

# Sunday, August 17, 2008: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FAITH CORNER

### GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE

**Our Christian faith is rooted in Judaism and is open to all.**

People who feel threatened build barriers to protect themselves, just as the Jews did after their exile in Babylon. Afraid that the Gentiles' worship and way of life would contaminate their community, they restricted their contact with Gentiles. Today's readings show that God does not put boundaries on love. God offers salvation to everyone.

But the Jews were not the only ones who built barriers. There is a long, sad history of persecution of Jews by Christians. The Holocaust in the middle of the twentieth century was one horrible instance of that sin.

Anti-semitism in all its forms is denounced by the Church. Jesus was a Jew who followed the Jewish traditions and took pride in his heritage and celebrated its feasts. Jesus did not come to do away with the covenant of Moses but rather to authenticate and enrich it. Christ's persecution and death cannot be blamed on the Jews then or now. False charges were brought against Jesus by some Jewish leaders who were afraid of Jesus' reputation and power, but he was condemned to die by Pilate, the Roman governor, and crucified by Roman soldiers. Pilate and the soldiers were Gentiles.

### National Catechetical Directory

*First, Catholics and Jews share a common heritage....Second, the members of the largest Jewish population in the world are our fellow citizens. Finally, the tragic, scandalous, centuries-long persecution of the Jewish people,...calls for the specific and direct repudiation of anti-semitism in any form and for determination to resist anti-semitism and its cause.*

(#77, see also #s 72c and 96.)

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

*Israel is the priestly people of God, "called by the name of the LORD," and "the first to hear the word of God," the people of "elder brethren" in the faith of Abraham [Deut 28:10].*

(#63)

*God, our Creator and Redeemer, chose Israel for himself to be his people and revealed his Law to them, thus preparing for the coming of Christ.*

(#1961)

### FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** When you pray, how do you know that Jesus will really respond?

**YOUTH:** Do you trust that God hears your prayers? Do you believe that your prayer makes a difference?

**CHILDREN:** What is your favorite way to talk with Jesus? What words do you use?

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

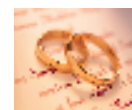


### Masses, Intentions & Services

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  
 Wed. Aug. 20 7:30 a.m.+ Jacob C. Stecklein  
 Fri. Aug. 22 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of  
 Francis A. Rupp Family  
 Sat. Aug. 23 5:00 p.m.+ Mike & Celeste Stecklein  
 Sun. Aug. 24 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
 11:00 a.m.+ Irene Jacobs

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION.

**WE PRAY FOR** Nicholas Top and Kara Hickert as they celebrated their Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, Aug. 16.



### Altar Server Bowling Party

All St. Nicholas Altar Servers are invited to a bowling and pizza party on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 9am to approximately noon. The party will be held at Centennial Lanes, 2400 Vine. We will bowl three games and then enjoy pop and pizza. No RSVP required. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Arnhold at 650-7876. This event is sponsored by St. Nick's Knights of Columbus. Hope to see you there.



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

**Notice:** Parish Office Hours starting August 18.

Monday thru Friday: 8:00am to 3:15pm.

### COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Aug. 24, after the 9:30am Mass.

Hosted by the Family Life Committee.

Come join us!



### Church Repairs

To Date

\$48,005

### Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008

Week Collection of Aug. 10	\$ 9,709
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$ 69,169
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$ 69,978
As of Aug. 10, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 809)

### MONEY COUNTERS

Aug. 17	Melvin & Karen Bruggeman
Aug. 24	Jim & Nancy Duffy
Aug. 31	Clint & Marie Froelich
Sept. 7	Richard & Trina Gottschalk

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## Readings for Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Monday, August 18 (St. Jane Frances de Chantal)

Ezekiel 24:15-24; Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21;  
Matthew 19:16-22

## Tuesday, August 19 (St. John Eudes)

Ezekiel 28:1-10;  
Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;  
Matthew 19:23-30

## Wednesday, August 20 (St. Bernard)

Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Matthew 20:1-16

## Thursday, August 21 (St. Pius X)

Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;  
Matthew 22:1-14

## Friday, August 22

### (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Matthew 22:34-40

## Saturday, August 23 (St. Rose of Lima)

Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
Matthew 23:1-12

## Sunday, August 24

Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc);  
Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

## K of C News

The August Knight of the Month is Art Weigel and the August Family of the Month is the Ronald Gabel family.

## 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)) **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](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.



## Faith Formation Enrollment for 2008-2009 in progress

Please return forms to the  
Parish Office

## Share your Talents with us

Do you like to plan children's activities, sing with children (off key is OK), have a talent for crafts, tell great stories, share your faith, like to be with young teens? Then your talents are needed in religious education for the 2008-2009 year. **Catechists and assistants are needed for Pre-kindergarten through seventh grade and a Confirmation team is being assembled for Grade 8.**

Call the parish office if you think you might have even a little interest. (628-1446).



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

## Prayer and Action: Mission Experience in Our own Backyard 2008

has left Hays with many smiling faces. Over 65 projects, ranging from gutter cleaning to house painting, yard work & residing trailers, were completed in Hays, Munjor and surrounding areas. Approximately two hundred adults and youth participated in the program over the three weeks it operated in July.

Thank you to the many parish and community individuals who helped in any way to make this experience a success.

If you have not yet picked up tools or ladders that you loaned to Prayer and Action, please stop by Immaculate Heart Parish during business hours and ask for Leon. He will be able to let you into the garage.

God Bless the Hays community for opening its arms to the youth of the Salina Diocese and allowing them to share themselves with you.

**St. Joseph Parish in Liebenthal** will be having a Parish Picnic Fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 23, after 4pm Mass, with activities for the whole family. Beer garden and serving burgers, brats, and more beginning at 5pm. Music from the Country Dutchmen from 5 to 7pm. Kids games at 7pm. Bingo at 7:30pm. Raffle following bingo--prizes are \$500 cash, \$300 cash, \$200 gas card, \$50 grocery card, and \$30 beef bundle. Dance at 9pm, with music by The Ugly Mugs. Everyone is welcome!



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## Holy Family Elementary

**Aug. 20** - First Day of School, Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



-- **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.

-- 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.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to deliver "Meals on Wheels" to the Homebound September 8-12. We need to fill 3 different routes with a driver and helper each day. Your help is needed and appreciated for this ministry. This is a fulfilling way to meet your stewardship obligation by being an important part in someone's day. Please call Cathy Pfeifer at 623-1780 or 621-2085.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 23 & 24

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

### EM

Sylvia Reinhardt

Celina Beilman

Jo Good

Alan Hoffman

Stan Mayers

Gracemary Melvin

Rosalie Nichols

### Proclaimer

Mary Toepfer #1

Tom Toepfer #2

### Altar Servers

Rachel Muirhead

Garrett Portenier

Macie Stoecklein

### Hospitality

Galen Gottschalk

Neil Legleiter

### Sacristan

Henry Reinhardt

### Gift Bearers

Cayland Portenier

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

### EM

Kevin Splichal

Jim Krob

LeRoy Lang

Karen Moeder

Eric Moeder

Rick Rajewski

Bob Wasinger +

### Proclaimer

Tom Pitner #1

Sabree Legleiter #2

### Altar Servers

David Moeder

Michael Moeder

Braden Splichal

### Hospitality

Bill Weber

### Sacristan

Pat Lang

### Gift Bearers

Terry Schmidt

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

### EM

Troy Hickman

Nolan Allen

Geralyn Allen

Karen Aten

Andy Beck

Mark Heimerman

Janet Kohl

### Proclaimer

Katie Carmichael #1

Mary Hickman #2

### Altar Servers

Tori Aten

Jessie Carmichael

Brittany Dinkel

### Hospitality

Carrie Gottschalk

Judith

Zerr-Schamberger

### Sacristan

Andrea Carmichael

### Gift Bearers

Steve Keil



### **Cup of Joe Activities**

-- Thursday, Aug. 21, you will have the opportunity to ask questions of Waldemar, a 24 year old German college student born in Russia.

-- Friday, Aug. 22, bring your favorite comedy DVD. Patrons will decide which comedy to watch.

### **Heartland Parishes**

#### **Social Justice Commission Reflection**

In order to build the civilization of love, dialogue between cultures must work to overcome all ethnocentric selfishness and make it possible to combine regard for one's own identity with understanding of others and respect for diversity. [John Paul II, World Day for Peace Message, January 1, 2001]

#### **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.

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



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## 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.

## 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](http://www.heartlandparishes.org) website, or contact Mark at 625-7356.

## Got a Good Location for “Catholics Returning Home” Yard Sign?

We are seeking to put up at least 25 “Catholics Returning Home” Yard Signs. The regular locations already have “Divorced Catholic?” signs. We are, thus, looking for parishioners with homes/property located in high traffic locations where such a sign will be quite prominent and seen frequently by people driving by. They will be the same size as the signs you are presently seeing around town. This is a gentle, invitational, type of Catholic evangelization. We want our Catholic relatives and friends to “come home”. Please contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 or [stjstewardship@eaglecom.net](mailto:stjstewardship@eaglecom.net) if you are willing to help.



## Baker Alert!

We could use some baked items for the “Divorced Catholic” talk on Sunday, Aug 24. We want our Catholic brothers and sisters to feel very much welcomed! Baked items can be brought to the TMP Auditorium on that day starting at about 1:30pm. For more information contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 or [stjstewardship@eaglecom.net](mailto:stjstewardship@eaglecom.net).

## Please Consider Joining the Heartland Vocation Commission

The Heartland Vocation Commission welcomes anyone interested in serving on the commission to call Pam Windholz at 625-9712. Meetings are quarterly. The Vocation Commission actively promotes vocations through sponsoring radio ads, assisting at the Vocation Golf Scramble and “Runnin Revs” Basketball competition, monthly letters of encouragement and care packages at Christmas to seminarians and religious candidates and supporting the Knights of Columbus Vocation poster contest. This is an excellent way to become involved in encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

## Is Your Will Up-to-date? If Not, Why Not? Periodically, it is a good idea to update your will.

### Think about these issues:

- 1) Sometimes, outdated wills can cause more harm than good. Keep in mind there may also be new tax laws from which you can benefit.
- 2) Family situations change. Does your will truly represent your current wishes?
- 3) Is your will valid? We recommend that you have it prepared by a professional or have a professional review it. If you have moved from a different state, laws may differ. If you have property in other states, a will in that/those state(s) may be necessary. Proper signatures and witnesses are necessary. Better safe than sorry!
- 4) Is the original safely stored in a fireproof place? Does your representative know where it is and have access to it?
- 5) Do you have young children? Wills go through probate. They can take over a year in probate court. Are resources available for their care in the meantime?
- 6) Have you considered a revocable trust?
- 7) Have you remembered God's will in yours? Have you left a bequest for your parish? Please consider making your parish another child for estate purposes.

## THE DAYS AHEAD

- Aug. 17** St. Mary's K of C Council 6984 Benefit Breakfast, 7:30 to 11:30am, IHM Little Theatre  
-- Fraternal Order of Eagles #3061 Food Bingo  
1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Everyone welcome!
- Aug. 20** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- Aug. 23** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- Aug. 24** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am