

Sunday, September 7, 2008: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

LISTEN

Christians strive to be at peace, correcting abuses and solving their conflicts in a peaceful manner.

Disagreements and conflicts are a factor of everyday life; these can be both positive and negative. Peaceful solutions can be found to problems.

In the early Church not everyone agreed with every decision. Problems were solved in different ways. At times a leader would determine a solution, and at other times the community would discuss the issue to arrive at a peaceful response.

Sometimes we have to put aside our own selfish interests for the sake of the common good. As pilgrims and people of God, we – as Church together – accept responsibility to speak God's word to our world.

National Catechetical Directory

Like pilgrims on a long, hard journey to a holy place, the Church's members have to bear the burden of their own sins, weakness, and frailty on the way to God's eternal city. Along the way they amend their sinful habits and resume their quest for union with God. (#68)

"Community" involves a sharing of beliefs, experiences, ideals, and values. Christian community leads one to put aside selfish goals and private interest for the sake of a common good. It is based on the willingness of all community members, as good stewards, to accept responsibility, individually and corporately, for the way each lives, uses his or her time, talent, and treasure, and responds to the needs and rights of others.

(#70, see also #s 67, 98, 99, 104, 105, 124.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The common good consists of three essential elements: respect for and promotion of the fundamental rights of the person; prosperity, or the development of the spiritual and temporal goods of society; the peace and security of the group and of its members. (#1925)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others?

YOUTH: Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

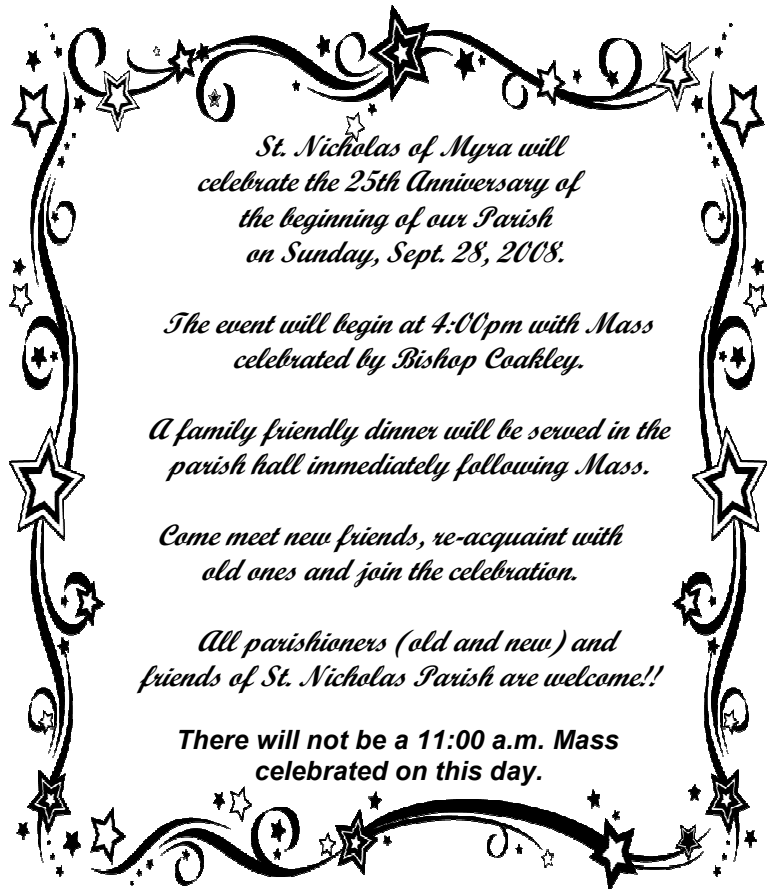
CHILDREN: What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

RCIA

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

Masses, Intentions & Services

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
 Wed. Sept. 10 7:30 a.m.+ Jacob Wolf
 Fri. Sept. 12 7:30 a.m.+ Martha Culbreath
 Sat. Sept. 13 5:00 p.m.+ Richard & Florence Gerstner
 Sun. Sept. 14 9:30 a.m.+ Mabel Wasinger
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008

Week Collection of Aug. 31	\$ 11,624
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$103,353
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$104,967
As of Aug. 31, 2008 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 1,614)

The parish tithes for May went to St. Paul's Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, Second Mile Fund, and CASA.

MONEY COUNTERS

Sept. 7	Richard & Trina Gottschalk
Sept. 14	Laura Hertel, Lucy Hutchison, & Joel & Melinda Dreiling
Sept. 21	Neil & Sondra Klaus & Curt & Donna Dinkel
Sept. 28	Ernie & Darlene Kroeger

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Readings for Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 8

(The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30;

Psalm 13:6ab, 6c; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday, September 9 (St. Peter Claver)

1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 10

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17;
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 11

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13;

Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 12 (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12;
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 13 (St. Chrysostom)

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18;
Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, September 14

(The Exaltation of Holy Cross)

Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;
Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Faith Formation News

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 advance to be placed in a class! Forms *may not* be turned in on the first night of classes.



****NOTE: Parents meeting** for First Eucharist and Confirmation during assigned class session.

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 & 6th Grades – 1 Catechist
Needed for each class
8th Grade 1or2 Catechists Needed**

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation for St. Nicholas of Myra Candidates will be held during the 5:00pm Mass, Saturday, Sept. 6. Bishop Paul Coakley will preside. **All are welcome to congratulate the newly confirmed at a reception to be held after Mass in the Parish Hall.**



The following young people will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Jessalyn Allen	Garrett Portenier	Tanner Burkhart
Dustin Petz	Scott Heimann	Alexis Ralph
Kara Hunziker	Kiera Schwarz	Korey Hunziker
Candace Staab	Hannah Keil	Aaron Stewart
Reagan Kleymann	Austin Tammen	Regan Konz
Emilie Taylor	Jenna Lang	Austin Werth
Kylie Myers	Lakin Werth	Taylor Pfeifer

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.

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.

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.

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Holy Family Elementary

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

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

necessary.

-- 6A & 6B Class field trip to Hutchison for the State Fair largest classroom.

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

Sept. 10 - Vision Screening, grades K-6.

Sept. 11 - Lifetouch pictures, Tues/Thurs. Preschool

Sept. 12 - Lifetouch pictures, PA/PB Preschool through Sixth.

-- If you ordered a 2007-2008 yearbook, please pick it up in the school office.

-- Thank you for saving Campbell Soup Labels. Please remember it is necessary to save only the bar code.

-- 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 13 & 14

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM

Darlene Arnhold
John Allen
Andy Beck

Celina Beilman
Glen Gabel

Marilyn Gabel
Rosalie Nichols

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM

Marvin Kaiser
Karen Moeder
Bernice Kaiser

Neil Klaus
Eric Moeder
Charlie Munsch

Bob Wasinger +

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM

Janet Kohl
Geraldyn Allen
Troy Hickman

Sara Humphrey
Jayne Inlow
Mary Lou Mastin

Kathy Taylor

Proclaimer

Gloria Mlinek #1
Marie Froelich #2

Altar Servers

Alayna Arnhold
Alysia Arnhold
Sarah Gottschalk

Proclaimer

Clare Gustin #1
Keith Gustin #2

Altar Servers

Noah Dopita
Nicholas Dopita
Sarah Jo Gustin

Proclaimer

Mary Hickman #1
Andrew Allen #2

Altar Servers

Brett Hertel
Alivia Inlow
Aaron Jeffus

Hospitality

Duane Klein
Joel Zimmerman

Sacristan
June Allen

Gift Bearers

Bruce Arnhold

Hospitality

Bernie Werth

Sacristan

Jeanie Munsch

Gift Bearers

Alex Leiker

Hospitality

Roy Inlow

Sacristan

Nolan Allen

Gift Bearers

Frank Medina

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



An invitation is extended to all Legion of Mary Auxiliaries 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.

The monthly D of I Meeting will be on Sept. 9, at 7:30pm. Important planning meeting for this year. Our Chaplain, Sr. Janet, will offer some suggestions on topics for the coming year to enrich our Spiritual Growth. She also welcomes our ideas and suggestions for topics that would be of interest and enrich our lives. Come and bring any ideas/suggestions that you feel would benefit our Spiritual Growth. See you all then!

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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Catholics Returning Home – Begins this 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, September 7th at the St. Joseph Parish Center conference room from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

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!

Wisdom on Aging

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw in later life what you have deposited along the way. So deposit all you can in your bank account of memories. Some guidelines for a blessed life are: Free your heart from hate, Free your mind from worry, Live simply, Give more, Expect less.

Senior 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.

It's Our Watch!

The future of our Catholic faith depends, to a great extent, on how we respond today. Let your life be a living legacy. When you pass into eternity, you can also reach back from heaven and help Christ's Church evangelize. Please remember our parish in your Will and estate plans. Contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 or stjstewardship@eaglecom.net for more information.

CatholicsComeHome.Org Evangelization

The Evangelization Committee has ordered two www.CatholicsComeHome.org highway signs. They are 7' long by 2' high. One sign will be going on 183 S near Munjor. We're still looking for a visible, highly traveled site for the other one. If you own property in a visible location on a highly traveled route, we would like to use your land. If you have not seen the www.CatholicsComeHome.org website, please go to the bottom of their home page and make sure you view the three short videos. They are truly inspirational. They will bring people back home. In Ellis County, that means our family members! If you want to donate to help us get more such signs, make checks payable to Heartland Parish Ministries, P.O. Drawer 1000, Hays 67601 or contact Mark Roberti 625-7356.

Heartland Evangelization Committee

We are the New Evangelization. There is nobody else to do this but us. The Heartland Parishes are doing significant mass-media evangelization in Ellis County and beyond. If you can help with donations, please send a check payable to: Heartland Parish Ministries, P.O. Drawer 1000, Hays, Kansas or contact Mark Roberti 625-7356. You can also donate things other than cash, which we can turn into cash, such as metals, jewelry, art, vehicles, etc.

Try One of Our Faith Sharing/Bible Study Groups!

Men of Myra, Saturday mornings at 7:30am, St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Women of Joseph, Saturday mornings at 7:30am, St. Joseph Parish Center. Disciples of Christ, Wednesday evenings at 7pm, St. Joseph Parish Center. *You will be graciously welcomed!*

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Inactive Knight or Daughter?

Please Re-engage! If you are an inactive Knight or Daughter, please become active again. It's time to help 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.


Too Important to Miss! Don't miss the nationally traveling dramatic presentation that will bring your to the heart of the Divine Mercy message and devotion. Perhaps the fastest growing devotion in the history of the Church, learn how it can help you and your family find hope, healing, strength, and peace in difficult times. Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 110 N 10th Ave., Hill City, on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Especially captivating for youth! Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction Admission: Free will offering.

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

"Catholic social teaching proclaims that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences." [Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, Reflections of the US Catholic Bishops]



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

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Sept. 7** 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!
- Sept. 8** K of C Meeting, 7pm
-- Religious Education Meeting, 7pm
- Sept. 9** St. Nicholas Prayer Group meeting, 1pm
-- Liturgy Meeting, 7pm
- Sept. 10** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- Sept. 13** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- Sept. 14** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am

