

# Sunday, February 15, 2009: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FAITH CORNER

### JESUS CARES, WE CARE

**We are called to imitate the compassion of Jesus for all people.**

The word *leprosy* created great fear among the people of Jesus' time and for centuries to follow. It was thought to be contagious. The appearance of a sore meant physical and social isolation for the rest of a person's life. In fact, a number of diseases, mild and severe, were considered to be leprosy. Lepers were victims of disease and of society. And there was no cure.

Medical and scientific knowledge has relieved the fear once caused by leprosy. Yet, many people are still victims of society, isolated by fear, ignorance, and lack of compassion.

Christians are called to imitate the example of Jesus who reached out to the lepers and to all who needed compassion.

### National Catechetical Directory

*Jesus identified Himself as the one who had come to serve, not to be served. He cited His ministry of service as the key to His identity and mission and clearly stated that anyone who aspires to follow Him must likewise serve the needs of all.*

(NCD #154, see also #s 153, 162)

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

*In all of his life Jesus presents himself as our model. He is "the perfect man," 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.*

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### FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

**YOUTH:** How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

**CHILDREN:** What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?



**WE PRAY FOR** William Wylie and Jennifer Elsen as they celebrate their sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, Feb. 14.

**Our Annual World Marriage Day Weekend** is Feb. 14 and 15. We will have receptions after all Masses this weekend. Marriages will be blessed at every Mass.



### Masses, Intentions & Services

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  
 Wed. Feb. 18 7:30 a.m.+ Ralph Hoffman  
 Fri. Feb. 20 7:30 a.m.+ Marietta Herl  
 Sat. Feb. 21 5:00 p.m.+ Gertrude Rziha  
 Sun. Feb. 22 9:30 a.m.+ Alois & Mae Pfeifer  
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



**The St. Nicholas Bingo** will be held March 1, at 1pm, in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall.

**The Raffle Winners from the Stewardship Fair** are as follows: Michelle Zeng and Hayden Lowe won the \$25 gift certificates from Wal-mart.

### Discipleship is a Family Matter!

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. Please complete your form prayerfully and return them promptly, so other parish disciples do not have to call you.

### Altar Server Training

Saturday, Feb. 21, at 10:00am, Church



### Crownpoint Mission

**Notice:** The garage and storage unit are full. We will not be accepting anymore items to Crownpoint Mission until April.

### Church Repairs

To Date \$50,920

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

Week Collection of Feb. 8	\$ 9,618
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$414,008
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$384,879
As of Feb. 8, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 29,129

### MONEY COUNTERS

Feb. 15	Stan & Bernus Munsch
Feb. 22	Mark & Amanda Lang
March 1	Greg & LaNae Lang
March 8	Greg & Kimarae May

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## Readings for Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, February 16

Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Psalm 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;  
Mark 8:11-13

### Tuesday, February 17

#### (The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites)

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10;  
Psalm 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mark 8:14-21

### Wednesday, February 18

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mark 8:22-26

### Thursday, February 19

Genesis 9:1-13; Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23;  
Mark 8:27-33

### Friday, February 20

Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15;  
Mark 8:34-9:1

### Saturday, February 21 (St. Peter Damian)

Hebrews 11:1-7; Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mark 9:2-13

### Sunday, February 22

Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25;  
Psalm 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14(5b);  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12

**Bulletin Ads** are being renewed at this time. We have two spots to be filled by a business. If you are interested in filling these spots, please contact Ramona at 628-1446.

**Please join the Catholic Schools of Hays** to celebrate Mass at 9:30am, on Tuesday Feb. 24, in Al Billinger Fieldhouse followed by an announcement of a major financial gift to Thomas More Prep-Marian High School and the establishment of the Jean Ross Society. There is a reception following with the opportunity to walk through the locker rooms before renovations begin. There will also be an update on the TMP-Marian capital campaign, the facility changes at Holy Family Elementary, and the role of the new board that oversees the Catholic Schools of Hays.



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.

## Faith Formation News

Classes in session,

-- Wednesday, Feb. 18

-- No Class, Feb. 25 – Ash Wednesday



## CYO News

**Next meeting** - Feb. 15, 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall  
**ENCHILADA Orders will be ready for pick up Feb. 21 and 22, after all Masses.**

## Jr. CYO

**Feb. 21:** The St. Nick's Jr. CYO is in charge of working the St. Joseph Food Pantry. 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 1 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.

## 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>

## Vocation



“Do everything for the glory of God.” Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Jarett Konrade 785-827-8746 or e-mail at [vocations@salinadiocese.org](mailto:vocations@salinadiocese.org)

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## Holy Family Elementary

-- Effective September, 2010-2011 school year, Holy Family will no longer offer a three- year-old preschool class. There will be two four-day-sessions for 4 year olds. Each session will meet Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon.

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

**Feb. 19** - February Birthday Mass & Dinner

**Feb. 23** - Pizza Hut Night

**Feb. 24** - Mass @ TMP, 9:30am

KA Kindergarten in session today  
Pancake Race, 2:30, East Parking Lot

**Feb. 25** - Ash Wednesday Mass, 8am

-- 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.

-- Feb. 15, Parent Information Night at 7pm, Thomas More Prep - Marian Dining Room



-- 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. 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.

## 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.

**Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels** the week of March 16 thru 20. This is during spring break and would be a wonderful opportunity to introduce the youth to this wonderful ministry in helping the homebound. Please call Cathy Pfeifer before March 6, to schedule a time (work 621-2085 or cell 623-1780).



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 21 & 22

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

<u>EM</u>	<u>Proclaimer</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Darlene Arnhold	Mary Toepfer #1	Keith Dreiling
Jo Good	Tom Toepfer #2	
Laurie Konz		<u>Sacristan</u>
Mike Konz	<u>Altar Servers</u>	Sylvia Reinhardt
Mary Mellick	Alysia Arnhold	
Gracemary Melvin	Alayna Arnhold	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Henry Reinhardt	Rachel Muirhead	Martin Straub

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

<u>EM</u>	<u>Proclaimer</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Neil Klaus	Pat Lang #1	Ernie Kroeger
Kelly Schmidt	Steve Urban #2	
Kevin Splichal		<u>Sacristan</u>
Brad Unrein	<u>Altar Servers</u>	LeRoy Lang
Lisa Unrein	Adam Klaus	
Nancy Urban	Amber Klaus	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Ramie Wasinger +	Gracie Schmidt	Jim Krob

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

<u>EM</u>	<u>Proclaimer</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Kathy Taylor	Troy Hickman #1	Roy Inlow
Karen Aten	Patty Stull #2	
Mary Braden		<u>Sacristan</u>
Randall Braden	<u>Altar Servers</u>	Kathy Jacobs
Mary Hickman	Brett Hertel	
Sara Humphrey	Tara Hertel	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Jayne Inlow	Kaysha Leiker	Alan Kohl



**Do your legs ache after walking a short distance?** If so, you may want to consider being screened for peripheral arterial disease (PAD), a condition in which the arteries that carry blood to the arms or legs become narrowed or clogged by plaque, slowing or stopping the flow of blood. Life line Screening will bring this preventive health event that can assess one's risk of PAD through an ankle brachial index (ABI). PAD is closely linked to coronary artery disease, and identifying PAD can also help prevent heart attack and stroke. We are pleased to host a screening on March 12. Register for a Vascular Package with Heart Rhythm for \$139. All four screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441, or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com), for more information or to pre-register.

**St. Francis of Assisi Church, Munjor, annual Parish Supper** will be Sunday, March 1, from 4 to 7pm, in the Munjor School Gymnasium. Menu: Roast beef, stewed chicken noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw, vegetable, dessert, drink. Adults \$8.00, Children (under 10) \$4.00. Country store with many baked items. Drawing for prizes.



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## CURSILLO

### *What is it?*

-- The Cursillo Movement is a movement of the Church that has the same apostolic purpose as the Church herself. And the Church, as Pope Paul VI told us, exists to evangelize."

-- The purpose (or goal) of the Movement is to make Christian community possible in neighborhoods, parishes, work situations and other places where people live the greater part of their lives.

-- It helps people discover and fulfill their personal vocations and makes it possible for anyone in the world to live a Christian life in a natural way, "the leavening of environments with the Gospel." Changing the places we spend time by being Christlike in our thoughts, words, and actions.

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Cursillo #9 will be held at old Sacred Heart Grade School in Salina, Kansas March 19-22 for the Men's.

Requirements to attend a Cursillo weekend:

1. Be a Catholic in good standing.
2. Be at least 18 years old.

If a married person wants to make a Cursillo weekend, it is strongly encouraged that their spouse also makes a Cursillo weekend themselves. If only one spouse wants to attend, the other spouse must sign off on the application form.

Cursillo weekends are for Catholics who feel the need for something more in their faith. Prayer is essential before recommending whether a person should attend the weekend.

If you have any questions about Cursillo, please feel free to contact the Coordinators of the upcoming Cursillo:

-- Tom Barlow, 945 W. Third, Colby KS 67701; 785-460-6507; [tjbarlow@st-tel.net](mailto:tjbarlow@st-tel.net)

-- Tony Horinek, 1980 County Road 13, Colby KS, 67743; 785-694-3281; [tahorinek@yahoo.com](mailto:tahorinek@yahoo.com)

-- Fr. Damian Richards, St. Boniface Church, P.O. Box 83, Tipton, KS 67485; 785-373-4455; [boniface@wtciweb.com](mailto:boniface@wtciweb.com)



Join us at **Cup a Joe** for the following **March Events:**

-- **Join us for free homemade cinnamon rolls** on Sunday, March 1 from 9:30am to noon. **Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center**

**and use the inside staircase.**

-- **Join us on Friday, March 6 and Friday, March 13 for a class on St. Paul taught by Fr. Mike Scully.** Class will run from 7:30 to 9:30pm, after the Stations of the Cross.

-- **Join us at Cup a Joe** Monday – Wednesday mornings from 7 to 9am. **Use the east door to the inside staircase to enter Cup a Joe.**

-- Remember to join us Thursday evening between 8 to 11pm.

## **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.

### **Employment Opportunities with the 2010 Census**

What would you do with some extra cash? Apply now to be a census taker! Work up to 40 hours per week in a temporary, part-time job with the 2010 Census and enjoy good pay, flexible hours, mileage reimbursement, and the chance to serve your community. Call to schedule an appointment to take the test and apply for a job. For more information, call at 1-866-861-2010 or [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

### **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.

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## 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

## 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.

## THE DAYS AHEAD

- Feb. 15** Food Bingo Fraternal Order of Eagle #3061, 1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Everyone welcomed!)
- Feb. 16** Ladies Guild Meeting, 7pm
- Feb. 17** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm  
-- Community Assistance Center Garage Sale, 8 to 11am, 12<sup>th</sup> & Oak St
- Feb. 18** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- Feb. 19** RCIA, 7pm
- Feb. 21** Men of Myra, 7:30am  
-- Mardi Gras 2009, 5 to 11pm, Ellis County Fairgrounds (\$12.00 per ticket) Tickets available at 625-5478(Glenda) or 628-0300 (Allen)
- Feb. 22** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am
- March 1** All American Breakfast, 7:30am to 12:30pm, American Legion (Benefits: Cancer Council of Ellis County) Tickets available at 625-6653.

## 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.

## First Friday Respect Life Mass – March 6

Our monthly Respect Life Mass will be Friday, March 6, at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish. It is preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary starting at 5pm. There will not be a potluck after Mass this month.



## Our Next Bunko is Friday, March 13

Our crowds are getting larger! More men are also coming. Join us for Bunko, Friday, March 13, at 2:30pm, in the St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall. If you are new at Bunko, you will easily have it down after a couple of rounds. Usually we play about 10 rounds on a Bunko day. Prizes for most wins, most losses, and most Bunkos. Wonderful refreshments follow. Everyone is welcome.

## Catholicism: The Example of Jesus

Jesus is the supreme teacher of Christian stewardship. Self-emptying is fundamental. Jesus' food is doing the will of the Father (Jn 4:34). That should likewise be ours. Jesus' mission is to restore to good order the created household of God which sin has disrupted and deformed. He calls and empowers his disciples to cooperate in the work of redemption for our own sake and that of others. He uses not lofty ideas, but simple beatitudes. Those who listen are like the wise man who built his house on rock. (Mt 7:24, 26). They are stewards.

## 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.

**Lay Ecclesial Ministry Presentation:** Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord, will be held at St. Nicholas Church on March 10, from 7 to 8:30pm. Speaker will be Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, D. D.

## 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.

