

Sunday, April 6, 2008: Third Sunday of Easter

FAITH CORNER

JESUS AMONG US

At the Eucharist, the Church gathers as God's people to celebrate our oneness in Christ.

As the two dejected disciples were on their way to Emmaus, Jesus came and walked with them, even though they did not recognize him. As he listened to them and talked with them, Jesus helped them to understand the meaning of what had happened to him. It was only when they sat down to eat together that they recognized him.

Like those disciples, we too often fail to recognize Jesus as he walks with us on the way of life. When we gather to celebrate Eucharist together, we recognize Jesus' presence, in our gathering and in the holy bread and wine, and we recognize that Jesus has been walking with us all along the way.

National Catechetical Directory

Initiated into the Christian mystery by Baptism and Confirmation (Chrismation), Christians are fully joined to the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the center and heart of Christian life for both the universal and local Church and for each Christian. All that belongs to Christian life leads to the eucharistic celebration or flows from it. It is a traditional theme of both the Eastern and Western Churches that Eucharist forms Church.

(#120)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion.

(#1382)

Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.

(#1416)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.

YOUTH: The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

CHILDREN: What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Vincent William Brull, infant son of Rob and Sara Brull, who was baptized on Saturday, March 29. Dakota Joseph Schmidt, infant son of Randolp and Amy Schmidt who was baptized on Sunday, March 30.

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. April 5 5:00 p.m.+ Ralph (Blackie) Augustine
 Sun. April 6 9:30 a.m.+ Ron Ream
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 Wed. April 9 7:30 a.m.+ Nicholas F. Kreutzer
 Fri. April 11 7:30 a.m.+ Ivan Gottschalk
 Sat. April 12 5:00 p.m.+ Marvin Leiker
 Sun. April 13 9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
 Norma Schmeidler Family
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

St. Nick's K of C Family Picnic

All St. Nick's Knights and their families are invited to a spring picnic. The event will be held on Sunday, April 20, in the East Frontier Park. The event is scheduled from 1 to 8 pm. The council will provide the food and drinks. You are asked to bring your family and outdoor games. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held at St. Nick's. Please RSVP to Grand Knight Kurt Arnhold by Thursday, April 10. You can RSVP by e-mail to kurt_kofc@yahoo.com or by phone at 650-7876. See you there!



Crownpoint Mission

Crownpoint is in need of monetary donations to offset the fuel cost for the trucks. Thank you!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

"He saved us and called us to a holy life..." Today's Second Reading reminds us to keep God at the center of our busy lives. Let Marriage Encounter assist you in maintaining a God-centered marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 25-27 at the Manna House in Concordia. For more information call Dave and Susan Kisner at 785-628-8952 or on line at www.westcentralkansasme.org.

Church Repairs

To Date \$42,330

Tithing: Your Gift to God Our 2007/2008 fiscal year started July 1, 2007

Week Collection of March 30	\$ 8,994
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,812
Collection Year to Date	\$484,082
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$472,480
As of March 30, 2007 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 11,602

The parish tithes for January went to St. Paul's Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, Catholic Charities, and Community Assistance Center.

MONEY COUNTERS

April 6	Tim & Tina Zimmerman
April 13	Melvin & Karen Bruggeman
April 20	James & Nancy Duffy
April 27	Clint & Marie Froelich

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Readings for Days in the Easter Weekday

Monday, April 7 (St. John Baptist de la Salle)

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 8

Acts 7:51-8:1a;

Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 9

Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 10

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51

Friday, April 11 (St. Stanislaus)

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 12

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 13

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1);

1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

Want to be a part of something fun and exciting?

St. Nick's has always been known for our wonderful Liturgies. Over the years the many dedicated members of the Liturgy Committee have worked hard in planning and executing meaningful, prayerful, liturgical experiences. Many of these members have served five, ten or even more years. For various reasons a large portion of these volunteers will be leaving the committee during the next several months. Our parish is therefore in need of new members to join the team, both in terms of leadership positions and regular committee slots. The Liturgy Committee generally meets once a month (with summers off). There is no theological or liturgical expertise needed. If you would like to get involved of the planning of the liturgies at St. Nick's or even have questions about what being on the committee would entail, please contact Gene Rice at 650-0272 or grice@fhsu.edu.

The Art and Environment committee is also looking to add some new members. This is a great way to get involved. If you would like to help with the planning and decorating of the environment of the church please contact Mary Hickman at 628-6224 or maryh@media-net.net.

What would our liturgies be without music? Music has always been such a very important part of our church. Would you like to share your musical talents with your church family? We are always looking for new people to join in singing or playing of musical instruments. If so, please contact Paula Beck at 625-8065 or pbeck@hfehays.org.

It takes willingness of your time and talent to be a part of the liturgical planning and helping, but if you are willing to share—you will find that you are blessed in so many ways. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of things please feel free to contact any of the 3 Liturgy committee members listed above.

Faith Formation News

April 9 - Classes in session

April 12 - First Eucharist Prayer and Practice, 9:30am

April 13 - First Eucharist during 11:00am Mass

April 12 - Classes in session

April 19 - Classes in session

Parents, only three teaching classes left. If you have not done so already this semester, please plan to attend one of these remaining sessions.



Heartland Parishes VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –

Planning in progress. **Adult Volunteers Needed as small group leaders and**

activity leaders (snacks, games, crafts)

Youth, Grade 6 and older, needed as assistants. **VBS** to be held Tues., May 27 – Friday, May 30, from 9am-12pm, in the Kennedy Middle School Gym. Call Kathy 628-1446, if you would like to be part of this fun filled experience.

CYO News

April 5&6 – Diocesan Convention in Salina (No CYO meeting tonight) Please keep these twelve young people in your prayers as they gather with other youth from around the diocese for a weekend of faith filled activities and prayer; Therese Campbell, Paul Flesher, Sabree Legleiter, Emily Volker, Marc Hertel, Andrew Heimann, Andrew Allen, Jenna Dreiling, Rachel Weber, Skylin Moeder, Katie Carmichael and Alexis Inlow; and adult sponsors, Keith Dreiling, Jayne Inlow & Kathy Volker

Meals on Wheels: We are in need of volunteers the week of April 28th to deliver Meals on Wheels to the homebound. A driver and a helper are needed for 3 different routes. You would be responsible for picking up the meals prepared at Hays Medical Center and delivering them as designated on your route. This will take approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hour. What a blessing you are to these shut-ins, as you may be the only contact they have for the day. Please contact Cathy Pfeifer as soon as possible at 621-2085 or 628-2679.

Heartland Parishes

Social Justice Commission Reflection

“As Catholics we need to share our values, raise our voices, and use our votes to shape a society that protects human life, promotes family life, pursues social justice, and practices solidarity.” [Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility. US Catholic Bishops]

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Stewardship: A Disciple's Response (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

COOPERATION IN REDEMPTION

Penance also belongs to this aspect of Christian life. Today as in the past, the Church commends what Pope Paul VI called the "traditional triad" of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (*Paenitemini*, February 17, 1966), while also encouraging Catholics to adopt penitential practices of their own choice that suit their particular circumstances.

Through penance voluntarily accepted one gradually becomes liberated from those obstacles to Christian discipleship which a secularized culture exalting individual gratification places in one's way. These obstacles include not just the quest for pleasure but avarice, a craving for the illusion of absolute dominion and control, valuing creatures without reference to their Creator, excessive individualism, and ultimately the fear of death unrelieved by hope for eternal life.

These are consequences of sin—sin which threatens the way of life of Christian stewardship and the identity of Christians as disciples of the Lord. "Let us master this great and simple truth," Cardinal Newman once said, "that all rich materials and productions of this world, being God's property, are intended for God's service; and sin only, nothing but sin, turns them to a different purpose" ("Offerings for the Sanctuary" in *Parochial and Plain Sermons* [San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1987], p. 1368). Copyright U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Rachel's Vineyard

There are many post-abortive women in our churches who live in silent torment. They are slowly self-destructing. They believe that if their friends knew what they had done, they would reject and condemn them. We must reach out in truth, love and mercy, and bring the good news of Christ's forgiveness and healing to these hurting women. If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion, we can help.

Rachel's Vineyard of the Salina Diocese
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Poverty and Homelessness in Rural Kansas

Presented by: First Call For Help of Ellis Co., Inc.
Where: Hadley Center, 205 E. 7th St., Heritage Room
When: April 11
Time: 8:30am to 4pm
Cost: \$30 to \$40 for conference fee
Register before April 4
Send check to: First Call for Help of Ellis Co.
205 E. 7th, Suite 204, Hays, KS 67601

Holy Family Elementary

April 8 - School Council Meeting, 7:30pm, School Library

April 9 - Wednesday Label Collection Day; All students should bring their Box Tops and Campbell labels to their classroom.

April 10 - April Birthday Mass & Dinner

April 11 - Race for Education; East parking lot, PA & PC Preschool, Kdgn., & 1st Grade: 8:15 to 9:15am, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grade: 9:30 to 10:30am, PB & PD Preschool, 5th & 6th Grade: 10:45 to 11:45am.

April 18 - Teacher In-service; No School

April 20 - First Eucharist, 3pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

-- Did you know: The trailer for aluminum cans has moved from the North parking lot to the East parking lot. You can see it as you drive down Vine. Thank you so much. Every can counts.

-- Just a reminder: When collecting Campbell "Labels for Education", please turn in the UPC portion, not the front panel portion of the label. Thank you so much for your support in collecting Campbell product labels, Box Tops for Education, Tyson product labels, recycling cartridges and aluminum and McDonald's receipts.



-- **May 8, 9, 10** - TMP-M Spring Musical will be Wizard of OZ. Call the school for more information.

-- The Fine Arts Booster Club would like to invite everyone to attend the Fine Arts Night April 6, at 7 pm in the TMP Marian Auditorium. Students are recognized for their accomplishments and it is a great opportunity to view students' art work, hear musical pieces, see Forensics Acting pieces as well as get a sneak preview of the Spring Musical. Hors d' oeuvres will be served in the dining room following the program. Admission is FREE and the public is invited and encouraged to attend.

HAVE AN OLD VEHICLE TO GET RID OF?

Do you have an old car, truck, van or boat taking up space in your garage? Now's the time to take action!! The Capuchin Province of Mid-America will help you clear out those old jalopies. The Province has partnered with Vehicles for Charity (www.vehiclesforcharity.org) to accept donations of vehicles from anywhere in the United States. Vehicles should be in running condition and will be towed for you. Vehicles will be sold at an auction or to a salvage company and proceeds will benefit the Mid-America Capuchin Friars and Metropolitan Association for Retarded Citizens. For additional details, please contact Meghan Curtis at 303-433-0296 ext. 112 or visit the Capuchins website at www.capuchins.org.



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Remember your Parish Family Responsibilities

Please prayerfully review and complete your stewardship renewal forms and return them to the parish office. They help our parish immensely in planning for the upcoming Church year. The more family members helping with families' duties, the better our church household runs. Returning the forms saves fellow parishioners work in the calling process.

Defending the Faith – Four Week Series:

The Heartland Evangelization Committee is presenting a four week *Defending the Faith Series* on four consecutive Friday nights at 7pm, at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish. Refreshments will be served. Heartland Stewardship Director, Mark Roberti, who holds a Master of Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville will present. The weekly topics are:

- Not by Faith Alone, Part I - April 11
- Not by Faith Alone, Part II – April 18
- Peter and the Keys – April 25
- Defending Our Lady – May 2

Seniors Sharing Event Friday, April 18, This month's Seniors Sharing is, in church lingo, called "Lexio Divina." It is a study/prayer method to prepare ourselves for the Sunday readings and homily. It is taking root all over the U.S and is being accepted with much enthusiasm. We will read Sunday's readings, then discuss what they mean to us. Refreshments and more fellowship follow. Sponsored by the Seniors Sharing group, we will meet at the St. Joseph Parish Conference room, at 2:30pm, on April 18. Parishioners and non-parishioners of all ages are invited. Contact Laura Sadeghi at 635-3323 for more information.

New Diocese of Salina Catholic Foundation!

The Diocese of Salina now has a Catholic Foundation to enable the faithful of today to do the work of tomorrow. This is a wonderful planned giving vehicle to help us fund future needs of the Church through bequests and estate planning. For more information call Mark Roberti 625-7356 or Shawn Crawford 785-827-8746.

THE DAYS AHEAD

- April 6** All American Breakfast, 7:30am to 12:30pm, American Legion, 13th & Canterbury, (Benefits: Western Kansas Deaf & Hard of Hearing Agency)
- April 8** St. Nicholas Prayer Group meeting, 1pm
- April 9** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
-- Finance Council Meeting, Noon
- April 12** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- April 13** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am
-- Fraternal Order of Eagles #3061 Food Bingo 1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8th St., Everyone welcome!

Russell K of C & the Russell Shriners are having their Annual Fund Raising Stag on Tuesday, April 8. It is held at the VFW in Russell starting with Social Hour at 6pm and supper at 7pm. The menu is Lamb Fries and Fish with the trimmings. Cost is \$10.00. A Texas Holdem tournament will follow Bingo & Raffles. All Knights are welcome. Any questions call 483-6845.

Attention prayerful single men! The New Melleray Trappist Monastery in Peosta, Iowa will be hosting an exciting "Live-in Experience" vocational retreat soon. They only have this once a year so don't miss it. Work and pray with the monks on their 3500 acre farm and enjoy the vocational talks. The date is Memorial Day weekend May 23-26 There is no cost but space is limited. For more information call toll free 1-800.221-1807.

D of I

-- Invitation to all D of I members. We have been invited to St. Frances #232 D of I 85th Anniversary on Sunday April 6, 2008 at St. Wencellaus Parish Hall, Wilson, KS at 1:00p.m. SW room.

-- D of I will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30pm in the IHM Activity Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Also, start thinking about the Great Bend Conference and the State International Convention.

Spring Cleanout for Hospice of Hays Medical Center

is accepting donations for a garage sale. Any household items (clean, working) No clothes, no shoes! Place drop off items at National Guard Armory on South Main at these times: April 9, from 5 to 9pm, April 10 from 1pm to 8pm. Call Laurie at 635-5616 to have large items picked up. Sales Times: April 11, from 4 to 9pm and April 12, from 8am to 1pm, at the National Guard Armory.

APRILFEST!! Are you looking for something different to do on a Sunday afternoon? Come join the Colby Sacred Heart CYO as they sponsor a **Polka Dance and Bingo** on Sunday, April 27,



from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Sacred Heart School Gym in Colby. Music will be provided by the Wes Windholtz Polka Band from Hays, which features accordion, guitar, saxophone and clavinova. For only \$5.00 a person, you will be able to dance and/or play bingo (or take a rest from dancing while you win some great bingo prizes!!) Non-alcoholic beverages, homemade pies and other goodies will be available. (Funds raised will go toward other service projects, speakers, NCCY and other trips.) Come and bring your friends for a great afternoon of good family fun!! *Let's all support our Catholic youth as they put this on for YOU!!* For more information, contact Susan McLemore at 785-443-3042.