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# ST MARY Messenger

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## RCIA

To learn more about Catholicism, being confirmed or becoming Catholic, call **Sister Marie** at 788-5525. Sister Marie, pictured above with Bob Nichols at Easter Vigil, leads the sessions (which begin Aug. 22) for adults and older teens who wish to learn more about Catholicism. She also works with adults seeking marriage or an annulment.



## Spirituality of Stewardship

If you are interested in a Spirituality of Stewardship workshop or parish outreach opportunities, please call **Audrey Ronnfeldt** at 788-2843 or email her at [audrey.ronnfeldt@cox.net](mailto:audrey.ronnfeldt@cox.net). Audrey and Jackie Kleespie, pictured above, are workshop planning committee members.

# THE PRESENT

*Creating a future full of hope*

by Father Wayne



In a recent homily, I asked the question, “What do you hope and pray for when you think of life in our parish?”

Afterwards, someone asked me how *I* would answer that question. My answer is: we as a parish and individually would be an Acts 2 Church.

By that I mean that we would be the vibrant Church community we read about in Acts 2:42-47, “...people touched by Christ Jesus, (who) responded to Him and so became part of the story of Salvation.” (*Go and Make Disciples*)

If we live our parish vision statement, then everything we hope and pray for will happen. I am betting my life on that.

We’ve come a long way since our 1999 parish self study with Father Tom Sweetser. It is time to again look at ourselves to see where we are—the present—and determine how to achieve our vision—our future.

Our present is a gift from God. How we use it will determine our future.

A parish-wide survey in October will help us see how well we are doing at ‘being Church,’ living what we believe. What is revealed will help determine our pastoral plan: the steps needed to become an ‘engaged’ church.

Articles in this *Messenger*



## Go light your world

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,  
seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.

Hold out your candle for all to see it.  
Take your candle and go light your world.

...seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.  
...seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.

—Chris Rice, 1993, BMG Songs, Inc.

address the survey, a new Spirituality of Stewardship workshop and other upcoming events tied to our future.

Your involvement, active participation and your commitment are all fundamental to our parish future, so I ask you to budget our parish into your time as well as your gifts.

Ultimately, what will determine our future is our conversion—yours, mine and

everyone’s—to Stewardship as a way of life—in *all* aspects of life—parish, home, work and play.

This will necessitate your really believing that *all you are is a gift from God*. Real gratitude and praise to God are shown by what you do with this incredible gift.

I pray the upcoming parish activities will help each of us in our faith journey to become Christ’s presence in our respective worlds.

# Spiritual Life

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



**Emmalyn Grace Benson**, daughter of Mark and Kellie, sister of Destiny, Ashley and Tucker, was baptized on April 24.



**Ryan Jacob Bever**, son of Ryan and Julie, grandson of Sherry Goodvin and Don and Tessie Brown, was baptized on June 6.



**Brooke Elizabeth Shirley**, daughter of Kristen and Jody, was baptized on April 25.



**Jacob Samuel Johnson**, son of Pam and Rob, grandson of Barb and John Betzen, was baptized on June 6.



**Kaden Craig Fuller**, son of Jessica and David, was baptized on June 27.



**Gavin Raymond Edward Ignowski**, son of Joseph and Lauren, was baptized on June 20.



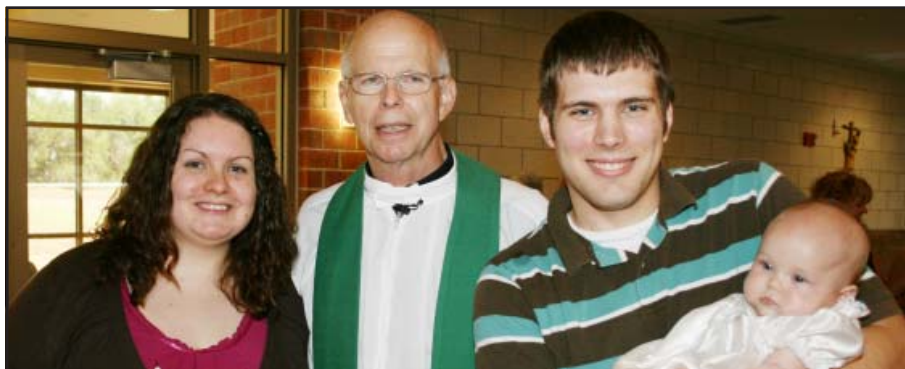
**Briley Mackenzie Bina**, daughter of Jason and Linda, sister of Brayden, granddaughter of Charley and Tan Miller, was baptized on July 3.



**Dylan Quyen Bui**, son of Andrew Phuc and Jennifer, brother of Mason and Ethan, grandson of Charley and Tan Miller, was baptized on July 3.



**Zoey Madelyn Dickson**, son of Neil and Scarlett, was baptized on June 27.



**Emma Rose Stuhlsatz**, daughter of Tressa and Jeff, granddaughter of Marshall and Sue McHenry and Bob and Davi Stuhlsatz, great granddaughter of Bill and Marilyn Stuhlsatz, was baptized on August 1.



**Brynn Morgan Covey**, daughter of Will and Michelle, sister of Sydney and Kendall, was baptized on April 18.



**Zane Holder**, son of Andrew and Apple Rea, was baptized on July 25.



**Thomas William James Hansen**, son of Kevin and Missy, brother of Ransom, grandson of Gail and Tom Schmeidler, was baptized on August 1.

## Have YOU wondered about becoming Catholic?

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Because of the dangers of persecution, only adults were baptized in the early Church. In today's world, infant baptisms are more common, yet baptism is still appropriate for adults, too.

Kaylee Back and adults Cody Blevins, Lauren Ignowski, Jennifer Mead and Jim Pappas (pictured at right during his baptism, with sponsor Mike Dowling) were baptized during Easter Vigil in April.

Jim said he went through the RCIA process—which prepares older teens and adults for baptism or a profession of faith—for a variety of reasons.

“I did it for myself and my family after years of seeing the ‘signs,’” he said. “In short it became clear to me—going through RCIA was the right thing to do.”

Jim said what he liked best about RCIA was “Sister Marie’s stories and how they both entertain and teach you.”

If you’ve been searching or seeing signs that it might be time for you to check out the Catholic Church as an option, call Sister Marie at 788-5525. RCIA sessions start next Sunday, Aug. 22.



Jim Pappas was baptized at Easter Vigil.

# Spiritual Life

## STEWARDSHIP ... A WAY OF LIFE

*Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor."*



### Welcoming and Volunteers

To register in the parish or learn more about sharing your time or talent, contact **Vicky Tully** at 788-5525 or [vtully@stmarysderby.com](mailto:vtully@stmarysderby.com). Vicky (sitting above) and Kerry Miser (standing) welcome newcomers to the parish. Vicky can help you feel more fulfilled and connected by matching your skills with needs in the parish, and getting you involved socially. She's also a font of knowledge if you want to know anything about Girl Scouts or Altar Society...call her!



Pastoral Council chairperson Mike Ronnfeldt, Grand Knight John Washburn and other organization leaders attended the July Spirituality of Stewardship workshop.

### Spirituality of Stewardship

by Audrey Ronnfeldt

The Diocese, at the request of the Bishop, has developed a four-part DVD series to study the Spirituality of Stewardship. The primary emphasis of this series is faith formation. Father John Lanzrath narrates the video portion and in Bishop Jackels' introduction he shares: "Stewardship is a shared life of self-gift in service."

The Bishop has requested that all parishioners spend some time reflecting on the Spirituality of Stewardship. With this in mind, St Mary will offer this workshop as an ongoing faith formation opportunity monthly.

During this workshop we will explore God's invitation to recognize and receive God's gifts and our willingness to share those gifts in love of God and neighbor. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

St Mary has five facilitators and we are available if you want to hold a workshop for your group. Please contact Audrey Ronnfeldt for more information, 788-2843 or [audrey.ronnfeldt@cox.net](mailto:audrey.ronnfeldt@cox.net).

### Being good stewards at VBS



Teens Nathan Carpenter, Noah Montgomery, Abby Ronnfeldt, Harlee Alexander and Matthew Torline shared their talents onstage and others volunteered in classrooms at Vacation Bible School.



### ...sharing time

Jason Igo working on the playground on Saturday.



### ...sharing talent

Jim Gibbs making kneelers for the church in his shop.



### ...sharing treasure



### ...discipleship

Stephanie Matthews learns about following Christ in her PSR class.

### Stewardship Sampler Sunday

Sept. 24/25

# Faith Formation



Brant Miller and his son Tyler, who will be in kindergarten, rode bikes over to check on the school construction progress this past week. View progress online at <http://stmaryderbyrosehill.blogspot.com/>

## Not just brick and stone...

by Bob Stuhlsatz

Our new school is much more than brick and stone. As you can readily see, dirt work has begun and by the time you read this, we hope to have started the actual construction.

A whole lot of **love and compassion** has enabled this and is an integral part of this entire endeavor.

We are currently scheduled to begin use of the building in Fall 2011 and bids have come in within budget. Following is an abbreviated outline of some of the major milestones that will occur over the next 12 months:

1. Site Utilities (sewer, water, gas). **This is going on right now.**
2. Storm Sewer/Paving/Dig and pour concrete footings
3. Underground plumbing and electrical work for the building.
4. Pour building slab.
5. Block walls/Structural steel/Wood framing
6. Roofing/Drywall/Install windows
7. Brick and stucco
8. Install acoustical ceilings/light fixtures
9. Interior Painting/Flooring
10. Install millwork/cabinets/furniture.
11. Landscaping

Keep an eye out and watch the excitement on the other side of the fence in person or from the comfort of your home—there is a blog site with photos of some of the activity: <http://stmaryderbyrosehill.blogspot.com/>

If you have any questions about the building, forward them and your name to Gail at [gschmeidler@stmarysderby.com](mailto:gschmeidler@stmarysderby.com) and she'll get answers from the appropriate person.

## Did you know . . . ?

NO tuition is charged to attend our Catholic school or any of the grade schools or high schools in the diocese. Because the entire diocese is committed to Stewardship, parishes make every effort to make a Catholic education, from kindergarten through high school, available to active parish stewards without charging tuition.

In return, St Mary parents commit at today's (Sun., Aug 15 at 1:30 pm) prayer service to work towards tithing, attend Mass regularly, and give generously of their time and talent. Parents and students sign a Parish-Family Agreement making these commitments.



## Formation for PK-8

To enroll children in our Catholic school, call the school at 788-3151.

**Richard Montgomery**, pictured with Noah Penka at graduation, is principal. Classes start Aug 18.



For information on enrolling your child in Wednesday evening faith formation sessions for public and homeschooled K-8th grade students, email **Ann Hughes**, [ahughes@stmarysderby.com](mailto:ahughes@stmarysderby.com). Pictured above with Ashley Benson and Tori Jansen, Ann directs our Parish School of Religion, Middle School Faith Formation and adult opportunities.

## VIRTUS training

is required of all who volunteer with children.

Next session:

Wed • Sep 1 • 6:30

Call Kathy, 788-5525 to sign up!

# Faith Formation



## High school youth

LIFE TEEN provides faith formation and social and service activities for high school youth on Sundays after the 6 pm Mass.

Confirmation is a 2-year process for freshmen and sophomores that meets on Wednesday evenings.

There is no cost and no registration required for LIFE TEEN. A core team provides adult leadership, and rotating groups of adult parishioners provide snacks.

For more information on LIFE TEEN or Confirmation, contact **Janet Clark**, pictured above with core team member Steven Pham, at 788-5525, 259-3110 or [janet.clark@stmarysderby.com](mailto:janet.clark@stmarysderby.com).

LIFE TEEN  
CORE TEAM  
INFO NIGHT  
Aug 30

## Behold the Mystery!

by Amber Williams

This summer our LIFETEEN core team was blessed to attend the annual LIFETEEN Conference in Arizona.

It was another amazing experience that enabled us to grow deeper in our faith, re-energize our hearts for ministry, and meet youth leaders from all over the country who experience the same ups and downs of youth ministry that we do.

LIFETEEN national staff also revealed the theme for next year: **Behold the Mystery**.

What an interesting concept—**Behold the Mystery**.

Too often we run through our day-to-day schedules without ever taking a moment to behold the beauty that God has given to us in the Eucharist. It is LIFETEEN's goal and a primary pillar of its foundation to help teens come to a greater understanding and love of the Eucharist—the source and summit of our Catholic faith.

In my four years as a core team member, I never would have imagined that I would be able to **Behold the Mystery** as much as I have.

I have been so blessed to grow in my faith by (somehow) helping teens to grow in theirs.

I get to **Behold the Mystery** every time I see:

- a teen volunteer to proclaim the Word at Mass or (sometimes begrudgingly) agree to serve!

- a new teen being welcomed and the moment when they realize this will be a great place for them.

- teens laughing and having fun at a lock-in, summer trip, or collecting canned food for the poor.

I sometimes even get to (sadly) **Behold the Mystery** as I comfort a teen that has just broken up with their boyfriend/girlfriend, is having trouble at home, or has given up on their faith.

I **Behold the Mystery** as I see seniors start to realize that it's about the end and they're about to embark on a really big adventure called "The Real World" and I remember how I felt when I was going through it.

Yes, I get to **Behold the Mystery** in all these events because the Eucharist is very much alive in these teens—in their innocence, vulnerability and child-like faith.

What a blessing it is when a teen texts me a picture of her prom dress or writes on my Facebook wall that she

hopes I am having a good day or runs down the hallway at the high school, when I'm subbing, to say hello. This is relational ministry at its finest!

If God has ever tugged at your heart to help with this ministry in some way, please pray about it and come to our informational night for interested adults on Aug 30.

Then pray some more! We always need help—with food, drivers, chaperones, core members, speakers, music, etc. It takes an army to raise a teenager and we hope to grow in number in the upcoming year.

No, it's not always easy! It's a HUGE time commitment and God bless them, sometimes I want to throw things at them and scream, but there are so many more times that I leave an event and say a prayer thanking God that He has let me be a part of such an amazing ministry. In some weird twist of fate, I was able to help a teen grow closer to Christ. He chose me...what a blessing...what a **Mystery**!

## LIFE TEEN

Helps teens reach higher...

...not just with a ladder, but with confident assurance

in *God's love.*



Lauren Bussman and Kelsey Nolting helped prepare for Senior Fiesta.

# Our Calendar



## ST MARY Catholic School • Derby, KS ALUMNI

St Mary alumni, fans and friends... Catch up with old friends, and browse through old photos on the St Mary Catholic School Alumni page on Facebook! If you have questions or have photos you'd like scanned and added to the page, contact Davi at 788-4234 or vbdragon@cox.net.

### PICNIC FUN!

Aug. 29, 4-7 pm

NO 6 pm Mass ▶

## Help needed at The Lord's Diner



Margie and Kent Johnson, their daughter, Julianna Burget, and other St Mary folks served at The Lord's Diner in June. Three parish teams rotate serving on the first Saturday of the month, so each team only serves four nights per year. A food handler's card is required; classes are free. Call Vicky, 788-5525 for more info.

### NEWSLETTER

INFORMATION, LAYOUT & DESIGN:  
Davi Stuhlsatz: 788-5525 • vbdragon@cox.net

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.

## August - October 2010

- Sun, Aug 15 Feast Day of the Assumption  
Coffee and Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass  
SMPS Parish Family Agreement Prayer Service, 1:30 pm, FC Church  
LIFE TEEN Mud volleyball after 6 pm Mass, McHenry Tree Farm, 8203 S Webb
- Mon, Aug 16 SMPS Open House, 6:30- 8 pm, All School
- Tue, Aug 17 Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114  
Pastoral Council, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Aug 18 First Day of SMPS, 7:55 am
- Thu, Aug 19 8 am Mass moves to the Weekday Chapel, 722 N Derby St.
- Fri, Aug 20 Spirituality of Stewardship, 7-9 pm, Knights Hall
- Sat, Aug 21 Spirituality of Stewardship, 9-11 am, Knights Hall
- Sun, Aug 22 Coffee and Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall  
RCIA, First Session, 10-11:30 am, FC RM 112  
RCIA, Babysitting, 10-11:30 am, FC Rm 114  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass  
LIFE TEEN swim party, after 6 pm Mass, C Williams home, 4520 Huckleberry Cr
- Mon, Aug 23 LIFE TEEN Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114  
Grief Support Group, 7 pm, FC Rm 112  
K of C Officers, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Tue, Aug 24 Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Sun, Aug 29 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, FC Knights Hall  
RCIA, 10-11:30 am, FC RM 112  
RCIA, Babysitting, 10-11:30 am, FC Rm 114  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass  
**Parish Picnic, 4-7 pm, school grounds**  
**NO 6 pm Mass, LIFE TEEN at Parish Picnic 4-7 pm**
- Mon, Aug 30 **LIFE TEEN Information Night** for interested core members, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Tue, Aug 31 Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Sep 1 VIRTUS Session, 6:30 pm, Knights Hall  
Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
- Thu, Sep 2 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon – midnight, FC Rm 112
- Fri, Sep 3 First Friday Coffee & Donuts, 8:45 AM, Old Rectory
- Sat, Sep 4 God's Food Pantry weekend  
The Lord's Diner, Team A, G & A Kleman
- Sun, Sep 5 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, FC Knights Hall  
Labor Day Weekend – NO RCIA, NO Life Night  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass
- Mon, Sep 6 **Labor Day** – Parish Offices closed, NO St Mary Parish School
- Tue, Sep 7 *Sunday by Sunday* Scripture Study, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Sep 8 Confirmation Parent – Student session, 7:30 pm, Faith Center  
Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
- Thu, Sep 9 Altar Society pot luck, 6:30 pm, Knights Hall  
DIAL 3, parent meeting, 7 pm, Annex Cntr room
- Sat, Sep 11 Steak dinner and cards night, after 5 pm Mass, KC Hall
- Sun, Sep 12 Parish & Welcome Breakfast, 10-11 am, KC Hall  
RCIA, 10 am, FC Rm 112, babysitting, Rm 114  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass  
LifeNight, after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114  
Articles of Faith Gift Shop after 9 and 11 am Mass, FC North Hallway  
Columbian Squires, 1 pm, FC Rm 114
- Mon, Sep 13 LIFE TEEN Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114  
Grief Support Group, 7 pm, FC Rm 112  
K of C members, 7:30 pm, KC Hall
- Tue, Sep 14 *Sunday by Sunday* Scripture Study, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114

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## August - October 2010

- Wed, Sep 15 PSR Catechists, 6 pm, School Library  
Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel  
Confirmation sessions, 7:30 pm, FC Church
- Sat, Sep 18 Texas Hold'em Tournament, time TBA, School Gym
- Sun, Sep 19 Catechetical Sunday, Blessing of the Catechists, all masses  
RCIA, 10 am, FC Rm 112, babysitting, Rm 114  
Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, FC Knights Hall  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass  
LifeNight, after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112, 7:45 pm, FC Church
- Mon, Sep 20 LIFE TEEN Jr Core Team, 6 pm, FC Rm 114  
LIFE TEEN Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Tue, Sep 21 *Sunday by Sunday* Scripture Study, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114  
Pastoral Council, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Sep 22 PSR K-8 meet the Catechists, 6 pm, School Gym  
Confirmation Sessions, 7:30 pm, FC Church  
Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
- Sat, Sep 25 Stewardship Sampler weekend after all masses in KC Hall
- Sun, Sep 26 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, FC Knights Hall  
RCIA, 10 am, FC Rm 112, babysitting, Rm 114  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass  
Rite of Entrance Yr I Confirmation, 6 pm, FC Church  
LifeNight, after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112, 7:45 pm, FC Church
- Mon, Sep 27 LIFE TEEN Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114  
Grief Support Group, 7 pm, FC Rm 112  
K of C Officers, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Tue, Sep 28 Sacred Heart Guild, 8:45 am, Old Rectory  
*Sunday by Sunday* Scripture Study, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Sep 29 PSR, 6 pm, School classrooms  
Confirmation Service Week, Faith Center  
Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
- Thu, Sep 30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon- midnight, FC Rm 112  
Host Mtg for Oct 10 stewardship luncheon, 7 pm, Knights Hall
- Fri, Oct 1 First Friday Coffee & Donuts, 8:45 AM, Old Rectory
- Sat, Oct 2 God's Food Pantry weekend  
The Lord's Diner, Team B - M Rubel
- Sun, Oct 3 Baptism Session, 9 am, FC Office Conf room 106  
Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, FC Knights Hall  
RCIA, 10 am, FC Rm 112, babysitting, Rm 114  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass  
LifeNight, after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112, 7:45 pm, FC Church
- Mon, Oct 4, Harvest House, 11:30 am, Knights Hall  
LIFE TEEN Jr Core Team, 6 pm, FC Rm 114  
LIFE TEEN Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Tue, Oct 5 *Sunday by Sunday* Scripture Study, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Oct 6 PSR, 6 pm, School classrooms  
Confirmation sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center church

In celebration of God's many gifts, **"The Present"** is the theme for our **Stewardship renewal luncheon** this year, on **Sun, Oct 10 from 12:30-1:30**. If you would like to be a host family, please contact Gail at [gschmeidler@stmarysderby.com](mailto:gschmeidler@stmarysderby.com) or 788-5525.

# Outreach

## God's Food Pantry



*The parish collects food on the first Sunday of every month for God's Food Pantry. Simply leave your food donations in the gathering space, and Sacred Heart guild members, such as Treva Schaffer, above, take the food to the pantry.*

## A Better Choice



*Knights of Columbus accepted donations for A Better Choice on Lifesaver Sunday. Shown is Doug Shoopman accepting a Tootsie Pop from Knight Richard Bade.*

# Parish-wide survey in fall

by Jim York

St Mary Parish is partnering with Gallup to more effectively fulfill the parish's mission.

Starting the first weekend in October we will conduct a parish-wide survey to measure parish membership engagement. **Your** participation is critical.

The information gathered from the survey will be used to help set the direction and vision for the Parish for the **next 3-5** years.

It is called a **membership engagement survey** (ME25), and consists of 25 multiple choice questions, developed by the Gallup Organization's faith department.

You will hear much more about **Engagement** and **Commitment** over the course of the next month leading up to the survey weekend.

The survey will take approximately seven minutes of your time. It can be taken either online from your home, online at St. Mary School or as a paper survey during the homily time of the Oct. 2/3 weekend Sunday liturgy.

Your survey responses are **completely confidential**. Paper copies will not be signed, and access to online surveys will be with a random access code.

Under no circumstances will your personal responses be revealed to anyone in your parish or anyone outside Gallup.

By the way, lest you think we are wasting parish resources, Father Wayne thinks it is so critical to our parish future that he is personally paying for it.

Thank you very much for participating in the survey. **Your opinion counts!**



Sandy Rau visits with former parishioners Jim and Lois McCormick at a parish breakfast. The McCormicks live in Salem, Ore. now. The breakfast on the second Sunday of the month is a great chance to make or renew friendships.

## SAVE THE DATE!

October 10 is our parish Stewardship Renewal Luncheon. Come be inspired and renewed!

## Welcome to St. Mary

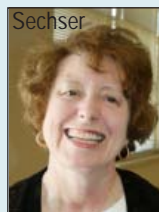
*Say hi to these new families!*

### ADULTS

Dick and Nancy Bockelman  
Dallas and Celestine Colgrove  
Mike and Kerri Espinosa  
David and Jessica Fuller\*  
Paul and Maria Leddy  
Patrick and Lori Loney  
Dan and Jody Mack  
Cathy Messbarger  
Bob and Sandy Potyandy  
Jim and Megan Prasal  
Lynessa Rico  
Andrew and Rachel Schmeidler  
Serena Sechser  
Nate and Katy Struble  
Joe and Ann Warren  
Jim Welty

### CHILDREN

Isadora, Gavin  
Madison, Raegen  
Kaden  
  
Jeremy  
Brendan, Logan  
  
Addie  
Makayla  
  
Talyn



\* The Fullers are pictured on pg. 2 — baptisms.

# Faith & family

## Sharing faith, sharing life: Getting to know our parish family

by Davi Stuhlsatz



### Knights

The Knights of Columbus is open to any Catholic male over 18. It's a fraternal and charitable group that has fun while doing good.

For more info on the Knights, contact **Bob Stuhlsatz** at 788-4234 or [olefoxbv@cox.net](mailto:olefoxbv@cox.net). He is pictured above at the Knights' softball game vs. the teens last Sunday.



### Altar Society

Every woman in the parish is invited to participate in Altar Society. If you'd like to get involved in a guild, small group Altar Society groups that meet for social and charitable activities, call Sylvia Sommerhauser, 776-0537 or Deanna Salas, 789-8031. They'll hook you up with one of the six parish guilds.

### Book Review: *Growing an Engaged Church*

by Julie Bright

As a small team of parishioners began to prepare for our upcoming parish survey, much of our direction came from Albert Winseman's book, *Growing an Engaged Church*. It and prayer gave us tremendous inspiration.

Winseman's book explains the important distinction between being involved and being engaged. Involvement is what we do in church, and engagement is how we feel about Church. We are encouraged to "**stop doing Church and start being church.**"

The book also offers powerful ideas on how to be more effective in growing a healthy congregation. It presents ways to reconnect with the Church and become more engaged and spiritually committed.

Winseman's approach focuses on Involvement, Engagement, Measuring Engagement and Strategies for Improvement which consequently results in an engaged Church. He states that we need to prepare the soil so that God can do amazing things in our midst!

Gallup Research at the foundation of this book indicates that, with regard to making disciples and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, engaged churches do a better job than other churches.

Behind this book are years of experience investigating the spiritual health of local congregations.

The book is available for for \$15 from Katie McHenry. 788-5723.

Another book I highly recommend is *Forming Generous Hearts Stewardship Planning For Lifelong Formation* by Leisa Anslinger and Victoria Shepp.

Father Wayne hosts a small gathering in his home once a month called Feedback for Father. It's a great chance to get to know him and some of your fellow parishioners a little better in a casual setting, have dessert and see his home.

"We really enjoyed it," said newcomer Lori Loney. "What a welcoming parish! It was a great opportunity. I hope it continues."

If you'd like to go, just call Gail or Vicky, 788-5525. They also call people to invite them, so if you get a call, now you know what it's about!

Small groups are great to get to know people. In Altar Society guilds, Knights meetings, Friday evening family rosary, Tuesday afternoon scripture sharing and Wednesday evening Centering Prayer, people get together for prayer or a meeting and share their stories. It strengthens us to share our joys and sorrows, our lives.

If you'd like to start a Scripture sharing group or small faith community, contact Ann, 788-1877, or feel free to call the office to find out more about joining existing groups.

**M e a n w h i l e**, following are a few people you can get to know better. Be sure to say hi next time you see them.



**Josh Kippenberger** is acting as the owner's construction manager on our new school.

"I volunteered to help in whatever capacity Father needed," he said.

From 2002 until early 2009, Josh was a project manager for a local general contractor; since February of 2009 he has been an estimator for Key Construction.

"When Father asked if I would act as the owner's construction manager I said, 'Sure.' My goals were to save as much money as possible, get the best value for our dollars, and help make the process as smooth as possible," he said.

Josh said he "somewhat grew up in St Mary"—attending school here through third grade.

He and his wife and their two children returned to St Mary in Fall 2006. Josh Jr. is in third grade and Reagan in first at St Mary. Since the parish photo above, Josh and his wife have had another child and are expecting their fourth this month.

If you go to 11 am Mass, you might see Josh processing out of church followed by a horde of children. He is one of the adult leaders of our Children's Liturgy at that Mass.



**J.D. Betzen** and **Zachary Pinaire** will be at seminary this fall.

J.D., the son of Barb and John Betzen, went from kindergarten through eighth grade at St Mary.

A computer whiz, he has generously given of his time and talent since his grade school days, when he helped with the school computers. He helps with the bulletin each week via email, helps Sister Marie, altar serves, and volunteers at A Better Choice.

After four years at Kapaun and two at Newman University, JD decided to enter seminary. He will be at Conception Seminary this fall.

Zachary, the son of Barb Pinaire, will enter Kenrick Glennon Seminary in St. Louis this fall after graduating from St. John Vianney undergraduate seminary in May.

He went to St Mary in his younger years and fondly remembers his teachers there, especially Sister Alfreda.

Zachary received the Bishop's Crest award when he graduated from Kapaun. It is given by the Bishop to a graduate who exemplifies excellence in development of the full human potential.

Zachary is dyslexic; although he has good reading comprehension, it takes him much longer than most to read. He believes that seminary is the best place for him to discern God's will for his future.



**Mary Houchin**, daughter of Jim and Dianne, married Lane Davis on May 22, at St John Catholic Church in Lawrence.

Mary, St. Mary Class of 1991, received her Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Kansas in 2006 and is currently a formulation scientist at MedImmune, LLC.

Lane received his Masters of Education in Sports Administration from KU in 2002. He is the assistant coach for women's soccer at George Washington University. The couple resides in the Washington DC metro area.



The U.S. Senate confirmed **Bradley Link**'s promotion to brigadier general this past week.

Bradley's promotion was approved by the Kansas Senate in June.

He was named assistant adjutant general and commander of the Kansas Air National Guard in April.

He and his wife Joni have been parishioners for 14 years and have two children.



**Tony Duran** has been elected president of the Wichita Serra Club.

Serrans' name is from the 18th century Franciscan missionary Blessed Junipero Serra.

Serra Club fosters and promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life and furthers Catholicism by encouraging members to fulfill vocations to service.



**Matt and Janet Klein** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19. The couple's three daughters — Becky Rossillon, Debbie Butler and Vickie Shockey—and their families are members of the parish, as well.



**Larry and Jennie Sanchez** celebrated 50 years of marriage August 6. Larry has generously shared his time and talent teaching Spanish at St Mary Parish School for years.



**Joe Day**, son of Jack and Geri Henderson, received the Alexis F. Dillard Student Involvement

Award, which goes to a graduating University of Kansas student who has unselfishly contributed to the university through campus involvement. Joe was president of KU's Student Union Activities and graduated with a degree in chemical engineering. He was offered a position with Occidental Oil and Petroleum.



**Kendra Waitley**, St Mary Class of 2000, daughter of Theresa Waitley,

received a bachelor's of science in sonography from Newman University.



**Holly Luehring**, daughter of Bruce and Anita, received a master's degree from

Emporia State in health, physical education and recreation.



**Richard Zirkle** took Gold in Middle Weight Sparring for the Junior Olympics National Championship.

# Family matters

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

## Deaths

**Myrtle Minson**, grandmother of Steve Minson, died on August 3.

**Kelley Pitts**, husband of Paula, father of Lauren and Alexis, died on July 28.

**Ernest Nutsch**, father of Deborah Eilert, died June 25.

**Eva Marlow**, mother of Carol Wojcik, Charles Marlow, Mary Rogers, Cathy Hopper and Barbara Ayalla, died on June 24.

**Beverly Mayfield**, mother of Monte, grandmother of Emily, died on June 24.

**DeAnn Wellemeyer**, wife of Bob, mother of Gerard, Danielle, Doobie, Juj and Barret died on June 23.

**Walter Landwehr**, brother of Kathy Klassen, died on June 11.

**Carmetta Lollar**, mother of Lonnie; grandmother of Abram, Lauren and Christian and Alexis Sattler; great grandmother of Hayden and Gwendolyn Sattler, died on June 10.

**Patricia Dennison**, sister of Kevin Hundley, died June 8.

**Minnie Page**, grandmother of Brenda Chavez, died on June 6.

**Barney Milner**, father of Susan Lind, grandfather of Cathryn Lind, died June 4.

**Ashley Hankins**, daughter of Darwin Hankins and Debbie Marlow, granddaughter of Charlie and Sherry Marlow, died on June 3.

**Ron Igo**, former spouse of Pat Carney; father of Jeff, Jason and Justin, Jill Leon and Jeni Guinn, died June 3.

**Bob Clark**, father of Roger, died on May 27.

**O. Lloyd Sparling**, father of Anthony, died on May 27.

**John Carroll**, brother of Mary Ann Rhodes, died on June 20.

**Doris Pauly**, mother of Dorale Gerlach, died May 15. **Marie Avello**, mother of Dion, died on May 10.

**Carl Simon**, father of Pat McHenry and Kathy Brennan, died on April 28.

**Bill Dawdy, Jr**, son of Lana and brother of David, died on April 5.

**Mary Eula Peterson**, grandmother of Deanna Salas, died on March 6.



**Amber Diehl** (left), sister of Lauren Ignowski (right), died on March 7.



## Harvest House

To learn more about this social, fun, educational and prayerful group for adults 55+, call **Dee Burnett** at 788-4037.



## Grief Support Group

If you need someone to talk to or are ready to meet with others who are finding their way through the grief of losing a loved one, call **Sherry Chapman** (pictured with her husband, Darrell), 776-0978. The group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.



## Not sure?

If you don't know who to talk to, call Kathy Brennan, 788-5525. She'll either have the info or find out for you.

## Williams are wild about St Mary



When Matt Chapman (front row at right in tie) graduated from St Mary in May, he was the 16th Williams child or grandchild to do so. Pictured left to right at his graduation are 12 of the Williams St Mary grads: front row, Ethan Chapman, Debbie Chapman, Aaron Williams, Cynthia Wentworth and Matt; back row, Ryan Williams, Amber Williams (who will teach at St Mary this fall), Sarah Williams, Christian Williams, Austin Williams, Mike Williams and Jim Williams. Not pictured are Bryan, Greg, Zack, and Josh Williams.