

# Sunday, February 14, 2010: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FAITH CORNER

### TRUST IN GOD

#### Trust in God brings us true happiness.

"In God we trust," reads the motto on our coins. Is that really true? The commercials we see on television would suggest that something else will bring us happiness. While most of us are not taken in by such blatant distortions, we are affected by the materialism of our consumer society. We may find ourselves making decisions based solely on our desire for these goods.

Jesus never tells us that these good things are not good. They are good, but if we try to build our lives on material things, we will find that in the end they will not bring us true happiness. Worse, they may lead us away from God.

#### National Catechetical Directory

...In the beatitudes (Mt 5, 3-12; Lk 6, 20-23) Jesus, our brother, promises us the dignity of life as God's sons and daughters, the eternal enjoyment of a destiny which, now glimpsed imperfectly, has yet to appear in its glorious fullness. Through these beatitudes Jesus also teaches values to be cherished and qualities to be cultivated by those who wish to follow Him.

(#100, see also #s 99, 105)

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church

##### The Implications of Faith in One God

Believing in God, the only One, and loving him with all our being has enormous consequences for our whole life. (#222)

It means coming to know God's greatness and majesty: "Behold, God is great, and we know him not." Therefore, we must "serve God first." (#223)

It means living in thanksgiving: if God is the only One, everything we are and have comes from him: "What have you that you did not receive?" "What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?" (#224)

It means knowing the unity and true dignity of all men: Everyone is made in the image and likeness of God. (#225)

It means making good use of created things: faith in God, the only One, leads us to use everything that is not God only insofar as it brings us closer to him, and to detach ourselves from it insofar as it turns us away from him:

My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from you.

My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to you.

My Lord and my God, detach me from myself to give my all to you. (#226)

It means trusting God in every circumstance, even in adversity. A prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus wonderfully expresses this trust:

Let nothing trouble you / Let nothing frighten you

Everything passes / God never changes

Patience / Obtains all

Whoever has God / Wants for nothing

God alone is enough. (#227)

### Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Feb. 13 5:00 p.m. Pete & Lucida Unrein Family

Sun. Feb. 14 9:30 a.m.+ Ralph Hoffman  
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Wed. Feb. 17 7:00 p.m.+ Vernie Mermis

Fri. Feb. 19 7:30 a.m.+ Everett Allen

Sat. Feb. 20 5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Anton  
& Genevieve Legleiter Family

Sun. Feb. 21 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:00 a.m.+ Anna Mary Rohleder

**STATIONS & BENEDICTION** will be prayed Friday evening, Feb. 19, 7pm.

### 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!



**WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM** Eli Wade Kerr, infant son of Gregory and Jessica Kerr. He will be baptize on Saturday, Feb. 13.

### FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**ADULTS:** In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we will be either blessed or have woe done unto us. It's a challenging teaching! Which half of this Gospel reading applies to you?

**YOUTH:** How does trusting in God make a difference in your life?

**CHILDREN:** How do you experience God's blessing in difficult times, when you are sad, hungry, or when friends reject you?

### Tithing: Your Gift to God

#### Our 2009/2010 fiscal year started July 1, 2009

Week Collection of Jan. 31	\$ 10,287
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 12,706
Collection Year to Date	\$398,789
Budgeted Collection Year to Date	\$406,592
As of Jan. 31, 2010 we are over/(under) budget	(\$ 7,803)

### MONEY COUNTERS

Feb. 14	Kristi, Samantha, & Sara Newell
Feb. 21	Tammy Dreiling & Lisa Hess
Feb. 28	Myron & Carol Schlegel
March 7	Shannon & Jan Stauth

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## Readings for the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, February 15

James 1:1-11; Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76;  
Mark 8:11-13

### Tuesday, February 16

James 1:12-18; Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mark 8:14-21

### Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2;  
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday, February 18

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;  
Luke 9:22-25

### Friday, February 19

Isaiah 58:1-9a;  
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Matthew 9:14-15

### Saturday, February 20

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 5:27-32

### Sunday, February 21

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 15b); Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13



## Faith Formation News

Wednesdays

Feb. 17 NO Classes –

Ash Wednesday, Mass at 7:00pm

Feb. 24 PK-Grades 5 - Family

Lenten Activity Night during regular class time.

**Grades 6&7 – Lenten Prayer Service first 20 minutes of class, Parents are encouraged to participate.**

## CYO News

**ENCHILADA Sales** - Orders will be ready for pick up

Feb. 20 and 21, after all Masses.

**Next meeting** - Sunday, Feb. 21

## Jr. CYO News

**Next meeting** - Sunday, Feb. 14, from 6:30-8:00 in the Parish Hall



**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.

**Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday.** As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more information.



## **St. Nicholas of Myra Lenten Project**

The Church invites all to more intense prayer, fasting and almsgiving during the season of Lent. A means of almsgiving is to give to those less fortunate. During this Lenten Season, the Ladies Guild would like to invite all parishioners to participate in a parish Lenten project. Please take this sack and fill it with non-perishable items to be given to the Community Assistance Center. Bring your filled sack back to church sometime during the Lenten Season and place it in a designated area in the back of church. By sharing what we have with those less fortunate we will be able to live our Catholic faith more fully and share it more freely with others.



## **LADIES GUILD MEMBERS:**

Have you ever needed a greeting card and didn't have one? It was too late to go get one!! Don't miss the meeting Feb. 15, at 7pm. You will see how quick you can make your own greeting card. See you the 15<sup>th</sup>!!



## **Disposal of Old Palms**

We will not burn palms at St. Nicholas this year. They can be disposed of by burying them in your yard or farmland.

## Catholic Websites

Adult – **Vatican Radio**

<http://www.radiovaticana.org/inglese/enindex.html>

Children – **Catholic Youth Networking: Young Saints**

<http://catholicyouth.freeservers.com/saints/index.htm>

Youth – **Pope2you on FaceBook**

[http://apps.facebook.com/popetoyou/?auth\\_token=36e08dcc9a311b0363ec52016e2410b9](http://apps.facebook.com/popetoyou/?auth_token=36e08dcc9a311b0363ec52016e2410b9)

**Daughters of Isabella** will meet Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7pm, for their monthly meeting at IHM Activity Center. Guest speaker will be Stephanie Schaffer, Fitness Director at Center for Health Improvement. Her topic is Heart Health. Dues of \$12.00 for 2010 can be mailed to: Janet Koerner, 2525 Henry, Hays, KS 67601.

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## Holy Family Elementary

**Feb. 15** - No School; Diocesan Teacher Renewal

**Feb. 16** - Pancake Race, 2:30pm, ITBS Testing

**Feb. 17** - Ash Wednesday Mass, 8am, ITBS Testing

**Feb. 18** - ITBS Testing

-- McDonald's Neighbors Night, 5 to 8pm, North Restaurant Only.

**Feb. 19** - Dental Screening, Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, 8:30am

-- Stations of the Cross, 2:30pm

-- ITBS Testing

-- **Openings in Holy Family 4 year old Preschool** for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call the school office for more information.

-- **Reminder**, we no longer collect Nestle Water Labels. 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:**

-- **Feb. 17** - Thomas More Prep-Marian High School will be having High School for a Day from 9am until 1pm, RSVP to KMS or FMS transportation will be provided.

-- **Feb. 21** - Incoming Freshman Parent information Night, at 7PM, in the Auditorium

-- **March 2 & 4** - Pre-enrollment for class 2014 from 3:30 to 6:30pm

-- **March 7** - Driver's Ed Meeting

-- **March 15 - 19** - Thomas More Prep will be on Spring Break



## **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> school presentations at 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. For more information contact Laura Krejci, [laurakrejci@teacher.com](mailto:laurakrejci@teacher.com) or 785-462-2179

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 20 & 21

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

### EM

Marilyn Gabel

Darlene Arnhold

Karen Aten

Carrie Gottschalk

Marvin Kaiser

Laurie Konz

Mike Konz

### Proclaimer

Eileen Roberts #1

Keith Dreiling #2

### Altar Servers

Alysia Arnhold

Alayna Arnhold

Sarah Gottschalk

### Hospitality

Scott Braun

### Sacristan

Glen Gabel

### Gift Bearers

Alan Hoffman

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

### EM

Eric Moeder

Gene Flax

Theresa Flax

LeRoy Lang

Ruth Schumacher

Tim Schumacher

Bob Wasinger +

### Proclaimer

Karen Moeder #1

Sabree Legleiter #2

### Altar Servers

Matthew Moeder

David Moeder

Michael Moeder

### Hospitality

Kenny Zimmerman

### Sacristan

Pat Lang

### Gift Bearers

Ruban Schuckman

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

### EM

Troy Hickman

Mary Braden

Randall Braden

Jayne Inlow

Janet Kohl

Mary Lou Mastin

Joyce Newell

### Proclaimer

Patty Stull #1

Mary Hickman#2

### Altar Servers

Matea Gregg

Torrie Gregg

Bryce Hickman

### Hospitality

Melvin Schmidt

### Sacristan

Kathy Jacobs

### Gift Bearers

Shawn Summers

## **Diocesan Assembly: An opportunity for discipleship**

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to be His disciples, selfless people who love and serve one another. This can be a challenge when the world seems to be all about "my rights" and "my wants," and where we can isolate ourselves staring at a computer screen. *Stewards of Hope*, the new pastoral plan for the Salina Diocese, is grounded in this call to discipleship. Please plan to be part of the special Diocesan Assembly on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), June 6, when Bishop Coakley will introduce *Stewards of Hope*.

## **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.



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

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**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 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.

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Perpetual Eucharist Adoration Celebration "Coming Home"** is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 28, beginning with Mass at 3pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, dinner following in the Little Theater. Cost of dinner ticket is \$7.00 per person (children under age 5 free). Sr. John Marie Zwenger, IHM of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita will be speaking. The 3pm Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. RSVP to Lil at 625-7474 by Feb 21, if you want to attend the celebration.

Contact the following people for Dinner Tickets:

Lil Basgall 625-7474

Ramona at St. Nicholas Parish Office

Yvonne & Steve Demuth 628-2172

John at IHM Parish Office

Mary Jane Pfannenstiel 650-3361

Kevin at St. Joseph Parish Center

Bob & Carol Feauto 628-1429

Lorena Flesher 628-3136

**TICKET DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEB 21**

### **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.

### **Part-time Pastoral Care Position Open**

St. John's of Hays has a 20 hr/week position for a caring person with a mature faith who has a love for seniors. Would prefer past experience working with or volunteering for seniors. Please call Laura Sadeghi @ 785-635-3323 for more information.

### **THE DAYS AHEAD**

**Feb. 16** St. Nicholas Prayer Group Meeting, 1pm

**Feb. 17** Rosary for Family Life, Adoration Chapel, 9pm

**Feb. 18** RCIA Classes, 6:30pm

**Feb. 19** K of C Council #1867 Victoria Lenten Fish Fry Buffet, 5 to 7:30pm, K of C Hall on Main, Victoria

**Feb. 20** Men of Myra, 7:30am

**Feb. 21** 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!)

### **CPR Stay-in alive**

Sign up for FREE training, Saturday, Feb. 20, 2 Sessions: 9am and 11am, at Hays Medical Center, Center for Health Improvement Gym, 2500 Canterbury Dr. Training is open to people 8 and older. To register, call Debbie McLaren at 1-800-248-0073 ext.5500 or 623-5500.

### *The Legend of Saint Valentine*

*The story of Saint Valentine*

*Is a legend, it is true.*

*But legends are delightful  
and very lovely, too.*

*The legend says Saint Valentine,  
imprisoned in a cell,*

*Was thinking of his little flock  
he had always loved so well.*

*He wanted to assure them*

*of his friendship and his love,  
So he picked a bunch of violets  
and sent them by a dove.*

*And on the violet's velvet leaves  
he pierced these lines divine...*

*They simply said "I LOVE YOU  
and I'm your Valentine."*

*So through the years that followed  
from that day unto this,*

*Folks still send messages of love  
and seal them with a kiss.*

*Because a Saint in prison*

*Reached outside his bars one day  
And picked a bunch of violets*

*and sent them out to say*

*That Faith and Love can triumph  
no matter where you are,*

*For Faith and Love are greater  
than the strongest prison bar.*

author ~ Helen Steiner Rice

