

Sunday, February 22, 2009: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

JESUS HEALS THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS



Jesus' ministry of healing is continued in the Church through the Sacraments of Healing.

When we or our loved ones are ill, we remember how Jesus healed people who were blind or lame or paralyzed. We pray for healing. When we recognize our need for inner healing, we remember how Jesus forgave sinners. At times of serious illness, the Church gathers around the sick person to pray for healing through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. When we need to be reconciled, made whole, and receive peace, we celebrate the gift of God's forgiving love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



National Catechetical Directory

The community of faith, which strives to follow Christ's example and live by His teachings, is the symbol or sacrament of His continued presence among us.

(#114)

When we have been weakened by sin or sickness, we are healed and strengthened within that body through the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

(#123)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God. But his miracles can also be occasions for "offense"; they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic. Despite his evident miracles some people reject Jesus; he is even accused of acting by the power of demons.

(#548)

By freeing some individuals from the earthly evils of hunger, injustice, illness, and death, Jesus performed messianic signs. Nevertheless he did not come to abolish all evils here below, but to free men from the gravest slavery, sin, which thwarts them in their vocation as God's sons and causes all forms of human bondage.

(#549)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: What powerful signs have you seen that God forgives us and heals us?

YOUTH: When have you experienced forgiveness from God or others? What does forgiveness feel like to you?

CHILDREN: How does the Church help us see that Jesus forgives our sins?

Masses, Intentions & Services

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
 Mon. Feb. 23 7:30 a.m. Marvin Klaus & Family
Wed. Feb. 25 7:00 p.m.+ Daryl Haselhorst
 Fri. Feb. 27 7:30 a.m.+ Agnes Bollig
 Sat. Feb. 28 5:00 p.m.+ Martha Culbreath
 Sun. March 1 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Clara Miller Family

St. Nicholas of Myra Lenten Project

The Church invites all to more intense prayer, fasting and almsgiving during the season of Lent. A means of almsgiving is to give to those less fortunate. During this Lenten Season, the Ladies Guild would like to invite all parishioners to participate in a parish Lenten project. Members of the Ladies Guild will be handing out sacks after Ash Wednesday Mass and after all Masses on Feb. 28 & March 1. Please take this sack and fill it with non-perishable items to be given to the Community Assistance Center. Bring your filled sack back to church sometime during the Lenten Season and place it in a designated area in the back of church. By sharing what we have with those less fortunate we will be able to live our Catholic faith more fully and share it more freely with others.



STATIONS & BENEDICTION will be prayed Friday evening, Feb. 27, 7pm.



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

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. 15	\$ 12,709
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$426,717
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$396,542
As of Feb. 15, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 30,175

MONEY COUNTERS

Feb. 22	Mark & Amanda Lang
March 1	Greg & LaNae Lang
March 8	Greg & Kimarae May
March 15	Ernie & Darlene Kroeger

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Readings for Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 23 (St. Polycarp)

Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 24

Sirach 2:1-11; Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 25 (Ash Wednesday)

Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14-17;
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 26

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 27

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 28

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 1

Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10);
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

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.



WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Ava Noelle Montgomery, infant daughter of Danny and Jenny Montgomery. She will be baptized on Saturday, Feb. 21. Janelle Whitney Stringer, infant daughter of Jeffrey and Jamie Stringer. She will be baptized on Sunday, Feb. 22.

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

"Feed My Lambs, Tend My Sheep, Follow Me."

The Religious Education Commission is sponsoring a *parish community Adopt -a- Sheep* project for Lent. Through Heifer International (web site – www.heifer.org) –we are going to try to purchase a sheep (**one sheep costs \$120**) to be given to a impoverished family. A Sheep poster will be on display in the gathering space. Children and parishioners will be asked to make donations. For every **\$10 dollars, (one share of a sheep)** raised, the students will glue on 10 cotton balls. Hopefully our sheep will be covered in "wool" by Easter. In addition, the children will spend time before each class session praying for the family who will benefit from the gift of the sheep. Last year we were able to purchase two sheep.

Faith Formation News

Classes in session

-- No Class, Feb. 25 – Ash Wednesday

-- Wednesday, March 4

6:15-7:15pm session - Family Lenten activity night,
7:30-8:30 session - Lenten Prayer service (about 20 minutes at beginning of class),
Parents welcome to attend

-- Wednesday, March 11

CYO News

-- **Enchiladas are ready for pick-up this weekend after all Masses** Thank you to everyone who purchased enchiladas from our youth. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Proceeds will go toward funding our, Diocesan Convention trip, National Catholic Youth Convention trip and summer mission trip. Bless you.

-- **Next meeting** - March 1, 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall, Diocesan Convention Forms and Fees due

Jr. CYO

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 3 days. 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>

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).

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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. 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

Feb. 27 - Stations of the Cross, 2:30pm, IHM
-- **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.



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.



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, for more information or to pre-register.

K of C News

The February Knight of the Month is Alan Hoffman and the February Family of the Month is the Craig Hutchison family.

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.

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.



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.



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Carrie Gottschalk	Gloria Mlinek #1	Ryan Hagans
Marilyn Gabel	Rosalie Nichols #2	
Sr. Vivian Kleinsorge		Sacristan
Stan Mayers	Altar Servers	Glen Gabel
Charlie Munsch	Sarah Gottschalk	
Jeanie Munsch	Macie Stoecklein	Gift Bearers
Mary Selensky	Raeleann Weigel	Ron Flax
Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass		
EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Cory Munsch	Katie Carmichael #1	Bill Weber
Andy Beck	Sabree Legleiter #2	
Theresa Flax		Sacristan
Gene Flax	Altar Servers	Andrea Carmichael
Pam Munsch	Jessie Carmichael	
Denis Roberts	Jenna Lang	Gift Bearers
Rose McFarland +	Landon Munsch	Joel Dreiling

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Bob Wasinger	Karen Aten #1	Corey Sorenson
Gerilyn Allen	Hannah Keil #2	
Janet Kohl		Sacristan
Shannon Stauth	Altar Servers	Nolan Allen
Jan Stauth	Elly Lang	
Kathy Taylor	Gracie Wasinger	Gift Bearers
Jorge Vazquez	Alexis Wasinger	Frank Medina

Check Reading Rack Table for information on Social Justice, Family issues such as: Invisible Kansas Bill, Respect Life, Rachel's Vineyard, Mary Elizabeth Home, Habitat for Humanity, etc.

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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.

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

-- Tony Horinek, 1980 County Road 13, Colby KS, 67743; 785-694-3281; tahorinek@yahoo.com

-- Fr. Damian Richards, St. Boniface Church, P.O. Box 83, Tipton, KS 67485; 785-373-4455; 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.

Do you know a young adult, 14 years of age or older, who is experiencing feelings of loss from a parental death, divorce or separation? The Young Adult Beginning Experience (YABE) is a peer ministry retreat where participants will be in a safe environment to walk through the grief process and discover that they are not alone. Two YABE weekends are scheduled for 2009 – March 20-22 and July 24-26. For more information and/or to register, please call Marnie at 316-729-4437. A \$35 non-refundable deposit ensures your reservation.

Single and Beyond, Bowling Event, Feb. 28

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, single people located in/near Hays, Kansas. Our next event is Feb. 28, bowling at Centennial Lanes, 2400 Vine, 7pm. For more information, Email: Contact persons: Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871, singleandbeyond@yahoo.com

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Lenten Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space beginning Ash Wednesday.



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 Salina Diocesan Respect Life Committee will host a Legislative Seminar from 9 to 11:45am, Saturday, Feb. 28, at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish. Theresa Bock of the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (The U.S. Catholic Bishop's public policy liaison for pro-life issues) will be the featured presenter. Legislative Seminar topics will include:

The Legislative Process

Key Pro-Life Legislation

Lobbying Techniques

Phone & e-mail networks

Writing Letters, Postcard and Petitions

Meeting with Representatives

Internet Use

Organize Local Programs

The seminar is free of charge and will include take-home materials such as:

Legislative updates

Action Alerts

Voting Records

Fact Sheets

Special Project Materials

The Image of the Catholic Steward

Jesus describes a disciple's life in terms of stewardship (Mt 25:14-30, Lk 12:42-48). A Catholic steward is someone to whom the owner of the property turns over responsibility for caring for the property, managing affairs, making resources yield as much as possible, and sharing the resources with others.

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.

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 forms prayerfully and return them promptly, so other parish disciples do not have to call you.

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.

THE DAYS AHEAD

Feb. 23 Art Committee Meeting, 7pm

Feb. 24 St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm
-- Pastoral Council Meeting, 5:30pm

Feb. 25 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

Feb. 26 RCIA, 7pm

Feb. 28 Men of Myra, 7:30am

March 1 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am

-- All American Breakfast, 7:30am to 12:30pm,
American Legion (Benefits: Cancer Council of
Ellis County) Tickets available at 625-6653.

March 3 Community Assistance Center Garage Sale,
8 to 11am, 12th & Oak St