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**Messenger**

**Living faith**

by Father Wayne

This newsletter ought to be subtitled, "Faith in Action." Living our faith so that our actions give witness to God's love is a great gift to God and to one another. Whether we are saying hi to someone in the parking lot, gathering for a meal, comforting a friend who has had a death in the family, thanking a person, having fun at a picnic or smiling at someone in the grocery store, there are many ways to express our gratitude and give witness to God's love.

Our baptism calls us to go and make disciples of all nations. Our responsibility—as members of the Body of Christ, single or married, parents, children or co-workers—is to help others come to know Jesus. We teach most profoundly by the way we live, by our faith in action.

I hope you'll be inspired in your faith journey, as I am, by the stories and pictures in this *Messenger* of people within our parish community living their faith and sharing God's goodness in the ordinariness of life. Go with God.



**Reflecting the light of Christ and waters of baptism:** The Kenemer, Fisher, McHenry, Wheeler and Stroebel families gather with others for closing prayer at the Generations of Faith gathering, "Our Parish Celebrates Baptism." Story, pg 4.



**Wow—that must have been a surprising prayer,** by catechist Melissa Fager's expression! Third grade PSR students made prayer booklets in class. More faith formation photos are on pg 4 & 5.



**Gifts:** Jacob and Baylee bring up the gifts at Mass. Our Stewardship report is on pg 7.



**Man (and women) in black:** No, it's not a new Johnny Cash or Will Smith film—it's Terry and Jill Staats and Paige Leger at RCIA. Story, pg 4.

# SPIRITUAL LIFE

## Made *new* in faith

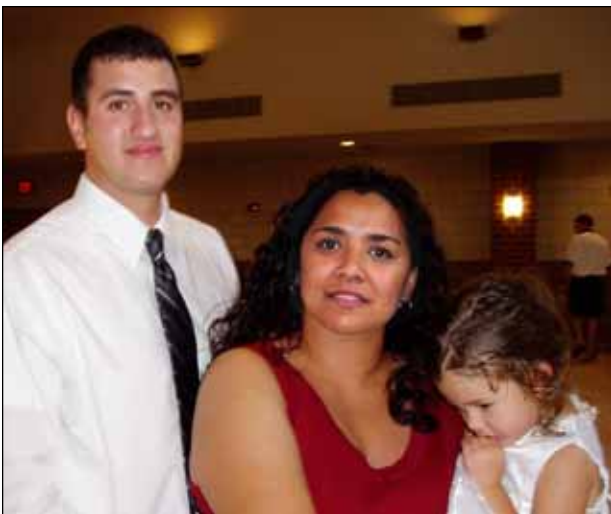
Congratulations and welcome to our newly baptized parishioners!



**Cameron Joseph Maina**, son of Andrew and Angela, grandson of Connie Allen, was baptized September 3.



**Austin Michael Ediger**, son of Jordan and Aimee, brother of Macie and Madison, was baptized on September 17.



◀ **Gia Julianna Alicea**, daughter of Jared and Heidi, was baptized on July 23.



**Hayden Michael Sattler**, son of Jacob Sattler and Alexis Lollar, was baptized on September 3. Hayden is the grandson of Pat and Lonnie Lollar and Jan Sattler and John Sattler.



**Rosemarie Patricia Mandala**, daughter of Becky and Bob, sister of Pauly and Roger, granddaughter of Bud and Nancy Huffman, was baptized on August 6.



**Tauer Nathaniel Tredway**, son of Michael and Carrie, was baptized on August 18.



**Kayla Yvonne Mwangi**, daughter of Samuel and Neva, sister of Damon and Devin, was baptized on September 3.

**Baptisms not pictured:**

**Alise Nicole Vallee**, daughter of Christopher and Babette Teresa, was baptized on August 5.

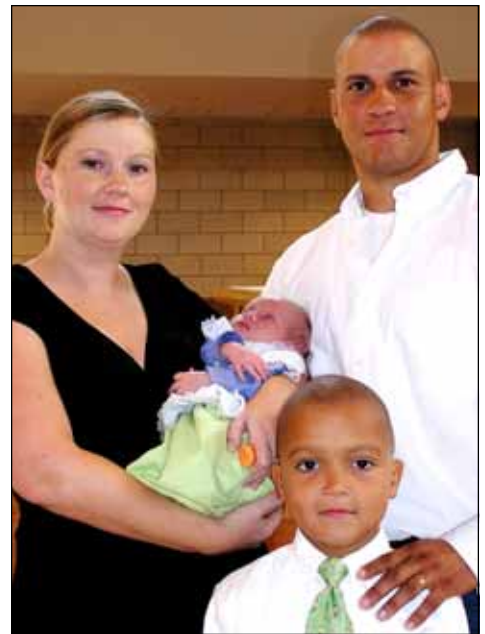
**Wyatt Matthew Suchan**, son of William and Julie, brother of Aidan, Jonah, Samuel and Genevieve, was baptized on August 13.



**Sasha Claire Bastarache**, daughter of Chuck and Candice, sister of Jocelyn, was baptized on October 8.



Above: **Joshua Wayne Blake**, son of Melissa and Richard, brother of Amanda and Monica, was baptized on October 1.



**Beaux Hunter Baham**, son of Harmony and Tre, brother of Kade, was baptized on September 3.

**Renewal of marriage vows**



Vicky and Clyde Jacobs, married 25 years ago on October 18, 1981, were among approximately 200 couples who renewed their marriage vows at Mass recently. The Knights sponsored the event, and printed certificates for couples who wished to have them.

**GOD** is *love*,  
and all who live in love  
live in **GOD**,  
and **GOD** *lives* in them.

—1 John 4:16

## FAITH FORMATION



Thuy Nguyen, Martin and June McMillin, and Monte Helms listen during RCIA.

## Growing in faith

by Davi Stuhlsatz

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), for those interested in learning more about becoming Catholic, has been meeting for two months now. In early sessions participants became a little better acquainted with one another and talked generally about the journey of faith, with the help of a humorous video about Cliff, a man on a fishing trip. Recent sessions have delved into conversion and love.

For most of us, conversion is not a one-time event, as it was for St Paul, who was knocked off his horse, but a gradual process that happens over and over. It is not just for those who were of another faith tradition and are becoming Catholic, but for all of us. It is a turning away from other idols or desires, and a turning towards God. It is realizing that only God is God, and nothing else will fulfill us; it is discovering most deeply who we are and what we love. Conversion is a continuous dialogue and process of identification and imitation of Christ, continuing through each moment of our lives, and through the liturgical seasons and rituals. It is such a gradual process that we may not even recognize that it is occurring until years down the road, when we look back and realize how much we've changed.

On **November 19**, the catechumens and candidates will take a public step in their process of conversion at the 9 am Mass, during the **Rite of Acceptance and Welcome**. We welcome the *candidates* (those who have already been baptized) and accept the *catechumens* (those who are preparing for baptism). From the start of RCIA sessions in August, our community has been welcoming these newcomers, turning towards them to provide hospitality—snacks for sessions, babysitting for their children, and sharing the Catholic faith. This hospitality and welcoming to the stranger is part of our own conversion process, joining our internal turning towards Christ with our outward actions to love God and love one another.

## Water for the thirsty, light in the darkness

by Davi Stuhlsatz

About 200 parishioners participated in "Our Parish Celebrates Baptism," a Generations of Faith

gathering for all ages in September. Participants developed a deeper understanding of the theology, symbols and rituals of the Sacrament, and explored the importance of Baptism and our Baptismal vow to live as active Christian disciples and members of the Catholic community and the world. Several participants remarked afterwards at how much they enjoyed the gathering, particularly the closing prayer around the baptismal font, where they really felt at one with the community.

At the Wednesday evening session, when it was dark in the worship space, except for the lights above the baptismal font and the light of the Paschal candle, the richness of the symbols was really brought to life. I loved how the light reflected off the water and onto the faces of the participants gathered around the font, symbolic of our living our baptismal call in the world, where we reflect the light of Christ and are water for the thirsty through our actions. The soft wall lights above the heads of the gathered people reminded me of the Bible illustrations depicting the Holy Spirit as small flames above the disciples' heads. The gathering in the pool of light around the font, with darkness surrounding us, emphasized the closeness of our community, one of the gifts of baptism.

The next Generations of Faith gatherings are **Sunday, November 5 and Wednesday, November 8, "Our Parish Celebrates Thanksgiving."** Invite a friend and come! If you're shy, bring a friend to talk to; if you're outgoing, invite someone who you think will enjoy it too. You'll be **thankful** this Thanksgiving that you spent time to deepen your relationship with God, your friends, family and community.



Kealy Tully, Sarah Mahoney and Andy Betzen worked with kindergarten and preschool students at GOF. Here, Kealy shows Sabrina Besen and other children how to make the sign of the cross with the holy water.

## Rite of Entrance



**Year I Confirmation students** and their sponsors participated in the Rite of Entrance with the community recently, signifying their desire to prepare for the sacrament and grow in holiness. Above are Darren Dawdy, Courtney and Ray Coufal, Anaidy and Ricardo Claudio, Wendy and Shelby Carpenter, and Cody Shavlik.

# New Catechists



Amanda Applebee • SMPS-K



Mary Busch • SMPS-2<sup>nd</sup>



Ellen Herdler • EDGE



Jane Kilgore • PSR-K



Terri Laurhammer • EDGE



Michelle Parmele • PSR-2<sup>nd</sup>



Jean Richardson • LIFE TEEN



Sue Shearrer • Preschool



Linda Turner • PSR-K



Denise Wadas • SMPS-4<sup>th</sup>



Amber Williams • LIFE TEEN



Josh Williams • PSR-4<sup>th</sup>

St Mary is blessed with many new catechists sharing their gifts of time, talent and faith with our children and teens. To give students more individualized attention, PSR has 2-4 catechists per classroom, and St Mary Parish School uses teachers, volunteers and paraprofessionals. The children benefit from the sharing of their faith journeys with both new and more experienced catechists. These adults' commitment to the formation of our parish youth helps us with one of our most important goals as Church, which is teaching the faith.



## LIFE TEEN

### fans of Christ

Amy Reed, Julia Polidoro, Daniel Mahoney, Morgan Anderson and 40 other teens participated in *Magnificent Defeat*, a football-game-themed Life Night focusing on how the liturgy celebrates Jesus winning the battle against sin by losing His life. The teens above sing as other teens accompany them.

## Marching

by Cindy Gassman,  
SMPS band instructor

St Mary Parish School middle school band traveled to Hutchinson to participate in the downtown marching and performance at the State Fair in September. This was the first time that our school had participated in these judged events.

The band, consisting of students in grades 6-8, started preparing for this performance the first week of school, learning their music, and the basics of marching. Students worked very hard to prepare for these events and were rewarded for their efforts with a rating of Ex-

cellent for their downtown marching and also for their performance at the Farmers Arena.

After their performances the students had a short time to visit the exhibits or just look around at the fair. A few had never been to the annual fair, so the trip was quite an experience for them. Parents and Principal Richard Montgomery chaperoned and guided the students around the fair grounds.

Band photo below, L to R, *top row*: Katie Norman, Mari Hoffman, Christian Williams, Andrew Walsten, Josh Wondra, Zach Wondra, Michael Glamann, Craig Compton, Jill Brown, Jodi Betzen. *Middle row*: Jasmine Haddock, Abby Ronnfeldt, Stephanie Ford, Jenny Hagen, Jessica Egan, Josh Smith, Sadie Michael. *Bottom row*: Tim Metler, Katie Watson, John Kennedy, Charlie Wilson, Josh Lund, Noah Montgomery, Ryan Steven

## Marching band does well



# ADMINISTRATION

## "Why do I have to go on a Faith In Action tour?"

by Father Wayne

You *don't have to* go—but I would like you to. We are really proud of the work we do at St Mary, and I see the Faith In Action tour as one way to celebrate our successes. I know—you already know everything about the parish, but do you know the stories of the individuals truly impacted by our community? Aren't you interested to see how your contributions directly impact people in our parish?

No—we are **NOT** going to ask you to give money. Hey—you already know that if we want new buildings or new programs, we need to give money—I don't need to rehash that. Giving should not be forced. It is my hope that all giving is done in joy and gratitude to God.

My favorite part of the tour is meeting parishioners in a small group. People who have attended have found the tours enjoyable. Many have actually said, "We liked it!" Attendees have specifically liked seeing the school alive with children and getting an overview of the breadth of parish activities and spiritual growth opportunities.

The Faith in Action Tours are small group "tours" of our parish mission. We gather in prayer, share refreshments, meet parish friends



Suzie Compton, Becky and Kylie Schaffstein, Nicole Green, Rita Metler and Stacey Cahn visit after a Faith in Action tour. (Men come too—these young moms were just enjoying some conversation.) Babysitting is provided during the 45-minute tours. Another reason to come!

both new and old, tour our top programs and frequently asked questions. I give a brief description of where we are headed and we close with a heartwarming story of one of our very own parishioners.

A little "God Thing"—After naming this exploration of our mission a "Faith in Action Tour," we discovered the acronym spelled FIAT. "*Fiat*" was Mary's (our patron saint's) answer to God, meaning, "Yes, be it done according to your will." So, consider being open and saying "Yes" to the invitation to a Faith In Action Tour when you are called. May we follow "The First

Disciple" of Christ by answering **FIAT—yes**, to God's invitation to Discipleship.

**UPCOMING\* TOUR SCHEDULE**

- Wed, Nov 8, 8 am
- Wed, Nov 15, 8 am & 6 pm
- Wed, Nov 29, 8 am & 6 pm
- Wed, Dec 6, 8 am
- Wed, Dec 13, 8 am & 6pm
- Wed, Dec 20, 8 am

\*Additional Faith in Action tours will be added during EDGE, LIFETEEN, and Generations of Faith. Scheduled tours are always subject to change.

## Q: Where do you find good stewards?

*A: Everywhere!*



**In the gathering space:** Matt Hopkins greets folks and hands out music books.



**On a ladder in the restroom!?!** Charlie Dillner installs new air fresheners and does some other light work at the parish.



**In the school:** Mary Devore said yes and donated encyclopedias on a FIAT wish list to the 4th grade.



**In a tree!?!** Doug Nolting does some trimming of the tree line.



Your gifts  
change *lives*.

Thank you for  
sharing  
with the *Lord!*



**St Mary Parish Balance Sheet as of 06/30/06**

**ASSETS**

Checking, Money Mkt & Other Deposits	\$205,235
Chancery Savings	71,888
Investments and Endowments	1,000
Building Fund	85,580
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$363,702</b>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

A/P and Other Curr Liabilities	\$67,924
Notes Payable - Building	877,959
Fund Balances	299,795
Net Operating Income	(881,976)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$363,702</b>

**St Mary Parish Operating Statements**

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>PARISH OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSE</u>	<u>FY 2004/2005</u>	<u>FY 2005/2006</u>	<u>FY 2006/2007</u>
Ordinary Church Receipts	\$1,695,893	\$1,666,445	\$1,836,034
Extraordinary Church Receipts & Endowments	52,534	86,645	32,380
Organizational & School Receipts	353,792	264,010	138,176
<b>Total Parish Operating Income</b>	<b>\$2,102,220</b>	<b>\$2,017,100</b>	<b>\$2,006,591</b>
Stewardship (10% of ordinary church receipts to diocese)	169,589	166,645	183,603
Salaries, Payroll & Religious	284,469	293,715	335,096
Utilities, Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	49,387	72,009	98,123
Interest Payments on loan from diocese	0	34,889	52,715
Church Capital Outlay	4,587	1,193	2,000
Income Disbursements (Holy Savior, Rice Bowls, etc.)	28,337	35,587	27,600
Religious Education/Formation & Other Programs	49,807	45,742	67,675
Other Church Exp. (Copier Lease, Tech Support, Postage, etc)	10,361	13,220	10,875
<b>Total Church Expenses</b>	<b>\$596,537</b>	<b>\$663,001</b>	<b>\$777,687</b>
SMPS Salaries and Payroll	804,886	863,112	964,511
SMPS Utilities, Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	131,105	124,856	139,907
SMPS Capital Outlays	33,409	45,415	30,000
Other SMPS Expenses (Copier Lease, Tech Suppt, Sports, etc)	35,216	37,520	44,977
<b>Total St Mary Parish School Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,004,616</b>	<b>\$1,070,902</b>	<b>\$1,179,395</b>
Catholic High School Subsidy & Expense	252,400	270,900	262,460
<b>Total Parish Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,853,554</b>	<b>\$2,004,803</b>	<b>\$2,219,542</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expense) From Parish Operations</b>	<b>\$248,666</b>	<b>\$12,297</b>	<b>(\$212,952)</b>
<b><u>BUILDING FUND INCOME/(EXPENSE)</u></b>			
Receipts & Memorials	\$146,258	\$101,171	\$85,000
Interest Income	20,541	2,908	1,200
Stewardship (10% of building fund to diocese)	(7,830)	(4,967)	(720)
Expenses	(374)	(18,005)	(5,000)
<b>Net Income/(Expense) From Building Fund</b>	<b>\$158,596</b>	<b>\$81,107</b>	<b>\$80,480</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b>	<b>\$407,262</b>	<b>\$93,404</b>	<b>(\$132,472)</b>
<b><u>EXTRAORDINARY DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>			
Funds disbursement for the Faith Center Building	(\$2,435,893)	(\$975,380)	0
<b>TOTAL NET OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b>	<b>(\$2,028,632)</b>	<b>(\$881,976)</b>	<b>(\$132,472)</b>

# Operating in the black

by Andrea Eastman

Operating in the black you say —then why is our bottom line negative? Excellent question! In our home, when we buy a car or house that requires a loan, the amount reflected in our checkbook is the principal and interest payments. We would never expense the total purchase price at one time! Diocesan accounting policy requires such a treatment.

Any time we make a large capital purchase, the *entire* amount is expensed in the year the purchase was made. Now, in most years, our capital expenditures don't cause our income to be negative. However, during this and last year, the construction expense of the Faith Center exceeded our annual income. Last year, paying the construction bills from our building fund savings largely offset the negative position. This year, we paid all but \$900,000 of the construction bill from operating income. It is no surprise that we did not have enough giving in the current years to cover the cost of the construction—that is why we planned for and got a loan.

There is one more detail to remember. Because the original purchase price was expensed in the year it was finished, our financial statement reflects the total payment of principal. Therefore, going forward, our income statement will only reflect the interest expense of the loan instead of the principal *and* interest payment.

So, what *does* the operating statement tell us about St Mary's? The highlights are:

- > Cash Balance of \$363,702
- > Loan Balance of \$877,959
- > Income through gifts and education fees of \$2,121,179
- > Operating expenses of \$2,027,775

In the final analysis, we had a \$93,000 surplus from operations, construction of the Faith Center is complete, and we secured a loan for \$900,000.

# PARISH LIFE

## Family matters

by Sylvia Sommerhauser

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

### Births



Sekeraks

Ed and Heather Sekerak announce the birth of their son, Jozef Edward Charles, on August 7. Jozef was welcomed home by his siblings, Evan and Autumn.

Nikki and Jeremy Parks announce the birth of their son, Blaise Raymond on September 13. Nikki teaches kindergarten at St Mary Parish School (SMPS).

Mary and Curtis Busch announce the birth of their daughter, Annabelle Marie, on September 20. Mary teaches second grade at SMPS.

### Congratulations

Some parishioners celebrated some special birthdays recently:

- Mary Fanello was 85 in September.
- Agnes Gengler was 90 in October.
- Dan Krisziokaitis was 80 in October.
- Bob Gengler turned 80 in October.
- Sadie Favreau was 90 in October.
- Mark Clawson was 80 in October.



Tony Duran Pat Egan Dick Hopper

Tony Duran was named Serran of the Year, and Tony, Dick Hopper and Pat Egan were selected as Superstar Serrans for what they accomplished as members of the Wichita Serra Club in 2005-06. The Serra Club actively works and promotes, encourages and affirms vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life.



Sadie Favreau is 90! Katie Watson

Katie Watson, a sixth grade SMPS student, was named 2006-07 Kansas State Junior Grange Princess. Katie is the daughter of Pete and Angie Watson, and said in her interview that she would like to be princess because it gives her the opportunity to promote family and God to people.

Kapaun Mt Carmel High School seniors Jessica Kuchinski and Jordan Bergmann, 2003 SMPS graduates, were named National Merit Commended Scholars.

Senior Traci Schremmer and junior Tayler Espinoza were on the Derby High School (DHS) girls golf team that won the AVCTL championship and regional tournament, and placed eighth at state.

Kapaun senior Jessica Kuchinski was on the KMC golf team that won the Wichita City League Championship.

DHS students Brandon Haist, Steven Schaaf and Matt Rogers were on the DHS varsity boys cross country team that won the AVCTL meet, took second at the regional meet, and took fourth at state last weekend.

### Anniversaries



Durbins

Jimmie and Golden LaRue Durbin celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 1. The airman from Kentucky and the girl from Oklahoma were married at Clinton-Sherman AFB chapel in Oklahoma in 1961.

Dick and Shirley Hopper celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 22.

### Deaths

Mary Pinaire-Titus, wife of Ben, mother of Bill, Fred, Marita Navarro, Betty Walker, Barb and Judy Pinaire, and step-mother of

Clifford and Bennett Titus, died on July 25.

Walter Powers, husband of Clarice, father of Brian, Bruce, Paula Traverzo, Erica Nance and Ruth Funk, died on August 12.

Roy LeGrand, father of Louise Duran, died on September 10.

Rodolfo Gatson, brother of Tessie Brown, died on September 11.

Kermit Cox, father of Janis Linot, died September 14.

Alonzo Lollar, husband of Carmetta, father of Lonnie, Lonetta and Austin, died on September 15.

Margaret Stanberry died on September 22.



SMPS eighth grader Katelyn Staats went to Washington, DC last month for a People to People World Leadership Forum. She was nominated by her 2005-06 SMPS teacher, Sylvia Whitney.

The program helps middle school students with academic promise, leadership potential and an interest in diplomacy and government prepare for opportunities and responsibilities ahead. Katelyn's mom said, "I am thankful that teachers at SMPS look for opportunities such as these to help students grow and expand their knowledge outside of the traditional classroom. This is just one example of how dedicated the St Mary teachers are to their students and their future."

# Altar Society

by Vicky Tully

Thirty-seven women came to the September Altar Society meeting and potluck. It was great attendance, and we had a very nice meal with guest speaker Kathy Prinell of Wichita Women's Initiative Network (WIN). WIN is a local nonprofit welfare-to-work program specially designed to meet the unique needs of survivors of domestic violence, and is a sponsored ministry of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. St Mary Parish School Principal Richard Montgomery also gave a brief speech in appreciation of the Altar Society's donating \$10,000 for the portable building for the school this summer. We had several new faces, and we'd love to see more next month. Thank you to everyone who came and brought such delicious food!

## SMPS 8th grade class of '86 reunion



"Twenty years! Wow! St Mary students are friends forever. Left to right are Julie (Bruggeman) Taylor, Jeffy (Arias) Miller, Cynthia (Williams) Wentworth, Susan (Dahlstrom) Irwin, Darren Heizer. A small, small, reunion. but fun!" -Jeffy

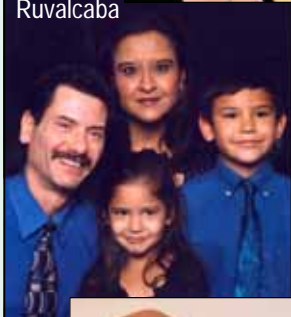
### A special welcome to our newly-registered parishioners!



McMillin



Glenn



Ruvalcaba



Farquhar



Bailey



Wilbert

#### Adults

Bailey, Gary and Joyce  
 Baldwin, Lenny  
 Cahn, Rob and Stacey  
 Covey, William and Michelle  
 Delaney, George and Heather  
 Dibben, Paul and Rhonda  
 Ediger, Aimee and Jordan\*  
 Engels, Greg and Kathy  
 Farquhar, Andy and Jenny  
 Glenn, Rocky and Kim  
 Gray, Pat  
 Jacobs, Glen and Kay  
 Maina, Samuel and Neva\*  
 McClure, Sheryl  
 McGovern, Shaun and Jennifer  
 McMillin, Martin and June  
 Ruvalcaba, Rodney and Cynthia  
 Shaw, Penny and Stuart  
 St Myer, Glenn and Patience  
 Tredway, Micheal and Carrie\*  
 VanNatta, Heather and Richard  
 Webster, Jennifer and Tyson  
 White, Jeff  
 Wilbert, Branden and Amy

#### Children

Cameron, Tyler, Courtney, Abby, Brock, Brayden  
 Sydney, Kyndall

Eliott  
 Madison, Macie, Austin

Cole

Kayla  
 Adam, Chad  
 Clayton, Garrett, Madison  
 Tyler, Grant, Carson, and Hunter  
 Roger and Victoria  
 MaryHannah, Skylar  
 Toni, Andrew, Alexander  
 Tauer  
 Jeramiah, Jacob, Abigail  
 Victoria  
 Madeline  
 Kaleb and Paige

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

# Getting to know your parish family...

## Maria talks like a pirate...



...lives as a Christian.

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Parishioners have actually asked me before if Maria Galley is a real person. I assure them that she certainly is! Maria is an effervescent wife, mother of four children, co-Brownie leader, and tireless supporter, encourager and promoter of St Mary. Her enthusiasm bubbles out in her rapid speech (she's Italian!), as she gesticulates with her hands and laughs often.

Many parishioners know Maria's name from the weekly email announcements she sends out regarding upcoming parish events. That's what prompted the questions about whether she's a real person. She chooses cool backgrounds, music and fonts and notifies folks via email when she has the announcements loaded on the website each week.

Maria is the parish webmaster, and not only sends out emails to the parish, but creates the photo collages, and maintains all the parish webpages. If you're not on her mailing list, just drop her a line at [mgalley@stmarysderby.com](mailto:mgalley@stmarysderby.com) and she'll add you! You can be taken off at any time, and your email address will never be given outside the parish.

Besides the many hours she donates to the parish as webmaster, Maria is the school volunteer coordinator and gives many hours at school herself. In the photo

above, she's reading a pirate book in her best pirate voice (*Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies* this year) to second grade on *International Talk Like a Pirate Day*. It's one of her favorite volunteer duties each year.

In addition to saying, "Argh, ye mateys!" annually, Maria also coordinates the annual Chili Cook-off and Costume Party for the entire parish (*yes, adults, you should come!*) She and her husband dress up, often coordinating their family's outfits with their good friends, the Schifs. They've dressed as *The Addams Family* cast, the *Gilligan's Island* cast and crew, the *Flintstones* and *Rubbles*, and even *Cinderella et al.*, with Mike Galley and Bob Schif as the ugly stepsisters).

Maria loves fun, family and life, but she is serious about our commitment to teaching the Catholic faith. She praises Principal Richard Montgomery for making the school a solid place of learning, both academically and in following Christ. Maria does everything she can to contribute to St Mary Parish School's success, including volunteering, substitute teaching, making cakes, and most recently, writing the school newsletter—whatever is needed. Sharing God's love and desire for us all to be happy with him in heaven is important to her.

## Dressed for success

by DeAnn Barr

Whether dressed as a butterfly, Indian or caterpillar, Lana Dawdy never misses a chance to read regularly to her grandson Daniel's class at St Mary Parish School. She began with the now second grade class when they were kindergartners, and looks forward to her time with the children.



"I've followed so many of the kids since their baptism, that when the class split into two classrooms I continued reading to both," said Lana.

As a working mother during the 1950s and '60s, Lana could not take time off from work to volunteer with her children's school. "Working and raising children, you can't always do what you want to. I would have liked to do this back then, but it didn't work out. I sure am enjoying it now," she said.

Lana particularly enjoys all the hugs. "I get lots of hugs, whether there is something funny in the story or I see them outside the classroom."

Second grader Madeline Hoffmann certainly enjoys the visits. "Mrs. Dawdy sometimes reads with really funny voices, and I always look forward to when she comes to school."

Lana has dressed as a witch at Halloween, and has been a clown for various school parties. She fills in as lunchroom adult staff, to run miscellaneous errands, performing skits, whatever is asked of her.

School Librarian Jean Schif finds her assistance invaluable. She says, "Lana is a real asset. She models a life-long love of reading and reads with such expression! Having an extra adult in the library is also helpful in assisting students in finding books that interest them and are at an appropriate level."

Most of Lana's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren live locally, so this 78-year-old keeps busy. Lana is also very active in the Altar Society, the Lourdes guild and making blankets and gathering donations for the Guadalupe Clinic, her favorite charity. When her children were small and the family lived in California, Lana experienced poverty firsthand, so she has a soft spot in her heart for the poor and for children.



Father Wayne has ice cream and chats with Kitty Smith at the parish picnic.

## Father Wayne takes five

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Parishioners posed the following questions, and I asked Father Wayne to take a break and share his answers with the parish at large. So if you've been wondering too, here you go!

### 1. Why did you move to a new house and who paid for it?

**FW:** I expect my reason for buying a home is the same as yours, I want to live in my own home, and since I am able to do so...I did it. Some day when I retire, I will need a place to live, and I don't want to live in a rectory.

I bought the house myself. I have a 15-year mortgage and am paying for it out of my own pocket. I have heard some say that it is easy for me to give up a salary since I don't have the expenses of a homeowner. Well, now I have all of the same homeowner expenses and headaches, and yes, I still defer my salary, tithe, and practice sacrificial giving. As you've heard me say before, "I will not ask anyone to do anything that I am not willing to do."

### 2. When do you plan to retire?

**FW, laughing:** As soon as I can!

But seriously, the diocesan policy for priest retirement is at age 70. To me retirement means I am free of administrative, financial and policy responsibility of a parish. It is when I am in control of my time. Retirement DOES NOT mean halting all involve-

ments in pastoral ministry. So, I see myself retiring between now (age 65) and age 70. If I retire before age 70, it will mean that I have done all that I can for St Mary for the growth, mission and development of the parish and that there is a need for someone with different leadership skills to assume the role of pastor.

### 3. When are we going to build?

**FW:** That question is really yours (i.e., the parish's) to answer.

Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are precious to this community. "When" we build is simply when we have enough surplus funds over operating expenses to finance the debt on our Faith Center and a new facility. So, it really comes down to dollars & cents. Building a new church and school is as simple as your family giving \$20 more a week this year and increasing each year after that. But don't get bogged down in the specific amount. The point is to keep striving towards a 10% tithe of your gross income to all charitable organizations. Of course, I hope you will give the most to ours (laughing again)!

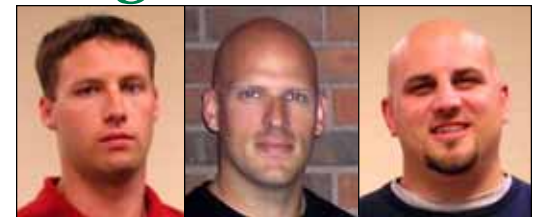
### 4. What are we going to build first?

**FW:** Since I know that we have the financial potential within us to build the whole thing, the school **and** church are the plan.

Now as you start coughing or whatever, remember that if we have the money but don't contribute it toward the parish mission, what are we saying about the importance of the mission, and what we as a parish said is important for our community now? If we raise only enough for one or the other, obviously it will be what is most functionally needed to carry on our parish mission, and what will eventually help us to complete the building facilities plan.

I must remind you though that what we are about is more than buildings. My first concern as your pastor has to be your spiritual growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I believe the words of the Prayer for Guidance, "what we are building is not just brick and stone, but love, compassion and understanding." If people's hearts are opened to God's love, lives are changed. Gratitude and generous sharing of gifts are byproducts of this fundamental change of heart.

## Knights News



Joe Biggerstaff

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The men above joined the Knights of Columbus recently, and made their first, second and third degrees. Steve Fryer (not pictured) also made his third degree. Eight men made their fourth degree last weekend: Kirk Keffeler, David Kronos, Bruce Luehring, Larry Sanchez, Father Wayne Schmid, John Strunk, John Stuhlsatz and Lance Tompkins.

In October the Knights had the Tootsie Roll Drive, and their annual Fishing Derby for the youth of the parish. An upcoming event the Knights host is the Kids Christmas Party, December 10, 12:30 pm at the school gym.



Laurie Stroebel's daughter Melissa (far left) and other kindergarten students gather in a circle at Parish School of Religion (PSR) on a Wednesday night.

## Blessed, and thankful

by Laurie Stroebel

From July 2003 until June 2005 my family had the opportunity to live in a farming village in Greece. It all started when my Air Force husband, Bob, came home and told me that we would be moving to Greece on a remote assignment. A "remote" in the practical sense meant that we would not have the usual military facilities (a military base, housing, commissary, medical care, etc.) available to us. On a personal level, it meant adjusting to a new language, new culture and being very far away from our extended family.

Greece is a Christian country, and 97% of its residents are of the Greek Orthodox Religion. Unlike the United States, the Church and State are combined. Although by law people are allowed to practice any religion they choose, religious discrimination in jobs is a common practice if you do not declare yourself to be Greek Orthodox. The benefit of the Church/State combination was the frequency of religious displays and celebrations, even in government spaces. I especially enjoyed seeing images of Jesus, the Virgin Mary and various Saints hanging in stores, banks, bus terminals and other public places.

There was a visibly placed Greek Orthodox Church building in every village. I loved hearing each church pealing its bells to announce the hour and to call the faithful to worship several times in a day. That was so nice to hear after the silencing of many bells in this country due to concerns of noise pollution! If there was a holy day, the church bells seemed to talk to you and loudly declare the importance of the day. I will never forget Good Friday bells. They constantly rang throughout the day. Good Friday bells gradually and deliberately faded in frequency until there was silence at the moment commemorating Christ's death on the cross. There was no way to escape the meaning of the day, and the silencing of the bells was quite sobering.

Although certain things were spiritually fulfilling, our family did have religious difficulties living in Greece. Roman Catholic churches were hard to come by as only .5% of the population is considered to be Roman Catholic. As you can imagine, Roman Catholic churches that had Mass in English were even harder to find.

The first year we lived in Greece, we had a military chaplain come from Italy to celebrate Mass once a month. Our family had been used to weekly Mass and it was difficult to adjust. In addition to the lack of Mass, I struggled with the lack of community and the lack of religious education materials for the children. Governmental budget cuts during our second year there eliminated our monthly priest visits altogether. For one year, we never had a priest visit. We did not attend Mass. We did not receive Eucharist. Our oldest was not able to receive First Communion in the second grade.

I'm not mentioning this to call attention to ourselves, but to remind you of the wonderful

blessings and freedoms we have here at St Mary and in the United States. In the past, I took having Church available to me very much for granted. It wasn't until I had it taken away that I truly understood what those blessings meant to me.

After our return, I can safely say that our family is happy to be able to fully participate in church activities again. James and Erin were able to receive their first Communion last spring here at St Mary. Our youngest, Melissa, has finally gotten used to attending weekly Mass and doesn't complain about it anymore (*sorry Father!*) Bob is now active with the Knights of Columbus again and our whole family has participated in "Generations of Faith." I also enjoy seeing the same faces at Mass. I may not know all of your names, but it is a comfort for me to see you each week. I am not taking these blessings for granted anymore.

**Q: How old are good stewards?**

**A: Any age!**



Courtney Coufal and Maddie Butler celebrate parish life and friendship at the Parish Picnic, doing the Hokey Pokey with other youths and adults.



Elaine Landes takes God's Food Pantry donations into Wichita.

# ◇ St. Mary Parish Events ◇

**Q: Who are some good Stewards?**

**A: These folks who shared their gifts!**



Sabrina, Michelle and Ashley Sherrow (above) found a \$20 bill in the church parking lot after Mass recently. They went back into church, found Father Wayne and presented the \$20 to him for the church. That's a lot of money for little girls, and a very generous gift!

Kyle Francis was one of the winners of the Knights' Fishing Derby for Kids recently. He sent the Knights a very nice thank you card for hosting the free fun event, and his family gave a \$35 donation to the Knights for them to continue their charitable works!

Sarah (in her dad Dan's arms below), shared her winning gift of coloring in the Coloring Contest that was a new event at the Parish Picnic this year. Roseanne and Richard Bade judged the coloring contest. Children and adults at the picnic enthusiastically shared gifts of laughter, joy and delight in one another on a beautiful evening.



## November-December 2006 calendar

- Sun, Nov 5 RCIA, 10-11:30 am FC Rm 112; Babysitting Rm 114  
NO Coffee and Donuts  
**Generations of Faith, 12:15-2:45 pm, Faith Center**  
Kick-off Parish-wide Food Drive  
NO EDGE, Life Night or Adult Choir
- Mon, Nov 6 Food Drive, SMPS, Mon-Fri, School gym  
HS Bible Study, 6-7 pm, FC Rm 114  
LIFE TEEN Core, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114  
NO Little Rock Scripture Study due to GOF
- Tue, Nov 7 NO Father Himes video series or Centering Prayer due to GOF  
Welcome Dinner, 6 pm, Faith Center Knights Hall
- Wed, Nov 8 Faith in Action tour, 8 am, school gym upstairs  
**Generations of Faith, 6-8:30 pm, Faith Center**  
NO PSR or Confirmation sessions
- Thu, Nov 9 Little Rock Scripture Study, 9:30 am, Neumann Hall  
Altar Society, 7 pm, Knights Hall  
NO Father Himes video series due to GOF
- Fri, Nov 10 Scrapbooking, 6-11 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
- Sat, Nov 11 LIFE TEEN Lock-in, 7 pm Saturday-6 am Sunday, school gym
- Sun, Nov 12 RCIA, 10-11:30 am FC Rm 112; Babysitting Rm 114  
Parish Breakfast, 10-11 am, Knights Hall  
EDGE, following 11 am Mass, Faith Center Rm 114  
NO Life Night following 6 pm Mass (due to lock-in)  
Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30 pm, FC Rm 112
- Mon, Nov 13 Knights regular meeting, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall  
LIFE TEEN Jr core team, 5:30 pm, Faith Center Rm 114  
LIFE TEEN Core, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114  
Little Rock Scripture Study, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 112
- Tue, Nov 14 Father Himes Video Series, 1:30 pm, Neumann Hall  
Centering Prayer, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
- Wed, Nov 15 Faith in Action tour, 8 am and 6 pm, school gym upstairs  
PSR sessions, 6 pm, school  
Finance Council, 7 pm, Faith Center conference rm  
Confirmation sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
- Thu, Nov 16 Little Rock Scripture Study, 9:30 am, Neumann Hall  
Harvest House, 6:30 pm, Knights Hall  
Parent First Reconciliation meeting, 6:30 pm, Neumann Hall  
Father Himes Video Series, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
- Sun, Nov 19 RCIA Rite of Acceptance/Welcome at 9 am Eucharist, dismissal, session  
Coffee and Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall  
LIFE TEEN & EDGE door-to-door collection for parish food drive  
Life Night following 6 pm Mass  
Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30 pm, FC Rm 112
- Mon, Nov 20 HS Bible Study, 6-7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114  
LIFE TEEN Core, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114  
Little Rock Scripture Study, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 112
- Tue, Nov 21 NO Father Himes video series or Centering Prayer due to Thanksgiving
- Wed, Nov 22 NO PSR due to Thanksgiving break  
Anticipated Thanksgiving Eucharist, 7 pm, Faith Center
- Thu, Nov 23 Thanksgiving  
NO Little Rock Scripture Study or Father Himes video series
- Sun, Nov 26 Coffee and Donuts, 10-11 am, Knights Hall  
EDGE, following 11 am Mass, Faith Center Rm 114  
Life Night, following 6 pm Mass, Faith Center Rm 114  
NO Adult Choir
- Mon, Nov 27 LIFE TEEN Jr core team, 5:30 pm, Faith Center Rm 114  
LIFE TEEN Core, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114  
Little Rock Scripture Study, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 112  
Knights officers meeting, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
- Tue, Nov 28 Father Himes Video Series, 1:30 pm, Neumann Hall  
Centering Prayer, 7 pm, FC Rm 114

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## November-Dec 2006 calendar (cont.)

Wed, Nov 29	Faith in Action tour, 8 am and 6 pm, school gym upstairs PSR sessions, 6 pm, school Confirmation sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
Thu, Nov 30	Little Rock Scripture Study, 9:30 am, Neumann Hall Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Noon- Friday 7 am, Faith Center Rm 112 Father Himes Video Series, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
Fri, Dec 1	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 12-7 am, Faith Center Rm 112
Sat, Dec 2	The Lord's Diner
Sun, Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent RCIA Dismissal from 9 am Mass/session immediately follows Santa Breakfast and Cookie Walk EDGE, following 11 am Mass, Faith Center Rm 114 Life Night following 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114 (Advent - teens adopt a family) Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30 pm, FC Rm 112
Mon, Dec 4	Little Rock Scripture Study, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 112 LIFE TEEN Core, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114
Tue, Dec 5	Father Himes Video Series, 1:30 pm, Neumann Hall Centering Prayer, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 112
Wed, Dec 6	PSR sessions, 6 pm, school PSR Christmas Gift-giving liturgy, 6:10 pm, old church (722 N Derby Ave) Confirmation sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
Thu, Dec 7	Little Rock Scripture Study, 9:30 am, Neumann Hall Father Himes Video Series, 7 pm, Faith Center Rm 114 (last session)
Fri, Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception—holy day of obligation Mass at 8 am and 7 pm
Sun, Dec 10	RCIA Dismissal from 9 am Mass/session immediately follows Parish Breakfast, 10-11 am, Knights Hall Children's Christmas Party, 12:30 pm, school gym Life Night following 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114 (teens wrap gifts for adopted family) Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30 pm, FC Rm 112

## Fishing Derby



by Derek Smith

Thanks to the kids, parents and grandparents who came out for the Kids' Fishing Derby, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, and a special thanks to Joe Betzen for donating fishing poles! There were 16 children who participated, and 17 adults. We gave out six prizes—three rod and reel combos, two tackle boxes and a "leatherman" fishing tool. Congratulations to all, and we'll see you next year!

Winners, pictured above, were:

Matthew Shearer—95"  
Drake O'Dell—82"  
Michelle Sherrow—63"  
Miranda Gibfried—44.5"  
Sabrina Sherrow—38"  
Kyle Francis—31.5"

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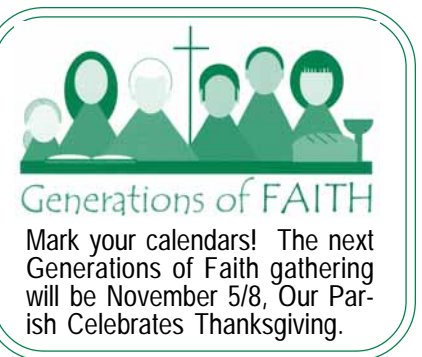
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Cleo Marlow • Sep 2002	Nora Stewart • Aug 2004	Mary Titus • Jul 2006
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