringing Jesus into others’ lives. Particularly, I look forward to doing so by celebrating the Mass.

What is one thing that every Catholic needs to know?

Every Catholic needs to know how much Jesus loves us all on a personal level.

Why choose a life of sacrificial love?

Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him. I can’t think of a more joyful life than one that is centered around a sacrificial love and following him in spreading that love throughout the world.

To learn more about seminary, contact:

Rev. Brian Buetzner at bbutzent@archokc.org or (405) 721-9351.

Br. Nguyen invested as novice at St. Gregory’s Abbey

Abbot Lawrence Staats and the monks of Saint Gregory’s Abbey invested Brother John Michael (Ford) Nguyen as a novice in the community on Sept. 13.

Brother Novice John Michael is from Saint Andrew Doug Lac Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. Following the ancient tradition established in Sacred Scripture, the abbot assigns the novice with a new name to signify the change in life that he is undertaking.

The names of saints are chosen to promote the novice with a role model and a spiritual companion for his life in the monastery. Br. Nov. John Michael is under the special patronage of two saints: Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist.

Br. Nguyen will be called “John Michael” and will wear the habit of a Benedictine monk.

The novice is supported throughout his time of discernment that can lead to the profession of vows at the end of one year.

Dcn. Sherman McKaskle

Dcn. Sherman "Mac" McKaskle died Sept. 8 in Mangum.

Dcn. McKaskle was born Jan. 18, 1944, in Orange, Texas, to Eniel McKaskle and Hazel Marchielli. He was ordained a permanent deacon on Nov. 13, 2002, by Archbishop Emeritus Robert J. Boltran and was assigned to Queen of All Saints Catholic Church in Sayre. He retired from parish diaconal service in 2019.

Dcn. McKaskle served in the U.S. Army for three years in medical evacuation and was a retired electrical maintenance technician. He received training in Texas Law Enforcement Officer Certification and Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science. He enjoyed reading, music, wood carving and remote-control airplanes.

He is survived by his wife Merle (Smith) McKaskle, son Matthew McKaskle and wife Monica, daughter Sarah Peeler and husband JJ, daughter Shannon Haasland and husband Kris, and 10 grandchildren.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held on Sept. 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mangum. Interment was at Reed Cemetery.

JinYu Burnham recently began her postulancy with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Altoona, IA. She is a parishioner of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Enid and a graduate of Oklahoma State University. Photo provided.

Join the Serra Club

The Serra Club of Oklahoma City meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom and at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 North Western Expwy. All welcome. Visit serraokc.org.
Oklahoma City priest “re-ordained” after learning of invalid baptism

OKLAHOMA CITY – Earlier this year, the Vatican Congregation for the Discipline of the Faith issued an important doctrinal note for the Catholic Church throughout the world that baptisms were not valid if the spoken baptismal formula was changed. Specifically, to say “We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” does not confer the sacrament of baptism. Father, the minister of baptism must say, “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

The congregation pointed to the Second Vatican Council, which established that no one “even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority.” In learning about the congregation’s decision, Father Zachary Boosman, a recently ordained priest for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, reviewed a family recording of his infant baptism in 1992 in the Diocese of Fort Worth and realized the wrong word had been used by the deacon, changing the words (formula) of baptism to “We baptize” as opposed to “I baptize.”

Father Boosman, a graduate of Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver and associate pastor at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Ponca City, immediately contacted Archbishop Paul Coakley and explained the situation and sought guidance.

According to sacramental theology, the Catholic Church, only a baptized Catholic can immediately contact Archbishop Paul Coakley and asked for a second baptism and it was so.

For further questions about how this can be resolved to serve God’s people and develop a deeper appreciation for the gift of ministry, Father Boosman said, “This was the first time I organized an event of this magnitude. We are hoping to build the event bigger and better next September 2021.”

Tax Credit Scholarship recipients

The schools pictured received 2020 scholarship recipients from the Tax Credit Scholarship program, which distributes scholarships money to all 19 schools in the archdiocese with a gift from individual and corporate donors. The program works as a bridge to help financially strug- gling families gain access to high-quality Catholic schools. For the 2020-2021 school year, the program distributed more than $900,000 in scholarships.

As a state recognized Scholarship Granting Organization, donors to TCS can receive Oklahoma state tax credits for their gifts based on their tax filing status. An individual can receive up to $1,500, a married couple joint can receive up to $2,000, and a qualified business entity can receive up to $10,000. To learn more, visit familylove.org or call (405) 799-2745.

Bishop John Carroll Catholic School receives aviation education grant

OKLAHOMA CITY – Three Oklahoma Catholic schools were awarded Aerospace and Aviation Education Program grants or contracts totaling more than $350,000 from the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission. The record amount of funding will be used to encourage more of Oklahoma’s students to enter STEM careers, particularly those in aerospace and aviation.

Students will participate in a Science Olympiad team course, will design flight plans and will test technology-based flight drones. The program is part of the school’s STREAM program. It is estimated that 60 students will participate. The grant amount was $1,100,000. Grants are awarded for targeted learning programs that have a direct application to aerospace and aviation for primary through post-secondary education. The grant funds are part of the agency’s initiative to give more Oklahoma young people access to STEM careers in the aerospace and aviation industry.

“The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission is proud to assist Bishop John Carroll as a recipient of our aviation education grant program,” the work being implemented by the school is extremely important to the OAC’s goal of increasing aviation STEM education in Oklahoma. “Said Paula Kelly, aeronautics and space and aviation education coordinator for the commission.

The Eagle Electives program is an aerospace education program designed by the school to expose students to STEM activities in coding, aeronautical engineering and flight design.

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From the Archives …

A n inspirational teacher, a good priest and a faith- ful monk, Father Joseph Murphy, O.S.B. was the kind of man who provided the spark in young people to appreciate the joy of learning.

Born Francis Murphy on Dec. 1, 1910, in the small hamlet of Chatannango, Okla., he was one of five children. He graduated valedictorian of the class of 1927 at Saint Mary High School in Lawton. He attended Saint Gregory’s, the joined the abbey and was sent to Saint John’s in Col- legeville, Minn., completing his philosophy and theology requirements. Father Kevin Kelly ordained him to the priesthood on March 30, 1936.

Father Joe (as he was affectionately known) would go on to get his master’s de- gree in history at the University of Oklahoma. It was in the classroom where his gifts for teaching flourished. Father Joe’s students voted “Teacher of the Year” by the students of Saint Gregory’s numerous times. His wit and style attracted many admirers. With a gravel voice and an animated delivery, Father Joe had the unique ability to make history vibrant and real. One of his favorite phrases when worked up by an event was “Holy cats, man!”

A former student observed: “Fa- ther Joe made me a history buff. I had always had history teachers in high school. I was interested in the subject they taught. Father Joe’s opinions (and he had them) were always thought-provoking and genuinely interesting. He had the uncanny knack of piddling someone into wanting to know more about whatever topic he discussed. More importantly, he revealed to us that it is critical to know who we are by examining what and who had gone before us. That is a gift for which I am eternally grateful.”

Father Joe was a friend and supporter of the Potawatomi Tribe. In fact, the tribe was subject of his doctoral dissertation and was bestowed the honor of being an adopted Potawatomi in 1985. His book “Trucanas Monsa” was a centennial history of Saint Gregory’s Abbey published in 1974. It is an invaluable tool in understanding the trials, tribula- tions and triumphs of the Church in Oklahoma. He also wrote “The Potawatomi of the West: Origins of the Citizen Band” in 1988. Throughout his nearly 60 years as a monk, he served in vari- ous parishes in Oklahoma as well as California, and over the years worked as a supply priest, especially at Fort Sill, which he returned to his home, Saint Greg- ory’s Abbey, and was buried in the Abbey Cemetery.
his family in 1999 as an adult. This fall is Father Danny Grover’s fifth year to serve as chaplain of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, where he also is an alumnus. He graduated in 2003.

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School

Father Danny said being a chaplain in addition to being the pastor of both Corpus Christi in Oklahoma City and Saint Robert Bellarmine in Jones, “gets overwhelming at times.”

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The Sooner Catholic

By K.S. McNutt

Fr. Danny Grover
Fr. Alex Kroll
Fr. Linh Bui

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We work really well as a team,” Father Danny said. “As a deacon, he serves at the altar with me at Mass.”

Father Danny said he sees the students the most during Confession and Adoration, but most one-on-one interaction happens in passing often at sporting events. They talk about everything from video games and movies to birth control and euthanasia.

“The kids are really wanting to learn more, to know more,” he said. “They’re longing to be activated in a positive sense. They’re longing to give back.”

His role is to help them grow as a whole person who knows right from wrong. Along the way, he gets to answer questions about the faith from non-Catholic students and teachers.

“What’s been cool for me personally is three teachers since I’ve been here have become Catholic,” he said. “One taught me.”

Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School

Father Alex still is getting to know the students. He especially enjoys lunch because students re-move their masks and he can see their faces. As associate pastor at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond, he already was working with children at the parish school and with college students at the University of Central Oklahoma.

In a span of a few days he often works with all ages.

“Yesterday,” he said, “I was reading to kindergarteners. This morning, I’m at the high school and tonight will be Mass and fun times with UCO students.”

Father Alex said an important part of his role is to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life, to help students “discern what God wants for them not just what they want. It’s fun to see when itclicks.”

His faith was tested at his Christian high school, where he was told Catholics are not Christian.

“It challenged me in my faith and caused me to grow,” Father Alex said. “The Lord had me there and he worked it out really well.”

He went straight from high school to four years at Conception Seminary College in Missouri, followed by five years at Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver.

Cristo Rey OKC Catholic High School

Father Linh is beginning his third year as a chaplain at Cristo Rey. He has learned how important it is to be there and listen to students.

“I don’t force them to have faith or to love. I just encourage them. I give them the choice what to do to follow God’s way,” Father Linh said.

Shakes with students the mistakes he made when he was younger and how he “ran away from the Church.” He also tells them about the grace he received and the joy and peace he received when he returned.

Father Linh hopes admitting his mistakes helps students feel more comfortable coming to Confession.

His journey to the priesthood was long and interrupted by politics and secular concerns. He was not permitted to enter the seminary in Vietnam because his family supported the United States, but he would go there to learn and would fly wherever the Communists came.

After his family immigrated to California, he dropped the idea of being a priest because of the priest abuse scandal and the new culture he was experiencing.

But, the tug toward priesthood didn’t go away and he returned.

“I though I would give up many things to make God happy, but God made me happy,” Father Linh said. K.S. McNutt is a freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic.
COVID-19 vaccine myths

Several popular myths about COVID-19 vaccines have been circulating online in recent months, particularly in regard to messenger RNA (mRNA) technologies. Some of these are based on real science, while others are not. Here are a few common myths and the facts behind them.

1. Myth: mRNA vaccines can change your genes.
   - Fact: mRNA vaccines do not change your DNA. They work by delivering the instructions for creating a specific protein, such as the spike protein on the surface of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. This protein triggers an immune response in the body, which then helps to create antibodies to fight the virus.

2. Myth: mRNA vaccines can turn you into a lab rat.
   - Fact: This is a common concern because the mRNA vaccines are being tested on a large scale to ensure safety and efficacy. However, the FDA and other regulatory bodies have严格要求 these trials to ensure that the vaccines are safe for human use.

3. Myth: mRNA vaccines are experimental.
   - Fact: While the vaccines are new and the distribution process is ongoing, they have been through rigorous testing and approval by regulatory agencies. They are not experimental in the sense that they have not been tested on humans before.

4. Myth: mRNA vaccines are rushed out without proper safety testing.
   - Fact: The development of mRNA vaccines has involved extensive research and testing, including preclinical studies and clinical trials. These trials are conducted to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines.

The science behind mRNA vaccines allows them to be developed quickly, which is especially important in the context of a global pandemic. By understanding these facts, we can make informed decisions about vaccination and counteract the spread of misinformation.
Buscan mantener la unidad del espíritu

En la primera carta de San Pedro, el autor nos enseña con estas palabras: “Símon sabio y valiente. Su adversario, el diablo, ronda como león rugiente, buscando a quien devorar. Resuélvanlo firmemente en el Fe” (1 Pe 5,8-9).

El demonio, a quien San Ignacio de Loyola se refiere como el enemigo de la naturaleza humana, tiene muchas tácticas. En particular, en el momento en que el hombre va progresando, tiene muchas insinuaciones y desconfianzas que provocan discordia. Un ejemplo claro es cómo usa las redes sociales para acentuar y empeorar esos conflictos.

No duda que los hispanos y los anglosajones somos distintos, y en muchas materias. Nuestras costumbres, costumbres, historia e historia, figuras, una en las que reflejamos nuestras diferencias en la manera que llegamos a descubrir la identidad de una persona. Por ejemplo, cuando conocemos a una persona de origen anglo saxon, normalmente la primera pregunta que me hace es “¿a qué te dedicas?” Como si pudiera descubrir quién soy al conocer lo que hago. Por el contrario, cuando conozco a una persona latina, su primera pregunta normalmente es “¿dónde estudiaste?” Parece que si nuestro origen descubrimos algo en quienes somos. Y aunque sin duda en en los casos hay algo mucho más grande que nuestras profesiones o origen de país o que determine nuestras identidades.

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Mi primera identidad

El arzobispo Coakley invita a las parejas casadas que están celebrando aniversarios importantes (25, 50, 60 años), a participar en el año calendario 2020 a participar en la misa anual de aniversarios que se transmitirá en vivo a las 3 p.m. El día 18 de octubre en la Capilla de San Francisco en los Estados Unidos.

La Comunión nos une, somos uno con Cristo

San Pablo dice que el que encuentra a Cristo, el que se dice cristiano, debe “transformarse”. Y transformarse por medio de una renovación de su mente (Rom 12,2). El que es de Cristo debe en pocas palabras cambiar su actitud, su conducta, su manera de expresarse, su manera de ver el mundo y relacionarse con él. Saber que su origen y destino son eternos y su patria definitiva en este, en tanto, en eternos y tamets de origen anglo sajón, normalmente la primera pregunta que me hace es “¿a qué te dedicas?” Como si pudiera descubrir quién soy al conocer lo que hago. Por el contrario, cuando conozco a una persona latina, su primera pregunta normalmente es “¿dónde estudiaste?” Parece que si nuestro origen descubrimos algo en quienes somos. Y aunque sin duda en en los casos hay algo mucho más grande que nuestras profesiones o origen de país o que determine nuestras identidades.

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Greetings!

Are you looking for something to do this weekend? Check out these events:

- **A Day of Reflection: “A Day of Silence at the Abbey”**
  - Location: St. John Neumann Abbey
  - Date: Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
  - Cost: $25 for lunch and drinks, $10 for those under 18 or over 60
  - Registration: Contact the Abbey at (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@archokc.org

- **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**
  - October 7 at 1 p.m., St. John Neumann Abbey

- **Feast of St. Jerome**
  - October 1 at 7 p.m., St. Eugene chapel, 2400 W. Hefner Rd., Oklahoma City

**Archbishop's Mass for Medical Professionals**
- Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Yukon
- Date: October 15
- Time: 10 a.m.
- Contact: Troy Snow at (405) 918-550-0886

**Archbishop’s Mass for Medical Professionals**
- Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Yukon
- Date: October 17
- Time: 10 a.m.
- Contact: Mike McAuliff at (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@archokc.org

For a complete list of events, visit www.soonercatholic.org.
CFO grant available to help educate, evangelize

Each year, the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma provides grants to support projects at parishes, schools and other Catholic institutions within the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by creating and enriching educational and evangelizing opportunities in Catholic communities.

The application period for the CFO Education and Evangelization Grant opens Oct. 1. Find more at cfook.org/education-evangelization-grant.

One recipient of the CFO grant, the youth group at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell, applied for the grant to partially fund a mission trip to Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, in 2019. The mission was part of the group’s goals to live their Catholic faith by putting social teachings into action, serving the poor, feeding the hungry, bringing drink to the thirsty and sheltering the homeless. Thirteen high school students and seven adults from Our Lady of Victory participated in the mission.

The group helped repair, repaint and restore a chapel damaged in Hurricane Maria. While there, the group stayed at Casa Cristo Renentor, a retreat center run by Dominican Fathers. After a hard day of work, each evening ended with a devotional with the day’s reflections and songs of praise. Upon completion of the repairs, a Mass was celebrated in the renovated chapel with a church full of families. In addition to the repair work, the group spent one day visiting, delivering food and praying with shut-in families.

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School seniors Brigitte Webb, Daniel Webber and Matthew Coomes were selected as National Merit Semifinalists. All three students scored in the top one-half of 1 percent of students tested in the United States. They now are eligible to be named National Merit Scholars. Photo provided.

Alex Schimpf, director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry, hosted the Single Parent Ministry kickoff meeting with his wife Sarah on Sept. 17 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. Participants will be reading the book “Single and Raising Saints” by Jo Holt. Photo Dana Attocknie/Sooner Catholic.

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Outdoor Movie & Bonfire Saturday, October 3, 2020 IN HONOR OF THE Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

4:00 p.m. Mass outdoors (no 10 a.m. Mass this First Saturday)
5:00 p.m. Cook-out
7:00 p.m. Movie: Sign of Contradiction
8:00 p.m. Bonfire and songs
Bring your own lawn chair and mask!
Donations appreciated!

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