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We are grateful for this year's high school seniors, who demonstrate their belief that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

Our community has helped nurture these young adults, and we are blessed by the sharing of their gifts and lives.

Included in this issue are seniors' photos, names, schools they are graduating from – Bishop Carroll, Derby, Rose Hill, Udall, Mulvane or Kapaun Mt Carmel (BC, DHS, RHHS, UHS, MHS, KMC) – and their post-graduation plans.

They understand Stewardship: several usher and serve; Susan Welte and Lea Herdler gather with their families to pray in Friday nights' Family Home Rosary Group; Julie Austin, Brooke Cleaver, Lea and Syllas May cantor; and Andy Betzen and Stephanie Snavley help with Children's Liturgy. Sarah Mahoney and Kealy Tully gave countless hours of free babysitting for parish events. Kealy also served at Santa Breakfasts and she and Vanessa Sherman were PSR aides. Logan Cleaver helps set up LifeTeen's band equipment and has joined the Knights.

May our parish teens (and all of us) continue to grow in the way, the truth and the life.



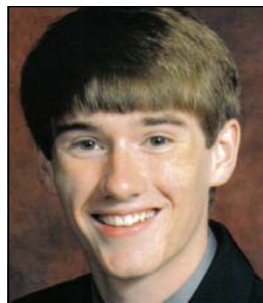
Julie Austin, DHS, will study musical theatre at the University of Tulsa.



Lauren Baker, KMC, will major in psychology at Newman University.



Andrew Betzen, KMC, will study engineering at Oklahoma University.



Danny Burkemper, KMC, will major in justice studies at Fort Hays State University.



Taylor Clausius, DHS



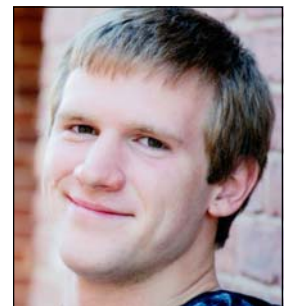
Brooke Cleaver, DHS, plans to join the U.S. Army.



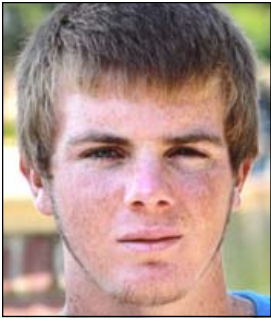
Logan Cleaver, DHS, plans to participate in Job Corps and then major in law enforcement.



Jordon Clodfelter, DHS



Craig Compton, DHS, will study business law at Oklahoma State University.



Brett Espinoza, DHS, will attend college.



Paul Esser, DHS, will attend Wichita State University.



Kelly Ford, KMC, will attend Butler County Community College.



Jenny Gerlach, KMC, will major in accounting at Wichita State University.



Trae Gerlach, MHS



Chris Glasscock, DHS, will attend Butler County Community College.



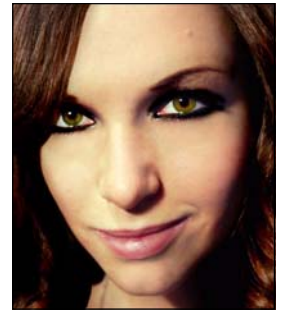
Hayley Gunsch, DHS, will major in elementary education and psychology at Wichita State.



Lea Herdler, DHS, will major in vocal performance at Webster University-St. Louis.



Courtney Kilian, DHS, will study forensic psychology at Northwestern University-Alva, Okla.



Keli Leger, DHS, will attend Regency Beauty Institute.



Grace Lewis, KMC, will be a pre-nursing student at Kansas State University.



Christian Lollar, BC, will attend college.



Katie Madsen, KMC, will study nursing at Butler County Community College.



Sarah Mahoney, KMC, will study nursing at Emporia State University.



Paige Martin, DHS, will prepare for a medical career at Butler and then Kansas State University.



Sylas May, DHS, will study journalism at the University of Kansas.



Aaron Mikolajcik, DHS, will attend Lewis University.



Kelsey Miller, MHS, will major in business at Butler County Community College.



Mark Monte Jr., DHS



Kelsey Nolting, KMC, will study art at Cowley County Community College.



Kirstie Nottingham, DHS, will study social work at Wichita State University.



Tara Ormsby, DHS, will study nursing at Hutchinson Community College then WSU.



Brin Pelkowski, UHS, will be a pre-med student at Wichita State University.



Dylan Penka, KMC, will be a pre-med student at South Dakota State University.



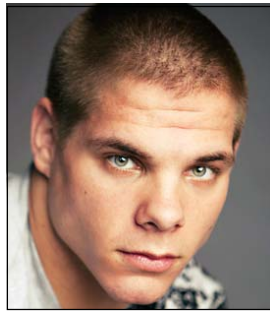
Jenna Ramos, DHS, will attend Kansas State University and plans to become a dentist.



Trey Redfern, DHS, will study accounting at Wichita State University.



Dylan Schieber, DHS, will study aviation at Cowley County Community College, then KSU.



Gary Schoepel, DHS, will study mechanical engineering.



Eric Sherman, DHS, will study construction management at Pittsburg State University.



Vanessa Sherman, DHS, will study theatre at Cowley County Community College.



Whitney Skinner, DHS, will major in business at Washburn University.



Stephanie Snavley, DHS, will attend Newman University.



Katelyn Staats, KMC, will study business administration at Wichita State University.



Michael Timmermeyer, KMC, will study automotive technology at Butler Community College.



Kealy Tully, KMC, will attend WSU and wants to become an optometrist.



Ian Waple, DHS, will attend college.



Kylee Watson, KMC, will study art therapy at Butler and then Wichita State University.



Trevor Weilert, RHHS, will attend college.



Susan Welte, KMC, will major in secondary education at Emporia State University.



Colton Wentworth, Maize High School



Alex Wilson, DHS, will study accounting at Wichita State University.



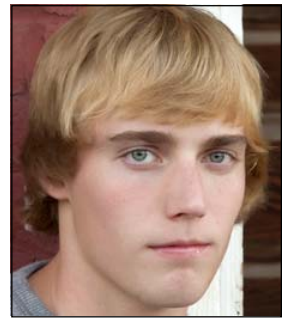
Maggie Wilson, KMC, will study elementary education at Fort Hays State University.



Tyler Wilson, RHHS, will attend college.



Aaron Wojcik, DHS



Jared Yunk, DHS, will study mechanical engineering.

Different gifts, different paths, but one Spirit of love

by Davi Stuhlsatz

This year's seniors have been recognized for their spiritual, academic and athletic gifts and for developing and sharing those gifts.

Kelsey Nolting proclaims God's Word at Mass and in her life. She received the 2011 parish Light of Christ award.

When we built the Faith Center in October 2005, she helped her dad and others build the wooden altar platform. When kneelers were installed this year, she was involved in that project, too.

She's active in LifeTeen and 4-H, sews, draws and is an accomplished photographer. She earned a scholarship to Cowley.

Sarah Mahoney is another senior who shares her talents generously. She babysits, altar serves, proclaims the Word and helps with Vacation Bible School and wherever else needed.

Julie Austin and **Sylas May** received Medallions of Knowledge for being in the top 5% of their class, were Kansas Honor Scholars and received Presidential Awards for Educational Excellence. Sylas won a state contest for a docu-

mentary series and an Optimist essay contest.

Julie and **Kealy Tully** received Girl Scout Gold Awards. Kealy has served with her mother, Vicky, in numerous ministries, including Altar Society, Girl Scouts, visiting nursing homes and building a nursing home garden for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Katie Staats is following in her parents' (Jill and Terry Staats) and grandparents' (Marion and the late George Arnold, founders of the Arnold Group) footsteps in the business world. She received multiple scholarships to study business administration and pre-law.

Lea Herdler also shares her prodigious talents with the parish. She cantors at 5 pm Mass, while her father, Steve, plays the guitar, cantors for LifeTeen at 6 pm Mass and for PSR's Wednesday evening Mass, and sings for weddings and funerals.

Craig Compton received an academic letter; he, **Jenny Gerlach**, **Stephanie Snavley**, **Michael Timmermeyer**, **Susan Welte** and **Brin Pelkowski** received academic scholarships.

Gary Schoeppel received a scholarship



Senior Kelsey Nolting helped Todd Hough and her father, Doug Nolting (top left), clean the wooden ceiling beams at church this past week.

awarded in memory of Joe Herndon, killed in Iraq in 2004.

Lauren Baker (bowling), **Tara Ormsby** (cheer), **Whitney Skinner** (soccer), **Kelsey Miller** (volleyball) and **Dylan Penka** (wrestling) received athletic scholarships.

In parish ministries and in teaching our faith to younger students, many teens in the class of 2011 have touched the lives of others.



Michelle Ngo and Lea Herdler cantor.