

# Sunday, January 3, 2010: Epiphany

## FAITH CORNER

### SEEKING GOD

Christmas celebrates Christ's coming to us. Epiphany celebrates our seeking God. The story of the coming of the astrologers who were seeking the newborn King of the Jews is a highly symbolic one for us. The magi represent for us all the people who truly seek God, sometimes without even knowing who or what it is they seek. This search for God is at the basis of all religions for it is a basic longing of the human heart. Even in a secular society there is a longing for something more. We all seek for health and happiness, holiness and wholeness, peace and justice, equity and freedom. Our faith is that when God reigns, all these are given to us.

### National Catechetical Directory

*Whether they are believers or non-believers...all people are created in God's image and likeness and are, therefore, worthy of respect and esteem. The Catholic Church champions the dignity of the human vocation – a calling to union with God – and holds out lasting hope to those who do not expect to enjoy any destiny higher than earthly existence. (#80, see also #88)*

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

*The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs," and acquires Israelitica dignitas (are made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). (#528)*

### FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** As children of God, we are called to be light, just as Christ was. Name one way you let your own light shine.

**YOUTH:** As the eyes of your heart become enlightened to Christ and his teachings, how does it change the way you live?

**CHILDREN:** Christ is the light of our lives. How does he show you the way to live?

### Masses, Intentions & Services

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
Wed.	Jan. 6	7:30 a.m.+ Alfred 'Luke' & Greg Honas
Fri.	Jan. 8	9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Paul & Josephine Kuhn Family
Sat.	Jan. 9	5:00 p.m.+ Pauline Walters, Bernita Kuhn, Francis Walters, Jr. & Dwight Walters
Sun.	Jan. 10	9:30 a.m.+ Ralph Fisher 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Many thanks** for the lovely poinsettias.

Contributing to our "Christmas Flower" Fund were: Wilma Augustine (LeRoy 'Dick' Augustine); Charles & Rose Ann Giebler; Virgil & Amelia Jacobs (Adam & Mary Jacobs, Otto & Tillie Brungardt); Duane Klein (Edna Klein); Howard & Arlene Rome (Joe & Helen Steckline, Pete & Rose Rome); Jean Schueler (Eddie & Regina Zimmerman family); Esther Wasinger (Edward & Greg Wasinger); Don & Norma Weimer (Weimer & Dreher families); Linda Wood; Edward & Anita Karlin (Martha Karlin Culbreath, Karlin, & Kuhn families); Diana Fisher (Ralph Fisher); Dorothy Dechant (William, Mary, & Luke Honas); Jerry & Kathy Jacobs (Deceased Members of Jerry & Kathy Jacobs families); Anita Leiker (Sylvester Leiker); Kathleen Bittner; and Otto & Rita VonLintel (Kenneth VonLintel & Patty Younger).



### 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.

### Tithing: Your Gift to God Our 2009/2010 fiscal year started July 1, 2009

Week Collection of Dec. 27	\$ 19,151
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 12,706
Collection Year to Date	\$326,512
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$330,356
As of Dec. 27, 2009 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 3,844)

The parish tithes for December went to St. Paul's Catholic Mission, First Call for Help, Hospice, St. Joseph's Food Pantry, and Rachel's Vineyard.

### MONEY COUNTERS

Jan. 3	Curt & Donna Dinkel
Jan. 10	Ernie & Darlene Kroeger
Jan. 17	Mark & Amanda Lang
Jan. 24	Greg & LaNae Lang

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**St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus** is again sponsoring the Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower. A playpen will be available in the gathering space of church to collect baby and young mother items. These will be presented to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home and Birthright of Hays in early February. Contact Bill or Teresa Heimann at 623-4737. Many thanks for your generosity!

## 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)

### Readings for the week after the Epiphany Monday, January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday, January 5 (St. John Neumann)

1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

### Wednesday, January 6 (Bl. Andre Bessette)

1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

### Thursday, January 7 (St. Raymond of Penafort)

1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17;  
Luke 4:14-22a

### Friday, January 8

1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
Luke 5:12-16

### Saturday, January 9

1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;  
John 3:22-30

### Sunday, January 10

### (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7;  
Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1);  
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



### Faith Formation News

Classes in session,

Wednesday, Jan. 6

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Sunday, Jan. 17 – First Eucharist

Retreat 1:30 to 3pm, at IHM, for all First Communion Candidates and parents.

### 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.

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Candles for Crownpoint collection this year. Many families will have light to guide their way through your generosity.*

### Catholic Websites

Adult/Parents - Catholic Online: Twelve Days of Christmas

<http://www.catholic.org/clife/advent/advent.php?id=36>

Children – Catholic Online: Holy Heroes

<http://www.holyheroes.com/?Click=1124>

Youth – Prayers for the Liturgical year

[http://www.cymtas.org.au/prayers\\_for\\_the\\_liturgical\\_year/](http://www.cymtas.org.au/prayers_for_the_liturgical_year/)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN. 9 & 10

Saturday, 5:00 P.M.

#### EM

Gracemary Melvin

John Allen

Andy Beck

Lisa Colwell

Stan Mayers

Charlie Munsch

Jeanie Munsch

#### Proclaimer

Eileen Roberts #1

Gloria Mlinek #2

#### Altar Servers

Sarah Gottschalk

Jared Mayers

Macie Stoecklein

#### Hospitality

Galen Gottschalk

Neil Legleiter

#### Sacristan

June Allen

#### Gift Bearers

Ryan Hagans

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

#### EM

Neil Klaus

Mary Mellick

Kristie Newell

Sheila Pfeifer

Kelly Schmidt

Nancy Urban

Iris Lang +

#### Proclaimer

Luke Samuel #1

Michael Reif #2

#### Altar Servers

Adam Klaus

Amber Klaus

Gracie Schmidt

#### Hospitality

Steve Urban

#### Sacristan

Wilfred Kreutzer

#### Gift Bearers

Mark Lang

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

#### EM

Jan Stauth

Randall Braden

Mary Braden

Mary Lou Mastin

Shannon Stauth

Jorge Vazquez

Bob Wasinger

#### Proclaimer

Troy Hickman #1

Hannah Keil #2

#### Altar Servers

McKenna Duffy

Tarn Stauth

Paris Wolf

#### Hospitality

Steve Keil

#### Sacristan

Kathy Jacobs

#### Gift Bearers

Preston Wolf

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## Holy Family Elementary

**Dec. 21 - Jan. 4** - Christmas Vacation

**Jan. 4** - Teacher Work Day

**Jan. 5** - School Resumes

- KA Kindergarten in Session

**Jan. 8** - Adoration & Rosary, 8am, at IHM

**Jan. 11** - Home & School Meeting, 7pm, Activity Center

-- **Thank you** for collecting Box Tops and Campbell product labels. Please watch the expiration date on the Box Tops. Don't collect too long before turning them into the office.



## Mark Calendars for the Thomas More Prep-Marian upcoming events:

- **Dec. 21 thru Jan. 5, 2010** - Christmas break. School resumes **Jan. 6, 2010**

-- **TMP-Marian Fine Arts Booster Club** invites you to the Indoor Tailgate on Friday, Jan. 8, in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and cookies from 5 to 7:30pm. Free Will Offering. Come enjoy a meal before the basketball game and support the Fine Arts.

-- **Jan. 31 thru Feb. 6** - Catholic School's Week

**Dillons Coupons will be available after all Masses next weekend, Jan. 9 & 10.**

**Please pray for Stewards of Hope:** A Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Salina and make plans to attend our Diocesan Assembly, June 6, in Hays.

### **Stewards of Hope**

Lord Jesus, we know you are with us always, "until the end of the age." Confident in your presence among us, we, as the Diocese of Salina, continue to expand on what our ancestors established through their selfless love in building our faith communities. As we go forward in hope, help us continue to give ourselves selflessly in love to our brothers and sisters and so strengthen the body of Christ. With the aid of your Holy Spirit, help us to discern our personal calling so that in authentic holiness we can face the challenges before us with confidence in your divine will. As you are so richly with us, help us to walk together, sharing in each other's burdens and joys leaving our legacy of faith, hope and charity for future generations. Amen.

### **Vocations**

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Jarett Konrade (785) 827-8746, or write: [vocations@salinadiocese.org](mailto:vocations@salinadiocese.org)



## **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

When we have experienced God's forgiveness, we are **new creatures!** We can live a life beyond the regrets of yesterday. We can live with a forward-looking hope of glory.

- Reflections from *Footprints*

Become a new creation in Christ! Join us on our next retreat and experience His redeeming grace.

## **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

**Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time**

Next retreat: **Feb. 5-7**

**877-I-GRIEVE (877-447-4383)**

[rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org)

**confidential**

## **Divine Mercy Radio is moving forward. . .**

The Board of Directors of Divine Mercy Radio has begun the process of purchasing a radio permit to build a Catholic radio station. How large of an area it will cover, will depend upon the amount of funding received. The permit could cover (east) past Russell, (west) Quinter, (north) Norton, and (south) Larned. The station will need to be built by April 2011 or the permit will be lost. Thus, MANY prayers and a great deal of funding will be needed to get the station up and running. Mother Angelica says, "We are family." It will take all of us as family in order for this great task of evangelization to be accomplished. If you would like to donate or have your name on the mailing list for updates as this project is developed, please contact Donetta Robben, 1916 Eisenhower Rd., Hays, KS 67601, 785-656-0150 or e-mail: [donetta@soulreflect.net](mailto:donetta@soulreflect.net). Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

**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.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY FOR FAMILIES:**

Wednesday evenings at 9pm, in the Adoration Chapel, we pray for our families, our Church, civic leaders and families of the world. You are welcome - please join us. We have you out in 20-25 minutes.



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## Catholicism: Living the Disciple's Vocation, Being a Disciple of Jesus

The call to discipleship from Jesus is personal. He does not summon disciples as a faceless crowd, but as unique individuals. "Before Phillip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." (Jn 1:35-50). Jesus knows our history and our weaknesses, our strengths, our destinies. He has a plan and purpose in mind for each of us. Are we listening? Discipleship begins in stewardship.

## 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.



## Next Seniors Sharing Bunko

Our next "Bunko Party" event is Thursday, Feb. 11, at 2:30pm, in the parish hall at St. Nicholas of Myra. All are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, and refreshments.

## Roe Vs. Wade Memorial – 36 Years Memorial Service & Procession

It has been 36 years since the tragic Roe vs. Wade, U.S. Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion. Join other Heartland Parishioners – Saturday, Jan. 16, beginning at 10am, at St. Joseph Parish – for a prayer service and procession honoring our sacred, precious, innocent, children who have died as a result of this national and worldwide tragedy. The procession will begin at 10:30am, and we will pray in front of the Ellis County Courthouse and Planned Parenthood before returning to the parish. Those who cannot walk the procession will remain in the Church praying the Rosary to end abortion and for the protection of all life from conception to natural death.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more... said that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...." Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and recharge your marriage/holy orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Feb. 12-14, at the Manna House in Concordia. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information call Dave and Joan Dunn at 785-628-1795 or e-mail at [micromedia@ruraltel.net](mailto:micromedia@ruraltel.net). Visit our website at [www.wwmesection9.org](http://www.wwmesection9.org)

**Thank you, Deacon Mark Roberti**, for serving as Stewardship Director of the Heartland Parishes and for your continued outreach to the entire community! The people of Hays love and wish you and your family God's blessings, peace, and joy!

**Join us for an appreciation reception:  
THIS SUNDAY, Jan. 3, 2 to 4 pm, at Immaculate Heart  
of Mary gym. (East parking lot)  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Religious Materials for the Missions Especially Bibles & Rosaries!



A Heartland Parishioner is coordinating an effort, locally, to provide Catholic sacramental items, devotionals, and light reading materials to a Catholic missionary order that distributes them in their mission fields throughout parts of the world. The Institute of the Incarnate Word is a young religious order that was founded in Argentina in 1984. Described as true to the faith and joyful in its works, it is a missionary order working in the US, Sudan, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Italy, & Pakistan. The priests & brothers operate parishes, run orphanages, & teach in seminaries. Visit [www.ivevocations.org](http://www.ivevocations.org) for more information. To help with this ministry you can bring Catholic Bibles, devotionals, magazines, pamphlets, booklets, etc., and small sacramental items such as rosaries, chaplets, scapulars, Crucifixes, etc., – **they are asking especially for Bibles and Rosaries** – Contact Virginia Hornick for more information 785-301-2250.

## Schedule for Cup a Joe



-- **Tuesday, Jan. 5** – Join us in **Cup a Joe** for a surprise Christmas Movie. We will serve free popcorn and our hot chocolate will be discounted \$.50.

-- **Because of the holidays**, our Sunday schedule for free coffee cake will change to the second and fourth Sundays of Jan. Join us for free homemade coffee cake on Sunday, Jan. 10, from 8:30am to noon. Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center and use the inside staircase.

## THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 3** All American Breakfast, 7:30am to 12:30pm, American Legion, 13<sup>th</sup> & Canterbury, (Benefits: Hays Lions Club)
- Jan. 4** Religious Education Meeting, 7pm
- Jan. 5** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm
- Jan. 6** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- Jan. 7** RCIA Classes, 6:30pm
- Jan. 9** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- Jan. 10** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am  
-- Food Bingo Fraternal Order of Eagle #3061, 1:30pm, Eagles Lodge, 121 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Everyone welcomed!)