

Father Kapaun Museum

Submitted by Harriet Bina, tour guide

Father Kapaun Museum in Pilsen has been blessed with many inspiring visitors in the past few months.

On June 16th, we had 34 motorcycles roar into Pilsen. It was the Father Kapaun Memorial Ride out of Wichita led by Father Adam Grelinger and his father, Bart. The ride was organized by Scott Carter, the coordinator of the Father Kapaun Guild for the Diocese of Wichita.

These men and women were excited to be in Pilsen, the hometown of Father Kapaun. As they toured the church, roamed the grounds, and visited the museum we heard many comments on the beauty of the church, and the peacefulness of the town. They seemed in awe of Father 's story and remarked about how his story seemed to come alive for them with the visit to Pilsen. It was a day as inspiring to the guides as it was to the visitors!



Laverne & Harriet Bina at conference

life had spiraled out of control. His life was a mess. He had never told his dad he had left the church. But one day, his dad asked him when he had left the church! The Marine asked, "How did you know?" The dad replied, "Son, when you get up in the morning you eat breakfast, at noon your lunch, and in the evening, your dinner. This food nourishes your body. When you go to Mass and receive our Lord in Holy Communion, you are feeding your soul. Son, you need God in your life!" That Marine never forgot his dad's words. He returned to the church and was amazed at how his life turned around! Now he is a very devout Catholic working to share his faith with others.

Father Kapaun, pray for us.

Holy Redeemer Altar Society

Holy Redeemer Altar Society in Tampa continues to grow and be active in the community. They have recently been blessed with two more members-Rebecca Freund and Morganne Hamm.

Their June meeting was held at the Marion City Library. The program was an informational talk given by Janet Marler on what is available at the library. Amy Hajek was selected to be in charge of notifying people to bring meals to those who have new babies or have been in the hospital. It was voted to buy bar towels for The Lord's Diner. Members signed up to donate 40 dozen cookies for the Father Kapaun day meal. The group ended up sending 48 dozen cookies! During Totus Tuus, members donated meals, lunches, housing and their time at Pilsen helping out during the program. On August 13th, the members served the Agri-Trails Co-op appreciation meal. They also served a meal on August 25th for the Tampa State Bank Hog Roast. For their September meeting, they will be dining out.

Knights of Columbus Council #3423

The Knights held a breakfast Sunday, April 8th. The breakfast raised \$576, half of which they donated towards the religious education program in the parish.

Elections were held during their May 23rd meeting. Congratulations to the following:

Grand Knight-Ken Stuchlik; Deputy Grand Knight-Drew Salsbury; Treasurer-Tim Baxa; Recorder-Matt Marsden; Warden-Alvin Kroupa; Advocate-Seth Meyer; Lector-William Kroupa; 1st Year Trustee-Demetry Evancho; 2nd Year Trustee-Richard Hein; 3rd Year Trustee-Josh Boehm; Inside Guard-Laverne Bina; Outside Guard-Larry Lalouette; Financial Secretary-Jim Schlehuber; Chancellor-Gail Makovec

Knight of the Month: April: Tim Baxa for organizing the bowling party. May: Alvin Kroupa for his expertise in mixing buttermilk pancakes for the fundraiser breakfast.

Family of the Month: April: Jim & Norma Horinek for leading the Choice Wine sessions in Pilsen; May: Drew Salsbury family for their work with MN PSR & for managing the fundraiser.

Pictured Right: Fr. May with Norma & Jim Horinek, leaders of the Choice Wine sessions held at Pilsen this past spring.



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Schedule of Events

PSR Mass for ALL students & teachers

Wed., 9/12 MN 7pm, 20 minutes of confession before *[no morning Mass & no classes]*.

*After Mass - mandatory meeting for parents of First Communicants, in MAC

PSR classes begin - MN Sun., Sept 16
PL & TM Wed., Sept 19
High school, Wed., Sept 19

All Saints Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass, Wed., 10/31 FL 5:30pm
Thurs., 11/1 MN noon, PL 7:30pm

16th Military Pilgrimage to Pilsen -

Sun., 11/1 at 11 am *(note time change)*
Lunch follows by St. Anne's Altar Society

K of C Red Cross Blood Drive-

Mon., 11/12 - MAC 1:15 - 6:15 pm

PSR Mass for ALL students & teachers

Wed., 11/14 PL 7pm, 20 minutes of confession before *[no morning Mass & no classes]*

3rd-6th grade Fall Retreat - Sat., 11/17

New Parishioners

Welcome to our new parishioners who joined the Catholic Church this spring!

Pictured right is Jayme Jirak with Fr. May and sponsor and husband Kevin Jirak.

Below with Fr. May is teacher Julie Rziha, Delores Johnson and sponsor and husband Ken, and Cassidy Becker with sponsor Kim Oborny.



First Communion

Seven children received the sacrament of First Communion from Fr. May on May 6 at Holy Family Parish in Marion and Pilsen. Teachers in Marion were Laurie Holub and Elise Schlehuber and in Pilsen Sharon Gutsch and Anna Kristek. The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree provided an Honor Guard for the children at both Masses.



Left: Reception following Mass at Marion was hosted by St. Mark's Altar Society. Pictured with teachers Laurie Holub and Elise Schlehuber are Hugh Guetterman, Reagan Cooper, Ryker Salsbury, Alexandra Carlson, and Ryder Kraus.

Right: Adrian Meyer and Kole Kroupa with Fr. May and teachers Sharon Gutsch and Anna Kristek at Pilsen



CYM

The CYM closed out last spring’s events with a farewell to seniors and welcome to incoming freshmen with a meeting, games and ice cream at the tennis courts in Marion. Congratulations to the new officers elected for the 2018-19 school year: President–Michaela Regnier; Vice-President—Maria Stuchlik; Secretary–Abigail Stuchlik; Treasurer–Tyler Nickel; Prayer Leader–Elise Schlehuber; Freshmen Rep–Amy Gayle

In July, eleven CYM members from Holy Family attended the Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference in Springfield, MO. The theme for this year was “Revealed”. They were accompanied by CYM sponsor Laura Klenda and four chaperones. Left to right, top row: Brendan Kraus, Tyler Nickel, Michaela Regnier, Missy Stubenhofer-May, Ella Schlehuber, Elise Schlehuber Middle Row: Elias Jirak, Laura Klenda, Maria Stuchlik, Hayleigh Mendoza, Tina Kraus, Heather Schlehuber Front Row: Aidan Svoboda, Hannah May, Cecilia Rziha, Abigail Stuchlik



Congratulations Holy Family high school graduates! Pictured L to R: Jacob Vondenkamp, Tyler Palic, Jack Schneider and Riley Hake with Fr. May. Not pictured are Colin Settle, Quentin Stuchlik, Tyler Makovec, Cody Svoboda, Max Svoboda, Zach Stuchlik and Hayleigh Mendoza.

Congratulations to Hayleigh Mendoza, Max Svoboda and Zachery Stuchlik for winning the Fr. Kapaun scholarship! Winners are judged on seniors who are: members of Holy Family Parish; practicing Catholic in good standing; list of activities and awards in church, school and community; and a short essay.

Totus Tuus and Vacation Bible School

Totus Tuus was held from Sunday, June 17th through Friday, June 22nd in Pilsen. Sixty-two children attended the program. Members of the teaching team were Monica Davied, Christopher Rziha, Mariah Stuever and Steven Nguyen. The children’s program included catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. The Jr. High and High School youth attended evening sessions which included talks on topics of interest to young Catholics, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and an evening of fellowship with the team members.



Vacation Bible School was held for preschoolers in the Marion Activity Center from June 18th through the 22nd. They learned about their Catholic faith through Bible stories, games, songs, prayers and crafts. Organizers were Julie Carlson & Tim Baxa.



Biking For Babies



Seven young “missionaries” biked into Marion on Tuesday, July 10th and shared inspirational stories to raise awareness of the pro-life movement and raise money for pregnancy crisis centers. Holy Family Parish held a potluck at the activity center to welcome them and support the pro-life cause. Only young people ages 18-35 are riders in the Biking for Babies program. Four teams from opposite sides of the country were sent out this year. This is the first time Biking for Babies sent riders through the western part of the country. Last year they raised \$80,000 for approximately 32 pregnancy crisis centers. Information on how to support the movement is available online at www.bikingforbabies.com.



A big thanks to Dale and Pat Smith for hosting the team overnight!

Saying Good Bye to Father Darrin May and Hello to Father Brian Babak



Holy Family Parish had a going away potluck meal for Fr. Darrin May on Sunday, June 17th at the Marion Activity Center. Harriet Bina presented Father with a hand-carved wooden chalice inscribed with Fr. May’s name and Holy Family Parish. In it were placed wooden hosts with many well wishes written on them from the parish-ioners.



Fr. Brian Babak started his parish duties at Holy Family on June 19th. On Saturday evening, June 23rd, St. Patrick’s Altar Society welcomed Father Babak to Holy Family with a cookie and lemonade reception after his first Mass. Fellowship was enjoyed by parishioners out on the lawn, as Father greeted people after Mass.

On Sunday, June 24th, both St Mark’s Altar Society in Marion and St. Anne’s Altar Society in Pilsen hosted cookie receptions after the morning Masses so everyone had an opportunity to greet their new pastor. Parishioners Barb Kroupa, Doris Winkler, Barb Schoenthaler, Phyllis Hein and Pauline Holub made sure the Marion rectory was ready for Fr. Babak’s arrival, and many parishioners helped in his move to Marion from El Dorado. Welcome Father!

Pictured right: members of St. Pat’s Altar Society Jolene Gayle, Rachel Collett, Stephanie Kraus, Marlene Herzet and Dainne Cyr along with president Lori Kirkpatrick (not pictured) served cookies at a reception. Far Right: Fr. Babak greets Cecilia Gayle after Mass at Florence. Others pictured are Dana and Bob Gayle and Steve Gayle.

