

Sunday, August 10, 2008: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

IN THE GENTLE BREEZE

God is always present in our lives, even where we least expect to find him.



It often seems that when we are in trouble, in need, or in danger, we are more likely to turn to God for help. It may seem at such times that God is nowhere to be found. But God is always with us, in the good times and the bad times, when everything seems to be going wrong, as well as when everything seems to be calm. We need to attune ourselves to listen to God speaking to us quietly in our everyday lives, calmly and lovingly in times of trouble, joyfully in the good times.

National Catechetical Directory

The Spirit helps believers perceive the divine presence in history and interpret human experiences in the light of faith. (#54)

The more fully people live in fidelity to the image of God in them, the more clearly perceptible is the divine in human life. (#51)

Actively and lovingly present on behalf of human beings, throughout human history, God is present among us today and will remain present for all generations. (#85)

Building upon the sense of wonder, catechesis leads people to a sense of the sacred and to recognition of God's presence in their lives. (#145, see also #140.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The prayer of faith consists not only in saying "Lord, Lord," but in disposing the heart to do the will of the Father. Jesus calls his disciples to bring into their prayer this concern for cooperating with the divine plan. (#2611)

Contemplative prayer is hearing the Word of God....Contemplative prayer is silence, the "symbol of the world to come" or "silent love." (#s 2716, 2717)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: Tell about your experiences of hearing God speak in "tiny voices" rather than in the winds and earthquakes of life.

YOUTH: In today's Gospel, Peter began to walk on the water when he was focused on Jesus. He began to sink when he got distracted by the storm. What is your life like when you are focused on Jesus and your relationship with God? How is it different when you get caught up in other things?

CHILDREN: What does God's voice sound like when you pray and listen to Jesus?

Mark Your Calendars for

Upcoming Training Sessions

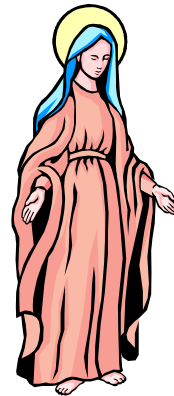
Altar Servers: Sept. 27, at 10am

Proclaimers: Oct. 4, at 10am

Eucharist Minister: Oct. 11, at 10am

Masses, Intentions & Services

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
 Wed. Aug. 13 7:30 a.m.+ Ron Ream
 Thurs. Aug. 14 7:00 p.m. Kevin Splichal Family
 Fri. Aug. 15 7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Genevieve Legleiter Family
 Sat. Aug. 16 5:00 p.m.+ Frank Flax
 Sun. Aug. 17 9:30 a.m.+ People of the Parish
 11:00 a.m.+ Freda Weber



FRIDAY, AUGUST 15: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN

is when we celebrate Mary's welcome to heaven, body and soul. *This is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

Mass will be celebrated at St. Nicholas, on Thursday, August 14, at 7pm and Friday, August 15, at 7am and at St. Francis, at 7pm.

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, August 15, in observance of the feast, Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

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 this weekend 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.

Blessing of Seed Wheat at all Masses on the weekend of Aug. 30 & 31.



Church Repairs

To Date \$47,885

Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008

Week Collection of Aug. 3	\$ 15,362
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$ 59,460
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$ 58,315
As of Aug. 3, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 1,145

MONEY COUNTERS

Aug. 10	Henrietta Haselhorst & Judith Zerr-Schamberger
Aug. 17	Melvin & Karen Bruggeman
Aug. 24	Jim & Nancy Duffy
Aug. 31	Clint & Marie Froelich

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Readings for Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Monday, August 11 (St. Clare)

Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 12

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 13 (St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus)

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 14 (St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe)

Ezekiel 12:1-12; Psalm 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62;
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 15

(Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27;
Luke 1:39-56

Saturday, August 16 (St. Stephen of Hungary)

Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32;
Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday, August 17

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4);
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

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

As Mother of God, Mary's stewardship consisted of her maternal service and devotion to Jesus, from infancy to adulthood, up to the agonizing hours of Jesus' death (Jn 19:25). As Mother of the Church, her stewardship is clearly articulated in the closing chapter of the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution of the Church, Lumen Gentium* (cf. 52-69). Pope John Paul II observes: "Mary is one of the first who 'believed,' and precisely with her faith as Spouse and Mother she wishes to act upon all those who entrust themselves to her as children" (*Redemptoris Mater*, 46).

In light of all this, it only remains for all of us to ask ourselves this question: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ? The Spirit is ready to show us the way – a way of which stewardship is a part.

Genesis, telling the story of creation, says God looked upon what had been made and found it good; and seeing the world's goodness, God entrusted it to human beings. "The Lord God planted a garden" and placed there human persons "to cultivate and care for it" (Gn 2:8-15). Now, as then and always, it is a central part of the human vocation that we be good stewards of what we have received – this garden, this divine human workshop, this world and all that is in it – setting minds and hearts and hands to the task of creating and redeeming in cooperation with our God, Creator and Lord of all.



**Faith Formation Enrollment
for 2008-2009 in progress
Please return forms to the
Parish Office**

Catechists needed in several classes.

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

RCIA is coming this fall. Watch the bulletin for further information.

Heartland Parishes

Social Justice Commission Reflection

"Respect for the human purpose entails respect for the rights that flow from his dignity as a creature. These rights are prior to society and must be recognized by it." [Catechism of the Catholic Church]

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.

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

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.



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Holy Family Elementary

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 8am to 1pm. If interested please call the school at 625-3131 or stop by for an application.

"Life in the Spirit" Seminar

Come join us Sept. 7, noon to 8pm at St. Isidore School, 3921 20 St., Columbus, NE for a "Life in the Spirit" Seminar. Priests and speakers from the local area and the Intercessors of the Lamb will be available to answer questions and offer prayer for healing. Hope to see you there. Contact Deacon Kelly at 402-246-9219 or Fr. Rod at 402-246-9214 for more information or contact us at sothotf@aol.com. Free will offering. Snacks, beverages, and a light supper available in the evening. Mass with receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and prayer for healing available as well.



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.



-- **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.

-- 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.

-- **TMP-Marian 1st day of school will be Wednesday, Aug. 13.**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 16 & 17

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Glen Gabel	Bernice Kaiser #1	John Allen
Keith Dreiling	Marvin Kaiser #2	
Carrie Gottschalk		Sacristan
Laurie Konz	Altar Servers	Marilyn Gabel
Mike Konz	Sarah Gottschalk	
Kathy Rome	Brett Leiker	Gift Bearers
Larry Rome	Alexis Ralph	Henry Reinhardt

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Eric Moeder	Tim Schumacher #1	Neil Klaus
Paula Flesher	Emily Volker #2	
Cory Munsch		Sacristan
Pam Munsch	Altar Servers	Paul Kraus
Denis Roberts	Adam Klaus	
Ruth Schumacher	Amber Klaus	Gift Bearers
Iris Lang +	Grace Volker	Gene Rice

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Kathy Taylor	Karen Aten #1	Mike Leiker
Sara Humphrey	Kelsey Duffy #2	Wes Leiker
Jayne Inlow		Sacristan
Janet Kohl	Altar Servers	Kathy Jacobs
Mary Lou Mastin	Emily Leiker	
Jorge Vazquez	Kaysha Leiker	Gift Bearers
Bob Wasinger	Alexis Wasinger	Sharon Campbell

Volunteer needed to clean St. Nicholas Rectory twice a month. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 628-1446.

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Catholics Returning Home – Begins Sunday, Sept. 7

If you have family members or friends who have been away from the Church, please encourage them to attend our joint Heartland Parishes *Catholics Returning Home* sessions. They begin Sunday, Sept. 7, at the St. Joseph Parish Center conference room from 6:30 to 8pm. The topic of each session is explained in the *Catholics Returning Home Cards in the missalettes* and in the racks in the back of the church. Participants may attend one or all sessions. There is never an obligation to continue. The sessions are pretty informal. Team members share their stories as to why they walked away (or drifted away) from and came back to the Church. There is plenty of time for questions and answers. We, the team, have found that for each participant – whether he/she has returned to the Church or not – healing has taken place. For more information you can check out our pages on our www.heartlandparishes.org website, or contact Mark at 625-7356.

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 as priests and religious. Should you want to help financially, contact Mark Roberti 625-7356.



Divine Mercy Yard Grotto Signs

We still have two of the smaller Divine Mercy yard signs available. They are beautiful and unobtrusive. The image itself evangelizes. We ask a donation of \$75. It would be good to have more signs prominently displayed in front of homes on local streets, particularly main streets. We are trying to make

Kansas the State of Divine Mercy and Ellis County the hub of the state's Divine Mercy effort. For more information contact Mark Roberti at 625-7356.

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.

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 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.

Bunco ...This Thursday

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.

Inactive Knight or Daughter?

If you are an inactive Knight or Daughter, please become active again. Let's renew, refresh, and rebuild our Catholic community. If you are not presently a Knight or Daughter and are interested in joining, please contact the parish office. We witness to our faith through our works while sharing in camaraderie with other Catholics.

Cup of Joe Activities

-- Thursday, Aug. 14, Form a team and come play "Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" Winning team gets free drinks!
-- 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.



THE DAYS AHEAD

Aug. 11 Religious Education Committee Meeting, 7pm
Aug. 12 Family Life Meeting, 7pm
Aug. 13 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
Aug. 16 Men of Myra, 7:30am
Aug. 17 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am
-- Fraternal Order of Eagles #3061 Food Bingo
1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8th St.,
Everyone welcome!