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ST MARY

Messenger



Abundant new life: Melissa Jenkins was one of six people baptized at Easter Vigil. As of August 24, we've celebrated 267 Masses, 32 Baptisms, 10 Marriages, 61 First Communions, and 47 Confirmations in our Faith Center this year! Just look at the many baptism pictures on the next two pages! St Mary is a place to celebrate God's abundant blessings, and to grow together in faith and community!

Abundance of the heart

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Do you think we have a great parish? I do!

Some look at bulletin reports of our Stewardship of treasure and see that we are under our goal for the week and lose hope. Others look into the eyes of people here and *find* hope. Our hope is in Christ. Christ is in the embarrassed and averted eyes of the mom whose son keeps poking his sister at Mass; Christ is in the compassionate eyes of the Eucharistic Minister to the homebound, proclaiming, "Body of Christ" to the elderly parishioner in the nursing home; Christ is in the apologetic eyes of the young man who leaves Mass a little early to get to his job at Wal-Mart; and Christ is in the desperate eyes of the teenager at LIFE TEEN longing for acceptance rather than censure.

"People tell me all the time, 'I can't afford to give.' If the reason you are not generous is because you can't afford to give, don't be surprised if you never get out of a scarcity mode of living, never get to feeling secure enough financially to begin being generous. You get what you think about, whether you want it or not. A generous heart is not born out of one's circumstances. A generous heart is born out of your convictions."

-Steve McSwain

As Father Wayne has been trying to help us see for ten years now, Stewardship isn't a touchy-feely word to ask for more money; it's about the way we live. It's an abundant love we share with others. It's our time, talent *and* treasure—all of our gifts, our very lives—not just one facet of our lives. God gives us *abundantly* everything we have; and when we respond with gratitude and self-gift, our treasure is multiplied, in happiness in this life for ourselves and others, and in the joy of eternal life.

Father Wayne wants that peace and happiness for us. He shows it to us by his own generous living—in coming to our parish ten years ago when he could have retired, in not taking a salary, in making a \$100,000 gift last year at the Stewardship Renewal Luncheon, in his gift several years ago to every parishioner of *The Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*, in inviting Steve McSwain to speak to us this weekend, and in his constant gentle encouragement to us to consider Jesus' teachings in the way we live.

This *Messenger* is about abundance and gratitude.



Hanging out: Over 500 parishioners, including new students Braydon and Sheldon Hunt, had a blast playing games, socializing and eating at the annual parish picnic! The boys' parents, Evin and Carissa, are in RCIA.

Spiritual Life

Made new in faith: Congratulations and welcome to our newly baptized parishioners!

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Colton Wentworth, son of Aldon and Cynthia, brother of Kaitlyn and Mason, grandson of Al and Norma Williams, was baptized and received First Eucharist on May 18.



Ella Mackenzie Ediger, daughter of Jordan and Aimee, sister of Madison, Macie and Austin, was baptized on July 13.



Mia Louise Beeler, daughter of Jacob and Marce, was baptized on August 10.



Quinlan Joel Egan, son of Chris and Kristina, brother of Kayden, grandson of Pat and Ann, was baptized on April 20.

NOT PICTURED

Rebecca Ann and **John Cameron Mitchell**, children of Mike and Stacy, were baptized on May 25.

Jordan Elizabeth Sula, daughter of Paul and Stacy, was baptized on April 26.

Irelyn Bever, daughter of Julie and Ryan, sister of Julian and Jenna, was baptized on June 1. ▶



Graeson Allen Walter, son of Kyle and Christina, was baptized April 6.



Riley Funke, daughter of Deb and Don, was baptized on April 19.



Tiante D. Buchanan, son of Odette Lopez, godson of Timothy Trujillo, grandson of Gloria Lamer, great grandson of Mary Linder, was baptized on August 3.



Jared Bradley Potucek, son of Ryan and Kendra, was baptized on June 21.

"Prayer does not enable us to do a greater work for God. Prayer is a greater work for God." — Thomas Chalmers



Isabella Grace Green, daughter of Nicole and Michael, sister of Jessica, Jordan, Alexandria, and Collin, was baptized on June 22.



Gregorio Andrez Antonio Juarez, son of Greg and Christina, was baptized on August 3.



Justin Gabriel Craig, son of Joseph and Marie, was baptized on August 3.



Abundant waters

Ignatian Retreat

by Nancy Huffman

*"A clean heart create for me, God;
renew in me a steadfast spirit.
Do not drive me out from your presence,
nor take from me your holy spirit.
Restore my joy in your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit."*

—Psalm 51:12

As the psalmist prayed, so we also pray. Our lives are a constant turning back to God after we have failed to do everything we hoped to do for Him. Some 500 years ago, St. Ignatius of Loyola formulated his Spiritual Exercises to show others how to embark on the same kind of spiritual journey he was on—a journey to break loose from habits that kept him from God—to draw ever closer to God. Many people were attracted to the Exercises, and St. Ignatius founded a new religious order, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). With the Exercises as their spiritual formation, Jesuits traveled the world preaching the Gospel for Jesus. However, the Exercises were intended not just for the religious, but also for the laity.

The order Miles Christi (Soldiers of Christ) have seen the need in the Church for a spiritual renewal. By presenting retreats based on the Spiritual Exercises, Miles Christi offers the laity a chance to assess their lives and renew their dedication to the Lord.

It was my privilege to participate in one of these retreats at the Spiritual Life Center in April. For

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New members were welcomed through Baptism and Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil in March. First Eucharist and Confirmation were celebrated too. Left to right are Leslie Yoxall, Sister Marie, Lisa Duncan, Cindy Kasych, Chada Klaihang, Paighton Crumley, Jim Wilson, Krystal Crumley, Dan Moe, Father Wayne, Rhonda Schmeidler, Kayla Jenkins, Melissa Jenkins, Michael Green, Octavio Navarro, Joshua Kippenberger, Ed Kelly, and Father John. In August, a new group of people began the RCIA inquiry process to determine if they wish to become Catholic at next year's Easter Vigil.

Faith Formation

"Our Lord is the ground from whom our prayer grows and in his love and grace he himself gives us our prayers."

— Julian of Norwich



Rachel Lewis (at right) and Nancy Huffman (fourth from right) were among 23 retreatants at an Ignatian retreat in April. Details of upcoming SLC events are at www.slcwichita.org.

Ignatian Retreat

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a weekend, Rachel Lewis from our parish and I were part of a group of women of various ages and backgrounds who were immersed in classical Ignatian spirituality. The full Spiritual Exercises are designed to last 30 days, so the Miles Christi priest leading the retreat just took us through the basics. We had times for meditation, confession, prayer, the Rosary and Mass all three days. Walking through the SLC grounds on a beautiful afternoon, praying the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, was a memorable experience.

Miles Christi plans to offer a similar retreat for men September 26-28, at the SLC, and to offer these retreats annually with women in the spring and men in the fall. They are especially interested in reaching young people so as to carry renewal into the Church of the future.

There are also Miles Christi small groups that meet in Wichita weekly, two for men and one for women. We are in the process of discerning whether God wants another one in the Derby/Rose Hill area for women. These groups are open to all, not just those who have attended a Spiritual Exercises retreat. To learn more about the retreats or the Miles Christi order, check out the website at www.mileschristi.org. If you are interested in the women's group, contact me at 776-2581 or nanhuff@yahoo.com.

VBS

by Ann Hughes

This year's Vacation Bible School theme was SonWorld Adventure Park. June 9-13, about 80 children and 45 volunteers discovered the life-changing impact of getting to know Jesus. We used Liguori Publications materials, and, to quote them, "A visit to a theme park is a day of choices. The choices we make will determine the kind of day we'll have. But the big and little choices we make every day will determine what kind of lives we'll have, our relationships with those around us and ultimately our relationship with God. All that begins with our understanding of *who is Jesus and how will we choose to respond to him?*"

During the week, students and leaders met various people who encountered Jesus and learned how they responded to him. Monday, we heard the story of a blind man who was given sight by Jesus. Afterward, this man made the startling claim that Jesus is God's promised savior. Our students were asked to "choose to believe."

Tuesday, we heard the story of the ten men with leprosy who were healed by Jesus. Children



were asked to "choose to act" when they see people in need of God's love.

Wednesday, we focused on the story of a paralyzed man who was forgiven and healed by Jesus. Witnesses questioned Jesus' right to forgive sin. Children were asked if in their lives, they would "choose forgiveness."

Thursday's story was of a rich young ruler who met Jesus, seeking eternal life. When he learned what he needed to give up in order to obey Jesus, he walked away sadly. Children focused on times in their lives that they are called to "choose to obey Jesus."

Friday's story was of the disciple Thomas, who doubted his friends when they said that Jesus was alive, but believed when he saw Jesus. Children were given instances in which they would "choose Jesus."

Skits, music, crafts, games, snacks and classes helped us learn about Jesus and how knowing Jesus makes a difference in our lives.



VBS started each day with laughter and a lesson, thanks to skits by Kapaun students Christy Burkemper and Olivia Smith (shown here), Matthew Galley, and SMPS 8th grader Noah Montgomery.

Faith Formation

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me... Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." —Lk 18:16-17

Hands on faith

by Marcia Helten

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is expanding! Currently, Preschool-1st grade students go to a hands-on religion room, called an atrium, to learn about parables, Jesus' life and the Catholic faith. Examples would be the parable of the Mustard Seed, how the chalice is prepared at Mass, or meaning and colors of the liturgical season. As children continue in Level II, they learn about other parables such as the Good Samaritan and The Sower, begin thinking a little deeper about our faith, and explore the love of God through reflection on Creation and Gifts of God, which also helps prepare them for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. During the final level, Level III, which is currently in the works, children learn about The Plan of God, how we fit into it and go deeper into the meaning of our Catholic Mass and faith.

Each class visits the atrium at least once a week. Students have attended and will continue to attend Level I (ages 3-6) of CGS. We will add 2nd grade to our atrium schedule this year. As time progresses, we will continue to include grades until we have every child in our school participating in this beautiful experience.

We welcome parishioner help. The only requirement is that you love working with children, love our faith, and have attended a 3-hour VIRTUS training session. The more volunteers, the smaller the time commitment! It is amazing how you as a volunteer can also learn and deepen your faith through your work in the atrium. If you are interested, please call the school office (788-3151) and I will call you with the details. Think prayerfully about helping with the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Want to help?

Mrs. Helten has materials to color, sew, paint, mold & cut out of wood. Volunteers are also needed to assist the classroom teachers for their weekly atrium visits.



"The greatest gift is a portion of thyself."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

St. Mary School back in session

by Jessica Rose

In August, 306 eager students filled the halls of St. Mary—the school's highest enrollment in 40 years. There has been steady growth in numbers for the last ten years, which is one of the many reasons (aging facilities, PSR student numbers, adult education and parish events are others) why a new school is the next phase of planned parish construction. A third portable allowed for morning middle school religion and smaller class sizes in third grade. In the future it will become a fifth grade classroom.



Isabella Duncan, Maddie Farber, Quinn Glaser, and Hunter Igo participated at Mass last week.

Daily Mass is back at the weekday chapel (our old parish church), where the pews are overflowing with children. Their voices reach the rafters with song and prayer.

Faith Formation

Go and make disciples
of all the nations.

—Mt 28:19

Busy believers

by Amber Williams

WOW! LIFE TEEEN has kept us busy this summer! Although we take a short break from our regular Sunday Life Nights, teens participated in a variety of fun summer activities.

We ended the school year with a dinner and Dr. Seuss themed dance for our graduating seniors. Then we moved on to our summer activities, Dinner Theater, Lake Milford, softball against the Knights, and mud volleyball. (See photos.)

Janet, Karen, and I were blessed to attend the LIFE TEEEN Conference in Arizona this summer, too. We listened to great speakers, got great ideas to use in our youth group, and attended an amazing praise and worship Adoration session (otherwise known as XLT.)

At the end of July we had a swim party at the DRC, which gave teens an opportunity to just be together and have fun. Two weeks ago we had a leadership retreat at Camp Horizon. The teens used ropes courses, played leadership building games, and had time for quiet prayer. So we have definitely been busy this summer and cannot wait to get the semester going.

If you have any questions about LIFE TEEEN and this AWESOME ministry our church offers, contact Janet Clark or come to 6 PM Mass and Life Night at the Faith Center. We would love to have you!



DINNER THEATER

This year we added a little twist to our usual dinner and entertainment for parishioners by adding a murder mystery. The teens started with a very humorous "murder" at a beauty contest and continued with a detective trying to piece together the clues to solve the crime. Pictured are Brooke Cleaver, Morgan Anderson, and Kelsey Nolting.



LAKE MILFORD

We took three boats, 32 teens, many tubes, skis and plenty of food on our annual summer trip. We attended Mass and Saturday night dinner at Sirloin Stockade, leaving a great impression on the people in town with our faith, maturity and respect for others. Pictured are Kyle, Andrew and Brice Walsten.



LIFE TEEN SOFTBALL WITH THE KNIGHTS

The Knights made hamburgers and hotdogs and then played softball against the teens. Although an official score was not kept, both games were pretty close! Parishioners came out for food and to watch the fun. Pictured is Sarah Mahoney pitching.



GIRLS/GUYS NIGHT

Guys went to Nolting's farm and played capture-the-flag, listened to music, and enjoyed "guy talk" around the campfire. The girls stayed the night at the old parish rectory and did nails, facials, hair, and enjoyed a walk to Sonic to get late night drinks.

MUD VOLLEYBALL @ MCHENRY'S FARM

Our semester theme is the Paschal Mystery. Kick-off night was on Creation. Mud volleyball was used to show how dirty sin can make our lives (and also to have a little fun)! We ended the night with more Scripture reminding teens that, just like the mud can be washed away with water, our sins can be washed away with the sacrament of Reconciliation. Everyone had a blast including John Stuhsatz and Harlee Alexander at right.



"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." — John Wooden

Parish *Life*

A special welcome to our new parishioners!

Adults

Ardiente, Medel & Melanie
Beeler, Jacob & Marce
Hickerson, Chris & Erica
Moen, Vern & Lois
Morris, Lynn & Karen
Nichols, Vicky
Rea, Erin
Riley, RT & Viola
Schmeidler, Dan & Rhonda
Sparks, Cody & Luan
Torline, Nick & Teresa
Torres, Gus & Amy
Watson, Rod & Becky
Wittkop, John & Julie

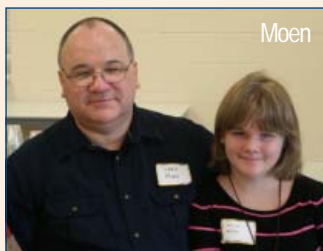
Children

Ayanna, Jaydhe
Mia (baptism pic, pg 2)

Kallie
Gabrielle
Phillip
Emily

Brandon, Daniel, David
Connor, Katie, Keenan

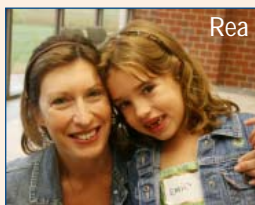
Gus, Zachery
Andrew, Jessica
Jacob, Kamryn



Moen



Torres



Rea



Torline

Teresa Torline listens to Father John at breakfast. Knights and Welcome Committee invite everyone to come to the Parish Breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Newly registered families eat free!

Thank YOU

by Jessica Rose

Thank you to Altar Society, Home and School, and all of you who purchase St Mary Scrip and Dillon's reloadable cards!

St Mary Scrip revenue goes to Altar Society, and is first used to purchase altar supplies (hosts, linens, wine, etc). All remaining revenue goes to the parish building fund.

Dillon's certificate sales were started several years ago by Home and School as a way to earn revenue for school-related purchases. When Altar Society started selling Scrip, we agreed to sell Dillon's cards for Home and School, too. At their May meeting, Home and School voted to give 25% of all Dillon's revenue directly to the St Mary Parish building fund on an ongoing basis. They made their first donation of revenue from January 2008 forward, so a gift of \$2,375 was made in May, in honor of the teachers of St Mary.

Scrip and Dillon's both benefit the parish as a whole! Questions? Call Lisa at 789-9132 or me at 788-2994.

St Mary's Altar Society Scrip Fundraiser

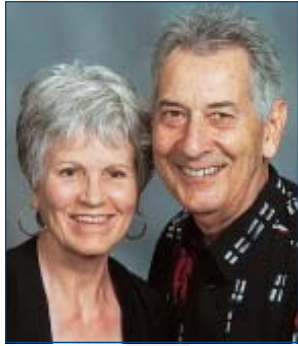
	2007	Jan-Jul 2008 YTD
Gross Scrip Sales	\$78,195	\$109,265
Payment for Scrip	(73,568)	(104,746)
Gross Profit	4,626	4,529
Expenses	(1,312)	(498)
Net Scrip Profit	<u>\$3,314</u>	<u>\$4,021</u>
Dillon's gift certificate	<u>\$20,650</u>	<u>\$410</u>
4% profit on certif.	<u>\$826</u>	<u>\$16</u>
Dillon's card reloads	<u>\$89,063</u>	<u>\$254,033</u>
5% profit on reloads	<u>\$4,453</u>	<u>\$12,702</u>
Total Dillon's profits	<u>\$5,279</u>	<u>\$12,718</u>

Abundance

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." — William James

Abundance & mystery

by Keith (& Marcia) DuLac



My mother, who died over a year ago, had a cousin who is a nun. Sister Roberta committed her life to serve the people in India. She is in her eighties now and still serving a people and country that are less than two percent Christian. I sent her

money in the past knowing Mother would have liked that. Last year I sent her another gift to do with as she saw fit. Marcia and I didn't think much more about it.

As you know, Father Wayne has been very enthusiastic about the book, *The Giving Myths*—so much so that he shared it with many people, including the bishop—and me! I'm still reading it and thinking about it.

We were away this spring, and when we got home, I went to get our mail. The first letter I opened was from Sister Roberta (excerpts below):

Dear Keith and Marcia,

When your letter with the cheque for \$500 for our ministry came at the end of November I immediately thought with joy of the families who would be protected from the wind's coldness—with sweaters or shawls or blankets provided by your gift. Then, I realized a more lasting and beneficial aid to some families would be a bicycle rather than seasonal warm clothing or blankets.

I hope you'll be happy to know that six poor men, mostly from areas or villages miles from the town, are grateful to you for bicycles. These men have to find work in town and don't earn enough to travel daily by bus. These cycles are a great blessing to them and their adult sons.

Are you happy with the way your gift has been utilized? I hope so.

*Gratefully and lovingly,
Sister Roberta*

I was touched by her letter and began to experience a sense of being worthwhile and having some relevance in the world. I felt pleased with what we had done, but more I was proud of Sister Roberta for giving so much of herself and then sharing it with us. I also felt a deep gratitude and satisfaction that those men got so much from bicycles to better their lives from a relatively modest amount of money. Maybe the subtitle of *The Giving Myths*, "*Giving, Then Getting the Life You've Always Wanted*" was a valid claim.

As I continued to open our mail, the next letter read:

Dear Keith,

Mother's trust taxes have been paid. I'm sending everyone checks from the balance of the money.

*Love
Mary Alice*

The attached check was for \$2000. This letter brought unexpected income from my deceased mother, following a letter of need (and thanks) from Sister Roberta. What was going on here, with these two letters appearing at the same time, in conjunction with the book I was reading about giving? The need was there, the money was available, and motivation was building.

Now, do I believe in coincidences, do I believe in getting greased by *The Giving Myths*, or do I believe in the workings of the Holy Spirit? ...My patio needs work, the drive needs gravel and the car needs brakes; so says my belief in coincidences. But it was unexpected money and all those needs would have been met anyway, says my belief in the Holy Spirit.

I am grateful to my mother and father for all they gave me as I was growing up. Now Mother still opens opportunities for me to get the "life I've always wanted!"

Marcia and I are thinking about increasing our giving. We encourage you to increase yours too! P.S. Thank you for staying tuned to the end and for staying tuned in to the work of the Holy Spirit!

"Goodness is the only investment that never fails."

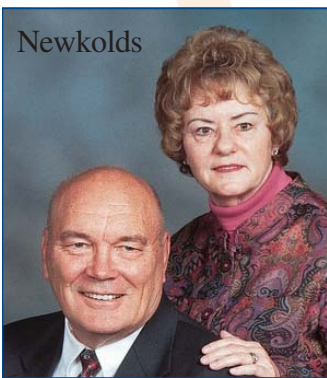
—Henry David Thoreau

So many of our dreams seem impossible, then improbable, then inevitable. — Christopher Reeve

Our Calendar

OOPS! Our apologies!

In reporting on Kylin Cornejo's birth and baptism in past issues, we failed to acknowledge Jerry and Janet Fager as her proud maternal grandparents! Congratulations to the Cornejos *and* the Fagers!



Newkolds

Thank you

by Kathy Brennan

Thank you to Bob and Marilyn Newkold for picking up the coffee and donut order every Sunday over the last 2 1/2 years—what committed Stewards! Kirk and DeAnn Keffler have graciously taken the job now! Stop by and say "Hi!" some Sunday, between 10-11 am!

Thank you also to Kathy Barker for organizing the parish picnic the last several years. She's done a fantastic job and is handing over the reins to Amy Rose for next year!



Keffelers

September 2008

- Sun, Sept 7 RCIA, 10 am, FC Rm 112; babysitting, 9:45 am, FC Rm 114
Steve McSwain workshop, 2-4 pm, DHS Commons, childcare provided at the DRC, 1:30 – 4:30.
 Life Night & Pizza with Steve McSwain, 7-8:45 pm, FC Rm 114
- Mon, Sept 8 LIFE TEEN Jr Core team, 5:30 pm, FC Rm 114
 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
 K of C Members, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Wed, Sept 10 PSR Catechists meeting, 6 pm, SMS School Library
 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
 Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Off Conf Rm 106
- Thu, Sept 11 Altar Society pot-luck supper, 6:30 pm, FC Knights Hall
- Fri, Sept 12 LIFE TEEN Parent Retreat, Camp Horizon
- Sun, Sept 14 Parish/Welcome Breakfast, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
 RCIA, 10 am, FC Rm 112; babysitting, 9:45 am, FC Rm 114
 EDGE youth and parents picnic, 12:30 pm, High Park
 LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
 Adult Choir, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112
 Adult Choir, 7:45 pm, FC Worship Space
- Mon, Sept 15 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Tue, Sept 16 Home and School, 7 pm, Neumann Hall
 Pastoral Council, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Sept 17 PSR K-6 meet the Catechists for parents & students, 6 pm, Parish Center
 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
 Confirmation Sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
- Thu, Sept 18 La Leche League, 9 am, FC Rm 114
- Sat, Sept 20 VIRTUS training, 9 am, FC Knights Hall
- Sun, Sept 21 **Catechist Sunday—celebrating the teachers of our faith**
 Coffee & Donuts, 10–11 am, Knights Hall
 RCIA, 10 am, FC Rm 112; babysitting, 9:45 am, FC Rm 114
 EDGE 12:30 pm, FC Knights Hall and Rm 114
 LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
 Adult Choir, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112
 Adult Choir, 7:45 pm, FC Worship Space
- Mon, Sept 22 LIFE TEEN Jr Core team, 5:30 pm, FC Rm 114
 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
 K of C Officers, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Wed, Sept 24 PSR sessions begin, 6 pm, School Gym
 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
 Confirmation Sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
- Sat, Sept 27 Prairie Land Food pick-up, 6:30 am, School Gym
- Sun, Sept 28 **Knights Fishing Derby for Kids, 9-11 am, Columbian Acres**
 Coffee & Donuts, 10–11 am, Knights Hall
 RCIA, 10 am, FC Rm 112; babysitting, 9:45 am, FC Rm 114
 EDGE 12:30 pm, FC Knights Hall and Rm 114
 Knights of Columbus Major Degree program, school gym
 LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
 Rite of Entrance for all Confirmation Yr 1 students (freshmen), FC
 Adult Choir, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112
 Adult Choir, 7:45 pm, FC Worship Space
- Mon, Sept 29 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
 Fall Bible Studygroups begin this week
- Tue, Sept 30 Sacred Heart Guild, 8:45 am, Old Rectory

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Our Calendar

"He does much who loves much." — Thomas à Kempis

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Wed, Oct 1 PSR sessions, 6 pm, School Gym
Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
Confirmation Sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center

Thu, Oct 2 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon to midnight, FC Rm 112

Fri, Oct 3 First Friday Coffee and Donuts, after 8 am Mass, Old Rectory

Sat, Oct 4 God's Food Pantry Weekend
The Lord's Diner, Team B, M Rubel

Sun, Oct 5 Baptism session, 9 am, FC Office Conf Rm 106
Coffee & Donuts, 10–11 am, Knights Hall
RCIA, 10 am, FC Rm 112; babysitting, 9:45 am, FC Rm 114
Stewardship Renewal Luncheon, noon, DHS Commons
EDGE 12:30 pm, FC Knights Hall and Rm 114
LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
Adult Choir, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112
Adult Choir, 7:45 pm, FC Worship Space

Looking ahead:

Sun, Oct 12 Parish/Welcome Breakfast, 10-11 am, Knights Hall

Sat, Oct 25 Chili Cook-off & Costume Ball (for all ages!), 6:30 pm, school gym

Sun, Oct 26 Halloween Carnival for youth, 2-4 pm, school gym

Sun, Nov 2 Memorial Vespers, 2 pm, Faith Center

Sun, Nov 9 Generations of Faith

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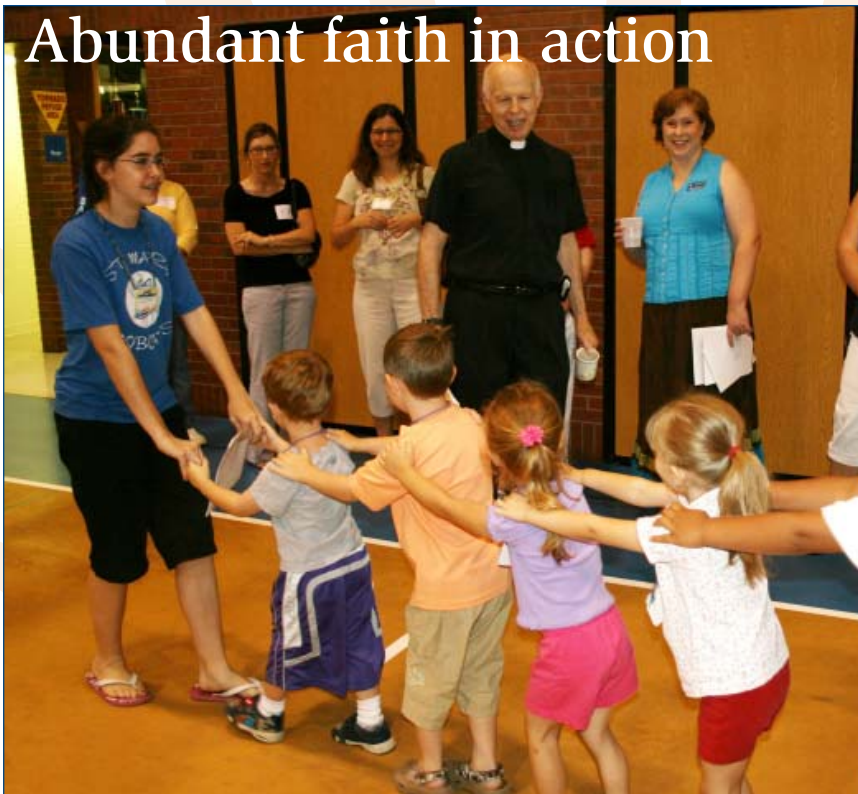
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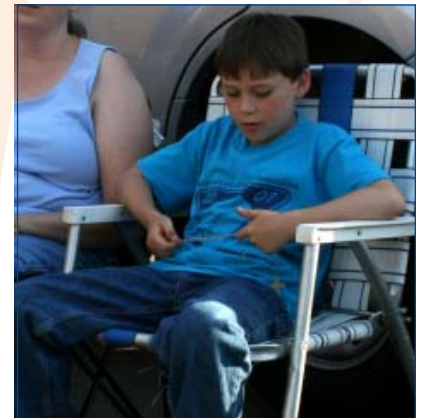
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Submit articles, photos, family news and information to St Mary Church, 2300 E Meadowlark, Derby 67037 or email to Davi (above). Call Davi with suggestions or comments or to share your gifts *regularly* as a digital photographer, writer or editor.

Abundant faith in action



Faith sharing occurs in many ways and on many levels: Above, (1) Kapaun sophomore Sarah Mahoney shared her gifts as a leader of a group of VBS students. (2) Kids participated enthusiastically, and (3) bemused adults on a Faith in Action tour (behind Father) enjoyed the kids as they found out more about our parish mission and ministries. To participate in a one-hour Faith in Action tour, call Gail at 788-5525. Learn how we make a difference!



Praying inside & out

by Ellen Herdler

The Knights of Columbus' sponsored *Family Home Rosary* has been meeting for over six months now! This summer we met outside when the weather wasn't too hot or too rainy.

The *Family Home Rosary* is open to interested individuals and families to get together to pray the rosary at alternating homes on Friday evenings. Arrive any time after 6:30 pm; the rosary starts promptly at 7 pm to accommodate those with small children. For further information, call Steve or Ellen Herdler, 789-0809.

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Your gifts
change *lives*.
Thank you for
sharing
with the *Lord!*



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St Mary Parish Balance Sheet as of 6/30/08

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>	
Checking, Money Mkt & Other Deposits	\$26,554	A/P and Other Curr Liabilities	\$96,581
Chancery Savings	104,159	Notes Payable - Building	745,355
Investments-Endowments & Mutual Fund	10,105	Equity/Fund balances	(418,045)
Building Fund	427,385	Net Operating Income	144,312
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$568,203</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$568,203</u>

St Mary Parish Operating Statements

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>PARISH OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSE</u>	<u>Jul 06-Jun '07</u>	<u>Jul 07-Jun '08</u>	<u>Jul 07-Jun '08</u>
Ordinary Church Receipts	\$1,693,963	\$1,838,730	\$1,764,596
Extraordinary Church Receipts & Endowments	154,970	105,971	41,960
Organizational & School Receipts	240,205	248,281	146,139
Total Parish Operating Income	\$2,089,138	\$2,192,982	\$1,952,695
Stewardship (10% of ordinary church receipts to diocese)	169,034	183,502	176,460
Salaries, Payroll & Religious	308,515	288,555	333,534
Utilities, Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	63,120	82,356	93,173
Interest Payments on loan from diocese	57,487	44,668	60,000
Church Capital Outlay	1,130	2,423	2,000
Income Disbursements (Holy Savior, Rice Bowls, etc.)	37,421	40,108	42,080
Religious Education/Formation & Other Programs	45,397	43,215	71,846
Other Church Exp. (Copier Lease, Tech Support, Postage, etc)	36,136	17,387	18,015
Total Church Expenses	\$718,240	\$702,214	\$797,108
SMPS Salaries and Payroll	927,381	1,031,989	1,019,367
SMPS Utilities, Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	105,558	136,107	149,145
SMPS Capital Outlays	27,286	27,133	30,000
Other SMPS Expenses (Copier Lease, Tech Suppt, Sports, etc)	66,911	31,368	46,953
Total St Mary Parish School Expenses	\$1,127,136	\$1,226,597	\$1,245,465
Catholic High School Subsidy & Expense	262,495	286,501	250,192
Total Parish Operating Expenses	\$2,107,871	\$2,215,312	\$2,292,765
Net Income/(Expense) From Parish Operations	(\$18,733)	(\$22,330)	(\$340,070)
<u>BUILDING FUND INCOME/(EXPENSE)</u>			
Receipts & Memorials	\$234,580	\$256,543	\$179,709
Interest Income	0	0	0
Stewardship (10% of building fund to diocese)	(3,556)	(4,842)	(3,766)
Expenses	(1,201)	(28,177)	(5,000)
Net Income/(Expense) From Building Fund	\$229,823	\$223,524	\$170,943
NET OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSE)	<u>\$211,090</u>	<u>\$201,194</u>	<u>(\$169,127)</u>
<u>EXTRAORDINARY DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Funds disbursement for the Faith Center Building			
Funds disbursement for the New Portable	<u>(\$46,955)</u>	<u>(\$56,880)</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL NET INCOME/(EXPENSE)	<u>\$164,135</u>	<u>\$144,314</u>	<u>(\$169,127)</u>

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

— Leo Tolstoy

Abundant gifts

by Davi Stuhlsatz

What do you see when you look at the report at left? I see abundant growth—in gifts shared, in ministry to people, in teaching our faith, and in relationships developed within a community of faith.

Some people were discouraged last year when the diocese rejected our request for a building loan. Now is the time to take John Wooden's words to heart: "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." Don't worry about the past, what other people are doing or giving, only what you can do. That's my plan.

Father reiterated last month that building a school—a place to teach our faith through school classes for children, PSR sessions, a library for adults and children, adult scripture study and VBS, is our number one priority as far as building. A school will be the next phase of construction, once we demonstrate to the diocese that we are credit worthy.

What the statements at left show, what this Messenger shows, is what we ARE doing. We provide worship, teaching and community opportunities, with amazing talents and gifts. Our giving increased 7%, and we are meeting our daily operating needs and generating a surplus, which goes to the building fund. We give generously to charities (we'll have a report on that in the next *Messenger*). Keep it up! We'll reach our goals!

Family matters

Now this is what the LORD says to the family of Israel: "Come back to me and live!" —Am 5:4

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Together we mark the milestones of our lives, celebrating the joys and sharing the sorrows.

Births

Jack David Long, son of Charles and Jenna, brother of Charlie, Monica and Lauren, was born on June 26.

Boston Reginald Zerger Knowles, son of Kristen, grandson of Reggie (deceased) and Grace, was born June 30.

Ashlyn Marie Stout, daughter of Katie & Brett, granddaughter of Sheila and Warren Korhage, Sandra and Tony Parker, and Kevin and Cindy Stout, was born on July 27.

Congratulations

Lonnie Lollar's Bishop Carroll boys team was second in the Class 5A boys state basketball championship.

Fran Cook, daughter of John and Barb Betzen, was named Kansas Social Worker of the year for the second year in a row.

Cody Shavlik placed third in the 125 pound weight class at the Class 6A state wrestling tournament and was named an All-AVCTL wrestler in the postseason.

Chandler Moore, former St Mary Parish School student and grandson of Mel and Wanda Moore, won the Blessed Sacrament Spelling Bee in April.

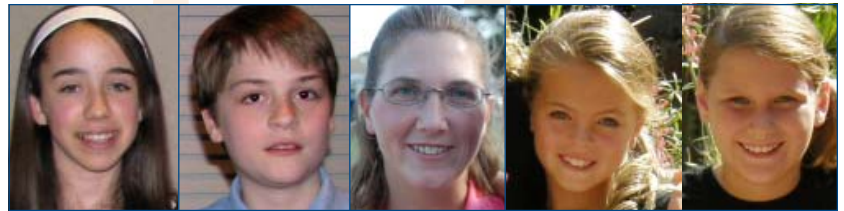
Eric Sexton was named WSU Athletic Director this spring. His wife Kathy is Derby's City Manager.

Ethan Barr, St Mary Parish School seventh grade student, was first in the local chapter level essay competition, and third at the state level last spring, with 32 schools and 58 winning essays. Ethan received a certificate and a bronze medal.

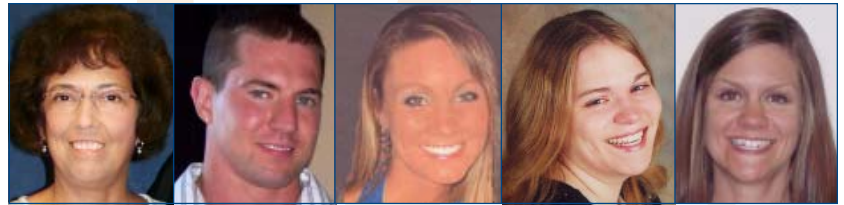
Kealy Tully, KMC sophomore, daughter of Gary and Vicky, received the 2008 Soroptimist Award for Derby. Chosen for her weekly volunteer work with the elderly at Westview Manor, Kealy has a special place in her heart for parishioner



Boston Knowles Ashlyn Stout Eric Sexton Ethan Barr Kealy Tully



LaReine Schock Noah Montgomery Melinda Wheeler Taylee Chvilicek Leah Daley



Pat Hand Ryan Brennan Vanessa Buehne Erica Fanello Heather Luehring



Holly Luehring John Mahoney Mark Mahoney Michael Rohr Jessie Westerman

and Westview resident Julia Stamps. They share time reading scripture or just visiting. Kealy is starting work on her Girl Scout gold award, the highest honor a scout can receive. It takes about two years to complete.

St Mary Parish School students **Noah Montgomery** and **LaReine Schock** won at the local and regional level and placed second at the State Optimist Oratorical Competition in Topeka last spring. Noah, son of Richard and Audrey, and LaReine, daughter of Mark and Cheryl, received scholarships for doing so well.

Zachary Pinaire, son of Barb, is a seminarian at St John Vianney Seminary at the University of St Thomas in St Paul, MN.

Melinda Wheeler was named to the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. Her high school basketball team was 25-0 her senior year.

Taylee Chvilicek and **Leah Daley** won 1st place for a duet and 1st place for 3 team dances in Phoenix. **Jordan Fanning** took 1st for her solo; she and Meghan Daley took 2nd for a duet.

Pat Hand retired on June 6 after 15 years with the Derby school district, and plans to enjoy her newfound time with her grandchildren.

Graduates

Ryan Brennan, son of Ed and Kathy, graduated from Newman University with an MBA, with an emphasis in Business Management, in May. He is now working at Spirit Aero Systems, in the Finance Department.

LORD, bless our families.

Parish Life

Vanessa Buehne, daughter of Steve and Alicia, received a Bachelor of Science in Education at KU in May. She has been accepted into the Sport Administration graduate degree program at WSU, and has accepted a graduate assistant position there.

Janet Clark, Parish Youth Director, graduated from Newman University in May with a bachelor's degree in theology.

Erica Fanello graduated from Benedictine College in May, with a bachelors degree in Youth Ministry and Religious Studies. She is Assistant Director of Religious Education at Holy Savior Parish in Wichita, and teaches religion in grades K-8 at Holy Savior Catholic Academy.

Ellen Herdler graduated with an Associate of Arts degree from Cowley and is enrolled in WSU's education program at the young age of 42!

Heather Luehring, daughter of Bruce and Anita, graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Masters in Audiology in May. She will have a year of externship in Jacksonville, FL and then will receive a doctorate in audiology.

Holly Luehring, daughter of Bruce and Anita, graduated from Emporia University with a bachelor's degree in athletic training; she will continue in graduate school there and will be an athletic training graduate assistant.

John Mahoney, son of Ron and Sylinda, graduated from KU with a master's degree in accounting. He will work for Deloitte in Kansas City.

Mark Mahoney, son of Ron and Sylinda, graduated from Emporia University with a degree in athletic training. He is now studying at the University of South Dakota for a masters degree in physical therapy.

Alyssa Provencio, daughter of Chris and Eve, graduated from Kansas State University in May with a bachelors in Hotel and Restaurant Management. She works for Teach America in downtown Phoenix. She taught summer school math in the morning and teaching workshops in the afternoons.

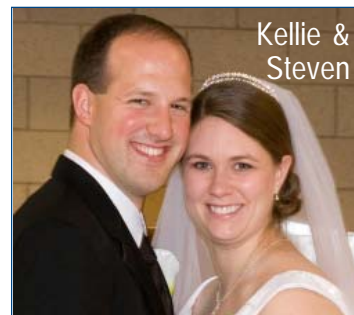
Michael Rohr, son of Steve and Mandy, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kansas State University on May 17, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Marketing and with a minor in Economics. He is now at Boston College Law School.

Jessie Westerman, daughter of Jim and De De Westerman graduated with her Master of Occupational Therapy degree from KU in May.

Marriage

Zachary Lind, son of Ed and Kim, and **Dawn Smith** were married on December 29. Zachary, an SMPS, KMC and WSU alum, is a grad student at UCLA School of Film. Dawn is also a WSU alum,

teaches special needs children and is a graduate student. The couple resides in Los Angeles.



Kellie Smith, daughter of Ed and Kim, married **Steven Degenhardt** on January 19.



Amy Clawson, daughter of Mark and Darlene, married **Gustavo Torres** on March 21.

Justin Crumley and **Krystal Royer** were married April 4.

Sandra Knipp, daughter of Belinda and Ernie, married **Craig LaFon** on May 24.

Joshua Fanning, son of Gary and Marcia, and **Miranda Leathers** were married on June 28.

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SMPS 8th grade graduation



The St Mary Parish School 8th grade class of 2008 graduated in May. Rachel Shearrer, Olivia Smith, Chelsea Stegman and Courtney Wells received awards for academic excellence. Zach Wondra received a Knights of Columbus award for his Stewardship.

Family Matters

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Deaths

Goldie Hand, mother of Bill, died on March 25.

Bill Baber, father of Doug, died on March 26.

Margaret Hug, mother of Tony, died on March 30.

Marcella Gomez, grandmother of Stephanie Kreutzer and great-grandmother of Haley & Hayden Kreutzer, died on April 27.

Patricia Gonzalez, 101, died on April 28. Patricia's children are Robert, Ray, Pete, Tony, David, Danny, Mary Rico, Mickie Cotton, Eloise Fowler, Juanita Godwin, Rachel Rodriguez, and Sara Coffey.

Former St Mary parishioner Dave Peaden died on May 7.

Former St Mary parishioner Bob Larsen, husband of Terry, died on May 8.

Joe Trimmel, husband of Jennie, father of Sister Jeanette, Joseph, Theresa and Jerome, died on May 8.

Reggie Knowles, husband of Gracie, father of Kristen and Jonathan, grandfather of Boston, died on May 29.

Helen Robson, sister of Marie Wolke, died on June 6.

Walter Kreutzer, father of Kent and grandfather of Haley & Hayden Kreutzer, died on June 11.

John Damian "J.D." Schoenhoefer died on June 22.

Donna Chronister, mother of Ron, died on July 30.

Helena Nixon, former longtime parishioner, died on August 5.

Delores Glaser, mother of Kelly, died on Aug 14.

Frank Fanning, husband of Helen, died on Aug 19.

Thank you for your gifts!

by Davi Stuhlsatz

There are as many ways and reasons to give to the Church as there are people! Just look at the variety on the next page! There are gifts in memory of deceased (such as Rosie Benner), gifts to honor the living (such as Ed Kelly), to celebrate birthdays, to thank or honor someone special, to provide for the future of the parish, and/or to reduce taxes for heirs.

Mary Leiker's name is listed. She and her husband Al included St Mary in their estate planning. They named our parish as a beneficiary on an insurance policy for Mary, so after Mary's estate was settled, we received a gift of \$16,779 from the insurance company.

Rosie Benner loved our parish! She set up a charitable gift annuity, which provided her income in her later years, and the remainder (\$44,253) of the investment was paid to our parish after she died.

Schoolchildren are on the list. Katy Pinaire and Annie McHenry's parents, grandparents and friends have given to the building fund to help build a new school for them.

If you're interested in exploring a gift idea to recognize someone special or interested in providing for our parish future, call Andrea Eastman at 788-5525 or pick up an envelope in the gathering space at church!

Generous heart

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Cal and Ellen Wilbert would have celebrated their 60th anniversary in June. Although Ellen died in February, she is still vibrantly alive in our hearts.



When I see Cal, I think of Ellen. She was always at his side. When I see her granddaughter Nicole, I think of Ellen, too. They were together often, and when the Faith Center was first built, Ellen and Nicole came and sat in the back of the Faith Center one morning, just soaking it in. Reflecting on Ellen's life led me to think about Stewardship—living as a disciple of Christ, loving others and giving generously of oneself.

Ellen loved her family, Jesus and our parish. Her love showed in her life, as a wife, mother, grandmother, Proclaimer of the Word, Altar Society member, cook and server for funeral dinners. She and Cal came often to daily Mass. She proclaimed the Word and reverently received Eucharist. She took that out into the world, where she was Eucharist—Christ—to others. Her love continues in the love and actions of those she loved.

At Memorial Vespers on November 2 we will remember those in the parish who died this last year, and all of our dear departed. Cal will light a candle in memory of Ellen, but the flame of her love burns on in his heart and the hearts of those who remember her. The more we give, the more God gives us—with a life that makes a difference, with love that is remembered and treasured, with eternal life.

ST MARY PARISH MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Memorials, in tribute of the deceased, marked with a †, and honorariums, gifts in honor of the living, are beautiful and enduring gestures of love and faith that recognize a special person and also provide for the Church's future. 2008 gifts are in bold font.

Dee Acosta
Michael Adams †
Altar Society
Rachel Arehart †
Jerry Armstrong †
Phil Armstrong †
Mary Arnold †
Arturo P. Atencio †

Everett Balster †
Marion Beaver
Rosie Benner †
Mary P. Bernard †
John & Barbara Betzen
Normand A. Bissonnette †
Vincent & Amelia Bitel †
Betty & Jake Boardman Family
Elizabeth J. Boardman †
Eddie and Verna Bouchey †
Irma Jean Brown †

Laurence Bachman †
Baker †

SAINT MARY PARISH MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS*

Donald J. Bruggeman ☩
Ken & Rose Bruggeman
Carlos Buell ☩
Paul Burnett ☩

Zita M. Carlson ☩
Carolyn Sue Carpenter
Marion & Grace Carroll ☩
Ronnie & Mary Carver
Chvilicek Family Christmas
Albert A. Cocchetella ☩
Gerald & Ellen Cochran
Christian Compton
Richard & Karol Cornejo Family
Twila Cosentino
Benita Cox

Kevin Dana ☩
Lana Dawdy
Floyd Dawson ☩
Marian Deiter ☩
Basil Delgado ☩
Ken Delgado ☩
Jerry & Mary Devore
Albert Dextras ☩
Virleen & Al Dickman ☩
Janice Dixon
Harry Dobson, Jr ☩
Mary Dobson
Lawrence Doughty ☩
Caroline Douvia ☩
Diane Doyon ☩
Bud Dreitzler ☩
Jim Dubetsky ☩
Father Richard Ducate ☩
Keith & Marcia DuLac
Jean Dumont ☩
Raymond Dupree ☩

Andrea Eastman (joined the Church)
Bayley Eastman (1st Communion)
Gwendolyn Marie Eastman (baptism)
Rod & Andrea Eastman
Shelby & Bayley Eastman
Francis Edmond ☩
Ann Egan
Leo Engels ☩
Blanche Erbert
Julia Erway

Gerald Fager ☩
Joe Fanello ☩
Louis Fanello ☩
Mary E. Fanello
Marcia Fanning
Makinsey Renee Farber
Danny Farve ☩
George & Sadie Favreau ☩
Bobbie D. Feikert ☩
Dr. Fisher ☩
Geraldine A. Fisher ☩
Kathryn J. Fontaine

Agnes Gengler ☩
Edna Gentry
Bill & Sue Gessler
N.J. Gessler Jr. ☩
Elizabeth Gibbs ☩
Gilbert ☩
Patrocino Gonzalez ☩
Gabriele A. Gordan ☩
Stan & Margie Gress

Anna Haney ☩
Walter Haney ☩
Thelma M. Hoffman ☩
John Holm ☩
Lucille R. Houchin ☩
William J. Houchin ☩
Hudson ☩

Margaret Hug
Mae Hundley ☩
Rena Jo Hurst ☩

Clyde & Vicky Jacobs
Dortha Johnson
Jessica Johnson
Julianna Johnson
Eulalia W. Joines ☩
Charley W. Jones ☩
James A. Jordan ☩
Jerrie Joseph ☩

Kandlbinder ☩
Carol Keller
John Keller ☩
Ed Kelly
John Kelly ☩
David Kelsey ☩
JoAnne Kennedy
John & Connie Kennedy
Leo & Ida Kennedy ☩

Ray & Tommie Kennedy family

Charles W. Kenyon ☩
Lucille Kerby ☩
Leonard & Arlee Killion ☩
Kippenberger Family
Matthew Klein ☩

Sister Rose Klein
Leona Kling ☩
Knights of Columbus
Knights of Columbus ☩
Reginald Knowles ☩
Leo Konecny ☩
Lawrence Korphage ☩
Walter Kreutzer ☩
Mary Kuntz ☩

Dr. Amber & Don J. Lambert
Jack Landes ☩
Lola Landis ☩

John & Gertrude Landwehr ☩
Vernon Lang ☩
Father John Lanzrath
Milton Laurie ☩

Donald Lehr ☩
Mary E. Leiker ☩
Kevin & Rachel Lewis
LIFE TEEN Core Team
Edward A. Lind (of Iola) ☩
Eugene H. & Regina Lindner ☩
Marguerite Linot ☩
Alonzo A. Lollar ☩
Joseph Longar ☩
Bruce & Anita Luehring
John & Betty J. Lux ☩

Ben Maimer ☩
Pat Maimer ☩
Father Pat Malone
Joseph L. Mamary ☩
Marian Guild

Cleo Marlow ☩
Madalyn Antoniana Martin
Jamie Maugans ☩
Roseanna Maxwell ☩
Orsman McCammon ☩
Jack McCarthy ☩
Daniel J. McCoy ☩
Annie McHenry

Greg & Katie McHenry
Ben & Mary Mendoza
Ray & Myrna Messer

Ministers of the Homebound
Clarence Mitchell ☩
Richard & Audrey Montgomery
Manuel Rosa Moreira ☩
Jack Morgan ☩
Liddie Mossey
Patricia L. Murrow ☩

Mamie Neeland ☩
Dr David & Cindy Niederee
Jennie Nolan ☩
Gertrude Olliges ☩

Keyton Pappas (1st Communion)

Nikki Parks
Loretta Pater ☩
Rachel Patterson
Monte Peterson
Gerald Pierce
Katy Pinaire (6th birthday)
Robert H. Plagmann ☩
Mary Lou Potter ☩
Walter L. Powers ☩
Jeanie Provenzano ☩

David M. Rabe ☩
Laverne M. Rabe ☩
Nancy Rader
Gerald Rafferty ☩
Greg & Sandy Rau
Roman Rau ☩
Jay Vincent Rhodes ☩
Anthony Roman ☩
Joaquina Flores Rosa ☩
Henny Penny Rosen ☩

Jose' G. Sanchez ☩
Richard Schaffer ☩
Margie Schieber
Tom & Gail Schmeidler
Sister Louise Schmid ☩
Mildred Schmid ☩
Father Wayne Schmid
J D Schoenhofer ☩
Bill Schrader ☩
September 11 Terrorist Victims ☩
Bernice Sheahan ☩
Clayton Shippers ☩
Teresa Simbeck ☩
Mary Sink ☩
Brayden Smith
Ed & Kim Smith
Michelle Smith
Taylor Smith
Thelma Mitchell Smith
Harold Sorenson ☩
Ronald & Mary Spence ☩
St Bernadette guild members ☩
St Francis Guild
St Mary faithful Stewards
St Mary Parish members ☩
St Mary School teachers & staff
St Mary Parish staff
Julia Stamps
Margaret L. Stanberry ☩
Nora Stewart ☩
Brett & Katie Stout
Bill & Marilyn Stuhlsatz
John & Kathy Stuhlsatz
Bryan Swank

Gai Thi Tan ☩
Nadine C. Tiemeyer ☩
Mary E. Titus ☩
Reagan Marie Tran
Jane Turner ☩

K Vaughn
Frances Vicik ☩
William Vicik ☩
Geraldo & Florentina Villar ☩
Volunteers to the Parish

Kathleen Wade ☩
Ray Warren ☩
Virginia J. Warren
Bert Wendling ☩
Joe & Laura Wendling ☩
Ellen Wilbert ☩
Al & Norma Williams' 50th anniversary
Clara J. Witters ☩
Ralph Wolke ☩
Harlan Wright, Sr. ☩

Victor & Louise Zeringue ☩
Steven L. Zirkle ☩
Sister Marie Zoglman
Roman Zoglman ☩

All of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble. —1 Peter 3:8



Ray & Tommie Kennedy

Love in abundance

by Cynthia Wentworth & Jessica Rose

Ray and Tommie Kennedy were married May 1, 1948 at St. Anthony in Wichita. They celebrated their 60th anniversary by renewing their vows at Mass on April 27, enjoying dinner out with their seven children and spouses, and then having the entire family over the next day—including 22 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Ray has been a farmer all his life, worked at Boeing for 18 years, and has been active in the Knights of Columbus since he was 18. Tommie is a homemaker, was a milk maid, and is active in Altar Society's Marian Guild and the Marthas.



Robert & Shirley Riedmiller

Robert and Shirley Riedmiller were married January 11, 1958 at Delphos, KS. They celebrated their 50th anniversary at McConnell AFB community center with family and friends on June 28.

During their marriage, Bob served four years in the Navy, 22 years in the Air Force, and 23 years working for Texaco Refinery in El Dorado. After retiring in 1997, he and Shirley moved from Augusta to Derby. Shirley's days were filled with the many tasks of a wife and mother of their five children.

Their family—children, spouses, eight grandchildren and one great grandson—gave them an anniversary gift of dinner together on a train ride through the Smoky Hill River Valley.



Ray & Myrna Messer

Ray and Myrna Messer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner and dance hosted by their children. Ray and Myrna were married June 30, 1958 at St. Mary's in Foxholm, ND. After moving around the country for years with Boeing, they settled in Derby in 1980 and have been members of our parish ever since. Myrna is active in Altar Society's St. Francis Guild. Ray retired from Boeing in 1999 after 35 years. Myrna, a teacher and author, retired from Derby Middle School in 1998. They have four sons, and two granddaughters.



Al and Norma Williams

Al and Norma Williams marked their Golden Anniversary on July 19. Members

of the parish since 1967, they raised their family, including six children and 19 grandchildren, here. Their children and several grandchildren have graduated from St. Mary Parish School.

The couple met in kindergarten at Our Lady of Victory in Purcell, OK. After graduating from high school in 1957, they were married there on July 19, 1958. Al graduated from Oklahoma University in 1961. They moved to Kansas after their fifth child was born.

Norma is active in Altar Society's Our Lady of Lourdes Guild, helps wash altar linens, participates in Adoration and Bible study, and is a greeter. Al is in the Knights of Columbus and ushers. Both are Eucharistic ministers, and were heavily involved in Boy and Girl Scouts while their children were young.

Faith and family are the center of their lives. Norma said, "We are so proud of our children and grandchildren who have carried out their faith and love of family in different ways. St. Mary has given us the opportunity to watch our family grow in faith. I hope our grandchildren take that with them always."

Sister Marie Zoglman celebrated 47 years as an Adorer of the Blood of Christ this year, and **Father Wayne** celebrated 40 years as a priest. Father Wayne, Sister Marie and **Father John's** dedication was celebrated at the Parish Picnic with cakes and well wishes.



Sister Marie cuts her cake