

# Sunday, March 22, 2009: Fourth Sunday of Lent

## FAITH CORNER

### THAT I MAY SEE

#### In the light of faith we see in a new way.

Things appear differently in the dark and in the light. Sometimes for a romantic touch we light candles at supper time to give the meal a warm touch. But, when it is time to do the dishes, we turn the light back on.

Perhaps some members of your family wear very strong glasses. When they take their glasses off, they can't even find where they have laid them. Or sometimes we get in the car in the winter and don't bother to clean off the ice from all the windows. We get a little frightened when we hear the driver say, "I just can't see a thing."

Today's readings are about seeing and not seeing. How can we see as God sees?

#### National Catechetical Directory

*The interior help of the Holy Spirit must "precede and assist" faith, "moving the heart and turning it to God," opening the eyes of the mind and giving "joy and ease to everyone in assenting to the truth and believing it" (Cf. Rom 1, 16f). Thus one believes in response to grace. (#57, see also #s 56 and 1 118)*

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church

*Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature. (#150)*

#### FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?

**YOUTH:** Jesus helped a blind man see—and he helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

**CHILDREN:** What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

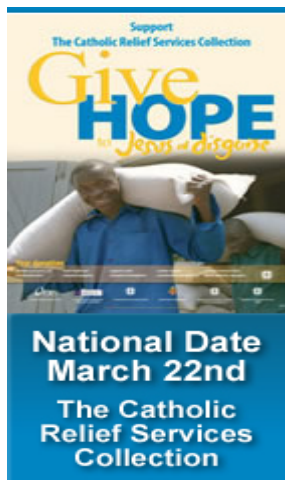
**STATIONS & BENEDICTION** will be prayed Friday evening, March 27, 7pm.



**THE DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS** will be celebrated on Thursday, April 2, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina beginning at 11:30am. Those wishing to attend but who need a ride may contact the parish office, 628-1446. The parish office will be closed on April 2, allowing the staff the opportunity to join in this celebration.

## Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. March 21 5:00 p.m.+ Don Braun  
 Sun. March 22 9:30 a.m.+ Jacob C. Stecklein  
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 Wed. March 25 7:30 a.m.+ Pauline Walters, Bernita Kuhn  
 Francis Walters, Jr., &  
 Dwight Walters  
 Fri. March 27 7:30 a.m.+ Scholastic Leiker  
 Sat. March 28 5:00 p.m.+ Alfred Dechant  
 Sun. March 29 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
 11:00 a.m.+ Larry Berens



## Catholic Relief Services Collection

The State Department estimates that nearly 5 million people have been displaced, forced to leave their homes, because of the war in Iraq. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports resettlement services for refugees, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides pastoral care and advocacy. Of the 50,000 total refugees authorized to enter the United States in 2007, nearly one-third were helped by USCCB

Migration and Refugee Services, one organization receiving funds from the Collection. The Collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope. Please be generous in today's collection.

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS:** Has your form been returned? Presently we have received 138 of the 489 forms mailed.

### Church Repairs

To Date \$50,995

### Titling: Your Gift to God

Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008

Week Collection of March 15	\$ 11,137
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$482,043
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$443,194
As of March 15, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 38,849

### MONEY COUNTERS

March 22	Kristi, Samantha, & Sara Newell
March 29	Tammy Dreiling & Lisa Hess
April 5	Myron & Carol Schlegel
April 12	Roger & Ramona Weigel

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## Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Monday, March 23 (St. Toribio de Mogrovejo)

Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;  
John 4:43-54

### Tuesday, March 24

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16

### Wednesday, March 25 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;  
Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

### Thursday, March 26

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;  
John 5:31-47

### Friday, March 27

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;  
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday, March 28

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;  
John 7:40-53

### Sunday, March 29

(Year A) Ezekiel 37:12-14;  
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8(7); Romans 8:8-11;  
John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The Art and Environment committee of the parish invites you to make donations for Easter Flowers. Donations may be made to the parish and put into the collection basket, left at the parish office or mailed. Please note EASTER FLOWERS on envelope. Thank you for helping create the beautiful worship space within St. Nicholas Church.

**Singers and accompanists needed for Holy Week and Easter liturgies.** All high school students and adults are welcome. Practices will be held on Wednesday evenings from 8:15 to 9:30pm. Practice dates include: March 25, April, 1, & 8. Contact Paula Beck at 625-8065 or [pbeck@eaglecom.net](mailto:pbeck@eaglecom.net) if interested.

**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.

### 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. Sacks are available in the gathering space. 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.



## Faith Formation News

Classes in session,

-- Wednesday, March 25

-- Sunday, March 29, 6:00pm – 8<sup>th</sup> grade attends Seder Meal with Fr. Daryl in Parish Hall

-- Wednesday, April 1

Only four class sessions remaining this year. If you have not yet come to at least one class with your child, please make plans now to do so.



## CYO News

-- Ski Trip - March 19-22

## Jr. CYO

-- AVON FUNDRAISER – Please contact a Jr. CYO member to see a catalog.

All Avon orders will need to be turned in on Wednesday, March 25, before the evening faith formation class.

-- Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, from 6:30-8:00 in the Parish Hall. The evening will be filled with inspiration and fun. Mark your calendars!

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

## 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](http://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.

## Catholic Websites

Adult– Catholic First <http://www.catholicfirst.com>

Parents – Family Life Center International

[www.familylifecenter.net](http://www.familylifecenter.net)

Youth – Teen Prayers

<http://www.prayerbook.com/Prayers/Teenager/teenager.htm>

Children - Fr. Pat’s Place <http://frpat.com/kids.htm>

**The Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions for April, May and June are available in the gathering space.**

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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.

**March 26** - March Birthday Mass & Dinner

**March 27**- Stations of the Cross, 2:30pm

**March 30 thru April 3** - Food collection to benefit Food Pantry

**April 3** - Living Stations, 2:15pm

-- 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.



**Thomas More Prep-Marian**

[www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org)

-- The Annual TMP-Marian Blood Drive will be held Thursday, March 26, from 9am to 2pm. Anyone can call for an appointment to the front office number 785-625-6577. Photo ID is required. Please help us to help others. Walk-in donors welcome.

-- TMP-M will be having an open house for Priest and Principles on Wednesday, April 8, from 11:30am to 3:16pm they will join us for Mass and Passion Play.

-- **Mark your Calendar** for the TMP-M Spring Musical this year "Little Abner" May 7,9,10, 2009

**The Divine Mercy Prayer Service** will be held at 3pm, Sunday, April 19, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared that the Sunday after Easter would be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. **Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are at the entrances of the church.** This prayer service is sponsored by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus.

-- **Join us for free homemade cinnamon rolls** on Sunday, March 29, from 9:30am to noon. *Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center and use the inside staircase.*



-- **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 7 to 10pm.**

*Help is needed for all ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Sign up sheets will available in the gathering space. Thank you!!*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 28 & 29

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

<u>EM</u>	<u>Proclaimer</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
John Allen	Mary Toepfer #1	Mike Konz
Darlene Arnhold	Tom Toepfer #2	
Jo Good		<u>Sacristan</u>
Stan Mayers	<u>Altar Servers</u>	June Allen
Rosalie Nichols	Alayna Arnhold	
Kathy Rome	Alysia Arnhold	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Larry Rome	Sarah Gottschalk	Curt Dinkel

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

<u>EM</u>	<u>Proclaimer</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Kevin Splichal	Bill Weber #1	Kenny Zimmerman
Joel Dreiling	Michael Reif #2	
Joe Glassman		<u>Sacristan</u>
Linda Glassman	<u>Altar Servers</u>	Andrea Carmichael
Connie Grant	Isaac Dopita	
Kristi Newell	Nicholas Dopita	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Ramie Wasinger+	Noah Dopita	Mark Lang

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

<u>EM</u>	<u>Proclaimer</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>
Troy Hickman	Mary Hickman #1	Shannon Stauth
Mary Braden	Patty Stull #2	
Randall Braden		<u>Sacristan</u>
Carrie Gottschalk	<u>Altar Servers</u>	Kathy Jacobs
Janet Kohl	Aaron Jeffus	
Mary Lou Mastin	Elly Lang	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Bob Wasinger	Kaysha Leiker	Kathy Taylor

**Please join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia** for a spaghetti dinner at their historic Motherhouse on Sunday, March 22. Serving is from 11:30am to 2:30pm, with a menu of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Tickets in advance are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children younger than 7. In Concordia, they are available at the Motherhouse, 13<sup>th</sup> and Washington St., and at Manna House of Prayer, 323 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Please reserve tickets by calling the Motherhouse at 243-2113, ext. 1223, or by e-mailing Sr. Carmel Garcia at [cgarcia@csjkanas.org](mailto:cgarcia@csjkanas.org). Tickets will also be available at the door, for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 7.

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

"...whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." God yearns for us to see the powerful light of His graces in our marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 17-19 at the Manna House in Concordia. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information call Dave and Joan Dunn at 785-628-1795. For more information visit their website at : [www.westcentralkansasme.org](http://www.westcentralkansasme.org).

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## Vocation

“He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him” The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life requires an obedient response through prayer and action.

Call Father Jarett Konrade (785) 827-8746 or e-mail [vocations@salinadiocese.org](mailto:vocations@salinadiocese.org)

**Christian Mother**, dues are due as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January every year. All donations for the No Bake Sale are due before Palm Sunday. Please send them to: Bonnie Kuhn, 3309-A Elm St., Hays, 625-6633 (home), 656-0600 (cell), e-mail [kuhny@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kuhny@sbcglobal.net) or Florence Kuhn, 3309-A Elm St., Hays, 625-9639. If you should need to contact either one of us to see what your status is, please feel free to call or e-mail Bonnie. If you wish to join the Christian Mothers, please call us for information. Also, to let you know that you don't have to be a Christian Mother member to donate to the No Bake Sale.

**The FHSU Catholic Women's Group** is hosting a retreat called "Vision." It is for High School Senior Women in preparation for their college or post-high school experience and in helping keep their faith alive. The retreat is at Comeau Catholic Campus Center on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 7:30pm and ending Sunday, March 29, at 2pm. The cost of the retreat is \$15 which includes meals, lodging, and a T-shirt. More information and registration forms are available in the gathering space. The deadline is Friday, March 20.

## Catholicism: Creation and Stewardship

God wills that human beings be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense. We exercise this stewardship not only by our own power, but also by the power of the Spirit of Truth, whom Jesus promises to his followers. (Jn 14:16-17)

## The Lenten Series on Mary Continues

The next Lenten talk on Mary is this Monday, March 23, at 2pm, and 7pm, in the St. Joseph Parish Center. The topic will be Our Lady's Assumption, Body & Soul, into heaven. This is the fourth of a five part series. Our speaker is Deacon Mark Roberti. All are welcome. Bring a family member or friend.

## Fireproof, the Movie – Mark Your Calendar

The Heartland Parishes Evangelization Committee will present the movie **Fireproof** on Friday evening, April 17, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish activities center at 7pm. This is a very edifying movie about a young couple whose marriage is on the rocks, when the selfishness of the husband causes the wife to shut the husband out of her life. The storyline is in how the husband's transformation results in a healed marriage. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

## First Friday Respect Life Mass – April 3rd

Our monthly Respect Life Mass will be Friday, April 3, at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish. It is preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 4:55pm and the Rosary at 5pm. There will not be a potluck after Mass this month.

## Seniors Sharing Schedule – Mark your Calendar:

-- **Bunko**, Thursday, April 16, at 2:30pm. St. Nicholas of Myra. Includes desserts and refreshments. It is easy to learn and lots of fun! We are up to over 40 participants each time we play Bunko. All are invited to join us!

--**Fireproof the Movie**, Friday, April 24, at 2:30pm. St. Nicholas of Myra

-- **Bunko**, Thursday, May 14, at 2:30pm. St. Nicholas of Myra

-- **Bar-b-que and Card Bingo**, Friday, May 29, at 2:30pm, St. Nicholas of Myra

## Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Golf Tournament

A CASA golf tournament to help children in Ellis County will be held on May 1, at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course. You can pre-register by contacting Carol Brull, a St. Joseph Parishioner at 625-9707. Shotgun starts at 8:30am, 3 person scramble, entry fee \$225 per team (including 18 holes, cart, lunch and prizes). Mulligans are available at the tournament, and a hole-in-one contest will be held.

## Single and Beyond

Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for single, divorced, & widowed people located in/near Hays, Kansas. Our mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Contact persons: Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871 [singleandbeyond@yahoo.com](mailto:singleandbeyond@yahoo.com)

-- **March 28** - Meet at Sternberg Museum of Natural History, 4pm. Following our museum visit, eat at Professor's Steakhouse & Saloon

**Polkafest for the Cancer Council of Ellis County** will be held on Saturday, March 28, from noon to 11pm, and Sunday, March 29, from noon to 5pm, Polka Mass at 10:30am, at the Fanchon Ballroom, East Highway 40, Hays. Proceeds will go to the Cancer Council of Ellis County for support of cancer patients and cancer education.

## THE DAYS AHEAD

**March 24** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm

**March 25** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

**March 26** RCIA, 7pm

**March 27** Eagles Auxiliary German Buffet, 4:30 to 7:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Everyone welcomed!)

-- K of C #1867 Lenten Fish Fry Buffet, 5 to 7pm

K of C Hall, Victoria

**March 28** Men of Myra, 7:30am

**March 29** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am

-- St. Ann's Parish Food Bingo, 1:30pm, Walker Hall,