

Sunday, August 3, 2008: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

GOD ANSWERS ALL OUR NEEDS

We rejoice in God's abundant generosity to us.

We can get so caught up in the busy-ness of our lives that we forget to step back to see and appreciate the gifts God has given us. In Judaism, the Sabbath rest provides an opportunity to take time to enjoy and appreciate the goodness of creation. Summertime, vacation, or retreat can provide a similar opportunity for us.

We come to know God's goodness through all the gifts God has given us. In Jesus, God's greatest gift to us, we come to know even more deeply the greatness of God's love. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we give thanks for all the gifts God has given us, especially the gift of Jesus.

National Catechetical Directory

Everything good and worthwhile in the adventure of a human life is such because it shows forth in some way the glory of God and points back to Him....Created goods and loves are His gifts, and they tell us of their giver and His will for humanity. Those who follow Christ will value all that is truly human and be reminded by it of His call....In giving these material and spiritual goods and the desire for them, God wills that human beings be open to them and eager to foster them in themselves and others. All these goods form a starting point for reflecting upon the meaning and purpose of life. (#102)

All that belongs to Christian life leads to the Eucharistic celebration or flows from it.

(#120, see also #s 121 and 122.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. (#1359)

As in the prayer of petition, every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving. (#2638)

The trust of children who look to their Father for everything is beautiful. (#2828)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: In your experience, what "false obstacles" have you or people you know experienced separating them from Christ? Things such as divorce? Or marrying outside the church? Or not attending Mass? Or others?

YOUTH: Jesus was very attentive to his followers. He cared for them and for their needs. What are your needs? What can Jesus do to help you?

CHILDREN: What are the ways that Jesus shows he loves you?

Closed

**The Parish Office will be closed
Friday, August 8.**

Masses, Intentions & Services

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
Wed. Aug. 6 7:30 a.m.+ Troy Legleiter
Fri. Aug. 8 7:30 a.m.+ Marie Gabel
Sat. Aug. 9 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sun. Aug. 10 9:30 a.m.+ Living & Deceased of Norma
Schmeidler Family
11:00 a.m.+ Herman Berens

Annual Catholic Charities Collection – Aug. 9 & 10

Please remember to help support Catholic Charities in our Diocese with your contribution through the envelope collection taken up the weekend of Aug. 9 & 10. Each year Catholic Charities helps over 2,000 people in need in our Diocese through its offices in Colby, Hays, Concordia, Salina and Manhattan. Your contributions do help to continue this ministry.

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) **CAR POOL OPPORUNITY FOR RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE/BANQUET** If anyone wishes to attend the Respect Life Banquet Sept. 5, or the Respect Life Conference Sept. 6, in Salina and is interested in car pooling, please contact Donetta Robben, 785.625.9356, or e-mail: rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

Church Repairs

To Date \$47,784

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

Week Collection of July 27	\$ 9,780
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$ 44,098
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$ 46,652
As of July 27, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 2,554)

The parish tithe for May went to St. Paul's Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, Ellis County Ministerial Alliance, and AA Oak Street Groups.

MONEY COUNTERS

Aug. 3	Tim & Tina Zimmerman
Aug. 10	Henrietta Haselhorst & Judith Zerr-Schamberger
Aug. 17	Melvin & Karen Bruggeman
Aug. 24	Jim & Nancy Duffy

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Readings for Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 4 (St. John Mary Vianney)

Jeremiah 28:1-17; Psalm 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102;
Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 5

(Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome)

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23;
Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 6 (Transfiguration of the Lord)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Thursday, August 7

(St. Sixtus II and his companions & St. Cajetan)

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, August 8 (St. Dominic)

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7;
Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41;
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 9 (St.

Hebrews 1:12-2:4; Psalm 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13;
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday, August 10

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8);
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

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

After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense. All of their essential elements are found in her life: she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as "handmaid" in terms of service and fidelity (see Lk 1:26-56).

Heartland Parishes

Social Justice Commission Reflection

"We must condemn not only killing, but also the abuse in our homes, the anger in our hearts, and the glorification of violence in movies and music." [US Catholic Bishops – "Confronting a culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action"]

Cup of Joe



-- Saturday, Aug. 16, Cup of Joe will be open after the 5:30pm Mass. You will receive free popcorn but must purchase your drink.

-- Sunday, Aug. 17, Cup of Joe will be open from 9 to 11:30am. You will receive free doughnuts but must purchase your drink. Come and check us out.



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.

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

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES Service Hours Forms due now! Please bring/send to Parish Office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 9 & 10

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM

Jeanie Munsch
John Allen
Darlene Arnhold

Mike Konz

Laurie Konz

Mary Mellick

Charlie Munsch

Proclaimer

Eileen Roberts #1

Gloria Mlinek #2

Altar Servers

Alayna Arnhold

Alysia Arnhold

Garrett Portenier

Hospitality

Ryan Hagans

Sacristan

June Allen

Gift Bearers

Carrie Gottschalk

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM

Theresa Flax

Gene Flax

Linda Glassman

Joe Glassman

Eric Moeder

Sheila Pfeifer

Ramie Wasinger +

Proclaimer

Joe Mindrup #1

Karen Moeder #2

Altar Servers

Joseph Heimann

Scott Heimann

Bridget Heimann

Hospitality

Julius Rohr

Sacristan

Wilfred Kreutzer

Gift Bearers

Jeff Schumacher

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM

Mary Hickman

Mark Heimerman

Jayne Inlow

Janet Kohl

Mary Lou Mastin

Rose McFarland

Bob Wasinger

Proclaimer

Troy Hickman #1

Tom Pitner #2

Altar Servers

Brittany Dinkel

Matea Gregg

Aaron Jeffus

Hospitality

Deenna Gregg

Sacristan

Kathy Jacobs

Gift Bearers

Bob Dreher



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

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Holy Family Elementary

Aug. 6 - Enrollment for 2008-2009 school year, 7:30am. to 5pm, in the activity center. Please note separate checks will need to be written for opening lunch accounts and purchasing supply packs.



-- *Used uniform sale* 7:30am to 6pm, in the activity center. Parents that wish to sell outgrown uniforms should bring them to the activity center on **Monday, Aug. 4**, 9am to 4pm. Please put your name, price, & size of the uniform on the outside of an envelope and pin the envelope to the uniform item.

-- *Parker new uniform sale* will be 11am to 6pm, in the activity center.

-- *Kindergarten Visitation* that will take place.

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

Aug. 21 - Preschool camp for Tuesday/Thursday 3-year old class, 8:00 to 10:00.

Aug. 22 - Preschool camp for:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4-year old class;
Morning Class (PA), 8 to 10am.
Afternoon Class (PB) 1 to 3pm.

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

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

Summer Office Hours for August: Office is open Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. Closed for lunch, 11:30am to 1pm. Scrip Gift Cards are available throughout the summer in the school office, TMP, and Julie Haselhorst, 628-1916.

Holy Family Nutrition Service has an opening for a "Main Dish" Cook for the upcoming school year. Hours are approximately 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If interested please call the school at 625-3131 or stop by for an application.

Bunco is Off and Running...

Coming again in two weeks

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.

Senior Sharing – Laughing it up for Better Health

Join the Seniors Sharing group 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. Bring a friend. All are invited! Contact Laura Sadeghi at 635-3323 for more 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 or 785-432-1212.

-- **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.

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.



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 or 625-4085.

Please Help Us Increase Vocations

Increasing vocations to the priesthood and religious life is at the very center of the needs of our Church. 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 are priests and religious. Should you want to help financially, contact Mark Roberti 625-7356.

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Friday Night at the Movies – “To End all Wars”

The third movie of our “Friday Night at the Movie Series” stars Kiefer Sutherland and Robert Carlyle in an explosive war film based on an amazing true story. Captured by the Japanese, a group of courageous soldiers are forced to build the infamous “railway of death” between Thailand and Burma during the height of WWII. But the most intense battle comes from within as each prisoner must face his own personal struggle for freedom, survival and hope in the face of inhumanity. This movie is rated R for strong violence and some language. Nevertheless, for adults, we feel it has a very edifying theme. This movie plays Friday, Aug. 8, at 6:30pm, in the St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall.



Divine Mercy Window Stickers

We’re trying to make Kansas the Divine Mercy State, and Ellis County the hub of Divine Mercy in Kansas. If you have not already considered doing so, please put one of our Divine Mercy vehicle window stickers on your car. The image itself evangelizes without having to speak a word. If you don’t see a sticker at the church exits, contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Heartland Parish Ministries, P.O. Drawer 1000, Hays, Kansas 67601.

Divorced Catholic Information Presentation Sunday, Aug. 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 Lohrmeyer, 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.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

There is a tremendous need for good people to step forward and help children in Ellis County. Some are victims of violence, emotional torment, or sexual abuse. Others have been neglected or even abandoned by their own parents. Often, these children have become victims of overburdened systems designed to help them. CASA is seeking volunteers to have a positive influence on the circumstances of a child’s life. For more information contact Carol Brull, St. Joseph Parishioner, at 625-9707.

Spend Some Private Time with God

The Eucharistic adoration chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Come, any time that’s good for you, to share some time with God.

Scripture Sharing Groups – You are Invited!

The Heartland Parishes have three Scripture sharing groups weekly. Men of Myra meet on Saturday mornings, at 7:30am, in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Women of Joseph meet Saturday mornings, at 7:30am at the St. Joseph Parish Center. Disciples of Christ Young Adult Group Meets on Wednesday evenings, at 7pm, at the St. Joseph Parish Center. In all three groups you will be welcomed with open arms! You will get to know some wonderful brothers and sisters in the faith.

How Do I remember my parish in my will? It’s simple!

I give _____% and/or \$ _____ of my estate to (name of Parish, in the Diocese of Salina)
(Address, City, State, Zip), to provide funding for the _____ program/ministry at (name of parish) or the particular needs of the parish as determined by the presiding pastor. The parish tax I.D. # is _____.



First Call for Help needs your help!

They are in dire need of volunteers willing to assist with our transient aid program. Each month they rely on volunteers from the community to respond to the needs of those passing through Hays. Without the help of these volunteers, individuals stranded in Hays would be forced to seek out assistance from individual churches or homes, as there are no other agencies in the community that provide assistance to transients. The volunteering would consist of carrying a cell phone for one week at a time and responding to calls from the Hays Police Department. These phone calls would primarily be for people needing assistance with fuel, lodging, or bus tickets. Volunteers meet the individuals in need at the police department and assist them with a voucher to help with their need. Hours on call would be 4:30 to 10pm, Monday thru Friday, and 8am to 10pm, Saturday and Sunday.

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Aug. 6** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- Aug. 9** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- Aug. 10** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am