

# Sunday, December 27, 2009: Feast of the Holy Family

## FAITH CORNER

### OUR FAMILIES

In our society, Christmas is a family holiday. It is a time when family members try to renew and build the bonds of family love, whether by coming home for the holidays or by giving and sending gifts. For many families the Sunday after Christmas is a day of continuing the holiday celebration with the extended family. On this day, the Church celebrates a feast in honor of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Holy Family. On this day we think about what makes a happy home. We imagine what the home of the Holy Family must have been like. We read passages from the Scriptures which describe relationships within such a family. And we reflect upon what it can mean for us to be a holy family.

#### National Catechetical Directory

*Family ministry involves announcing the good news to those within the immediate family circle first of all. However, family members should in turn be aware of the Christian family's authentic mission to evangelize the wider community. "In a family which is conscious of this mission, all the members evangelize and are evangelized. The parents not only communicate the Gospel to their children, but from their children they can themselves receive the same Gospel as deeply lived by them. And such a family becomes the evangelizer of many other families, and of the neighborhood of which it forms part."*

(On Evangelization (Paul VI, 1975), 71.) (#226)

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church

##### The mysteries of Jesus' hidden life

*During the greater part of his life Jesus shared the condition of the vast majority of human beings: a daily life spent without evident greatness, a life of manual labor. His religious life was that of a Jew obedient to the law of God, a life in the community. From this whole period it is revealed to us that Jesus was "obedient" to his parents and that he "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."*

(#531)

##### The Christian family

*"The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a domestic church." It is a community of faith, hope, and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church, as is evident in the New Testament.*

(#2204)

##### The duties of children

*The divine fatherhood is the source of human fatherhood; this is the foundation of the honor owed to parents. The respect of children, whether minors or adults, for their father and mother is nourished by the natural affection born of the bond uniting them. It is required by God's commandment.*

(#2214)

##### The duties of parents

*The fecundity of conjugal love cannot be reduced solely to the procreation of children, but must extend to their moral education and their spiritual formation. "The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute." The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable.*

(#2221)

## Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat.	Dec. 26	5:00 p.m. +	Edward Wasinger
Sun.	Dec. 27	9:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of John & Pauline Karlin Family
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Wed.	Dec. 30	7:30 a.m.	NO MASS
Thurs.	Dec. 31	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
Fri.	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m. +	David Hoffman
Sat.	Jan. 2	5:00 p.m. +	Mike & Celeste Stecklein
Sun.	Jan. 3	9:30 a.m. +	Florie Seitzinger
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

The St. Nicholas Parish Office will be open until noon on Thursday, Dec. 31; and closed on Friday, Jan. 1.

**THANK YOU ST. NICHOLAS PARISHIONERS**, who have remembered us with your kindness and sharing during our Christmas Season. May you have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.  
*The Parish Staff*

**A HUGE THANKS** to all who helped the Art & Environment Committee decorate the Church for Christmas. Everyone put in a lot of time and hard work. We appreciate it more than words can express. We couldn't have done it without you!!! Also a special thank you to Tracy Legleiter for preparing and serving the food. Thanks a million!

The Art & Environment Committee

June Allen	Susan Geist	Stephanie Hagans
Mary Hickman	Sara Humphrey	Jessica Speno
Julianne Wolf		

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN** on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2pm as we return to the celebration of Ordinary Time on our church calendar. Your help would be appreciated as we end the Christmas season.

**Bulletin Ads** are being renewed at this time. We have two spots to be filled by a business. If you are interested in filling this spot, please contact Ramona at 628-1446.

## FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** How are you, too, called to our Father's house?

**YOUTH:** Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important? Is it something you struggle with?

**CHILDREN:** Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?

## Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2009/2010 fiscal year started July 1, 2009

Week Collection of Dec. 20	\$ 29,143
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 12,706
Collection Year to Date	\$307,361
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$317,650
As of Dec. 20, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 10,289)

## MONEY COUNTERS

Dec. 27	Neil & Sondra Klaus
Jan. 1	Curt & Donna Dinked
Jan. 10	Ernie & Darlene Kroeger
Jan. 17	Mark & Amanda Lang

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## Readings for Christmas Weekdays

### Monday, December 28 (The Holy Innocents)

1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Matthew 2:13-18

### Tuesday, December 29 (St. Thomas Becket)

1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35

### Wednesday, December 30

1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40

### Thursday, December 31 (St. Sylvester I)

1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18

### Friday, January 1 (The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God) Holy Day of Obligation

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a);  
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

### Saturday, January 2

#### (St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen)

1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1:19-28

### Sunday, January 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11);  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

## Faith Formation News

Classes in session, Wednesday

Jan. 6, 2010

Jan. 13



## CYO News

Next Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 17, 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall

## Jr. CYO Groups Tri-Parish Bowling Night

On Saturday, Jan. 9, the tri-parish Jr. CYO groups will hold their annual bowling night. Come join your middle school friends for an evening of fun, fellowship, and prayer. The event will be held at Centennial Lanes Bowling from 7 to 9pm. Wear your St. Nick's t-shirt and show your pride!

-- Sunday, Jan. 31 - Regular Jr. CYO meeting from 6:30 to 8pm, in the Parish Hall.



**Candles for Crown Point** – Please join the children in our Faith Formation Program in collecting candles for the families who belong to St. Paul's Parish in Crown Point, NM. Candles are a precious commodity for these families. Let us help bring a light to their darkness this winter.

Baskets will be available in the gathering space during the Advent & Christmas Seasons for donations of new or gently used candles (no glass containers, please). Thank you for your generosity! **Collection will continue through Jan. 3, the Feast of the Epiphany**

## Parents Night Out!

Jan. 9, from 6:30 to 9pm. Parents of individuals with a disability who cannot be left unattended may enjoy a night out to have fun, run errands, or just stay home. Drop off your family members at St. Nicholas Parish Center while experienced, qualified personnel enjoy time with your children, take care of their supper meal, and entertain them while you, as parents, take a break. This will be a monthly event throughout various churches. RSVP by Jan. 6, to: Andrea Carmichael [acarmichael@usd489.com](mailto:acarmichael@usd489.com), Debbie Breeden at 628-0315, or Shelly Keller [kellers@eaglecom.net](mailto:kellers@eaglecom.net)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN. 2 & 3

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

#### EM

Allen Hoffman

Karen Aten

Marilyn Gabel

Mike Konz

Laurie Konz

Sylvia Reinhardt

Henry Reinhardt

#### Proclaimer

Keith Dreiling #1

Jo Good #2

#### Altar Servers

Erin Muirhead

Rachel Muirhead

Alexis Ralph

#### Hospitality

John Allen

#### Sacristan

Glen Gabel

#### Gift Bearers

Bruce Arnhold

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

#### EM

Jim Krob

Gerilyn Allen

Joel Dreiling

Cory Munsch

Pam Munsch

Kevin Splichal

Nolan Allen+

#### Proclaimer

Pat Lang #1

Gene Rice #2

#### Altar Servers

Brittany Dinkel

Eliza Rice

Peter Rice

#### Hospitality

Troy Herrman

#### Sacristan

LeRoy Lang

#### Gift Bearers

Mark Lang

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

#### EM

Sara Humphrey

Carrie Gottschalk

Mary Hickman

Jayne Inlow

Janet Kohl

Rose McFarland

Joyce Newell

#### Proclaimer

Kara Hunziker #1

Tom Pitner #2

#### Altar Servers

Tara Hertel

Emma Humphrey

Elly Lang

#### Hospitality

John Lang

#### Sacristan

Jenni Leiker

#### Gift Bearers

Tim Speno

**As we celebrate the Holy Family**, let us remember that we are all called to holiness – to be holy families. In Stewards of Hope: A Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Salina, the introduction invites us to “conversion, communion, solidarity and evangelization.” This is celebrated through the love of God and the love of neighbor. Please join us to celebrate this call to holiness June 6, as we join together as the Body of Christ in a Diocesan Assembly on the campus of Fort Hays State University in Hays.

## Respect Life Mass, Jan. 8

The next Respect Life Mass for the Heartland Parishes will be on Friday, Jan. 8, because the First Friday falls on Jan 1, the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. Please join us in supplication to Jesus through the Mother of Life as we pray for life, our nation, and that all within our nation and the world would respect life from conception to natural death. Mass begins at 5:30pm, at St. Joseph Parish. It is preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 4:55pm, then the Rosary at 5pm.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL** has the following holy hours to be filled: Wednesdays at 1am and 3am. Consider adding an hour of prayer before the blessed sacrament to your Advent prayer time or a New Years resolution. You and all humanity will be blessed for your commitment of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. If you can fill one of these hours call Lil at 625-7474 or Bob Feauto at 628-1429.

## THE DAYS AHEAD

**Dec. 30** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

**Jan. 2** Men of Myra, 7:30am

**Jan. 3** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am

-- All American Breakfast, 7:30am to 12:30pm, American Legion, 13<sup>th</sup> & Canterbury, (Benefits: Hays Lions Club)