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Guided by love

*And behold,
the star that they had seen
at its rising
preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place where the child was.
—Matthew 2:9*

The Magi's journey is a familiar Christmas story and song. We will hear Matthew's scriptural account of it at Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany.

The story has many similarities to our individual and parish journeys.

As Joyce Rupp, OSM, writes, "The end of the Magi's story is joyful, but the journey to reach the place of Christ's birth is challenging. Their journey took a long time, and the star they followed was not always visible. They questioned whether they were going in the right direction, whether the road actually led to a newborn king."

Our journey toward a fuller relationship with God may also be challenging; while the way is present, it is sometimes hidden if we are not open to it. God guides us; he helps us find our way, if our hearts are open.

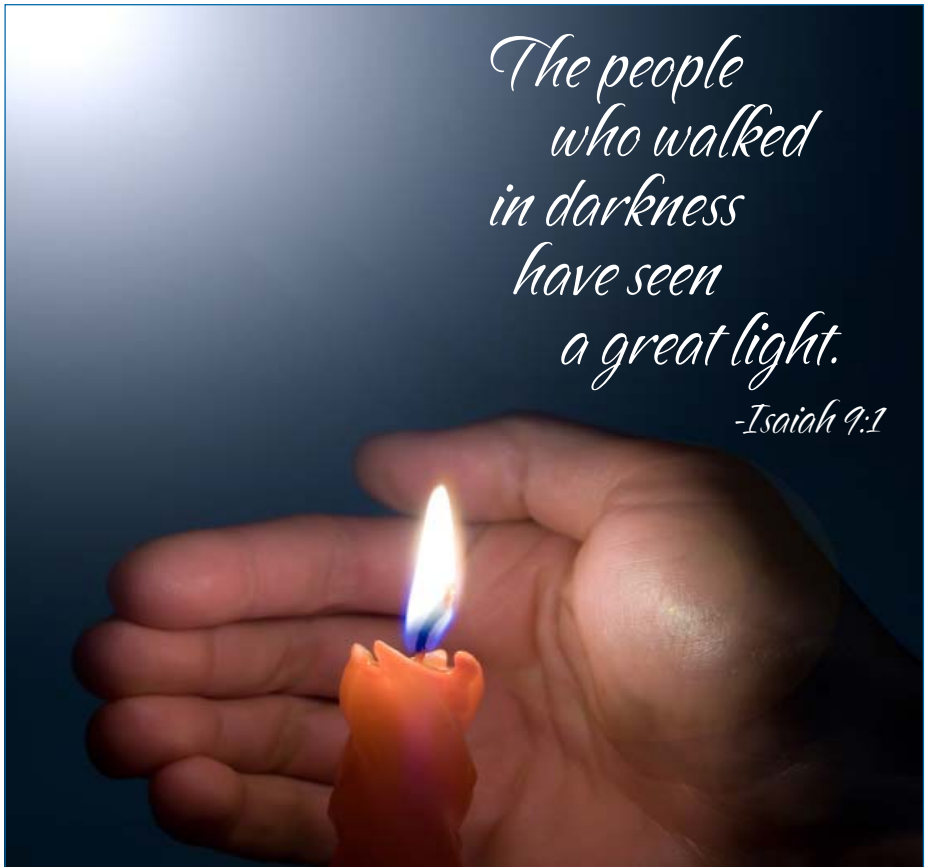
One of the ways our parish is finding its way to a fuller relationship with God and with one another is through a parish survey that we took in October. The survey is a tool to help us measure engagement and spiritual commitment, causes of our spiritual health. It measures four outcomes of spiritual health: life satisfaction, serving, inviting and giving.

I hope you'll read the article on [page 3](#) about the survey and our still-developing plan for this year.

Our goal is to deepen our relationship with Christ. I am looking forward to continuing the journey; and I hope you are, too.

May God bless you abundantly at Christmas and always.

Matthew Wayne
Father Wayne



*The people
who walked
in darkness
have seen
a great light.
—Isaiah 9:1*

St. Mary principal to be honored

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Principal Richard Montgomery received delighted hugs and congratulations earlier this month, when it was announced that he was named the National Catholic Educational Association Plains States Dr. Robert J. Kealey Distinguished Principal. The award will be presented to him in New Orleans in April.

"It's quite an honor, and well deserved," said Father Wayne.

Richard and 11 other regional winners across the U.S. are now under consideration for the National Distinguished Principal award, to be presented in Washington, DC next fall.

"Richard was recognized for his leadership at St. Mary's for

the past 10 years; for being an exemplary role model; for his leadership of a school perennially recognized as a Building of Excellence; and for spearheading the planning

and construction of a new parish facility," said Bob Voboril, superintendent of Wichita Diocese Catholic Schools.

While students, parents and teachers praise him, Richard gives them the credit.



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One faith,
one baptism,
one LORD.



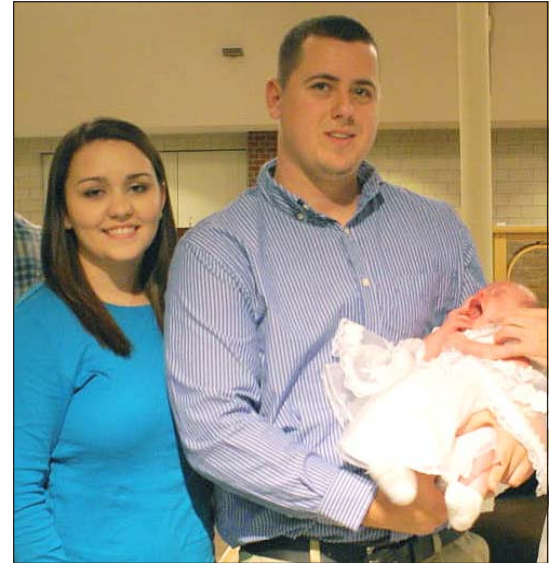
Made new in faith:
Congratulations
and welcome to our newly
baptized parishioners!



Talyn Struble, daughter of Katy and Nate Struble, was baptized on October 23.



Liam Silas Wise, son of Bridget and Justin Wise, was baptized November 7.



Maci Marie Harmon, daughter of Ashley Werdel and Drew Harmon, granddaughter of Jerry and Mary Werdel, was baptized on November 14.

Together on a journey of faith

by Davi Stuhlsatz

While all of us are on a journey of faith, some people are going through a particularly intensive period of growth this year, as they learn more about Catholicism and decide whether to continue their faith journey as Catholics.

St. Mary has ___ adults preparing to be baptized at Easter (called catechumens). There are also ___ adults who have already been baptized in another Christian denomination (called candidates) who will make a profession of faith at Easter; and ___ teens or adults seeking confirmation at Easter.

They are dismissed from 9 am Mass after the Prayers of the Faithful, to go to Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions in Room 112. Parish teens provide free babysitting for their children in Room 114.

During the first part of the session, Sister Marie leads a discussion of the Sunday readings. In this Reflection on the Word, they have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Scriptures. The Scriptures and Liturgy lead to understanding the meaning of our faith and tradition. But most im-



Charles Long makes the sign of the cross on Glen Stallard's forehead during the Rite of Acceptance & Welcome.

portantly, it is a time to hear God's call to share more deeply in his life and to share the Gospel with others.

In large and small group discussion with Sister Marie and sponsors, they learn about and discuss some facet of the Catholic faith each week, such as forgiveness or the sacraments. Sometimes there's a video, and other times, a guest speaker.

They take home a *Catholic Update* brochure which has more on the topics discussed. The brochures are online at www.americancatholic.org.

On Nov. 21, catechumens and candidates participated in the Rite of Acceptance & Welcome. In this celebration, they publicly committed themselves to Christ, to follow his way and

engage in a serious period of formation. This is one of the steps toward discernment of the final decision to be initiated into the Church by Baptism or by a public Profession of Faith.

Our entire community welcomes them lovingly and supports them in spirit. We do this through our prayers, the refreshments members provide, by our example, and by getting to know them.



Larry Creason accepts a Lectionary from Father Wayne during the Rite of Acceptance & Welcome.

Prepare
your hearts!



Are you ENGAGED to St Mary's?

by Father Wayne

Our Gallup Survey results are here and I'm excited to share that they were overall **very positive**, reflecting a growing, vibrant worship community with a forward looking approach to Stewardship.

The survey we took at Mass in October focused on two key areas: member engagement and member commitment. Engagement is about "belonging"; commitment is about "believing."

The Gallup Member Engagement 25 (ME25) survey is one step in our parish's ongoing faith journey, to determine where we are today, and how we can become more spiritually committed in the future.

Thank you to all who took the survey, came to Al Winseman's presentation of the survey results earlier this month or helped lead the process, especially the Engagement Coordinating Team.

With 787 completed surveys, we achieved a return rate far higher than national averages. Your input gives us a great snapshot, a valid starting point for dialogue and focusing our energy towards meeting our vision of being a spiritually healthy, engaged and committed community of faith.

A noteworthy positive was uncovered in the response to the question regarding stewardship of treasure: St. Mary far exceeded Gallup's averages for both Catholic and Protestant communities. That's really a testimony to each of you! Your gifts towards operating expenses and the *Build it NOW* campaign are one indicator of your level of commitment to the parish and a statement of your hearts. Thank you for your efforts. I know many of you are working hard on this area, and it's important that it continues to grow.

We want to put such concerted effort on growth in other areas now, too. Survey responses tell us that **many of you want to be more involved, but need a little inspiration to find your strengths and understand what being a committed parishioner entails.**

Over the next year, we will use the ME25 results to focus on three key areas you highlighted. Task forces will be formed and lead us in: (1) defining parishioner and leader **expectations**; (2) **finding and building your strengths** and (3) creating a culture of **affirmation through recognition.**

Our efforts will be guided by our core values of Eucharist, Stewardship, Faith Formation and Community. I have asked Laurie DeGarmo to lead the

"Al's presentation was **very** inspiring. It's nice to have a fresh set of eyes look at us. I hope we take this opportunity to help ourselves."



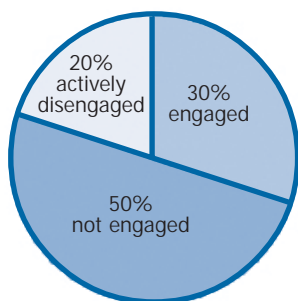
-Sherry Skinner, Pastoral Council

expectations task force, which will kick off in early January.

January 21-23, Leisa Anslinger, author of the book, *Forming Generous Hearts*, will be here to help us in our journey, particularly in finding and building on our strengths. With your involvement, ideas and prayers we can bring our parish to a new level of engagement and commitment, furthering our journey to be Disciples of Christ.

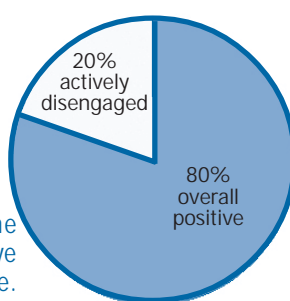
I am encouraged by the survey results. We are starting at a good point. I ask that you continue to pray—for the success of this parish effort, for open minds and open hearts about the process, and for discernment—by our leaders and by each of us on how to become this spiritually healthy, engaged and committed *person and community* of faith.

Survey summary results



Overall, 80% of the responses reflect a positive tone towards parish life. This is a great starting point.

What the data means



Now we want to work together on getting even more engaged!

Focus areas for 2011



Member engagement index

Engaged members have a strong psychological connection to the parish. They are spiritually committed, invite others to parish events and give generously of time and money to the parish and others.

Not engaged members may attend regularly, but are not as psychologically connected to the parish. Their connection is more social than spiritual.

Actively disengaged usually show up only once or twice a year, or if they attend regularly, they are unhappy with the parish. They are not psychologically connected with it.



Congratulations to Greg, Sandy, Dennis and Jessica Rau, named Sedgwick County Farm Family of the Year. Pictured from left to right above are Dennis and Greg (back row) and Landon, Jessica, Lillian, Sandy and Weston (front).

Family matters

by Davi Stuhlsatz

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

Congratulations

Paul and Shirley Carrick will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26. The high school sweethearts were married the day after Christmas in 1950. They have been St. Mary parishioners for more than 40 years.



Deaths

Goldie Eckl, sister of Kelly Walker, died on Sept. 5.

Larry Sanchez, husband of Jennie, father of Jose, Christina Chronister and Vicki, died on Nov. 7.

Matthew Murtha, son of Joe and Yvette, brother of Eileen, Lorraine,

Damian, Brendan, and Yvonne, died on Nov. 12.

Clarice Jones, mother of Charles, Eleanor Shive, Charlotte Dee Jones and Paula Morse, died on Nov. 17.

Judith Randa, mother of Sherri Newkold, died on Nov. 18.

Anni Mainz, sister-in-law of Ursula Brzezinski, died Nov. 29.

Jo McGovern, St. Mary Parish School teacher, wife of William, mother of Shaun McGovern, Kristine Parker and Ryan McGovern, died on Nov. 28.

Sara Coffey, wife of Jim, mother of James, Mark and Michael, sister of Rachel Roedriguez, Eloise Fowler, Mary Rico of the parish, died on Dec. 3.

James Madison, son of Mary Michael Madison, brother of Michelle Houchin, Marlo, Ernest and Wayne; grandson of Mary Margaret Orsman, died on Dec. 3 in California.

Lord, Bless our families



Congratulations to DeAnn Barr (center above), who was presented a medallion of appreciation on Nov. 10 by Brig. Gen. (sel) Bradley Link, Commander, Kansas Air National Guard, and his wife Joni. The award, part of the Hometown Heroes Salute recognition program, recognizes those who significantly contribute to supporting our nation's airmen and the ANG mission. Joni said DeAnn's support, including bringing her meals and checking on her regularly while Brad was deployed, "meant so much to me." Congratulations are due to Brad, too—he received his brigadier general star in a ceremony in Topeka later that same day. All three are parishioners.

Birthday blessings



Dee Eugene Therese Ken

Four parishioners celebrated or will celebrate their 80th birthday this month, and two of them were on the same day!

Dee Acosta and Eugene Kleman were both born Dec. 7, 1930; Therese Rafferty was born Dec. 28 and Ken Lyerla was born Dec. 29.

If you'd like to send congratulations, their addresses (all in Derby) are:

- Dee Acosta, 5737 S Oliver
- Eugene Kleman, 1025 Marguerite Pkwy
- Therese Rafferty, 1107 Cottonwood
- Ken Lyerla, 1113 N Briarwood Rd

Email graduation, wedding or other family news for the *Messenger* to Davi at vbdragon@cox.net.

Welcome!

by Gail Schmeidler

In our recent Gallup Survey, 787 surveys were completed. Of those 787 people, 55 reported not being registered in **any** parish. What an eye opener!

We encourage and welcome everyone to become registered members of our parish family—no matter your family structure—single, married, divorced, widowed, with children or not. While some may think registration is about making a financial commitment to the parish, it is so much more.

By registering, families become more connected to St Mary—through information emails and invitations to parish activities—which opens doors for new relationships with people of all ages. Having current information on your family also helps the parish reach out to your family in times of hardship, struggle or grief.

When Vicky sits down with you to register your family, her first concern is to talk with you to get to know you better. If you need help from the parish (getting enrolled in faith formation, RCIA, talking to Father about something that's been bothering you—whatever your need), she'll hook you up with the appropriate person.

She'll also help you get connected in the parish—with friendly, welcoming people **and** with ministries where you can make a difference, if you're ready to volunteer. She'll give you a welcome book with descriptions of parish ministries so if you want to get involved later **or** on the other side of the coin, if your family has a need, you can get the information or help you need.

She **will** give you envelopes, too, if you wish to begin financially supporting the parish, but of equal importance, she will show you many opportunities for your time and your talents to make a difference.

Sometimes people feel they have nothing to give, that they have no talents. As a parish we look for ways to help you understand what your talents are and encourage you to share them. It is so rewarding to feel part of something greater than ourselves, and to make a difference in others' lives!

Each of us has gifts; it's only in understanding what they are that they will grow. I'm excited about the strengths finder process our parish will undertake next year. If you can lift a paint brush, listen to a child, or bend your head in prayer, then you have gifts.

If you have not registered, I invite you to do so. If you have friends attending that are not yet members, encourage them to give us a call.

If you haven't figured out yet what your niche is, call Vicky at 788-5525. She'll get you laughing and feeling right at home here at St Mary in no time!

Parish Life

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Parish friends, Bread of Life

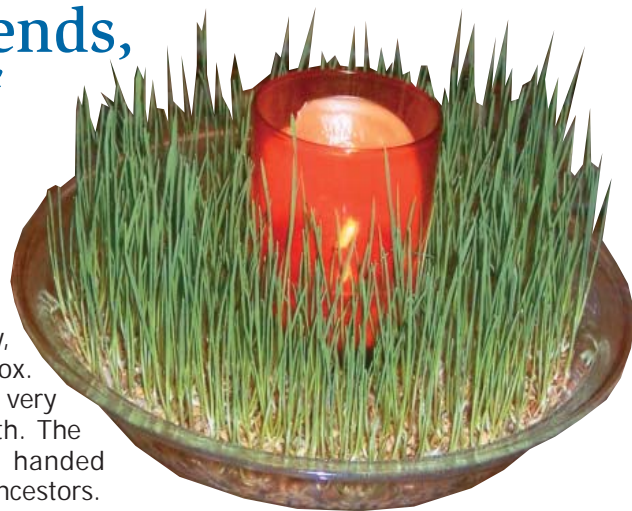
by Marilyn Hunter

While going through my parents' home just after they passed away, I found mom's recipe box. In it was a recipe for a very special Christmas wreath. The wreath was a custom handed down by my Croatian ancestors.

The recipe was as follows: Begin this on December 13. Take 1/2 lb. wheat seeds and soak overnight. Place in a large shallow soup bowl, and place an inverted glass in the center (the seeds surround the glass). Water the seeds every day until Christmas Eve and watch the wheat grow. On Christmas Eve, remove the glass and place a candle in the center. Use this as the centerpiece on your Christmas Eve dinner table to remember that Christ is the Bread of Life and the Light of the World.

I wanted to do this, but wheat seeds? Where could I find them? Enter one of the first parishioners I met at St. Mary, Sandy Rau. I called Sandy and of course she said, "Sure, we can give you some, come on over!" Waiting for me was a nice big bag of seed. I still have some, which I keep in the freezer during the year.

It has been 5 years since then, and, thanks to Sandy, I have been able to have my special wreath at Christmas. Each year as I watch the wreath grow, I am so grateful for the blessing of both family who gave the custom, and the friend who helped me make the custom a reality.



St. Mary group makes pilgrimage



A St. Mary contingent went to Pilsen on Veteran's Day for a memorial service for Father Emil Kapaun. Pictured from left to right are Mark McHenry, Jackson McHenry, Bruce Luehring, Greg McHenry, Ray Kennedy, Dick Schremmer, Father Wayne, Janice Schremmer, Tony Duran, Cal Wilbert, Lee Kerr, Barb Betzen, Kyong Berry, Mike Ronnfeldt, Nancy Huffman and Bud Huffman.

Faith Formation

Each person
speaks from his
heart's abundance



PSR sixth graders are learning about social justice. From left to right are, back row: Ryan Werdel, Brandon Lawless, Noah Sevick; middle: Tommy Carter, Hunter Fager, Tes Coffindaffer, Hazel May, JJ Hooper; and front: Jimmy Rohr, Tori Jansen and Weston Scott.

These kids are engaged in service, social justice

by Sherry Skinner and Janice Schremmer

Sixth grade is a time of transition for most pre-teens, and St. Mary's sixth grade PSR class is learning that life is not always fair for all of God's people.

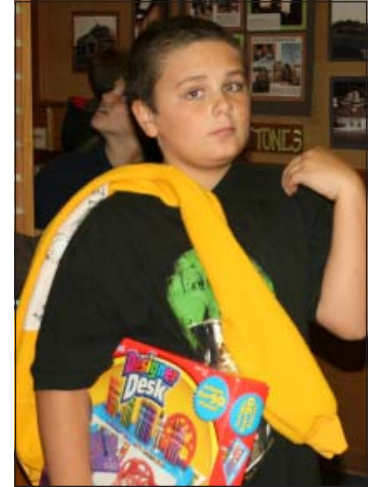
Children may be quick to think, "That's not fair!" in situations. Younger children complain when they have to go to bed earlier than their older brothers and sisters. Teenagers complain when they can't have the car, cell phone, or can't attend a party with their friends. Teachers hear it when students think that a homework assignment is too extensive, a test is too hard, or the grade received is too low. At this age, tweens are very sensitive towards injustices, especially when it affects them.

Obviously, there are greater injustices in the world than who gets to sit in the front seat of the car or who has to do the dishes. As Christians, we are very aware of injustices like slavery, discrimination, child labor, abuse, unemployment, poverty, and many other issues. The sixth grade PSR program, appropriately titled, *That's Not Fair*, was developed by the Kansas City Diocese as a way of teaching Social Justice awareness to young people.

Catholic Social Justice is the Church's way

of examining societal structures, laws, and customs within the values of the Bible. Lesson plans have been set up to help the students experience the core concepts of Catholic social teaching. These concepts include the dignity of all human persons, the difference between charity and justice, solidarity, subsidiarity, and the ability to change laws to make life more fair for all people. Activities are designed to challenge the way students think, and promote open discussions. Whether it's creating souls, playing the M&M game, or learning about minimum wages and budgets, the students are busy with interesting activities.

As part of this lesson, during Advent, the 6th graders serve all the ministries for the "Gift Giving Liturgy". They learn that the coins collected by all the PSR students are destined to help at the Guadalupe Clinic—serving the poor and under-insured who cannot afford medical treatment. When they load up all the toys collected during the service, the students know that these gifts will be going to Catholic Charities, and will bring a brighter Christmas for impoverished families. And most importantly, the students now understand that charity and social justice are our duty, as we follow a Christian way of life.



PSR students brought toys for Catholic Charities and pennies for Guadalupe Clinic to the gift giving liturgy. Pictured from top are Kyler VanderGiesen, Conner Sevick and Natalie Ostmeyer.

St. Mary is on facebook

- Catch up with old friends, and browse through old photos on the **St. Mary Catholic School Alumni - Derby, KS** page.
- Find inspiration and news of upcoming events on the **St. Mary Parish - Derby, KS** page.
- **St. Marys Mixx** has posts, discussion and news about upcoming events for 21-35 year-old young adults.

Our Calendar

December 2010 - January 2011

- Sat, Dec 25 **Christmas Day**
Eucharist, 9 am only
NO Confessions, NO 5 pm Mass
- Sun, Dec 26 Coffee & Donuts, 10 – 11 am, Knights Hall
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass, FC
Adult volleyball!, 2-4 pm, school gym
NO RCIA, NO LifeTeen, NO choir rehearsal
- Mon, Dec 27 **No 8 am Mass**, parish offices closed
K of C officers, 7:30 pm, KC Hall
- Tue, Dec 28 **No 8 am Mass**
Sunday by Sunday Scripture Study, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Dec 29 7 pm Mass at Faith Center, Centering prayer following
- Thu, Dec 30 8 am Mass at Faith Center
Eve of the Eve Dance, HSYM, 8-11 pm, school gym
- Fri, Dec 31 **No 8 am Mass**
5 pm, Anticipated Feast day mass, Faith Center
- Sat, Jan 1 Happy New Year
Feast Day of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God – not a holyday of obligation
The Lord's Diner, Team B, M Rubel
God's Food Pantry
NO Confessions
5 pm anticipated Eucharist – Epiphany
- Sun, Jan 2 Feast of Epiphany
Coffee & Donuts, 10–11 am, FC Knights Hall
RCIA, 9 am, FC Church; babysitting, Rm 114
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass, FC
HSYM volleyball, 12 - 4 pm, school gym
No LifeNight
- Mon, Jan 3 8 am Mass at the Faith Center; parish offices closed today
- Tue, Jan 4 8 am Mass at Weekday Chapel; SMPS returns for 2nd Semester
Sunday by Sunday Scripture Study, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Jan 5 PSR, 6 pm, school classrooms; MSFF, 6 pm, Annex
School Council, 7 pm, Neumann Hall
Centering prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
Confirmation I & II, students & parents, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
- Thu, Jan 6 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon – 10 pm, FC Rm 112
- Fri, Jan 7 First Friday Coffee & Donuts, 8:45 AM, Neumann Hall
Spirituality of Stewardship, part I, 7 pm, FC Knights Hall
Adult basketball, 9 pm, school gym
- Sat, Jan 8 Spirituality of Stewardship, part II, 9 am, FC Knights Hall
Adult volleyball!, 6:30 pm, school gym
- Sun, Jan 9 The Baptism of the Lord
RCIA, 9 am, FC Church, babysitting, Rm 114
Parish & Welcome Breakfast, 10-11 am, KC Hall
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass
Articles of Faith Gift Shop after 9 and 11 am Mass, FC North Hallway
HSYM Regional Volleyball, 12 – 4 pm, School gym
Columbian Squires, 1 pm, FC Rm 114
LIFENIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
- Mon, Jan 10 LifeTeen Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
Grief Support Group, 7 pm, FC Rm 112
K of C all members, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Tue, Jan 11 *Sunday by Sunday*, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
Home & School, 7 pm, Neumann Hall
- Wed, Jan 12 PSR, 6 pm, School classrooms; MSFF, 6 pm, Annex
PSR & MSFF attending Mass, 7 pm, Weekday Chapel
Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Off Conf Rm 106
Confirmation, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 pm Saturday at Faith Center or anytime by appointment

Baptism: Classes required for the parents and godparents. Call for reservations.

Anointing: As scheduled at Mass or privately

Marriage: Begin preparation 6 months prior

Pastoral Staff

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Sr. Marie Zogelman, Pastoral Assoc/Liturgist/RCIA

Kathy Brennan, Receptionist*

Janet Clark, Parish Youth Director

Andrea Eastman, Parish Administrator

Ann Hughes, Director of Faith Formation

Richard Montgomery, Principal

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Allison Lesley, School Secretary

Gail Schmeidler, Stewardship Coordinator

Vicky Tully, Parish Membership Coordinator

* If you're not sure who you need to talk to, call Kathy at 788-5525, email her at kbrennan@stmarysderby.com or stop by. She's always warm and welcoming, and will either help you or direct you to someone who can.



NEWSLETTER

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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.

Our Calendar

January – February 2011

- Thu, Jan 13 Altar Society Epiphany dinner, 6:30 pm, Knights Hall
 Fri, Jan 14 Adult basketball, 9 pm, school gym
 Sat Jan 15 **Free Spirits Soup Supper, 4:30-7 pm, school gym**
 Sun, Jan 16 Coffee and Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
 RCIA, 9 am, FC Church, babysitting, Rm 114
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass
 HSYM Regional Volleyball, 12:30 – 4 pm, School gym
 LIFENIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
- Mon, Jan 17 NO SMPS, MLK day
 LifeTeen jr core, 5:30 pm; NCYC/DCYC planning, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
 K of C 4th Degree, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Tue, Jan 18 *Sunday by Sunday*, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
 Pastoral Council, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Jan 19 PSR, 6 pm, School classrooms; MSFF, 6 pm, Annex
 Confirmation, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
- Thu, Jan 20 **First Reconciliation, 7 pm, Faith Center**
 Fri, Jan 21 Adult basketball, 9 pm, school gym
 Sat, Jan 22 Leisa Anslinger workshop for staff, org. leaders, in Knights Hall
 Spirituality of Stewardship (entirety), 9 am – 2 pm, Knights Hall
 Adult volleyball, 6:30 pm, school gym
- Sun, Jan 23 RCIA, 9 am, FC Church, babysitting, Rm 114
 Coffee and Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass
 KMC & BCCH - PFA Prayer Service, 2 pm, Faith Center Church
 HSYM Regional Volleyball, 12:30 – 4 pm, School gym
 LIFENIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
- Mon, Jan 24 LifeTeen 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, Jan 25 Sacred Heart guild, 8:45 am, Neumann Hall
Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Jan 26 PSR, 6 pm, School classrooms; MSFF, 6 pm, Annex
 Confirmation, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
- Thu, Jan 27 First Eucharist Parent meeting, 6:30 pm, Neumann Hall
 Babysitting for First Eucharist Parents, 6:15 pm, Old Rectory
- Fri, Jan 28 Adult basketball, 9 pm, school gym
 Sat, Jan 29 Adult volleyball, 6-8 pm, school gym
 Sun, Jan 30 Coffee and Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
 RCIA, 9 am, FC Church, babysitting, Rm 114
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass
 Confirmation yr I retreat, noon – 5 pm, Knights Hall
 HSYM Regional Volleyball, 12:30 – 4 pm, School gym
 LIFENIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
- Mon, Jan 31 **Catholic Schools Week begins**
 LifeTeen Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Tue, Feb 1 *Sunday by Sunday*, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
 Wed, Feb 2 PSR, 6 pm, School classrooms; MSFF, 6 pm, Annex
 School Council, 7 pm, Neumann Hall
 Confirmation, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
- Thu, Feb 3 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon – 10 pm, FC Rm 112
 Fri, Feb 4 First Friday Coffee & Donuts, 8:45 AM, Neumann Hall
 Sat, Feb 5 **Mardi Gras Parish Family Fun Night, 6-9 pm, school gym**
 Sun, Feb 6 District K of C Free Throw contest, 12:30 - 3 pm, school gym
NO 6 pm Mass tonight



If you're 21-35,
THE MIXX – St Mary's
 young adults group –
 is for **YOU**.

For more info, see our Facebook page,
 call Juli, 440-6259 or Ann, 201-6112
 or email stmarysmixx@gmail.com.

**Adult
 basketball**

Fri, Jan 7, 9 pm
 Fri, Jan 14, 9 pm
 Fri, Jan 21, 9 pm
 Fri, Jan 28, 9 pm

**Adult
 volleyball**

Sun, Dec 26, 2-4 pm
 Sat, Jan 8, 6:30 pm
 Sat, Jan 22, 6:30 pm
 Sat, Jan 29, 6:30 pm

At St. Mary school gym.
 for more info, call Davi, 788-4234.

SAINT MARY PARISH



Memorials and Honorariums as of December 12, 2010



Thank you for your gifts! Memorials (in tribute of someone who has died, marked with a †) and honorariums (made to honor someone living) are beautiful and enduring gestures of love and faith that recognize a special person and also provide for the Church's future. Gifts made since December 16, 2009 are in bold font.

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

Laurence Bachman †
Baker †
Everett Balster †
Kevin & Kathy Barker
Preston Barr's birthday
Jocelyn Bastarache's birthday
Marion Beaver
Rosie Benner †
Mary P. Bernard †
Aloys & Mary Ann Betzen †
John & Barbara Betzen
Nick Billaci †
Normand A. Bissonnette †
Vincent & Amelia Bitel †
Betty & Jake Boardman Family
Elizabeth J. Boardman †
Eddie and Verna Bouchey †
Tom Bowen †
Wanda Braciszewski †
Cari Brennan †
Irma Jean Brown †
Donald J. Bruggeman †
Ken & Rose Bruggeman
Carlos Buell †
Paul Burnett †

Tejae Carlson †
Zita M. Carlson †
Carolyn Sue Carpenter
Marion & Grace Carroll †
Ronnie & Mary Carver
The Debbie Chapman Family
Chvilicek family
Chvilicek family - Christmas
Taylee Chvilicek's birthday
Albert A. Cocchetella †
Gerald & Ellen Cochran
James D. & Sara Gonzalez Coffey
Carl & Suzie Compton
Christian Compton
Suzie Compton
Joe Condic †
Tom Cook

Richard & Karol Cornejo Family
Twila Cosentino
Benita Cox

Kevin Dana †
Jacqueline Jo Davis †
Lana Dawdy
William Dawdy, Sr †
Floyd Dawson †
Tiny DeCou
Marian Deiter †
Basil Delgado †
Ken Delgado †
Sharon Desborough †
Jerry & Mary Devore
Albert Dextras †
M.L. Dextras †
Virleen & Al Dickman †
Tom Dillon †
The Dinner Group
Howard Dixon †
Janice Dixon
Harry Dobson, Jr †
Mary Dobson
Lawrence & Vicki Doughty †
Caroline Douvia †
Diane Doyon †
Annette Dreiling
Bud Dreitzler †
Helen Dreitzler †
Jim Dubetsky †
Father Richard Ducate †
Keith & Marcia DuLac
Jean Dumont †
Raymond Dupree †
Connie Duran †

Andrea Eastman (joined the Church)
Bayley Eastman (baptism, 1st
Communion)
Gwendolyn Eastman (baptism)
Rod & Andrea Eastman
Shelby & Bayley Eastman
Francis Edmond †
Ann Egan
Pat and Ann Egan
Jane Engels
Leo Engels †
Marj Engels †
Pat Engels †
Blanche Erbert
Julia Erway †

Gerald Fager †

Joe Fanello †
Joe Fanello's grandchildren
Louis Fanello †
Mary E. Fanello
Frank Fanning †
Marcia Fanning
Makinsey Renee Farber
Maddie Farber
Danny Farve †
George & Sadie Favreau †
Bobbie D. Feikert †
Dr. Fisher †
Geraldine A. Fisher †
Jenna Fisher's birthday
Nina Flattery †
Sister Alberta Foley †
Kathryn J. Fontaine
Marie Foral †
Colleen Ford

Agnes Gengler †
Edna Gentry
Bill & Sue Gessler
N.J. Gessler Jr. †
Elizabeth Gibbs †
Gilbert †
Eileen Gilbert †
José Martin Gonzalez †
José M. and Patricinio Gonzalez †
Patrocinio Gonzalez †
Gabriele A. Gordan †
Stan & Margie Gress

Anna Haney †
Walter Haney †
Ashley Hankins †
Gladys Hays †
Robert Hein †
Mary Heinrich †
Billie Herrmann †
Danielle Hoch
Thelma M. Hoffman †
Zachery Hollingsworth
John Holm †
James & Dianne Houchin
Lucille R. Houchin †
William J. Houchin †
Hudson †
Margaret Hug
Mae Hundley †
Rena Jo Hurst †
Francis E. Hurtig
Helen I. Hurtig †

Ron Igo †

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Memorials and Honorariums as of December 12, 2010



Clyde & Vicky Jacobs
Marcy Jacobs ✠
 Dortha Johnson
 Jessica Johnson
 Julianna Johnson
 Kent & Margie Johnson's 25th anniversary
 Lonnie Johnson ✠
Robin Johnson ✠
Steve Johnson ✠
 Eulalia W. Joines ✠
 Charley W. Jones ✠
Clarice Jones ✠
 Mary Ellen Jones' 80th birthday
 James A. Jordan ✠
 Jerrie Joseph ✠

Kandlbinder ✠
Father Emil Kapaun ✠
 Carol Keller
 John Keller ✠
 Ed Kelly
 Ed & Carole Kelly's 50th anniversary
 John Kelly ✠
 David Kelsey ✠
Brother Hugh Kennedy ✠
 JoAnne Kennedy
 John & Connie Kennedy
 Leo & Ida Kennedy ✠
 Ray & Christine (Tommie) Kennedy family
 Ray Kennedy, Father's Day 2009
Ray Kennedy (2010 Father's Day)
 Charles W. Kenyon ✠
 Lucille Kerby ✠
 John P. Ketzner ✠
 Leonard & Arlee Killion ✠
 Kippenberger Family
 Tillie Kisner ✠
 Matthew Klein ✠
 Sister Rose Klein
 Leona Kling ✠
 Knights of Columbus
 Knights of Columbus ✠
 Reginald Knowles ✠
 Leo Konecny ✠
 Lawrence Korphage ✠
Paul & Zita Kreutzer ✠
 Walter Kreutzer ✠
Daniel Krisczciokaitis ✠
 Gerry Kroening's 74th birthday
 Rick Kuehn ✠
 Mary Kuntz ✠
Joann Kuszak

Dr. Amber & Don J. Lambert
 Rosemary Lambert
 Xavier Lambert
 Michael Lamers ✠
 Jack Landes ✠
 Lola Landis ✠

John & Gertrude Landwehr ✠
 Harold B. Lane ✠
 Vernon Lang ✠
 Father John Lanzrath
 Ron & Norma Lee Leabo's 50th Anniversary
 Milton Laurie ✠
 Donald Lehr ✠
Pete & Becky Leidich
Al Leiker ✠
 Mary E. Leiker ✠
 Kevin & Rachel Lewis
 LIFE TEEN Core Team
 Edward A. Lind (of Iola) ✠
 Eugene H. & Regina Lindner ✠
 Marguerite Linot ✠
 Alonzo A. Lollar ✠
Carmetta Lollar ✠
Pat Lollar
 Joseph Longar ✠
 Bruce & Anita Luehring
 Gilbert & Carolyn Luehring ✠
 John & Betty J. Lux ✠
 James W. Lyle, Jr. ✠

Ben Maimer ✠
 Pat Maimer ✠
 Father Pat Malone
 Joseph L. Mamary ✠
 Marian Guild
 Cleo Marlow ✠
Eva Marlow ✠
 Madalyn Antoniana Martin
 Jamie Maugans ✠
 Roseanna Maxwell ✠
 Clem & Martha May ✠
 Orsman McCammon ✠
 Jack McCarthy ✠
 Daniel J. McCoy ✠
Jo McGovern ✠
 Annie McHenry
 Greg & Katie McHenry
 Ben & Mary Mendoza
Benito & Mary Mendoza
 Ray & Myrna Messer
 Ministers of the Homebound
 Clarence Mitchell ✠
 Best Principal, Richard Montgomery
 Richard & Audrey Montgomery
 Manuel Rosa Moreira ✠
 Jack Morgan ✠
 Liddie Mossey
 Patricia L. Murrow ✠
Matthew Murtha ✠

Mamie Neeland ✠
 Jim Neises ✠
 Armond & Ruby Newell
 Dr David & Cindy Niederee
 Jennie Nolan ✠

Bud and Dorothy Nolting
Doug Nolting
Richard Noone ✠

Virginia Odle ✠
 Gertrude Olliges ✠
 Christopher Palmer
 Douglas Palmer
 Michael Palmer
 Scott Palmer
Bob Pawloski Birthday
Richard Pawloski Birthday
 Keyton Pappas' 1st Communion
 Nikki Parks
 Loretta Pater ✠
 Rachel Patterson
 Monte Peterson
 Gerald Pierce
 Katy Pinaire's 6th birthday
 Marge & Bob Plagmann ✠
 Mary Lou Potter ✠
 Walter L. Powers ✠
 Jeanie Provenzano ✠

David M. Rabe ✠
 Laverne M. Rabe ✠
 Nancy Rader
 Gerald Rafferty ✠
Hiram Rank ✠
 Greg & Sandy Rau
 Edna Reyes ✠
 Roman Rau ✠
 Jay Vincent Rhodes ✠
 James Rinke ✠
 Jess Rodriguez ✠
 Dr. Steven A. Rohr
 Mike & Audrey Ronnfeldt
 Anthony Roman ✠
 Joaquina Flores Rosa ✠
 Henny Penny Rosen ✠
 Marjorie Russell ✠

Jose' G. Sanchez ✠
Larry Sanchez ✠
Pat Satterfield ✠
 Richard Schaffer ✠
 Margie Schieber
Gail Schmeidler
 James Schmeidler ✠
 Tom & Gail Schmeidler
 Sister Louise Schmid ✠
 Mildred Schmid ✠
 Father Wayne Schmid
 Milton Schmidt
 J D Schoenhofer ✠
 Bill Schrader ✠
 The Sekerak family

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September 11 Terrorist Victims ✦
Bernice Sheahan ✦
Lexie Shelton
Clayton Shippers ✦
Teresa Simbeck ✦
Carl Simon ✦
Mary Sink ✦
Brayden Smith
Ed Smith
Ed & Kim Smith
Michelle Smith
Taylor Smith
Thelma Mitchell Smith
Harold Sorenson ✦
Madeline Speed's birthday
Ronald & Mary Spence ✦
St Anne's Guild
St Bernadette Guild members ✦
St Francis Guild
St Mary Class of 2012
St Mary faithful Stewards
St Mary Parish members ✦

Wonderful St. Mary teachers
& staff
St Mary Parish staff
St Mary middle school
teachers
Julia Stamps
Margaret L. Stanberry ✦
Nora Stewart ✦
Bert, Kay and Terri Stieger
Brett & Katie Stout
Bill & Marilyn Stuhlsatz
Bob & Davi Stuhlsatz
John & Kathy Stuhlsatz
Bryan Swank

Dorothy Takach ✦
Greg Talley ✦
Gai Thi Tan ✦
Darlene Dulac Thompson ✦
George & Irene Thyfault
Nadine C. Tiemeyer ✦
Mary E. Titus ✦

Irene Trainer ✦
Reagan Marie Tran
Tully family
Jane Turner ✦

Norm Urban ✦
Jane Ullom

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

Kathleen Wade ✦
Sharon Wallace ✦
Eric & Kathy Walsten
Ray Warren ✦
Virginia J. Warren
Bert Wendling ✦
Joe & Laura Wendling ✦
The Cynthia Wentworth Family

Kaitlyn Wentworth
Paul and Mary Wilber ✦
Ellen Wilbert ✦
Brianna Wildoner ✦
Al & Norma Williams' 50th
anniversary
The Bryan Williams Family
The Greg Williams Family
The Jim Williams Family
The Mike Williams Family
Clara J. Witters ✦
Lillian Wittman ✦
Marie Wolke & family
Ralph Wolke ✦
Dalton Wright
Harlan Wright, Sr. ✦

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

Envelopes to make an honorarium or memorial gift are available in the gathering space, or call Andrea, 788-5525.

Principal, cont. from pg. 1

"Could a principal be prouder of his students than I am?" he asked. "I don't think so."

It has been a challenging year: the building project, teaching two composition classes in order to keep class sizes small despite a reduced budget, and the illness and death of teacher Jo McGovern due to cancer.

"It is very difficult to plan and work without her," he said. "We miss her terribly. [Still,} these and all of the small challenges that come up are made easier because of the wonderful support this parish gives."

Richard also praised his faculty, staff, leaders, families, diocese and Derby.

"I have never seen such

a cooperative effort between public and private schools as I have seen in this community," he said. "We have a very good working relationship. There is no doubt, God has truly touched St. Mary Parish Catholic School."

Richard is a graduate of St. Anne's in Wichita, Bishop Carroll Catholic High School and The University of Kansas. He has been an educator and administrator in public and

private schools.

Under his leadership students have done well in competitions and on state assessments (13 Standards of Excellence this year) but it is their development of Christian character and a solid foundation in faith that is top priority.

"Doing God's will always brings peace," he said. "...at the end of the day, when you have given your best, you know you have pleased the Father."

Welcome to St. Mary

Say hi to these new families!

ADULTS

Bill and Adele Favreau
Ted and Jeanette Richardson
Brice and Katie Roberts

CHILDREN

Bryce
Carter

The good we do lives after us...

Al and Mary Leiker were long-time St. Mary parishioners. Mary died in 2007 and Al died in March 2010.

St. Mary recently received \$70,000 from Al's estate. By having an up-to-date will, Al provided for those he loved, avoided unnecessary fees and probate cost, and continued his good work for God and God's Church. What a beautiful gift!

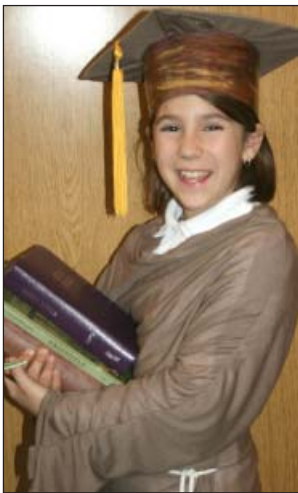
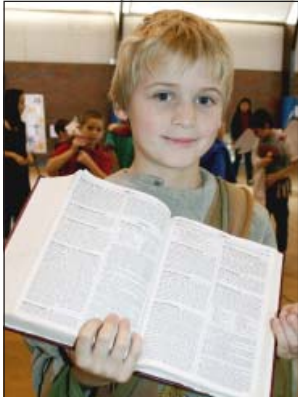


Thank you, Al!

Have a blessed Christmas!

Faith Formation

Saints



St Mary third grade hosted a Saints Museum. From top are St. Luke (Luke Smith), St. Thomas Aquinas (Avery Denney) and St. Christopher (Jacob Baca).

At right, eighth graders collect coats for the needy. From left are Christina Craig, Cathryn Lind and Abby Cahn.▶



Building committee members tour a kindergarten classroom; the school will be completed next fall.

School is taking shape

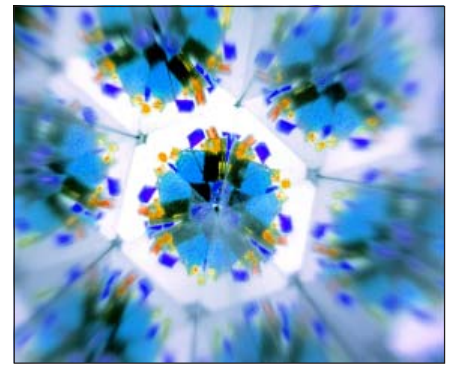
by Josh Kippenberger

There has been a lot of progress on the construction of the new school since our last *Messenger* article. Hopefully you have noticed that the block work and framing is now complete on the east wing (preschool through grade 2), the block work on the west classroom wing (grades 6-8) is complete, the library block work is complete and we are well on our way to finishing the block walls for the commons area, north classroom wing (grades 3-5) and administration area.

The completion of the block work is a major milestone in our construction project. In the next couple of weeks you should see the framing wrap up on the west and north classroom wings.

Shortly, you will see structural steel being erected for the commons area and gym and the roof installation for the project. Those areas of work will bring an end to our major building envelope systems and then work will begin in full force inside the building.

There is still a lot of work to be accomplished, but great progress has been made and we are very excited to watch the new school take shape. Follow it online at <http://stmaryderbyrosehill.blogspot.com>.



Kaleidoscope

by Audrey Ronnfeldt

Have you ever looked into a kaleidoscope? Beautiful isn't it? Each time you move the kaleidoscope you see something new. It's so amazing you can't decide which one is prettier.

But if you don't move the kaleidoscope, what you see through the lens remains the same. It is still beautiful but you may grow tired of looking at it and you may not be as intrigued as when you first looked into the lens. The outward appearance of the kaleidoscope doesn't change, it's what happens on the inside that makes all the difference.

Well, faith to me is like a kaleidoscope. It's what happens on the inside that counts. Faith is a journey and we need to continue to grow in our faith. One way is to attend a Spirituality of Stewardship workshop. Give yourself this gift of time with fellow parishioners studying and reflecting on God's word.

Spirituality of Stewardship is not a program and Stewardship is not about money. Spirituality of Stewardship is truly about the transformation that happens and continues to happen as we grow in our faith. This opportunity to study and grow in our faith is a gift from the Diocese.

We have several workshops planned for January. John and Connie Kennedy will facilitate a 2 day workshop on Friday night, Jan 7th and Saturday morning, Jan 8th. Cat Wilson and Edna Gentry will facilitate a 1 day workshop on Saturday, Jan. 15th (childcare will be provided). We will continue to offer workshops and will post those dates and times in the bulletin. I would strongly encourage you to attend and if there is a group that would like to participate we would be happy to work with you.

To sign up for a session, please call the church office. If you have any questions you may contact Audrey Ronnfeldt at 788-2843 or audrey.ronnfeldt@cox.net.

Gifts for our King



The lesson of the little drummer boy

Sometimes we may think we have no gifts to share. As the story of the little drummer boy reveals, *our gifts of self, shared in love, are the greatest of all.*



Children’s Liturgy: Lectors and leaders of the interactive homily for children’s liturgy at 11 am Sunday Mass don’t need to be scripture scholars. A love of children and of the Word of God is all one needs (a leaders’ guide is provided). Pictured is Katie McHenry.



Scouts: In a two-year Girl Scout project for her Gold Award, Kealy Tully created a hands-on garden for residents at the Derby Rehabilitation Center. Kealy volunteers in multiple parish ministries.



Outreach: Lorene Landis has crocheted 1,300 hats in the past four years for The Lord’s Diner, Union Rescue Mission and Guadalupe Clinic.



Outreach and LIFE TEEN: Parish teens concluded a week-long parish food drive by going door-to-door in Derby collecting for Derby Food Pantry. Pictured above are Regina Dowling, Greg Reynolds and Ada May. LIFE TEEN rocks!

Gifts of Love

by Davi Stuhlsatz

The Knights of Columbus collected 20 boxes of food (nearly a **ton!**) for Operation Holiday-Derby; St. Bernadette Guild raised \$750 for the St. Anthony Family Shelter through the Nativity Display, and St. Anne’s Guild raised \$700 for Harbor House through its Santa Breakfast.

Thank you for participating in these events which helped others AND built community, showing Christ’s loving presence alive in our hearts.

It is love alone that gives worth to all things.
—St. Teresa of Avila



Altar Society: The Christmas Shop raised over \$2,500 for the new school through craft-making, shopping, baking and other gifts. Above are Monica Long, Rose Bruggeman and Deanna Salas.

If you’ve been estranged from the Church, but long to return to full participation, call Father Wayne or Sister Marie, 788-5525.

Expressing love, homage



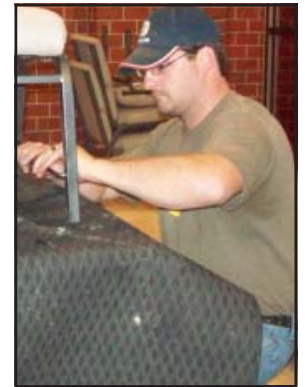
Bud Huffman



Vivian Peiffer



Walt Rohling



Jason Burget



Stephen Huffman



Jim Gibbs



Bud Nolting



Doug Nolting

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace...so that in all things God may be glorified... —1 Peter 4:10-11

Gifts to God

by Davi Stuhlsatz

While many people recognize that we kneel at Mass to signify reverence and homage to God, some might not realize that the kneelers themselves are an act of homage and Stewardship—at St. Mary, anyway!

A group of parishioners built all 550 kneelers, and it took much thought, preparation, time and talent.

A committee of four—Jim Gibbs, Todd Hough, Kent Johnson and Doug Nolting—first looked into buying kneelers. The retrofitting would have been more expensive than building them ourselves.

Decisions were made on materials, costs and how to proceed. Jim Gibbs' and Bud Nolting's backyard machine and carpentry shops, creativity and design skills were indispensable. Jim led the group designing and creating the metal pieces. Steve Buehne welded all the frames.

Doug and his dad, Bud, created patterns and jigs and experimented with various padding materials.

Walt Rohling and Bud cut the naugahyde covering for the pads. Vivian Peiffer and Dorothy Nolting sewed so quickly and efficiently that the other sewing volunteers—Traci Brown, Pat Herndon, Jeanette Lund, Deanne Besen and Pat Rohling—were not needed, but their willingness to serve was appreciated.

Matt Miller and Doug Nolting and their families (Jeffy, Sophie, Gabby and Carla Miller and Emily and Kelsey Nolting) painted the frames. Once all the parts were ready, they were assembled at the church.

Others who helped in the project included Richard Bade, Jason Burget, Mike Dowling, Nina and Alyssa Galley, Stan Gress, Bud and Stephen Huffman, Kent Johnson, Kirk Keffeler, Abby Ronnfeldt, Kris Rose, Ed Smith, the Schif family, Cal Wilbert, Mike and Preston Williams, Zach Wondra and even two non-parishioners: Todd Hough's dad and Doug's friend, Bob Lorg. If I've left anyone off this list, please let me know!

Some think the group should patent the design. The materials cost \$12 per kneeler, versus \$25-30 if the kneelers had been bought and the chairs retrofitted. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Postures and gestures at Mass

"...We are creatures composed of body as well as spirit and so our prayer is not confined to our minds, hearts and voices, but is expressed by our bodies as well ...

In the Middle Ages kneeling came to signify the homage of a vassal to his lord, and more recently this posture has come to signify adoration ...

In addition to serving as a vehicle for prayer of beings composed of body and spirit, the postures and gestures in which we engage at Mass [are also] a symbol of the unity of those who have come together to worship and a means of fostering that unity."

—2010, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops