OKLAHOMA CITY – Construction crews lifted the 45,000-pound dome onto the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Aug. 12 in Oklahoma City. The dome marks one of the largest construction milestones for the shrine, which is expected to be completed in late summer 2022. “This was a momentous moment in construction of the shrine that will become a visible beacon of faith for thousands of people from around the world. They will come to visit our state and city, and come to learn about our ordinary priest from Okarche who lived an extraordinary life,” Archbishop Coakley said. “I am grateful for everyone who has played a part in this project and look forward to the dedication next year.” The shrine is named for Blessed Stanley Rother, an Okarche farmer who became a priest and served as a missionary in Santitlan, Guatemala. In 1981, Father Rother was murdered in his rectory during a violent civil war. The perpetrators have never been caught. In 2016, Pope Francis declared him a martyr for the faith – the first recognized Catholic martyr from the United States. Blessed Stanley Rother was beatified in 2017 in Oklahoma City, making him the first priest born in the United States to be beatified. “Now we’ve crowned this church. In this church, we endeavor to show Christ, to exalt Christ, and to manifest Christ to his people,” said Leif Arvidson, executive director of the shrine. “Thank you to Archbishop Coakley and archdiocesan staff for bringing us to this milestone, and to everyone from The Boldt Company, along with all of your continued on page 6
How do we make sense of it all?

We live in a rapidly changing world. Every hour of every day we are met with new developments affecting us personally, affecting us as a nation, as a Church and as a global community. News of these events is delivered to us minute by minute through traditional forms of media as well as social media. The images and narratives are powerful, often overwhelming and sometimes misleading.

As we attempt to wade through the constant flow of information, the human person often becomes lost in the process. Media, especially in times of crisis, has a tendency to focus on the tragedies and suffering that drive the news cycle. It is the Church's service to the world to share beyond the tragedies and suffering that drive the news cycle.

We are called to see the world and history through the lens of the Incarnation of God. Through the Incarnation of God, Jesus, the definitive Incarnation of God, became one of us to share our weaknesses and take on our burdens and the guilt of our sins. Though innocent of himself, he suffered and died for us. He conquered sin and death and rose victorious.

Jesus Christ has redeemed human history. It has a direction and a purpose that will be fulfilled when Christ comes again in glory to set all things right. As believers we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit to see the world and history through the eyes of Christ and to love the world and one another with the heart of Christ. We are his agents in the world to manifest his justice and his mercy. This is our narrative. This is a perspective on history that overcomes despair and restores hope.

As Catholics and Christians, we have something to share about the world needs, especially in times of crisis. We have been given the gift of faith, hope and love. We have been entrusted with an understanding of God’s plan for the world that he created in love and redeemed by way of suffering, death and resurrection. The world may be overshadowed by these, but it has not been abandoned to us. We believe that we are created in the image and likeness of God who loves us and who has a plan for our lives and our world.

Though sin has entered the world as a rejection of God’s loving plan for our happiness, it has not defeated us. God has not abandoned the human person to suffering.

Christ has entered into our history, committing himself to our covenant and ultimately sending his Son to redeem us. Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God, became one of us to share our weaknesses and take on our burdens and the guilt of our sins. Though innocent of himself, he suffered and died for us. He conquered sin and death and rose victorious. Jesus Christ has redeemed human history.

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UUSTANG – Parishioners, community members and builders gathered Aug. 21 to celebrate the long-awaited dedication of the new church building of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mustang.

Archbishop Coakley celebrated Mass along with Archbishop Emeritus Eusebius Beltran, Bishop Thomas Zinkula, of Davenport, Iowa; Father William Novak, vicar general; Father Joseph Jacobi, pastor of Holy Spirit; and Father James Greiter, a retired former pastor of Holy Spirit. They were joined by several other priests and deacons, including deacon serving at Holy Spirit: Dcn. Paul Lewis, Bill Hough and George Laul.

Deacon Lewis presented Archbishop Coakley with the keys and plans of the church building.

“For more than a year, we have anticipated this day when we could fill this church and celebrate this dedication Mass. We are most grateful for your kindness and pastoral concern in allowing the delay in the Mass due to the pandemic, and yet, in the meantime, allowing us to use this church building for the celebration of the Eucharist,” he said.

“In many ways, the challenges of the past year have been a metaphor for the challenges we have faced as a parish in the ultimate con-struction of this church building.”

Parishioners started raising funds in the mid-1980s leading up to an initial “Many Disciples” campaign in 2018, which produced the funds needed to move forward with the building project. Finally, on May 20, 2018, members and new and old witnessed the groundbreaking ceremony.

The first Mass in the new church building was celebrated on the Vigil of Pentecost in 2020. The completion of the new church building was fortuitous, providing ample space for parishioners to continue to physically distance themselves while continuing to worship in person during the pandemic.

“God’s plan always wins out in the end,” said Parishioner, Joe Schwartz.

The dedication Mass was celebrated at the new church building.

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Don't forget...the elementary and junior high home room class in person this year! We are so excited to keep this annual tradition alive, and we are thrilled to announce the 6th Annual CK Run (or walk!) will go on and can't wait to bring the Christ the King community together for a morning of fun, fitness and fellowship! Register at cfook.org/saintsandscholars. *Paper registration forms are available upon request. Please email ckrun@ckschool.com to request a paper registration form.

Register here, and join us for our 6th annual 5K, 10K run or walk and Teddy Dash! Please note, pick up forms at August 28th or later.

The $40 million shrine is the signature element of the Boy Scout Church, an educational campus in Oklahoma City that focuses on faith formation. The shrine will include a 2,000-seat church, a chapel where Blessed Stanley will be enshrined, an education building, an event center, and several areas dedicated to shrines and devotion. The site will also be developed over time.

Along with the Spanish colonial-style church—which will be the largest Catholic Church in Oklahoma—an additional structure will be a museum and pilgrimage center, which will be an additional $5 million. The center will welcome thousands of visitors each year, an experience that each visitor will find in the lives of witnesses and martyrdom of Blessed Stanley.

All are welcome to join us for dieu and discover events and will help accommodate the needs of our visitors. The site's phases are significantly overcrowded.

The site will be dedicated to creating an atmosphere that will help us in our prayers and meditations. The site will be both a cultural and devotional site.

On the campus of Benedictine College, I sat there asking God if we should pursue this, and I felt that He did. So, in order to create missionaries, we encourage them to find a way to live out mission that is specific to them and their gifts, not the other way around.

The site is why our missionaries are prepared for parishes and outreach events and will help us create a mission that is specific to them and their gifts, not the other way around.

On the topic of not being virtual, today too many ministries are doing only virtual ministries. While this has great potential for reaching others, what we all really need is a human connection, and we all can agree that any communication we have online is never comparable to that of face-to-face.

Being the founder of two ministries has been his age. He faced obstacles and doubts and have not looked back.

I chuckled to myself and casted out any fears that I was not good enough to be a missionary, but I consistently kept returning to a verse in the Gospel of Mark that simply said, ‘do you still not understand.’ I finally, I was led to a verse in the Gospel of Mark that simply said, ‘do you still not understand.’

‘I found that when you start in prayer, everything else seems to fit into place and God helps you find time for each moment,’ he said.

Bennett shared his vision of where he sees Fully Alive to support Religious and Religious to five years, which includes his new project for the mission teams, and a place where people can continue to grow in their faith.

Religious is expanding with the goal to open up an in-person coffee shop with rooms available for prayer, Bible studies and small groups, plenty of Catholic books to rent or buy, and loads of materials to pray with. The next few years are going to be great and we are excited for all the people that will join us in the process and for all those we will encounter.

They have missionaries who are recent college graduates and some in their mid-40s, and all ages in between, plenty of married missionaries and Fully Alive also has family missionaries. They have not only experienced the coffee shop and a growing culture together. Find more information at FullyAliveful.org and ReligiousCoastCoffee.com.

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**Parishioner starts saint-based coffee company during pandemic**

**By Jolene Schonchin**

**The Sooner Catholic**
The 2nd annual Poker Run sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Knights on Bikes will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 18 to benefit The Center of Family Love in Okarche.

The mission of The Center of Family Love is to provide quality lifetime care to adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. Tim Burns, president of Knights on Bikes, said “The program will start with free biscuits, gravy and coffee at The Center of Family Love. The poker run finishes at Copper Cove Marina at Foss Lake. A typical poker run has five stops with each person drawing a poker card at each stop. The person with the best hand at the end wins. There also are prizes for people with the worst poker hand—it’s a great time for a good cause.” Burns added, “In 2020, despite issues with COVID, nearly 50 people took part from all over the state. We are hoping to greatly increase attendance this year.”

Nellie Sanders, vice president of philanthropy at the center, said, “The 1981 Crew is an exclusive monthly giving program established to celebrate The Center of Family Love’s 40 years in service to those who live with physical and intellectual disabilities. It is named after the year, 1981, that CFL was founded by the Knights of Columbus. “We invite everyone to be among the first to help CFL with consistent giving while also receiving some great perks like an exclusive 1981 Crew hat as well as a 10 percent discount to CFL’s Kristy Lynn’s Flowers and Gifts and Filters for Life. For just $19.81 a month, you can help ensure a lasting legacy for CFL residents.” To sign up, visit centeroffamilylove.org/1981crew.

Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma awards 2021 college scholarships

More than 100 people gathered at the Catholic Pastoral Center on June 11 to celebrate the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma’s 2021 scholarship recipients. They were joined by students who received the scholarship and are attending college. Archbishop Cosme celebrated Mass with the attendees and a lunch followed.

Catherine Cunningham
St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, Enid
Major: general health
Benedictine College
Scholarship: Evelyn and Kathryn Has

Thomas Hoang
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Edmond
Major: music
University of Oklahoma
Scholarship: Bobby Dean Little Little Trust

John Kilhoffer
St. Matthew Catholic Church, Elk City
Major: political science
The Catholic University of America
Scholarship: C.W. Aneshansley and Frances Aneshansley

Paula Le
The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC
Major: pre-medicine
University of Oklahoma
Scholarship: J.E. Greenan

Valerie Volpe
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, Harrah
Major: theater and art
Benedictine College
Scholarship: St. Teresa of AVila

Erik Winkeljohn
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Enid
Major: engineering
University of Oklahoma
Scholarship: Amelia P. Davis and Elizabeth J. Davis Lawrence

Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma is here to help. Contact us (405)721-4115 or cfo@cfook.org. Visit our website for more information cfook.org.
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Photos: Steve Sisney, Chris Porter, Diane Clay and Avery Holt/Sooner Catholic.
I have a confession to make. I think I’m a hypocrite. No seriously, I really think I am. The other night I had a great talk with my young-hypocrite. No seriously, I really think I am. The Real Life Disciples change you. That was the talk I was trying to words stuck with me.

I drove away from dropping off Brian, I could remember who “I” am! And, I need to set the thermometer doesn’t have the last word. Nothing can separate me from that love and meaning.

I am meant to live my life in the right direction, which is outward facing, toward others, aware of others’ needs more than my own, and constantly looking for ways that I can help, serve, love and be a source of hope and support. When I live like that, it’s just not me who people encounter, it’s Jesus within me who they meet!

Do you feel the temperature changing? It’s feeling a whole lot better in here. On the drive to school this morning with my son we talked about all this again. He commented that he can see a change in me. Maybe I’m not a hypocrite after all – ohh! Or better yet, I found the remedy for my hypocrisy: awareness, humility in the face of it, quick repentance and willing embrace of new behavior, all fueled by grace and the Holy Spirit.

As part of the active life of discipleship! I’m pretty sure this is what it’s all about. As I drive home from dropping off Brian, I could still bear my dad’s voice ringing in my mind, “Be a thermometer!”

I woke up the next day for my early morning prayer time, and suddenly was convicted. For several months, as work and life have been very busy and stressful, I have been more of a thermometer than a thermostat. When you look at your day-to-day life and interactions, I think most people would observe, “Wow, Jim seems really busy. He’s got a lot going on.” I’ve been stressed, irritable, anxious – especially at home with my family. It led to a second, and even better conversation with my son. One that started with me acknowledging how poorly I had been doing “setting” the temperature in my own little world.

The rest of this article is more for my own sake, but I hope the message is beneficial for you as well. I think all of us at times stray from who we are and get overly burdened with life’s circumstances. It’s good for us to take time periodically to check the temperature. You don’t stay a thermostat without intentional effort. It’s something you need to return to frequently, sometimes every day, just to remind yourself if what the real aim is. I need a reset – I need to remember who “I” am! And, I need to set the thermometer according to that reality.

Here’s my new setting:
I’m a son of God, and I have the very life of God in me. Everywhere I go, I carry that significant life force. And, that life is one that is filled with purpose, hope, and meaningful purpose! Even the mundane aspects of my life, including at times overwhelming burdens, take on a whole new meaning.

I cannot separate from that love and that life of God. Not burdens, not busyness, not even tragedy or sickness, not even death (see Romans 8:29-29). I don’t live under my circumstances, rather the power of God has the unique capacity to help me rise above them!

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For the sport of boxing, however, such measures reveal a contradiction. If one were to emphasize that a concussion represents a serious medical condition, Treatment options generally remain limited, and tend to include the need for extended time to allow the neurological impairment to heal. Young athletes can be so desperate to compete, nevertheless, that they may say they are fine after suffering an injury even when they are not, and seek to return to the competitive event. A second insult to the brain, without allowing for full healing of the first, can significantly increase the risk for prolonged symptoms.

Considering the intensity of competitive pressure, particularly among young people who may have a limited ability to consider the consequences of their actions and the potential future effects of injuries, the question arises allowing for full healing of the first, can significantly increase the risk for prolonged symptoms.

One element of responsible guardianship in boxing is the development and use of appropriate gear to protect athletes from accidents that may occur in competition. Another involves the establishment of rigorous penalties for players and teams that intentionally seek to cause harm to their opponents during competitions and tournaments.

For the sport of boxing, however, such measures reveal a contradiction. If one were to completely protect a boxer, for example, with appropriate body padding to avoid injury, the sport would lose much of its energy and appeal, since causing injury is central to the process of engagement. If one were to penalize and for intentionally seeking to harm the other boxer, as may be done for other sports like hockey, again, boxing would become enervated of much of its core.

There are obvious moralistic considerations to boxing, like the intense training, personal discipline, and resilience involved, all of which are clearly valid on their own terms. Saint Paul even uses the analogy of boxing to describe the necessary struggle to embrace divine disciplines in the Christian life (1 Cor 9:25-27).

But, while there are various elements that can attract us to the sport, the violent goal of the engagement remains gravely problematic at the moral level. The sport of boxing not only risks serious injury and even death, but poses many uncomfortable questions for us regarding our own appetites as spectators, and our willingness to allow for certain elements of brutality even in the practice of sporting events.
Refugee job developer - OKC Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a refugee job developer to develop and implement employment strategies that identify the unique needs of refugees. Applicants must be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Fr. Jim Fields at jfields@archokc.org.

Volunteer job developer - OKC Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a volunteer job developer to assist with the recruitment process. Applicants must be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Fr. Jim Fields at jfields@archokc.org.

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Archdiocesan School coordinators - OKC The Diocese of Oklahoma City is seeking coordinators for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oklahoma City. Applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Fr. Jim Fields at jfields@archokc.org.

Emergency assistance - Woodward Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Woodward is seeking an emergency assistance worker to assist the Church in faithfully serving its parishes. Applicants must be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Father Richard Schieringer at rdschieringer@archokc.org.

NIH Grants - College of Medicine, University of Oklahoma The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine is seeking a research assistant for a project funded by the National Institutes of Health. Applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Dr. Carolee R. Stokoe at c.stokoe@ou.edu.

Executive director - OKC Immediate opening for an executive director at the Pickens Center. The Pickens Center is a non-profit organization that provides education and support for seniors living in community. Applicants must have experience in business, management, and long-term growth. Applicants must be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Mr. Rob Pickens at robpickens@pickenscenter.org.

Director of evangelization and catechesis - ENID The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a director of evangelization and catechesis to lead and organize efforts in evangelization and catechesis, especially among children and youth. Applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Fr. Daniel Ashton at dashton@archokc.org.

Organist/medium director - ENID The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking an organist/medium director to provide leadership for the music ministry of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Fr. Daniel Ashton at dashton@archokc.org.

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Summer camp coordinator - OKC Bishop John Carroll Catholic School in Oklahoma City is seeking a summer camp coordinator to oversee the planning and execution of a summer camp. Applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Father Brian Caliendo at bcaliendo@archokc.org.

Maintenance worker - Mustang Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a maintenance worker to perform upkeep tasks such as repairs, by applying basic finer to equipment and building systems. Applicants must have a minimum of a high school diploma and be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Fr. John Stein at jstein@archokc.org.

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Wisconsin Rapids, WI - Diocese of Green Bay The Diocese of Green Bay is seeking a director of evangelization and catechesis to lead and organize efforts in evangelization and catechesis, especially among children and youth. Applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and be able to work with individuals with disabilities. Send resume to Father William West at wwest@diocesegb.org.

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Guild Silver Tea is 12:30 p.m. session games at 7 p.m. Contact Easter season). Game packs $10, Saturday of each month (except Bingo S.W. 44, and possibly the Norman 40 Days for Life rally is Steve Karlen, 40 Days for Life. Oklahoma City. The guest speaker is Steve Karlen, 40 Days for Life. Oklahoma City. The guest speaker in Enid Sept. 4-5. Anniversaries available. Contact chsimplf@archokc.org. Register at archokc.org/spiritlife. A Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat A Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat is Sept. 3-6 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 421 E. Acres Blvd. in Oklahoma City. The Mass is in memory of the deceased. Everyone welcome. People who have experienced the loss of someone to suicide are invited to attend and celebrate their loved one’s life.
Saints & Scholars The Saints & Scholars Dinner for Catholic education (previously the “Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast”) is 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at Embassy Suites by Hilton Norman, 5235 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. Register at archokc.org/saintscholars.
Catechetical Conference The Catechetical Conference is 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sept. 18 at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in Oklahoma City. It is for all teachers and volunteers who serve in ministries for children, youth, young adults, discipleship groups, RCL and sacrament preparation. This free event includes Mass with Archbishop Coakley, keynote speakers and workshops. Lunch will be served and register at archokc.org/cateconf2021.
Love Run The Knights of Columbus second annual poker run called the “Love Run” raise money for The Center for Family Life. The event is open to both motorcycles and cars. Cost is $20 for the first hand and $10 for each additional hand. The cash prizes are $500 for the high hand, and $50 for the low hand. The last stop is at Copper Cove Marina, Foss State Park, with raffle prizes, and the winners for the high hand and low hand will be announced at 2 p.m.
Memorial Mass A Memorial Mass to honor the memory of more than 60 minors who have been the victims of abortion is at 9 a.m. Sept. 18 at St. Gregory’s Abbey, 1900 W. Arthur St., Shawnee. Bishop David Konderla will be the celebrant at the Mass. The Mass is a part of the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.
Life of the Party Gala The Willow Pregnancy Support Life of the Party Gala is 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Oma Hotel, 100 W. Oklahoma City Blvd. in Oklahoma City, willowpregnancy.org.
Opening night The 50th anniversary celebration at St. Joseph Catholic Church on MacArthur St., Shawnee is a part of the National Day of Reflection. “I Shall Return to My Father: How to Make Life Worth Living” is the keynote speaker for the event, which is 3 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 421 E. Acres Blvd. in Oklahoma City. The Mass is in memory of Oklahoma City from October to May. This weekly guided journey is rooted in Scripture and prayer. Contact Nancy Vargas at nancyvargas@kofc.org or Sherry Alexander at (405) 315-7559. Visit archokc.org/dcc.
The Leader of the Pack Be the St. Anthony Storer Institute is enrolling for The Leader of the Pack program, a journey through the Catholic Church in one year, four semester course meets weekly Sept. - May. Contact Rector@stanthonyokc.org or (405) 721-4208.
Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat A Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat is Sept. 3-6 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 421 E. Acres Blvd. in Oklahoma City. Cost is $35, which includes lodging and meals. Scholarships available. Contact Alex Schimpfl, (405) 709-2755; archokc@archokc.org. Register at archokc.org/dcr.
Anniversary celebration Everyone is invited to the 50th anniversary celebration at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Enid Sept. 4-5.
Luncheons for Life The most Luncheons for Life is 12:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at Will Rogers Theater, 4332 N. Western Ave. in Oklahoma City. The event is open to all. speaker is Steve Karlen, 40 Days for Life. Call 40daysforlife.com to sign up to attend. Find more briefs at Sooner Catholic.
Lunches on the Links Lunches on the Links is Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Memorial Park Golf Course in Edmond. Cost is $45 for one person and $225 for a foursome. Call St. Joseph Catholic Church on MacArthur St., Shawnee at 405-362-4222 for reservations. Donations to the Institute are accepted. Contact (405) 315-8412 or departure@archokc.org.
40 Days for Life The 40 Days for Life Fall Rally is Sept. in carpentry at Oklahoma City, Edmond or Norman.
Octoberfest Holy Spirit Catholic Church will host their seventh annual Oktoberfest and auction at 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at 100 W. Avenue O in Mustang. This is an event for age 21 and older. Register at (405) 376-9435, holyspirit@mustang.org.
Day of Reflection Day of Reflection, “I Shall Return to My Father: How to Make a Good Confession” presented by Fr. Boniface Copeland, O.S.B, in 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sept. 25 at St. Gregory’s Abbey, 1900 W. MacArthur St., Shawnee. Limited seating, which is allowed/admission but not required. Attendees must pre-register by writing to vespers@monashock.org or call (405) 876-5656. Cost $30 pre-paid or $35 at the door. Lunch included.
School run Christ the King Catholic School in Oklahoma City is hosting their 6th annual school run on Sept. 25. There will be a 5K, 1 mile fun run or walk and toddler dash. E-mail ckrun@ckschool.com.
Mass, cookout Catholic Young Adults will have a Mass and cookout with Archbishop Coady at 3 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City. RSVP at archokc.org/rye.
Granny’s Attic Rummage Sale St. Benedict Catholic Church in Shawnee will be holding their annual Granny’s Attic Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Oct. 1, and 8 a.m. – Noon Oct. 2. Furniture, glassware, books, sewing materials, holiday decorations and more.
Fall festival St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 10300 S. Western Ave., Oklahoma City will have a fall festival 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Oct. 2. Among the events will be a variety of food booths, games, a cake walk, music, entertainment, raffle tickets, and volleyball tournament.
To send event information, e-mail tips@archokc.org.
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