

Sunday, May 24, 2009: Ascension of the Lord

FAITH CORNER

CHRIST WITH US

The Church continues Jesus' work in the world.

On the Thursday between the sixth and seventh Sundays of Easter, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. Today's lesson combines the story of the ascension with the story of the apostles gathered in the upper room waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. During this time, the followers of Jesus began to realize that their task was to continue the mission of Jesus. The early Church saw itself as the fulfillment of the promise to Israel. They needed to rethink their interpretation of the covenant and of the Scriptures. They considered themselves as part of Judaism, and not a new Church. But a new Church was being born in their midst.

National Catechetical Directory

Although glorified now at the right hand of the Father, the Lord Jesus remains incarnate in the world through the Church, His body. (#65, see also #s 53, 72d)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands...but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him." As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven. (#662)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: How do you experience the divine power of Christ-among-us in your daily life?

YOUTH: Even after Jesus ascended into heaven, he worked through the disciples to spread the Gospel. We are Jesus' disciples today. How can you open yourself up more to let Jesus work through you to be Good News in the world today?

CHILDREN: Jesus helps us be brave when we need to be. When do you need to be brave?

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS: Has your form been returned? Presently we have received 219 of the 489 forms mailed.

"Crownpoint Mission"

The trucks will be loading on Thursday evening, June 4, at 6:30pm, help is needed. Also, donations are needed to help cover cost of trucks and fuel.

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat.	May 23 5:00 p.m.+	Albinus Weigel
Sun.	May 24 9:30 a.m.+	Leonard & Regina Bruan
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed.	May 27 7:30 a.m.+	Pauline Walters, Bernita Kuhn, Francis Walters, Jr., & Dwight Walters
Fri.	May 29 7:30 a.m.+	Ralph Hoffman
Sat.	May 30 5:00 p.m.+	Clem & Ida Dinkel
Sun.	May 31 9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.+	Herbert Leiker & Martina Walters



WE PRAY FOR Kyle Ricke and Danielle Lambrecht as they celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, May 23.

Catholic Charities of the Salina Diocese is celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year. Please mark your calendars and join us for The Kansas Prairie Celebration at the Ramada Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn Holidome) in Salina, Sunday July 26, at 5:30pm. The event will include dinner, dancing, silent and live auction, and short video celebrating 50 years of charitable work in the Salina Diocese. Tickets are available now by calling 825-0208 and placing your order. In the past year we provided services to 4,148 people in need throughout the Diocese. Proceeds from the Kansas Prairie Celebration help to continue the work of Catholic Charities.

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.

Church Repairs

To Date \$51,157

Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2008/2009 fiscal year started July 1, 2008

Week Collection of May 17	\$ 10,559
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 11,663
Collection Year to Date	\$609,327
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$548,161
As of May 17, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	\$ 61,166

MONEY COUNTERS

May 24	Scott & Terri Braun
May 31	Tim & Tina Zimmerman
June 7	Melvin & Karen Bruggeman
June 14	James & Nancy Duffy

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Readings for Days in the Easter Weekday

**Monday, May 25 (St. Bede the Venerable,
St. Gregory VII, & St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi)**

Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 26 (St. Philip Neri)

Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 27 (St. Augustine of Canterbury)

Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;
John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 28

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
John 17:20-26

Friday, May 29

Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 30

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7;
John 21:20-25

Sunday, May 31 (Solemnity of Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30);
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25;
John 20:19-23 or 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Deacon Joshua Werth becomes Priest, June 6, Celebrate with Us!

Deacon Josh Werth, a Schoenchen native, will be ordained to the priesthood on June 6, at 10am, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. His first Mass will be the next day, Trinity Sunday, June 7, at 10:30am, at St. Anthony Church in Schoenchen. Upon ordination, he will be assigned to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Hays. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for both or either of these celebrations.

Help us Celebrate Joshua Werth's Ordination

Josh is a homegrown Heartland Parish vocation from Schoenchen, who will be ordained to the priesthood in June. The Heartland Parishes Vocations Commission would like to help with his considerable expenses for his chalice, his ordination and first Mass receptions, hotel rooms for visiting seminarian classmates, invitations, photographer, etc. If you would like to help, checks should be made payable to Heartland Vocations Commission, P.O. Drawer 1000, Hays 67601 and designate Josh Werth donation. Should, by grace, there be excess donations, they will go to the vocations commission for its activities. For more information, contact Pam Windholz, at 625-9712.

The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel door is always open for you to be present with Jesus body, blood, soul & divinity to help you with all your concerns and spiritual needs. Jesus thanks you all for your time and sacrifice to be present with Him for the past 17 years. "Pray, pray, pray. Prayer is the key that opens the heart of God." (St. Padre Pio)

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

BEGINS Tues., May 26 -Friday, May 29, from 9am-12pm, in the Kennedy Middle School Gym. **Supplies needed** - 8" aluminum pie plates, yarn, clean sheets(any color), 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/overviews/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>

Vocations

"And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them." If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Father Jarett Konrade 785-827-8746 or e-mail at vocations@salinadiocese.org

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Holy Family Elementary

-- Preschool: Incorporating daily and spirit day shirts for up-coming school year. (bottom attire your choosing.) Samples available in Preschool Room and at enrollment this summer. Prices \$5.50 and \$6.00 for sizes youth x small- Adult XL. (XXL \$2.00 more.) Orders will be taken at enrollment, August 4th. Any questions please contact Director of Preschool, Karen Bieker at 785-625-3131 or kbieker@hfefhays.org

-- School Office will be closed May 25 through June 8. Summer Schedule for June and July will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9am to 4pm. Lunch Hour, 11am to 12:30pm.

August 4 - 2009/2010 Enrollment/New & Used Uniform Sale; Activity Center 7:30am to 6pm.

Parish Stewardship Commitment mandatory before enrollment.

-- Nestle "Go Play" Campaign has ended. We will no longer collect Nestle Water Labels. We are asking that you continue to collect Box Tops for Education labels, Campbell Product Labels for Labels for Education, McDonald Receipts, Tyson Product Labels, and recycle your aluminum for Holy Family. Thank you so much.



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

10th - 12th grade 9:00 AM - Noon

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

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

Contact: Joe Hertel Phone 625-8696

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 30 & 31

Saturday, 5:00 P.M.

EM

Rosalie Nichols

John Allen

Darlene Arnhold

Lisa Colwell

Stan Mayers

Mary Mellick

Mary Selensky

Proclaimer

Jo Good#1

Marie Froelich #2

Altar Servers

Alayna Arnhold

Alysia Arnhold

Macie Stoecklein

Hospitality

Keith Dreiling

Sacristan

June Allen

Gift Bearers

Henry Reinhardt

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM

LeRoy Lang

Connie Grant

Neil Klaus

Eric Moeder

Lisa Unrein

Brad Unrein

Nolan Allen +

Proclaimer

Karen Moeder #1

Pat Lang #2

Altar Servers

Adam Klaus

Amber Klaus

Grace Volker

Hospitality

Bill Weber

Sacristan

Paul Kraus

Gift Bearers

Kirk Klein

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM

Randall Braden

Mary Braden

Carrie Gottschalk

Troy Hickman

Jayne Inlow

Jorge Vazquez

Bob Wasinger

Proclaimer

Tom Pitner #1

Mary Hickman #2

Altar Servers

Matea Gregg

Torrie Gregg

Elly Lang

Hospitality

Deenna Gregg

Sacristan

Kathy Jacobs

Gift Bearers

Bob Dreher

Daughters of Isabella Raffle

The Daughters of Isabella are selling raffle tickets. Prizes are: four \$50 dollar bills, candle basket, garden basket, 2 sets of T-towels, set of dishes and a garden angel with wind chimes. We will draw at our next business meeting. on June 9. 1 ticket for \$1, 6 tickets for \$5 and 12 tickets for \$10. Call Sheila Boos at 625-2747, Joan Heier at 628-8210, or Sandy Herrman at 628-1762 for tickets until June 9.

Mother/Daughter Breakfast will be June 7, Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary at 8am. Members may process in from back of church (line up at 7:45am.). D. of I members will stay for adoration. There will be a meal at Golden Corral following adoration. The meal for those receiving pins and Daughter of the Year: Verna Schumacher will be paid for by the Circle. Other members: adults-\$5.00 and children-\$4.00. Please RSVP to: Sandy Herrman--656-0095 or Stephanie Schumacher--625-7035 or Barb Zimmerman--628-8074 Hope to see you there!



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

-- **Cup a Joe** will go to Summer Hours on June 1. They are as follows: 7 to 9:30am (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.

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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 National Cancer Survivors Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 7, at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays, from 2 to 4pm. Cancer Survivors, their families and caregivers are invited to enjoy the museum FREE. The museum is featuring T. rex cetera. Visit the museum starting at 2pm, at 3pm visit the Education Room for "Snacks & Snakes", you can stay and enjoy the museum until it closes at 7pm. Come enjoy and celebrate your survivorship. Sponsored by the Cancer Council of Ellis County. For more information call the Cancer Council at 625-6653.

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 6th 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.

Catholicism: Discipleship and Community

As individual members, we collectively make up the Body of Christ. That body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members, each of us. We must all use our gifts to serve this community of faith. The Church is built up through individual members with individual vocations through personal participation in and support of the Church's mission of proclaiming, teaching, serving, and sanctifying. This participation takes different forms according to people's different gifts and offices, but there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources, their selves, at the service of God in and through the Church.

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!

Next First Friday Respect Life Mass – June 5

We are in times when life is being despised, debased, and destroyed. Mass, adoration, and prayers are our strongest weapons in the battle to return mankind to sanity. **Please join us** for our Heartland Parishes monthly Respect Life Mass on Friday, June 5, at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish. It is preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 4:55pm, and the Rosary at 5pm. Pray the Rosary. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Pray, pray, pray!

Join Us for Seniors Sharing Barbeque, Luau & Bunko!

Our next Bunko Session is Thursday, June 11, at 2:30pm. This event will be in the cafeteria at Thomas More Prep-Marian. While you are playing Bunko, we will be cooking our world famous chicken recipe that is known only to a few for the Luau which will follow. Participants can bring, cold dishes and desserts, but that is not required. Children and grandchildren are welcome and can learn bunko, play on the grounds, or shake in Hawaiian lei. Reservations need to be called in prior to June 5, to Deacon Mark Roberti 625-7356 or Laura Sadeghi 625-5857 so we will know how much chicken and other food to buy. All are welcome.

Sacred Shroud of Turin/Divine Mercy Images

Recent optical imaging has shown a link between the image on the Sacred Shroud of Turin and the original Divine Mercy Image. Join us Thursday, June 18, from 2:30 to 3:30pm, at the St. Joseph Parish conference room for video clips of this phenomena and discussion. Refreshments will follow. Contact Mark Roberti for more information at 625-7356. We can also show this one evening should people be interested.

Single and Beyond – May Activities

This is an ecumenical Christian social group for single, divorced, widowed people located in/near Hays, Kansas. Email: singleandbeyond@yahoo.com or call Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871.

- **May 25** - **Victoria Fidelisfest** - www.stfidelischurch.com -
- **May 30** - **Putt-Putt at Precision Valley** - 1500 W. 27th. 7pm.

THE DAYS AHEAD

May 26 St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm

-- Pastoral Council Meeting, 5:30pm

May 27 Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

May 30 Men of Myra, 7:30am

May 31 Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am