

Sunday, April 5, 2009: Passion/Palm Sunday, Easter Triduum

FAITH CORNER

HOLY WEEK

We prepare for the celebration of the Triduum.

This week we will celebrate the Triduum, the most important festival of the entire liturgical year. The Triduum (which means Three Days) will begin with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening and come to its climax at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. It closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. The Triduum is a time to stand still and to look at all of life's meaning captured in this celebration of death and resurrection.

This Sunday – Passion Sunday – is known popularly as “Palm Sunday” after the palms that are used in our procession. As we commemorate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem today, and his death and resurrection next weekend, we are not simply reliving those events. We celebrate so that we can enter into the paschal mystery and give thanks for our redemption.

National Catechetical Directory

Out of filial love for His Father and redemptive love for us, He gave Himself up to death and passed through death to the glory of the Father. (#90, see also #87)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Our participation in Christ's sacrifice

The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the “one mediator between God and men.” But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, “the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery” is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to “take up [their] cross and follow [him],” for “Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps.” In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering.

Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven. (#618)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: Identify and share one way that you personally “die in Christ.”

YOUTH: We hear the story of Jesus' death each year. What did you hear differently this year? How has your faith changed in the past year?

CHILDREN: Name one thing that you will do each day this week to remind you that Jesus died and rose to new life for you.

The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Good Friday and closed Easter Monday.

Masses, Intentions & Services

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
Wed.	April 8	7:30 a.m.+ Clem & Ida Dinkel
<u>Holy Thurs.</u>	April 9	7:30 p.m.+ Jacob C. Stecklein
<u>Good Fri.</u>	April 10	8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		7:00 p.m. Services
<u>Holy Sat.</u>	April 11	8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		8:32 p.m.+ Norma Stecklein
<u>Easter Sun.</u>	April 12	9:30 a.m.+ Alois & Mae Pfeifer
		11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

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

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE will be celebrated at St. Nicholas, 7pm, Tuesday, April 7.

Holy Land Collection will be taken within the Good Friday Service.

Reminder: Good Friday is a day of complete fast & abstinence.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS: Has your form been returned? Presently we have received 166 of the 489 forms mailed.

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, have someone next to you please stand up in the pew, or raise your hand and the Priest or Eucharistic Ministers can come to you and administer communion.

Church Repairs

To Date \$51,020

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

Week Collection of March 29	\$ 16,792
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$508,310
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$466,520
As of March 29, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 41,790

The parish tithe for March went to St. Paul's Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, Community Assistance, and Catholic Charities.

MONEY COUNTERS

April 5	Myron & Carol Schlegel
April 12	Roger & Ramona Weigel
April 19	Shannon & Jan Stauth
April 26	JoAnn Koerner, Marjorie Schumacher & Mildred Snook

Sunday, April 5, 2009: Passion/Palm Sunday, Easter Triduum

Readings for Holy Week

Monday, April 6

Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 7

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17;
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 8

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34;
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 9 (Holy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Friday, April 10 (Good Friday of the Lord's Passion)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12;

Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46);

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 11 (Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil)

Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a;

Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30)

or Psalm 13:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b);

Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1); Exodus 14:15-15:1;

Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b);

Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4bcd, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a);

Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3);

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (John 6:68c);

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)

or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)

or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a); Romans 6:3-11;

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mark 16:1-17

Sunday, April 12 (The Resurrection of the Lord)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24);

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9

or Mark 16:1-7



Heartland Parishes VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration and Planning in progress. **Adult Volunteers Needed as small group and activity leaders.** Youth, Grade 6 and older, needed as assistants. **VBS** to be held Tues., May 26 – Friday, May

29, from 9am-12pm, in the Kennedy Middle School Gym. Call Kathy 628-1446, if you would like to be part of this fun filled experience.

CYO News

Diocesan Convention in Salina April 4&5 - Twelve youth and three adults sponsors will join with over 700 Catholic youth from the Salina Diocese for a weekend of music, prayer, workshops, speakers, and a dance. Our keynote speaker will be international known youth ministry speaker and musician Jesse Manibusan. Please pray for Paul Flesher, Scott Heimann, Andrew Heimann, Jeff Augustine, Jenna Dreiling, Rebecca Kohl, Katie Carmichael, Hayley Taylor, Emilie Taylor, Alexis Inlow, Skylin Moeder, and Sabree Legleiter as they spend this weekend growing in their faith.

-- **NO CYO** meeting April 5

-- **Living Stations** - Friday, April 10, 3:00pm

-- **Next Meeting** – April 19, 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall

Jr. CYO

-- **Jr. CYO Camp:** Flyers for this year's Jr. CYO camp were distributed to all current Jr. CYO members. This year's camp will be held at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch from Saturday, May 23, to Tuesday, May 26. Please let Dawn or Steve know if you are interested in attending, and the proper registration forms will be forwarded to you. All forms need to be completed and turned in by our last meeting on April 26. Carpooling arrangements can be made as soon as we find out how many of you are interested in attending.

-- **Sunday, April 19,** will be our annual **Stream Clean Up.** Members will meet at 1pm at Hickok Park, 26th and Donald Drive. The group will walk along Chetolah Creek from 27th to 22nd Street, collecting trash and beautifying the area for our Hays community. Members are asked to wear sturdy shoes, gloves, and rugged clothing. Everyone participating will be rewarded with a treat from the Dairy Queen at the end of the day.

-- **Sunday, April 26,** will be our **last formal Jr. CYO meeting** for the school year. Plans are in the making for a fun end-of-the-year scavenger hunt and pizza party! We hope all of our members can put this date on the calendar and plan to attend.

Faith Formation News

Weekly Faith Formation Sessions

-- **April 8 - NO CLASSES, - Easter Break**

-- **April 15**

-- 2nd grade – First Eucharist Banners & Workbooks due

-- 8th grade - Confirmation Interviews & Final Letter to Bishop

-- **April 22 - Last Teaching Class**

- 8th grade Confirmation Candidates take ACRE test

-- **April 29, 6:15pm** – Annual Spring Fling Family Event

"Come to the Carnival"

Only two 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.

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



Sunday, April 5, 2009: Passion/Palm Sunday, Easter Triduum



PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES "Feed My Lambs, Tend My Sheep, Follow Me."

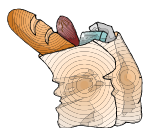
The Religious Education Commission is sponsoring a *parish community Adopt -a-Sheep* project for Lent. Through Heifer International (web site – www.heifer.org) –we are going to try to purchase a sheep (**one sheep costs \$120**) to be given to a impoverished family. A Sheep poster will be on display 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.

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.

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>

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.



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.

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.

April 8 - PA Preschool Easter Program, 10:30, Little Theatre
-- PB Preschool Easter Program, 2:30, Little Theatre

April 9 thru 13 - Easter Vacation

April 14 - Classes resume

April 17 - Race for Education activities; east parking lot, 8:15 to 11:45

-- **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.



-- **Cup a Joe will not be open today.** Join the parish for the Palm Sunday breakfast.

-- **Cup a Joe will not be open on Sunday, April 19.** We will be celebrating First Communion.

-- **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.

Sunday, April 5, 2009: Passion/Palm Sunday, Easter Triduum

URGENT!!! Help is still needed for all ministries for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Please call the Parish Office at 628-1446. Thank you!!

Lenten Rice Bowls can be returned at Mass on Holy Thursday.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 9, 10, 11, & 12

Thursday, 7:30 P.M. Holy Thursday Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
John Allen	Marvin Kaiser #1	Confirmation Class
Mary Hickman	Jorge Vazquez #2	
Jayne Inlow		Sacristan
Nolan Allen	Altar Servers	Paul Kraus
Jo Good	Sarah Gustin	
Rick Rajewski	1. _____	Gift Bearers
Jim Krob	2. _____	Confirmation Class

Altar Servers: Practice will be before Holy Thursday Mass. Please be here at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Service

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Connie Grant	Marvin Kaiser #1	Ernie Kroeger
Jo Good	Jorge Vazquez #2	
Henry Reinhardt		Sacristan
Joel Dreiling	Altar Servers	Sylvia Reinhardt
Rosalie Nichols	Scott Heimann	
Paul Kraus	Joseph Heimann	Gift Bearers
Deb Kraus	Bridget Heimann	1. _____

Saturday, 8:32 P.M. Easter Vigil Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Nolan Allen	Marvin Kaiser #1	Gloria Mlinek
LeRoy Lang	Jorge Vazquez #2	
Pat Lang	Troy Hickman #3	Sacristan
Mary Hickman	Jeanie Munsch #4	LeRoy Lang
Paul Kraus	Jo Good #5	
Deb Kraus	Altar Servers	Gift Bearers
1. _____	Sarah Gustin	1. _____
	2. _____	
	3. _____	

Proclaimers & Altar Servers: Practice will be held at 9:00 a.m., On Saturday, April 11.

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Joel Dreiling	Bill Weber #1	1. _____
Jim Krob	Marvin Kaiser #2	2. _____
Neil Klaus		Sacristan
Brad Unrein	Altar Servers	Andrea Carmichael
Lisa Unrein	Morgan Weber	
Connie Grant	Adam Klaus	Gift Bearers
Rosalie Nichols	Amber Klaus	1. _____
Stan Mayers		
9. _____		
10. _____		

Sunday, 11:30 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Janet Kohl	Jorge Vazquez #1	Scott Braun
Darlene Arnhold	_____ #2	
3. _____		Sacristan
4. _____	Altar Servers	Kathy Jacobs
5. _____	Alysia Arnhold	
6. _____	Alayna Arnhold	Gift Bearers
7. _____	3. _____	Corey Sorenson

Vocations

"Morning by morning He wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught." Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seeking to know your vocation. If He is asking you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, Call Father Jarett Konrade (785) 827-8746 or e-mail vocations@salinadiocese.org.

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.

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.

During the week of April 13 to April 18, any parishioner who makes a purchase at Orscheln Farm & Home can turn in their sales receipt for the week to the church. At the end of the designated week, the church will mail the sales receipts into the Orscheln Farm & Home office. The receipts will be totaled, the sales tax deducted, and a check issued to your church for 5% of the net total.



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.

Next First Friday Respect Life Mass

Our monthly Respect Life Mass will be Friday, May 1, at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish. It is preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 4:55pm and the Rosary at 5pm.

Sunday, April 5, 2009: Passion/Palm Sunday, Easter Triduum

Catholicism: Profound Reverence for Life

Profound reverence for the gift of life, our own and the lives of others, along with a readiness to spend ourselves in serving all that preserves and enhances life is a characteristic of the good steward. Vatican II speaks of the "surpassing ministry of safeguarding life" and declares that "from the moment of conception life must be guarded with the greatest care" (Gaudium et Spes, 34).

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.



Divine Mercy Celebrations, April 19th

Divine Mercy is God's **greatest** attribute. Our Catholic community invites you to join us for two Divine Mercy celebrations on Sunday, April 19th. A Divine Mercy **Mass** will be celebrated at **St. Joseph, Hays** at **7:30 A.M.** – followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, and the Chaplet. A Divine Mercy **prayer service** will be celebrated at **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hays** at **3:00 P.M.**, including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet, the Rosary, prayers, and devotions.

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.

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.



Some Upcoming Seniors Sharing Events

Mark your Calendar

- **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

Single and Beyond April Calendar

Single and Beyond is a Hays area ecumenical Christian singles social group for those never married, divorced, & widowed. We invite you to join us. Our mission is to provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another. Our April Events are:

- **April 15 - Food and Fellowship** - Meet at **I.H.O.P.**, 6pm.
- **April 18 - Movie Night - Mall Cinema** at 6:45pm, for dish movie of choice.
- **April 24 - Spring Gallery Walk**, 6:45pm to 9pm. Downtown Hays.
- **April 25 - Game and Card Party** at **Kim's house**, 2509 General Lawton. Bring snacks and favorite beverage.
- **April 29 - Food, Fellowship and Planning** - Meet at **I.H.O.P.**, 6pm.
- **April 30 - "The New Christy Minstrels"** will be performing live at the Fox Pavilion at 7pm. Reserved seating is available for those who purchase an entire table of eight tickets. Tickets are \$22 each. Contact Judy or reply via email ASAP so we can reserve a table singleandbeyond@yahoo.com
- **For more info:** Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871

THE DAYS AHEAD

- April 5** 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.
- April 7** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm
 - Community Assistance Center Garage Sale, 12th & Oak St., 8 to 11am
- April 8** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
 - Finance Council Meeting, Noon
- April 11** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- April 12** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am