

# Sunday, April 12, 2009: Easter Sunday

## FAITH CORNER

### THE LORD IS RISEN

Easter is a celebration to experience more than it is an event to explain. It is a celebration of the central mystery of our faith.



At the Easter Vigil, we reviewed the meaning of life as a Christian sees it. Birth, life, suffering, and death all take their meaning from the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the celebration of the Easter Vigil, we initiated new members into the mystery of Christ through the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The celebration of the vigil itself teaches more than any amount of words can convey. Celebrating the vigil year by year, we deepen our appreciation of the meaning of the Easter mystery, the meaning of faith, and the meaning of life. The language of symbol, of poetry, story, and drama often says more than words of explanation.

### National Catechetical Directory

*Truly risen, the Lord is the unfailing source of life and of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the human race. He is the firstborn among many brothers and sisters, and creates in Himself a new humanity. (#90)*

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

#### Risen with Christ

*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:*

And you were buried with him in Baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead....If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

(#1002)

*United with Christ by Baptism, believers already truly participate in the heavenly life of the risen Christ, but this life remains "hidden with Christ in God." The Father has already "raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Nourished with his body in the Eucharist, we already belong to the Body of Christ. When we rise on the last day we "also will appear with him in glory." (#1003)*

### FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** In what ways has God called you to die in Christ? How is this expressed in your own life?

**YOUTH:** Even the disciples had a hard time understanding Jesus' Resurrection it is that surprising. What does Resurrection mean to you? What does Easter mean to you?

**CHILDREN:** What sacrifices do you make for those whom you love?

### Masses, Intentions & Services

<u>Holy Sat.</u>	April 11 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 8:32 p.m.+ Norma Steckline
<u>Easter Sun.</u>	April 12 9:30 a.m.+ Alois & Mae Pfeifer <b>11:30 a.m.</b> People of the Parish
Wed.	April 15 7:30 a.m.+ Leo & Robert Orth
Fri.	April 17 7:30 a.m.+ Rosalia (Meitl) Stephens
Sat.	April 18 5:00 p.m.+ Patricia Salensky
Sun.	April 19 9:30 a.m.+ Frank & Alice Polifka 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**THROUGH THE RCIA PROCESS** we welcome into our Faith Family through Baptism Drue Herl and Hongbiao Zeng and in Full Communion Rachel Kirmer and Jayme Clark. Thank you to the faithfulness of the RCIA team: Fr. Daryl, Jeanie Munsch, Dorothy Dechant, Jo Schulte, Jo Good.

*The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday.*

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS:** Has your form been returned? Presently we have received 174 of the 489 forms mailed.

### Communion at weekend Masses:

At Mass on weekends, we don't want to miss anybody for communion. If you are 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.

### First Eucharist

The celebration of First Eucharist will take place at 11:00 a.m. Mass on April 19. Nineteen St. Nicholas second grade boys & girls will receive the Body & Blood of Christ for the first time.



### Church Repairs

To Date \$51,020

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

Week Collection of April 5	\$ 14,625
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$522,935
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$478,183
As of April 5, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 44,752

### MONEY COUNTERS

April 12	Roger & Ramona Weigel
April 19	Shannon & Jan Stauth
April 26	JoAnn Koerner, Marjorie Schumacher & Mildred Snook
May 3	Brad & Lisa Unrein

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## Readings for Days in the Octave of Easter

### Monday, April 13

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;  
Matthew 28:8-15

### Tuesday, April 14

Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22;  
John: 20:11-18

### Wednesday, April 15

Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:13-35

### Thursday, April 16

Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Luke 24:35-48

### Friday, April 17

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a;  
John 21:1-14

### Saturday, April 18

Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21;  
Mark 16:9-15

### Sunday, April 19

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24(1);  
1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

## Faith Formation News

### Weekly Faith Formation Sessions

#### -- April 15

-- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – First Eucharist Banners & Workbooks due

-- 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18** – First Eucharist practice, 9:00am

**April 19** – First Eucharist celebrated at 11:00am Mass

**April 26** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Presentation of Confirmation Candidates, 11:00am Mass

**April 29** – Spring Fling “Come to the Carnival” for all parish families with school age children



## 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

-- **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, 26<sup>th</sup> and Donald Drive. The group will walk along Chetolah Creek from 27<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## 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– U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**

<http://www.usccb>

**Parents – Catholic Treasury** [www.catholictreasury.info](http://www.catholictreasury.info)

**Youth – Catholic Youth Networking**

[www.catholicyouth.freesevers.com](http://www.catholicyouth.freesevers.com)

**Children - Catholic relief services for kids**

<http://www.crs.org/kids/facts.htm>

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**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.

**Study of the U.S. Catechism for Adults** - A parish adult group is forming to do a three session study called **An overview of the teachings on the Church** using the *U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults*. The sessions run three consecutive Mondays, April 27, May 6, & May 13. They will start at 7:00pm. The first meeting will be held at the home of Gracemary Melvin. Call the Parish Office for more information or to register. St. Nicholas has Catechisms & workbooks for you to borrow.

**St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus** is flipping pancakes on Sunday, April 26, from 10 to 11:30am. You are invited to come and enjoy a fine breakfast. No charge and no free will offerings accepted. Come east and watch those Knights doing what they love to do - Serve!



**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 13** - No School

- School Advisory Mtg., 7pm, School Library

**April 17** - Race for Education activities; east parking lot;

Preschool & Kdgn - 8:15 to 9:15am;

1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:30 to 10:30am

4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:45 to 11:45am

**April 21** - K - 3 Spring Music Program, 7pm,

TMP Fine Arts Center

**April 22** - 4 - 6 Spring Music Program, 7pm,

TMP Fine Arts Center

**April 23** - April Birthday Mass & Dinner

-- **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 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

**Dillons Coupons will be available next weekend after all Masses, 18 & 19.**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 18 & 19

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

### EM

John Allen

Darlene Arnhold

Keith Dreiling

Mary Mellick

Kathy Rome

Larry Rome

Mary Selensky

### Proclaimer

Marie Froelich #1

Jessalyn Allen #2

### Altar Servers

Alayna Arnhold

Alysia Arnhold

Macie Stoecklein

### Hospitality

Mike Konz

### Sacristan

June Allen

### Gift Bearers

Ruban Schuckman

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

### EM

Eric Moeder

Neil Klaus

Pat Lang

Karen Moeder

Sheila Pfeifer

Kelly Schmidt

Ramie Wasinger +

### Proclaimer

Connie Grant #1

Luke Samuel #2

### Altar Servers

Matthew Moeder

Michael Moeder

David Moeder

### Hospitality

Ernie Kroeger

### Sacristan

LeRoy Lang

### Gift Bearers

Roger Weigel

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

### EM

Janet Kohl

Mary Braden

Randall Braden

Carrie Gottschalk

Jayne Inlow

Rose McFarland

Bob Wasinger

### Proclaimer

Troy Hickman #1

Bill Weber #2

### Altar Servers

Alivia Inlow

Kaysha Leiker

Morgan Weber

### Hospitality

John Hertel

### Sacristan

Kathy Jacobs

### Gift Bearers

Stan Mayers

**Thank you** to the following for volunteering their time to deliver **Meals on Wheels**: Bill & Lila Montgomery, Jo Schulte, Rita VonLintel, Laura, Jill & Brett Hertel, Jane & Dylan Schumacher, Wanda & Jacob Fouts, Cheryl & Matthew Roberti, Jayne, Alivia, & Avin Inlow, Annette & Nick Hammeke, Leroy & Pat Lang, Tom & Carol Pitner and Cathy & Taylor Pfeifer. We greatly appreciate your assistance and may God bless you abundantly for helping with this special ministry to the elderly and homebound. Please mark your calendar for the **week of June 8th** as our next delivery date. **New volunteers are needed!**



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

-- **Join us at Cup a Joe** for free homemade cinnamon rolls on Sunday, April 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

-- **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.

**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.

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## Catholicism: Respect for Nature & Life

Stewardship is also expressed by jubilant appreciation of nature and the protection of the ecological balance. It calls for renewed efforts to address "the structural forms of poverty existing in this country and throughout the world". It underlines the need to reduce military spending and do away with war and the weapons of war.

## 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.



## Divine Mercy Celebrations, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Divine Mercy is God's **greatest** attribute. Our Catholic community invites you to join us for two Divine Mercy celebrations on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.westcentralkansasme.org).

## Vocations

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power." Are you being called to proclaim the new life of the resurrected Christ to the world with His Spirit and His power? Call Father Jarett Konrade (785-827-8746) or e-mail to [vocations@salinadiocese.org](mailto:vocations@salinadiocese.org)

**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.

## 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](mailto:singleandbeyond@yahoo.com)
- **For more info:** Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871

**Foster Parents** are needed in Ellis County. For more information, please see the flyers in the gathering space.

## THE DAYS AHEAD

- April 13** Religious Education Meeting, 7pm
- April 14** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm
  - Family Life Meeting, 7pm
  - Liturgy Meeting, 7pm
  - D of I Meeting, 7pm, IHM Activity Center. All members are invited.
- April 15** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- April 18** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- April 19** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am
- April 20** Antonino Cemetery Association Annual Meeting, 8pm.

*Easter Blessings to all from the Parish Staff*