

Sunday, June 1, 2008: Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21)
As is perhaps true of other sayings of Jesus hinting or openly declaring that some people will not enter the kingdom of heaven, you may find this one both challenging to proclaim and difficult for the assembly to hear.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes himself very plain that being his disciple requires more than lip service. It demands action and the observance of a heightened degree of moral and ethical behavior based on the law Jesus says he has come not to abolish, but to fulfill (5:17-19). Jesus’ interpretation of the law is quite rigorous. According to Jesus, “You shall not kill” also forbids anger and insults (5:21-26). “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” in truth means that a disciple must offer no resistance to wrongs against his or her person or property (5:38-42). There are many other examples in the Sermon on the Mount of the high bar Jesus sets for his followers.

The example of the houses built on sand and rock vividly illustrates the point that one either follows instructions or invites destruction. As a builder is responsible for the foundation of a house, so also is the disciple responsible for living a life that merits entry into the kingdom.

The persistent theme of this outlook, reflected in today’s reading (Deuteronomy 11:26-28), is that Israel’s good fortune depends both on its worship of God and God alone.

Deuteronomy 11:18 describes a kind of legal observance that goes well beyond just following rules. The commands of God are to be taken to “heart and soul,” symbolized in the vivid image of the law bound to wrist and forehead. Transforming the people from the inside out, the work of observing the law has the power to make Israel into the holy nation God desires it to be.

The great theme of Romans is how God has united both Jews and Gentiles in a common plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.

In today’s reading, Paul says, “For we consider that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (Romans 3:28). Just as sin binds both Gentiles and Jews (Romans 3:23), so also is a right relationship with God possible for both groups through Jesus Christ. Paul’s point is not that Jewish law must be rejected (see Romans 3:31), only that justification by faith in Christ apart from the law offers justification to Jews and Gentiles alike. Neither is preferred. Neither is excluded. Romans 3:29 makes this clear: “Does God belong to Jews alone? Does he not belong to Gentiles, too? Yes, also to Gentiles” (Romans 3:29)

Masses, Intentions & Services

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
Wed.	June 4	7:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of Genevieve Legleiter Family
Fri.	June 6	7:30 a.m.+	Kenneth Thyfault & Rose Erbert
Sat.	June 7	5:00 p.m.+	William Bittner
Sun.	June 8	9:30 a.m.	Leonard & Regina Braun
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

Fr. Daryl will be attending his nephew’s ordination into the Priesthood this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR generosity towards the collections last weekend. The total collection for the Seminarian Education Collection was \$757.00 and for the Myanmar Cyclone Collection was \$1,000.00.

The Crownpoint Committee would like to thank all who helped load the trucks, donated food, clothing and monetary gifts for St. Paul’s Mission. Ernie and Darlene Kroeger and Marvin and Rozanne Augustine will make the trip. *Thanks to all!*

WELCOME

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish family:

Deenna Gregg and family
Shane and Jada Vehige and family

Church Repairs

To Date \$43,885

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

Week Collection of May 25	\$ 10,667
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,812
Collection Year to Date	\$591,121
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$566,976
As of May 25, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 24,145

The parish tithes for May went to St. Paul’s Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, CYO Mission Trips, and Catholic Relief Services.

MONEY COUNTERS

June 1	Greg & LaNae Lang
June 8	Mark & Amanda Lang
June 15	Greg & Kimarae May
June 22	Kristi, Samantha, & Sara Newell

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Readings for Ninth Week in Ordinary Time Monday, June 2 (St. Marcellinus and St. Peter)

2 Peter 1:2-7; Psalm 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16;
Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday, June 3

(St. Charles Lwanga and companions)

2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18;
Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 4

2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Psalm 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef;
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday, June 5 (St. Boniface)

2 Timothy 2:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;
Mark 12:28-34

Friday, June 6 (St. Norbert)

2 Timothy 3:10-17; Psalm 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166,
168; Mark 12:35-37

Saturday, June 7

2 Timothy 4:1-8; Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, June 8

Hosea 6:3-6; Psalm 50:1, 8, 12-13, 14-15 (23b);
Romans 4:18-25; Matthew 9:9-13

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!



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.

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 rweigle@eaglecom.net or call the Parish Office at 628-1446.

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.



Prayer and Action: Mission Experience in Our Own Backyard

Coming in July, there is wonderful opportunity for residents of Hays and surrounding areas. Three groups of Catholic youth from the Salina Diocese will be coming to Hays between July 6-25. They are looking to provide service work for area residents / agencies. Needed are approximately 50-60 projects (depending on size and complexity) of outdoor/ indoor work that does not require securing building permits. No rental units, please. We will also be looking for donations of supplies and tools from area businesses and/or residents. This is a non-denominational outreach.

The St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parishioners to help with the concession stand at the Ellis County Fair this year. The fair will begin on Saturday, July 12, and run through Saturday, July 19. If you would like to volunteer to work the concessions, please contact Glen and Marilyn Gabel at 628-2120 and let them know which evening or evenings you can help. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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

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.



--**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)

SOLIDARITY AND STEWARDSHIP

While the unity arising from the covenant assumes and requires human solidarity, it also goes beyond it, producing spiritual fruit insofar as it is founded on union with the Lord. "I am the vine, you are the branches," Jesus says. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit" (Jn 15:5). As Simone Weil remarks, "A single piece of bread given to a hungry man is enough to save a soul – if it is given in the right way."

In this world, however, solidarity encounters many obstacles on both the individual and social levels. It is essential that Jesus' disciples do what can be done to remove them.

The most basic and pervasive obstacle is sheer selfish lack of love, a lack which people must acknowledge and seek to correct when they find it in their own hearts and lives. For the absence of charity from the lives of disciples of Jesus in itself is self-defeating and hypocritical. "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar" (1 Jn 4:20).

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).

Seniors Sharing

Classic Movie Trivia & Refreshments

Please join us Friday, June 13, at 2:30pm, at the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall for *Classic Movie Trivia* fun. All are invited. Refreshments will be served. This is sponsored by the Heartland Parishes Seniors Sharing Group.

Heartland Parishes

Social Justice Commission Reflection

We encourage solutions to violent crime that reflect the dignity of the human person, urging our nation to abandon the use of capital punishment." [Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility. US Catholic Bishops]

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.

Heartland Evangelization Committee:

We are the New Evangelization. There is nobody else to do this but us. We're doing significant mass-media evangelization in Ellis County and beyond. 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.

THE DAYS AHEAD

June 1 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!

June 3 Community Assistance Center Garage Sale, 8 to 11am, 12th & Oak

June 4 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

June 7 Men of Myra, 7:30am

June 8 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 31 & JUNE 1

5:00 P.M. Mass

EM

Darlene Arnhold
Celina Beilman
Glen Gabel
Jeanie Munsch
Charles Munsch
Lawrence Rome
Kathleen Rome

Proclaimer

Tom Toepfer #1
Mary Toepfer #2

Hospitality

Stan Mayers

Sacristan

Marilyn Gabel

Altar Servers

Alayna Arnhold
Alysia Arnhold
Macie Stoecklein

Gift Bearers

Norman Keller

9:30 AM Mass

EM

Pamela Munsch
Joel Dreiling
Joe Glassman
Connie Grant
Eric Moeder
Karen Moeder
Iris Lang+

Proclaimer

Emily Volker #1
Richard Rajewski #2

Hospitality

Richard Gottschalk

Sacristan

Paul Kraus

Altar Servers

David Moeder
Michael Moeder
Grace Volker

Gift Bearers

Michael Volker

11:00 AM Mass

EM

Sara Humphrey
Nolan Allen
Mary Braden
Mark Heimerman
Rose McFarland
Cathy Pfeifer
Bob Wasinger

Proclaimer

Mary Hickman #1
Katie Carmichael #2

Hospitality

Steve Keil

Sacristan

Andrea Carmichael

Altar Servers

Jessie Carmichael
Taylor Pfeifer
Alexis Wasinger

Gift Bearers

Frank Medina