

Sunday, June 22, 2008: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

COURAGE

If we live according to the gospel, we may face opposition.

A part of us would like to believe that if we do what is right, everything will turn out fine. Yet this week's readings remind us that discipleship, being a witness to the gospel, can hurt. We may experience intimidation, misunderstanding, rejection, and persecution if gospel values are in conflict with the norms of the society in which we live. If we question commonly held beliefs or practices and our actions reflect a change from the norm, we may be labeled as troublemakers. Sometimes even those closest to us may turn away because they do not agree or do not understand.

No matter what opposition we face, we have the example of Jesus as our guide. In him we can find the courage to persevere. The gospel reminds us that people can cause injury to our bodies, but the Spirit (of God's love) will endure. Through such trials we will come to know God's peace.

National Catechetical Directory

The power of the risen Lord gives this pilgrim Church "strength to overcome patiently and lovingly the afflictions and hardships which assail her from within and without, and to show forth in the world the mystery of the Lord in a faithful though shadowed way, until a last it will be revealed in total splendor." (#68)

Achieving the final triumph over sin is a lifelong task. Christ's call to conversion is ever timely, for sin remains in the world and its power is strong in human beings. (#99, see also #98.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Fortitude [courage] is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. (#1808)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: Share about ways you have learned to trust God's hand in your life, ways in which you have replaced fear with trust.

YOUTH: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?

CHILDREN: What signs does God send you to assure you of his love?

WE PRAY FOR Brian Watkins and Emily Stover as they celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, June 21.



Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. June 21 5:00 p.m.+ Richard & Florence Gerstner
 Sun. June 22 9:30 a.m.+ Ralph 'Blackie' Augustine
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 Wed. June 25 7:30 a.m.+ Nicholas F. Kreutzer
 Fri. June 27 7:30 a.m.+ Gin Stoecklein
 Sat. June 28 5:00 p.m.+ Ray Schmidtberger
 Sun. June 29 9:30 a.m.+ Celly & Barbara Zimmerman
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - This worldwide special collection supports the charitable works of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and will be taken up throughout the diocese on the weekend of **June 28-29, 2008 instead of the dates (July 5 & 6)** that were indicated on the Diocesan Collection Calendar.

The theme for this year's collection is **Christ Our Hope**. The proceeds from this collection enable the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please assist in promoting this collection as we share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe. Please encourage a generous response. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ppc.

ST. NICHOLAS' PARISH MISSION will be the weekend of June 28 and 29 at all Masses. John Blazak from Gallup, New Mexico will be the speaker. He was unable to make the original date because he missed his flight from Albuquerque, NM into Hays.

Notice: Just a reminder that the end of the Church fiscal year is June 30. Please have any contributions you want credited to the 2007-2008 year in the collection basket by June 29, or before. Thank you!

Church Repairs

To Date

\$44,075

Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2007/2008 fiscal year started July 1, 2007

Week Collection of June 15	\$ 10,407
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,812
Collection Year to Date	\$625,640
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$602,412
As of June 15, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 23,228

MONEY COUNTERS

June 22	Kristi, Samantha, & Sara Newell
June 29	Tammy Gasper & Lisa Hess
July 6	Myron & Carol Schlegel
July 13	Neil & Sondra Klaus

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Readings for Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 23

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13;
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 24

(The Nativity of St. John the Baptist)

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 (14a);
Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday, June 25

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3;
Psalm 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40; Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 26

2 Kings 24:8-17; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9;
Matthew 7:21-29

Friday, June 27 (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

2 Kings 25:1-12; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 28 (St. Irenaeus)

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19;
Psalm 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, June 29 (St. Peter & St. Paul)

Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (5b);
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

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.

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 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. This is a non-denominational outreach. **Items we need to borrow from parishioners:** ladders, rakes, hoses, hand and power saws, tools (hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, etc.), and extension cords. Also, need loan of pickup trucks and/or trailers for hauling. Donations of supplies (trash bags, paint brushes, drop clothes, old rags, etc.) and/or financial contributions would also be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kathy Volker at 628-2692.

Faith Formation News CYO News

Our annual Prayer and Action Mission Trip will be to Beloit this year. Nine youth and two adults will spend this week serving the community in various ways. Please pray for Alex Muirhead, Marc Hertel, Jenna Dreiling, Therese Campbell, Hayley Taylor, Emily Volker, Alexis Inlow, Sabree Legleiter, Skylin Moeder, Kathy Volker & Fr. Daryl that they may have safe travels and open hearts to humbly serve.

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!

Rachel's Vineyard Ministry

"By Saturday evening of the retreat, my wife and I were experiencing abundant grace and the loving support of the retreat team and the other participants. For the first time, we were able to share the story of our abortion and felt safe to share our hearts with each other."

-- Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**

Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and experience mercy and love, and a "new life" in your marriage and family. We can help.

Next retreat: Aug. 8-10
1-877-I-GREIVE (1-877-447-4383)

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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.

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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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC STEWARDSHIP

The Eucharist is the great sign and agent of this expansive communion of charity. "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Cor 10:17). Here people enjoy a unique union with Christ and, in him, with one another. Here his love – indeed, his very self – flows into his disciples and, through them and their practice of stewardship, to the entire human race. Here Jesus renews his covenant-forming act of perfect fidelity to God, while also making it possible for us to cooperate. In the Eucharist, Christians reaffirm their participation in the New Covenant; they give thanks to God for blessings received; and they strengthen their bonds of commitment to one another as members of the covenant community Jesus forms.

And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering? Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ. Disciples give thanks to God for gifts received and strive to share them with others. That is why, as Vatican II says of the Eucharist, "if this celebration is to be sincere and thorough, it must lead to various works of charity and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and to different forms of Christian witness" (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 6).

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.



-- **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.

-- **TMP-Marian High School invites you** to attend a "once in a lifetime" event celebrating 100 years of Catholic education in Ellis County on July 11-13.

Friday, July 11, 2008

- 8am - Golf Tournament Registration
- 9am - Golf Tournament Tee Off
- 10am - Alumni Band Rehearsal in the TMP-M Auditorium
- 12pm - Lunch for Alumni Band and Directors
- 1pm - Final Alumni Band Rehearsal
- 7pm - Opening Prayer and Introduction @ TMP-M Auditorium
- 7:10pm - Alumni Reunion Concert @ TMP-M Auditorium
- 8:40pm Centennial Video Presentation - TMP-M Auditorium

Saturday, July 12, 2008

-- 9-11am School Tours (TMP-Marian School, St Joseph's Parish Center, O'Loughlin Elementary, St. Francis Seminary, Victoria; Marian Hall, Nations Hall and the Ellis County Historical Society will be open for self conducted tours.

Bring you Lawn Chairs, Sunscreen and Umbrellas for the afternoon activities!

- 10am Harold Dorzweiler Polka Band (10am-1PM) Beer Garden, Food Booths (Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Nachos, Soft Pretzels, Etc.) Games, Nex-Tech Train Rides, Memorabilia & Fashion Display
- 1pm Dale Stramel & the Hot Shots Band (1 - 4 PM)
- 5-7pm Buffet Dinner - TMP-M Dining Room (Advanced Reservations Appreciated) Menu: roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, dinner rolls, coleslaw, chocolate or white cake.
- 8-11pm Jimmy Dee Band Open Air Street Dance

Sunday, July 13, 2008

7:30-Noon All you can eat Brunch - TMP-M Dining Room (Free Will Offering)

-- 9am Memorial Mass At Billinger Field house featuring Alumni folk Chorus directed by Fr Mike Schully

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 28 & 29

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Mary Mellick	Eileen Roberts #1	John Allen
Darlene Arnhold	Jason Mayers #2	
Andy Beck		Sacristan
Alan Hoffman		June Allen (Knittel)
Marvin Kaiser	Altar Servers	
Bernice Kaiser	Alayna Arnhold	
Henry Reinhardt	Alysia Arnhold	Gift Bearers
	Macie Stoecklein	Stan Mayers

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Kristie Newell	Joe Mindrup #1	Bill Weber
LeRoy Lang	Connie Grant #2	
Cory Munsch		Sacristan
Pam Munsch	Altar Servers	Pat Lang
Sheila Pfeifer	Joseph Heimann	
Rick Rajewski	Scott Heimann	Gift Bearers
Bob Wasinger +	Bridget Heimann	Richard Weber

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Troy Hickman	Jorge Vazquez #1	Wes Leiker
Mary Braden	Tom Pitner #2	Mike Leiker
Randall Braden		Sacristan
Mary Hickman	Altar Servers	Jeanie Munsch
Janet Kohl	Matea Gregg	
Mary Lou Mastin	Brett Hertel	Gift Bearers
Rose McFarland	Emily Leiker	John Hertel

Heartland Parishes

Social Justice Commission Reflection

We shall always insist upon giving a generous welcome to others which is at once a duty of human solidarity and Christian charity. . . . [They should be] welcomed with brotherly love, [with] examples of upright living in which genuine and effective Christian charity and the highest spiritual values are esteemed. [Paul VI, Populorum Progressio: On the Development of Peoples (March 26, 1967), no. 67]

The Midwest Catholic Family Conference will be held in Wichita's Century II Convention Center from Aug. 1-3. Please help promote this excellent program in your parish to support and strengthen family life, which is so crucial to the life of the Church and society. A vibrant family is so often the source of religious vocations and of lifelong stewards. More detailed information and to register please contact 316-618-9787 or www.catholicfamilyconference.org or email midwconf@cox.net.

RETROUVAILLE a lifeline for troubled marriage will be July 18-20, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, KS. Contact Tim & Betty Stolz at 316-796-0553.

"Do you know a young adult, 14 years or older, who is experiencing feelings of loss from a parental death, divorce or separation? The Young Adult Beginning Experience (YABE) is a peer ministry retreat where they will be in a safe environment to work through their loss and discover they are not alone. The next YABE weekend will be July 11-13. Call Kathy at 316-777-0970 or email Marsha at bmarsha748@yahoo.com for location, questions, or to register. Register by July 1 and save \$10 on the cost of the weekend retreat."

Diocesan Vocations – Please Help!

Unless God intervenes, in the not too distant future, there will be a shortage of clergy to serve our parishes and celebrate Masses in our diocese. The diocese may have to close some smaller outlying parishes. We need your help! Please encourage young men and women who are family members and friends to become priests and/or religious. If you have other ideas or would like to become a member of the Heartland Vocation Commission, contact Pam Windholz at 625-9712. Should you want to help, financially, contact Mark Roberti, the Heartland Parishes Stewardship and Development Director at 625-7356.

“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.

Bunko Blowout:

The Seniors Sharing Group will hold a "Bunko Blowout" on Thursday, July 10, at 2:30pm, at the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. The venue will be Bunko and refreshments. All Heartland parishioners and non-parishioners of any age are invited. Feel free to bring a friend! Come even if you do not know how to play the game of Bunko. We will teach you. It's real fun! This is going to become a regular monthly event as participants enjoyed it so much last time we did it. Contact Laura Sadeghi at 635-3323 if you have any questions.



Healthy Cooking Class and Tasting Party

The Seniors Sharing group will hold a Healthy Cooking Class and Tasting Party at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall on July 18, at 2:30pm. Learn some healthy cooking tips and taste away! Indulge in epicurean delights without sinning! All are invited! For more information contact Laura Sadeghi at 635-3323.

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 DAYS AHEAD

June 25 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
June 28 Men of Myra, 7:30am
June 29 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am