

Sunday, June 8, 2008: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

MADE TO LOVE

God invites us into a relationship of steadfast love.

It is hard for us humans to fathom the great breadth and depth of God's love. We so easily put limits and boundaries on our love, careful to preserve our own interests. God calls us to a relationship of covenant love, a love that knows no limits, a love that shows itself not only in our words, but in our thoughts and our actions.

National Catechetical Directory

The interior help of the Holy Spirit must "precede and assist" faith, "moving the heart and turning it to God, opening the eyes of the mind and giving "joy and ease to everyone in assenting to the truth and believing it." Thus one believes in response to grace.

Faith calls for responses of assent, trust, surrender, and obedience to God. Thus faith means commitment, and in this sense it is a deep personal relationship with the Lord. Moments of doubt and anxiety, arising from our weakness, can be expected in the life of faith. Nevertheless, God is faithful. The Lord Jesus reminds us: "Have faith in God and faith in me....I am the way, the truth and the life." (#57)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

God's love for Israel is compared to a father's love for his son. His love for his people is stronger than a mother's for her children...."God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" [Jn 3:16]. (#219)

The God of our faith has revealed himself as He who is; and he has made himself known as "abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" [Ex 34:6]. (#231)

"The righteous shall live by faith." Living faith "work[s] through charity" [Rom 1:17, Gal 5:6]. (#1814)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: What is your strategy for making sure you are able to hear when Christ calls you here today to follow him? How is that call sounded in your life?

YOUTH: Jesus hung out with people who weren't perfect and yet called them to follow him anyway. What is imperfect in you? How does this help you to follow Jesus?

CHILDREN: How do you help Jesus, as his friend and follower, to do his work today?

WE PRAY FOR Matthew Bieker and Meagan Speier as they celebrated their Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, May 31. May Christ be the light that is forever present in your midst.



Masses, Intentions & Services

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
 Wed. June 11 7:30 a.m. **NO MASS**
 Fri. June 13 7:30 a.m.+ Delbert Walters
 Sat. June 14 5:00 p.m.+ Martha Culbreath
 Sun. June 15 9:30 a.m.+ Orlando Wasinger
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the priests of the Salina Diocese as they join in retreat and renewal this coming week in Wichita. May their time together be filled with the blessings of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS: New pastoral council members elected the weekend of May 31 & June 1 were: Theresa Flax, Mary Hickman and Mary Ann Shorman. Thank you to Melissa Jensen and Patty Rohr for being candidates for this election. May God bless you and all those who volunteer their time, talent and treasure to St. Nicholas of Myra in your giving in Total Stewardship.

ST. NICHOLAS'S PARISH MISSION will be on the weekend of June 14 and 15 at all Masses. John Blazak will be the speaker. He is from Gallup, New Mexico.

On Vacation, need to find out weekend Mass times for the area you are in? Call: **1-800-MASS-TIME** or visit on the web: www.masstimes.org.

Church Repairs

To Date \$43,885

Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2007/2008 fiscal year started July 1, 2007

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| Week Collection of June 1 | \$ 8,397 |
| Budgeted Weekly Collection | \$ 11,812 |
| Collection Year to Date | \$599,518 |
| Budgeted Collection Year to Date | \$578,788 |
| As of June 1, 2008 we are over/(under) budget | \$ 20,730 |

MONEY COUNTERS

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| June 8 | Mark & Amanda Lang |
| June 15 | Greg & Kimarae May |
| June 22 | Kristi, Samantha, & Sara Newell |
| June 29 | Tammy Gasper & Lisa Hess |

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Readings for Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 9 (St. Ephrem)

1 Kings 17:1-6; Psalm 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 10

1 Kings 17:7-16; Psalm 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8;
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 11 (St. Barnabas)

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, June 12

1 Kings 18:41-46; Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13;
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday, June 13 (St. Anthony of Padua)

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Matthew
5:27-32

Saturday, June 14

1 Kings 19:19-21; Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10;
Matthew 5:33-37

Sunday, June 15

Exodus 19:2-6a; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c); Romans 5:6-11;
Matthew 9:36-10:8

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!

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.

Jr. CYO

On Sunday, July 20, The Heartland Parish Jr. CYO groups will be gathering for a Sonic Volleyball Night. This event is scheduled from 7 until 9pm. So mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

The Hays Good Samaritan Center located at 2700 Canal St., have a request to make. They have a number of residents who are Catholics. They are in need of people who would be interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers to bring the Eucharist to these residents on Sunday morning beginning at 9:30am. This ministry would take from about an hour to an hour and a half. The residents are familiar with this kind of service because it has been offered to them previously but at the present time we do not have enough Ministers to cover all the Sundays.

You would be asked to minister once a month or every six weeks or eight weeks depending on the number of volunteers they have. You would be expected to attend 3-4 training sessions and then be commissioned at one of the weekly Thursday morning Masses that they have at Hays Good Samaritan. If you are interested please call Sister Betty Maschka at Hays Good Samaritan Center at 625-7331, on Monday or Wednesday, from 1 to 8:30pm, or Thursday and Friday from 9am to 5pm. You can get further information from her and, if you wish, sign up to be trained for this wonderful ministry. Thank you for any assistance you can offer us and please keep us all in your prayers.

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 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.

Jubilee Celebration of Marriage

Bishop Coakley wishes to honor all couples who are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55 and 60 or more years of marriage. Celebrations are planned at St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Hays on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 2 pm, and at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 3:30pm. If you would like to participate in one of these celebrations, please notify your parish office by Monday, June 30, requesting an invitation from Bishop Coakley. Please provide last name, first name of husband and wife, street address/city/state/ZIP, anniversary date and year married, anniversary number being celebrated in 2008 and the location of the parish where you will be attending.

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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 a 1/2 time 2nd grade para position. If you are 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.



--**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.

Heartland Parishes

Social Justice Commission Reflection

"Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor."
[Catechism of the Catholic Church]

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) Extreme disparities in wealth and power

Disparities exist today between person and person, social class and social class, nation and nation. They are contrary to that virtue of solidarity, grounded in charity, which Pope John Paul II commends as the basis of a world order embodying "a new model of the unity of the human race" whose "supreme model" is the intimate life of the Trinity itself (*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*,40). Familiarity with the Church's growing body of social doctrine is necessary in order to grasp and respond to the practical requirements of discipleship and stewardship in light of the complex realities of today's national and international socioeconomic life.

Social justice, which the pastoral letter *Economic Justice for All* calls a kind of contributive justice, is a particular aspect of the virtue of solidarity. Encompassing the duty of "all who are able to create the goods, services, and other nonmaterial or spiritual values necessary for the welfare of the whole community," it gives moral as well as economic content to the concept of productivity. Thus productivity "cannot be measured solely by its output of goods and services." Rather, "patterns of productivity must...be measured in light of their impact on the fulfillment of basic needs, employment levels, patterns of discrimination, environmental impact, and sense of community" (*Economic Justice for All*,71).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 14 & 15

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM

Alan Hoffman
John Allen
Darlene Arnhold
Keith Dreiling

Proclaimer

Mary Toepfer #1
Tom Toepfer #2

Hospitality

Joel Zimmerman
Duane Klein

Sacristan

June Allen (Knittel)

Altar Servers

Jo Good
Stan Mayers
Mary Selensky

Alayna Arnhold
Alysia Arnhold
Macie Stoecklein

Gift Bearers

Eugene Zimmer

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM

Nancy Urban
Andy Beck
Paula Flesher

Proclaimer

Keith Gustin #1
Clare Gustin #2

Hospitality

Kenny Zimmerman

Sacristan

Paul Kraus

Altar Servers

Deb Kraus
Darlene Kroeger
Gene Rice
Ramie Wasinger +

Sarah Jo Gustin
Adam Urban
Taylor Wasinger

Gift Bearers

Matt Allen

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM

Jayne Inlow
Mary Braden
Mary Hickman
Janet Kohl

Proclaimer

Troy Hickman #1
Patty Stull #2

Hospitality

Melvin Schmidt

Sacristan

Jeanie Munsch

Altar Servers

Mary Lou Mastin
Rose McFarland
Jorge Vazquez

Alivia Inlow
Aaron Jeffus
Kaysha Leiker

Gift Bearers

Sharon Campbell

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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.

Please Help Us Increase Our Diocesan Vocations

Increasing vocations to the priesthood and religious life is at the very center of the needs of our Church. It is also the duty of every Catholic. The Heartland Vocation Commission welcomes anyone interested in serving on the commission to call Pam Windholz at 625-9712. Meetings are quarterly. We continuously seek new and creative ways to bring young men and women (and older men and women) to serve our Church as priests and religious. Should you want to help the diocese financially, you can contact Mark Roberti 625-7356.

Want to Help our Bishop?

Bishop Coakley has ambitious plans for our diocese. He is continuously putting new plans, ministries, and projects into effect. With the establishment of the *Diocese of Salina Catholic Community Foundation* we now have a "Bishop's Fund" to assist you in your planned giving objectives and in assisting the Bishop by helping put legs under his vision. This unrestricted fund benefits the entire diocese. From the money you donate, parishes and other agencies will be able to apply for grants which will be awarded by the bishop after consultation with the board of directors. For more information contact Mark Roberti 625-7356.

Your Life Insurance Policies Can be Donated to the Church

If you have a paid up (or partially paid up) whole life insurance policy it can be donated to the parish and you will receive a tax deduction essentially equivalent to the cash surrender of the value of the policy. Insurance policies are generally purchased for the protection of your loved one. Often, as your spouse or children age, you really don't need the policy. As it turned out, God protected you superabundantly. Contact Mark Roberti for more information 625-7356.

We've Suspended Shipments of Religious Items to Iraq

Until we can get a new point man in Iraq, shipments have been suspended. Please do **not** bring any more religious items to us until further notice.

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.



An invitation from the sisters who make our communion hosts: The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at Clyde, MO invite single women, ages 18-40, who are considering religious life, to spend July 5-12 with them and experience monastic life. Take time away from your busy schedule to live life in a contemplative monastery, deepen your prayer life and meet others who are discerning a call to religious life. For more information call Sr. Ruth Starman, OSB, toll free at 1-877-632-6665 or email: vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

The Ellis County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a Golf Tournament to benefit the Second Mile Fund. The tournament will be held at the Hays Municipal Golf Course on July 3. For more information, call 628-1294 or 635-5943.

The Holy Land olive wood hand crafted religious items will be here for sale on the weekend of July 26 and 27, after all Masses. These items help Christian Palestinians keep their presence in the town of Bethlehem the birthplace of Jesus.

Join us at Cup of Joe for Stump the Priest

Part II with Fr. Mike Scully on Wednesday, June 18. Doors will open at 6pm, for those who would like to get something to eat. Fr. Mike will begin at 7 until 8pm. Mark your calendars.



Vocation Prayer

Loving God, you plant the seeds of vocations deep in our being. Help us give proper attention and care to our call so our true vocation will bear fruit in the Church and in the world.

We ask this in the name of
Jesus, your Son.
Amen.

-Vocation Calendar

THE DAYS AHEAD

June 10 D of I Meeting, 7:30pm, at IHM Activity Center.

All members are asked to bring a baby item to take to the Convention in St. Louis in August.

June 11 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

June 14 Men of Myra, 7:30am

June 15 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am