

Sunday, August 31, 2008: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

A FIRE WITHIN ME

The cross is an expected part of Christian life.

Jesus chose to follow the way of love and truth, even though it eventually led to his death on the cross. Jesus could have avoided the cross if he had been willing to give in to the customs and practices of his society. This was the temptation Jesus had faced in the desert. In today's reading the same temptation comes from one of his own disciples – and the one he had chosen to lead the Church at that!

Choosing to follow the way of Jesus often puts us at odds with the ways of the society around us. Like Jesus, we can expect to be ignored, ridiculed, exploited, persecuted, or even martyred. But the new life which Jesus shares with us gives us strength and makes it all worth it.

National Catechetical Directory

Central to Christ's life and mission, this paschal mystery must have an equally central place in the life and mission of one who aspires to be Christ's disciple.

(#99)

[Jesus] preached the gospel of the kingdom of God and summoned people to interior conversion and faith....Out of filial love for His Father and redemptive love for us, He gave Himself up to death and passed through death to the glory of the Father....He...creates in Himself a new humanity. (#90, see also #s 84 and 91.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

In all of his life Jesus presents himself as our model. He is "the perfect man," [GS 38] who invites us to become his disciples and follow him. In humbling himself, he has given us an example to imitate, through his prayer he draws us to pray, and by his poverty he calls us to accept freely the privation and persecutions that may come our way.

(#520)

The vocation of humanity is to show forth the image of God and to be transformed into the image of the Father's only Son.

(#1877)

The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross.

(#2015)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness - the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?

YOUTH: In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

CHILDREN: Jesus tells us that we each called to follow him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

We would like to wish Charlie and Jeanie Munsch a Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary. They will be celebrating with a Mass on Saturday, Aug. 30.

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Aug. 30 5:00 p.m.+ Charlie & Jeanie Munsch
 Sun. Aug. 31 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 11:00 a.m.+ Larry Berens
 Wed. Sept. 3 7:00 p.m.+ Bertha Binder
 Fri. Sept. 5 7:30 a.m.+ Don Braun
 Sat. Sept. 6 5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of
 Paul & Josephine Kuhn Family
 Sun. Sept. 7 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 11:00 a.m.+ Freda Weber

Notice: Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 3, will be at 7pm for the Faith Formation Opening Mass. There will not be a 7:30am Mass.



WANTED! Current and former choir members, accompanists, and instrumentalists to enhance St. Nick's 25th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 4pm. Practices will be on the following dates: Aug. 27, Sept. 3, Sept. 10, Sept. 17, & Sept. 24 from 8:15pm to 9:30pm. Participants will need to attend most practices. If interested, please contact Paula Beck at 625-8065 so you can be a part of this special event.

RCIA

All those interested in helping with RCIA this year. Leaders organizational meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 4, at 7pm, at St. Nicholas.

RCIA will begin on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 7 to 9pm. Anyone interested, please contact the office at 628-1446.

St. Nicholas Prayer Group will start back up on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 1pm. Anyone is welcome!



Church Repairs

To Date \$48,445

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

Week Collection of Aug. 24	\$ 11,825
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$ 91,729
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$ 93,304
As of Aug. 24, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 1,575)

MONEY COUNTERS

Aug. 31	Clint & Marie Froelich
Sept. 7	Richard & Trina Gottschalk
Sept. 14	Laura Hertel, Lucy Hutchison, & Joel & Melinda Dreiling
Sept. 21	Neil & Sondra Klaus

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Readings for Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 1

1 Corinthians 2:1-5;
Psalm 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 2

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16;
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 3 (St. Gregory the Great)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Psalm 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21;
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 4

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 5

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 6

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Psalm 145:17-18, 19-20, 21;
Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, September 7

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9(8);
Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Faith Formation News



Faith Formation Opening Mass & Parent Orientation – For all Faith Formation families Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 7:00pm in the church.

Faith Formation class sessions

begin Wednesday, Sept 10;

Pre-K-Grade 5 - 6:15-7:15pm

Grades 6 & 7 - 7:30-8:30pm

Grade 8 - 7:15-8:30pm

Enrollment forms must be turned in prior to Sept. 3 to be placed in a class! Forms may not be turned in on the first night of classes.

Handing on the Faith: Christian Community

“Catechesis always has been and always will be a work for which the whole Church must feel responsible and wish to be responsible.” (*Catechesis Tradendae, 1979*) The witness of the *Christian Community* is an important element in catechetical methodology. The effectiveness of catechesis will depend upon the vitality of parish and the extent to which it is clear, living, and authentic sacrament of Christ. **Catechesis is the responsibility of every member of the Church.** (*National Catechetical Directory, 2005*)

5th Grade, 6th and 8th Grades

1 Catechist Needed
for each class

WANTED for Faith Formation – Two DVD/VHS player compatible televisions for classroom use. Should be portable with at least an 18 inch screen. Also need two DVD/VHC players. If you are upgrading your technology or just have one to you don't need, consider donating to the Faith Formation program.

CYO News

First CYO meeting for 2007-2008- **Sunday, Sept. 7, 6:30 to 8pm, in the Parish Hall.** All St. Nicholas high school youth invited to attend. Bring a friend. Find out what we're about.

Adult Faith Formation

Diocesan School of Pastoral Leadership

Online in September

INTRODUCTION TO St. Paul taught by Wayne Talbot, Sept. 7, start date. Contact Kathy (628-1446) for more information or to register.



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

WELCOME

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

Scott and Terri Braun and family;
Kevin Dolechek;

Clint & Savanna Froelich and family;
James & Firma Helget and family;
Kirk & Janie Klein and family;

Randolph & Jacqueline Lang and family;
Frances Pfannenstiel;

Timothy & Jessica Speno and family;
Ralph & Wanda Thummel;
Clint & Angie Werth and family



Catholic Reading Rack

Are you looking for some good reading, but aren't interested in another magazine subscription? We have a solution!! Take a look at the new **Catholic Reading Center** located in the gathering space. Assembled there are a variety of wonderful reading resources. On the table are free reading items **and in the rack are items to purchase. Please use the handy envelopes on the rack for your donations.** St. Nicholas Parish will keep 20% of all sales. So you get quality reading with no hassle and help the parish at the same time. Contact Kathy in the parish office if you have suggestions for other titles.

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Holy Family Elementary

Sept. 1 - Labor Day; No School

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

Sept. 7 - Back to School Bash, 4:30pm, IHM AC & East
Parking Lot

Sept. 8 - Grandparent's invited to lunch today.

Sept. 8 - Home & School Mtg., 7pm, Little Theatre

-- **Thank you** for saving McDonald's receipts all summer. With those receipts we purchased the Educator Overhead Calculator, Kid KNEX Classroom Collection, Classroom 7" Geoboard Set, NASCO School Balance, Playground Ball Set, and Switch On. We also deposited \$165.48 in pennies that you have donated. Thank you so much. Every penny counts.

-- **HFE 2008 Back to School Bash!** September 7, 4:30 to 7pm, at HFE/IHM East Parking Lot. Free hot dog feed and water games. Families A – L please bring a pre-cut dessert; Families M – Z bring a side dish or salad. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on. Donations will be accepted.



-- 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.

Thomas More Prep-Marian Homecoming Events:

Thursday, Sept. 11: Blessing of Fall Sports and Activities, followed by introduction of homecoming candidates, pep rally.

Friday, Sept. 12: School Open House and Tours 9am to 2pm, School Parade Lineup 5pm, Parade begins down Main Street at 6pm.

TMP-Marian vs. Ness City Football at Lewis Field 7:30pm. Class Reunions at 9:30pm, at various locations around town.

Saturday, Sept. 13:

Mass for Deceased Alumni at 11:00 a.m., Dutch Lunch at 12 p.m., Alumni Banquet & Dance at the Fanchon at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 14: "All you can eat" Breakfast at 7:30am to 12pm.

All are invited to come to Mass at Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer on Sept. 14, at 3:30 p.m.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM

Galen Pfeifer
Laurie Konz
Mike Konz
Cathy Pfeifer
Shannon Stauth
Jan Stauth
Kathy Taylor

Proclaimer

Hannah Keil #1
Jessalyn Allen #2

Altar Servers

Rachel Muirhead
Justin Pfeifer
Joe Heimann
Bridget Heimann

Hospitality

Steve & Dawn Keil

Sacristan

Henry Reinhardt

Gift Bearers

Garrett Portenier
Alexis Ralph
Emilie Taylor
Austin Tammen

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM

Joel Dreiling
Connie Grant
Deb Kraus
Denis Roberts
Tim Schumacher
Ruth Schumacher
Nolan Allen +

Proclaimer

Gene Rice #1
Joe Mindrup #2

Altar Servers

Kaysha Leiker
Matthew Mindrup
James Mindrup

Hospitality

Bill Montgomery

Sacristan

Paul Kraus

Gift Bearers

Preston Wolf

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM

Mary Hickman
Mary Braden
Randall Braden
Carrie Gottschalk
Mark Heimerman
Rose McFarland
Bob Wasinger

Proclaimer

Karen Aten #1
Katie Carmichael #2

Altar Servers

Jessie Carmichael
Brett Leiker
Emily Leiker

Hospitality

Mike Leiker

Wes Leiker

Sacristan

Andrea Carmichael

Gift Bearers

Matt Woydziak

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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Everyone is welcome to join the Sisters of St. Agnes celebrating their 150th Anniversary on Friday, Sept. 5, at 5:30pm at St. Joseph's Church. A reception will follow in the Kennedy Cafeteria.

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.

Bunco is Now Played regularly on the 2nd Thursday of the Month

The Seniors Sharing Group is now on a regular schedule for "Bunco". The next date is Thursday, Sept. 11, at 2:30pm, at the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. It's a social event. It's a party. It's a blast. Bunco is a game of dice, played in rounds. You take turns rolling dice, trying to accumulate as many points as possible, and move on to the next table and switching partners if you win that particular match. At the end of the day points are tallied, prizes awarded, and refreshments served. Parishioners and non-parishioners of any age are invited. Feel free to bring a friend! **It is easy to learn and lots of fun!** Contact Laura Sadeghi at 635-3323 if you have any questions.



Second Sunday Film Series

Heartland Social Justice Commission will sponsor a film series with some social justice theme the second Sundays of September, October, and November at 1:30pm, at Hays Public Library. The first film is "Salt of the Earth". "Salt of the Earth" was released in 1954. It was produced written and directed by film makers who were blacklisted during the McCarthy era. Will Geer, Grandpa on the TV show "The Waltons", was one of the actors. Themes of prejudice against Mexican-American workers, undocumented workers, unsafe working conditions, and rights of women remind us of issues of today. Discussion will follow showing of the film. Please join us.

The Jesus through Mary Prayer Group Meets Again, Sept 16th. The Jesus Through Mary Prayer Group is meeting again after taking the summer off. We meet Tuesday mornings at 9am, in the St. Joseph Parish Center. You are most welcome to join us for prayer, scripture reflection, and faith sharing. This group has been the largest and longest running Heartland Parish Ministry. The reason is simple, participants enjoy it. Join us!

Sharing "Catholic Comedy" Event, Friday, Sept. 19

Join our Heartland Parishes Seniors Sharing group on Friday, Sept. 19, from 2:30 to 4:30pm, at the St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall for some **Catholic Comedy**. This will include Catholic jokes, DVD video skits, games, and some sharing of funny stories. More and more people are coming to our Seniors Sharing events. It's catching on! They are fun. You are welcome, too, no matter what your age! Bring a family member or friend, Catholic or non-Catholic. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Laura Sadeghi 635-3323.

Fr. Fred's Brown Bag Bible Basics Class

The Bible Basics Bible Study Class will begin again on Thurs., Sept. 4, at 8pm, and Fri., Sept. 5, at 11:30am. It will be the same class taught both times so pick the time that is most convenient for you. Both classes will be held at the Comeau Catholic Campus Center. This first meeting will simply be organizational to get ourselves oriented for the year. All are welcome and no previous Scripture study experience is necessary. *"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."* –St. Jerome

Special September Event

Join us for our September Friday Night Book Club discussion every Friday evening from 8 to 9pm, at **Cup of Joe**. We will begin on Friday, Sept. 5. We will be discussing "The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson" edited by Thomas H. Johnson. You will need to borrow or purchase your own book for this discussion. Read or skim pages 3 – 178 of the book for the group. If you do not have any questions, that is okay. Pick out your favorite poem from those pages and share why that is your favorite poem. If you do not have a favorite poem, that is also okay.



The Annual DREAM Camp Mini-Golf Tournament will be held at JR Golf, 1207 Vine St., (next to the south McDonald's) on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 10am to 2pm. Teams of two or four may participate for the cost of \$5 per person. McDonald's will add to the fun by providing a *Free Extra Value Meal* to each participant!

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An invitation is extended to all Legion of Mary Auxilians and all parishioners to attend Mass on Monday, Sept. 8, at 5:30pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The Mass intentions will be to pray for families, our country and to thank God for a bountiful harvest as we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“There is nothing man needs more than Divine Mercy,” John Paul II

Are you searching for peace? Suffering in any way? Having a hard time being able to forgive? Know someone who is dying? Don't miss the dramatic, prayerful reflections of God's mercy being brought to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 110 N 10th Ave., Hill City, on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 6:30 to 8:30pm, by Mother of Mercy Messengers, an outreach of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy. Set to music and light this incredible event touches hearts of all ages. Unique, powerful and moving! Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction Admission: Free will offering.



“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 sothoff@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.

German Feast Buffet St. Anthony Community Center Schoenchen, Sunday, Sept 7, 4 to 7pm, Saurkraut soup, Green Bean Dumpling soup, Noodles Ham & Beans, German Sausage, Home Made Bread, Pies, Kuchens & Cakes Coffee or Tea Proceeds will be spent on the upkeep of St. Anthony Church. Raffle of over \$900 cash and beautiful handmade items.

A session of “Divorce and Beyond” will be offered to people who are divorced, have filed for a divorce, or are legally separated, starting Tuesday, Sept. 23. The group is open to all denominations, will meet at Catholic Charities, 2707 Vine, Suite 17, Northridge Plaza, Hays, Kansas, Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9pm, for eight weeks. The only charge is \$10.00 for educational materials. No enrollment will be accepted after the second session on Sept. 30. Pre-registration is required by calling 625-2644 or our toll free number 1-877-625-2644.

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.

Give the Gift of Friendship. Volunteer with compeer. Compeer offers volunteers the opportunity to help someone cope with the loneliness and isolation of mental illness. Just one hour a week is all it takes! Training provided. For more information call Erica Fisher, Compeer Coordinator, at 628-2871 or e-mail at efisher@hpmhc.com. Flyers are available in the gathering space.

Ranger Rosaries have been sent to our men and women in the military by the Ranger Rosary Makers of St. Mary Queen of Angels Church in Russell.  They are very involved in answering God's call to get a rosary to any military personnel who would like a rosary regardless of their religion. Each Ranger Rosary is blessed by Fr. Jim Grennan before they are mailed out. They are always trying to find names and address for any service man or woman in the military that would like one of their rosaries. They are always in need of donations for supplies to help them with this ministry God has called them to do. Please send names, address, color choices or donations to Diane Larson, 4291 187th St., Russell, KS 67665

Heartland Parishes

Social Justice Commission Reflection

The local people, moreover, especially public authorities, should all treat [immigrants] not as mere tools of production but as persons, and must help them to arrange for their families to live with them and to provide themselves with decent living quarters. [Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church (December 7, 1965)]

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Sept. 3** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- Sept. 6** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- Sept. 7** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am
 - All American Breakfast, 7:30am to 12:30 pm, at the American Legion Sponsored by American Legion 173 & Sons of the American Legion Squadron 173 (Tickets: 625-9681 or 656-1397)
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles #3061 Food Bingo, 1:30pm, 121 E. 8th St., Eagles Lodge, Everyone welcome!

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