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In God we trust.

From a flame to a blaze...

by Katie McHenry

...From April 15 to July 22... What has been happening since our Stewardship luncheon? In a word...LOTS!

At the conclusion of the Stewardship Renewal Luncheon in April, parishioners were given Stewardship forms asking them to tithe or give beyond their tithe if they were able. WOW! Did they ever respond! Stewardship forms (forms were also mailed to those who couldn't be there) are still coming in to the parish office on a daily basis. Three hundred families have committed time, talent and over \$4 million over the next five years! Wow!

The luncheon in the beautifully decorated school gym was attended by a near-capacity crowd of 414 parishioners! The slightly-less-than-one-hour program included a visionary talk by Father Wayne, a testimonial from Bonnie Landers, a heart-stirring video and a delicious box lunch compliments of Ric Taylor. Many guests stayed afterwards to visit longer.

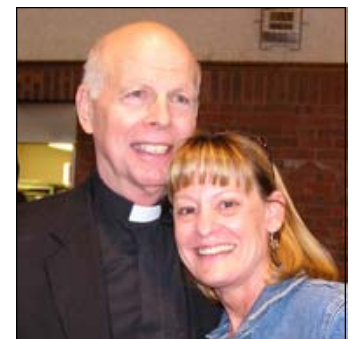
During the luncheon, Father Wayne announced that he is giving \$100,000 (above his tithe) from his retirement funds, and he challenged others in the parish to respond with gifts above their tithe if they are able. Thirteen families responded directly to his challenge, with gifts totaling \$400,000.



Sherri McElroy, her mom Kathy Klassen, Kathy Stuhlsatz and over 400 other guests listen intently as Bonnie Landers talks about the many ways our parish responded with compassion and love during a devastating time in her life.

Amazingly enough, if 2/3 of our parish families would increase their family's tithe by \$13 a week (about \$700 per year) each year for the next three years, we could all be learning about Jesus and our Catholic faith in a new Education Center and celebrating in a new church.

In June, Bishop Michael Jackels and some diocesan staff members were guests at a slightly expanded version of our Stewardship luncheon. In addition to the visionary talk, testimonial (by seminarian Zach Williams this time) and video, Father Wayne and Andrea Eastman reviewed the history
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Carol Keller and many others expressed thanks to Father Wayne for his challenge gift.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Made *new* in faith

Congratulations and welcome to our newly baptized parishioners!



Ava Annabele Gressel Boden, daughter of Stacia and Mark, sister of Roman, was baptized on June 2.



Sophee Maria King, daughter of Kristi, granddaughter of Jane and Norman, was baptized on July 1.

Not pictured:

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



Miranda Nicole Speed, daughter of Debbie and David, sister of Madeline, was baptized on June 2.



Joshua Dean and Reagan Elizabeth Kippenberger, children of Joshua and Kyla, were baptized on July 1.



Leonard Raul Fernandez IV, son of Kendra and Leo, grandson of Kathy and John Stuhlsatz, was baptized on June 3.

◀ Addison Rae Underwood, daughter of Susi and Bryon, was baptized on June 9.



Cade, Codi and Chloe Igo, children of Shelly and Justin, were baptized on April 19.



Thomas Matthew Klosterman, son of Margaret and Dan, brother of Natalie and Sarah, was baptized on April 8.



Aiden Lane Ferguson, son of Trisha and Robbie, brother of Briley, was baptized on April 8.



Confirmation

Morgan Anderson, with sponsor and LIFE TEEN core team member Terisa Kramer (right), shakes Bishop Jackels' hand during Confirmation. Twenty-four parish teens were confirmed in May. The two-year preparation includes classes, service, and retreats.



First Eucharist

Branden Lawless and Hazel May (right) and sixty-five other parish youths received First Eucharist in May.

Alive with the Spirit

by Janet Clark

Do you attend Mass out of obligation or do you attend Mass because of the encounter you have with the Lord?

Core team members Amber Williams, Joe Rogers and I attended a LIFE TEEN conference in Phoenix, Arizona in June. Sunday evening we went to Mass at St Timothy's in Mesa, the church where LIFE TEEN originated in 1984.
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Alive with the Spirit (cont. from col. 1)

Attending Mass at St Tim's is a very spiritual experience. The church seats 1500 people and it was packed. A nationally known musician was playing, Father Jack greeted everyone before Mass began, and there was excitement and energy in the church.

What really moved me was that every person in the church fully participated in the liturgy. The Spirit was alive in this church, this gathering of people, in the Word proclaimed, the music and the Eucharist. The building didn't matter (they don't have kneelers either), and the music enhanced the liturgy, but the difference was the people. They were excited for Mass. The church was completely full about twenty minutes before Mass began; those who arrived at 4:45 pm or later had to either stand or sit on the floor.

Wouldn't it be great if our St Mary congregation was that excited to be with Christ and one another every Sunday? Wouldn't it be awesome if we had standing room only, 15 minutes before Mass?

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy calls us to "fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations...it is our right and duty by reason of baptism." People at St Tim's are fully conscious and actively participating in the liturgy...are you?

OUTREACH



Patti and Vic Straub at the Knights of Columbus Steak Fry.

Helping Greensburg

by Davi Stuhlsatz

On June 30, the Knights of Columbus hosted a steak dinner which raised over \$500 for the Greensburg tornado relief fund. Parishioners responded in other ways too, after a mile-wide tornado flattened Greensburg on May 4. John and Cecille Noonan went to Greensburg immediately as trained Community Emergency Response Team members, and DeAnn Barr went with the Kansas Air National Guard team.



Cecille Noonan took this picture in Greensburg on May 6.

Filled with the Spirit

by Davi Stuhlsatz

On Pentecost Sunday (May 27) we kicked off our second annual Pentecost food drive. For two weeks afterwards, parishioners filled grocery bags with food for Catholic Charities and God's Food Pantry. Approximately 2500 items were collected for the two charities.

Richard Blake delivered the food to Catholic Charities Emergency Services, and Vicky Tully delivered the bags of food to God's Food Pantry. People at both agencies were happy that St Mary Parish had donated. Summer is typically a time of high need, since children are home rather than at school, where they receive free or reduced meals, and it is also typically a time of low donations, since many people are vacationing or just don't think of donating food, as they do at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Richard said that when he dropped the food off, someone told him that it doubled the amount of food Catholic Charities had on the shelves.

I made a second delivery of food to Catholic Charities later in the week, and I wish everyone in the parish could have gone with me. There were many people who were there seeking assistance—filling out forms or taking food out to their cars. One mom had four small children with her, and an elderly man who was there seeking assistance himself helped her with her bags. I don't think I've ever heard the words "Thank you" so many times or seen so many smiles—from volunteers, staff, and people seeking assistance. There was such a grateful spirit there. One of the volunteers seemed astonished when I said I was from St Mary, since he knew of our donation earlier in the week.

Debbie Sigman, Special Events Coordinator at Catholic Charities, sent me an email thanking us again. She wrote, "Wow! This is super!" Thank you all for your generous hearts!



Vicky Tully and Bayley Eastman pick up food donations.

FAITH FORMATION

Thank you
all!



Thank you to all who helped with the parish fireworks stand! Proceeds will be used to purchase playground equipment. Above are volunteers Virgil Fulton and Jennifer McGovern.

VBS



Son Kids, this year's Vacation Bible School program, had parish children learning songs, Bible verses and having fun learning about Jesus.

The EDGE



On the last day of EDGE for 2006-07, Nicole Ford, Tess Herdler and other students fingerprinted artistic interpretations of what they learned this year. Catechist Ellen Herdler said, "Some of the paintings were really inspired." EDGE is the parish faith formation process for seventh and eighth grade students. Enrollment forms will be available in August, and EDGE resumes in September. For more info, call Janet Clark, 788-5525.

PSR



Parish School of Religion wrapped up its school year with Mass and a picnic on May 8. Enrollment forms will be mailed out in August and new sessions begin this fall. Questions? Call Ann Hughes, 788-1877.

Graduation



St Mary Parish School: The eighth grade class of 2007 and their teachers, families and friends celebrated Mass, followed by a graduation reception in their honor in May. Awards, scholarships and diplomas were given to students. Pictured above are: back row (Left to right): Robbie Sommerhauser, Andy Betzen, Michael Glamann, Grace Lewis, Jenny Gerlach, Katie Madsen, Kylee Watson, Kelly Ford, Jamie Schild, Sarah Mahoney, Michael Timmermeyer, Alex Daley; front row: Father Wayne Schmid, Craig Compton, Katelyn Staats, Kelsey Nolting, Brooke Poelstra, Maggie Wilson, Katie Real, Lauren Baker, Kealy Tully, Susan Welte, Danny Burkemper, and Christian Lollar. St Mary Parish School offers excellent faith formation, academics, sports and music for PreK-8th grade students. Classes begin August 16. For questions or to volunteer, call the school at 788-3151.



LIFE TEEN's float took first place in the Derby Days parade. Above, teens Jordan Wilbert, Kyle Walsten and Aaron Williams gathered around a campfire on the float while core team leader Amber Williams walked alongside. At right, Sarah Williams gives a big "Howdy!"

Cactus & camaraderie

by Davi Stuhlsatz

LIFE TEEN youth and leaders haven't left for their summer trip yet, but they've been seeing an abundance of Western scenery lately. In the Derby Days parade, their theme was "Come Together with LIFE TEEN," and they gathered around a Western campfire they had constructed, complete with cactus and cattle on the float. The float won first place in the religious category.

Core team leaders Amber Williams, Joe Rogers and Janet Clark actually went out west, to Phoenix, Arizona, for a LIFE TEEN training conference in June.

Later in June, the teens put on their annual Dinner Theatre, and this year's theme was Wild, Wild West, so they were again in a Western setting. The teens appreciate the support of parishioners who came to enjoy the evening of food and entertainment. The proceeds help them pay for their summer trip.

This year's summer trip is to Lake Milford, which is in the midwest. The teens should appreciate the water fun after a June filled with cactus and cattle!



◇ St. Mary Parish Events ◇



SMPS 6th graders Marie Timmermeyer, Carolyn Torline, Marisa Wilbert and LaReine Schock competed in America's Battle of the Books this spring.

Books & battles

by DeAnn Barr

In the spring semester, twenty-two fifth and sixth grade St Mary Parish School students competed in the school's first ever America's Battle of the Books (ABB) competitions.

ABB is a reading incentive program for students in fourth through eighth grades. Students read books and then come together to demonstrate their abilities and test their knowledge of the books. Competitions are similar in style to the TV series *Family Feud*.

The program offers resources to students, parents, schools and librarians. Middle school teacher Tamara Brooks introduced it at St Mary because she thought students would enjoy it. Fifth grade teacher Jo McGovern supported it as a good introduction to academic competition for her students who will participate in interscholastic Religion Bowl and Scholar Bowl competitions when they get to middle school.

Sixth grader Marisa Wilbert enjoyed the competition immensely, saying enthusiastically, "I liked everything about it. My favorite book was Al Capone Does My Shirts, by Gennifer Choldenko."

Technology & thanks!

Thanks to all the folks who picked up used computers from USD260 and donated them to the school computer lab. You're awesome!

July-Sept 2007 calendar

Sun, Jul 22	Coffee & Donuts, 10 am, Knights Hall
Mon, Jul 23	Knights Officers Meeting, 7:30 pm, FC Knights Hall
Tue, Jul 24	Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 2:30 - 9 pm, FC Rm 112
Wed, Jul 25	Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 2:30 - 9 pm, FC Rm 112 LIFE TEEN T3 Bible Study, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Conf Rm 106 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Faith Center sanctuary
Thu, Jul 26	Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 2:30 - 9 pm, FC Rm 112
Fri, Jul 27	Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 2:30 - 9 pm, FC Rm 112 Scrapbooking, FC Rm 114
Sat, Jul 28	Prairie Land Food pickup, 6:30 am, School gym Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, FC Rm 112
Sun, Jul 29	Coffee & Donuts, 10 am, Knights Hall Knights of Columbus Regional Meeting, 1 -5pm, FC Knights Hall
Mon, Jul 30	Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 2:30 - 9 pm, FC Rm 112
Tue, Jul 31	Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 2:30 - 9 pm, FC Rm 112
Wed, Aug 1	Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 2:30 - 9 pm, FC Rm 112 LIFE TEEN T3 Bible Study, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Faith Center sanctuary
Thu, Aug 2	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon-7 am Friday, Faith Center, Rm 114 (note different room) Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 2:30 - 9 pm, FC Rm 112
Fri, Aug 3	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until 7 am Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 2:30 - 9 pm, FC Rm 112
Sat, Aug 4	God's Food Pantry weekend The Lord's Diner, Team C, Compton Parish Directory Photo Sessions, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, FC Rm 112
Sun, Aug 5	LIFE TEEN Alumni Ice Cream Social, 5 pm, High Park Pavilion Baptism Class, 9 - 10:30 am, FC Rm 112 Coffee & Donuts, 10 am, Knights Hall
Mon, Aug 6	Life Night following 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
Wed, Aug 8	LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Conf Rm 106 LIFE TEEN T3 Bible Study, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
Fri, Aug 10	Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, Faith Center sanctuary
Sat, Aug 11	St Mary's Faculty/Staff Retreat, 5 pm, off campus
Sun, Aug 12	Virtus Training, 9 am - noon, FC, Knights Hall Parish Breakfast, 10 am, FC, Knights Hall Life Night, softball with the Knights @ High Park, 7 pm
Mon, Aug 13	St. Mary's School Open House, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, school gym LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 Knights of Columbus meeting, 7:30 pm, FC Knights Hall
Tue, Aug 14	St Mary Pre-school/Pre-K open house, 6:30-8 pm, Annex Center Room
Wed, Aug 15	Feast of Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation, Eucharist, 8 am & 7 pm, FC
Thu, Aug 16	All School Mass, 1st day of school - 8 am, Old Church St. Mary's am Kindergarten parent meeting, 8 am, School Library St Mary's pm Kindergarten parent meeting, 12 noon, School Library LaLeche League, 9 am, FC, Rm 114
Fri, Aug 17	All School Mass, 2nd day of school - 8 am, Old Church
Sun, Aug 19	Coffee & Donuts, 10 -11 am, FC, Knights Hall RCIA babysitting, 9:30-11:30 am, FC, Rm 114 RCIA, 10 -11:30 am, FC Rm 112 LIFE TEEN after 6 pm Mass, FC, Rm 114
Mon, Aug 20	LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, 7:30 pm, FC, Knights Hall
Tue, Aug 21	Pastoral Council, 7 pm, FC, Rm 114
Wed, Aug 22	LIFE TEEN T3 Bible Study, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
Sat, Aug 25	Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, old parish rectory (722 N Derby) Prairie Land Food Pickup, 6:30 am, School Gym <i>(cont on other side)</i>

August-September 2007 calendar (cont.)

Sun, Aug 26	Coffee & Donuts, 10–11 am, FC Knights Hall RCIA babysitting, 9:30–11:30 am, FC Rm 114 RCIA, 10 – 11:30 am, FC, Rm 112 Parish Picnic, gym & grounds—618 N Derby (NO 6 pm Eucharist)
Mon, Aug 27	LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 Knights Officers, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
Wed, Aug 29	LIFE TEEN T3 Bible Study, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, old parish rectory (722 N Derby)
Thu, Aug 30	St. Mary's School K-5 Back to School Night, School Gym
Sat, Sep 01	God's Food Pantry weekend The Lord's Diner Team A – N Williams, 5 pm
Sun, Sep 02	Coffee & Donuts, 10–11 am, FC, Knights Hall
Tue, Sep 04	Parish Pictures, 2:30 pm – 9 pm, FC Rm 112 Welcome Dinner, 6:00 pm, FC, Knights Hall
Wed, Sep 05	Parish Pictures, 2:30 pm – 9 pm, FC Rm 112 LIFE TEEN T3 Bible Study, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, old parish rectory (722 N Derby)
Thu, Sep 06	Eucharistic Adoration, Noon – 7 am Fri, FC Rm 112 Parish Pictures, 2:30–9 pm, FC, Rm 112 St Mary's MS Back to School Night, 7 pm, School Gym
Fri, Sep 07	Eucharistic Adoration, continues – 7 am Friday, FC Rm 112 First Friday coffee & donuts, 9–10:30 am, Old Rectory Parish Pictures, 2:30– 9 pm, FC Rm 112
Sat, Sep 08	Parish Pictures, 9:30 am – 4 pm, FC Rm 112
Sun, Sep 09	Knights of Columbus Breakfast, 10 am, FC Knights Hall RCIA babysitting, 9:30–11:30 am, FC Rm 114 RCIA, 10–11:30 am, FC Rm 112
Mon, Sep 10	Life Night after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114 Parish Pictures, 2:30–9 pm, FC Rm 112 LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 Knights of Columbus meeting, 7:30 pm, FC Knights Hall
Tue, Sep 11	Parish Pictures, 2:30–9 pm, FC Rm 112
Wed, Sep 12	Parish Pictures, 2:30–9 pm, FC Rm 112 Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Office Conf Rm 106 Confirmation, Parent/Student Meeting 7:30 pm, FC Rm 114 Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, old parish rectory (722 N Derby)
Thu, Sep 13	Parish Pictures, 2:30–9 pm, FC Rm 112 Altar Society Meeting, 7 pm, FC Knights Hall St Mary's School, Dial 3 Screening Parent Meeting, School Gym
Fri, Sep 14	Parish Pictures, 2:30–9 pm, FC, Rm 112 EDGE Middle School Lock in 6 pm, School Gym
Sat, Sep 15	Virtus Training, 9 am – 12 noon, FC Knights Hall Parish Pictures, 9:30 am – 4 pm, FC Rm 112
Sun, Sep 16	Catechetical Sunday Coffee & Donuts, 10–11 am, FC Knights Hall RCIA babysitting, 9:30–11:30 am, FC Rm 114 RCIA, 10–11:30 am – FC Rm 112 LIFE Night after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114

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suggestions or comments, call Davi.

**Parish Picnic
is Aug 26!**



*Kathy Parisio, shown here with her
grandson at her retirement party, re-
tired as parish bookkeeper in June.
Thank you for serving our parish, Kathy!*

Knights of Columbus

Chris Provencio, Joe Gordon and Mark McMillin (at right) joined the Knights of Columbus in May. In addition to welcoming these new members, the Knights hosted a Mother's Day breakfast, monthly Parish Breakfasts, the Greensburg Benefit Steak Fry and cooked hot dogs for the PSR picnic!

In the annual election of officers, members took on new leadership roles. The new officers are: Grand Knight—Bob Stuhlsatz, Deputy Grand Knight—John Washburn, Chancellor—Kirk Keffeler, Recorder—Anthony Krones, Financial Secretary—John Betzen, Treasurer—Joe Betzen, Advocate—Ed Mendoza, Warden—Chuck Pawloski, Inside Guard—Don Birmingham, Outside Guard—Tony Duran, and Trustees—Bruce Luehring, John Strunk and James Maxwell.



PARISH LIFE

Family matters

by Davi Stuhlsatz

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

Congratulations

Gary Tully graduated from the University of Phoenix in May.

Julianna Johnson, daughter of Kent and Margie, graduated from Friends University in May.

Craig Linot, son of Tom and Janis, and Rebecca Gabbert were married on April 14. Rebecca received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University (KSU) in May, and will practice at Kutter



Pet Care Center in Andover. Craig received a Bachelor of Science in Construction Science and Management from KSU in 2002 and is employed by Alan's Excavating in Augusta.

Mark Maxwell, son of Jim and Phyllis Maxwell, graduated May 12 from KSU with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He is currently employed with Career Builders in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Savanna McHenry, DHS student council president, daughter of Sue and Marshall, was named Kansas student council president.

Michael Rohr, son of Steve and Mandy, was inducted into the Blue Key Honor Society.

Anniversaries

Eddie and Julie Bright celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 3.

Ken and Rose Bruggeman renewed their wedding vows on June 2, celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Tony and Sylvia Duran will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7. Sylvia belongs to the Sacred Heart Guild, but is not an active member because of multiple sclerosis. Tony is an officer with the 3rd and 4th degree Knights of Columbus and is on board of the Serra Club of Wichita. A family gathering will be hosted by their children in Branson, MO. The couple was married in Lewiston, ID and moved to Derby from Kennewick, WA in July of 2003. They had seven children.



Retiring District Deputy Tom Schmeidler and his wife Gail (right) received a plaque from State Deputy Don Wagner and his wife Margie (at left) at the State Knights of Columbus Convention in April. Tom was also elected as a delegate to the Supreme Convention in Nashville in August.



Deaths

Betty Lux, mother of Fred and Harold, died on June 10.

Mary Leiker, wife of Alvin, mother of



Deanna Blake (deceased), Gary, Terry, Larry, Daniel, and David, died on July 5. Both Mary Leiker and Betty Lux were active in Altar Society.

A special welcome to our new parishioners!

Adults

Austin, Brad
Bell, Jaclyn & Justin
Bussman, Linda & Ryan
Cornejo, Juliana & Rocky
Dinino, Joseph
Dreiling, Annette
Hayes, Bradley & Addie
Kippenberger, Joshua & Kyla
McHenry, Kara
McPhail, Lesha
Miller, Brant & Jennifer
Peavey, Emily
Piskonski, Mark
Rogers, Joe
Stout, Brett & Katie
Underwood, Bryon & Susi

Children

Melynda, Lauren, Shelby

Christian

Joshua, Reagan

Jordan, Riley
Drew, Tyler
Derek, Clayton

Addison



Below are the June and year-to-date sales and profits for St Mary Scrip and Dillon's gift certificates. Altar Society members Lisa Pappas and Jessica Rose share responsibility for the program. Jessica said, "I know it doesn't look like we've made a whole lot, but we have already covered all of our start-up and paid back \$800 of the \$1000 loan from Altar Society's working account. After we pay back the other \$200 we can start paying for altar bills and such. We are pretty happy with that. Sales have definitely slowed during the summer, but we should be able to hit the ground running in August."

Jessica continued, "Thank you to everyone who has bought St Mary Scrip, and thanks to all who've told their family and friends about it. We really have such a wonderful parish!"

St Mary Scrip—easy for you, good for *parish*

by Davi Stuhlsatz

St Mary Scrip sales began April 16, and the new fundraising program is gaining additional participants every week. Parishioners (and families and friends) buy Scrip (gift cards) from St Mary, and the participating merchants give St Mary a percentage of the sale in profit. Parishioners do not pay any extra—the gift cards spend just like cash at a wide range of merchants—so it's a way to benefit the parish with no additional expense, and just a little added time and forethought.

St Mary's Altar Society Scrip Fundraiser

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Gross Scrip Sales	\$4,160	\$19,186
Payment for Scrip	-3,864	-18,041
Gross Profit	\$296	\$1,145
Expenses	-42	-823
Net Profit	<u>\$254</u>	<u>\$322</u>

St Mary's Home & School

Dillon's gift certificate sales	<u>\$3,920</u>	<u>\$11,065</u>
4% profit	<u>\$157</u>	<u>\$443</u>



Below are Cheryl Cribbs and other members of the St Francis guild. The women and their husbands gathered for a cookout and picnic at Ray and Sue Bitel's home in June.

Altar Society will serve free ice cream at the parish picnic on August 26. See you there!

Altar Society

by Dorothy Nolting

Altar Society is a fun group—we're not all work and no play! In addition to serving our parish and various charities, our guilds (smaller groups within Altar Society) enjoy getting together for food and fellowship. Above are some members of the Sacred Heart guild at Applebee's recently (left to right): Elaine Landes, Agnes Sherman, Ann Egan, Mary Linder, Kathy Klassen, Julie Jarvis, Dee Ann Keffeler, Neola Dowling, Pat Ann Konecny, Treva Schaffer, and me!



Getting to know your parish family...

Alex update

by Maria Galley

Audrey and Richard Montgomery have had many inquiries as to their son Alex's health and would like to once again thank the parish for all the prayers and good wishes and to give everyone an update.

For those unfamiliar with Alex's story, he was a 15-year-old freshman at Kapaun Mt Carmel in April 2006 when he was diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma, Stage 4. Alex had tumors lining his throat, pleural cavity, forty tumors in his lungs, on his spleen, his liver and in his bone marrow.

Alex underwent chemotherapy, and he and his family were lifted in prayer and many kind deeds by people throughout the parish. By September, Alex's CT scan was clear. His oncologist said his recovery was incredibly rapid. Alex continued with chemo through October 31. The next two months he had radiation every day, which was very difficult and uncomfortable for him.

Alex has recently had five scans, all of which came back clear (no cancer). He has also recently undergone pulmonary and cardiac function tests, all of which were within normal limits. Alex had surgery to remove his port-a-cath (an intravenous device used to deliver chemo medication), and is now running stairs to try to get back in shape for basketball.

Alex was recently awarded the 2007 "Unsung Hero Award" by the North Rock Optimist Club, given to someone who "quietly, consistently and without praise has successfully overcome obstacles to continue their education." (*Throughout all the chemotherapy treatments and testing, Alex maintained a 3.5 GPA and then brought his grades up even further!*)

Again, thank you for your prayers and for the many kindnesses shown the Montgomery family during this difficult time in their lives!

Twice is nice

by DeAnn Barr

Bill Potter has lived in Derby twice now, once to raise his three children alongside his wife Lou, and a second time to enjoy retirement.

Bill and Lou Potter's children, Wayne, Doug, and Debbie Fahrback, attended St Mary Parish School in the 1960's. In 1968, Bill retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant. He had been a commissary officer during his active duty career. As a civilian, he went to work for the City of Wichita at the County Health Department as a food inspector. Once the children were grown, he became a civil service commissary officer, and relocated more often than he had while on active duty.

"We were fortunate in our tours," said Bill. "Beginning in 1974 we moved from Derby to live in Arizona, Florida and finally Oklahoma. Once we got close to home again, we decided it was time to return to Derby to be with the kids and grandkids."

Bill lost his wife Lou to cancer in December 2005, but he has since re-built his life. "I didn't get involved with any grief groups—it just so happened it was not for me. From day one I've kept busy, and I've never let myself get to where I didn't have something going on," said Bill.

On Mondays Bill volunteers at St Mary. Cheerfully, he lends a hand with whatever is needed, often manning the parish office during staff meetings. He's also become involved in creating a new parish-wide photo directory this year.

"I like what I do here; it keeps me in touch with other parishioners. There are a lot of things I can't do physically anymore, but I help with mailings, answer the phone, and it gets particularly busy around the holidays."

"Bill has such a great love of people and of life," said Davi Stuhlsatz, St Mary Parish Director of Communication. "He volunteers often and will take on any job at the parish office with gusto. He greets everyone with enthusiasm and is such a blessing, whether you meet him at High Park walking his dog or greeting visitors to St Mary Parish! I just love his twinkling eyes, ready smile, and desire to do whatever he can to help."



Bill Potter (seated), Dee Burnett and Bob Newkold are part of the team working on the parish pictorial directory. Have you signed up to get your picture taken?

On Tuesdays he takes medications to homebound hospice patients in east Wichita, a service he just began six weeks ago. As a volunteer through Harry Hynes Hospice, he feels a connection with the work, as his own wife passed away in hospice care.

On Thursdays Bill, who will turn 78 in September, delivers meals in Derby through the Meals on Wheels program.

"I don't have a favorite volunteer job. Keeping busy has helped ease my loneliness. My dog also helps. She's part terrier and we go to High Park every morning—she won't let me out of it. She really pushes me to keep going. Every morning at 7:15 she's driving me nuts, year round, looking for her walk. We had gotten her just before my wife died," said Bill.

Bill enjoys his level of volunteerism, as it allows him to keep up on his own projects. Aside from the time he donates to others weekly, he fills his time with reading. "I read a lot, especially mysteries. I use our library extensively. I think I've read every mystery they've got!"

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change *lives*.

Thank you for
sharing
with the *Lord!*



St Mary Parish Balance Sheet as of 3/31/07

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>	
Checking, Money Mkt & Other Deposits	\$264,181	A/P and Other Curr Liabilities	\$82,180
Chancery Savings	73,674	Notes Payable - Bldg & portable	872,845
Investments and Endowments	4,022	Equity/Fund balances	(582,180)
Building Fund	103,719	Net Operating Income	72,752
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$445,596</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$445,596</u>

St Mary Parish Operating Statements

	PRIOR YTD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET
	Jul '05-Mar '06	Jul '06-Mar '07	Jul '06-Mar '07
<u>PARISH OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSE</u>			
Ordinary Church Receipts	\$1,252,462	\$1,263,088	\$1,300,792
Extraordinary Church Receipts & Endowments	56,869	104,063	23,285
Organizational & School Receipts	202,631	176,447	175,474
Total Parish Operating Income	\$1,511,962	\$1,543,597	\$1,499,551
Stewardship (10% of ordinary church receipts to diocese)	125,244	126,353	137,703
Salaries, Payroll & Religious	225,313	228,538	252,584
Utilities, Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	43,228	49,728	54,663
Interest Payments on loan from diocese	27,980	42,458	86,850
Church Capital Outlay	1,193	400	2,000
Income Disbursements (Holy Savior, Rice Bowls, etc.)	27,461	27,876	18,700
Religious Education/Formation & Other Programs	26,827	22,041	45,077
Other Church Exp. (Copier Lease, Tech Support, Postage, etc)	21,491	27,005	27,343
Total Church Expenses	\$498,738	\$524,399	\$624,919
SMPS Salaries and Payroll	642,711	689,642	727,008
SMPS Utilities, Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	72,920	75,435	76,446
SMPS Capital Outlays	29,763	21,319	25,400
Other SMPS Expenses (Copier Lease, Tech Suppt, Sports, etc)	46,540	55,067	54,703
Total St Mary Parish School Expenses	\$791,934	\$841,462	\$883,556
Catholic High School Subsidy & Expense	209,217	202,463	201,233
Total Parish Operating Expenses	\$1,499,888	\$1,568,324	\$1,709,708
Net Income/(Expense) From Parish Operations	\$12,074	(\$24,727)	(\$210,157)
<u>BUILDING FUND INCOME/(EXPENSE)</u>			
Receipts & Memorials	\$81,355	\$148,458	\$64,650
Interest Income	1,178	0	0
Stewardship (10% of building fund to diocese)	(6,494)	(2,824)	
Expenses	0	(1,201)	(4,540)
Net Income/(Expense) From Building Fund	\$76,038	\$144,433	\$60,110
NET OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSE)	<u>\$88,112</u>	<u>\$119,707</u>	<u>(\$150,047)</u>
<u>EXTRAORDINARY DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Funds disbursement for the Faith Center Building	(\$976,885)	(\$46,954)	0
TOTAL NET OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSE)	<u>(\$888,774)</u>	<u>\$72,752</u>	<u>(\$150,047)</u>

Financials

by Davi Stuhlsatz

At left are third quarter financial reports through and as of March 31. St Mary's fiscal year is July through June. The annual report as of June 30 will be published when it is available. The generous sharing of time, talent and treasure in our parish reflects our growth in Stewardship—following Christ.

Knights give awards

by Davi Stuhlsatz

The Trustees of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholar-



ships have given Jordan Bergmann, son of Don and Stephanie Birmingham, a \$1500 annual scholarship. Jordan will attend the University of Notre Dame this fall.



St Mary Parish eighth grader Jamie Schild, daughter of Jennifer Montgomery and James Schild, received the Milo Grisamore award from the Derby Knights of Columbus at graduation. Pictured giving Jamie the award is Grand Knight Bob Stuhlsatz. This \$200 memorial scholarship is given annually to an outstanding student going on to a Catholic high school; Jamie will attend Bishop Carroll.

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of our parish, its growth (we will be out of classroom space in 2 years), and our building plans. Andrea told the group that with a 20-year diocesan loan instead of the typical ten, we could break ground on new buildings as early as fall 2008.

Parishioner and Derby City Manager Kathy Sexton spoke briefly about the historical and expected growth in Derby's population, population demographics and Derby's Family Circle award as one of America's "10 Best Towns for Families."

Feedback from both luncheons was very positive. So, you might ask, what are our next steps? In order, they are:

1. Parishioners—tithes, continue to grow in Stewardship, pray for our parish.
2. Staff—make a formal request for an extended-term loan from the Diocese.
3. All of us—Trust in God's will.

The Luncheon...

Mike & Linda Bartlett: It was such a pleasure. We enjoyed getting to meet some new people in the parish and introducing them to others.

Dee Burnett: The video and presentations were excellent!

Teresa Chvilicek: It was so amazing. It was really something special. We didn't feel pressured at all, but just felt more committed.

Jo Dowling: It was well done, just what we needed from a Stewardship perspective. It was great that Father challenged

people. I heard comments that this ought to get people going. I liked that it was more than just filling out our Stewardship form.

Bill & Sue Gessler: It went really smoothly. So many people were there—it was inspiring to have such a great turnout. Everyone felt welcome, with name tags, lunches prepared with name, each person had a place and a host, and it was so pretty! I was very impressed, proud to be a parishioner. Just wonderful!



▲ Bishop Jackels visited with Sister Marie and Zach Williams at the June lunch, and was very impressed with Zach's testimonial. Zach begins his second year at Conception Seminary this fall, and credits God working through people in our parish and school for the impetus to enter the seminary.

▼ Katie McHenry and Bishop Jackels laugh at a remark by another guest at the luncheon as Aaron Schif waits to serve lunch. Several parishioners volunteered their time and talent to prepare the meal, and their children greeted the visitors from the diocese, led prayer and served the meal.

