



Father Kapaun Museum

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It has been exciting for all of us as Tour Guides at the Father Kapaun Museum, to meet the people and hear their many stories. The stories are fascinating and inspiring as we hear all the different ways that Father Kapaun has touched and even interceded in the lives of so many.

One of the stories I want to share is the story of Rene and Laura Ybarra. Rene Ybarra was a Captain in the United States Army and Rene and his family were stationed in South Korea when they entered into the RCIA program to learn about the Catholic faith. During the first class, while touring the church, they were shown a plaque in the back of the church honoring Chaplain Emil Kapaun. They thought his story was truly fascinating!

When Laura called her parents, who are Methodist, to tell them of her decision to join the church, she was apprehensive! Her parents, who live in Wichita, handled it well and even told her about this priest from Kansas who was being considered for canonization by the Catholic

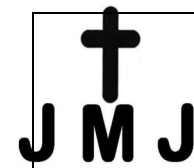
Church. His name: Father Emil Kapaun! Laura took this as a sign that God wanted her to learn more about Father Kapaun. She contacted me on Facebook, and I put her in contact with Scott Carter of the Wichita Diocese. She ordered numerous booklets of Father's story and then gave a presentation at her church on Father to honor his 100th birthday. Later, on a trip home to visit her parents in Wichita, Rene and Laura came to Pilsen to visit the Museum. Their hearts were touched as they listened to the stories of Father's faith and courage on the battlefield, and later, as he administered to the soldiers of all faiths and nationalities in the prison camps of Korea. They were inspired by his selfless acts of love for his men. Rene and Laura returned to South Korea and shared Father's story with the military men and women stationed there. Laura started "Kapaun's Men" on base, but she made it available to both men and women serving in the military.

Rene, Laura, and their twin sons are now stationed at Fort Lee, Virginia. In Virginia, Rene and Laura welcomed into the world a new baby boy! Soon after, Laura contacted me and asked if I would talk to our parish priest about baptizing her son in Pilsen. Laura wanted her son baptized in the same baptismal font where Father Kapaun had been baptized. I told her we were in transition with priest assignments, and that I would talk to our new priest. Eventually, I put her in contact with Father Bebak. He consented to baptize her baby on December 27, 2018. Laura was ecstatic! Her conversion, her feelings of a gift of spiritual guidance by Father Kapaun, had brought her full circle. She felt Father had led her back to Pilsen to see her son, Maxwell Wyatt Ybarra, baptized in the same baptismal font as her "saint best friend" Father Emil Kapaun. She said her family continues to pray for the day they can call him Saint Emil Kapaun!



Above Right: Winners of the door prizes at the parish dinner on February 10th with Fr. Bebak.

Right: What a crowd at the parish dinner, enjoying a feast prepared by parishioner Reilly Reid!



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Schedule of Events

Holy Thursday, April 18: Regular MN adoration ends at 4pm.

Mass of the Lord's Supper, MN 7pm, Confessions afterwards till done.

Holy Thursday adoration MN 8pm till midnight with the following schedule by last name:

8-9pm R-S 9-10pm T-Z
10-11pm A-J 11-midnight K-P

Good Friday, April 19: No regular MN adoration.

Stations of the Cross PL 3pm, Confessions afterwards till done.

Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion, MN 7pm, Confessions afterwards till done.

Holy Saturday, April 20: *Easter Vigil*, PL 8pm.

Easter Sunday, April 21: Masses MN 8:30am, FL 10:30am.

Easter Egg Hunt after MN Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday Service on April 28 at MN 3pm.

PSR Quiz Bowl will be held after the service in the MAC with supper.

First Confession on Sat., May 4, MN 9am.

First Communion on Sun., May 5 at MN & PL Masses.

Totus Tuus at PL June 23-28.

16th Annual Charity Auction

Despite the unfavorable weather, the charity auction brought in \$14,261! It may have had the smallest attendance, but the generous supporters made it the second largest amount ever raised!!! Thanks to all those who helped make the auction possible!



Above: Myla Klenda holding the cake she helped make for the auction, while auctioneer Joe Vinduska works the crowd with assistance from Anjanette Vinduska.

Below: Father Bebak welcoming the Charity Auction crowd at the Pilsen Community Center, with organizer Sam Oborny.



St. Mark's Altar Society

St. Mark's Altar Society hosted author and photojournalist Linda Schaefer, of Ada, Oklahoma, as she presented a program on Mother Teresa at the Marion Activity Center on Sunday, February 17th. Linda spoke of her 23 years of work with Mother Teresa. She started as a volunteer with the Order of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India. Linda is now a gatherer of historical documentation and witness accounts with people who were instrumental to Mother's mission of serving the most in need in communities worldwide. Linda had her first two books on Mother Teresa at the event for purchase and she graciously signed them for the attendees. Her third book will be out this fall. The crowd enjoyed hot tea and a variety of homemade treats.

A second presentation was hosted by Holy Redeemer Altar Society in Tampa on February 18th.



Holy Redeemer Altar Society

Holy Redeemer Altar Society served the spring planting meeting luncheon for the Agri-Producers Coop on February 12th. On February 18th, the group hosted Linda Schaefer from Ada, Oklahoma who gave a presentation on Mother Teresa and her time spent with the Missionaries of Charity. Linda's talk covered both her time in India and her experiences in Saudi Arabia. Snacks and drinks were served to 31 people following the presentation.



St. Patrick's Altar Society

St. Patrick's Altar Society hosted a parish potluck on Saturday, March 16th after Mass in honor of the Florence church's patron saint. Food, fun and fellowship were had by all that attended. The kids brought games to play following the meal and there was a serious game of dominoes played. Plan on joining our fun next March!



Knights of Columbus Council #3423

Activities for the Knights this winter included the annual seminarian breakfast in December. Over \$500 was donated to a seminarian from the proceeds. They hosted a financial planning seminar in December for the parish. The Knights put up a banner on the pro-life sign on Highway 77 that read "Keep Christ in Christmas." They were involved in organizing the New Year's Eve dinner and dance for the parish. On January 13th, the K of C held a free throw contest for boys and girls aged 9 through 14. On March 17th, the group held a bowling party at Sher Bowls Lanes in Marion for all the Knights and any man

interested in joining K of C and their families.

Congratulations to the following Knights:

Knight of the Month: December – Josh Boehm; January - Ken Stuchlik; February – Nick Kraus; March - Tim Baxa

Family of the Month: December - Drew & Andrea Salsbury; January – Greg & Rose Davidson; February - Jim & Heather Schlehuber; March – Jeff & Theresa Cady

Knight of the Year was awarded to Ken Stuchlik.

Family of the Year was the James Schlehuber family.

Right: Jayda Raymer showing her special style of bowling to brother Jymer and dad Donald.



CYM

Holy Family Parish CYM has been very busy. Below are the many activities they have been involved in lately.

*CYM members helped serve the parish dinner on Sunday, February 10th and provided babysitting for the children attending. Those helping were Emil Vinduska-Godinez, Tyler Nickel, Tanner Stuchlik, Abigail Stuchlik, Maria Stuchlik, Michaela Regnier, Elise Schlehuber, Ella Schlehuber, Cecilia Rziha, Logan Oborny, Aidan Svoboda.

*CYM members Elise & Ella Schlehuber participated in the March for Life on January 18th in Washington, D.C. Their parents, Jim and Heather, attended as security guards.

*CYM held a parish breakfast after the Pilsen Mass on Sunday, February 17th. The group made a little over \$600 to give to the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference Service project.

*The CYM donated a "Basket of Yellow" to the Holy Family Parish Charity Auction on March 3rd.

*The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference is March 23rd & 24th at Wichita. Holy Family had 10 youth and 3 chaperones that planned to attend. The members held a parish-wide pasta drive and took the food donations to the DCYC convention to be given to the Lord's Diner.

*The Region 2 CYM Lock-In was postponed due to weather, and has been rescheduled for March 30-31 in Hutchinson.

*The group is in the process of selling raffle tickets for this 38" x 40" Pineburst patterned quilt with the money raised to be used in helping members with traveling expenses to conferences. Tickets are \$5 a ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. The drawing will be held April 28th at the Quiz Bowl.

