

The header image features a stylized house silhouette in the foreground, with a background of golden wheat stalks. The text "Harvest House News" is written in a cursive font on the right side of the image.

Harvest House News

A Monthly Newsletter to the Harvest House Ministry

SEPTEMBER 2014

*To recognize and **harvest** all the gifts being returned to the parish and diocesan family in love by Catholics during the third stage of their lives for the glory of God and the good of neighbor.*

From the coordinator - Catherine Bitting:

Greetings to all of you members of Harvest House! Please allow me to introduce myself to you. Many of you may know from Jake Samour's introduction that I am a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville where I studied broadcast communications and philosophy. I'm not a Kansas native, having grown up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but Wichita has been home to my family for the last four years. I'm married to a dashing handsome and incredibly brilliant man named James, and I have two beautiful children; Michael Augustine, and Cecilia Marie.

Some other important things to know about me: I am avid reader, a huge fan of baking delicious treats from scratch, and a lover of naps. Autumn is my absolute favorite season for multiple reasons - the most important ones being football, cozy sweaters, chilly evenings and chocolate chip pumpkin bread.

Having served on one of Tama's leadership teams over this past year, I feel that I am

privileged to have an introductory idea of Harvest House, and I'm looking forward to diving deeper in as I get to know each of your parish groups, and learn of your individual identities and charisms. I will count on your assistance with this! As I encounter each of you, please tell me of yourself, what you love about Harvest House, and how I can assist in the growth and nurturing of this unique and wonderful ministry.

I am so excited to be here in the Office of Marriage and Family Life, and I am certain that the Lord will continue to bless our diocese, especially in the realm of Senior Adult Ministry.

Thank you in advance for all of your patience with me as I embark on this new role - God bless!

Catherine Bitting

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From the Chaplain

Fr. Paul Oborny



Soon the summer sun will be cooled by Autumn breezes. We will arise from our summer slumber and be renewed on our Harvest House journey. We will do so with eager energy as we will be shepherded by our new coordinator, Catherine Bitting.

As I write this message, this coming Sunday

Gospel has Jesus asking, “Who do you say that I am?”

We do well to ask that question of ourselves and our participation in Harvest House events. “What do I say Harvest House is???” We are not a “What” - we are a “WHO!! We are a people rejoicing in the Harvest of God’s gifts to us!! God Bless us all. AAAAAAAmen

Upcoming events - Dates to know



Anniversary Mass

The Office of Marriage and Family is preparing to celebrate our annual diocesan anniversary mass!

This day, honoring all of the couples in our diocese who are celebrating a landmark anniversary (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or beyond!), will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **October 19** at 3:30 p.m. There will be reception to follow.

Please RSVP no later than **October 13!**

Contact Lisa for questions and to register for the Anniversary Mass:

(316) 685-5240

by email • hammersleyl@catholicdioceseofwichita.org

or online • www.CatholicDioceseofWichita.org/mfl

Harvest House Annual Fall Festival



After the rousing success of our Senior Adult Ministries Fall Festival last year, we are planning and prepping for another joyful event! The date for this year is **October 28**, and the festival will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on West 13th Street. A delicious luncheon will be catered again this year, with the cost to attend remaining at just \$5.00 per person.

As joy multiplies when it is shared, please feel free to invite a guest to join us as well! More details will be forthcoming in our next newsletter. We can't wait to see you!

Please send in your registration information and pre-payment no later than Friday, **October 17**. Checks may be made out to Catholic Diocese of Wichita.



Harvest House Annual Fall Festival REGISTRATION FORM

** Please print clearly*

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

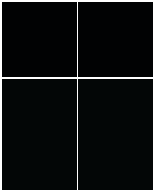
Email: _____

Guests: Y / N # of guests: _____

*Mail or drop off this form along with \$5.00 per person by October 17, 2014.
Checks should be made out to: Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Thank you!*

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Oklahoma City Pilgrimage of Prayer and Penance

Sunday, September 21

“I wish to encourage Catholics of the Diocese of Wichita to remain in prayer as a spiritual response and protest to the planned “black mass” in Oklahoma City on September 21, 2014...If the event is not canceled, I am hopeful that many will join me in a pilgrimage to Oklahoma City on that very day to join in solidarity and prayer with our brothers and sisters there under the pastoral leadership of Archbishop Coakley through prayer...”

– The Most Reverend Carl A. Kemme, Bishop of Wichita

To participate in this pilgrimage, please contact the diocesan Respect Life and Social Justice Office at (316) 269-3935 or download the registration form at www.RespectLifeSocialJustice.com and mail in with payment.

Cost will be \$24.00 per person.