

Sunday, January 31, 2010: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH CORNER

GOD'S WORD IS FOR EVERYONE

The Word of God is for every race, every culture, the entire world.

Sometimes it is hard to believe that someone we know and see every day has anything important to say to us. At other times we focus so much of our attention on local problems and local needs that we don't see the wider world. We don't see what we have to offer or what the world has to offer us. Sometimes we are not able to hear God speaking to us through one another. At other times Christians act as if they believe that God is concerned only about them. They do not reach out to others beyond their community. They forget that God is the God of all people and that God loves us all.

National Catechetical Directory

The Church shares in Christ's prophetic office. (Cf. Church, 12.) Assembled by God's word, it accepts that word and witnesses to it in every quarter of the globe. So the Church is missionary by its very nature, and all its members share responsibility for responding to Christ's command to carry the good news to all humanity. (Cf. Missionary Activity, 1-2.) (#93, see also #s 71-73, 94-96)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Moral Life and Missionary Witness

The fidelity of the baptized is a primordial condition for the proclamation of the Gospel and for the Church's mission in the world. In order that the message of salvation can show the power of its truth and radiance before men, it must be authenticated by the witness of the life of Christians. "The witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have great power to draw men to the faith and to God." (#2044)

Because they are members of the Body whose Head is Christ, Christians contribute to building up the Church by the constancy of their convictions and their moral lives. The Church increases, grows, and develops through the holiness of her faithful, until "we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (#2045)

FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

ADULTS: What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

YOUTH: Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

CHILDREN: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?



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

Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat.	Jan. 30	5:00 p.m. +	Martha Culbreath
Sun.	Jan. 31	9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
		11:00 a.m. +	Richard Dechant
Wed.	Feb. 3	7:30 a.m. +	Ralph Hoffman
Fri.	Feb. 5	7:30 a.m. +	Marvin Leiker
Sat.	Feb. 6	5:00 p.m. +	John & Margaret Befort
Sun.	Feb. 7	9:30 a.m. +	Mike & Celeste Stecklein
		11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

Third Annual St. Nicholas Whole Parish Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the *St. Nicholas Whole Parish Meeting* which will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7pm, in the church. Meeting will last an hour. Childcare will be provided. Come ready to share your thoughts. Bring your comments and questions. Refreshments will follow.

Stewardship Fair – Feb. 27 & 28 after all Masses. All parishioners are invited to St. Nicholas Annual Stewardship Fair. Come visit "booths" representing the many commissions and ministries active at St. Nicholas Parish. Enjoy refreshments, face painting, adult and youth door prize drawings. Something for everyone!

LADIES GUILD MEMBERS

Please turn in your breakfast tickets and money immediately to Tracy Legleiter – 623-1069. Must have ASAP. Thanks.

St. Nicholas Ladies Guild Bingo and Raffle is coming, March 7! If anyone is interested in making a donation for the raffle or for bingo prizes, please contact Jenni Leiker at 639-2140.

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!



Tithing: Your Gift to God

Our 2009/2010 fiscal year started July 1, 2009

Week Collection of Jan. 24	\$ 10,685
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 12,706
Collection Year to Date	\$377,054
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$381,180
As of Jan. 24, 2010 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 4,126)

MONEY COUNTERS

Jan. 31	Greg & Kimarae May
Feb. 7	Stan & Bernus Munsch
Feb. 14	Kristi, Samantha, & Sara Newell
Feb. 21	Tammy Dreiling & Lisa Hess

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Readings for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 1

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13;
Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 2 (The Presentation of the Lord)

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10;
Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday, February 3 (St. Blasé & St. Ansgar)

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 4

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12;
1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 5 (St. Agatha)

Sirach 47:2-11; Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51;
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 6

(St. Paul Miki and his companions)

1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 7

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c);
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11



Faith Formation News

Wednesdays

Feb. 3 Classes in session
Feb. 10 Classes in session

CYO News

ENCHILADA SALES BEGIN Now. Please see a member of CYO or place your order after Masses on Jan. 23 & 24, Jan. 30 & 31, and Feb. 6 & 7. **6 for \$7.50 or 12 for \$14.00** Orders will be ready for pick up Feb. 20 and 21, after all Masses. Checks can be made payable to **St. Nicholas CYO.**

Next meeting- Sunday, Feb. 7 It's Super Bowl Sunday so meet at the Volker house (504-W.40th St.) to cheer on your favorite team. Prayer included. Bring one baby item for Mary Elizabeth Home.

Jr. CYO News

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



LENT begins Feb. 17. Consider joining a Lenten small faith sharing group to enhance your spiritual preparation. Groups can be formed to fit your schedule and family situation; adults only, family groups for those

with children, intergenerational groups, etc. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering space. You will be contacted prior to the first meeting (week of Feb. 21) by a group leader. **DEAD LINE TO REGISTER IS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10.**



Free! T-Shirt, food, door prizes, fellowship + fun!

Walk for a Grieving Heart

Fundraiser for Rachel's Vineyard
9 a.m. Feb. 13

Colby – Hays – Salina – Sharon Springs

For a registration form call: 1-877-447-4383

or e-mail: rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

"By Saturday evening of the retreat, my wife and I were experiencing abundant grace and the loving support of the retreat team and the other participants. For the first time, we were able to share the story of our abortion and felt safe to share our hearts with each other."

- Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**

Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and experience mercy and love, and a "new life" in your marriage and family. We can help.

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

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Are you looking for some good reading, but aren't interested in another magazine subscription? We have a solution!! Take a look at the new **Catholic Reading Center** located on the south side of the gathering space. Assembled there are a variety of

wonderful reading resources. On the table are free reading items and in the rack are items to purchase. Use the handy envelopes on the rack for your donations. St. Nicholas Parish will keep 20% of all sales. So you get quality reading with no hassle and help the parish at the same time. Contact Kathy in the parish office if you have suggestions for other titles.

Catholic Websites

Adult – **Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Assoc.** <http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/link/e-a.html>

Fathers- **Father for Good**

<http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/index.html>

Children – **Jesus Friends**

<http://www.jesufriends.com/intro.htm>

Youth – **Chastity.Com** (tips from Jason & Crystalina Evert)

<http://www.chastity.com/node/57>

VocationMatch.Com

<http://www.vocation-network.org/match>

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Holy Family Elementary

Jan. 31 - Annual Chili Supper, 4to 7pm, Little Theatre & Activity Center.

Jan. 31 – Feb. 6 - Catholic School Week.

Feb. 1 - Parents of Kindergartners and 1st graders are invited to lunch. (*Reservations needed.*)

-- Prayer Service – 8am, IHM; Primary spelling bee following, Little Theatre.

-- School Spelling Bee, 1pm, Little Theatre.

Feb. 2 - Parents of 2nd & 3rd graders are invited to lunch. (*Reservations needed.*)

-- 2010-2011 Preschool Round up, 7pm, Little Theatre. No Kindergarten Round up.

Feb. 3 - All School Mass at TMP-Marian, Al Billinger Fieldhouse, 9:30am. (*Students wear uniforms.*)

Feb. 4 - Parents of 4th Graders are invited for lunch. (*Reservations needed.*)

-- Vocations assembly, 2:30pm, Activity Center

Feb. 5 - Parents of 5th & 6th Graders are invited for lunch. (*Reservations needed.*)

-- Divine Mercy Chaplet, 8am, IHM

-- **Please continue to collect** Box Tops for Education labels, Campbell Soup Product UPC & Point labels, aluminum cans to recycle, and McDonald receipts from Hays, WaKeeney, Colby, and Russell. We continue to recycle printer cartridges. Thank you so much.



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

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

-- **Mark your calendars** now and make plans to join the Catholic Schools of Ellis County to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. All are invited to attend the all-schools Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 9:30am, in the TMP-Marian Al Billinger Field House.

-- **Feb. 21** - Incoming Freshman Parent information Night

-- **TMP-Marian** is honored to welcome Sr. Paul Ann Dinkel to their staff. Sr. Paul Ann represents a fine servant of God and a great role model for our students. She has been a willing vessel for 55 years and now willingly has responded to the request to come and be with us at TMP-Marian. Sr. Paul Ann has helped with food service at a high school in FonDuLac Wisconsin and then worked as the main cook for 14 years at St. John's Assisted Living Center. She is ready for a change of pace and we are happy to welcome her to TMP-Marian.

-- **TMP High School** would like to invite you to participate in Eucharistic Adoration at their newly updated Marian Chapel. They will have adoration on the first Friday of the month from 8am to 3:30pm. If you are interested in signing up you can contact Barb Wagoner or Stacie Rupp at 625-6577, or stop by anytime to say hello to Jesus. The dates of their adoration will be: Feb. 5, March 5, and May 7.

-- **TMP- Marian High School Singers** will be presenting their annual Dinner Theater Saturday, Feb. 6, at 6:30pm., and Sunday, Feb. 7, at noon. The event begins in the TMP-M cafeteria with the meal, then will proceed to the auditorium for the performance.

The theme for the show is - **Name That Tune**

Ticket are \$15 dollars each and are available from TMP -M at 625-6577, or through the Singers.

Dillons Coupons will be available next weekend after all Masses, Feb. 6 & 7.

Schedule for Cup a Joe

--**Join us for free coffee cake at Cup a Joe** on Sunday, Feb. 7, from 8:30am to noon. Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center and use the inside staircase.



-- **Tuesday, Feb. 16** – Join us as we celebrate Mardi gras before Lent begins. Bring your favorite game and or movie. We will be running specials on food and drinks this night.

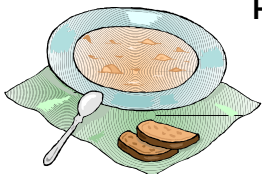
-- **Wednesday, Feb. 17** – **Cup a Joe** will be closed because it is Ash Wednesday.

Holy Family Elementary School Annual Chili Supper

Sunday, Jan. 31

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Holy Family Elementary School,
18th and Vine, Hays**



MENU: chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade bun, relishes, desserts, coffee and tea. Meal tickets are \$5.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or at the door. Please bring your family and friends for a great meal, lots of kids' games, bingo with prizes, silent auction and a raffle. All proceeds from the event will be used to make improvements, purchase equipment and add resource materials for Holy Family Elementary School. The time to invest in the future of Catholic education for our children is now! Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on Jan. 31, at the Holy Family Elementary School Chili Supper!

Bunko Baby! It's Back!



We will resume our regular Bunko schedule on Thursday Feb. 11, at 2:30pm, in the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. All are invited for fun, fellowship, and refreshments. Bunko is easy to learn; we will have you up to snuff in five minutes. Everyone has a great time. Bring a family member or friend of any age or faith tradition. For more information call Mark Roberti 259-8779 or Laura Sadeghi 635-3323.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 6 & 7

Saturday, 5:00 P.M.

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Lisa Colwell	Jessalyn Allen #1	Duane Klein
John Allen	Karen Aten #2	Gloria Mlinek
Darlene Arnhold		Sacristan
Carrie Gottschalk	Altar Servers	June Allen
Alan Hoffman	Alana Arnhold	
Laurie Konz	Alysia Arnhold	Gift Bearers
Mike Konz	Macie Stoecklein	Martin Straub

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Cory Munsch	Rick Rajewski#1	Bernie Werth
Geralyn Allen	Katie Carmichael #2	
Neil Klaus		Sacristan
Pam Munsch	Altar Servers	Andrea Carmichael
Kristi Newell	Jessie Carmichael	
Michael Reif	Alexandra Herrman	Gift Bearers
Nolan Allen +	Landon Munsch	Ryan Hagans

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EM	Proclaimer	Hospitality
Joyce Newell	Tom Pitner #1	John Hertel
Randall Braden	Patty Stull #2	
Mary Braden		Sacristan
Jayne Inlow	Altar Servers	Kathy Jacobs
Janet Kohl	McKenna Duffy	
Mary Lou Mastin	Alexis Wasinger	Gift Bearers
Bob Wasinger	Gracie Wasinger	Matt Woydziak

Help is needed for all ministries for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. Sign up sheet will be available in the gathering space. Thank you!!

Vocations



"Before you were born, I consecrated you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Father Jarett Konrade (785) 827-8746, or write: vocations@salinadiocese.org

Saint Paul tells us how great the virtue of love is.

Knowing that Jesus is with us always "until the end of the age," let us go forward as a diocese in union with each other and in faith, hope and love sharing our gifts with one another. We are the body of Christ, and we build on the past and plan for our future together as "Stewards of Hope." Join us as we celebrate together at the Diocesan Assembly June 6, in Hays.



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL has the following holy hours to be filled: Mondays at 11am; Wednesdays at 1am and 3am; and Friday at 2pm. Consider adding an hour of prayer before the blessed sacrament as your 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.

Journey Through Grief

The death of a loved one changes our lives forever. Grief is a journey that deserves attention, respect and the support of others to heal. Journey Through Grief is a series of eight sessions to help you understand and embrace the journey. Caring for your needs will help you discover fullness to living and loving again. The sessions will begin on Feb. 10 and run through May 19, from 4:30 to 6pm, at St. Joseph Parish Service Center, 210 W. 13th St. Pre-registration required by Feb. 1. Please call Sr. Janet Le Duc at 625-7356 or e-mail: stjwelcome@eaglecom.net.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"...the greatest of these is love..." (Second Reading) Let a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend help your love grow in your marriage or priesthood. 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. Visit our website at www.wmesection9.org

God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage Instructors Training

When: March 19-20

Friday evening: 6pm – Check In; Saturday: 8am to 6pm

Place: Webster Conference Center

2601 N. Ohio St.

Salina, KS 67601

Meals, lodging and training provided by:

Diocesan Family Life Office

Cost of Training Materials \$50.00

For more information, contact parish office at 628-1446.

Traveling Relic Display of Our Lord's Life & Passion

Dale Anderson, from Manhattan, KS will be coming to Sacred Heart in Colby, KS on Feb. 14 and 15th to display some first and second class Saint relics including bones from all 12 of the apostles, a thorn from the crown of thorns, splinter from the original wooden manger, table cloth of the last supper, St. Valentine relic and more. He will give a 45 minute presentation followed by time for questions and viewing of the relics. Everyone is invited to attend one of these sessions: Feb. 14th at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m., Feb. 15th school presentations at 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. For more information contact Laura Krejci, laurakrejci@teacher.com or 785-462-2179

THE DAYS AHEAD

- Feb. 2** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm
- Feb. 3** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm
- Feb. 4** RCIA Classes, 6:30pm
- Feb. 6** Men of Myra, 7:30am
- Feb. 7** Rosary in the St. Nicholas Chapel, 9am
- All American Breakfast, from 7:30am to 12:30pm
American Legion, 13th & Canterbury,
(Benefits: St. Nicholas Ladies Guild)