



A Monthly Newsletter to the Harvest House Ministry

MAY 2015

*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:*



If you haven't read "The Secret Garden" by Frances Hodgson Burnett recently (or ever), let me be the one to recommend it to you. While I first encountered it some years ago as child, I'm currently reading it with my daughter, and the both of us have a hard time when we have to put it down. If you're unfamiliar with the tale, "The Secret Garden" is a delightfully simple, incredibly poignant tale of children embracing a literal springtime in their lives for the first time. Misselthwaite Manor, where the story takes place, is set on the moors of Yorkshire, England, and is a dark, cold, dreary and unhappy place. But with the arrival of a young orphan, Mary, from India, this barren-seeming home and land begin (with some struggles) to unfurl new leaves of life, joy and laughter. Why do I think you should pick up a children's story,

you ask? Because for one thing, May is a glorious time to read any story that speaks so eloquently of the approach of spring, and shares such an unbridled joy at the coming of new life. For another, although it is not a 'spiritual' book in a traditional sense, there are strong parallels to be seen in the story, and in our Christian life. The whole of our Easter season is a trumpeting of the victory of Christ over death! As the grey stone of the tomb gives way to the richness of life-giving love in our scriptures, so too does the coming of spring over the English moors bring with it the promise of hope and new life for those thought to be dead in spirit. Would that we all embrace the victory of the Resurrection, and the joy of Pentecost with the same rapturous and childlike joy as the characters in this story!

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# From the Chaplain

Fr. Paul Oborny

## Chaplain's Corner



Happy Grand Mother's Day!  
 This Mother's Day, I will be remembering my Grandmother, Mary, in a special way. She continues to be an inspiration to me to this day. After several years of marriage to Grampa Jose, she had to raise her five children as a single mother. You see, Grampa became afflicted with severe mental illness and was confined to a Mental Hospital. Grama said in her marriage vows. "In sickness and in health" and it turned out to be sickness. She

said in her vows, "for better or worse" and it turned out worse. She was woman of her word and kept on being faithful to her pledged vows. With her children, she scratched out a living on the farm during the 'dirty thirties'. At my ordination she offered to provide a chalice for me. To this day I do not know how she was able to come up the money to purchase a gold and silver chalice. I am forever grateful to Grama Mary's sacrificial gift to me. She continues to inspire me to be faithful to my vows as a priest. Happy Grandmother's Day, Grama Mary!!! Aaaaaaaamennnn!

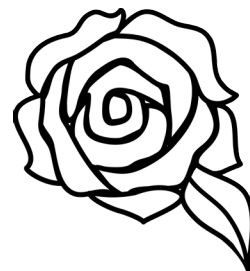
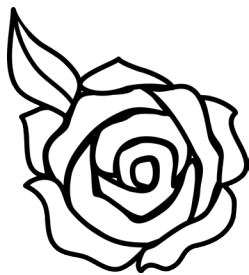


"To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war," - Pope Francis

We pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love.

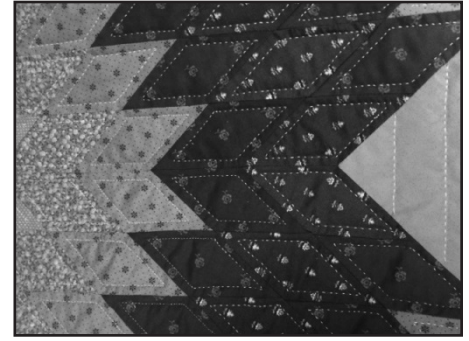
We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom.



## *We have a quilt!*

The incredibly talented Harvest House Quilters have hand-stitched another gorgeous masterpiece. Countless thanks to Regina Walters, Carolyn Donovan, Katherine Vohs, Barbara Arpin, Ardella Schmidt, and Mardella Hunt for all of your efforts on this. The quilt is a queen size, 87"x93" inches, and stitched in the "Lonestar" pattern, with antique rose, warm mauve, and flowered material throughout. This would be the crown jewel of any guest room, bedroom or display! This quilt will be raffled it off at the Anniversary Celebration on June 25th during the luncheon. Tickets can be purchased when registering for the luncheon. Attendance is not necessary to win, so tickets can be purchase even if you can't join us on the 25th. One chance for \$1 or six for \$5, with proceeds benefiting the Lord's Diner, and Our Daily Bread Food Pantry.



## *Anniversary Mass*

Our annual Harvest House Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, June 25th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m., with Bishop Carl Kemme as our main celebrant, with a Rosary preceding at 9:30. A luncheon will follow in Good Shepherd Hall (\$10 per person). Please come and join the celebration with us! Mark your calendars and send in your registration from this newsletter!



## *A Note of the Patriotic Rosary*

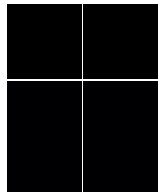
We have not forgotten the Patriotic Rosary that has been a part of Harvest House's heritage! We are hoping to host this event in the autumn, on November 2nd. Please keep an eye out for news in the September and October newsletters for more details on this.

Thanks so much for your understanding!

## *Summer Meetings*

Please check your bulletins for Summer Harvest House meetings- certain groups continue to meet throughout the summer while others take a break! We'll get back to posting the monthly meeting information in our September newsletter. (Please send September meeting dates by August 15th ) Have a wonderful summer!





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Please fill out and return with payment if you will be joining us for Mass and Luncheon on June 25th

## Reservation Request

Return with payment to: Senior Adult Ministries  
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Cost per person is \$10 (Please make checks payable to Catholic Diocese of Wichita)

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Registration is due by June 19th

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes! I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Quilt Raffle Tickets, and I have included my donation of \_\_\_\_\_ here!

(Raffle ticket suggested donation is one chance for \$1, or 6 chances for \$5)