

# Sunday, February 8, 2009: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FAITH CORNER



### JESUS LOVES PEOPLE

#### The Lord loves the oppressed.

Pain, suffering, sinfulness and its evil effects touch all human lives. Jesus taught us not to run away from suffering, but to reach out in love to all who are oppressed.

Throughout its history, the Church has carried on Jesus' saving work. Sister Emmanuelle, for example, is a good and holy woman who lives in the slums of Egypt and loves and cares for the very poor people called Zabbaleen. These are the people who collect garbage or rubbish. They live on and eat from these garbage dumps. Sister helps them know God by helping them find food and build small shacks for their housing when no one else will help. She is loved among these outcasts. She brings the good news of Jesus to the people.

### National Catechetical Directory

*[Jesus] accorded unparalleled respect and concern to the human person, reaching out to all – virtuous and sinners, poor and rich, fellow citizens and foreigners – and showing special solicitude for the suffering and rejected.* (NCD #89, see also #67)

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

#### Providence and the scandal of evil

*If God the Father almighty, the Creator of the ordered and good world, cares for all his creatures, why does evil exist? To this question, as pressing as it is unavoidable and as painful as it is mysterious, no quick answer will suffice. Only Christian faith as a whole constitutes the answer to this question: the goodness of creation, the drama of sin, and the patient love of God who comes to meet man by his covenants, the redemptive Incarnation of his Son, his gift of the Spirit, his gathering of the Church, the power of the sacraments, and his call to a blessed life to which free creatures are invited to consent in advance, but from which, by a terrible mystery, they can also turn away in advance. There is not a single aspect of the Christian message that is now in part an answer to the question of evil.* (#309)

### FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** If you were going to pray for healing for any reason, what would it be? What needs to be healed in our world and society?

**YOUTH:** What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?

**CHILDREN:** What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?

### Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Feb. 7 5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Paul & Josephine Kuhn Family  
 Sun. Feb. 8 9:30 a.m.+ Ron Ream  
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 Wed. Feb. 11 7:30 a.m.+ Martha Culbreath-Karlin  
 Fri. Feb. 13 7:30 a.m.+ Pat Hickert-Stephen  
 Sat. Feb. 14 5:00 p.m. Pete & Lucida Unrein Family  
 Sun. Feb. 15 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
 11:00 a.m.+ Herbert Leiker & Marina Walters



### Stewardship Fair – Feb. 7 & 8 after all Masses this weekend.

All parishioners are invited to St. Nicholas Annual Stewardship Fair. Come visit “booths” representing the many commissions and ministries active at St. Nicholas Parish. Enjoy refreshments, face painting, a clown with balloons, adult and youth door prize drawings. Something for everyone!

### Discipleship Starts at Home!

Good stewardship is discipleship. It begins at home, in the family. Our parish has begun our “*Responding to the Call*” 2009-2010 Stewardship Renewal Effort. Just as one cannot truly come to Christ, except through the Cross, one cannot come to the fullness of Christianity except through stewardship. Please prayerfully reflect upon your commitment of time, talent, and treasure to the parish. Stewardship helps form healthy individuals, families, and parishes. We are in an age that needs true disciples. Stewardship is the medicine for our age.

### Our Annual World Marriage Day Weekend

is Feb. 14 and 15. We will have receptions after all Masses. Marriages will be blessed at every Mass.



### WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Wyatt Vincent Weber, infant son of Paul and Shawna Weber. He will be baptized on Saturday, Feb. 7.



### Church Repairs

To Date \$50,870

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

Week Collection of Feb. 1	\$ 16,189
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$404,390
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$373,216
As of Feb. 1, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 31,174

### MONEY COUNTERS

Feb. 8	Curt & Donna Dinkel
Feb. 15	Ernie & Darlene Kroeger
Feb. 22	Mark & Amanda Lang
March 1	Greg & LaNae Lang

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## Readings for Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, February 9

Genesis 1:1-19;  
Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c;  
Mark 6:53-56

### Tuesday, February 10 (St. Scholastica)

Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 7:1-13

### Wednesday, February 11

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30;  
Mark 7:14-23

### Thursday, February 12

Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mark 7:24-30

### Friday, February 13

Genesis 3:1-8; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 7:31-37

### Saturday, February 14 (St. Cyril & St. Methodius)

Genesis 3:9-24; Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13;  
Mark 8:1-10

### Sunday, February 15

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11(7);  
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

## Faith Formation News

Classes in session,

-- Wednesday, Feb. 11

-- Wednesday, Feb. 18

-- No Class, Feb. 25 – Ash Wednesday



## CYO News

Next meeting - Feb. 15 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall

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

## Jr. CYO

**Feb. 7 & 8:** The Jr. CYO will be passing out crafts to visitors of our display at the annual Stewardship Fair. Let us know if you can help!

**Feb. 7 & 21:** The St. Nick's Jr. CYO is in charge of working the St. Joseph Food Pantry for these Saturdays in February. We need 1-2 adults and 5-8 members to volunteer their time in helping to serve others. The time you are needed is 8:30 to 11:30am. Please call or email if you can help!

**Feb. 22:** Jr. CYO Meeting from 6:30 to 8pm in the Parish Hall. The evening's main event will be making Prayer Blankets. Parent volunteers are welcome. Please join us!

**Adult Education Classes** - Are being offered through the Salina Diocese School of Pastoral Leadership. **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, 2-5pm, Plainville, Fr. Galen Long, **The Gospels** - (8 hours) April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 4-6pm, Clyde, Fr. Merlin Kieffer  
Contact Kathy in the Parish Office to register.



**LENT** begins in only 2 1/2 weeks. Consider joining a Lenten small faith sharing group to enhance your spiritual preparation. Groups can be formed to fit your schedule and family situation; adults only, families groups for those with children, intergenerational groups, etc. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering space. You will be contacted prior to the first meeting by a group leader.

**The St. Nicholas Bingo & Raffle** will be held March 1. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prizes, please call Jenni Leiker at 639-2140 or Pat Lang at 625-5940.



## Baby Shower!

**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!



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.

## Catholic Websites

Adult & Parents – Catholic Online

<http://www.catholiconline.org>

Youth – Youth Apostles

<http://www.youthapostles.com>

Children - EWTN Kids

<http://www.ewtn.com/ewtnkids/index.asp>

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## Holy Family Elementary

**Feb. 9** - School Advisory Council Mtg.,  
7pm, Library

**Feb. 16** - No School; Diocesan In-service  
-- 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.



-- **TMP-Marian** will be offering a summer driver education program. There

will be a meeting on Sunday, March 8, in the school dining room.

-- **"Bring Back the Oldies"** will be presented by the TMP Singers for their annual Dinner Theater. Dates for this years show are Saturday, Feb. 7, at 6:30pm, and Sunday, Feb. 8, at noon. Tickets can be purchased from any TMP Singer, or by contacting TMP at 625-6577. The meal will consist of a stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, dessert and salad. Prices for the meal and show are \$15 per person.

-- **Feb. 18**, High School for a day for all local and surrounding 8<sup>th</sup> graders from 8:30am until 1:30pm, transportation will be provided. Please RSVP to your school secretary and they will let us know.

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

**Dillons Coupons will be available this weekend after all Masses, Feb. 7 & 8.**

## St. Joseph's Food Pantry

-- Item for the month of February: Meat and tuna products. 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 Feb. 21 and March 7, pantry dates. Please call or e-mail Renee for details if you are interested in volunteering on a pantry day, 628-8434, michauds@ruraltel.net.

## Vocation



"Everyone is searching for You." If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, Call Fr. Jarett Konrade 785-827-8746 or e-mail at vocations@salinadiocese.org

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 14 & 15

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

#### EM

Larry Rome  
John Allen  
Keith Dreiling  
Alan Hoffman  
Marvin Kaiser  
Bernice Kaiser  
Kathy Rome

#### Proclaimer

Carolyn Ehr #1  
Marie Froelich #2

#### Altar Servers

Sarah Gottschalk  
Alexis Ralph  
Macie Stoecklein

#### Hospitality

Galen Gottschalk  
Neil Legleiter  
**Sacristan**  
June Allen

#### Gift Bearers

Ryan Hagans

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

#### EM

Connie Grant  
Linda Glassman  
Joe Glassman  
Deb Kraus  
Jim Krob  
Kristi Newell  
Bob Wasinger +

#### Proclaimer

Rick Rajewskie #1  
Luke Samuel #2

#### Altar Servers

Kara Hunziker  
Korey Hunziker  
Morgan Weber

#### Hospitality

Tim Speno

#### Sacristan

Paul Kraus

#### Gift Bearers

Gene Rice

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

#### EM

Mary Lou Mastin  
Carrie Gottschalk  
Cathy Pfeifer  
Galen Pfeifer  
Shannon Stauth  
Jan Stauth  
Kathy Taylor

#### Proclaimer

Jorge Vazquez #1  
Tom Pitner #2

#### Altar Servers

Brittany Dinkel  
McKenna Duffy  
Aaron Jeffus

#### Hospitality

Corey Sorenson

#### Sacristan

Kathy Jacobs

#### Gift Bearers

James Duffy

-- **Free donuts at Cup a Joe** on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 9:30 a.m. – noon. *Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center and use the inside staircase.*



-- **Thursday, Feb. 12** – Join us for movie night. Pick your favorite comedy, action/adventure, or drama and bring it to **Cup a Joe**. The group will decide which movie to watch. *Enjoy free*

*popcorn with your movie.*

-- **Thursday, Feb. 19** – Join us for game night before Lent begins. Bring your favorite games to share. We will divide into groups to play. **Any beverage purchased for \$1.00 or more this night receives a punch on our free drink cards.**

-- **Remember Cup a Joe is open** Monday – Wednesday mornings from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Use the east door to the inside staircase to enter Cup a Joe.**

**Remember that we are located on the top floor of the Parish Service Center.**

# WELCOME

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

Tyler & Rebecca Woolsey and family;

Joe & Pat Englert;

Jeff & Jennifer Weilert and family;

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## 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.

### Walk For a Grieving Heart

When we have experienced God's forgiveness, we are **new creatures**. We can live a life beyond the regrets of yesterday. We can live with a forward-looking hope of glory.

-Reflections from *Footprints*

Please consider helping Rachel's Vineyard Retreats by partaking in Walk for a Grieving Heart at 9am, Feb. 14, in Colby, Hays and Salina or Sharon Springs. Walkers will have a choice of walking inside or outside. All walkers who obtain \$50 in donations will receive a T-shirt. Refreshments and door prizes are available. For a registration form, please contact: [rachelsvineyard@salinadioecese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadioecese.org) or call 1-877-447-4383.



### 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](http://www.lifelinescreenings.com), for more information or to pre-register.

### HEARTLAND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RETREAT

is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28, beginning with Mass at 8am, retreat following in the Little Theater. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of expenses & bring a brown bag lunch. Sunday, March 1, is our 16th Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Celebration - Mass is at 3pm, and dinner following in the Little Theater. Cost of dinner ticket is \$7.00 per person (children under age 5 free). Fr. Tony Stephens of the "Fathers of Mercy" will lead the Retreat and give his personal testimony at the Adoration Celebration. The 3pm Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Both Masses are at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. RSVP to Lil at 625-7474 by Feb 22, if you want to attend the retreat.

Contact the following people for Dinner Tickets:

Lil Basgall 625-7474

Ramona at St. Nick's Church Office

Yvonne & Steve Demuth 628-2172

John at IHM Church Office

Mary Jane Pfannenstiel 628-8061

Kevin at St. Joseph Parish Center

Bob & Carol Feauto 628-1429

Lorena Flesher 628-3136

TICKET DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEB 22

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

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## Prayer for Rain or Moisture

O God in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us rain or moisture in abundance, that being sufficiently helped with temporal gifts, we may see with more confidence those that are eternal. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Social Justice Commission Movie "Wetback"

On Sunday, Feb, 8, at the Hays Public Library at 1:30pm, our Heartland Social Justice Committee will present "Wetback." This film follows the travels and suffering of immigrants from Central America and Mexico and their attempts to enter the United States. The films are open to the public. All are invited to attend. A short discussion follows each film and refreshments are available.



## 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.

## First Friday Respect Life Mass – This Friday, Feb. 6

Our 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.

## Catholicism: The Cost of Discipleship

The way of discipleship is privileged beyond any other. Jesus came that we would have life and have it abundantly. But discipleship is not an easy way. Jesus tells us, "You must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it." (Lk 9:23-24) The Lord's way is not in following "cheap grace" as a way of pleasant experiences and feeling good. It is "costly grace" because it calls us to follow and put aside our will. It is the grace that saves us through Christ's blood in doing the Father's will.

## Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

There is a tremendous need for good people to step forward and help children in Ellis County. Some are victims of violence, emotional torment, or sexual abuse. Others have been neglected or even abandoned by their own parents. Often, these children have become victims of overburdened systems designed to help them. CASA is seeking volunteers to have a positive influence on the circumstances of a child's life. For more information contact Carol Brull, St. Joseph Parishioner, at 625-9707.

## Foster Parents Wanted!

High Plains Mental Health Center is now recruiting families. Contact Audrey Schoenberger at 628-2871, 623-9339, or [aschoen@hpmhc.com](mailto:aschoen@hpmhc.com).

## Single and Beyond

If you know of a single person - never married, divorced, widowed, invite them to join us. Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, single people located in/near Hays, Kansas. Our mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. For more information, Email: [singleandbeyond@yahoo.com](mailto:singleandbeyond@yahoo.com) Contact persons: Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871

-- Feb. 18 - Food, Fellowship and Planning Meeting - Meet at Gutch's Bar & Grill, 111 W. 7th, 6:00 PM. Bring ideas for March activities.

-- Feb. 28 - Bowl at Centennial Lanes, 2400 Vine, 7:00 PM. Pay for own bowling.

## Disposal of Old Palms

We will not burn palms at St. Nicholas this year. They can be disposed of by burying them in your yard or farmland.



## CPR Stay-in alive

Sign up for FREE training, Saturday, Feb. 21, Sessions begin at 8:30am and will run every 2 hours. Last sessions begins at 12:30pm at Hays Medical Center, Hadley Conference Rooms, 2220 Canterbury Dr. Training is open to people 8 and older. To register, call Debbie McLaren at 1-800-248-0073 ext.5500 or 623-5500.

*Help is needed for all ministries for Ash Wednesday. Sign up sheets will be available in the gathering space. Thank you!!*

## Crownpoint Mission

*Notice: The garage and storage unit are full. We will not be accepting anymore items to Crownpoint Mission until after this year's delivery.*

## THE DAYS AHEAD

**Feb. 9** K of C Meeting, 7pm

**Feb. 10** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm

-- Liturgy Meeting, 7pm

-- Religious Education Meeting, 7pm

-- D of I Meeting, 7pm, at IHM Activity Center

All members are encouraged to attend.

Remember, if you have not paid your 2009 dues, you may due so then.

**Feb. 11** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

**Feb. 12** RCIA, 7pm

**Feb. 14** Men of Myra, 7:30am

**Feb. 15** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am

-- Food Bingo Fraternal Order of Eagle #3061, 1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.

(Everyone welcomed!)

**Feb. 17** Community Assistance Center Garage Sale, 8 to 11am, 12<sup>th</sup> & Oak St.