

From the Diocese



On July 26, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis remarked, "Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne: she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will."

July 26 is a good day to thank our living and deceased grandparents. I never met my father's parents. They both died by the time my dad was nine years old. However, I remember when I asked my father, near his death at the age of 80, if he still thought of his parents even though they died over 70 years ago. He replied, "All the time." We never forget our parents (and grandparents too). I hope to meet my grandparents in heaven.

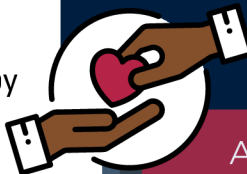
My mom's parents died in their 80s. I have a lot of fond memories of getting together with my cousins at my grandparents' house. When my grandmother died, my heart was moved for my mother who was crying at her mother's death. She really missed her!

May God bless our grandparents!

+ Gerald L. Vaneke

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Church in Africa



Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years. This fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

To Give:

Anytime during the month of July, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Church in Africa"



-Upcoming-Events-

— 7/4

Independence Day

— 7/18

Catholic Charities Green Tie

Catholic Charities, Salina, 5p.m.

— 7/19

150th Volga Celebration Mass

Catharine, 9a.m.

— 7/25

Czech Festival Mass

Wilson, 4p.m.

Plainville School Auction

Plainville, 4:30p.m.

— 7/26

World Day of Grandparents
and the Elderly

— 7/29

Seminarian Dinner

Hilton Garden Inn, Salina, 5:15p.m.

— 7/30

Seminarian Dinner

City Limits, Colby, 5:15p.m.

— 7/31

Eucharistic Conference

FHSU Campus, Hays

**POPE LEO'S MESSAGE FOR
WORLD GRANDPARENT'S DAY**

Scan the QR Code to read
his message online



Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

JESUS HAS GRANDPARENTS!?

Jesus was fully God AND fully man, which means he had grandparents just like you and me! Their names are St. Joachim and St. Anne. We don't know much about them, but we know they raised Mary and passed down their faith to her - the same faith Mary would pass on to Jesus!



WORLD GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our Church recognizes the importance of grandparents and the elderly by celebrating them on July 26! On this day, think about who your grandparents are, ask questions about their lives, get to know them! If your grandparents have died, ask your parents about what they were like- there might be many fun stories to hear. Like Sts. Joachim and Anne, they may have passed their faith and hope down to you.



MEET OUR NEW PRIEST!

Fr. Luke Friess was ordained by Bishop Vincke on June 12th. He is looking forward to being a spiritual father to those in his parish. Unscramble the words to learn more about him!



FR. LUKE

FAVORITE COLOR _____ (ELUR)

FAVORITE ANIMAL _____ (SOREH)

FAVORITE SAINT St. _____ (EESRTHE)

FAVORITE FOOD _____ (BQB BETAMALSL)

AS A KID, HE WANTED TO BE A _____ (MOTSEROLOGITE)