

Sunday, March 29, 2009: Fifth Sunday of Lent

FAITH CORNER

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Jesus conquers death and brings us new life.

Death is an event that each of us approaches with some uneasiness or even fear. We have wept at the death of friends and family members and even pets. And yet death is a natural part of life. We see death all around us as plants and animals die and their decaying remains become fertilizer for new life. We may even further the process by composting. Autumn leaves fall from the trees and decay, plants die down or go dormant. But in the spring, new life appears, and we thrill to watch the budding life all around us.

Because the cycle of death and life speaks to us on such a deep level, it speaks to us symbolically of our spiritual life. Who has not experienced the death of a dream or a hope? How many people are caught in the dead end of addictions of one kind or another?

As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ has conquered death. The life that Jesus offers is stronger even than our physical death. This new life we receive in baptism is a fundamentally new kind of existence which does not finish with the grave. It lasts forever.

National Catechetical Directory

Obedient unto death, even to death on a cross, He was exalted as Lord of all, and through His resurrection...was made known to us all as God's Son in power....He is the "firstborn of the dead";...He gives eternal life to all. (#87, see also #117.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ.... (#638)

Christ will raise us up "on the last day"; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ.... (#1002)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

YOUTH: Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

CHILDREN: How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed
Friday evening, April 3, 7pm.

Masses, Intentions & Services

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
Wed.	April 1	7:30 a.m.+ Ray Schmidtberger
Fri.	April 3	7:30 a.m.+ Ron Ream
Sat.	April 4	5:00 p.m.+ Daryl Haselhorst
Sun.	April 5	9:30 a.m.+ Ralph 'Blackie' Augustine 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Notice Mass Time Change for Easter Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Mass

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you! Because of your generosity, The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be able to support disaster and emergency relief, refugee resettlement, advocacy, development, and legal services for people in need all around the world. Together, we will restore hope to *Jesus in disguise*, who reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer – and in those who respond compassionately to their needs.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS: Has your form been returned? Presently we have received 154 of the 489 forms mailed.



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.

Communion at weekend Masses:

At Mass on weekends, we don't want to miss anybody for communion. If you unable to come forward for communion, could you have someone next to you please stand up in the pew, or raise your hand, the Priest or Eucharistic Ministers can come to you and administer communion.

Church Repairs

To Date \$51,020

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

Week Collection of March 22	\$ 9,475
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$491,518
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$454,857
As of March 22, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 36,661

MONEY COUNTERS

March 29	Tammy Dreiling & Lisa Hess
April 5	Myron & Carol Schlegel
April 12	Roger & Ramona Weigel
April 19	Shannon & Jan Stauth

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 30

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;

John 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;

John 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2 (St. Francis of Paola)

Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8:51-59

Friday, April 3

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;

John 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4 (St. Isidore)

Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;

John 11:45-56

Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion)

Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-7;

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a);

Philemon 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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: April 1 & 8. Contact Paula Beck at 625-8065 or 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,

- **Sunday, March 29, 6:00pm** – 8th grade attends Seder Meal with Fr. Daryl in Parish Hall
 - **Wednesday, April 1**
 - **NO CLASS Wed., April 8 - Easter Break**
 - **Wednesday, April 15** - 2nd grade – First Eucharist Banners & Workbooks due
 - 8th grade - Confirmation Interviews & Final Letter to Bishop due
 - **Wednesday, April 22** – Last teaching class
 - **SPRING FLING – Wednesday, April 29 - 6:15pm**
- Only three class sessions remaining this year. If you have not yet come to at least one class with your child this semester, please make plans now to do so.

Other Important Dates:

- April 9** – Confirmation Class participates in Holy Thursday Service, 7:30pm
- April 18** – First Eucharist practice, 9:00am
- April 19** – First Eucharist celebrated at 11:00am Mass
- April 26** – 3rd Presentation of Confirmation Candidates, 11:00am Mass

CYO News

- April 4 & 5** – Diocesan Convention in Salina
- April 10** – Living Stations, 3pm
- April 19** – CYO meeting, 6-8:30pm

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) –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
- Youth – Teen Prayers <http://www.prayerbook.com/Prayers/Teenager/teenager.htm>
- Children - Fr. Pat's Place <http://frpat.com/kids.htm>

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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 30 thru April 3 - Food collection to benefit Food Pantry

April 1 - 6th Grade attend Vocations Day at St. Nicholas Church

April 3 - Living Stations, 2:15pm

April 4 - Schwan Food Fund Raiser; East parking lot; 8am – 4pm

-- 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-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

-- **TMP-M** will be closed for Easter Break Thursday, Friday and Monday April, 9, 10, 13.

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

The Fine Arts Booster Club would like to invite everyone to attend the Fine Arts Night April 5, at 7pm, in the TMP Marian Auditorium. Students are recognized for their accomplishments and it is a great opportunity to view student's Art Work, hear musical pieces, see Forensics Acting pieces as well as get a sneak preview of the Spring Musical. Hors d'oeuvres will be served in the dining room following the program. Admission is FREE and the public is invited and encouraged to attend.



-- **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.

-- **Cup a Joe** will be closed on Easter Monday, April 13. It will be open as usual on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 4 & 5

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EM

Keith Dreiling

Lisa Colwell

Alan Hoffman

Mike Konz

Laurie Konz

Jeanie Munsch

Charlie Munsch

Proclaimer

Marvin Kaiser #1

Bernice Kaiser #2

Altar Servers

Sarah Gottschalk

Alexis Ralph

Albany Schaffer

Hospitality

Ryan Hagans

Sacristan

Gracemary Melvin

Gift Bearers

Eugene Zimmer

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM

Gene Flax

Theresa Flax

Deb Kraus

Denis Roberts

Ruth Schumacher

Tim Schumacher

Iris Lang+

Proclaimer

Bill Heimann#1

Rick Rajewski #2

Altar Servers

Bridget Heimann

Joseph Heimann

Scott Heimann

Hospitality

Richard Gottschalk

Sacristan

Paul Kraus

Gift Bearers

Eric Moeder

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM

Cathy Pfeifer

Sara Humphrey

Jayne Inlow

Galen Pfeifer

Shannon Stauth

Jan Stauth

Bob Wasinger

Proclaimer

Andrew Allen #1

Tom Pitnet #2

Altar Servers

Taryn Stauth

Alexis Wasinger

Gracie Wasinger

Hospitality

James Duffy

Sacristan

Nolan Allen

Gift Bearers

Clayton Hering



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.

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.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

"...unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit." We must be willing to die to ourselves to produce much fruit and joy 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.

Christian Mother, dues are due as of the 1st 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 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.

Catholicism: The Continuing Work of Creation

God creates humans in his own image and likeness. As part of this resemblance to God we are called to cooperate with the Creator in continuing the divine work. The divine mandate to our first parents was: "Be fertile and multiply: fill the earth and subdue it..." (Gen 1:28). Exercising dominion does not mean abusing it, but cultivating and caring for it (Gn 2:15). Work then, and working with God, is a fundamental aspect of the human vocation. It is necessary for human happiness and fulfillment. It is intrinsic to responsible stewardship of the world.

The Lenten "Mary" Series Finale

The next Lenten talk on Mary is this Monday, March 30, at 2 and 7pm, in the St. Joseph Parish Center. In past weeks, we've discussed the Marian doctrines of Mother of God, Perpetual Virginity, Immaculate Conception, and the Assumption. The final topic will be evolving Marian theology. Our speaker is Deacon Mark Roberti. All are welcome.

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.


Ecumenical Maudy Thursday Breakfast at TMP

The Ellis County Ministerial Alliance will hold its annual "Maudy Thursday Breakfast" at TMP-Marian cafeteria, Thursday, April 9, at 6:30am. The TMP-Marian Chapel Choir and Shirley Dinkel will represent the Catholic Community. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend. A count is needed for food preparation.

Good Friday "Tre-Oras" Service, April 10

The Christian Community of Hays sponsors an annual "Tre-Ora" (i.e. three hour) Good Friday Service from noon to 3pm, at the First Presbyterian Church, 2900 Hall Street. Deacon Mark Roberti, representing the Catholic faith community, will lead the first one-half hour segment beginning at noon. His scripture passage is Matthew 26:36-56 and pertains, particularly, to the Garden of Gethsemane. He will discuss the "Meaning of Suffering" from a Christian perspective. Deacon Mark's segment will end at 12:25pm, in time for our parishioner to attend our Catholic Good Friday services at their respective parishes.

Join Us for Seniors Sharing Bunko

Our next Bunko Session is Thursday, April 16, at 2:30pm, St. Nicholas of Myra.  Bunko is easy to learn and lots of fun! You need only be able to roll dice and count. We are up to over 40 participants each time we play Bunko. We finish the afternoon with always delicious desserts and refreshments. All are invited; you don't have to be a senior to have fun! For more information, call Laura Sadeghi @ 635-3323.

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.

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.

THE DAYS AHEAD

March 29 St. Ann's Parish Food Bingo, 1:30pm, Walker Hall,
March 31 St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm
April 1 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
April 2 RCIA, 7pm
April 4 Men of Myra, 7:30am
April 5 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am
-- All American Breakfast, 7:30am to 12:30pm
American Legion (Benefits: Western Kansas
Deaf & Hearing Impaired)
-- Food Bingo Fraternal Order of Eagle #3061,
1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8th St.