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A defining moment

by Brenda Chavez

Have you ever experienced a defining moment? ...A moment in time you look back upon often and say, “Remember when ...?”

It may have been school/college, a wedding, a birth of a child, or a more solemn moment of definition – a loss of a job or the death of a loved one.

The Bible records many defining moments:

- Peter’s yes to Jesus led to two stints of walking on water!
- The woman with the issue of blood deciding to push through the crowd to touch the hem of Jesus’ garment led to her healing.
- Elisha’s defining moment, when he told Elijah, “You are not going anywhere without me,” led to him becoming Elijah’s successor.

There are many other Biblical accounts, but I want to share with you a more recent defining moment in which a spontaneous decision was made and turned out to be a life-changing event – my husband’s and my experience with the Strengths class given by St. Mary Parish.

For us, the choice of whether or not to participate was more about “Why not?” than about “Why?” (the usual way we make decisions). And, like most decisions that are made in this manner when it comes to spiritual matters, we have been blessed many times over. In fact, our lives will now be referred to as “before Strengths class” and “after Strengths class.”

After our youngest daughter went away to college last fall, we were trying to decide what to do with the rest of our lives. We questioned everything!

“What would be the best use of our time?” was a question we asked ourselves again and again.

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*All you who
are thirsty,
come to the water!*

–Isaiah 55:1



Intimate encounters

Jesus’ resurrection was a hidden event that occurred among friends.

“It wasn’t a spectacular event forcing people to believe,” wrote Henri Nouwen in *The Road to Daybreak*. “It was a very **intimate event**: a word here, a gesture there, and a gradual awareness that something new was being born—small, hardly noticed, but with the potential to change the face of the earth. Mary of Magdala heard her name. John and Peter saw the empty grave. Jesus’ friends felt their hearts burn in encounters that find expression in the remarkable words, ‘**He is risen.**’ All had remained the same, while all had changed.”

These encounters between Jesus and his followers led to their conversion. They had followed Jesus, but had not previously understood.

This is still Jesus’ way today. Seemingly inconsequential, everyday encounters change and shape us, and

lead to a deeper understanding of him.

In saying, “Hi, where are you from?” to a newcomer, inviting a friend to a parish event, giving of our time volunteering, or comforting someone who is sick or grieving, we (and they) encounter the risen Christ.

This is **being Church**, and it is the way we continue to be transformed—as individuals and as parish – the way we help people feel they **belong** here. In our relationships we are renewed and transformed.

Extend a hand, a smile, a welcome, an invitation to someone today and help them feel at home at St. Mary.

Matthew Wayne
Father Wayne

†
ALLELUIA

Spiritual Life

One faith,
one baptism,
one LORD.



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



Taylyn Teneil Snodgrass, daughter of Shad and Rebecca, sister of Jace and Kade, was baptized Jan. 9.



Michael Landon Pracht, son of David and Jennifer, grandson of Michael and Joanne Condon, was baptized on December 15.



Dominic Isaiah, Jaymon Maxwell, Elon Terrell and **Madeleine Marie Campbell**, children of Kristine and Gautum Roy, were baptized on December 29. Kristine made a Profession of Faith, and the Roys' marriage was blessed.



McKenna Jade Sponsel, daughter of Ben and Whitney, sister of Jackson, was baptized on March 6.



Maximus Edward Steinlicht, son of Jason and Alana, was baptized on February 19.



BenjaminMichael Schmeidler, son of Andy and Rachael, grandson of Tom and Gail, was baptized January 9.



Ashley Marie Brown, daughter of John and Janet, was baptized on December 15.



Confirmation – congratulations to: front, from left: Kayley Miller, Jessica Egan, Jessica McDougald, Abby Ronnfeldt, Jessica Paul, Lexi Penka, Jenny Hagen, Marisa Wilbert, Kate Watson; second row: Kate Redford, Shelby Johnson, Lauren Bussman, Melynda Bussman, Destiny Benson, Mari Hoffman, Kathryn Norman, Crystal Klaichang, Jodi Betzen, Marie Timmermeyer, Regan Rusk, Eli Fulton, Bishop Jackels; third/fourth row: Father Wayne, Ian Daley, Christian Williams, Dustin McNickle, Tim Metler, Josh Wondra, Nathan Carpenter, Andrew Walsten, John Kennedy, Caleb Sattler, Rachel Root, Miguel Flores, Jacob Henderson, Ben Rogers, William Rohr, Taylor Schieber, Josh Lund and Christian Smith.



Defining moment, cont. from pg. 1

Some of the answers were obvious (we still had to work) and some not so obvious (did we still want to work at our current places of employment?). We wanted to devote more of our time and talent to the church, but in what capacity should we serve?

Soon, Lent came and Father Wayne asked us not to give something up but to open our hearts anew to the grace of God and to produce works that accompany faith.

How could we do this if we did not take full advantage of what God was putting in front of us? He said, "Take this class and see what you can do with it."

Although we felt a little like Peter when Jesus said to "jump out of the boat and walk on water," we decided to take a chance. We not only bought the book and took the test, we signed up for a small groups class!

What have we learned? Or better put, how were we blessed?

- We have learned so much about ourselves and each other. We know what each of our strengths are (*Brenda*: achiever, relator, focus, learner, maximizer; *Bryan*: analytical, responsibility, focus, deliberative, harmony) and how we can better work together (almost like a renewal of our sacrament of marriage).

- We have made some major life decisions based on our new found knowledge and we know these decisions are sound. We feel we have God's blessing on what we have decided (Proverbs 3: 5, 6).

- We are better able to see Christ in everyone. God has created each of us with our own set of talents (strengths). All of us should use those strengths to glorify Him. To deny those strengths (or to judge someone based on our strengths) is to deny him. (2 Cor. 5:17)

- We have matched our strengths to the needs of our parish. We have become aware of all the ways we can volunteer to help and we are excited to become more active in the capacity to which we have been called. (James 4:17)

In conclusion, God wants us to be the person He created us to be. He wants us to use our talents to his benefit. We do this when we help each other (Matthew 22:39).

We are Christ's presence on earth. In this sense, each of us should have a defining moment.

Are YOU willing to say, "Here I am!"?

RCIA sessions: Encountering Christ

by Davi Stuhlsatz

The people pictured below have been meeting for Sunday morning RCIA sessions since last August, to learn more about the Catholic faith.

The sessions with Sister Marie have been preparing them to become Catholic, or for the teens in the bunch, to be confirmed.

Easter Vigil was an evening of great celebration, as some were baptized, others made a Profession of Faith, and others were confirmed.

As exciting as the evening was, the journey continues. It is not over. The sacraments strengthen them to continue the faith journey that is life.



Jennifer Alonso



Lauren Baker



Pamela Breece



Colleen Compton



Olivia Crafton



Larry Creason



Donald Funke



Ryan Garrison



Trae Gerlach



Shane Green



Robert Hinnenkamp



Kathy Klein



Alyssa Lang



Enrique Martinez



Jack Morris



Hannah Nguyen



Sam Oglesby



Auburn Permenter



John Pine



Brooke Poelstra



Courtney Potucek



Dillon Schooler



Elysia Schooler



Danielle Sherar



Glenn Stallard



Tonya Sullivan



Ginger Toth



Richard Toth

Note: Brenda wants to thank www.revivaljournal.com for the biblical defining moment examples.

Faith Formation



Second graders Isaac Stephens and Emma Siithem, in prayer

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament...*thoughts from the hearts of second graders and Pope John Paul II:*

- "I felt like God was talking to me and saying you are special." Lexy
- "I felt Jesus and God. I felt peace." Issac
- "I felt renewed. When I walked into the church and I looked on the altar, I saw the most precious thing in the world." Sarah
- "I was happy I went to Adoration, it showed me that God and Jesus were with me." Cade
- "I felt different, like I was in the complete presence of Christ." Cole
- "I felt good and that God was with me all the time I was praying." Emma
- "Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes." Pope John Paul II

Blooming in faith

by Amber Williams, St. Mary alum (class of 2001) and 3rd grade teacher

My first year of teaching is almost over, and what a blessing it has been to be here at St. Mary!

Students, families, and faculty constantly amaze me with their faith and willingness to help others. It is wonderful working in a place where we can openly share our faith with one another.

Special activities helped us grow in faith this Lent. Each Wednesday, eighth graders led us in Stations of the Cross in the church. We also enjoyed Adoration every Friday during Lent. It was only 15 minutes for each class, but both students and teachers truly benefited from those moments of quiet reflection and prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

A book my third graders read in class, *I'm in Charge of Celebrations*, helped them better understand our Catholic traditions. The story was about a girl who lived in the desert and wrote down every special event she noticed in nature and then made a day to celebrate it, such as Triple Rainbow Day or Green Cloud Day.

Her New Year's Day celebration was a catalyst for class discussion. The girl felt like January 1 was just another winter day, so she celebrated New Year on the first day of spring. She explained that as animals came out of hibernation, sand started to feel warm on her feet and plants began to bloom, she also wanted to "bloom" and start a New Year.

My students realized that this is much like the journey we take during Lent. Like the girl in our story, we too begin to "bloom" with new life in Christ at Easter. We talked about what an appropriate time of year it is to celebrate Easter. During winter, plants and trees look dead and animals and people stay inside more. As Easter approaches, new life is seen all around us in the flowers, trees, and animals.

My students overwhelm me sometimes with their unique ideas, faith, compassion and understanding. Their perspectives bring sunshine to our room. During our morning intercessory prayers they very rarely pray for themselves, but pray for other people and their needs.

I hope that you have been able to grow and reflect throughout this Lenten season. Know that my students and I are praying for you. Please continue to pray for all the little children that their eyes will always be open to the Light of Christ.



Classrooms are painted. Ceiling grids are ready for lights and ceiling panels to be installed.

Peeking in the school

by Josh Kippenberger

We are starting the frantic, but exciting stage of the project. Structural work is done and we're well under way installing finishes in the east and west wings. Finishes will begin shortly in the admin areas, library, commons, gym and north wing.

On the outside of the building, 70% of the brick work is done. The stucco finish has started and, you should soon see stucco along the south side of the building.

Simpson Construction and all of the subcontractors are making great progress and we've been very fortunate to have great weather helping us along.

Faith Formation



Tyler Ring-Younger uses a magnetic big line piece on a Magna-Doodle board to form the letter K.

Handwriting *without tears*

By Marcia Helten

In the 11 years that I have been at St. Mary, I have always insisted on “age-appropriate” instruction for preschoolers.

Preschool is meant to develop skills and body strength so children are ready for a successful kindergarten (and beyond) experience.

Most preschoolers are not physically ready to pick up pencils and start writing their names. They need to learn to crawl before they can walk.

Our newest addition to preschool is **Handwriting Without Tears**, an age-appropriate, hands-on way of learning handwriting without ever picking up a pencil.

Children begin with pieces called big line, little line, big curve, little curve. They use these later to form 8 ½”x11” letters. Beginning learning, much done to music, helps students learn to identify the pieces as well as different positional words.

When forming letters, students use pieces on a mat, magnetic pieces on Magna-Doodle boards or chalkboards.

Letters are formed on chalkboards with chalk, wet/dry sponges or rolled out Play-Doh. We use very short crayons to learn correct pencil grips.

The program is a fun, non-threatening way for children to ready themselves to write letters with a pencil. The last semester of school we use workbooks to practice forming lines and curves, using crayons only, and then work on letter formation.

Children develop skills they will need later by learning skills on the level that they need now.



Sami Simmons, Andrew Frieden and Jacob Kleespie started at St. Mary in seventh, third and sixth grade, respectively.

St. Mary is a great option at *any* grade

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Our daughter began St. Mary Parish School in sixth grade – a time when she would have been transitioning to a different school even if she had stayed in public schools – and it was a great experience. She was well prepared for high school and college, and is active in her faith at KU’s St. Lawrence Center now.

Other parents say the transition to St. Mary has worked out well for their children, too.

“**We just love it here**,” said Melissa Frieden, whose family transferred to the parish last year. “The kids tell me they love it, too. They fit right in.”

“I really like that my kids (grades K, 1 and 3) learn about religion and how it fits into everyday life. They are much more aware than I was about faith. There’s a big difference between going every day versus once a week,” she said.

Melissa appreciates St. Mary’s Read Naturally program, too. Her son Andrew, a third grader, made a huge leap in reading (more than a grade level) already.

Tammy Simmons appreciates how **welcoming** St. Mary has been to her three children (grades 1, 4 and 7) – and to her and her husband– when they moved here last year.

“It really helped, especially with a seventh grader,” she said. “We’ve been very impressed.”

Simmons said parishioner Melinda Wheeler called her several times, “just to ask if I needed anything, if the kids needed anything, and to invite us to the stewardship luncheon.”

When Jackie Kleespie and her husband transferred their son, Jacob (a sixth grader then) from public school to St. Mary, they wondered at the time if it was the right thing to do, but they say, “It’s been great.”

“It was a very smooth transition,” Jackie said. “Teachers and fellow students went out of their way to make him feel welcome. I know he’s **benefited academically** from smaller class size and dedicated teachers and the nurturing atmosphere; **he’s also grown in his faith.**”

Jackie considers her family “lucky to have St. Mary as a daily partner in Jacob’s faith formation. They are interested in the development of the entire child, both faith and academics.”

Jackie said tucking in uniforms bothered Jacob his first couple days, but they “absolutely love uniforms now. They take out a lot of the stress out of what to buy and wear. Getting ready for school is a lot easier. **St. Mary has absolutely been a good decision for our family.**”

To learn more about St. Mary
PK-8th grade classes, call 788-3151.

Faith Formation

*Each person
speaks from his
heart's abundance*



Abby Ronnfeldt, Miguel Flores and Lauren Bussman take a walk on a Camp Horizon retreat this winter.

Encountering other teens

by Abby Ronnfeldt, KMC sophomore, St. Mary alum (class of 2009)

LifeTeen is a great way to interact with other teens and participate in many activities.

My favorite events are retreats. Just a couple weeks ago some of us went to the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference. I enjoyed it a lot, too.

We do a lot of fun things during the summer. On summer trip we go boating and spend a few days together at the lake. Sometimes we help with Derby Days, the

parish picnic or Mardi Gras, by serving food.

We also have a National Catholic Youth Conference coming up this year, in Indianapolis, Indiana. I went to NCYC my freshman year of high school, and it was amazing. Catholic teens from all over the USA come together and celebrate Mass and just have fun. LifeTeen has really brought me closer to God, especially through retreats and Life Nights.

Hope to see more teens soon!

Is your teen getting faith formation?

by Janet Clark, janet.clark@stmarysderby.com

Is your teenage daughter's faith a part of her everyday living or does she think that it's just for Sundays? Is your teenage son growing in faith or does he think he knows it all already?

Faith is a lifelong journey; all of us – including teens – should continue to take advantage of opportunities that help us along the journey.

LifeTeen's mission is to "Lead teens closer to Christ." We want to help you help your teens grow in faith.

In our parish, the core team develops our Life Nights (faith formation) with this mission in mind.

The faith formation presented to our youth is developed by LifeTeen International "in accordance with the National Doctrinal Curriculum Framework for High School, published by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops."

Topics recommended by the Bishops are presented in an eight semester format: Sacred Scripture, Person of Christ, Paschal

Mystery, Church, Sacraments, Morality, Social Justice, and Vocation. We are currently finishing a semester on Person of Christ.

LifeTeen is primarily about faith formation, but as a comprehensive youth ministry model, we have evenings on social issues that our youth face; drunk driving, sexting, pornography, and pro-life, too.

We are involved in service to our community. We help with yard work, a door-to-door food drive for the Derby Food Pantry, Adopt-a-family, clothing drives, collect change for a clean water well in Africa, contribute to the Venezuelan Mission, and host a Halloween Carnival.

Fundraisers help provide special activities for teens: national and diocesan Catholic youth conferences, retreats and trips.

We provide spiritual opportunities as well. We have two retreats a year, one on leadership and one over Palm Sunday weekend to reflect on Holy Week. Every Life Night is closed with a minimum of 15 minutes of prayer. Some youth have commented that this time spent focused in prayer is the highlight of their week. We provide Bible studies, too.

Of course there is fun along with faith formation, social justice issues, retreats and conferences. We have game nights, bowling nights, swim parties, softball, summer trip, and our Life Nights can be lots of fun.

So, again I ask: What is YOUR high school youth doing for faith formation?

Try LifeTeen, *A Movement of the Holy Spirit*.

LIFE TEEN BBO
at Derby Days Parade,
4:30 – 7:30 pm,
corner of Derby/Madison,
school gym parking area

April – June 2011



PSR sixth grade students led reflections on the Way of the Cross this past week. Pictured are Branden Lawless and Hunter Fager.



PSR second grade students are preparing for First Eucharist. Pictured is Caden Miller.



PSR catechist Norm McGeeney discusses the coming Sunday's readings with his students.

- Sun, Apr 24 **Easter Sunday**, 9 and 11 am Eucharist
NO Coffee & Donuts, NO RCIA today, NO Children's Liturgy
Easter Egg Hunt, 12:15 pm, FC grounds
NO 6 pm Eucharist, no LifeNight or Adult Choir rehearsal
- Mon, Apr 25 Easter Monday, NO SMPS, Parish Offices closed
NO 8 am Mass
Grief Support Group, 7 pm, Village Inn
K of C officers, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Tue, Apr 26 **NO 8 am Mass**
Sacred Heart guild, 8:45 am, Neumann Hall
Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Apr 27 PSR, 6 pm, School classrooms
MSFF, 6 pm, Annex
- Thu, Apr 28 First Eucharist practice, 6:30 pm, Faith Center
- Sat, Apr 30 *First Eucharist* at all masses
God's Food Pantry weekend
- Sun, May 1 **NO Coffee & Donuts**
LIFENIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
- Mon, May 2 SMPS First Eucharist students at 8 am Mass, Weekday Chapel
Harvest House, 8 am Mass, Weekday Chapel, then breakfast at Village Inn
LifeTeen Jr Core Team, 5:30 pm, FC Rm 114
LifeTeen Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Tue, May 3 *Sunday by Sunday*, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, May 4 PSR First Eucharist students at Mass, Weekday Chapel
PSR & MSFF Eucharist 6:10 pm, Weekday Chapel
PSR & MSFF end of year picnic follows after Mass
Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
- Thu, May 5 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon to 10 pm, FC Rm 112
SMPS 5-8 band concert, 7 pm, School Gym
- Fri, May 6 First Friday Coffee and Donuts, after 8 am Mass, Old Rectory
- Sat, May 7 The Lord's Diner, Team C – D Gibbs
K of C Steak Fry, 6 pm, Knights Hall
- Sun, May 8 Mother's Day blessing at all Masses
Parish & Welcome Breakfast, 10-11am, KC Hall (moms eat free)
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass
Articles of Faith Gift Shop after 9 and 11 am Mass in the north hallway
Columbian Squires, 1 pm, Knights Hall
NO LifeNight
- Mon, May 9 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

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Vacation Bible School: *The Sea, The Sand, The Son!*

As children explore the wonders of summer at the beach in this year's VBS, they discover answers to questions about who Jesus is and why they need him.

VBS is June 6-10, from 9 am – noon, in the current school, 618 N. Derby. Children who will be 4 years old through grade 4 in the 2011-2012 school year may register for this week of scripture study, song, crafts, games, food and lots of fun.

Many volunteers are needed. Adults and youths in fifth grade or older, we would love to have your help. If you are older than 18, you must have had VIRTUS training in order to volunteer. Registration forms for children and volunteers will be available in the gathering space beginning next weekend, or contact Ann Hughes, 788-1877 or ahughes@stmarysderby.com, for more information.

Our Calendar

May – June 2011

Tue, May 10	Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114 Home and School, 7 pm, Neumann Hall
Wed, May 11	Catechist's Appreciation Dinner, 6 pm, FC Knights Hall Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Off Conf Rm 106 School Council, 7 pm, Neumann Hall Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
Thu, May 12	Altar Society Pot-Luck dinner, 6:30 pm, FC Knights Hall
Fri, May 13	Free hearing screening, by appt, room 114
Sat, May 14	Life Saver Sunday Weekend at all Masses
Sun, May 15	Coffee and Donuts, 10–11 am, Knights Hall; Bernadette guild hosts Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass Senior Recognition dinner, 2 pm, Knights Hall Blessing of the High School Grads at 6 pm Mass LifeNight, Senior social, after 6 pm mass, FC Rm 114
Mon, May 16	LifeTeen Jr Core Team, 5:30 pm, FC Rm 114
Tue, May 17	Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114 Pastoral Council, 6:50 pm, FC Rm 114
Wed, May 18	Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
Sun, May 22	Coffee and Donuts, 10–11 am, Knights Hall; hosted by The Squires Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass NO LifeNight
Mon, May 23	Grief Support Group, 7 pm, FC Rm 112 K of C Officers, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
Tue, May 24	Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
Wed, May 25	Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Weekday Chapel
Thu, May 26	Last day SMPS, noon dismissal Eighth Grade Graduation, 6 pm, Weekday Chapel, then School Gym
Sun, May 29	Coffee and Donuts, 10–11 am, Knights Hall; Johnson & Burget families host Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass NO LifeNight
Mon, May 30	Burger Burn, 4 – 7 pm, Knights Hall, Benefit for Build It NOW, sponsored by Rosary Group
Tue, May 31	Sacred Heart Guild, 8:45 am, former rectory Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
Thu, Jun 2	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon to 10 pm, FC Rm 112 St Mary Annual Rummage Sale thru June 5, St Mary School Gym
Sat, Jun 4	God's Food Pantry weekend The Lord's Diner, Team A – G & A Kleman
Sun, Jun 5	Feast of Ascension of the Lord Baptism Session, 9 am, FC Rm 112 Coffee and Donuts, 10–11 am, Knights Hall; hosted by the Rosary Group Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 am Mass LIFENIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
Mon, Jun 6	VBS this week, 9 am-12 daily LifeTeen Core Team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
Tue, Jun 7	Sunday by Sunday, 1:30 pm, FC Rm 114
Wed, Jun 8	Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Off Conf Rm 106
Fri, June 17	LifeTeen BBQ at Derby Days Parade, 4:30 – 7:30 pm, corner of Derby/Madison in school gym parking area
Sun, June 19	Coffee and Donuts, 10–11 am, Knights Hall; hosted by St Francis Guild
Sun, June 26	Coffee and Donuts, 10–11 am, Knights Hall; hosted by Newkold & Brennan

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 MARY PARISH INFO

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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

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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.



Bonnie Grisamore (left), visiting with Debbie Comes, has belonged to St. Mary for 58 years.

Being Eucharist to one another

by Debbie Comes

Bonnie Grisamore has been a St. Mary parishioner since 1953. Even though she isn't able to get out to Mass much (if ever) now, Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound bring her news of our beloved parish community along with Holy Communion and the bulletin each week.

At 9 am Sunday Mass, when Father sends the Eucharistic Ministers forth to serve those who are homebound or in nursing homes, he always has a message for them to take as well, whether it's to ask them to keep our parish in their prayers or to tell them some aspect of the gospel that he shared in the homily.

Bonnie fondly remembers being secretary and recorder of St. Mary Altar Society, the parish credit union and being president of St. Monica's guild and St. Bernadette. The Knights give out an annual scholarship to a St. Mary student in memory of her deceased husband, Milo Grisamore.

Bonnie and others who are homebound are always so appreciative of parishioners' visits, and tell me that they pray regularly for our parish.

This ministry to the homebound is a huge blessing that fills my heart.

When I leave and they say, "Thank you for coming," I always think, "No, thank YOU!"

I hope you'll keep the sick and homebound of the parish in YOUR prayers.

Doing Good Together

by Davi Stuhlsatz

A week and a half ago, people of all ages and interests gathered in the school gym to "do good together," by making blankets and bracelets, bagging food and diapers, and writing letters to servicemen, seminarians and others.

"This free event encourages members of the parish to spend time together making a positive difference in our community," said Audrey Ronnfeldt, pictured at right with eighth grader Abby Cahn and the placemat Abby made for Derby's

senior center.

"Why is it important? Opportunities for service have multiple benefits for strengthening families, building communities, nurturing faith and compassion as well as strengthening the parish," said Audrey. "The use of our gifts and talents helps us to connect with each other, the parish and the community. When we put our faith into action we fulfill our call to serve one another, bring glory to God and further the mission of the church."



Rachel Shearrer and Missionaries of Charity sisters.

Lesson in love

by Rachel Shearrer, KMC junior, St. Mary alum (class of 2008)

Even though I didn't have actual school classes over spring break, I was still **learning**. I went to Gallup, New Mexico on a mission trip with St. Thomas Aquinas' CYO.

In Gallup, we worked with the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Missionaries of Charity.

At the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home, we did activities with the elderly, worked in the kitchen and gardened. Their nursing home is special because it is for the elderly who cannot afford care. We also helped the Missionaries of Charity at the homeless shelter that they run and at their house on the Navajo reservation.

Going into this trip, I had no idea what to expect. I noticed and learned several things:

First, when we worked at the Little Sisters of the Poor, **the barrier between the young and old did not exist**. Everyone was smiling and there was no awkwardness.

Second, I noticed throughout the trip how **grateful** everyone was.

Third, I enjoyed the opportunity to go to **Mass and pray daily** with the sisters. The mission trip was an amazing opportunity.

One overriding lesson I learned was to see **Jesus is in everyone**.



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

Congratulations

Sylas May, Derby High School senior, won the Optimist Essay Contest, took first place state-wide in the eMagine Festival for his DHS' centennial celebration documentary, AND was named prom king! He is Greg and Melissa's son, John and Sally Wiebe's grandson.



Sylas



Matthew

Matthew Torline, son of John and Lori, was named Optimist Student of the Month for St. Mary Parish Catholic School.



Ryan

Ryan Palmer, son of Chris and Michelle, grandson of Virgil and Marjorie Palmer, was named Sixth Grade Center's Optimist Student of the Month.



Craig

Craig Smith was named an honorary St. Mary alumnus and given the Alumni award. For many years, Craig has substitute taught at our school, coached volleyball and helped out whenever needed. Thanks, Craig!



Kelsey

Kelsey Nolting, daughter of Doug, was given St. Mary's Light of Christ award for her involvement at St. Mary.



Nina

Nina Galley, daughter of Mike and Maria Galley, won the St. Mary Parish School spelling bee.



Zoe

Zoe Cosgrove, daughter of Chris Cosgrove and Suzanna Wilson, won St. Mary Parish School's geography bee.



Kealy

Kealy Tully built a garden at Derby Health & Rehab for her Girl Scout Gold Award project, and received an award at the Women of Distinction event.



Richard

St. Mary Principal Richard Montgomery will accept the National Catholic Educational Association Plains States Dr. Robert J. Kealey Distinguished Principal award in New Orleans this month.



Patrick

Patrick Kennedy, son of John and Connie Kennedy, grandson of Ray and Tommie Kennedy, has published his first book, *Behind the Mask*.



Vicky

Vicky Tully received the 2011 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award for the Heartland region of the Girl Scouts. Vicky has been a troop leader and zealous promoter of Girl Scouting for many years.



Dylan

Dylan Penka, son of Doug and Lisa Penka, a senior at Kapaun Mt. Carmel, won the 5A state wrestling championship at 171 pounds.

Deaths

Bill Sontag, husband of Julie and father of Tyler, Logan and Ali of our parish family, died on Jan. 3.



Russell Hanus, husband of Virginia, father of Russell and Michael, died on January 30.



Burnette "Bea" Norman, mother of Mike, Tim, Gerald and Steven, died on February 21.



Ruth Hendrickson, mother of Juanita and Duanita, died on March 7.



Jeff Waldschmidt, husband of Sandy, father of JW, stepfather of Ellecia, died on March 16.



Kay Tharp, wife of John David, mother of Michelle Oliver, Tiffany McKnight, Emily James and Amanda, died on March 27.



Bill Novak, father of Kris Baker, died on March 29.

Judy Mayer, sister-in-law of Joni Link, died on March 31.



Wedding

Arika Buzzi, daughter of Robert and Alexis Buzzi, married **Taylor Beitler** on December 30. Both graduated from Derby High School, and Arika is a 2005 St. Mary Parish School alum. She is a student at Butler County Community College; Taylor is a student at Emporia State University.



Anniversary

Bill and Sue Bloedel have been married 65 years as of May 10. Bill worked for Cessna and Boeing, and Sue worked as a nurse at St. Francis. They enjoy volunteering.

Send announcements and family news to Davi, 788-4234 or vbdragon@cox.net!

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Memorials and Honorariums as of April 10, 2011

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	Joe Condic †	Gerald Fager †
Michael Adams †	Tom Cook	Joe Fanello †
Altar Society	Richard & Karol Cornejo Family	Joe Fanello's grandchildren
Rachel Arehart †	Twila Cosentino	Louis Fanello †
Jerry Armstrong	Benita Cox	Mary E. Fanello
Phil Armstrong †		Frank Fanning †
George Arnold †	Kevin Dana †	Marcia Fanning
Mary Arnold †	Jacqueline Jo Davis †	Makinsey Renee Farber
Arturo P. Atencio †	Lana Dawdy	Maddie Farber
Marie Avello †	William Dawdy, Sr †	Danny Farve †
	Floyd Dawson †	George & Sadie Favreau †
Laurence Bachman †	Tiny DeCou	Bobbie D. Feikert †
Baker †	Marian Deiter †	Dr. Fisher †
Everett Balster †	Basil Delgado †	Geraldine A. Fisher †
Kevin & Kathy Barker	Ken Delgado †	Jenna Fisher's birthday
Preston Barr's birthday	Sharon Desborough †	Nina Flattery †
Jocelyn Bastarache's birthday	Jerry & Mary Devore	Sister Alberta Foley †
Marion Beaver	Albert Dextras †	Kathryn J. Fontaine
Rosie Benner †	M.L. Dextras †	Marie Foral †
Mary P. Bernard †	Virleen & Al Dickman †	Colleen Ford
Aloys & Mary Ann Betzen †	Tom Dillon †	
John & Barbara Betzen	The Dinner Group	Agnes Gengler †
Nick Billaci †	Howard Dixon †	Edna Gentry
Normand A. Bissonnette †	Janice Dixon	Bill & Sue Gessler
Vincent & Amelia Bitel †	Harry Dobson, Jr †	N.J. Gessler Jr. †
Betty & Jake Boardman Family	Mary Dobson	Elizabeth Gibbs †
Elizabeth J. Boardman †	Lawrence & Vicki Doughty †	Gilbert †
Shalini John Bosco 20th birthday	Caroline Douvia †	Eileen Gilbert †
Eddie and Verna Bouchey †	Diane Doyon †	José Martin Gonzalez †
Tom Bowen †	Annette Dreiling	José & Patricinio Gonzalez †
Wanda Braciszewski †	Bud Dreitzler †	Patrocinio Gonzalez †
Cari Brennan †	Helen Dreitzler †	Gabriele A. Gordan †
Irma Jean Brown †	Jim Dubetsky †	Stan & Margie Gress
Donald J. Bruggeman †	Father Richard Ducate †	
Ken & Rose Bruggeman	Keith & Marcia DuLac	Anna Haney †
Carlos Buell †	Jean Dumont †	Walter Haney †
Paul Burnett †	Raymond Dupree †	Ashley Hankins †
	Connie Duran †	Russell Hanus †
Tejae Carlson †		Gladys Hays †
Zita M. Carlson †	Andrea Eastman (joined the Church)	Robert Hein †
Carolyn Sue Carpenter	Bayley Eastman (baptism, 1 st	Mary Heinrich †
Marion & Grace Carroll †	Communion)	Ruth Hendrickson †
Ronnie & Mary Carver	Gwendolyn Eastman (baptism)	Billie Herrmann †
The Debbie Chapman Family	Rod & Andrea Eastman	Danielle Hoch
Chvilicek family	Shelby & Bayley Eastman	Rex & Cindy Holder
Chvilicek family - Christmas	Francis Edmond †	Thelma M. Hoffman †
Taylee Chvilicek's birthday	Ann Egan	Zachery Hollingsworth
Albert A. Cocchetella †	Pat and Ann Egan	John Holm †
Gerald & Ellen Cochran	Jane Engels	James & Dianne Houchin
James D. & Sara Gonzalez Coffey	Leo Engels †	Lucille R. Houchin †
Sara Coffey †	Marj Engels †	William J. Houchin †
Carl & Suzie Compton	Pat Engels †	Hudson †
Christian Compton	Blanche Erbert	Margaret Hug
Suzie Compton	Julia Erway †	Mae Hundley †

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Rena Jo Hurst ✦
Francis E. Hurtig
Helen I. Hurtig ✦

Ron Igo ✦

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 ✦
Bob & Maggie Keating ✦
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 ✦
Antoinette Korphage ✦
Lawrence Korphage ✦
Paul & Zita Kreutzer ✦
Walter Kreutzer ✦
Daniel Kriszczokaitis ✦
Marie Kriszczokaitis
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 ✦
Royce Lower ✦
Bruce & Anita Luehring
Gilbert & Carolyn Luehring ✦
John & Betty J. Lux ✦
James W. Lyle, Jr. ✦

James Madison ✦
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 ✦
Donald Grant McFerson ✦
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
Richard Newkold ✦
Dr David & Cindy Niederee
Jennie Nolan ✦
Bud and Dorothy Nolting
Doug Nolting
Richard Noone ✦
Burnette Norman ✦
Bill Novak ✦

Virginia Odle ✦
Gertrude Olliges ✦
Shirley Organ ✦

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 ✦
Jim Roane ✦
Jess Rodriguez ✦
Dr. Steven A. Rohr
Mike & Audrey Ronnfeldt
Anthony Roman ✦
Joaquina Flores Rosa ✦
Henny Penny Rosen ✦
Brenda Ross ✦
Marjorie Russell ✦ *(cont. next page)*

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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
 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
Bill Sontag ✦
 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 ✦
 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
 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

Bob & Joan VanBoening
 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

Linda Wegman ✦
 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.

Welcome to St. Mary
Say hi to these new families!

ADULTS

Diann Brand
 Ryan Brennan & Katie Haney
 Ryan & Megan Garrison
 Christine Janney
 Shad and Carrie Kroeker
 Lucio Jr & Teresa Lopez
 Matthew & Jennifer Loveless
 Carrie Mercer
 Jason & Holly Nofire
 Chris & Janille Otts
 Mike & Dana Pettinger
 Chad and Jamie Roasa
 Ben & Whitney Sponsel
 Joe & Tonya Sullivan
 David Tharp
 Austin & Tamara Toombs
 Delbert (Deb) & Susan Wallace
 Bill & Betty Weilert

CHILDREN

Raigan
 Raymie, Rylie
 Lucio III, Madajah, Lucia, Lukas, Trisha
 Avaree, Brandon, Kylie
 Chloe, Emma
 Melinda
 Vincent, Allan, Carlen
 Kayleen, Tyler, Reyana
 Jonathan Varela, SueAna, Ashlyn
 Jackson, McKenna

 Kyla, Kara
 Trevor



Nofire



Roasa



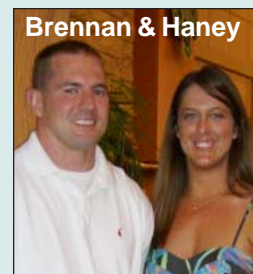
Tharp



Garrison



Toombs



Brennan & Haney



Wallace

Parish Life

Making a difference - two stories



Linda Bartlett's parents, Mary and Ronald Spence lived our Catholic faith.

Linda Bartlett:

Our Catholic faith was really important to my parents, Ronald and Mary Spence, and they passed that on to their children.

Father converted to Catholicism while he was overseas during the war. He worked multiple jobs to support us.

He and my mother were committed to raising us (seven children) Catholic.

It was a 25-minute drive to church, and 40 minutes to the Catholic school. Mom made the commitment to driving 160 minutes every day to get us to Catholic school.

She was a stay-at-home mom, always baking pies or working in the garden and sharing it all with the church. She and Daddy tithed, and taught us to, too.

Mike and I made a memorial gift to the building fund to remember them and to help pass on that faith to the next generation.



A simple act of kindness made Jessica Paul, shown here with the Bishop at Confirmation, feel welcome.

Nicole Green:

When we first moved to St. Mary eight years ago, Gwen Ronnfeldt was amazing to my daughter, Jessica.

Jessica was and still is very shy. She takes a long time to open up to people and be comfortable. Gwen made a special effort to make sure Jessica was invited to her daughter's birthday party.

When invitations had gone out before school started, Gwen had not been aware Jessica would be in Abby's class.

I remember the day so well. Gwen specifically stopped me after school to make sure I knew that they wanted Jessica there. It meant so much to me that day and it made all the difference in the world to Jessica. She went to Abby's party and never looked back. She made amazing friends and had a wonderful experience at St. Mary. She may have done this anyway but I will never know. I truly believe Gwen made all the difference for Jessica at St. Mary. I took Gwen's death very hard and never knew how to express to her family how much she meant to me.

To share a story of someone in the parish or in your life who influenced you through kindness or inspiring example, email Davi, vbdragon@cox.net.



Joe and Shannon Tran

Valentines dance

Thanks to the Knights and Altar Society for hosting this fun community event!

Knights of Columbus



Congratulations to Logan Cleaver, Brad Link, JT Ronnfeldt and Christopher Ronnfeldt on making their fourth degree (also pictured, back row, Tom Schmeidler, Bruce Luehring and Mike Ronnfeldt)!



The Present

We plant *today*, with *hope* for the future.

Gracious and loving God,
you transform
the *humble* fall bulb
into a glorious spring flower.

All goodness comes from you.

We thank you
for your abundant gifts and
ask you to *transform* our lives, too.

Help us to use this present moment
in *love* of you and neighbor,
sharing your *gifts*
to bring hope to those we meet.

We ask this through
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the *Holy Spirit*,
God forever and ever.
Amen

Remember getting the tulip bulb and prayer card at the Stewardship luncheon in October? Even though you may have forgotten all about them, notice the tulips this spring. Did the tulips you planted come up? Like the dead-looking tulip bulb, our insignificant-seeming gifts are transformed and raised up by God's abundant love.