

Sunday, July 20, 2008: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

GOD IS MERCIFUL

God is patient and merciful.

The main concern of the landowner in this week's gospel is to nurture the growth of the wheat rather than to eliminate the weeds. He chose to foster what was good. God's concern is not so much to punish the evildoers, but to call them to a change of heart. God patiently waits for us to repent. As sinners forgiven by God, we too are called to be patient, merciful, and forgiving.

National Catechetical Directory

Sin is a reality in the world. "But despite the increase of sin, grace has far surpassed it" [Romans 5:20]. (#98)

As God's reign takes root within us we become "gentle and humble of heart" like Jesus (Matthew 11:29) through deeds done in holiness, and thus "a kingdom of justice, love and peace" is furthered in this world. (#100)

Each individual has an awesome responsibility for his or her eternal destiny....At the last judgment all people will fully reach their eternal destiny. (#109)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

After his Resurrection, Christ sent his apostles "so that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations" [Lk 24:47]. (#981)

The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy.... (#1829)

The tradition of the Church lists twelve [fruits of the Spirit]: "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity" [Gal 5:22-23 (Vulg)]. (#1832)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: How would you describe "the weeds" which have polluted your own faith, or the faith of people whom you know?

YOUTH: The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc) that you need to weed out? Who can help you with that?

CHILDREN: What are the things that keep you from being a friend of Jesus?

Backpack for Kids



In the gathering space you will find a list of items needed for the Backpack for Kids sponsored by First Call for Help. A box has also been placed in the gathering space for donations you may wish to make. All donations should be made by July 21.

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. July 19 5:00 p.m.+ Bertha Binder
 Sun. July 20 9:30 a.m.+ C. A. Pfannenstiel
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 Wed. July 23 7:30 a.m.+ Pete Dechant
 Fri. July 25 7:30 a.m.+ Marvin Leiker
 Sat. July 26 5:00 p.m.+ Irene Jacobs
 Sun. July 27 9:30 a.m.+ Daniel J. Pfeifer
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

WE PRAY FOR Mark Sandbo and Sarah Healer as they celebrated their Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, July 19.



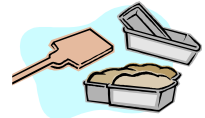
Holy Land olive wood hand crafted religious items.

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem-The birth Place of Jesus-is selling their hand crafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of the Nativity. On July 26 and 27, we will be having some of their beautiful arts held for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



Just a reminder - If you or a member of the parish is in the hospital and would like a visit from Fr. Daryl, please contact the Parish Office at 628-1446.

Notice: If you have any dishes that are left behind from a funeral, please pick them up in the gathering space by the kitchen. Thank you!



Church Repairs

To Date \$47,760

Tithing: Your Gift to God Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008

Week Collection of July 13	\$ 8,184
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$ 22,016
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$ 23,326
As of July 13, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 1,310)

MONEY COUNTERS

July 20	Ramie Wasinger & Bill & Tiffany Weber
July 27	Brad & Lisa Unrein
Aug. 3	Tim & Tina Zimmerman
Aug.10	Henrietta Haselhorst & Judith Zerr-Schamberger

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Readings for Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 21 (St. Lawrence of Brindisi)

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 22 (St. Mary Magdalene)

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8;
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday, July 23 (St. Bridget of Sweden)

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10;
Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17; Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 24 (St. Sharbel Makhluf)

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13;
Psalm 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 25 (St. James)

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Matthew 20:20-28

Saturday, July 26 (St. Joachim and St. Anne)

Jeremiah 7:1-11; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11;
Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday, July 27

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12;
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a);
Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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

The life of a Christian steward, lived in imitation of the life of Christ, is challenging & difficult in many ways; but both here and hereafter it is charged with intense joy.

Christian stewards are conscientious and faithful. After all, the first requirement of a steward is to be "found trustworthy" (1 Cor 4:2). In the present case, moreover, stewardship is a uniquely solemn trust. If Christians understand it and strive to live it to the full, they grasp the fact that they are no less than "God's co-workers" (1 Cor 3:9), with their own particular share in his creative, redemptive, and sanctifying work. In this light, stewards are fully conscious of their accountability. They neither live nor die as their own masters; rather, "if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's (Rom 14:8).

Heartland Parishes

Social Justice Commission Reflection

"The equality of men rests essential on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it: 'Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design.'" [Catechism of the Catholic Church]



Faith Formation Enrollment for 2008-2009 All grades

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2&3

After all Masses

Bring completed packet to table in gathering space.

Packets will be sent out shortly.

Catechists needed in several classes. Our biggest need is for 2 catechists to guide the Confirmation class.

PRAYER and ACTION:

Mission Experience in Our Own Backyard

The Heartland Parishes of Ellis County are proud to host the youth and adult volunteers from the Diocese of Salina who will give of themselves to serve our community. Watch for them around town. Please offer your prayers for them these new few weeks.

CYO News

During each Mass this weekend, several youth who participated in the Prayer and Action Mission trip to Beloit will share about this experience and what it has meant to them.

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!

THE MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

will be held in Wichita's Century II Convention Center from August 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. There will be opportunities each day for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, an outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction and outstanding speakers. Enclosed is a brochure to help promote this event. For more detailed information and/or to register, please contact (316-618-9787) or email midwconf@cox.net. For online registration (credit card only) (www.catholicfamilyconference.org)

COFFEE & CONVERSATION – July 27, after the 9:30am Mass. Hosted by the Finance Council. Come join us!



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Holy Family Elementary

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

Aug. 20 - First Day of School, Kindergarten through 6th Grade. 8 to 11:30am

Sept. 2 - First Day of School, 3-year old Preschool, 8 to 11am

Sept. 3 - First Day of School, 4-year old Preschool; PA 8 to 11am, PB 12:10 to 3:10pm

-- **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.



Thomas More Prep-Marian -- 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 Soccer Camp

Who: Boys & Girls Ages 13 - 18

When: July 28th thru 31st from 6:30-8:30pm,

Where: held at TMP-Marian practice field

A letter has been sent to all students, registration due by Friday, July 18th. Please contact Coach Darryl Wellbrock at 625-2995 or 639-1688, if you have any questions or for more information.

-- **The TMP girls' team basketball camp** for grades 9 through 12 will be held in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse beginning on Monday, July 28, and run through Thursday, July 31. The camp will begin at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please call Coach Alan Billinger at 628-1393.

-- Mark your calendars for TMP-Marian Enrollment

Aug. 5 - Seniors from 8 to 10am

Juniors from 11am to 1pm

Sophomores from 2 to 4pm

Aug. 6 - Freshman from 9 to 11am

-- Join in the **TMP-Marian Monarch Football Madness** an exciting fundraiser tied to the NFL football season! A suggested donation of \$20 gives you the chance to win weekly prizes up to \$300 for the 17 week NFL season. Contact Sandy Losey at the school or send your name and address with your donation to TMP-Marian Attn: Sandy Losey, 1701 Hall Street, Hays, KS 67601.

Discernment Retreat for Women

The Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, KS will be hosting a "Come Risk the Sacred Journey" retreat weekend at 3805 W. Walsh Pl, Denver, CO. They invite single, Catholic women, 18-45, to a discernment weekend known as **Come Risk the Sacred Journey**. The weekend will provide time for prayer, sharing, and relaxation with other women who also may be wondering where God is leading them. But most importantly they will have time to reflect on their own call. The weekend begins at 8:30am, on Saturday, Aug. 2, and will end at 1pm, Sunday, Aug. 3. There is no cost for the weekend. For more information please contact: Sr. Teri Wall, OP at 303-922-2997 or teriop@msn.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 26 & 27

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Marilyn Gabel	Jessalyn Allen #1	Mike Konz
John Allen	Marie Froelich #2	
Glen Gabel		Sacristan
Sr. Vivian Kleinsorge	Altar Servers	June Allen
Gracemary Melvin	Rachel Muirhead	
Sylvia Reinhardt	Garrett Portenier	Gift Bearers
Henry Reinhardt	Alexis Ralph	Curt Dinkel

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Gene Flax	Emily Volker #1	Bernie Werth
Theresa Flax	Jim Krob #2	
Paula Flesher		Sacristan
Deb Kraus	Altar Servers	Paul Kraus
Sheila Pfeifer	Korey Hunziker	
Denis Roberts	Kara Hunziker	Gift Bearers
Nolan Allen +	Grace Volker	Joel Dreiling

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Bob Wasinger	Troy Hickman #1	Steve Keil
Mark Heimerman	Patty Stull #2	
Sara Humphrey		Sacristan
Janet Kohl	Altar Servers	Kathy Jacobs
Rose McFarland	Brittany Dinkel	
Kathy Taylor	Kaysha Leiker	Gift Bearers
Jorge Vazquez	Alexis Wasinger	Matt Woydziak

Attention Women: we are featuring Ladies Night Out at Cup of Joe on Friday, July 25. We will show the movie "Miss Congeniality". Come and enjoy the movie with a friend.

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Rachel's Vineyard Ministry

No matter what has happened in your life, you are created in the image and likeness of God.

He created you for a great good, and He will help to restore you when you feel broken and worn down. We can help.

Next retreat: Aug. 8-10

1-877-I-GREIVE (1-877-447-4383)

www.rachelsvineyard.org

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The Diocesan Respect Life Commission is sponsoring a Banquet/Conference featuring Fr. Frank Pavone, Director of Priest's for Life, September 5 & 6. *Banquet:* Friday, Sept 5, Social at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, Holiday Inn, Salina. *Cost:* \$20.00 *Conference:* Sat., Sept. 6, 10am to 4pm, St. Mary's Queen of the Universe, Salina. *Cost:* \$20.00 for general public. For ticket and additional information contact Donetta Robben (785-625-9356 or email: rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org)

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.: The third annual bus trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life January 22, 2009 is currently being planned for people from the Salina Diocese who wish to go. Two buses have been reserved and plans are to again stay at the Hyatt Hotel (Capitol Hill).. Contact Reg & Jan Konrade, 785-263-7999, rjkonrade@eaglecom.net for additional information.



A Christian Look at Mormonism – July 24

Knock, knock. Ex-Catholics comprise a substantial proportion of today's Mormon church. This sect, which holds itself out to be Christian, does not believe in many of the very foundational elements of Christianity. In fact, they do not even believe in the Trinity as one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They believe Jesus to be a god, amongst many other gods, including every good Mormon who has ever died. Come learn just some of the many, many, contradictions of Mormonism. Mark Roberti, who holds a Masters of Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, will present at two separate times on Thursday, July 24, at the St. Joseph Parish Center. For those who do not like to drive at night, it will be held from 2:30 to 4pm. For all others it will be from 7 to 8:30pm. After this presentation, the next time two clean-cut, very nice, Mormon missionaries knock on your door, you may be eager to invite them in for reasons that will surprise them!

“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. Register before July 31.

Friday Night at the Movies

Free Flicks with the Family of Faith

We're going to pilot a **“Friday Night at the Movie Series”**. Parishioners, families, and friends with nothing more important on the evenings of July 25, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, can join us starting at 6:30pm, for great movies with wonderful themes. Popcorn and other refreshments will be out for the taking. We will have those who don't drive at night home while it is light! Contact Mark Roberti for more information 625-7356.

Our three, excellent selections are:

- 7/25: **Mother Teresa** – a superb and truly inspirational movie about the Mother Teresa's life and ministry.
- 8/1: **Amazing Grace** – the incredible story of how slavery was ultimately banned in England
- 8/8: **To End All Wars** – a powerfully moving story of life Americans and Brits in a Japanese concentration camp.

Seniors Sharing

Laughing it up for Better Health

Mark your calendar to join the Heartland Parishes Seniors Sharing Group on Friday, Aug. 8, at 2:30pm, in the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall for our “Laughing it up for better health” event. This one is meant to be sheer fun. Contact Laura Sadeghi for more information. Contact Laura Sadeghi for more information 635-3323.



Divorced Catholic Information Presentation – Sunday, August 24

There are legions of misunderstandings as to what the Catholic Church teaches on divorce, annulment, and remarriage. On Sunday, Aug. 24, at 3pm, in the TMP Auditorium, our diocesan expert, Fr. Ken Lohrmeyer, will present on this subject. Let's clear up the misunderstandings! For more information contact Mark Roberti 625-7356.

Bunco is off and running...join us in August

Our first monthly Bunco party in July was a blast. All the players said they are coming back...some with friends! Join us, Thursday, Aug. 14, at 2:30pm, in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall. There are prizes and refreshments. Contact Laura Sadeghi for more information 625-3323.

Volunteer Opportunity – Come be a Brave New Girl Scout! Girls in the Hays area need YOU! Whether you have 1 hour, 1 month, 1 day or 1 year, we invite you to Discover Girl Scouting, Connect to the new Leadership Experience for girls and Take Action to make a difference. Volunteer Sign Up Night, Thursday, July 24, 6:30pm, at the Girl Scout Center, 2707 Vine Street, Suite 8, Hays. For more information on how you can become a Girl Scout volunteer, contact Monica Legleiter or Jennifer Amrein at 785-625-5671.

THE DAYS AHEAD

July 20 Fraternal Order of Eagles #3061 Food Bingo
1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8th St.,
Everyone welcome!

July 23 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

July 26 Men of Myra, 7:30am

July 27 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am