

# Sunday, June 29, 2008: Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles

## FAITH CORNER

The specific content of Peter's confession differs slightly among the three evangelists (Matthew 16:13-16; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21). **But a feature common to all three accounts is the answer to Jesus' question, "But who do you say that I am?"** The English word "messiah" translates Matthew's Greek word *christos*, which means "anointed on." The meaning of this term varied widely at different times and among different groups of Jews. Jews knew it from scripture as a common title of kings (Psalm 18:51: "You have given great victories to your king, and shown kindness to your anointed, to David and his posterity forever"). Many Jews in the first century hoped for a messiah – a king, prophet, priest, angel, or some combination of all four – in expectation of God's direct intervention in the world at the end of days. In the light of the advent, life, ministry, Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Jesus, the disciples came to share in Peter's confession and proclaim it to the world. Indeed, the custom of referring to Christ as though it were Jesus' last name, which we find already in the earliest Christian writings (Paul's letters), likely grew out of a Christian confession similar to Peter's: "Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ" or "Jesus is the Christ."

Alone among the evangelists, Matthew records Jesus' testimony that he will build his Church on the "rock" that is Peter. Matthew 16:17-19 has long been important to Catholic belief in the primacy of Peter among the apostles and of Rome, the Petrine See, among the world's diocese.

"Now I know for certain that [the] Lord sent his angel and rescued me." So Peter speaks upon finding himself freed from prison by an angel's help. This sudden dawn of awareness that God has accomplished something marvelous for him recalls an earlier incident in which Peter at last came to understand the meaning his vision of clean and unclean food (Acts 10:9-16). In response to the centurion Cornelius' testimony that "a man in dazzling robes" told him to send for Peter, Peter comprehends the meaning of a vision he previously received: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:30, 34). In both Acts 10 and today's reading, Peter, without at first understanding, obediently follows God's direction. Only in retrospect does he realize the magnitude of what God has done.

In today's reading, Paul sits in jail, expecting execution. The author, writing in Paul's voice, describes his situation quite vividly: "I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand." He immediately follows up this sacrificial image with an image of himself as an athlete: "I have competed well; I have finished the race" (2 Timothy 4:6-7). Poured libations of wine were sacrifices commonly offered in the course of athletic competitions in antiquity. Ever confident of God's strong support (2 Timothy 4:17-18), Paul compares his career and the twilight of his life to different aspects of an ancient athletic match.

**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!

## Masses, Intentions & Services

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  
 Wed. July 2 7:30 a.m.+ Ivan Gottschalk  
 Fri. July 4 7:30 a.m.+ Herman Berens  
 Sat. July 5 5:00 p.m.+ Martha Culbreath  
 Sun. July 6 9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of  
 Norma Schmeidler Family  
 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 this 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](http://www.usccb.org/ppc).

**ST. NICHOLAS' PARISH MISSION** will be this weekend 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.

**The Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotion Booklet for July, August and September are available in the gathering space.**

## Church Repairs

To Date \$47,650

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

Week Collection of June 22	\$ 9,725
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,812
Collection Year to Date	\$635,365
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$614,224
As of June 22, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 21,141

## MONEY COUNTERS

June 29	Tammy Gasper & Lisa Hess
July 6	Myron & Carol Schlegel
July 13	Neil & Sondra Klaus
July 20	Ramie Wasinger & Bill & Tiffany Weber



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## Readings for Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, June 30**

**(First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)**

Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Psalm 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23;  
Matthew 8:18-22

**Tuesday, July 1**

Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Psalm 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Matthew 8:23-27

**Wednesday, July 2**

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Psalm 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17;  
Matthew 8:28-34

**Thursday, July 3 (St. Thomas)**

Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 20:24-29

**Friday, July 4 (St. Elizabeth of Portugal)**

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Psalm 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131;  
Matthew 9:9-13

**Saturday, July 5 (St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria)**

Amos 9:11-15; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
Matthew 9:14-17

**Sunday, July 6**

Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14;  
Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30



## 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 serve Hays July 6-25. **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.**

## 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!

## 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.

# WELCOME

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

Kathleen Jurgensmeier  
Michael and Emily Reif and family

## WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Annie Lynne Humphrey, infant daughter of Michael and Sara (Newell) Humphrey and Alyse Zimmerman, infant daughter of Travis and Alanna (Pfannenstiel) Zimmerman, who will be baptized on Sunday, June 29.

## 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.

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.

## Rachel's Vineyard Ministry

Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness; in your abundant compassion blot out my offense. A clean heart create for me, God; renew in me a steadfast spirit.

- Psalm 51:3, 12

Experience the abundant compassion of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™.

**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.

**Cup of Joe** will be closed July 4, in observance of the holiday.



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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 Nutrition Service has an opening for a "Main Dish" Cook for the upcoming school year. Hours are approximately 8am to 1pm. If interested please call the school at 625-3131 or stop by for an application.

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

### **The Eucharist is the sign and agent of the heavenly communion**

The Eucharist is the sign and agent of that heavenly communion in which we shall together share, enjoying the fruits of stewardship "freed of stain, burnished and transfigured" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 39). It is not only the promise but the commencement of the heavenly banquet where human lives are perfectly fulfilled.

We have Jesus' word for it: "Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). The glory and the boast of Christian stewards lie in mirroring, however poorly, the stewardship of Jesus Christ, who gave and still gives all he has and is, in order to be faithful to God's will and carry through to completion his redemptive stewardship of human beings and their world.

**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.

## **Heartland Parishes**

### **Social Justice Commission Reflection**

In the Old Testament, the Torah teaches that strangers and the homeless in general, inasmuch as they are exposed to all sorts of dangers, deserve special concern from the believer. Indeed, God clearly and repeatedly recommends hospitality and generosity toward the stranger . . . , reminding Israel of how precarious its own existence had once been. [John Paul II, "Developing Special Concern for the Homeless," *Origins* 26:30 (January 16, 1997): p. 495]



-- **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](mailto: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 JULY 5 & 6

### Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

<b>EM</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Keith Dreiling	Tom Toepfer #1	Galen Gottschalk
Celina Beilman	Mary Toepfer #2	Neil Legleiter
Glen Gabel		<b>Sacristan</b>
Jo Good	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Marilyn Gabel
Marvin Kaiser	Rachel Muirhead	
Bernice Kaiser	Alexis Ralph	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Mary Selensky	Macie Stoecklein	Victor Winter

### Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

<b>EM</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Kristie Newell	Sabree Legleiter #1	John Dopita
Joel Dreiling	Bill Weber #2	
Neil Klaus		<b>Sacristan</b>
Kevin Splichal	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Paul Kraus
Lisa Unrein	Noah Dopita	
Brad Unrein	Nicholas Dopita	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Iris Lang +	Braden Splichal	Mark Lang

### Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

<b>EM</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Jeanie Munsch	Kelsey Duffy #1	Harold Haselhorst
Carrie Gottschalk	Katie Carmichael #2	
Jayne Inlow		<b>Sacristan</b>
Mary Lou Mastin	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Andrea Carmichael
Rose McFarland	Jessie Carmichael	
Charlie Munsch	McKenna Duffy	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Kathy Taylor	Matea Gregg	John Lang

**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](http://www.catholicfamilyconference.org) or email [midwconf@cox.net](mailto:midwconf@cox.net).

**"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](mailto:bmarsha748@yahoo.com) for location, questions, or to register. Register by July 1 and save \$10 on the cost of the weekend retreat."

**HealthScreens "Your Inside Story"** Why are you waiting? Coming soon to our community, a safe testing without x-ray or radiation on July 30-31, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Appointments are necessary. Call now at 1-877-854-4735 (toll-free). Space is limited.

## Vocations – Please Get Involved!

We are all called to recruit for vocations. Please talk about vocations to family members and friends whom you perceive to have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. Contact Pam Windholz at 625-9712. 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. Educating a seminarian is also expensive in our day and age. If you want to help the vocations office 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 is Coming....Regularly

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.

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

## THE DAYS AHEAD

- June 29** G.C.D.A. Breakfast Buffet, 7am to 12:30pm, Gorham Café. (Everyone is welcome!)
- July 2** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- July 5** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- July 6** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am



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