

Sunday, May 25, 2008: The Most Body and Blood of the Christ

FAITH CORNER

THE HOLY MEAL

The special solemnity in honor of the Body and Blood of the Lord is celebrated after the Solemnity of Pentecost to remind us that this Church community to which we belong needs to be nourished on its way. The food that nourishes and sustains us is the Eucharist.

In some places Catholics celebrate this day with a procession in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. The procession reminds us that we need to be nourished by Jesus on our way to God.

National Catechetical Directory

The Eucharistic celebration is a holy meal which recalls the Last Supper, reminds us of our unity with one another in Christ and anticipates the banquet of God's kingdom. (#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. (#1382)

[This sacrament is called] Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words eucharistein and eulogein recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim – especially during a meal – God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification. (#1328)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: Share one way that the Eucharist connects us as "one body" — how does it change the way we relate to each other?

YOUTH: Jesus tells us that through the Eucharist we will remain in him and he is us. How does the Eucharist keep you in relationship with Jesus?

CHILDREN: How does receiving Holy Communion change how you treat those around you?

Check out our website for summer! We have our weekly bulletin published on it. Our website is www.stn-church.com/bulletin.

Just click on the weekly bulletin for our current bulletin.

E-mail request! Updating all parishioners' e-mail addresses for our new ministry scheduler. Please send your e-mail address to Ramona at rweigel@eaglecom.net or call the Parish Office at 628-1446.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, to observe Memorial Day.

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. May 24 5:00 p.m.+ Clem & Ida Dinkel
 Sun. May 25 9:30 a.m.+ Leonard & Regina Braun
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 Mon. May 26 7:30 a.m.+ Daryl Haselhorst
 Wed. May 28 7:30 a.m.+ Bertha Binder
 Fri. May 30 7:30 a.m.+ Ron Ream
 Sat. May 31 5:00 p.m.+ Leo & Robert Orth
 Sun. June 1 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Ben & Florence Stang Family



Come Worship the King of Kings on Sunday, May 25, 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.

The Seminarian Education Collection

will be taken up this weekend. **A special collection** will be taken up for the **Myanmar Cyclone** this weekend also. Thank you for your generosity.



New Summer Parish Office Hours will begin during the week of May 26: Monday – Thursday: 8am to noon – 1 to 4pm & Friday: 8 to noon.



Crownpoint Mission

Crownpoint is in need of monetary donations to offset the fuel cost for the trucks. Trucks will be loaded at 6:30pm, on May 29. All help and donations are greatly appreciated!

Church Repairs

To Date \$43,760

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

Week Collection of May 18	\$ 16,216
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,812
Collection Year to Date	\$580,454
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$555,164
As of May 18, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 25,290

MONEY COUNTERS

May 25	JoAnn Koerner, Marjorie Schumacher, & Mildred Snook
June 1	Mark & Amanda Lang
June 8	Greg & LaNae Lang
June 15	Greg & Kimarae May

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Readings for Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, May 26 (St. Philip Neri)

1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c;
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 27 (St. Augustine of Canterbury)

1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23;
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 28

1 Peter 1:18-25; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 29

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Psalm 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mark 10:46-52

Friday, May 30 (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10;
1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday, May 31

(The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16;
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, June 1

Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32;
Psalm 31:2-3, 3-4, 17, 25 (3b); Romans 3:21-25, 28;
Matthew 7:21-27

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarship applications are now available through the parish office. Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship (new and renewal applications available). Eligibility requirements include being an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina; must attend a Catholic college as fulltime student. Monsignor Clement Kruse Scholarship Fund: applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. Deadline for both scholarships is July 1.



The National Survivors Day

Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 1, at St. Nicholas Church Parish Hall, from 2 to 4pm. Cancer Survivors, their families and caregivers are invited to "Experience the Peaceful Pleasures of Life". Sponsored by the

Cancer Council of Ellis County. For more information call the Cancer Council at 625-6653.

St. Joseph Cemetery maintenance staff is preparing the cemetery for Memorial Day. We ask that you remove any floral arrangements that you wish to keep, with the exception of those in containers attached to the monument. Items not picked up which interfere with mowing and trimming will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery staff. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Faith Formation News Confirmation Candidates

Bi-weekly summer packets will be mailed to you beginning with the 9th week in Ordinary time (June 1).

Work on these throughout the summer to continue your personal preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Sept. Please put all papers in your binder and write responses or reflections in your journal. Continue to work on your service projects. Service **Form D** is Due August 1. Have a Blessed Summer!



Heartland Parishes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tues., May 27 – Fri., May 30,
from 9am-12pm, in the Kennedy
Middle School Gym.

Can you donate the following items for VBS? Bring to parish office. Metal coffee cans, oatmeal canisters, paper towel tubes, dried beans (all varieties), rubber bands (all sizes), shoe boxes

SUMMER INSTITUTE COURSES

June 22-26 - Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend Open to any adult interested in an intensive experience of learning, community, and spiritual retreat. Participants can take up to two complete courses for college credit or for personal/professional enrichment. Morning and Afternoon classes. Room & Board available. Courses being offered: Morning – Theology of Ministry (Mr. Wayne Talbot), Ten Things to Know about St. Paul (Fr. John Lodge), Introduction to World Religions (Fr. Randall Weber) Afternoon – Church History (Fr. Kerry Ninemire), Finding God in Movies (Fr. Barry Brinkman), Practical Aspects of worship (Fr. Frank Coady) **Pre-registration Due by June 6.** Contact Kathy at the parish office for registration form or further information.

Summer Volunteer Ministry: A Mission of Hope

An exciting summer experience, A Mission of Hope, is being planned for the Denver, CO area to assist programs that serve the homeless or those in need of housing. This opportunity is available for single, Catholic women, ages 16-45, and is scheduled for July 3-10. Space is limited. Registration must be received by June 2. Please contact Sr. Teri Wall, OP at teriop@msn.com or 303-922-2997 for more information. The cost is \$100 which helps defray some of the expenses. The Dominican Sisters of Great Bend are sponsoring this Mission of Hope. Consider giving a week to make a difference in your life and someone else's.

The Community Assistance Center is in need of good used furniture. Beds, dressers, sofas and kitchen tables. Will pick up on Fridays, please call 625-9110.

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NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS

Information has been recorded from Stewardship forms received to date. While there are many new names for participants in weekend ministries, there were **NO NEW NAMES** submitted to draw from for the various leadership Commissions.

The new terms begin July 1, 2008, and new members are needed to replace existing members whose terms will expire.

Parish Council will need nominations for elected members (3 year term)

Finance Council will need to replace 1-2 members (3 year term)

Religious Education/Faith Formation will need to replace 4 members (3 year term)

In addition the **Family Life, Stewardship, and Liturgy/Art & Environment/Music** (see below) commissions need more working members (no terms).

Please prayerfully consider becoming an active participant in the leadership of our parish family. Contact the parish office for more information about a specific commission or to be put in contact with a commission chairperson.

"He who serves his brothers and sisters, serves the Lord."
St. Paul

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.

Holy Family Elementary

May 26-30 - School Office Closed

August 6 - 08-09 Enrollment and Uniform Sale, both new & used.



-- **Summer Office Hours for June & July:** Tuesday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm, lunch hour, 11am to 12:30pm. Closed Monday and Friday. Watch your parish bulletin for updates on office hours as there will possibly be other days that the office is not open. Please call the office, 625-3131, if you are uncertain. Scrip Gift Cards are available throughout the summer in the school office, TMP, and Julie Haselhorst, 628-1916.

-- **Position Open:** Holy Family Elementary has an opening for After School Care Director and an opening for a ½ time Para position to assist in the first grade classroom. If you are a caring individual who would like to make a difference in a young student's life please contact Mrs. Simon at 625-3131 or stop by the school office.



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TMP-Marian Boys Basketball Camp Cost of each session \$25.00 for grades 3 & 4, \$30.00 for grades 5 & 6, and \$45.00 for grades 7 & 8.

-- Date: Monday, June 9 thru Thursday, June 12, for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 (next year)

-- Date: Monday, June 18 Thru Thursday, June 21 for grades 7 & 8 (next year)

-- Times: 9 to 10am Grades 3-4 (next year)

10:30am to Noon Grades 5-6 (next Year)

1 to 3:30pm Grades 7 - 8 (next Year)

-- **High School Boys Basketball Camp**

Date: Monday-Friday June 16-20

Incoming Freshman 1 - 2:30pm

10th - 12th grade 9am - Noon

Place: Al Billinger Fieldhouse

Contact: Joe Hertel Phone 625-8696

-- **An Excellent Opportunity:** Thomas More Prep - Marian High School, Hays, KS is looking for Resident Advisors for both resident programs. Qualified men and women could earn room, board and salary. Opportunities for college credit also a possibility. Must possess good judgment skills, patience, discipline, a professional attitude and a willingness to work as a valued team member. Resident Advisors assist in the supervision, discipline, organizing activities and transportation of students from all over the world. For more information about these positions please contact: Michelle Fairbank @ fairbankm@tmp-m.org or 785-432-1212.

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Stewardship: A Disciple's Response (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) Stewardship Breeds Healthy, Wholesome, Evangelization

Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization. As stewards of the mysteries of God (cf. 1 Cor 4:1), people desire to tell others about them and about the light they shed on human life, to share the gifts and graces they have received from God, especially knowledge of Christ Jesus, "who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption" (1 Cor 1:30). Human beings, says Pope Paul VI, "have the right to know the riches of the mystery of Christ. It is in these...that the whole human family can find in the most comprehensive form and beyond all their expectations everything for which they have been groping" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 53).

Join the Heartland Vocation Commission

The Heartland Vocation Commission welcomes anyone interested in serving on the commission to call Pam Windholz at 625-9712. Meetings are quarterly. The Vocation Commission actively promotes vocations through sponsoring radio ads, assisting at the Vocation Golf Scramble and "Runnin Revs" Basketball competition, monthly letters of encouragement and care packages at Christmas to seminarians and religious candidates and supporting the Knights of Columbus Vocation poster contest. This is an excellent way to become involved in encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Memorialize your Family!

The New Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Salina allows designated funds. Donors may designate one or more specific Catholic parishes, ministries, schools, or organizations to receive annual grants from their endowed fund. The minimum to establish such a fund is \$10,000, but you have up to five years to do so. Set up a "Jones" family fund. This is a wonderful way to memorialize family members and help your Church. Contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 or stjstewardship@eaglecom.net for more information.

We are Suspending Shipments of Religious Items to Iraq

Tour of duty is ending for the Catholic chaplain to whom we have been sending religious items. Please do not deliver any more religious items to St. Joseph until we can find a new chaplain to receive and distribute the items.

Heartland Evangelization Committee:

Heartland Parishes Evangelization Committee has been doing a myriad of newspaper, radio, television, reader board, website and other combinations of mass-media evangelization reaching 26 counties in Kansas to help restore Catholicism to its past vitality in Ellis County. We are scheduling more *Catholics Returning Home* Sessions and, in August, will hold a "*Divorced Catholics Information Night*". These initiatives are being funded solely through quarterly donations by generous, passionate, enthusiastic Catholics who want to bring inactive Catholics home and un-churched people into the Catholic Church. **We are the New Evangelization. There is nobody else to do this but us.** If you can help with donations, please send a check payable to: Heartland Parish Ministries, P.O. Drawer 1000, Hays, Kansas or contact Mark Roberti 625-7356. You can also donate things other than cash, which we can turn into cash, such as metals, jewelry, art, vehicles, etc.

Diocese of Salina First Ever Stewardship Conference

Is Friday evening, Aug. 22, and Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Holiday Inn in Salina. Please mark your calendar. The speakers are excellent. This will deepen your faith.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

There is a tremendous need for good people to step forward and help children in Ellis County. Some are victims of violence, emotional torment, or sexual abuse. Others have been neglected or even abandoned by their own parents. Often, these children have become victims of overburdened systems designed to help them. CASA is seeking volunteers to have a positive influence on the circumstances of a child's life. For more information contact Carol Brull, St. Joseph Parishioner, at 625-9707.

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Social Justice Commission Reflection

We support a recommitment to the national pledge of 'safe and affordable housing' for all and effective policies that will increase the supply of quality housing and preserve, maintain, and improve existing housing." [Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility. US Catholic Bishops]

THE DAYS AHEAD

May 27 Pastoral Council Meeting, 5:30 pm

May 28 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

May 31 Men of Myra, 7:30am

June 1 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am

-- All American Breakfast, 7:30am to 12:30pm,
American Legion (Benefits: Hays Fireman's
Relief Association)

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