

Father Kapaun Museum

Submitted by Harriet Bina, museum guide

School tours for the year came to a close on May 8th when St. Thomas Aquinas brought 75 eighth graders to Pilsen to learn about Father Kapaun. Guides helping with this large group were Melissa Stuchlik, Kelly Krch, and Quentin Stuchlik. Seth Krch also has helped the guides when needed.

On May 12th, Mother's Day, Paul Roach, from New Mexico, a fellow prisoner with Father Kapaun, came to visit Father's home parish and also tour the Father Kapaun Museum. After Mass, Paul and his family and Father Bebak, his mother and her guests toured the museum. Paul shared stories of his time in the prison camp with Father Kapaun. One of his stories was about the Easter Sunday that Father Kapaun put on his purple stole in defiance of the communists. He had been forbidden by the Chinese to have a religious service. But Father was determined to celebrate the risen Christ and with tears streaming down his face he told the men he was unable to celebrate Mass because he had no bread or wine. He told them about the passion of Christ and proceeded to share with them the Way of the Cross! Apologizing to the Protestant men, he prayed the rosary with the Catholic men. Knowing that the rest of the camp didn't know it was Easter, he asked the men to sing "America the Beautiful" and to sing it loud. When they finished he told them "that was beautiful but it wasn't loud enough!" He asked them to sing again only louder! And again!! When they finished, it was deathly still. Suddenly, further down the camp, a man started singing "America the Beautiful". Paul said that song drifted down through the camp, from one group of men to the other, and continued on down through the other camps in Kapaun's Valley. It was a beautiful and haunting song about their home, a long way away! Then Paul began to cry. He said "Do you understand what I am saying? I, and many other men, are alive today because of Father Kapaun. It was Father's faith, love and sacrifice that inspired us to live, so we could come home!"

On Saturday, July 27th, the guides were blessed to have visitors from South Korea. Jeong Mo Hong is the Vice-Principle of the Salesian High School in South Korea, built in honor of Father Emil Kapaun. Jeong, with his wife and daughter and son-in-law, Lee Jin, toured the church and museum. Jeong Mo Hong said he was honored to walk on the grounds that Father Kapaun had walked on, and to tour the church where Father celebrated Mass. He was excited to return to South Korea to share his visit to Pilsen with his students. He wanted to remind them that it was because of men like Father Kapaun who died during the Korean War that the people of South Korea could live free of communism!



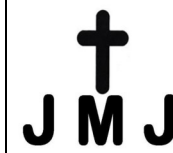
Left: Jeong Mo Hong with his wife and son-in-law from South Korea.

Below: Paul Roach from New Mexico

Right: 8th graders from St. Thomas Aquinas school in Wichita



Father Kapaun Day Mass was held Sunday, June 2 at Pilsen. A large crowd celebrated with many Diocesan priests and then enjoyed lunch provided by St. Anne's Altar Society.



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Schedule of Events

Kick-off PSR Mass will be **Wed., Sept. 18th at Marion at 7pm.** The schedule and location of classes this year will be:

Marion (MN): Grades Pre-K-8—

Classes meet Sundays 9:45-11:00 a.m., beginning Sunday, Sept. 22.

Pilsen (PL): Grades K-8—Classes meet Wednesdays 4:00-5:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 25.

Tampa (TM): Grades 1-8—Classes meet Wednesdays 6:45-8:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 25.

High School TM/PL/MN: Classes meet **Wednesdays** 7:00-8:30 p.m. in PL beginning Sept. 25: all H.S. boys - PL Church Basement; all H.S. girls - Laura Klenda's home in PL.

Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) for High School will meet in MAC on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Biking for Babies returned to Holy Family Parish on Tuesday, July 9th. The young bikers shared inspirational stories about the pro-life movement. While raising awareness of the pro-life message, these young missionaries raise money for pregnancy centers. Only young people ages 18-35 are riders. This year there were 4 groups of bicyclists riding different routes across the U.S., meeting in St. Louis. They rode a total of over 2,500 miles, covered in 7 days. Their goal was to hit the "million dollar mark" in dollar donations by 2020!

Thanks to Dale & Pat Smith for hosting the team overnight!



First Communicants

Twelve children received the sacrament of First Communion from Father Bebak on Sunday, May 5th following the Marion and Pilsen Masses. Teachers for the children were Julie Carlson, Amanda Baxa and Ella Schlehuber at Marion and Anna Kristek, Sharon Gutsch and Myrna Hamm at Pilsen. The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree provided an Honor Guard at both Masses for the children.



Above left to right: Sophie Espinoza, Kenzie Nickel, Evan Klenda, Kathrine Rziha & Amelia Meyer with Father Bebak, Anna Kristek, Sharon Gutsch, & Myrna Hamm

Below: Cohwen Heimann, Trey Kraus, Miles Tajchman, Samuel Schlehuber, Kolton Fenske, Jymer Raymer, & Cooper Cyr with Father Bebak, Julie Carlson & Ella Schlehuber. Teacher Amanda Baxa not pictured.





CYM

← **Prayer & Action @ St. Patrick's Parish, Wichita, July 7-12**
Holy Family Parish youth who attended were left to right: Laura Klenda, Abigail Stuchlik, Tyler Nickel, Maria Stuchlik, Elias Jirak.



Diocesan Catholic Youth Convention (DCYC)
March 23-24, 2019 at the Wichita Airport Hilton →
The Keynote speaker was Carrie Ann Ford from Buffalo, NY. She shared how everyone is NUTS: Naturally Unique and Truly Spectacular!
Back row, left to right: Tanner Stuchlik, Tyler Nickel, Ella Schlehuber, Elise Schlehuber, Elias Jirak, Laura Klenda. Front row, left to right: Michaela Regnier, Maria Stuchlik, Cecilia Rziha, Abigail Stuchlik, Emil Vinduska-Godinez. A big thank you to Terry & Cindy Vinduska for helping chaperone and drive the group.



Steubenville of the Rockies, Denver, Colorado →
June 21-23, 2019
Back row, left to right: James Schlehuber, Ella Schlehuber, Elise Schlehuber, Elias Jirak, Aidan Svoboda, Laura Klenda, Emil Vinduska-Godinez. Front row, left to right: Wayne Rziha, Michaela Regnier, Cecilia Rziha, Hannah May, Tyler Nickel, Anjanette Vinduska-Godinez. The theme was 'Called to BELONG'. *1 John 3:1*
Speakers included: **Host:** Chris Padgett, **Worship:** Ben Walther, **Team Priest:** Fr. Christopher Martin, Speakers: Sr. Miriam Heidland SOLT, David Calavitta, Mary Bielski
***Congratulations to high school seniors Maria Stuchlik and Michaela Regnier on being awarded the Father Kapaun scholarship! Blessings as you start college life!**
CYM officers for the new school year are: President- Abigail Stuchlik; Vice-President- Cecilia Rziha; Secretary- Hannah May; Treasurer- Tyler Nickel; Prayer Leader- Amy Gayle; Freshman Representative- Blake Kaiser

Totus Tuus was held June 23-28 in Pilsen. Totus Tuus team members were Andrew Vishnepske, Rose Klausmeyer, Luke Meyerhoff, and Hayley Keiser. The children learned about their Catholic faith, attended Mass, and enjoyed participating in activities, including helping team members Luke and Hayley become a human sundae before the water fight on Friday of Totus Tuus. Thanks to Laura Klenda and Jeanne Rziha for organizing the week!



Vacation Bible School was attended by 13 preschool children June 24-28 at the Marion Activity Center. Adults helping were Julie Carlson, Aileen Raymer, Jen Guetterman, Shannon Cooper, Karen Konarik, Cindy Vinduska, Andrea Salsbury and Brea Hett.



Knights of Columbus Council #3423

Congratulations to the following:

Knight of the Month: April- Laverne Bina; May- Pat Zogelman; June- Ralph Klenda

Family of the Month: April- Joe & Jackie Palic family; May- Drew & Andrea Salsbury family; June- Terry & Cindy Vinduska

Congratulations to the new 2019-2020 officers: Grand Knight- Tim Baxa; Deputy Grand Knight- Drew Salsbury; Treasurer- Ken Stuchlik; Recorder- Matthew Marsden; Warden- Alvin Kroupa; Advocate- Seth Meyer; 1st Year Trustee- Demitry Evancho; 2nd Year Trustee- Josh Boehm; 3rd Year Trustee- Ken Stuchlik; Inside Guard- Lucas Carlson; Outside Guard- Larry Lalouette; Lector- William Kroupa; Chancellor- Laverne Bina; Financial Secretary - Jim Schlehuber; Chaplain- Fr. Bebak

The Knights breakfast fundraiser was held in Pilsen on April 28th and raised \$568 to be used for projects around the parish.

This summer the Knights of Columbus Council put up a sign advertising the weekend Mass schedule of Holy Family Parish along highway 77 southeast of the highway 56 and 150 roundabout. Special thanks to Nick Kraus, Pat Zogelman and Ken Stuchlik for putting up the sign and to Tom Oborny for welding the cross that adorns the top of the sign.



Baby Shower for "A Better Choice"

Ramie Bina Samour was the featured speaker Sunday, August 25th at the Marion Activity Center as a diaper and wipes baby shower was held to assist with "A Better Choice" organization located on East Central St. in Wichita. The group serves about 250 women every month through pregnancy tests, counseling, education, sonograms & assistance. The organization operates through volunteers, donations, and the Holy Spirit. Ramie explained how to spiritually adopt a baby in danger of abortion.



Happy 60th Birthday, Father Bebak!

The parish came together on Sunday, August 18th to celebrate the August 6th birthday of Father. Grilling of the hamburgers and hot dogs for the potluck was handled by Greg Davidson, Alvin Kroupa, Matt Marsden and Ken Stuchlik. A special appearance was made by Betty Bigbottom (Jackie Palic) as she shared words of wisdom on aging with Father. Thanks to Rose Davidson for organizing the event!!



Holy Redeemer Altar Society

The Holy Redeemer Altar Society has started an ongoing community service. They are asking people to donate clean, good or new socks to be taken to people in need. They have already made two deliveries to the Lord's Diner in Wichita. Everyone is invited to help them with this project. There is a box under the table in the vestibule of the church in Tampa for donations.

In June, the ladies donated 16 dozen cookies for Father Kapaun day. They also helped with Totus Tuus, providing meals for the team and adult on-site help.

The ladies assisted in cleaning up after the Tampa Bank hog roast, donated cakes for the Tampa Trail festival, and helped fix and clean up after the summer Agri Trails Coop meal in Tampa.

In September, Holy Redeemer will be starting their PSR program every Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.