

# Sunday, May 10, 2009: Fifth Sunday of Easter

## FAITH CORNER

### VINE AND BRANCHES

**Faith must be expressed in action as well as in words.**

Growing vines must have been an important activity for a long time in the land of Palestine. The figure of the vine was used often in the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament. Often Israel was compared to a vineyard which, despite great care on the part of the gardener, yielded only wild grapes. In the messianic age, the prophets promised, the vine would yield abundant fruit.

Jesus tells us he is the fruitful vine in the Father's vineyard. Like a good gardener, God will care for the vine. Those who are in communion with Jesus, the vine, will bear abundant fruit.

### National Catechetical Directory

*The Spirit prompts people to seek what is good and helps them to advance in such virtues as charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, forbearance, humility, fidelity, modesty, continence, and chastity.*

(#91, see also #s 59, 153)

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

*By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit:....love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." "We live by the Spirit"; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit."*

*Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory.*

### FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** How does your own connection to Christ, the vine, affect your daily life? What image from this reading helps you see the importance of this connection to Christ?

**YOUTH:** Jesus is the vine we are the branches, connected to Him as our life-source. When do you feel most connected to Jesus in your everyday life? How can you go there more often?

**CHILDREN:** How do you keep yourself connected to Jesus in your daily life?



**WE PRAY FOR** Drue Herl and Kristen Fellhoelter as they celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, May 9.

### Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat.	May 9 5:00 p.m.+ Mary Frances Klaus
Sun.	May 10 9:30 a.m.+ Alvin Leiker 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Wed.	May 13 7:30 a.m.+ Fritz Legleiter
Fri.	May 15 7:30 a.m.+ Herman Berens
Sat.	May 16 5:00 p.m.+ Tom & Mildred Brungardt
Sun.	May 17 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish 11:00 a.m.+ Herbert Leiker & Martina Walters

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS:** Has your form been returned? Presently we have received 205 of the 489 forms mailed.

### Volunteers for Meals on Wheels Needed

St. Nicholas will be responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels to the homebound **June 8 through June 12**. We are in need of a driver and helper for 3 different routes. You would be responsible for picking up the meals prepared at Hays Medical Center and delivering them as designated on your route. This is a wonderful and rewarding service to the community. These individuals look forward to seeing the volunteer as it may be their only contact for the day. Please contact Cathy Pfeifer ASAP at 621-2085 or 623-1780.

### Crownpoint Mission

Our Crownpoint Ministry is in need of monetary donations to offset the fuel cost for the trucks. Thank you!

**Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer** is celebrating the anniversary of the dedication of the church with a Mass at 3PM, on Sunday, May 10. Immediately following the Mass, Fr. Mike Scully will bless the graves at the cemetery. This will replace the usual Memorial Day service. Everyone is welcome.

### Church Repairs

To Date \$51,107

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

Week Collection of May 3	\$ 18,105
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$579,288
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$524,835
As of May 3, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 54,453

### MONEY COUNTERS

May 10	Ramie Wasinger and Bill & Tiffany Weber
May 17	Henrietta Haselhorst, Linda Braun & Judith Zerr-Schamberger
May 24	Tim & Tina Zimmerman
May 31	Scott & Terri Braun

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## Readings for Days in the Easter Weekday

### Monday, May 11

Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26

### Tuesday, May 12 (St. Nereus & St. Achilleus)

Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;  
John 14:27-31a

### Wednesday, May 13

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15:1-8

### Thursday, May 14 (St. Matthias)

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;  
John 15:9-17

### Friday, May 15 (St. Isidore)

Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12; John 15:12-17

### Saturday, May 16

Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5; John 15:18-21

### Sunday, May 17

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;  
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b);  
1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

## Faith Formation News

### Confirmation Candidates –

Bi-weekly summer packets will be mailed to you beginning with Pentecost (May 31). Work on these throughout the summer to continue your personal preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Aug. 2. Please put all papers in your binder and write responses or reflections in your notebook. Continue to work on your service projects. Service **Form D** is **due July 15**. Have a Blessed Summer!



## Heartland Parishes

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration and Planning in progress. Rising kindergarten –rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade can enroll by calling Martha at 625-7356. **VBS** to be held Tues., May 26 -Friday, May 29, from 9am-

12pm, in the Kennedy Middle School Gym. **Adult Volunteers Needed as shop keepers and family leaders.** **Youth-** grade 6 and older, needed as assistants. Call Kathy 628-1446, if you would like to be part of this fun filled experience. **Supplies needed** - 8" aluminum pie plates, yarn, clean sheets (any color), burlap. Need to **borrow** green, brown & grey tarps.



## ADULTS: SUMMER INSTITUTE COURSES

May 31-June 4, 2009

### Heartland Center for Spirituality - Great Bend

Open to any adult interested in an intensive experience of learning, community, and spiritual retreat. Participants can take up to two complete courses for college credit or for personal/professional enrichment. Morning and Afternoon classes. Room & Board available.

#### Courses being offered:

**Morning** – Introduction to the New Testament (Mr. Wayne Talbot), Ministry and Marriage (Fr. Barry Brinkman), Parish Pastoral Councils (Fr. Bob Schremmer)

**Afternoon** – Liturgical Year (Fr. Frank Coady), Introduction to the Psalms (Ms. Elizabeth Nagel),

Workshop - Parish Administration (Ms. Rosie Rundell)

**Pre-registration Due by May 15** - Contact Kathy at the parish office at 628-1446, for a registration form or further information.

#### Catholic Websites

**Adult– Catholic Culture –Month of May – Mary**

[http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overview/months/05\\_1.cfm?](http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overview/months/05_1.cfm?)

**Parents – Theology of the Body**

<http://www.theologyofthebody.net/>

**Youth – Paths of Love**

<http://www.pathsoflove.com/>

**Children - My Friend Catholic Online Magazine for kids**

<http://www.daughtersofstpaul.com/paulinekids/index.html>

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** When you get to heaven, Jesus will spend all eternity thanking you and loving you for your fidelity in spending one specific hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament each week. This is why He says: "Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe." (Jn 20:29) The Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 and if you find it difficult to make a commitment, call Lil at 625-7474 and she'll be glad to help you decide on a day and hour.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 16 & 17

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

<b>EM</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Alan Hoffman	Mary Toepfer #1	Ryan Hagans
Darlene Arnhold	Tom Toepfer #2	
Andy Beck		<b>Sacristan</b>
Keith Dreiling	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Henry Reinhardt
Jo Good	Alayna Arnhold	
Gracemary Melvin	Alysia Arnhold	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Sylvia Reinhardt	Raeleann Weigel	Randy Lang

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

<b>EM</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Theresa Flax	Jim Krob #1	Bernie Werth
Joel Dreiling	Joe Mindrup #2	
Gene Flax		<b>Sacristan</b>
LeRoy Lang	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Pat Lang
Gene Rice	James Mindrup	
Kelly Schmidt	Matthew Mindrup	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Rose McFarland +	Peter Rice	Craig Karlin

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

<b>EM</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
Jayne Inlow	Tom Pitner #1	Roy Inlow
Mary Braden	Patty Stull #2	
Randall Braden		<b>Sacristan</b>
Carrie Gottschalk	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kathy Jacobs
Janet Kohl	Alivia Inlow	
Jorge Vazquez	Gracie Wasinger	<b>Gift Bearers</b>
Bob Wasinger	Alexis Wasinger	Frank Medina

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## Holy Family Elementary

-- Holy Family Preschool will be incorporating daily and spirit day shirts for the upcoming school year, 2009-2010. Bottom attire will be your choosing. Shirt samples are available in the Preschool Classroom as well as at enrollment this summer. Prices are \$5.50 and \$6.00 for sizes youth x-small. Adult XL & XXL shirts are \$2.00 more. An order will be placed the last week of April and again this summer at enrollment. Any questions, please contact Karen Bieker, Director of Preschool, 785-625-3131 or kbieker@hfehays.org.

**May 11** - Home & School Mtg., 7pm, Activity Center

**May 12** - Mother's Mass, 8am, IHM

**May 14** - May Birthday Mass & Dinner

-- Last Day for PC Preschool Class

**May 15** - PA Preschool Graduation, 9:30 a.m.

-- PB Preschool Graduation, 1:30 p.m.

-- Last Day for PA & PB Preschool

-- Last Day for After School Care Services

-- Free Dress Day; student reward for meeting school goal for Accelerated Reading.

**May 19** - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Mass; Reception

-- following in Little Theatre for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students & families. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students are dismissed following reception

**May 20** - Last Day of School for Kdgn. through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; dismissal 11:00

-- We just received a check for \$1351.00 from redeemed box tops. At 10 cents apiece, that equals 13,510 labels. Campbell Labels for Education will soon be sent in so turn in collected labels. Thank you so much.



-- **Join us for free homemade cinnamon rolls** on Sunday, May 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center and use the inside staircase.

-- **Cup a Joe** will be **closed** on May 25, Memorial Day

-- **Cup a Joe** will go to Summer Hours on June 1, The hours are as follows: **7:00 – 9:30 a.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday mornings)**

-- **Cup a Joe** will normally be closed on Thursday evening. Watch bulletin for special classes that will be run on some Thursday evenings throughout the summer.

## **Thank You God, for the Rains! Let's Keep Praying**

“O God in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us rain in due abundance, that being sufficiently helped with temporal gifts, we may see with more confidence those that are eternal. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”



-- **Thomas More Prep Marian** will celebrate the last school Mass of 2008/2009 school year Wednesday, May 13, in the school Auditorium at 8am. The May crowning will take place during this Mass. All are invited to join us.

## **An Excellent Opportunity**

Thomas More Prep - Marian High School, Hays, and KS is looking for Resident Advisors for both resident programs. Qualified men and women could earn room, board and salary. Opportunities for college credit also a possibility. Must possess good judgment skills, patience, discipline, a professional attitude and a willingness to work as a valued team member. Resident Advisors assist in the supervision, discipline, organizing activities and transportation of students from all over the world. For more information about these positions please contact: Michelle Fairbank @fairbankm@tmp-m.org or 785-432-1212.

## **TMP-Marian Boys Basketball Camp**

-- Cost of each session \$30.00 for grades 3 & 4, \$35.00 for grades 5 & 6, and \$45.00 for grades 7 & 8.

-- Date: Monday, June 8, Thru Thursday, June 11, for grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (next year)

-- Times: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Grades 3-4 (next Year)

10:30 AM to Noon Grades 5-6 (next Year)

1:00 PM to 3:30 PM Grades 7-8 (next Year)

## **High School Boys Basketball Camp**

-- Date: Monday-Friday June 15-19

-- Incoming Freshman 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade 9:00 AM - Noon

-- I will be sending out a letter to all pre-enrolled incoming Freshman

-- Place: Old Hays High 322 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street (because of remodeling being done at Al Billinger Fieldhouse)

Contact: Joe Hertel Phone 625-8696

**Dillons Coupons will be available next weekend after all Masses, May 16 & 17.**

## **Summer Astronomy with Fr. Fred**

Fr. Fred Gatschet is offering a six-session summer astronomy class to anyone interested. Topics include: learning the summer constellations and stars, the mechanics of the night sky, how to use a star map, how to safely observe the sun, and simple observing with binoculars. We will also be using a large professional grade telescope, and will explain how to find the right telescope for you. The cost for the class will be less than \$10, which is the cost of the star map. The class is open to adults and families. Young people who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade may attend without an adult, but need parent's permission. Our first organizational meeting will be Thursday, May 28, at 8pm, at the Comeau Catholic Campus Center, and then every Thursday in June.

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## **Catholicism: Penance, Fasting, and Almsgiving**

Stewardship includes penance as well as fasting and almsgiving which help liberate us from consequences of sin like greed, excessive individualism, the fear of death, etc. Though all rich materials and production of the world are intended for God's service, sin turns them to a different purpose. Stewardship helps turn them back to their original purpose. When Christians accept God's grace, God will respond to them like the father of the prodigal son. (Lk 15:20)

## **Join Us for Seniors Sharing Bunko, May 14**

Our next Bunko Session is Thursday, May 14, 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.

## **Seniors Card Bingo, Friday May 29**

Mark your calendar for Friday May 29, at 2:30pm, in the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Our seniors really enjoyed this at the inaugural Card Bingo event. And it is as easy as regular bingo. Prizes too!

## **Novena to Close Wichita's Tiller Abortuary**

The Respect Life and Social Justice Office in the Wichita, Ks. Diocese is collaborating with Fr. Edmond Kline, of St. Rose of Lima Church in Council Grove, Ks. in sponsoring 9 days of prayers May 13-21, 2009. As members of the Heartland Parishes of Ellis County, Kansas, let's join them. They are asking their diocesan family to offer up prayers, sacrifices, Holy Communion, Rosaries and Holy Hours, many have responded with Mass intentions also, with the intention of closing Tiller's Abortion Mill within these 9 days. We who live in Kansas are so sick over this horrible beastly work that goes on in our lovely country state! Please also feel free to email Fr. Edmond Kline with your intentions at [mediatrix@catholic.org](mailto:mediatrix@catholic.org). **May God bless this prayer action!**

## ***Confession Cleanses You from the Inside Out!***

## **Identifying and Developing Vocations is Everyone's Responsibility**

Identifying and developing vocations to the priesthood and religious life is the responsibility of all our parishioners. Please do your share also. If you think you know someone who might be interested in a vocation, contact Pam Windholz, the chair of our Heartland Parishes Vocations Committee, at 625-9712. The committee will take it from there.

## **Heartland Parish Wallet**

### **Mass/Confession Schedules:**

For your convenience, we've created some Heartland Parish Mass/Confession schedules that will fit in your wallet. They are in on pads in the back of the churches. Just tear one off, fold it up, and keep it in your wallet.

### **Be Informed:**

### **Center for Disease Control & Prevention Contact information to keep informed about the swine flu**

Website: [www.cdc.gov/flu/swine](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swine)

Phone # 1-800-CDC-INFO

### **Single and Beyond – May Activities**

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

- **May 20 - Food, Fellowship & June Planning Meeting**  
Meet at 6pm, at Gutierrez Mexican Restaurant, 1106 E. 27th.

- **May 25 - Victoria Fidelisfest -**

[www.stfidelischurch.com](http://www.stfidelischurch.com) - The morning begins with visits to the 5 local cemeteries – Emmeram, Walker, Pfeifer, Vincent & Victoria – followed by an 11am Mass at the "Cathedral of the Plains", St. Fidelis Church. After mass, the festivities begin with a German Wedding style dinner until 2pm. The Country Store will have homemade baked items. There will be a gift shop, a beer garden, hamburger and brat stand, games, musical entertainment throughout the day, a drawing with BIG CASH prizes and an auction of new items donated by businesses and parishioners.

- **May 30 - Putt-Putt at Precision Valley - 1500 W. 27th. 7pm.**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following scholarship applications are now available through the parish office. Marymount Memorial Educational Trust Scholarship (new and renewal application available). Eligibility requirements include being an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina; must attend a Catholic college as fulltime student. Monsignor Clement Kruse Scholarship Fund: applicant must be an active registered member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Salina. Deadline for both scholarships is July 1.

### **THE DAYS AHEAD**

**May 12** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm

**May 13** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

**May 16** Men of Myra, 7:30am

**May 17** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am