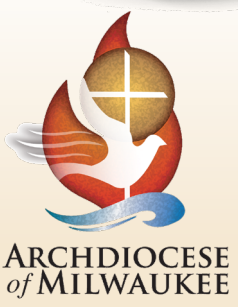




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*How is what
I AM DOING
going to help a
parish or school?*



FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND LUNCH OCTOBER 3 | NOON

Archbishop Grob will be Presider and a boxed lunch will be served in B118/119 for those who RSVP. Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP by noon on Thursday, September 25.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sandy Schubert, who has retired after 20 years of service at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary. You may still see her around the building as she is helping out part time. Thank you Sandy for all you've done!



Congratulations to Gabriela (Gaby) Cabrera from the Catholic Social Responsibility Department! Gaby became a United States citizen on Thursday, September 11, 2025.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THOSE CELEBRATING MILESTONES IN OCTOBER!

Emily Weber, Vocations, 1 year



WELCOME



Sr. Diana De Bruin

Welcome Sr. Diana De Bruin!

Sr. Diana started with us on Monday, September 8, as Vicar for Religious. Here is a little bit about Sr. Diana:

Church: Our Lady of Lourdes, Milwaukee

Prior positions:

- Primary teacher in Catholic schools.
- Worked as pastoral associate.
- Credit counselor in the inner city of Milwaukee.
- Worked for Allied Churches Teaching Self-Empowerment and Dominican Center.
- Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi; first eight years on the leadership team and last eight years as community director of the congregation.

Degree(s): Master of religious education, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
Master of Science in urban studies, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Hobbies: Walking, discovering wildflowers and reading.

Favorite food: Pork chops and lasagna.

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SR. DIANA DE BRUIN'S SABBATICAL YEAR

Sr. Diana De Bruin's sabbatical year was bookended by two very different experiences. It began with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2023, which was a spiritual journey to the holy sites. It concluded in October 2024 with a very different type of spiritual experience that found her immersed among migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border. Both were rich with meaning. But the faces of the migrants and the desperation of the families at the border left a different kind of mark on her heart.

Sr. Diana spent September 2024 as a volunteer with the Kino Border Initiative, a program founded by the Missionary Sisters of the Eucharist from Mexico. Today, the Diocese of Tucson, the Archdiocese of Hermosillo in Mexico and Jesuits from the U.S. and Mexico also sponsor the effort. The mission of Kino is "to promote humane, just, and workable migration through holistic accompaniment." Volunteers learn how to journey with migrant families as they seek legal status in the U.S.; their ministry to the most vulnerable is a true expression of caring for God's creation on the most basic level.

Sr. Diana felt called to be involved in the Kino Border Initiative at the end of her sabbatical year. "I truly believe that we're all one and when people are being treated so unfairly, that it's wrong and very unjust. I wanted to do my part to let them know that they have value and worth. In a small way, I could be the presence of Jesus there for one month. I felt a strong call that this, for me, was the right thing to do."

She worked in the Kino shelter in Nogales, in the Mexican state of Sonora. It is across the border from Nogales, Arizona, one of the largest ports of entry between the U.S. and Mexico.

The Kino Border Initiative offers migrants food, clothing, legal assistance, medical care and shelter — 10 overnight stays

allowed per family, accommodating 90 people each night — with a social worker and psychologist available. Migrants who exhaust their 10-day limit in the shelter can return anytime to take advantage of other services. These individuals and families often seek out others like themselves with whom they can rent a nearby room while waiting for their cases to be processed.

Some arrive at the border seeking asylum to escape the violence and lawlessness that is prevalent in many parts of Mexico and other countries. Others are migrants who have been sent back to Mexico after crossing the border illegally.

"These are good people who are seeking a peaceful, safe life for their families," said Sr. Diana.

Their asylum quest for a better life can take months. She explained that the asylum process needs reform and has not been examined since World War II. Families become exhausted, confused and disheartened by the requirements and uncertainty of what lies ahead.

Many of those she met suffered trauma at the hands of gangs, members of drug cartels and other violent perpetrators. Much of the crime is overlooked by local law enforcement and government officials. Many who arrive at the shelter have witnessed terrible atrocities and carry the baggage of those horrors with them.

Sr. Diana said: "For many, it's hard for them to talk about their experiences. They are people who are treated as though they're not important. We at Kino saw them as real human beings who were suffering and we treated them with care and compassion."

She worked in the shelter preparing food and distributing clothing to the families. She learned basic Spanish as she prepared for the experience, but said language was never an insurmountable barrier, as she communicated in other ways if needed.

"You could use the language of love... expressing that you cared through eye contact and other ways to show respect. I learned to tell them '¡Tu Vales!' That

means 'you matter, you have worth!' It was important that they experienced that," she explained.

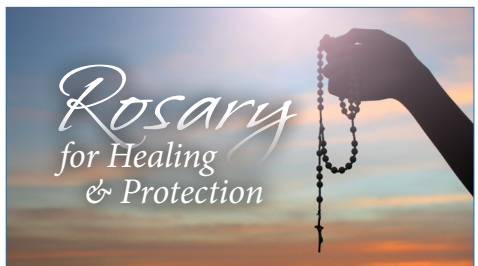
Sr. Diana added: "The migrants are faith-filled people. At mealtimes, during prayer, it got so quiet you could just feel the presence of God in the room. They believed their God was with them even after all they have gone through."

Her experience included a day's sojourn into the desert with a local group, leaving water, blankets and food at a designated location for those on their journeys to the border. The rough terrain and extreme temperature shifts in desert air is not an easy path. "People have to be desperate to try to cross the desert," she said.

Though her scheduled time at the border has come to an end, the migrants will be with her always.

"I was able to say goodbye to four families as they were leaving the shelter, after I had served them during their time there. I prayed, blessed and hugged them. Then I had to watch them leave, not knowing what would happen to them."

Sr. Diana has shared her experience with parish groups in the Milwaukee area, raising awareness and funds for the Kino Border Initiative's outreach.



Saturday, September 27, 2025 | 10 a.m.

Archdiocesan Marian Shrine
141 N. 68th St., Milwaukee, WI 53213

Join us in praying the Rosary for all those impacted by sexual abuse. We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede with her son, Our Lord, for the continued protection of all God's children.

The victim assistance coordinator is available to assist individuals and family members of those who have been abused by someone representing the Catholic Church 414-758-2232 or vac@archmil.org

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GREAT ARCHIVES BAKE-OFF! MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 10-11 A.M.

Calling all bakers — the Great Archives Bake-Off is back in celebration of American Archives Month!

Before we had cooking blogs and Instagram to scroll for recipe ideas, there was the parish cookbook. Parishes often compiled cookbooks as a way to celebrate anniversaries, fundraise and share stories. Many of these can be found in our archival collections. So, take a step back in time and join us in the tradition of sharing recipes in the old-fashioned way.

NEW THIS YEAR!

- There will be five categories, with a limit of five entries per category.
- Initially, bakers can sign up for one recipe. If there are spots open after the sign-up period, entrants will have an opportunity to bake more recipes.

TO ENTER:

- Visit the Archives from September 8 to October 20 to browse cookbooks and find a recipe.
- Bring your baked item to the Great Archives Bake-Off the morning of Monday, October 27.
- Only recipes found within our archdiocesan archival collections are eligible. Complete details are available in the Archives.

VOTING and PRIZES:

- The Great Archives Bake-Off will take place Monday, October 27, 10-11 a.m.
- MMCPC staff will vote for their favorite baked good in each category.
- All bakers will receive a Jeans Day Pass.
- Top bakers and recipes in each category will get announced in News You Can Use.
- Best in Show — the baked good with the most votes overall — will be awarded the coveted Great Archives Bake-Off Pie Tin!

For more info, reach out to Shelly x3407, Amy x3431 or stop into the Archives!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH!

Jackie Luther	HR	October 3
Bruce Varick	Schools	October 3
Bishop Jeff Haines	Auxiliary Bishops	October 6
Lana Shiltz	Seminary	October 10
Michele Nabih	Development	October 12
Fr. Luke Strand	Seminary	October 14
Mario F. Vallejo	Cemeteries	October 14
Justin Clark	Cemeteries	October 15
Gerardo Cortes	Cemeteries	October 15
Robert Klosinski	Cemeteries	October 15
Jenny Michaels	Diaconate Formation	October 16
Mike Sledge	Cemeteries	October 16
Sherry Doria	Cemeteries	October 17
Dean Siegal	Cemeteries	October 17
John Barker	HR	October 18
Nancy Kerns	Auxiliary Bishops	October 18
Jonathan Keene	Cemeteries	October 20
Kate Oates	Communication	October 21
Star Willis	Cemeteries	October 21
Bonnie Yopps	Seminary	October 22
Maureen Wurster	HR	October 24
Zabrina Decker	Tribunal	October 26
Tim Harrington	Cemeteries	October 27
Mark Williams	Cemeteries	October 31

The Good News
A weekly encouraging message from Archbishop Grob!

The Good News is being spread in a new way! Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob is offering a brief weekly video message called "The Good News." Follow the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on Facebook or Instagram and look for "The Good News" in your feed every Wednesday.

Please share it! www.archmil.org/Good-News

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A

MASS OF

Remembrance

Celebrated by Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob

Monday, November 3, 2025

Noon Mass

Followed by a light lunch

We invite you to join Archbishop Grob and Campanile Society donors at our weekday Mass to pray for the souls and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have gone to live in the light of the Lord.

Mater Christi Chapel

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center

Whether or not you are able to attend, you are invited to share the names of your loved ones to be remembered at Mass. Please submit them through the online form.

RSVP online [HERE](#) by October 21 or scan the QR code.
Contact Rebecca with questions at pattonr@archmil.org or x3493



Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Archdiocese of Milwaukee



Wellness Newsletter

September National Health Observance

Immunization Awareness and Obesity Awareness Month

September is Immunization and Obesity Awareness Month. Check out the following UnitedHealthcare educational resources to learn more about these topics:



- [What's a vaccine?](#)
- [Childhood vaccines](#)
- [Nutrition tips for healthy eating](#)
- [What is Body Mass Index? \(BMI\)](#)

United at Work Presentation of the Month

Healthier Weight

This presentation will highlight the risks of obesity and benefits of having a healthy weight.



You will learn ways to evaluate a healthier weight as well as the components of weight loss. Contributing factors to an unhealthy weight such as eating habits, physical activity, stress, sleep and more will also be discussed.

Available to view in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Health Tip Flier of the Month

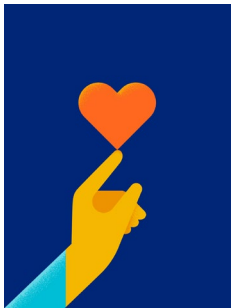
Healthier Weight



Check out this month's Health Tip Flier on Healthier Weight.

Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Health actions of the month



- Get your flu shot
- Plan your meals for the week

October preview

- Women's Health Awareness & National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- United at Work Presentation: Understanding Menopause
- Health Tip Flier: Mammogram Screening Recommendations

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