

Sunday, April 13, 2008: Fourth Sunday of Easter

FAITH CORNER

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus leads us with tender loving care.

The image of Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of the best-loved images among Christians. It can be found in the earliest Christian art and in many churches today. Traditionally this Sunday has been known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*. Even though people today know little about sheep and shepherds, the image continues to hold its appeal.



National Catechetical Directory

The story of salvation, set in the midst of human history, is no less than the working out of God's plan for humankind: to form His people into the whole Christ, "that perfect man who is Christ come to full stature."

(Eph 4, 13) (#88, see also #s 91, 165.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The seed and beginning of the Kingdom are the "little flock" of those whom Jesus came to gather around him, the flock whose shepherd he is. They form Jesus' true family. To those whom he thus gathered around him, he taught a new "way of acting" and a prayer of their own.

(#764)

The Good Shepherd ought to be the model and "form" of the bishop's pastoral office.

(#896)

Following Christ and united with him, Christians can strive to be "imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love" by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the "mind...which is yours in Christ Jesus," and by following his example.

(#1694)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you?

YOUTH: Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

CHILDREN: How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?



Come Worship the King of Kings at 3pm, at Kauffman Stadium, Kansas City, MO. Brochures available in the gathering space. For more information and to get involved, visit: www.eucharisticfamilyrosary.com.

Masses, Intentions & Services

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
Mon.	April 14	7:30 a.m. +	Daryl Haselhorst
Wed.	April 16	7:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of Nick & Ledwina Geist Family
Fri.	April 18	7:30 a.m. +	Frank & Bessie Brock
Sat.	April 19	5:00 p.m. +	Kenneth Thyfault & Rose Erbert
Sun.	April 20	9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of Genevieve Legleiter Family
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

Anyone interested in joining the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Telephone Prayer Network Prayer Ministry please contact the Parish Office at 628-1446 or Karen Arias at 625-9697.

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.



This year, National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 1. Our theme for 2008 is "Prayer! America's Strength & Shield" based on Psalm 28:7: "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."

Church Repairs

To Date \$42,380

Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2007/2008 fiscal year started July 1, 2007

Week Collection of April 6	\$ 15,332
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,812
Collection Year to Date	\$499,414
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$484,292
As of April 6, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 15,122

MONEY COUNTERS

April 13	Melvin & Karen Bruggeman
April 20	James & Nancy Duffy
April 27	Clint & Marie Froelich
May 4	Richard & Trina Gottschalk

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Readings for Days in the Easter Weekday

Monday, April 14

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3, 43:3, 4; John 10:11-18

Tuesday, April 15

Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 16

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8;
John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 17

Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27;
John 13:16-20

Friday, April 18

Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; John 14:1-6

Saturday, April 19

Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 14:7-14

Sunday, April 20

Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22);
1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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 13 - First Eucharist during 11:00am Mass

April 19 - Classes in session, Confirmation Interviews

April 23 - Classes in session, ACRE Test 8th Grade

April 23 - SPRING FLING

NOTE: Parents, only two teaching classes left. If you have not done so already this semester, please plan to attend one of these remaining sessions. Thank you to all parents who have been involved in classes this year.



First Eucharist

The celebration of First Eucharist takes place at 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

Congratulations to the following children as they make their First Communion with their

St. Nicholas Parish family:

Savannah Bieker	Kinley Boys
Ryan Cech	Deavon Dreher
Kara Gabel	Adam Gottschalk
Tara Hertel	Emma Humphrey
London Keller	David McFarland
Mark Schuckman	Konnor Splichal
Taryn Stauth	Zachary Wagner

Emily Woydziak



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

Sabree Legleiter was elected to the Salina Diocese Youth Council during the CYO Diocesan Convention last weekend. Along with Michelle Harris and Shaun Wasinger from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, she will represent the West Central Vicariate for the 2008-2009 school year. *Congratulations Sabree!*

Heartland Parishes

Social Justice Commission Reflection

“To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren.” [#1397 Catechism of the Catholic Church]

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Stewardship: A Disciple's Response **(U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)** **Turning from Sin to the Gospel**

Sin causes people to turn in on themselves; to become grasping and exploitative toward possessions and other people; to grow accustomed to conducting relationships not by the standards of generous stewardship but by the calculus of self-interest: "What's in it for me?" Constantly, Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.

But if they do accept God's grace and, repenting, struggle to change, God will respond like the father of the Prodigal Son. "Filled with compassion" at seeing his repentant child approaching after a long and painful separation, this loving parent "ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him" even before the boy could stammer out the words of sorrow he had rehearsed (Lk 15:20). God's love is always there. The Spirit of wisdom and courage helps people seek pardon and be mindful, in the face of all their forgetting, that the most important work of their lives is to be Jesus' disciples.

Thus, the stewardship of disciples is not reducible only to one task or another. It involves embracing, cultivating, enjoying, sharing – and sometimes also giving up – the goods of human life. Christians live this way in the confidence that comes from faith: for they know that the human goods they cherish and cultivate will be perfected – and they themselves will be fulfilled – in that kingdom, already present, which Christ will bring to perfection and one day hand over to the Father. Copyright U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

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 clavivova. 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, NCYC 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.



Holy Family Elementary

April 14 - NCA Final Accreditation Visit

April 15 - Accelerated Reader Lunch Bunch, Grades 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

April 16 - Accelerated Reader Lunch Bunch, Grades Kdgn. and 2nd.

April 17 - 2nd Grade Scapular Enrollment, 12:30pm, IHM 2nd Grade practice for First Eucharist, 7pm IHM
4A & 4B fieldtrip to the Cosmosphere.

April 18 - Teacher In-service; No School

April 20 - First Eucharist, 3pm, IHM 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.

-- The Alumni Association of Thomas More Prep-



Marian is proud to sponsor the 34th annual Auction for Christian Education (ACE) on Saturday, April 26, beginning at 4:30pm, in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse. This event is our largest fundraising activity for Thomas More Prep-Marian High School. This years theme is "The Crown Jewel". ACE 2008 Co-chairs are Stan & Pam Mayers, and Shad & Lori Post. If you are interested in attending, please contact the alumni office at 625-9434 for ticket information.

-- **ACE RAFFLE PRIZES:** 3 drawings for \$1,000.00 cash donated by LeRoy & Bernice Herrman, Joe & Virginia Hess & Hays Car & Truck Alignment-Jim & Dave Werth - ticket cost: \$10.00/each or 3 for \$20.00; one drawing for \$5,000.00 cash donated by Bob & Karla Dinges - ticket cost: \$25.00/each or 3 for \$50.00 - PURCHASE 6 OR MORE OF THIS TICKET AND WIN AN EXTRA \$1,000 if your name is drawn; and a 2007 FORD MUSTANG donated by Dick & Kay Werth, Auto World - Value \$19,750.00 - ticket cost: \$100.00/each or 3 for \$200.00. Raffle tickets are available for purchase by contacting the alumni office at 625-9434.

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

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.

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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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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.

In April we're Evangelizing through Television Watch for our Catholic "infomercial" on *Eagle Community T.V., Cable Channel 14*, or view it on the Internet at <http://www.heartlandparishes.org/Evangelize.htm>. Our seven minute spot runs 2 -3 times/day. This month, Fr. Gilmary Tallman discusses *Scripture and Tradition*. We could use donations to help us run one on **Our Lady, the Eucharist, and the Papacy** in May, June & July respectively. *"Let's clear up the misconceptions as to what Catholics believe, and foster unity through understanding."* For more information, contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 stjstewardship@eaglecom.net or mail a check to Heartland Parish Ministries, P.O. Drawer 1000, Hays.

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 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.

Religious Items for our Troops in Iraq...

Keep up the good work!

You are bringing great small lightweight religious reading materials, devotionals, medals, rosaries, scapulars, etc.! Please bring them to the St. Joseph Parish Service Center.

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 13 Fraternal Order of Eagles #3061 Food Bingo
1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8th St.,
Everyone welcome!

April 14 K of C Meeting, 7pm
-- Religious Education Meeting, 7pm

April 15 St. Nicholas Prayer Group meeting, 1pm
-- Community Assistance Center Garage Sale,
8 to 11am, 12th & Oak

April 16 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

April 19 Men of Myra, 7:30am

April 20 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am
-- St. Ann's Church Food Bingo, 1:30pm,
Walker Hall, Walker, KS