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Lent and love

by Davi Stuhlsatz

February's Generations of Faith (GOF) sessions were about **God's unconditional love**. Actually, ALL that our parish does is about love: celebrating Eucharist, coming together to support and encourage one another, faith formation, outreach, Stewardship. It's all about God's love of us, and our love of God and one another.

Hearts, traditional symbols of love, were used in several rites recently. GOF participants learning about Lent, Love and Reconciliation were invited to identify something in their lives that they needed to change/ turn away from in order to more faithfully follow the Gospel. They wrote the desired changes on paper hearts, which were put into a basket to be burned with palm fronds from last Palm Sunday to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. ►

Deanna Salas said, "To hear Father Wayne talk about how everyone is different and the importance of reconciliation was something I really needed. Writing down the changes we need to make in our lives on the hearts was a good idea—knowing that they will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday will be the start of a new beginning for each of us."



Macie Ediger and her mom, Aimee, during the Rite of Covenant. More pictures on page 2.

◀ In the Rite of Covenant in early February, young people preparing for First Eucharist gave Father Wayne hearts made of red felt material as symbols of their desire to more closely follow Jesus. Eucharist is the ultimate celebration of God's love, revealed in the Word, the Body and Blood, the priest, and the people gathered.



Lee and Jean Fischer put paper hearts with desires for change into the basket at GOF.

Feasibility Study results

The Steier Group has reported its findings and recommendations to the Pastoral Council and Father Wayne. Here are some of the major observations:

- 82% of respondents are in favor of St Mary moving forward with a major fundraising effort.
- 51% indicated a willingness to serve as a leader or assist in asking for gifts during the effort.
- 71% indicated a willingness to make a financial gift—above and beyond their ordinary giving—to build a new school.
- The strong sense of community at St Mary was praised.

RECOMMENDATIONS

From these statistics and responses to survey questions, Steier provided several recommendations, including:

- Reduce size and scope of new school.
- Create diverse campaign leadership team.
- Provide flexibility in timing and methods of giving.

NEXT STEPS

Right now we are working with the architect to determine how we can reduce the cost of the school and still accomplish our needs. Once we get those details, the Pastoral Council will decide if we should begin a major fundraising effort.

Nearly 30% of the parish (295 households) participated in the study, and 95% responded that they were very well informed—Steier Group records! Thank you to all who participated. We will continue to keep you informed and involved in the process!

Spiritual Life

Baptism



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



Brock Andrew Wondra, son of Curtis and Kirsten, was baptized on December 28.



Jones Robert Damm, son of Vaughn and Norah, was baptized on February 15.



Holden Lincoln Applebee, son of Joel and Amanda, brother of Haden, was baptized on December 21.



Payton LeAnn Sethong, daughter of Asia, goddaughter of Joe and Lauren Ignowski, was baptized on February 1.



Kaleb James Rich, son of Candace and Steve, brother of Niki, was baptized on February 22.

Preparing



One hundred fourteen children, teens and adults are preparing for Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) this spring!

- 17 adults who have been participating in RCIA will be Baptized or make a Profession of Faith, be Confirmed, and/or receive First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 11.

- 1 adult has been preparing for Confirmation and will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

- 34 teens will receive Confirmation on April 16, including Avery Haist, at left signing his name in the Covenant Book with his dad, Tom, during the Confirmation Rite of Covenant.

- 62 young people will receive First Eucharist the weekend of May 2/3, including Tucker Benson, at left with his parents, Tim and Kellie, during the First Eucharist Rite of Covenant.



Please keep these fellow travelers on the faith journey in your prayers!

Walk by the light
of the LORD.



Spiritual Life



DeAngela Ingalls signs her name in the Book of the Elect as godparent Debbie Comes and Sister Marie watch. DeAngela will be baptized and receive First Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter Vigil.

Lent: converting our hearts

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Lent is a period to focus more deeply on conversion—for those preparing to be baptized AND for those of us who have been Catholics for many years. As Father Thomas Richstatter writes on www.AmericanCatholic.org (a great site to browse for info on our Catholic faith—put a topic in the Search for Articles box and click on Find):

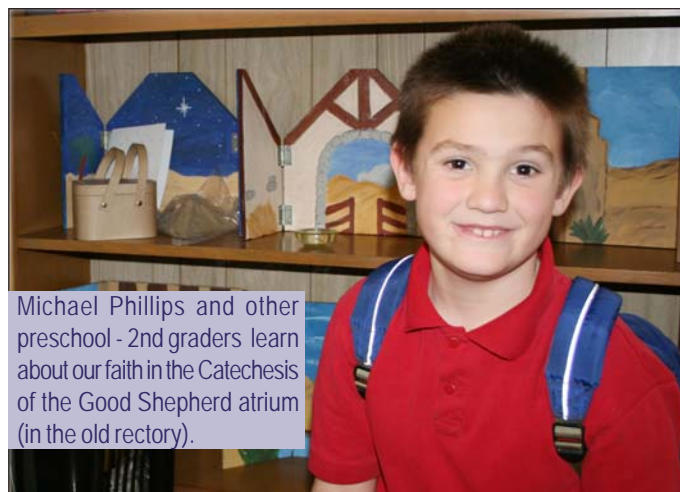
We become Christians by a process of conversion... turning from a life of selfishness and sin—a “Me First” life—to a life of Spirit-filled generosity and love. As Jesus says in John 13:34-35: ‘I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ And Christ, through the Church, has provided us with sacraments—ritual ceremonies—which help us appropriate and celebrate this conversion process. The Sacraments of Initiation are an ongoing invitation into this lifelong process of conversion.

Sacraments of Christian Initiation celebrate and effect a plunge into the life, passion, death and resurrection of Christ. We receive the Holy Spirit, the very Spirit that directed, inspired and empowered Jesus himself so that we become members of Christ’s Body.

For those unaccustomed to thinking of Confirmation, together with Baptism and Eucharist, as part of the initiation process, this analogy might be helpful: What do we do when invited out to eat? In most cases there are three steps: When the time comes (1) we take off our old clothes and wash up by taking a shower or bath. (2) We dry off and put on our good clothes. (3)

We go to the place where we have been invited and join with our friends to talk, eat, drink, celebrate.

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist exist in a similar relationship: In Baptism (1) we take off the old, sinful person and wash away Original Sin. In Confirmation (2) we are anointed with the oil of the Holy Spirit and filled with his sevenfold gifts. Finally, (3) we are led to the Eucharistic banquet.



Michael Phillips and other preschool - 2nd graders learn about our faith in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium (in the old rectory).

Formed in love

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Faith formation, helping people learn and grow in faith, is a sign of our love for God and one another. What better gift can we give than to encourage children, teens and adults (including ourselves) to grow in loving relationships with God and one another? Lent is a great time to focus on faith! The diocesan Lenten Study Series is available for personal use at www.cdowk.org/offices/religious/downloads/10%20session1_5.pdf if you're interested!

When the diocese elevated St Mary to parish status in 1954 (*happy 55th anniversary, St Mary!*), the first thing the founding families did was to build a school. From March 1954 until the new church was completed in 1958, church services were held in the school basement. The reason we have the school buildings we do—and the many faith formation options they house—is to help people grow in faith, and in love of God and one another. Faith formation is a core value, an essential part of our parish, and our lack of adequate classroom space for all our programs is why building a new school is a priority. To tour the school, preschool or any faith formation process, call 788-3151! See how you make a difference in people's lives!

Faith Formation

Ski trip!

by Jordan Wilbert, Ryan Williams, Josh Smith & others

We spent a lot of time preparing for the LIFE TEEN ski trip, through fundraisers (thank you for your support!) and numerous meetings. Finally we set out on our adventure to Winter Park, Colorado. Papa Chuck drove our bus for twelve hours under the night sky. Nobody slept on the ride because of excitement and our many bathroom breaks.

Once we finally arrived at Beaver Village Condos and downed a McDonald's breakfast, we were ready to ski and snowboard all day in the Rocky Mountains. Those who had never skied took a lesson; others just winged it.

After a long day on the slopes, some of us chose to relax in the hot tub, while (surprise?) the boys enjoyed the sauna. Later we had a group meeting about the next day's activities, ending in prayer for everyone's safety. . . then ghost stories by Ricardo!

Day 2 began with some great breakfast burritos made by some of the guys. Most then ventured off to ski, while others went to town to shop. We closed the day with Mass in Fraser and then, ice cream.

Finally it was time to pack and reduce to two condos before heading out for our last ski runs. We had to say goodbye to Winter Park at 3:30, then load and hit the road. A stop at a Denver Furrs gave us full stomachs; with those and our exhaustion from skiing, everyone slept on the journey home.



Bryce Walsten, Robbie Sommerhauser and Danny Burkemper load their plates at a recent Life Night. LIFE TEEN's faith formation sessions always start with great food. THANK YOU to the 4-person teams that minister to the teens by taking turns providing snacks!

Studying Church

by Janet Clark

We've been having a lot of fun in LIFE TEEN, but we haven't forgotten about growing in faith. In addition to fun activities like volleyball every Sunday afternoon, a ski trip and a great evening at Father Wayne's for the Super Bowl, we have been studying the Church and the Mass this semester.

This was brought into focus at Saturday night Mass on our ski trip. The priest at Fraser, Colorado really emphasized the excitement of Christ being present with us on this night in the Eucharist. He discussed Eucharistic miracles and despite the teens' tiredness after a full day of skiing, his enthusiasm and energy pumped them up.



LIFE TEEN Core Team members Amber Williams, Joe Rogers, Terisa Kramer, Karen Jackson, John Stuhlsatz and Diana Claudio lead sessions, pray, put on skits and meet with the teens every week to help lead them to Christ. Interested in seeing if this ministry is a fit for you? Call Janet, 789-9925.



is an international Catholic movement that serves the Church by providing resources and faith experiences that help lead teens closer to Christ. This is accomplished through a vibrant Eucharistic spirituality and by creating opportunities for teens to grow in their faith.

St Mary began LIFE TEEN for high school youth in 2000.

Sessions meet after 6 pm Mass on Sundays—come give it a try!

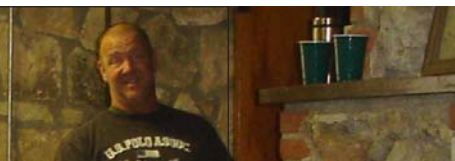
Two days later they were still talking about his homily!

At a recent Life Night, we made One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Donuts at the LifeTeen Donut Company. This lesson on the Church's unique characteristics left a sweet taste in our mouths!

LORD,
teach me
your paths



Faith Formation



EDGE is Catholic youth ministry created for youth in grades seven and eight, designed to meet their educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs.

Middle school youth question and challenge the values and beliefs they held as children, trying to figure out who they are and what they believe.

Middle school kids are *on the edge* because so much is going on in their lives physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially. It can be stressful and difficult for them and their parents. As a Catholic community, we give our middle school youth The EDGE they need in life: Jesus, The Word, The Eucharist, and the Church!

Our goal is to help middle school youth move from a child-like spirituality into an adult faith commitment to Jesus Christ and the Catholic community, and to have fun doing it! We meet after 11 am Mass on Sundays, in Rm 114. Come on out, and bring a friend!

Worth repeating!

a female viewpoint, by Ada May, Derby Middle School, 7th grade

The EDGE Retreat was really great. We learned a lot about our Catholic religion, and what a cool religion it really is. We learned why we are Catholics, and what our beliefs are. It was unstructured, so we could decide what we wanted to discuss and learn. A great variety of fun activities brought us closer to Christ.

We went exploring, following some really neat hiking trails. Whenever we had free time everyone grabbed their coats and went hiking. Although it wasn't the nicest weather, no one really minded. We used items from nature to make something that reminded us of God. That was fun, because we actually learned something while getting to hike, too.

We got to know each other better. Everyone really let their personalities show, and we all made some new friends that we wouldn't have made otherwise. We didn't think about our age differences, or our personalities, we all just had a great time as one big group.

Overall, the retreat was really fun, and we all grew closer to our faith. There wasn't a single boring part. We were all really at home there. The only thing that I would change about the retreat is that I would have made it longer!

No one wanted it to end so soon. The time just flew by. One thing's for sure: I am definitely going on the retreat again next year!



Ada relaxing on the sofa at Camp Horizon.

Amazing!

a male viewpoint, by Nathan Carpenter, SMPS 8th grade

I found the EDGE Retreat at Camp Horizon very delightful. There was an

amazing view from our cabin on top of the hill, surrounded by a broad-leaf forest. About 50 yards out from the cabins there was a cross from where you could see the beautiful Arkansas River.

The group spent most of the time exploring and praying; on a few of my adventures with the other guys, we went down to the river, where we collected fossils and skipped stones. The prayer time made me feel closer to all my friends. We meditated and discussed prayer and the Mass. I enjoyed finger paint meditation painting my image of God the most.

Our retreat definitely exceeded my expectations. There was a great view, lots of time to pray, and my friends—it could not have been better. I am sure to go on another retreat in the future!

Family matters

Lord, be at the center of our families' lives

by Jessica Rose

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

Marriage

Andrew Jones, son of Mike and Sheila, married **Ashley Van Asdale** on August 11, 2008. Andrew is a 2006 graduate of Kansas State University (KSU) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently pursuing his PhD. in Physics at KSU. Ashley is a 2005 graduate of the University of Kansas, with a degree in Atmospheric Science, and currently works in Kansas City as an environmental consultant. The couple now resides in Lawrence.

Mike Ronnfeldt and **Audrey Shoopman** were married on February 14. The wedding party included Mike's children, Christopher, J.T., and Abby, and Audrey's children, Greg and Doug.

Congratulations

Ashlee Schif, daughter of Bob and Jean, was the St Mary Parish School (SMPS) Spelling Bee winner. Runner up was **Ainsley Smith**, daughter of Craig and Kitty. Both are seventh grade students.

SMPS had four winners in the recent Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest: 5th grader **Haley Kreutzer** (daughter of Kent and Stephanie), 8th grader **Carolyn Torline** and 6th grader **Matthew Torline** (children of John and Lori), and 7th grader **Ethan Barr** (son of Roger and DeAnn).

Six SMPS students were winners in the 2009 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: **Claire Lathrop**, **Daniel Dawdy**, **John Coufal**, **Jessica Egan**, **Simon DuLac**, and **Mari Hoffman**.

Josh Lund, son of Jeannette and Kent, was the SMPS Geography Bee winner. Runner up was **Gerred Egan**, son of Lance and Lisa.

Deaths

Heather Nicole Yeager, daughter of Bill



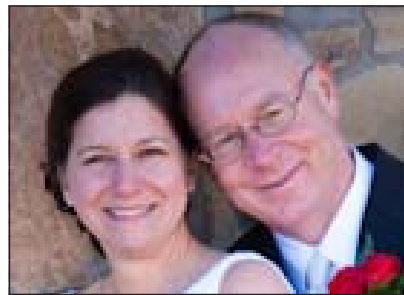
Andrew and Ashley Jones



Ethan Barr Gerred Egan Josh Lund Haley Kreutzer



Ashlee Schif Ainsley Smith Caroline Torline Matthew Torline



Mike and Audrey Ronnfeldt

and **Cathy**, granddaughter of Jerry and Vivian Peiffer and Dean Yeager, died on December 26, 2008.

Beatrice Ann Petri, mother of Margaret Klosterman, died on November 28, 2008.

Carlos Gatson, father of Tess Brown, grandfather of Julie Bever, died February 4.

Marjorie Russell, mother of Anthony, Everett, John, Linda and Sandy, died on February 8.

Mary Ann Warner, mother of Pat Ann Konecny, grandmother of Kathy Felter and Patrick Konecny, great grandmother of Mason Felter, died on February 15.



Thirteen of the twenty-one students in the 7th grade at SMPS qualified for the Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP)! TIP identifies academically talented 7th graders based on standardized test scores, invites qualifying students to take either the SAT or ACT college entrance exam, gives them comparative information concerning their academic abilities, provides resources for unique educational opportunities and recognizes their outstanding achievements.

Above (l to r): Front row: Andrew Metler, Ethan Barr, Ainsley Smith, Carla Miller; 2nd row: Meghan Daley, John Coufal, Justin Galley, Alexandra Smith; 3rd row: Simon DuLac, Matthew Chapman, Ashlee Schif Back: Emily Barker, Katie Michael.

Be good stewards
of God's creation

Our Calendar

Eagle Scout



Jake Henderson, fourteen-year-old son of Jack and Geri, received his Eagle Scout badge in February. Jake is in eighth grade at Derby Middle School and is a member of Boy Scout Troop 692, sponsored by the Derby Knights of Columbus.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jake organized a backpack/travel bag drive for children of Wichita Children's Home. Typically, these children would leave their home with their belongings in a plastic grocery bag or trash bag. Jake identified the need for the children to have their own personal bag, he coordinated the project, and he set up a collection site. He and the Scouts collected over 400 travel bags/backpacks.



Shirley Carrick painted a beautiful portrait of Father McGivney, founder of the Knights, and donated it to Pennies from Heaven, the Knights' state disaster relief fund. The painting will be auctioned in May to benefit the fund.

March-April 2009

- Sun, Mar 8 Parish & Welcome Breakfast, 10-11 am, Knights Hall
RCIA, 9:30-11:30 am, FC Rm 112 (babysitting, 9-11:30 am, FC Rm 114)
NO EDGE or LifeNight (due to LIFE TEEN Retreat this weekend)
Adult Choir, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112, 7:45 in Worship Space
- Mon, Mar 9 LIFE TEEN Jr Core, 5:30 pm, FC Rm 114
K of C First Degree for new members, 6:30 pm, Knights Hall
K of C regular meeting, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Tue, Mar 10 Centering Prayer/Lenten Study, 7 pm, Faith Center sanctuary
- Wed, Mar 11 PSR Sessions, 6 pm, School classrooms
Grief Support, 6 pm, old rectory
Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Office Conf Rm 106
Last Confirmation Session for semester, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
- Thu, Mar 12 Altar Society, 7 pm, Knights Hall
- Fri, Mar 13 Anointing of the Sick, 8 am Mass, Weekday Chapel
Stations of the Cross, 5:45 pm, FC; Soup Supper, 6:15 pm, Knights Hall
- Sat, Mar 14 **St Patrick's Day Party, reviving a parish tradition, 7 pm, School Gym**
- Sun, Mar 15 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, FC Knights Hall
RCIA, 9:30-11:30 am, FC Rm 112 (babysitting, 9-11:30 am, FC Rm 114)
EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114
Altar Server Appreciation party, 1-3 pm, School Gym
LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
Adult Choir, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112, 7:45 in Worship Space
- Mon, Mar 16 SMPS Spring Break, thru March 20
- Tue, Mar 17 Pastoral Council, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Mar 18 NO PSR, Spring Break
Grief Support Group, 6 pm, old rectory
Centering Prayer/Lenten Study, 7 pm, Faith Center sanctuary
- Thu, Mar 19 La Leche League, 9 am, FC Rm 114
Harvest House, 6:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Fri, Mar 20 Stations of the Cross, 5:45 pm, FC; Soup Supper, 6:15 pm, Knights Hall
- Sun, Mar 22 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, FC Knights Hall
RCIA, 9:30-11:30 am, FC Rm 112 (babysitting, 9-11:30 am, FC Rm 114)
EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114
LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
Adult Choir, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112, 7:45 in Worship Space
- Mon, Mar 23 LIFE TEEN Jr Core, 5:30 pm, FC Rm 114
K of C Officers, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Tue, Mar 24 **Lenten Reconciliation Service, 7pm, Faith Center**
- Wed, Mar 25 PSR Sessions, 6 pm, School classrooms
Grief Support, 6 pm, old rectory
NO Confirmation Session - ended March 11
Centering Prayer/Lenten Study, 7 pm, Faith Center sanctuary
- Fri, Mar 27 Stations of the Cross, 5:45 pm, FC; Soup Supper, 6:15 pm, Knights Hall
- Sat, Mar 28 Diocesan Catholic Youth Convention (DCYC) for teens through Sunday
Prairie Land Food pick-up, 6:30 am, School Gym
- Sun, Mar 29 Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, FC Knights Hall
RCIA, 9:30-11:30 am, FC Rm 112 (babysitting, 9-11:30 am, FC Rm 114)
EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114
NO LIFE NIGHT (due to DCYC)
Adult Choir, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112, 7:45 in Worship Space
- Tue, Mar 31 Sacred Heart Guild, 8:45 am, old rectory

[Don't forget adult volleyball (6:30) & basketball (8:30) every Friday night @ the school gym!]

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Our Calendar



If today
you hear his voice
harden not your hearts

March-April 2009 (cont.)

- Wed, Apr 1 PSR Sessions, 6 pm, School classrooms
Grief Support, 6 pm, old rectory
Centering Prayer/Lenten Study, 7 pm, Faith Center sanctuary
- Thu, Apr 2 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, noon to midnight, FC Rm 112
Altar Society, 7 pm, Knights Hall
- Fri, Apr 3 First Friday Coffee and donuts, after 8 am Mass, old rectory
Stations of the Cross, 5:45 pm, FC; Soup Supper, 6:15 pm, Knights Hall
- Sat, Apr 4 The Lord's Diner, Team B – M Rubel
God's Food Pantry Weekend
LIFE TEEN selling religious articles after this weekend's Masses
- Sun, Apr 5 **PALM SUNDAY**
Holy Week begins through April 11th
Baptism Session, 9 am, FC Off Conf Rm 106
Coffee & Donuts, 10–11 am, FC Knights Hall
RCIA, 9:30–11:30 am, FC Rm 112 (babysitting, 9–11:30 am, FC Rm 114)
EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114
LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
LIFE TEEN parent session, 7 pm, FC Knights Hall
Adult Choir, 7:15 pm, FC Rm 112, 7:45 in Worship Space
- Wed, Apr 8 NO PSR, Centering Prayer or Grief Support, Holy Week
- Thu, Apr 9 **Holy Thursday Mass, 7 pm, Faith Center**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, until 10:30 pm, FC Rm 112
- Fri, Apr 10 **Good Friday - NO SMPS, Parish Office closed, NO volleyball or basketball**
Stations of the Cross, Noon, Faith Center
7 pm Service; Word, General Intercessions,
Veneration of the Cross and Communion, Faith Center
- Sat, Apr 11 Morning Prayer with the Elect, 9 am, Faith Center
Easter Vigil, 7 pm, Faith Center
- Sun, Apr 12 **Easter Sunday, 9 and 11 am Eucharist**
Easter Egg Hunt, 12:30 pm, Faith Center grounds
NO Breakfast/Coffee & Donuts, NO EDGE, NO LIFE TEEN, NO 6 pm Eucharist
- Mon, Apr 13 Easter Monday - NO SMPS, Parish Office closed
- Wed, Apr 15 Confirmation Practice Session, 7 pm, Faith Center
- Thu, Apr 16 Confirmation, 7 pm, Faith Center
- Mon, Apr 20-Wed, Apr 22 Parish Mission, 7-8:15 pm, Faith Center worship space

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That Man is You

by Kent Lund

Would you like to be a better husband
and father? If so, a Catholic organization,
"That Man Is You," is ready to help.
Either search "TMIY" or go to
www.paradisusdei.org/tmiy/. Look at
the information on the website; if this
looks like an organization that can help
you, contact me at 788-6031 (leave a
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TMIY in the subject line, so that we don't
delete it as Spam. If we get enough
interest, we will start a St Mary group
in September.

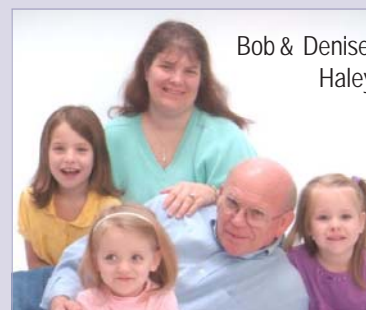


Our 7th grade boys basketball team won the Catholic Schools Activity League season, and postseason tournament. From left to right are: John Coufal, Justin Galley, Andrew Metler, Matthew Shearrer, Simon DuLac, Matthew Chapman, Lucas Wilson, and Lake Tully. The coaches (not pictured) were Mike Galley, Tom Coufal, and Ryan Coufal.

Lent 2009

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A special welcome
to our new parishioners!



Bob & Denise Nichols with daughters
Haley, Hanna, Heidi

**NEW FAMILIES
NOT PICTURED:**
Mike & Carol Dreiling
Linda Wise & son John

Getting to know your parish family...

Meet the Chapmans

by Jessica Rose

Darrell and Sherry Chapman joined the parish almost 13 years ago, when they moved to Derby from Wichita.

"We believe this is a very vibrant parish and we hope to see the school and the church completed within the next few years. But, even if the buildings don't get completed for some time we hope the spirit of the parish continues to thrive and grow," Sherry said.

The couple believes in the Stewardship way of life. Sherry said, "Growing up Catholic, my family always practiced Stewardship. Even though there were eight children in our family, we all had our own personal envelopes for contributing a portion of our money we earned from chores and other jobs."

She continued, "I am excited about the opportunities for involvement and interaction between clergy and laity in these times and I see the chance to contribute time and talent as another means of giving back to God from the richness he has given us."

Ministries contribute to their sense of involvement in the life of the parish. Darrell is a Eucharistic minister and Sherry is a member of Altar Society (Marian Guild). The couple also recently started the Grief Support Group at St Mary.

Sherry said, "There are many techniques used to help people work through grief but the most important thing that every grieving person wants, whether they are 7 or 70, is not therapy, it is just someone to listen to them."

Darrell explained, "Our own lives were changed forever by the deaths of our two first spouses. This mutual grief was a central factor in bringing us together in the first place (we lived within a



mile of each other, went to the same high school, knew many people in common and yet never met until after both our spouses died within twenty months of each other and friends introduced us) and it is an important part in the people we have become. We know how overwhelming it can be to lose a loved one and we also know that it is possible to find some joy and purpose in life after such a devastating loss."

Sherry added, "It was the death of my first husband that led me to go back to school to get a masters degree so that I could become a therapist."

Sherry is a social worker. She worked in child protection for SRS for 12 years, then as a community mental health center therapist for 7 years and now is an instructor in the WSU School of Social Work. Darrell is retired from Boeing. They love to fish, garden, cook, go to blues concerts and old car shows, and play with their grandchildren.

The Grief Support Group

is a new parish ministry. It is not a therapy group, but rather a group of people who have lost a loved one and come together to offer support to each other in a very informal setting. The group is small, usually no more than five persons, and meets for about an hour to an hour and a half weekly (Wednesday nights in the old rectory, beginning at 6 pm),

It is a very comfortable time with a few tears and also smiles and laughter. Members are encouraged to call each other for support if they feel the need of it during the week.

We are hopeful that we can be there to listen whenever a grieving parishioner is ready to talk about their loss.

—Sherry

Making a Difference



Jeffy (Arias) Miller received the 2009 St Mary Parish School (SMPS) Alumni Award for her stewardship. She graduated from SMPS in 1986, from Derby High in 1990 and then attended WSU. She has volunteered in the SMPS office and middle school classrooms, she has coached track, volleyball and basketball, and she is presently assistant athletic director. Principal Richard Montgomery said, "Mrs. Miller is very deserving of this recognition. She gives very generously of her time, and truly cares about our school and our students. She is always willing to help. I really appreciate that."

SAINT MARY PARISH



Memorials and Honorariums as of December 5, 2008



Thank you for your gifts! Memorials (in tribute of someone who has died, marked with a ✠) and honorariums (financial gifts 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 July 28, 2008 are in bold font.

Dee Acosta
Michael Adams ✠
Altar Society
Rachel Arehart ✠
Jerry Armstrong
Phil Armstrong ✠
Mary Arnold ✠
Arturo P. Atencio ✠

Laurence Bachman ✠
Baker ✠
Everett Balster ✠
Kevin & Kathy Barker
Preston Barr (birthday)
Jocelyn Bastarache (birthday)
Marion Beaver
Rosie Benner ✠
Mary P. Bernard ✠
John & Barbara Betzen
Normand A. Bissonnette ✠
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Tom Bowen ✠
Wanda Braciszewski ✠
Irma Jean Brown ✠
Donald J. Bruggeman ✠
Ken & Rose Bruggeman
Carlos Buell ✠
Paul Burnett ✠

Tejae Carlson ✠
Zita M. Carlson ✠
Carolyn Sue Carpenter
Marion & Grace Carroll ✠
Ronnie & Mary Carver
The Debbie Chapman Family
Chvilicek Family Christmas
Albert A. Cocchetella ✠
Gerald & Ellen Cochran
Christian Compton
Richard & Karol Cornejo Family
Twila Cosentino
Benita Cox

Kevin Dana ✠
Lana Dawdy
Floyd Dawson ✠
Tiny DeCou
Marian Deiter ✠
Basil Delgado ✠

Ken Delgado ✠
Jerry & Mary Devore
Albert Dextras ✠
Virleen & Al Dickman ✠
Tom Dillon ✠
The Dinner Group
Howard Dixon ✠
Janice Dixon
Harry Dobson, Jr ✠
Mary Dobson
Lawrence Doughty ✠
Caroline Douvia ✠
Diane Doyon ✠
Bud Dreitzler ✠
Helen Dreitzler ✠
Jim Dubetsky ✠
Father Richard Ducate ✠
Keith & Marcia DuLac
Jean Dumont ✠
Raymond Dupree ✠
Connie Duran ✠

Andrea Eastman (joined the Church)
Bayley Eastman (baptism, 1st Communion)
Gwendolyn Marie Eastman (baptism)
Rod & Andrea Eastman
Shelby & Bayley Eastman
Francis Edmond ✠
Ann Egan
Leo Engels ✠
Blanche Erbert
Julia Erway ✠

Gerald Fager ✠
Joe Fanello ✠
Joe Fanello's grandchildren
Louis Fanello ✠
Mary E. Fanello
Frank Fanning ✠
Marcia Fanning
Makinsey Renee Farber
Danny Farve ✠
George & Sadie Favreau ✠
Bobbie D. Feikert ✠
Dr. Fisher ✠
Geraldine A. Fisher ✠
Kathryn J. Fontaine

Agnes Gengler ✠
Edna Gentry
Bill & Sue Gessler
N.J. Gessler Jr. ✠

Elizabeth Gibbs ✠
Gilbert ✠
Patrocino Gonzalez ✠
Gabriele A. Gordan ✠
Stan & Margie Gress

Anna Haney ✠
Walter Haney ✠
Billie Herrmann ✠
Thelma M. Hoffman ✠
John Holm ✠
Lucille R. Houchin ✠
William J. Houchin ✠
Hudson ✠
Margaret Hug
Mae Hundley ✠
Rena Jo Hurst ✠
Francis E. Hurtig ✠
Helen I. Hurtig ✠

Clyde & Vicky Jacobs
Dortha Johnson
Jessica Johnson
Julianna Johnson
Eulalia W. Joines ✠
Charley W. Jones ✠
James A. Jordan ✠
Jerrie Joseph ✠

Kandlbinder ✠
Carol Keller
John Keller ✠
Ed Kelly
John Kelly ✠
David Kelsey ✠
JoAnne Kennedy
John & Connie Kennedy
Leo & Ida Kennedy ✠
Ray & Tommie Kennedy family
Charles W. Kenyon ✠
Lucille Kerby ✠
John P. Ketzner ✠
Leonard & Arlee Killion ✠
Kippenberger Family
Matthew Klein ✠
Sister Rose Klein
Leona Kling ✠
Knights of Columbus
Knights of Columbus ✠
Reginald Knowles ✠
Leo Konecny ✠
Lawrence Korphage ✠

SAINT MARY PARISH



Memorials and Honorariums as of December 5, 2008



Walter Kreutzer ✠
Rick Kuehn ✠
Mary Kuntz ✠

Dr. Amber & Don J. Lambert
Jack Landes ✠
Lola Landis ✠
John & Gertrude Landwehr ✠
Harold B. Lane ✠
Vernon Lang ✠
Father John Lanzrath
Ron & Norma Lee Leabo (50th Anniversary)
Milton Laurie ✠
Donald Lehr ✠
Mary E. Leiker ✠
Kevin & Rachel Lewis
LIFE TEEN Core Team
Edward A. Lind (of Iola) ✠
Eugene H. & Regina Lindner ✠
Marguerite Linot ✠
Alonzo A. Lollar ✠
Joseph Longar ✠
Bruce & Anita Luehring
John & Betty J. Lux ✠
James W. Lyle, Jr. ✠

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

Mamie Neeland ✠
Dr David & Cindy Niederee
Jennie Nolan ✠

Virginia Odle ✠
Gertrude Olliges ✠

Christopher Palmer
Douglas Palmer
Michael Palmer
Scott Palmer
Keyton Pappas (1st Communion)
Nikki Parks
Loretta Pater ✠
Rachel Patterson
Monte Peterson
Gerald Pierce
Katy Pinaire (6th birthday)
Marge & Bob Plagmann ✠
Mary Lou Potter ✠
Walter L. Powers ✠
Jeanie Provenzano ✠

David M. Rabe ✠
Laverne M. Rabe ✠
Nancy Rader
Gerald Rafferty ✠
Greg & Sandy Rau
Edna Reyes ✠
Roman Rau ✠
Jay Vincent Rhodes ✠
Jess Rodriguez ✠
Mike & Audrey Ronnfeldt
Anthony Roman ✠
Joaquina Flores Rosa ✠
Henry Penny Rosen ✠

Jose' G. Sanchez ✠
Richard Schaffer ✠
Margie Schieber
Tom & Gail Schmeidler
Sister Louise Schmid ✠
Mildred Schmid ✠
Father Wayne Schmid
J D Schoenhofer ✠
Bill Schrader ✠
September 11 Terrorist Victims ✠
Bernice Sheahan ✠
Clayton Shippers ✠
Teresa Simbeck ✠
Mary Sink ✠
Brayden Smith
Ed & Kim Smith
Michelle Smith
Taylor Smith
Thelma Mitchell Smith
Harold Sorenson ✠
Ronald & Mary Spence ✠
St Anne's Guild
St Bernadette Guild members ✠
St Francis Guild
St Mary Parish Class of 2012
St Mary faithful Stewards

St Mary Parish members ✠
St Mary Parish School teachers & staff
St Mary Parish staff
St Mary middle school teachers
Julia Stamps
Margaret L. Stanberry ✠
Nora Stewart ✠
Brett & Katie Stout
Bill & Marilyn Stuhlsatz
John & Kathy Stuhlsatz
Bryan Swank

Gai Thi Tan ✠
Nadine C. Tiemeyer ✠
Mary E. Titus ✠
Tully family
Reagan Marie Tran
Jane Turner ✠

Norm Urban ✠

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

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

Parish Life

Lord,
Bless our families



St Mary Parish Recognized by Diocese

The diocese recognized our parish-school involvement with the St John Neumann award in January. An example given of the support and encouragement of each for the other was the prayer project that began with school children making rosaries and praying for the recovery of parishioner Lonnie Johnson from cancer, which led to the Rosary Group and other parishioners became involved in the project, too. Heather Sekerak accepted the award on behalf of the parish from Superintendent Bob Voboril.



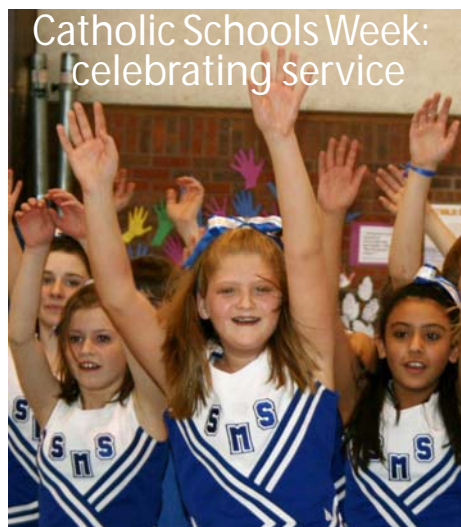
Knights

Grand Knight Bob Stuhlsatz gave Carol Keller a \$4,223 check for the Derby Free Spirits at December's meeting, part of \$10,559 the Knights collected and distributed to organizations serving those with disabilities. The Knights also recognized Lisa Pappas and Jessica Rose for their Scrip work. In February, Knights hosted a Pro-Life lasagna dinner, monthly parish breakfast, poster contest and fish fry!



Altar Society

Deanna Salas was named Altar Society president at January's Epiphany Dinner. Altar Society is open to all women of the parish. Come out for an evening sometime! The entire group meets on the second Thursday, and guilds also meet monthly.



Catholic Schools Week: celebrating service

There was a lot to cheer about during CSW 2009! In addition to having a great school where we help form children in the Catholic faith, scores on the 2008 state assessments were very good. Ethan Barr and Daniel Dawdy each had a PERFECT score on assessments—social studies and religion, respectively—and Zoe Cosgrove scored perfectly on math AND science!

We are so blessed to have a great team of teachers, students, parents and parishioners providing students with a solid foundation for life. The thank you breakfast on Tuesday morning for those parishioners who could attend was just a small token of thanks for all you do!



St Mary's Harvest House

Harvest House is an organization for those 55 of age and older. At February's potluck dinner meeting, guest speaker Tina Lott spoke about the services Via Christi can provide from Home Health, medical equipment to independent living, assisted living and nursing home facilities. She also spoke about InMyHome, a new program to help people stay in their home with the help of a personal advisor and technology. Attendees (above) included Lorene Landis, Mary Margaret Orsman-Kelch, Marion Beaver, Wanda and Mel Moore, Lana Dawdy, Neola McNeal, Norma Longar, Charlie Dillner, Jerry Young above, and many more.