

Father Kapaun Museum

Contributed by tour guide Harriet Bina

On Wednesday, Nov. 7th, the Little Sisters and Little Brothers of Christ in Kansas City traveled to Pilsen for a tour. There were forty in attendance from Europe, South America, and family and friends from Nebraska and Kansas City. With them was the Founder of their community, the Mother Superior from Rome. Every talk was translated into French and Spanish. A new experience for the tour guides! There were four Priests with them, two were from France and one from South America.

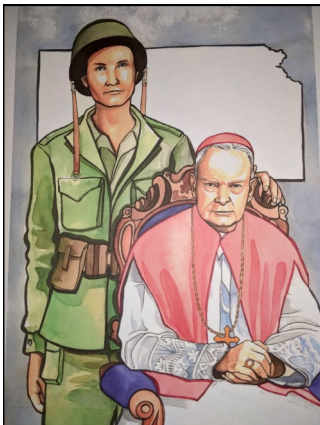
The Mass was in French and the Little Sisters sang beautifully! I don't think I have ever heard such beautiful music. They arrived at 10:35am and left us at 6:15pm. Before they left, they sang a blessing over me in French and their priest gave me a blessing, tracing the sign of the cross on my forehead. It was a beautiful and inspiring day! Their Mother Superior was headed back to Rome. She has an office just down the hall from Pope Francis. Through an interpreter, I told her to tell Pope Francis we needed a Saint in Pilsen, Kansas. She said she didn't get to see him every day. I told her "every other day would be fine"!

On Thursday, Nov. 8th, Jess Erickson handed me a booklet with a picture of Father Kapaun and Bishop Carroll on the cover. It was the Aquila, the school paper of Bishop Carroll High School in Wichita. The picture was entitled, A Priest and His Bishop, The Kapaun & Carroll story started well before the rivalry began! I loved the picture taken from a painting of Carroll High School graduate, Caroline Honas, class of 2018. I read the article telling that the story of Kapaun & Carroll is not the story of two Catholic High Schools, but the story of A Priest and His Bishop! I wondered how many people remembered that Bishop Carroll was Father Kapaun's Bishop? I picked up the phone and called Bishop Carroll High School. The secretary transferred my call to the office of Joe Westcott, former Kapaun graduate, now employed at Bishop Carroll. Joe had written the article and had asked Caroline Honas to do the artwork. I told Joe I wanted a copy of that picture for the Father Kapaun Museum. It was the first picture I had ever seen of them together. I felt the picture told us a part of the history of Father Kapaun. Father Kapaun had admired and respected his Bishop. Bishop Carroll had respected Father Kapaun for his dedication to the priesthood and admired the faith and courage Father displayed on the battlefield. These two men, one for his insight and the other for his faith and selfless love, have had a tremendous impact on the world!

Father Kapaun became a hero during the Korean War. He sacrificed his life so that others could live. But without Bishop Carroll, that story might never have been told. At least, not to the extent that it is known today. Bishop Carroll, after hearing of Father Kapaun's exploits in the prison camp, contacted Father Arthur Tonne, another priest in the Wichita Diocese. Father Tonne was an author and pastor in Little River, a small town west of McPherson. He liked living in small towns, so he could have time to write.

Bishop Carroll transferred Father Tonne to Pilsen to write the book about Father Kapaun, even before they knew he had died in the prison camp of Korea. Bishop Carroll wanted Father Tonne to live in the same town as Father Kapaun's parents and with people who had grown up with Father Kapaun. In 1954, just a few months after the armistice was signed in Korea, the book "The Story of Chaplain Kapaun" written by Father Arthur Tonne was published! Bishop Carroll then had Chaplain Kapaun Memorial High School built and it opened in 1956. Bishop Carroll, out of his love and respect for his young priest, helped memorialize the name and story of Chaplain Emil Joseph Kapaun!

Before there was a holy war between Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School and Bishop Carroll High School, there was the mutual love and respect of a Bishop and his patriot priest!



Knights of Columbus Council #3423

The Knights started off their fall meetings with a picnic September 30th at Marion Central Park for all the Knights and their families and for anyone wanting to join the organization. In October, the group held their annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser with the proceeds going to help people with intellectual disabilities. On Sunday, October 28th they held a breakfast following the Marion Mass for our seminarians of the diocese. November 12th found the men hosting a blood drive at the Marion Activity Center. There were 37 people who came and donated a total of 33 units.

Congratulations to the following who received recognition from the organization:

Knights of the Month: September – Fr. Bebak for his support.

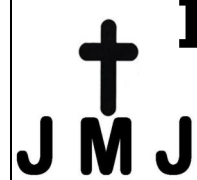
October – Pat Zogelman for his involvement in different ministries in the parish.

November – Daniel Stuchlik for teaching the boys high school PSR class.

Family of the Month: September - Alvin & Barb Kroupa for hosting the Fr. Kapaun Day walkers.

October – James & Heather Schlehuber for cooking for Fr. Bebak's birthday party, for Heather's role as PSR site coordinator, and for their kids serving at Mass.

November – Lucas & Julie Carlson for teaching PSR & helping with the children's choir.



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Schedule of Events

December 8th, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Masses:

Fri., December 7th, Pilsen 7pm

Sat., December 8th, Marion 9am

Christmas Masses

*Confessions heard and Christmas Carols
1/2 hour before all Masses*

Mon., December 24th, Florence 5pm,

Pilsen at Midnight

Tues., December 25th, Marion 10:30am

New Year's Eve Parish Dinner and Dance:

Mon., December 31st at MAC, Dinner at 6 pm followed by dance. *Tickets for sale at church office: \$20/couple, \$10/single.*

January 1st - Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses:

Mon., December 31st, Marion 5pm

Tues., January 1st, Pilsen 10:30am



Annual Pro-Life Chain, Sun., Oct. 7th



Tabor Catholic Jays

Tabor Jays had a "Pie" night, Sun., Nov. 11th! They made & enjoyed Frito chili pie, pumpkin pie & pecan pie! The group meets at 6pm every Sunday that school is in session at varying locations.

Leaders are Monica & Tom Leihy and Cindy & Terry Vinduska.

PSR 2018 - 2019

PSR teachers full duty is not just to impart knowledge. They make a real, lasting impact on the lives of the young people they serve. Faith formation is the basic building block of our parish education program. Thank you teachers! Teachers for the 2018-2019 school year are:

Marion: Amanda Baxa, Andrea Salsbury, Julie Carlson, Theresa Cady, Tina Kraus, Tim Baxa

Pilsen: Sharon Gutsch, Anna Kristek, Melissa A. Stuchlik, Sam Oborny, Terry Klenda, Anjanette Vinduska, Michelle Regnier

Tampa: Monica Svoboda, Catarina Rziha, Emma Davidson, Myrna Hamm, Denise Barney, Jeanne Rziha

High School Girls: Laura Klenda, Anjanette Vinduska

High School Boys: Daniel Stuchlik, Tom Oborny

Site Coordinators are:

Marion - Theresa Cady & Heather Schlehuber, **Pilsen** - JoAnn

Stuchlik & Anjanette Vinduska,

Tampa - Mary Jirak & Jeanne

Rziha.

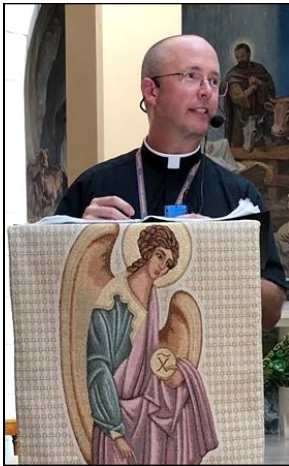
A PSR mini retreat was held Sat., Nov. 17th at Pilsen for 3rd through 6th graders. The retreat of 24 children began with a tour of the Father Kapaun museum with tour guides Harriet Bina and Melissa Stuchlik. Helping with the retreat were Theresa Cady, Heather and James Schlehuber.





Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Parishioners from Holy Family joined Father Darrin May on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in late summer. On October 14th, members of the group gave a presentation at the Marion Activity Center sharing their experiences with photos and scripture pertaining to the many historic sites that they visited. A cookie reception was provided by St. Mark's Altar Society members with the leadership of president Rose Davidson.



Holy Land – September 2018



Fundraiser Event

A fundraiser for parishioner Terry Holt, who spent months in the hospital due to a life-threatening illness, was held at the Marion Activity Center on Sunday, November 4th. Along with a Taco Bar supper, a silent auction was held during the evening of numerous items that had been donated by parishioners and community members. Organizer Jackie Palic stated that over \$5,000.00 was raised for the Holt family. This was truly a community event to show Terry and his family the support and concern from the community.



St. Anne's Altar Society



St. Anne's Altar Society ladies were busy making Czech Kolaches and Rolichy for the Military Pilgrimage held in Pilsen on Veteran's Day, November 11th. They spent two days cooking in preparation for the lunch they served following the Mass. Thanks to president Terry Klen-da and the ladies of St. Anne's for all you do!



Holy Redeemer Altar Society

Holy Redeemer Altar Society met October 1st at the Senior Center in Tampa. Rita and Katy Brunner hosted with a chili and cinnamon roll meal. Mary Ann Frantz reported on school supplies being donated to Centre School district and supplies were also given to Morganne Hamm as this is her first year teaching. Mary Jirak gave an update on the replacement for the broken church window. The group made and donated 28 dozen cupcakes for the noon meal following the Mass for the Military Pilgrimage to Pilsen. Discussion was led by president Jeanne Rziha concerning hosting a speaker in January. After the business meeting the hostesses provided supplies and pumpkins for all to decorate. Hostesses for the December meeting are Alisha Barney, Camille Barney and Denise Barney.



St. Patrick's Altar Society

On Saturday, November 17th, St. Patrick's Altar Society held their annual Christmas soup supper for the ladies of the parish. Delicious soups and desserts made by the altar society members were enjoyed by forty ladies of the parish, Father Bebak and guests. There were several vendors at the party, allowing participants to do a little Christmas shopping - Nicki Case with her handmade earrings, Andrea Salsbury with Tupperware, Kelly Krch with handmade rosaries and jewelry, Amy Meyer with her Sole Sanctifier handmade soaps, and the Hillsboro shop Diamond in the Rough with several clothing items. Following the meal, a fashion show provided by Diamond in the Rough was enjoyed by all of those attending. The evening ended with everyone singing Happy Birthday to Myla Klenda, who decided to celebrate her 3rd birthday at the soup supper. The youngest guest ever to attend was 2 ½ month old Emmitt Klenda. Door prizes were donated by the vendors and winners were: Tupperware - Debbie Gillett; Sole Sanctifier Soap - Faye Makovec; Bracelet from Kelly Krch - Amy Meyer; and Beanie hat from Diamond in the Rough - Amira Labidi. St. Patrick's Altar Society president Lori Kirkpatrick wishes to thank all of the guests who attended the party and give a huge thank you to all of the vendors for coming and setting up such beautiful displays. She hopes more women of the parish can join in on the fun next year!

