

# Sunday, July 27, 2008: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FAITH CORNER

### WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?

**The kingdom of God is a treasure beyond price.**

God has called each of us to the kingdom. This call gives true meaning and value to our lives. Living in response to that call is worth every effort on our part.

### **National Catechetical Directory**

*Faith is a free response to God revealing.* (#58)

*God is all-good, holy, just and merciful, infinitely wise and perfect. He has made firm commitments to human beings and bound them to Himself by solemn covenants. He has each individual always in view. He frees, saves, and loves His people with the love of a father and spouse. His goodness is the source of our eternal hope and should prompt us to worship Him.*

(#84)

*Christ, in whom the divine and human are most perfectly one, manifests in the world God's hidden plan to share His life with us, to pour out His own Spirit upon all flesh, so that we who were formed in His image should be called, and be, His children, addressing Him in truth as "our Father."*

(#91)

*All people seek happiness: life, peace, joy, wholeness and wholeness of being. The happiness human beings seek and for which they are fashioned is given in Jesus, God's supreme gift of love. He comes in the Father's name to bring the fulfillment promised to the Hebrew people and, through them, to all people everywhere. He is Himself our happiness and peace, our joy and beatitude.*

(#100, see also #101.)

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

*In economic matters, respect for human dignity requires the practice of the virtue of temperance, so as to moderate attachment to this world's goods; the practice of the virtue of justice, to preserve our neighbor's rights and render him what is his due; and the practice of solidarity, in accordance with the golden rule and in keeping with the generosity of the Lord....* (#2407)

### **FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**ADULTS:** Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "The reign of God is \_\_\_\_\_."

**YOUTH:** Today's gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?

**CHILDREN:** If you could be with Jesus, what would you trade from your own things for that?

## Masses, Intentions & Services

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  
 Wed. July 30 7:30 a.m.+ Mary Frances Klaus  
 Fri. Aug. 1 7:30 a.m.+ Delbert Walters  
 Sat. Aug. 2 5:00 p.m.+ Alfred Arpin  
 Sun. Aug. 3 9:30 a.m.+ Vernie Mermis  
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

### **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.



### **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.

# WELCOME

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

Corey and Jennifer Sorenson and family

### Church Repairs

To Date \$47,760

### **Tithing: Your Gift to God**

**Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008**

Week Collection of July 20	\$ 12,302
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$ 34,318
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$ 34,989
As of July 20, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 671)

### MONEY COUNTERS

July 27	Brad & Lisa Unrein
Aug. 3	Tim & Tina Zimmerman
Aug.10	Henrietta Haselhorst & Judith Zerr-Schamberger
Aug. 17	Melvin & Karen Bruggeman

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## Readings for Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, July 28

Jeremiah 13:1-11; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21;  
Matthew 13:31-35

### Tuesday, July 29 (St. Martha)

Jeremiah 14:17-22; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13;  
John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

### Wednesday, July 30 (St. Peter Chrysologus)

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21;

Psalm 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Matthew 13:44-46

### Thursday, July 31 (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Jeremiah 18:1-6; Psalm 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab;  
Matthew 13:47-53

### Friday, August 1 (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Jeremiah 26:1-9; Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14;

Matthew 13:54-58

### Saturday, August 2

#### (St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;  
Matthew 14:1-12

### Sunday, August 3

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18;  
Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

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

Christian stewards are generous out of love as well as duty. They dare not fail in charity and what it entails, and the New Testament is filled with warnings to those who might be tempted to substitute some counterfeit for authentic love. For example: "If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?" (1 Jn 3:17). Or this: "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days" (Jas 5:1-3).

What then are Christians to do? Of course people's lives as stewards take countless forms, according to their unique vocations and circumstances. Still, the fundamental pattern in every case is simple and changeless: "Serve one another through love . . . bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal 5:13, 6-2). This includes being stewards of the Church, for, as we are quite specifically told, "the Church of the living God" is "the household of God" (1 Tim 3:15), and it is essential to practice stewardship there.

### Heartland Parishes

#### Social Justice Commission Reflection

The Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the gospel, and an essential part of the Church's mission [US Catholic Bishops, "Communities of Salt and Light"]



## 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.

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**Catechists needed in several classes.** Our biggest need is for 2 catechists to guide the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation class.

### 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](mailto:midwconf@cox.net). For online registration (credit card only) ([www.catholicfamilyconference.org](http://www.catholicfamilyconference.org))

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2 & 3

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

##### EM

Celina Beilman

Marvin Kaiser

Bernice Kaiser

Stan Mayers

Henry Reinhardt

Kathy Rome

Larry Rome

##### Proclaimer

Keith Dreiling #1

Rosalie Nichols #2

##### Altar Servers

Brett Leiker

Rachel Muirhead

Macie Stoeklein

##### Hospitality

Gene Beilman

Gloria Mlinek

##### Sacristan

Sylvia Reinhardt

##### Gift Bearers

Steve Meyers

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

##### EM

Lisa Unrein

Joel Dreiling

Neil Klaus

Gene Rice

Kevin Splichal

Brad Unrein

Rose McFarland +

##### Proclaimer

Bill Weber #1

Connie Grant #2

##### Altar Servers

Sarah Jo Gustin

Taylor Wasinger

Morgan Weber

##### Hospitality

Kenny Zimmerman

##### Sacristan

LeRoy Lang

##### Gift Bearers

Richard Weber

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

##### EM

Geralyn Allen

Andy Beck

Carrie Gottschalk

Mary Hickman

Sara Humphrey

Kathy Taylor

Jorge Vazquez

##### Proclaimer

Andrew Allen #1

Kelsey Duffy #2

##### Altar Servers

McKenna Duffy

Brett Hertel

Emily Leiker

##### Hospitality

Melvin Schmidt

##### Sacristan

Nolan Allen

##### Gift Bearers

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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rjkonrade@eaglecom.net) for additional information.



-- **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 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.

**SCRAMBLE FOR VOCATIONS** is scheduled for Aug. 1, at the Ft. Hays Municipal Golf Course in Hays, KS. Please note the change in time: Registration will be held from 7 to 8am, followed by tee-off at 8am. The fee for participants is \$35.00 and that includes green fee, souvenir, and meal. The meal will take place at the IHM Activity Center, immediately following the scramble. If you have any questions or would like to participate contact Fr. David Metz at 785-658-3361 or [frdavid98@hotmail.com](mailto:frdavid98@hotmail.com).

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**“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 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 two remaining, excellent selections are:**

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.



## **Bunco is Off and Running...Join Us in August**

Join us, Thursday, Aug. 14, at 2:30pm, in the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. For those who don't know how to play, we can teach you. You need only be able to roll dice and count. We handle the rest. Participants really enjoy this game! There are prizes and refreshments. Contact Laura Sadeghi for more information 625-3323.

## **Catholic Advanced Medical Directive & Health Care Policy**

Each and every Catholic adult should have filed, in a safe and accessible place, directive for end of life decisions. These protect us and our families, morally and legally, at a critical time when we are in the balance between life and death. You need to complete and sign both Advanced Medical Directive **and** a Health Care Policy. They are easy to read and complete (it takes about a half hour and two witnesses). Contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 for copies approved by our national bishops. He can also walk through them with you, should you so choose.

## **Divorced Catholic Information Presentation Sunday, August 24**

There are legions of misunderstandings as to what the Catholic Church teaches on divorce, annulment, and remarriage. Approximately half of the people who have attended our *Catholics Returning Home Sessions* have had divorce issues. On Sunday, Aug. 24, at 3pm, in the TMP Auditorium, our diocesan expert, Fr. Ken Lohmeyer, will present on this subject. Let's clear up the misunderstandings! Divorced Catholics are not excommunicated. Annulments are not Catholic divorces. The annulment process does not cost a zillion dollars, etc., etc. If you have divorced Catholic relatives or friends who are not coming to church because they are divorced, please invite them. Feel free to join them yourself and learn what the Church really teaches. For more information contact Mark Roberti 625-7356.

## **Some Heartland Parish Ministries Available to You This Summer**

**Women of Joseph Faith Sharing Group:** Saturday mornings at 7:30am, in the St. Joseph Parish Center Conference Room. We read the Sunday Scriptures and share.

**Men of Myra Faith Sharing Group:** Saturday Mornings at 7:30am, in the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. We read the Sunday Scriptures and share.

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesday afternoons at 3pm,. We meet for prayers and report the good works we have done during the week. Held in the St. Joseph Parish Center.

**Disciples of Christ Young Adult Group:** Wednesday evenings at 7pm, We share our faith through Scripture, movies, and a variety of church and non-church activities. Join us in the St. Joseph Parish Center Conference room.

**Wednesday Evening Rosary for Families:** Wednesday evenings at 9pm, in the Adoration Chapel. We pray for our families, all families, our Church, civic leaders and families of the world. You are in and out in 20-25 minutes.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the Adoration Chapel. Come anytime.

### **Heartland Social Justice Commission Meeting**

The Heartland Parishes Social Justice Commission will meet on Aug. 21, at 7pm, at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish. All are welcome. Contact person is Rosalie Nichols at [rosalienichols@yahoo.com](mailto:rosalienichols@yahoo.com) or 625-4085.

## **THE DAYS AHEAD**

**July 27** G.C.D.A. Breakfast Buffet, 7am to 12:30pm, at the Gorham Café.

**July 30** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

**Aug. 2** Men of Myra, 7:30am

**Aug. 3** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am