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Apostles

“The apostles gathered together with Jesus.” —Mark 6:30

An apostle is a messenger or envoy, from the Greek *apo-* (sent away from) + *stellein* (to place). In Eucharist we come together as a community, are nourished and then are sent away to our homes, schools, workplaces, playing fields and community as messengers of God’s love. We are apostles.

Community is one of our parish core values. We gather together with Jesus and with one another to celebrate and to mourn, to serve and to be served, to offer our gifts and to receive gifts and then to be sent forth to love and serve God and one another—to live life.

Two weeks ago at Mass, I shared with you my story—my illnesses as a child and my scholastic struggles. God strengthened and gifted me through family, friends and supportive clergy and parishioners so that I was able to become a priest and has continued to gift me throughout my ministry through the friends and events of my life. He gifts every one of us.

Over time I have come to have a real gratitude for God’s gifts. Each step of the way, God gives us just what we need to carry on his mission, to follow his call. Sometimes we are scared and huddled in the bottom of the boat trying to hide from the storm, but God is persistent and loving and reassures us that we **are** who he wants, and that we **are** able to do what he is asking. **We do not journey alone.** God is with us, going out with us in that person walking beside us—parent, spouse, child, friend, parishioner.

The gift of community has brought you and me to this place and time. In this *Messenger* are stories of our community—gifts given, trials and sufferings, and how people have responded. God’s hand can be seen in the ordinariness of life. Our response to God’s gifts, our gratitude, determines what

we do with what we’ve been so graciously given. In Baptism we commit to being followers of Jesus Christ. Commitment and love sometimes involves sacrifice. Parents may lose sleep to care for their sick child or may forego a vacation to save money for a new home. Likewise, in our parish family, we may be called to make sacrifices and to give more in order to have a parish home where we can educate our parish children in the faith and have a place to welcome and care for our brothers and sisters who are lonely or hurting.

This is the essence of Stewardship—it is the wholeness of life, a way we live in order to express our profound gratitude to God, who gives us everything. It is in the ordinariness of everyday living, in sharing what we have with one another, with our parish, our families, and with God, that we let God work in our lives.

Father Wayne
Father Wayne



APOSTLES: Tessa Ring, Silas May, Amber Stegman, Kyle Tormey and Christy Burkemper were sent onstage to entertain and teach about God’s love at Vacation Bible School each day.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Made *new* in faith

Congratulations and welcome to our newly baptized parishioners!

Makenzie Lynn Tanner, daughter of Casey and Kim, sister of Madison, granddaughter of Alan and Linda Turner, was baptized June 4. ▶



◀ **Sophia Grace Sanchez Chronister**, daughter of Ronald and Christina, was baptized on April 22.



◀ **Kaelee Marie-Eurea Reyes**, daughter of Richard Burckhart and Angela Reyes, sister of Rhylee, was baptized on May 13.



◀ **Brennan Kainalu Charles Cruz**, son of Brian and Lorie, was baptized on April 30.



▲ **Isabella Grace Krueger**, daughter of Jeremy and Dawn, sister of Abbey and Alex, was baptized June 4.



◀ **Ember Annette Mahon**, daughter of Joey, was baptized on April 16. Pictured from left to right are: Michael, Skyler, Joey and Ember (white dress in front), Michelle, Valerie, Debbie, Steve, and Kaitlynn Mahon.



◀ **Jolisa, Joscelyn and Joseph D. Arellano II**, children of Lisa and Joseph, and **Lisa** were baptized on April 15.

Alessandro Matteo Gabriele Carabelli, son of Alessio and Grazia, brother of Lorenzo, was baptized June 24. Grazia's mother traveled from Italy for the baptism. Alessio is in the Italian Air Force and has been working here with Boeing. The family will return to Italy in September. ▼



Katie Ring held Tyler over the baptismal font as the holy water was poured on his head. ▶



Travis Phelps was baptized at the Easter Vigil. ▼



Brady Lawrence Hoffman, son of Mark and Sharon, brother of Mari and Madeline, was baptized April 16. ▶

Brodie James Minihan, son of Ron and Dana, was baptized April 2.

Elisa Lynnae Moyer, daughter of Wayne and Manuela, was baptized on April 22.

Tyler Scott Ring-Younger, son of Katie and Jeremy, and his cousin, **Travis Kade Phelps**, son of Cristi Ring, were baptized April 15. The boys are grandsons of Lori and John Truex, and great grandsons of Catherine and Dee Baxter.

Sunny Rae, Morgan Dale and Sadie Brooke Doffing, children of Brian and Susan, were baptized on April 15. **Brian** was also baptized then.

Other adult baptisms at the Easter Vigil on April 15 included **Kristin Doffing, Brett Espinoza, Judy Espinoza and Debbie Gibbs.**

Kaitlyn Marie and Emma LeAnn, daughters of Bruce and Gina (Wojcik) Niblack, were baptized on April 26.



Brian Doffing held Sadie as she was baptized.



Myths vs. Reality

by Sister Marie

Three myths have repeatedly come to my attention as I provide pastoral counseling to couples seeking baptism or First Eucharist for their children, people seeking to enter the Catholic faith through RCIA, and those who wish to return to active participation in the Church.

The first myth is that both persons have to be Catholic in order for a couple to be sacramentally married in the Catholic Church. In reality, a Catholic and non-Catholic couple may enter a valid sacramental marriage. This marriage is usually witnessed by a Catholic priest or may be witnessed with proper permission by a minister of another religion. Many married folks in our parish are of different faiths.

The second myth is that a divorced Catholic can no longer receive the sacraments, especially Eucharist. This is not true and never has been. If the divorce occurred in the person's first marriage, and he/she has not remarried, nothing prohibits full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Some may have been divorced, received an annulment, remarried and had a second divorce. The same is true for them.

A Catholic married civilly or in a Church of another faith without permission of the Church, did not marry according to the law of the Church. This person will need to have his/her marriage blessed in the Church before he/she can receive Eucharist.

There are several parts to the **third myth**, which surrounds annulments, including **that annulments are (a) always hard to get, (b) a judgment about the goodness of the person petitioning, (c) very costly, and (d) always take a long time to receive.** As far as the difficulty and the time, it depends on the type of case, as well as on the earnest work and promptness of the petitioner and witnesses. Two types of annulments are *invalid form* and *formal case*.

- *Invalid form* is a situation in which both/one of the couple are/is Catholic and married civilly or the marriage was witnessed by a minister other than a Catholic priest without permission. Collection of necessary documents—baptismal certificates, marriage license and divorce decree—is the main work.

- When a marriage was recognized as an apparent valid sacramental marriage by the Church (by correct procedure), following divorce the process for annulment is a *formal case*. Besides the collection of necessary documents, the petitioner and the witnesses chosen respond to a series of written questions. This information enables tribunal personnel to judge if the marriage was or was not truly a sacramental marriage. Some grounds for invalidity are immaturity, impulsive decision, reason for marriage was pre-marital pregnancy, following a poor family history, escaping an abusive home situation, drug/alcohol addiction, lack of ability to assume marital responsibilities, lack of understanding of Christian marriage, ignorance of marriage and its nature and ends, deceit, conditional consent marriage (e.g. if you don't expect children), inability to give up one's single life style and many more.

After an annulment is received, a marriage can be validated or blessed in the Church. Blessing the marriage is important; then, the Catholic person/s can again participate actively in the sacramental life of the Church, especially to join all at the table of Eucharist.

The filing fee at this time for every case is \$40. This covers the cost of a simple documentary case (invalid form). Formal cases and other cases have additional costs, based on the expense incurred throughout the process, but ability to pay is not considered when the annulment request is evaluated.

The annulment process is as confidential as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All paperwork is kept secured, and what is revealed to me, to Father Wayne or to the Chancery is confidential. No processed paperwork is kept at the parish after the annulment is received; it is kept only in secured files at the Tribunal Office. Individuals need not let fears of embarrassment, people knowing, the process or cost deter them their individual rights through the Church: the right to sources of salvation (sacraments) and the right to due process. These rights are offset with responsibilities. The process of annulment promotes and protects the sacramental life of the Church. The persons involved in the process come to a sense of knowledge, honesty and wisdom; some closure is often experienced.

To get started if you wish to have your marriage blessed or obtain an annulment, dial 788-5525 and ask for Sister Marie.



2005-06 RCIA folks gathered this month for a reunion picnic

Teens or adults interested in learning more about becoming Catholic:

- Never been baptized?
- Baptized in another faith?
- Baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you!

The first month or so of RCIA is a relaxed opportunity to meet some people in the parish and get a brief overview of Catholicism. Later sessions delve more deeply into the Catholic faith, sacraments and traditions. There's no pressure to join or to share personal experiences if one is not interested in doing so.

Meetings are casual, and last for about an hour and a half. Refreshments and free babysitting are provided so as to encourage community and to make it easier to participate. Interested? Please call Sister Marie at 788-5525, so that she'll have materials for you and an appropriate number of babysitters.

Inquiry sessions begin Sunday, August 20, at 10 am in room 112 at the Faith Center.

First Eucharist



Kira Newbern, Savannah Hankins and 36 other parish children received First Eucharist in May.

Confirmation



Forty parish youth, including Brandon Haist, shown here, were confirmed by Bishop Jackels in May.

*Do not worry
about anything,
but in everything
by prayer
and supplication
with thanksgiving
let your requests
be made known
to God.*

—Phil 4:6

FAITH FORMATION

School news

by Principal Richard Montgomery

St Mary Parish School (SMPS) and Preschool had another successful year of helping children grow in faith, academic excellence and community in 2005-06. Ninety-six percent of the students who took state assessments in 2005 scored at the proficient level or higher; and for the last three years, students at SMPS have achieved the state standard of excellence on 19 of 22 tests taken.

We celebrated the last days of school with a talent show, field day, awards assembly, pizza lunch and eighth grade graduation, Mass and reception. Amber Stegman and Darren Dawdy received the Monsignor Leon McNeill Eighth Grade Scholar Award for their grades, exemplary conduct and Stewardship. Amber and Darren also received cash awards from St Mary Home and School Association for having the top and second highest grade point averages, respectively, through middle school. Diane McElroy received the Milo Grisamore award from the Derby Knights of Columbus, given annually to the top graduating student who plans to continue his/her education at a Catholic high school.

Summer meant vacation for students, but it's been busy for staff and dedicated volunteers. Enrollment at SMPS and PSR is up for next year; there was not enough space to accommodate all students, so one portable (providing two classrooms) was purchased and placed east of the permanent structure to house classes until new facilities can be financed and built.

We will have two second grade classrooms and two fourth grade rooms next year. The former staff lounge/part-time art room will be converted to a second grade classroom, eliminating the staff lounge, but as teacher Bethany Ramsey said, "It's for the betterment of children, so we're all okay with it. Their needs come first." The art room will move to the annex, and the new portable will house middle school religion and math classes formerly in the annex and a second fourth grade class.

We're ready for another great school year. Thanks to Stewardship—parish financial support and generous sharing of time and talent—parish children have the priceless gift of a place to learn to live as disciples of Christ and to achieve academic, social and athletic success.



Diane McElroy Amber Stegman



Darren Dawdy posed for a picture with middle school Literature and Composition teacher Sylvia Whitney. Mrs. Whitney retired at the end of the school year and will be greatly missed. She was dedicated to helping students develop academically and spiritually.



Bishop Jackels presided at Mass, visited the school to see classrooms firsthand and spoke with students in mid-May.

LIFE TEEN

by Davi Stuhlsatz

When I first heard the name LIFE TEEN many years ago in another parish, I misunderstood and thought it was a ProLife group comprised of high school teens. I had part of it right—**LIFE TEEN is for high school teens. It does promote life—the life that is found in Jesus Christ—through weekly gatherings that encompass the religious teaching** that was covered in CCD classes in the past, the **fun social aspects** that were part of CYO, and added **guidance and discussion** that teens need on current social issues they face.

LIFE TEEN begins with 6 pm Sunday Mass, which incorporates contemporary Christian music and active participation by teens in the liturgy. Weekly sessions, called Life Nights, teach teens about our faith, and begin and end with prayer. During the summer and once a month during the school year, sessions are primarily social, giving high school teens opportunities to gather with other Catholic teens, have fun and build community. This summer they've had a blast with freshmen welcome, swimming parties, summer trip, dinner theater, and softball.

By socializing and getting to know each other in fun situations, teens are more comfortable talking frankly about religion and tough social issues in the more serious Life Nights. For example, it was difficult to talk about cutting—self-injury that some teens engage in to cope with life's stresses—but a Life Night in April on the topic was excellent.

A counselor from First Step Counseling spoke about the hidden epidemic of cutting. Yes, it happens right here in Derby, as does alcoholism, drug abuse, overeating, anorexia and bulimia, workaholism and tobacco addiction—all inappropriate methods of problem avoidance or of reducing physiological and psychological tension. The speaker had handouts with healthy suggestions (see chart, right) for coping when we sometimes feel overwhelmed.

Keeping communication open, providing love, support, faith formation and education for young people to learn about and experience God's abundant love and mercy, and providing a safe environment helps teens have fun, grow spiritually and fight demons they may encounter. Thank you to the LIFE TEEN core team and parish for the commitment and love you give!

LIFE TEEN SUMMER TRIP 2006

◀ Kyle Walsten and Sarah Williams zip across Milford Lake on a tube. What a ride!



Freshmen Amber Stegman, Shelby Carpenter and Jordan Wilbert are bright-eyed (!?) and ready for breakfast, more swimming, tubing, skiing, fishing and fun with the other thirty teens on the trip! ▶



◀ Juniors Dani Stuhlsatz, Savanna McHenry, Nicole Wilbert, Amy Reed, Rachel Kleman and Michelle Sommerhauser smile pretty and say "LIFE TEEN ROX!"



◀ Savanna and Amy float in a boat. Many thanks to Clyde Jacobs, Matt Miller, Jason King, and Eric and Kathy Walsten who aren't on the core team, but annually commit a weekend's time and their boats for the teens' summer trip. You're awesome! Thanks also to the entire core team for your all-year-long devotion! You're GREAT!



HEALTHY IDEAS FOR COPING

- Affirm God's love for us, despite our feelings of unworthiness. Visit www.self-injury.org/affirmations.html or www.self-injury.org/identity.html
- Do relaxation exercises
- Listen to music
- Read a good book
- Go for a walk
- Call a friend
- Take a bubble bath
- Do deep breathing, meditate, pray
- Write in a journal
- Call/visit pastor, therapist, counselor
- Watch a funny movie
- Be with safe, supportive people
- Clean a closet, a dresser, the kitchen



VBS - SON TREASURE ISLAND

Over 60 Vacation Bible School students in PK-4th grades enjoyed...



...playing outdoors...



...clapping, dancing and singing...



...making crafts...wearing pirate hats...acting out stories from the Bible

Thank you to all the adults and youth who helped with VBS!



Susan and Darlene Welte joined other PSR and EDGE students and parents at Mass and a picnic in May to close out the school year. PSR (for K-6th grade public school students) and EDGE (for all 7th and 8th grade students) resume Sept 20 and in October, respectively. PSR, EDGE and Confirmation registration materials will be mailed in August.



Brianna, Jessica and Ethan Rose talk about the cross at Generations of Faith

GOF: friends, fun, inspiration

by Ann Hughes

As we begin the second year of Generations of Faith (GOF) gatherings here at St Mary, it seems appropriate to thank those who participated last school year. With comments like **"It was fun being with my friends and talking about God,"** and **"I enjoyed learning with my child about why we have an Easter Candle"** and **"I was inspired as I listened to the adults in my group talking about Advent traditions they remembered as children and then compared them to what our family had done,"** it seems that people have found these parish family gatherings worthwhile.

Many people are responsible for GOF: those who plan and facilitate the gatherings, prepare and serve the food, lead us in song and prayer, or come to spend this time with their parish family. To everyone who has participated in any way, our pastoral staff would like to say thank you, and we hope you'll be back again this year and bring friends!

GOF (cont from col 2)...

We will have four GOF gatherings this school year. The first gathering, scheduled for Sunday, **September 24** and Wednesday, **September 27**, is focused on **Preparation for Baptism** by guiding participants of all ages to:

- learn more about the symbols and ritual of the sacrament of Baptism
- recognize the importance of Baptism and our Baptismal promise to live as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of the Catholic community
- use this understanding of Baptism to participate more actively and meaningfully in our parish celebration of infant Baptisms and adult Baptisms at the Easter Vigil.

Registration will begin in late August and it is hoped that many new participants will join those who were part of GOF last year. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Hughes at 788-1877 or ahughes@stmarysderby.com.



Grateful hearts

by Cindy Wilson

Erica Fanello and A.J. Wilson are serving as Totus Tuus team leaders in the Diocese of Tulsa this summer. Totus Tuus is a Catholic youth program designed to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and promote the Catholic faith. Erica and A.J. will lead children ages 6 through 18 during day and evening programs at different parishes within the Tulsa Diocese.

Erica and A.J. are alumni of St. Mary Parish School, participated in LIFE TEEN here, and are 2004 graduates of Kapaun-Mt. Carmel High School. They recognize that all good gifts are from God, and they have personally received and experienced God's gifts of faith, love and education through your Stewardship. Now they are sharing those gifts with others. This is Erica's second summer as a Totus Tuus leader, and A.J.'s first, and both are Eucharistic Ministers.

Please keep Erica and A.J. in your prayers this summer for a successful experience of witnessing the love of their faith to others.

PARISH LIFE

Family matters

by Sylvia Sommerhauser

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

Congratulations

Brad Austin graduated magna cum laude in May with a bachelor's degree in fire protection and safety engineering technology from Oklahoma State University. He received the St Patrick's Salutes Award as one of the top five seniors in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, was inducted into several honor societies and received numerous scholarship awards. He will work for Poole Fire Protection in Olathe, KS as a fire protection engineering consultant.



J.D. Betzen, a junior at Kapaun Mt Carmel and graduate of St Mary Parish School (SMPS), was a member of the Kapaun Science Olympiad team that won the state championship and traveled to Indiana University for nationals.

Megan Davison

played third base for Emporia State University (ESU) in the NCAA Div II National Softball Championship in May. ESU took second. Megan led the team this season with 104 assists and 23 home runs and set the team record for most RBIs, with 73. She had a batting average of .376 and a slugging percentage of .795. Megan, a junior, was named to the Mid America Intercollegiate Athletics Association All-League team and was named a Second Team All-American.



Nate Dennes was promoted to Major in the U.S. Air Force in March. He has been in the Air Force 10 years and is currently deployed to Qatar flying missions in support of

Operation Iraqi Freedom. He'll return in mid-August. Write him before then at: nathan.dennes@auab.centaf.af.mil.

Austin Etling, a senior at Derby High School (DHS) this fall, was an honorable mention pick for the All Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail (AVCTL) baseball team, as a pitcher and a utility player.

Kendra Fernandez graduated in May from Wichita State University (WSU) with a B.A. in Communications and an emphasis in Integrated Marketing Communications.

Kara Foster, who will go to the University of Utah, led the DHS softball team which won at Regionals and advanced to the state championship tournament. She was a first team pick for the All AVCTL softball team, and was named Player of the Year for the league.

Charlene Laramore received a promotion to Assistant Superintendent for the Derby School District.

Abby Lewis, a junior at Kapaun Mt Carmel (and an SMPS alum), will represent Kansas in the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship Business Plan competition in October in New York. Abby designed a nail polish pen, "The Scribbler," and created a business plan for it while in a Youth Entrepreneurs of Kansas class at Kapaun. Students in the class must complete a viable business plan and present it to their class. The top student from each class advances to a regional competition. Regional winners receive grants to start their business or apply to post-secondary education expenses. Abby received a venture capital grant of \$1000 and is pursuing a patent.

Lisa Lunkenheimer and Deidre Mikolajik were members of the DHS swimming team that took third place at the state meet in May; their relay teams broke school records. Lisa was voted First Team All State and also broke individual school records in the 200 Free and 100 Butterfly, placing second and third in the state, respectively.

Tressa McHenry, a St Mary Parish School (SMPS) and Kapaun alumna, graduated cum laude in December 2005 from WSU with a B.S. in Criminal Justice degree and a Minor in Spanish.

Kelsi Osterbuhr was the third grade overall winner, **Ainsley Smith** received the fourth grade award for best illustrations, and **Rachel Root** was the fifth grade winner for best story in the annual *Written and Illustrated By* contest for students in The Gifted, Talented and Creative program.

Michelle Palmer, a fourth grade teacher at Derby Hills Elementary, received

Derby Wal-Mart's "Teacher of the Year Award." Her award included a \$1000 grant for the school and a \$100 gift card to buy supplies for her classroom.

Chris and Eve Provencio opened Sabai Spa and Salon at 1861 E Madison Avenue, across from DHS. The salon offers massages and hydrotherapy, face and body treatments, manicures, pedicures, spray tanning and hair design/coloring for men and women.



Kayla Rader, 19, daughter of Bob and Nancy, graduated summa cum laude from WSU in May with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Management.

She is seeking employment in the Kansas City area.



Jamie Smith, a DHS senior this fall, was a member of a team which was a top 10 finalist at the DECA (a marketing and entrepreneurship organization) International Conference

in May. The team's written project and verbal presentation were scored against over 130 other international teams in the marketing research event.

Olivia Smith and Chelsy Stegman, seventh grade students at SMPS, were part of a team which won the regional Future Problem Solvers competition. Olivia traveled with the team to Colorado for the world competition in June.

Liz Strunk, a freshman at Kapaun this fall, was recognized as SMPS' Student of the Month by the Derby Optimist Club in 2006.

Jennifer Torline, a May 2006 Bishop Carroll HS (BCHS) graduate, received an honorable mention award for newspaper design as BCHS won the Class 5A state journalism championship in April. In May Jennifer was named a Monsignor Arthur Barth scholar. She has contributed articles to the *Catholic Advance* and *The Wichita Eagle*, and plans to study Journalism at KU this fall.

Vicky Tully received the "excellence in troop leadership" award for the Flamingo Service Unit. She was nominated by the unit and selected by the area-wide Girl Scout Council. She leads the 6th/7th grade troop at St Mary.



Nick VinZant received the Rookie of the Year award in his position as weekend anchor and weekday reporter for a North Carolina cable TV station.

USD 260 gave service awards to these parishioners in May:

- **Diane Brillouet**, Sixth Grade Center principal—25 years.
- **Bonnie Glaser**, Parents as Teachers educator—10 years.
- **Connie Kennedy**, DHS math teacher—15 years.
- **John Kennedy**, DHS math chairman—30 years.
- **Jane Kilgore**, Pleasantview Elementary School teacher—20 years.
- **Debbie McNutt**, Cooper Elementary School teacher—25 years.

Marriages

Michael Cox, son of Benita and Glenn, married Elizabeth Diaz on May 12. Benita teaches first grade at St Mary.

Matthew Washburn, son of John and Peggy Washburn, married Katie Obermueller on July 22.

Doug West and Cynthia Davison (below) were married on July 1.



Anniversaries

Mauro and Betty Bott celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 16.

Lawrence and Marilyn Galvan celebrated 50 years of marriage June 20.

Retirements

Kirk Keffeler retired from Boeing after 43 years of service.

Roger King retired from Derby High School after 30 years of teaching.

Margaret Broas retired from Derby Hills Elementary after 10 years of service.

Lee Kerr retired from the USD 260 Service Center.

Deaths

Gertrude Olliges, mother of Marion Arnold, grandmother of Jill Staats, died on May 3.

Madeline Gebauer, sister of Pat Herndon, died on June 7.

Eulalia Joines died July 9.

Lucille Houchin, mother of Jim and grandmother of Tom and Mary, died on July 15.

Pilot for a Day

by DeAnn Barr

As the saying goes, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Hopefully, parishioner Alex Montgomery's serving of "life" lemonade was made a bit sweeter in June when he became an honorary squadron member of the 127th Flying Jayhawks of the Kansas Air National Guard (KANG).

Fifteen-year-old Alex, diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in April, began his journey as Pilot for a Day with an honorary promotion to General by Brigadier General Ed McIlhenny. The day as a squadron VIP is designed to provide youths undergoing serious medical treatments a chance to let go of their medical concerns for a brief time and just be kids.

"There is no doubt this experience took Alex's mind off his worries, and he was able to enjoy a day with his friends. I couldn't believe how special everyone made him feel," said Alex's dad, Richard.

Alex, a sophomore at Kapaun Mt Carmel High School, was joined by three friends and his sixth grade

brother Noah and their dad. After his promotion to General, Alex donned a flight suit complete with his own nametag and learned about the mission of the 184th Air Refueling Wing.

Alex's group joined in on a mission planning brief, and in the life support shop Alex was able to demonstrate a parachute launch via a virtual reality system. He remained with the crew as they performed airplane pre-flight checks, watched from along the flight line as the jet took off, toured a fire engine and tanker; then had a pizza lunch and a tour of the air traffic control tower.

"The day could not have been better," said Richard. "Alex's favorite was the KC-135 simulator; they kept taking turns to see if they could land. Alex's first attempt was a nosedive crash landing. The experience was terrific; you begin to appreciate the complexity of the flying mission."

Although Alex's energy level is often depleted due to chemotherapy, he is not letting go of long-term goals. Before school let out for the summer, he would complete a chemo treatment in the morning and then finish out the afternoon at school. This summer he's played some baseball and some pick-up basketball on the driveway and overall maintained a positive attitude.

"Two months ago we didn't expect to have Alex's kidneys functioning well again, and yet here we are. **I really think it's his mental attitude, and that our parish community, family and friends have surrounded us with prayer.** I felt that same sense at the Air National Guard that I do at St Mary. People stopped us and introduced themselves, and asked how we were doing," said Richard.

Squadron Commander Lt Col Frank Froncek believes the Pilot for a Day program benefits children *and* the squadron. "We are honored to visit with such great children. It motivates us to appreciate what we have and it puts our petty issues in perspective."



Richard Montgomery, Sarah Williams, Tessa Ring, Noah, Alex, & Jason Lund

Getting to know your parish family...

St Mary Parish School alumnus to go to seminary

by DeAnn Barr

Zack Williams, 2006 Kapaun Mt Carmel and 2002 St Mary Parish School graduate, is one of two Kapaun students headed to the seminary this fall. At Conception Seminary near St Joseph, MO, Zack will get help discerning his vocation while earning his bachelor's degree. His degree at this minor seminary will be in philosophy; and if the call to priesthood or religious life is still there, it will be pursued at a major seminary, where liturgical training begins.

Kristin Williams is very proud of her son, and says, "Sometimes people don't understand that a person who goes to seminary is trying to find out if this is what God wants of him. I will support Zack in any decision he makes, whether it's the priesthood or not. I know he will always be involved in his faith. He is committed to helping others and will continue to do all

he can in bringing others to know God."

Zack has considered his decision very carefully. Still, like most college freshmen, he is not quite certain if he's headed in the right direction.

"I don't know where it's going to lead me, but right now in my life this is the path I feel I must take. Wherever it takes me is where God wants me to be."

His peers have understandably voiced a mixed reaction. "I get a lot of flack for it, but overall they are very supportive. A lot of people who are not Catholic do not understand parts of it. Not being able to date and develop relationships is an obvious downside of this decision as far as my peers see. I feel it's part of the job description. Like any other profession it has obstacles. This obstacle, though, brings you closer to the purpose of what you are doing."



Zack spoke eloquently when asked to describe how he has experienced this calling to serve God: "I feel like I'm in a vacuum, and every so often the vacuum gets turned on and I get sucked into this whole idea of what I'm supposed to be, and God is just pulling me towards him and the priesthood. And then it just gets turned off, and I'm left in this whirl of emotions of where I'm supposed to go and I just have to let the dust settle. It's just a mix of emotions a lot of time."

Zack's first grade teacher at St Mary Parish School, Sister Alfreda Roets, CSJ, has been calling him "Father Zack" for years. "I've had a strong feeling since I met him," said Sister. "I've been praying he would fulfill his calling."

Prayers, in fact, are what Zack is asking of everyone: "I ask for support and lots and lots of prayers as I begin this path."

Bald, beautiful & grateful

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Cynthia Wentworth raised \$6500 for childhood cancer research by shaving her head in a St Baldrick's event, exceeding her goal of \$5000. A bonus was that the thirty-four inches of hair cut from her head and donated to Locks of Love was enough for three wigs for children who have lost hair due to chemotherapy.

Cynthia said, "It's hard to explain the thoughts and feelings I have had since our

event....People have stared at me, friends have rubbed my head (for good luck, I think) and others I don't know have reacted to me differently in places like the airport. It has made me appreciate so many



things: my health, my children, my family (a family of cancer survivors and fighters) and the freedom to give to a cause that will someday find a cure to help so many suffering children."

Cynthia thanked all the parish and community members who supported her effort: "I just wanted you to know how much I appreciated your support and what a difference it will make.

From the top of my semi-bald head to the bottom of my heart: thank you!"

Transformed

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Heather Leger received the "Most Transformed Graduating Senior" award from the St Lawrence Center staff at the University of Kansas in May. The staff recognized her growth in leadership, knowledge of the Catholic faith and deep spirituality. They commended the many ways she serves others and promotes Catholic social teaching,

including her active involvement in KU Students for Life (KUSFL), in RCIA as a sponsor and catechist, in faith formation courses, and in vocational discernment. Heather is engaged in spiritual direction with a consecrated sister of the *Apostles of the Interior Life* (see www.apostlesofil.org) and graduated

Heather and a friend gratefully accepted donations for KUSFL at St Mary Parish in March. ▶



Family honored

by DeAnn Barr

For the second consecutive year, a St Mary Parish family won the Wichita Diocese Knights of Columbus Family of the Year Award. Bob and Davi Stuhlsatz, and their children Jeff and Dani, received the award in April and have been receiving congratulations from fellow parishioners ever since. Last year, John and Barb Betzen and family won this award given annually to a family in the Wichita Diocese that best represents a Catholic family in the areas of church, community, and council activities.

“It is such an honor to receive this award,” said Davi. “There are so many good people and families within our parish, community and diocese whose example of Christian living has inspired us. We are so grateful for God’s many blessings. It is awesome to work in the parish, council, diocese and wider community alongside so many caring people, dedicated to loving and serving God and our neighbors.”

The family has been active in our parish for 19 years, since they returned to Derby from Dallas after Jeffrey’s birth in order to be closer to family and to live in a smaller community. Soon after that, they welcomed Bob’s parents, Bill and Marilyn, into their home. Bob and Davi learned Stewardship from their parents’ modeling of Christian living at home and in the Church, Knights of Columbus and community.

In Bob’s 31 years as a Knight, he has served as a Youth Director, Family Director, Program Director, Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight, Council Softball Coach, Annual Bar BQ Chairman, and Operation Holiday Chairman. Bob joined the Knights when he was 18, and now encourages other young Catholic men to join. Bob also serves on the parish Finance Council.

Davi is the Director of Communications for the parish, so she takes pictures, writes and edits articles and announcements for the bulletin, newsletter, local newspapers, parish website and mailings to parishioners. She has participated in Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults sessions as a sponsor and has also served on the Finance Council and the Stewardship Committee.

The family volunteers at The Lord’s Diner, supports LIFE TEEN (the faith formation process for parish teenagers), and also serves in various liturgical ministries such as ushering and proclaiming.

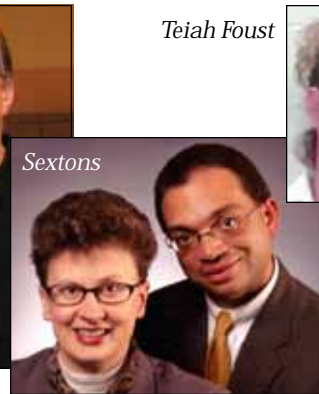


Jeffrey, Dani, Davi and Bob Stuhlsatz

A special welcome to our newly-registered parishioners!



Gordons



Sextons



Teiah Foust



Langdon Moore



Jessie Foust

Adults

Alford, Christopher
 Arellano, Joe and Lisa*
 Billinger, Galen and Kay
 Bolen, Hilda
 Bolinger, Jim and Jennifer
 Crippen, Matthew and Tara
 Doffing, Brian and Susan
 Duncan, Lisa
 Flach, Pat and Pam
 Foust, Jessie
 Foust, Teiah
 Gherardini, Greg and Katie Cook
 Glaser, Robert and Mary Jean
 Gordon, Joe and Pat
 Hare, Larry and Bridget
 Lowmaster, Darrell and Kelci
 McMillin, Martin and June
 Reyes, Angela*
 Ruvalcaba, Rodney and Cynthia
 Sciuto, John
 Sexton, Eric and Kathy
 Tredway, Micheal and Carrie
 Wilbert, Branden and Amy

Children

Jolisa, Joseph, Joscelyn
 Luke and Garrett
 Easton, Anna, and Grace
 Sarena, Benjamin
 Sunny, Morgan, and Sadie
 Isabella and Jacob
 Langdon Moore
 Quinn
 William
 Harli and Kenidi
 Tyler, Grant, Carson, and Hunter
 Rhylee and Kaelee
 Roger and Victoria
 Tauer
 Kaleb and Paige

*Photos of these families are on pages 2 and 3, in the baptism photos.

OUTREACH

Nourishing love

by Davi Stuhlsatz and Teresa Kunze

Alexis (at right) is a little girl who stayed at Anthony Family Shelter. She, her mother and siblings stayed at the shelter, not once, but twice within a year. Staying in a shelter didn't solve all of the problems for Alexis' family. However, her mom, Sheila, felt welcomed and loved at Anthony Family Shelter and when she needed additional help she felt she could trust those who helped her before.



The family is now successfully on their own, and Sheila has a job and a place

for her children to live. Sheila found the help and hope she needed in a loving and supportive environment.

St Mary, Blessed Sacrament and Resurrection parishioners helped demonstrate God's love to other adults and children such as Alexis by collecting over 5000 food items for Anthony Family Shelter and Catholic Charities' Emergency Services during our Pentecost food drive entitled "Filled with the Spirit of Love."

On Pentecost Sunday, parishioners were given empty grocery sacks with lists attached of food items needed by Catholic



Outreach Committee chairperson Richard Blake directs Austin Williams where to drop off food for the Pentecost food drive.

Charities. Two weeks later, parishioners returned grocery sacks filled with food. Summer is a time of vacations for some families, but for families in need, there is no vacation from the struggle to pay for needed food and utilities. Thank you for opening your hearts to your brothers and sisters in Christ, to children such as Alexis!

Lord,

Weave our lives together in love
Make us a patchwork of kindred souls
Let the patterns of our lives
come together as one
Stitch together the brokenness
and remnants of our past
to create a new design for living.

—T. Todd Massman



St Mary Girl Scout troop 130 made and donated baby blankets to Catholic Charities.

Having financial difficulties? Our parish may be able to help. Call Director of Stewardship Andrea Eastman at 788-5525 for an appointment for free financial counseling, budgeting and ideas for seeking food, utility or medical assistance. Confidentiality is assured in this and all ministries within the parish.

FIREWORKS



Mike and Nicole Green were among the many volunteers at the St Mary Parish Fireworks stand. Thank you to everyone who made it a booming success—we grossed over \$7000!

Knights news



Congratulations to the new Knights of Columbus officers, installed earlier this month with a ceremony followed by dinner. The softball team just finished their season. Coming up Sept 18 is the Knights BBQ, open to everyone. Catholic men 18 and older are welcome to join the Knights, a charitable and fraternal order. Call Ed at 788-5455.

◇ St. Mary Parish Events ◇



Generations of FAITH

Mark your calendars! The next Generations of Faith gathering will be September 24/27, focusing on Preparation for Baptism.

Need a Babysitter?

Harlee Alexander 788-2544
 Angela Allen 788-0002
 Jessica Carey 788-4976
 Chantal Franklin 788-5908
 Nikki Halloran 789-8103
 Jessica Kuchinski 788-4649
 Val Mahon 788-9213
 Savanna McHenry 788-4890
 Danielle Shearrer 788-7265
 Michelle Sommerhauser 776-0537
 Amber Stegman 788-4035
 Zack Williams 789-9503

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 at the sole discretion of the staff.*

Submit articles, photos and
 information to St Mary Church, PO
 Box 325, Derby, KS 67037 or email to
 Davi (above). To share your gifts
 regularly as a digital photographer,
 writer or editor, or if you have
 suggestions or comments, call Davi.



Our apologies to Crystal and Clint Cartwright,
 whose name we misprinted in the Easter issue.

July-September 2006 calendar

- Sun, July 30 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
 LIFE Night after 6 pm Mass, Faith Center Rm 114
- Mon, July 31 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
- Wed, Aug 02 Home & School Board, 7 pm, School Library
- Thu, Aug 03 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Begins at Noon, FC Rm 112
- Fri, Aug 04 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Ends at 7 am, FC Rm 112
- Sat, Aug 05 The Lord's Diner, Team C-Compton, 5 pm
- Sun, Aug 06 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
 LIFE Night after 6 pm Mass, Faith Center Rm 114
- Mon, Aug 07 LIFE TEEN Jr Core team, 5:30 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
 Welcome Committee, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 112
- Sun, Aug 13 Knights of Columbus Breakfast, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
 LIFE Night after 6 pm Mass, Faith Center Rm 114
- M-F, Aug 14-18 Book Fair, 8 am-3:30 pm, School Library
- Mon, Aug 14 St Mary Parish Catholic School Open House K-8, 6:30-8 pm
 Parish Center & all classrooms
 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
- Tue, Aug 15 Pastoral Council @ 7pm, Faith Center Rm 114
- Wed, Aug 16 **First Day School – St Mary Parish School K-8 classes**
 K meeting w/am parents, Annex all main floor, 8-9 am
 La Leche League, 9-10:30am, Faith Center Rm 114
- Thu, Aug 17 PSR Registration after all Masses
- Sat/Sun, 19/20 **RCIA, 10-11:30 am, FC Retreat Rm-112 (first inquiry session)**
 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
 LIFE Night after 6 pm Mass, Faith Center Rm 114
- Sun, Aug 20 **LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114**
 EDGE-Core Info mtg, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
 Room Mothers, 6:30-8 pm, Annex Center Rm (Latchkey room)
 Communications Mtg, 7:30pm, Annex East (carpeted rm)
- Mon, Aug 21 Volunteer Meeting, 9:30-10:30 am, School Library
- Wed, Aug 23 SMPS K-5 Back to School Night, 6-8 pm, Parish Ctr/Kitchen
- Thu, Aug 24 Heartland Share pickup 7-8 am, Parish Center
- Sat, Aug 26 RCIA, 10-11:30 am, FC Retreat Rm-112
- Sun, Aug 27 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
Parish Picnic, 5-8 pm, Parish Center & Kitchen
NO 6 pm Mass
- Mon, Aug 28 **First day of School – St Mary Preschool**
 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
- Tue, Aug 29 Sacred Heart Guild @8:45 am, Neumann Hall
- Sat, Sept 02 The Lord's Diner, Team A-N Williams, 5-8:30 pm
- Sun, Sept 03 NO RCIA (Labor Day weekend)
 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
- Thu, Sept 07 St Mary Parish School Picture Day K-8 individual
- Sun, Sept 10 Middle School Back to School Night, 6 pm, Parish Ctr/Kitchen
 RCIA, 10-11:30 am, FC Retreat Rm-112
 Knights of Columbus Breakfast, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
 EDGE Core Retreat/Training, 11:30 am, Faith Center Rm 114
- Mon, Sept 11 LIFE Night after 6 pm Mass, Faith Center Rm 114
 LIFE TEEN Jr Core team, 5:30 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
- Tue, Sept 12 SMPS School Council, 7 pm, School Library
- Wed, Sept 13 PSR Catechists meeting, 6 pm, School
 Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Office Conf Rm-106
 PSR-Confirmation mtg, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
- Thu, Sept 14 Altar Society, 6:30 pm, FC Knights of Columbus Hall
 Pro-Life Group, 7 pm, Neumann Hall
- Sat, Sept 16 **Knights of Columbus BBQ, Parish Center & Kitchen**
 PSR Catechists Retreat 9:30am-2:30pm, FC Church
 (cont on other side)

July-Sept 2006 calendar (cont.)

	KofC Hall, Mtg Rms 114 & 112
Sun, Sept 17	RCIA, 10-11:30 am, FC Retreat Rm-112 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall LIFE Night after 6 pm Mass, Faith Center Rm 114 Adult Choir, 7:15-7:45 pm, FC Retreat Rm-112 Adult Choir, 7:45-8:45 pm, FC Church
Mon, Sept 18	LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
Tue, Sept 19	Pastoral Council, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
Wed, Sept 20	PSR Sessions Begin, 6 pm, School (7 pm parent mtg, PC)
Thu, Sept 21	La Leche League, 9 am, Faith Center Rm 114
Sat, Sept 23	Heartland Share pickup 7-8 am, Parish Center
Sun, Sept 24	RCIA, 10-11:30 am, FC Retreat Rm-112 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall Generations of Faith @ 12:15 pm, Faith Center Adult Choir, 7:15-8:45 pm, FC Retreat Rm-112/Church NO LIFE TEEN (due to GOF)
Mon, Sept 25	LIFE TEEN Jr Core team, 5:30 pm, Faith Center Rm 114 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
Tue, Sept 26	Sacred Heart Guild, 8:45 am, Neumann Hall
Wed, Sept 27	Generations of Faith, 6 pm, Faith Center



Glorious cross

by Bo McHenry

The holy cross in front of the Faith Center is the fruit of many people's labors. First of course is Jesus, whose life, death and resurrection set us free.

Father Wayne had a vision of the cross as a symbol of our faith community, an identifier of the Faith Center as a worship place, a standard for our journey. With the help of many people, my brothers Greg and Marshall and I saw that Father Wayne's vision became reality.

Tim Neff's Timber Products gave us special wood and construction. Randy Crook, Davi Stuhlsatz, Matt Orsman and Jim Gordon contributed in developing the plan. Bud and Doug Nolting, Shane Phillips, Mike Rodriguez, Ed Smith, the John Betzen family, Bogue Iron and Ken Osterbuhr contributed everything from a receiver tube to a protective finish, concrete and labor to mount the cross. Thank you to everyone who helped raise the cross!

St Francis'
Prayer before the Crucifix

Most High
glorious *God*,
enlighten the darkness
of my heart.

Give me
right faith, sure hope
and perfect charity.
Fill me with understanding
and knowledge
that I may fulfill
your command.

SAINT MARY PARISH



Memorials and Honorariums



Established April 2-July 18

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Memorials and honorariums are financial gifts made to St Mary Parish in tribute to someone who has died or in honor of someone who is living. Thank you to all who have established or contributed to memorials or honorariums. You have made a beautiful and enduring gesture of love and faith that recognizes a special person but also provides for the future of the Church. Memorials and honorariums are listed on the anniversary of the date they were established.

Memorials for the deceased (Name & date established)

Joseph Fanello • May 2000	Bud Dreitzler • Jul 2003	Pat Murrow • Apr 2006
Gai Thi Tan • Jun 2000	Diane Doyon • Jul 2003	David Rabe • Apr 2006
Lawrence Doughty • Apr 2001	Elizabeth J Boardman • Jul 2003	Zita Carlson • Apr 2006
Donald Lehr • May 2001	Mary Kuntz • Jun 2004	Joseph Mamary • Apr 2006
Kandlbinder • May 2001	Marguerite Linot • Jun 2004	Gertrude Olliges • May 2006
Albert Dextras • May 2001	Eugene H Lindner • Jul 2004	Gabriele Gordon • Jun 2006
Gerald Rafferty • Jul 2001	George Favreau • Apr 2005	Thelma Hoffman • Jun 2006
Jamie Maugans • May 2002	Jennie Nolan • Apr 2005	Clara Witters • Jun 2006
Hudson • May 2002	Vernon Lang • Jul 2005	Clayton Shippers • Jul 2006
Mamie Neeland • May 2002	Eddie & Verna Bouchey • Jul 2005	Eulalia Joines • Jul 2006
Gerald Fager • Jun 2002	Carlos Buell • Jul 2005	William J. Houchin • Jul 2006

Honorariums recognizing someone living (Name & date establ.)

Bayley Eastman Honorarium for Baptism • May 2002	Rachel Patterson • Jun 2005
Andrea Eastman upon joining the Church • Jul 2003	Blanche Erbert • Jul 2005
Janice Dixon • Jun 2004	Mary E. Titus • May 2006
Christian Compton • Jul 2004	Annie McHenry • May 2006
Dortha Johnson • May 2005	Taylor Smith • Jun 2006
K Vaughn • Jun 2005	

To contribute to an existing memorial/honorarium or make a gift to St Mary Parish in memory of someone deceased or in tribute of someone living, please call Andrea Eastman at 788-5525 or pick up an envelope from the basket in the gathering space.

Special Notes:

Thank you to the *Derby Informer* for allowing reprints of DeAnn Barr's articles on Zack Williams, Alex Montgomery and the Stuhlsatz family.