

Sunday, January 18, 2009: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

GOD CALLS – I RESPOND

Each one is special and called by God.

Because of God's great love, God created the world and each of us. Each of us is God's special creation called to be God's image, God's reflection in the world. Each of us is called to image God in our own part of the world. As we come to know our own gifts, we come to understand how we are called to image God in our world.

We also come to know God through God's other images, the people with whom we live. Different people and different groups of people or cultures image God, but they do it in their own unique way. We can look to our own world, the people around us, our families, neighbors, and friends to learn about God. We can also look to other traditions and other cultures to see how they image God.

National Catechetical Directory

Evangelization "has as its purpose the arousing of the beginnings of faith." It seeks to bring the good news "into all the strata of humanity," in this way "transforming humanity from within and making it new."

(#35) (For junior high and high school, see also #191)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Faith is a personal adherence of the whole man to God who reveals himself. It involves an assent of the intellect and will to the self-revelation God has made through his deeds and words. (#176)

He who believes in Christ becomes a son of God. This filial adoption transforms him by giving him the ability to follow the example of Christ. It makes him capable of acting rightly and doing good. In union with his Savior, the disciple attains the perfection of charity which is holiness. Having matured in grace, the moral life blossoms into eternal life in the glory of heaven. (#1709)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

YOUTH: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

CHILDREN: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?



WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Haley Marie LaBarge, infant daughter of Martin and Rhonda LaBarge. She was baptized on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Jan. 17 5:00 p.m.+ Maurice 'Mory' Pfeifer
 Sun. Jan. 18 9:30 a.m.+ Vernie Mermis
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 Wed. Jan. 21 7:30 a.m.+ Gertrude Rziha
 Fri. Jan. 23 7:30 a.m.+ Nick & Odelia Hoffman
 Sat. Jan. 24 5:00 p.m.+ Patricia Selensky
 Sun. Jan. 25 9:30 a.m.+ Jacob C. Stecklein
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Second Annual St. Nicholas Whole Parish Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the *St. Nicholas Whole Parish Meeting* which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7pm, in the church. Meeting will last an hour. Childcare will be provided. Come ready to share your thoughts. Bring your comments and questions. Refreshments will follow.



St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring the Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower. A playpen will be available in the gathering space of church to collect baby and young mother items. These will be presented to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home in early February. Contact Bill or Teresa Heimann at 623-4737. Many thanks for your generosity!

The Art & Environment team would like to say a "HUGE THANKS" to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations. We could not do it without all your help. What a great Parish Family we have. Thanks a million!

Art & Environment Team

Church Repairs

To Date \$50,790

Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008

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| Week Collection of Jan. 11 | \$ 10,708 |
| Budgeted Weekly Collection | \$ 11,663 |
| Collection Year to Date | \$366,994 |
| Budgeted Collection Year to Date | \$338,227 |
| As of Jan. 11, 2009 we are over/(under) budget | \$ 28,767 |

MONEY COUNTERS

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| Jan. 18 | Laura Hertel & Lucy Hutchison |
| Jan. 25 | Melvin & Karen Bruggeman |
| Feb. 1 | Neil & Sondra Klaus |
| Feb. 8 | Curt & Donna Dinkel |

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Readings for Second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 19

Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 20 (St. Fabian & St. Sebastian)

Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c;
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 21 (St. Agnes)

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 22 (St. Vincent)

Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17;
Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 23

Hebrews 8:6-13; Psalm 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 24 (St. Francis de Sales)

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;
Mark 3:20-21

Sunday, January 25

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a);
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

POSTCARD SIGNING DAY! Next week our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event.

SDCCW Annual Workshop will be held Sunday, Jan 25, from 1:30 to 4:30pm, at St. Wenceslaus Parish Hall, Wilson, KS. This workshop is open to all Catholic Women with a desire to know, love, and serve Christ, and particularly officers and commission chairwomen of the parish.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

You are called by name. If you are struggling with your abortion decision come and see what Jesus has prepared for you. Give yourself His "gift" of a retreat weekend.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time

Next retreat: Jan. 30-Feb. 1

877-I-GRIEVE (877-447-4383)

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL has the following hour of adoration open: Thursday at 7am, for more information contact Lil at 625-7474.

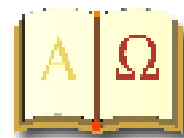
Faith Formation News

Classes in session,

-- Wednesday, Jan. 21

-- NO Classes Wednesday, Jan. 28 --

Catechist In-service night



Sunday, Jan. 18 – First Eucharist Retreat 1:30 to 3pm at IHM for all First Communion Candidates and parents.

CYO News

Next Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 18, 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall

ENCHILADA SALES BEGIN Now. Please see a member of CYO or place your order after Masses on and Jan. 24 & 25, Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, and Feb. 7 & 8. **6 for \$7.50 or 12 for \$14.00** Orders will be ready for pick up Feb. 21 and 22, after all Masses. Checks can be made payable to **St. Nicholas CYO.**

Jr. CYO

Jan. 25: Our Jr. CYO members will be getting together to help plan for the upcoming parish Stewardship Fair. We will be designing our Jr. CYO display board and creating items to be distributed during the fair. Fun and games will follow.

Adult Education Classes

Salina Diocese School of Pastoral Leadership. *The Gift of Stewardship* – (4 hours) Feb. 8&15, 3 to 5pm, Russell, Fr. Steve Heina, *Letters to St. Paul*, - (8 hours) March 8,15,22,29, 12-2pm, Abilene, Fr. Merlin Kieffer, *Morality* – (12 hours) March 1, 15, 22, 29, 2 to 5pm, Plainville, Fr. Galen Long, *The Gospels* - (8 hours) April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 4 to 6pm, Clyde, Fr. Merlin Kieffer
Contact Kathy in the Parish Office to register.

The Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life is offering a course on the Second Vatican Council. The course will be on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, and 15, from 7 to 9pm, at the Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life, Victoria, KS. The presenter will be Fr. Michael Scully.

Catholic Websites

Adults – Catholic Online

<http://www.catholiconline.org>

Families – Catholic Exchange

<http://catholicexchange.com>

Children – Holy Spirit Interactive Kids Zone

<http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids>

Teens - PhatMass

<http://www.phatmass.com>

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Holy Family Elementary

Jan. 18 - 2nd Grade First Eucharist Retreat, 1:30 to 3:00, IHM

Jan. 22 - January Birthday Mass & Dinner

Jan. 25 - Annual Chili Supper, 4 to 7pm, Little Theatre/Activity Center

Jan. 25-30 - Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 27 - 2009-2010 Preschool/Kindergarten Information Night; Preschool 7pm, Little Theatre; Kindergarten, 7:30pm, Activity Center.

-- Holy Family is supporting the Hays High School DECA project to collect can tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Wichita. Should you wish to participate, please turn your tabs into the office.

-- Thank you for collecting Box Tops, Campbell UPC's, Nestle Water Labels, McDonald Receipts, and recycling aluminum cans for HFE. Every label counts at our school and benefits our students. All school label collection day is Wednesday.

--Holy Family Elementary would like to invite you to their Annual Chili Supper/Bazaar on Sunday, Jan. 25, from 4 to 7pm. It will be held at the Holy Family Elementary Little Theater/Activity Center, 18th & Vine. Chili, turkey sandwiches on homemade rolls, relishes, and dessert will be served. Meal tickets are \$5.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 4-12. Tickets are available in advance at the school office or at the door. Bring your family and friends for a great meal, lots of kids' games, bingo, silent auction, and a raffle. Hope to see you there!



-- Catholic School's Week is being celebrated around the nation the week of Jan. 25 through Feb. 1.

-- TMP-Marian will be offering a summer driver education program. There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 8, in the school dining room.

-- Feb. 19, High School for a day for all local and surrounding 8th Graders from 8:30am until 1:30pm. Transportation will be provided. Please RSVP to your school secretary and they will let us know.

Vocation



"Behold the Lamb of God." Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Jarett Konrade 785-827-8746 or e-mail at vocations@salinadiocese.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 24 & 25

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

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| EM | Proclaimer | Hospitality |
| Sylvia Reinhardt | Marvin Kaiser #1 | Keith Dreiling |
| Glen Gabel | Bernice Kaiser #2 | |

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| Jo Good | Altar Servers | Sacristan |
| Mary Mellick | Sarah Gottschalk | Marilyn Gabel |
| Jeanie Munsch | Rachel Muirhead | |

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| Larry Rome | Macie Stoecklein | Gift Bearers |
| Kathy Rome | | Henry Reinhardt |

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

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| EM | Proclaimer | Hospitality |
| Kristi Newell | Gene Rice #1 | Julius Rohr |
| Joe Glassman | Connie Grant #2 | |

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| Linda Glassman | Altar Servers | Sacristan |
| LeRoy Lang | Michael Moeder | Pat Lang |
| Eric Moeder | Garrett Portenier | |

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| Karen Moeder | Peter Rice | Gift Bearers |
| Nolan Allen + | | Kevin Splichal |

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

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| EM | Proclaimer | Hospitality |
| Rose McFarland | Troy Hickman #1 | Steve Keil |
| Karen Aten | Hannah Keil #2 | |

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| Mary Hickman | Altar Servers | Sacristan |
| Janet Kohl | Torrie Gregg | Kathy Jacobs |
| Mary Lou Mastin | Alyssa Keil | |

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| Jorge Vazquez | Brett Leiker | Gift Bearers |
| Bob Wasinger | | Carrie Gottschalk |

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

-- 180 boxes were distributed on the Dec. 20, Pantry Day!

-- Item for the month for January: Cereal Items! Hot & Cold cereals, Pancake Mix...All are appreciated!

-- Medium-sized boxes that can be closed are also needed. **NOTE: Due to the directives from the Fire Marshal's recent visit, boxes are no longer to be left in the East Stairwell of the Parish Service Center. Also, please DO NOT leave boxes outside the East Door. Boxes will now be collected in the space office down the hall from the Religious Education Office.**

-- Volunteers are needed for the Jan. 17, & Feb. 7, pantry dates.

-- Please call (628-8434) or e-mail (michauds@ruraltel.net) Renee for details if you are interested in volunteering on a pantry day.



Cup a Joe will not be open on **Friday** evenings.

Cup a Joe will continue to be open Monday – Wednesday mornings from 7 to 9am. Instead of using the west outside staircase, enter through the east door and use the inside staircase to get to **Cup a Joe**.

Free donuts at Cup a Joe on Sunday, January 18 from 9am to noon. Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center and use the inside staircase.

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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 on the south side of 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. 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.

Heartland Parish Mission with Fr. Tony Stephens at IHM

A Mission to the Heartland Parishes will be conducted at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish by Fr. Tony Stephens of the "Fathers of Mercy" beginning Sunday, March 1, through and including Thursday, March 5. Daily topics include: Sunday – the Church in Our Lives, Monday – The Power of Prayer, Tuesday – The Mercy of God, Wednesday – The Holy Eucharist, and Thursday – The Virgin Mary and the Saints. Each session, except the initial Sunday session, will be presented twice daily, once in the morning and once in the evening. Evening Sessions will begin at 7pm, Sunday through Thursday. Morning sessions will begin at 9am, Monday through Thursday. All sessions will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and end with Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow all sessions. Childcare will be provided in the evenings. Please put this on your calendar and join us!

Lenten Series on Mary

St. Joseph Parish will present five, one-hour, Monday evening talks on "Our Lady" beginning Feb. 23, through March 20, (except, Monday, March 2), at 7pm, in the parish service center. We will discuss the history of Marian devotion, the four principle Marian doctrines, a fifth emerging doctrine, and objections to Marian devotion by our separated brother and sister Christians. Our speaker will be Deacon Mark Roberti, who holds a Master of Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville and who considers Marian devotion and its relationship to Christ and Catholicism his theological passion. Weekly topics will be: 1) Historical/theological introduction of Mary as Mother of God, 2) Mary's Perpetual Virginity, 3) Mary's Immaculate Conception 4) Mary's Assumption, 5) Emerging doctrine This will likely be the most comprehensive and in-depth explanation of Mary's role in salvation history that most participants will have every heard. All are welcome.

FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE: "Responding to God on the Spiritual Journey" will take place on Jan. 31, from 9:30am to 5pm at St. Andrew's Parish in Abilene. The keynote speaker is Dr. Phillip St. Romain, a noted author and spiritual director. Bishop Coakley will give the welcome and offer the Mass after the conference. **Registration has been extended to Jan. 20.** To register call St. Michael's Parish at 785-922-6509 or the Family Life Office at 785-827-5135. Cost of the conference is \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families. Registration includes all workshops, snacks and luncheon, and babysitting if needed. Dr. St. Romain will help us identify God's invitations of hope, faith, love, carrying our crosses, and resurrection life. Other workshops include topics of Theological Perspectives, Personal Finance, and God's plan for marriage. Eve Coberly and Fr. Jarett Konrade are presenting a youth track for grades 7-12. A brochure is available at <http://www.catholiccharitiessalina.org/Family%20Life%20Conference.pdf> with details of the conference and a registration form.

Catholic Faith Sharing Opportunities for the New Year– Get Involved!

Women of Joseph Faith Sharing Group: Saturday mornings at 7:30am, in the St. Joseph Parish Center Conference Room. We read the Sunday Scriptures and share.

Men of Myra Faith Sharing Group: Saturday Mornings at 7:30am, in the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. We read the Sunday Scriptures and share.

Jesus Through Mary Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 9am, in the St. Joseph Parish Conference Room. We pray, share Scripture, discuss Catholic topics and devotions, etc.

Disciples of Christ Young Adult Group: Wednesday evenings at 7pm, We share our faith through Scripture, movies, and a variety of church and non-church activities. Join us in the St. Joseph Parish Center Conference Room.

Eucharistic Adoration: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the Adoration Chapel. Come anytime.

Knights and Daughters: We proclaim Christ through prayer and action. Contact your parish office for times.



Wednesday Evening Rosaries for the Family

Join us every Wednesday night in the Heartland Parishes Adoration Chapel from 9 to 9:25pm for our Rosary for families and community support of the family.

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Catholicism, Discipleship, & the Call to Stewardship

Becoming a disciple leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. Stewardship, evangelization, and discipleship make up the fabric of Christian life in which each day is lived in an intimate and personal relationship with Jesus. The Christ-centered way of life has its beginning in baptism and is strengthened in confirmation. Following Jesus becomes the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God's will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians, it is a total way of life and requires continual conversion.

Introducing Seniors Sharing Card Bingo, Jan. 23

The Seniors Sharing ministry is introducing "Card Bingo". This, as all our events, is for people of all ages. You are welcome to invite family members and friends, Catholic or non-Catholic. Our participants have enjoyed all the game events we have held. Join us, at the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall, Friday, Jan. 23, from 2:30 – 4:30pm. There will be prizes. Desserts and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Laura Sadeghi 635-3323.



Next Seniors Bunko, Thursday, Feb. 12

The next Bunko party will be Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2:30pm, in the St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall.

Next First Friday Respect Life Mass – Feb. 6

Our next monthly Respect Life Mass will be Friday, Feb. 6, at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish. It is preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary starting at 5pm. Immediately following Mass is a meatless potluck in the parish service center.

Pray, Pray, Pray

Remember the Heartland Parishes Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Stop in and visit the Creator of the Universe, who happens to be your God and savior. He longs to share an hour with you! Regular visits especially please Him!

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.

Pray and Work for Vocations

Increasing vocations to the priesthood and religious life is at the very center of the needs of our Church. Please make prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life a part of your daily prayer routine. 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.

St. Nicholas Church to host health screenings that could save your life.

St. Nicholas Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on March 12. Four screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; Register for Vascular Package with Heart Rhythm for \$139. Add a fifth test for osteoporosis for just \$10 more. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441, or visit www.lifelinescreenings.com, for more information or to pre-register.

Heartland Parishes Offer Pastoral Care

"Journey Through Grief" is a series of eight sessions to help you understand and embrace the journey. Caring for the needs will help you discover a fullness to living and loving again. These sessions will be held on Feb. 11 & 25; March 11 & 25; April 8 & 22; May 6 & 20; from 4:30 to 6pm, in the Conference Room at St. Joseph Service Center. Pre-registration required by Feb. 1. Please call Sr. Janet Le Duc at 621-4436 or email at jlcsj@ruraltel.net.

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 18** Soup Luncheon, 10:30am to 2pm, Gorham Senior Center, Gorham, KS (Sponsored by D of I)
- Jan. 19** Ladies Guild Meeting, 7pm
- Jan. 20** Community Assistance Center Garage Sale, 8 to 11am, 12th & Oak St.
-- St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm
- Jan. 21** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- Jan. 22** RCIA, 7pm
- Jan. 24** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- Jan. 25** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am

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