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The Serenity Prayer

GOD grant me the *serenity*
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and *wisdom* to know the difference.

—Reinhold Niebuhr

Choice

by Father Wayne

I believe that next to the gift of life and the promise of eternal life in the Kingdom of God, the ability to choose is God's greatest gift to us.

This gift allows us freedom to have a say in our future. We may not be able to control our genetic make-up, the family we are born into, or what others say or do. What we *can* control is our response. Whether someone says terrible things about us, or we are born with a handicap, how we allow these situations to affect our life and our feelings about our self is very much in our control. This doesn't necessarily mean that we have the means alone to act positively, but we can choose to get necessary help or to utilize available resources in order to move forward in a positive manner. With a "can-do" attitude we can choose to live the motto, "On the wings of adversity flies opportunity."

If our self-image is healthy we can make **life-giving** choices. I remember to this day a life-changing decision I made many years ago. I was seriously struggling in my seminary studies; in the hallway on my way to lunch I was reflecting on how difficult learning was for me. For some reason I said to myself, "Wayne, it is up to you, and no one else, to study and pass the exams...just do your best and don't worry." My evening prayer became, "God I am doing the best I can and now it is up to You." My scholastic world changed; I began

learning the material and getting better grades. My point is that I could have bought into feeling sorry for myself, but fortunately I made the decision to do my best and rely on God.

Another example of the power of choice to affect one's future came to light this summer. A few years ago, St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Rick Ankiel's pitching was so wild that everyone thought his baseball career was over. However, he chose not to give up; he switched to the outfield. He is back in the major league and is astounding baseball fans with his arm and more importantly his hitting. He could have chosen to give up on baseball, but he didn't and is now living his dream. Ankiel's choices were in the news again even more recently when it was announced that he had taken human growth hormone (before it was banned), a choice which tarnishes his achievements. What might you and I learn from the choices we freely make in life and how might God be speaking to us through them?

Sometimes we need professional help to overcome difficult issues. We may have grown up with heavy guilt or belief that we are "no good." We may have been raised in an unhealthy environment in which destructive behaviors were modeled for us as a way to survive. We can choose to continue in this **life-taking** behavior, or we can choose to take steps, though small, but still steps, to change.



Faith formation, the decision to grow in relationship with God and with one another, is a choice. More on pages 4-6.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Made *new* in faith

Congratulations and welcome to our newly baptized parishioners!



Maximus Farber, son of Staci and Kelly, brother of Mariah, Maddie and Makinsey, was baptized on September 2.



Kira Eve Schaffstein, daughter of Becky and Eric, sister of Gavin and Kylie, was baptized on July 8 at St Wendel Catholic Church in Wadesville, IN by Father Ed.

NOT PICTURED:
Brooklyn Lee and Knowlyn Patrick Egan, children of Steve and Shannon, grandchildren of Pat and Ann, were baptized on August 25.



Isabelle Jayne McHenry, daughter of Mark and Laurie, granddaughter of Katie and Greg, sister of Jack, was baptized on September 1.

**WE ARE MADE NEW
IN THE SPIRIT**



Tobin Andrew Bell, son of Justin and Jaclyn, was baptized on September 2.



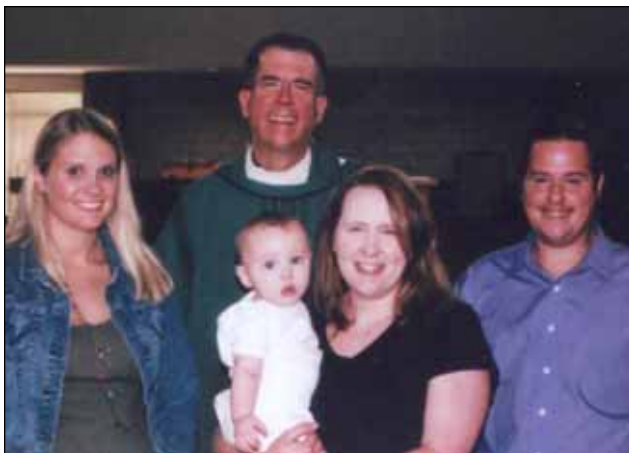
Esther Irene Brubaker, daughter of Mandy and Josh Brubaker, granddaughter of Katie and Greg McHenry, sister of Sophia and Annie, was baptized on September 1.



Elizabeth Marie Hayes, daughter of Addie and Bradley, was baptized September 2.



Paige Lea Herington (middle above), daughter of Becky and Tony, sister of Raegan, was baptized on August 5. For the baptism, Paige wore a beautiful white dress Raegan had outgrown. Father John asked Raegan (pictured with Father, Paige and Ethan Knipp during the homily) about to whom the dress belonged as he advocated being rich in what matters to God and sharing one's possessions (Lk 12:13-21).



Ethan Knipp, son of Sandra, grandson of Ernie and Belinda, was baptized on August 5. Also pictured are Father John Lanzrath, Teresa and Philip Knipp. Ethan's dad, Craig Lofton, is on military duty with the Kansas Air National Guard.



Elijah Monroe Benning, son of Lisa, grandson of Debbie and David, was baptized on August 26.

Inquiring into Catholicism



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process for those who are interested in finding out more about becoming Catholic. About twenty-five adults have signed up for the inquiry sessions, which are held on Sundays, from 10-11:30 am, in Faith Center Rm 112. The group meets weekly from August through Easter. Free childcare is provided by parish teens, and snacks are provided by parish families.

If you or a friend are interested in coming to share the Word of God and exploring the basics of Catholicism, contact Sister Marie, 788-5525 or smzasc@stmarysderby.com.



When the shadows fall upon hill and glen;
and the bird-music is mute;
when the silken dark is a friend;
and the rivers sings to the stars:
ask yourself, sister,
ask yourself, brother,
the question you alone have power to answer:

O King and Saviour of all,
what is Thy gift to me?
and do I use it to Thy pleasing?

—from Hebridean Altars

FAITH FORMATION



Choosing to focus on God in ordinary life

by Ann Hughes

Each year, I am blessed to be able to make an annual retreat. As an Associate of the Sisters of St Joseph, I have chosen to do this as a private retreat at Mount St Mary's Convent with Sister Josephine O'Gorman. I have found that Holy Week is an ideal time for me to put work aside and listen as the Holy Spirit speaks to me through the daily readings. As the week begins, it is always a challenge to avoid being distracted by thoughts of work, family and other things I could be doing. But as I meet with Sister Josephine each morning and again in the afternoon, I find that it is through these "distractions" that I am able to make the connection between God's word in scripture and my life.

Last year I was especially distracted because, as I was driving to the Mount to begin my retreat, I got word that a Bishop Carroll high school student, whose family I knew well, had been critically injured in an automobile accident on the way to school. It seemed I could think of nothing else that day or through the week, but as the week progressed and Good Friday came closer, I began to make a connection between this girl, her family and the Lord's Passion and death we were about to celebrate. This vibrant young woman died that week, called to spend Easter in heaven. Though my heart was heavy for her and her family, I could not escape the fact that as I reflected on the readings of Holy Week and the Lord's Passion, I became aware that this family's suffering would eventually lead to their reunion with their daughter one day in heaven. I found great consolation in the thought that the resurrection of Jesus is to be shared by all of us one day—death is not the end of our relationships with those we love.

Even if we do not have time for an annual retreat, each of us has many opportunities to spend time listening to the voice of God and making connec-

tions between that word and our daily life. In our parish, we have many such opportunities: Mass, scripture study, St Mary Parish School, RCIA, PSR, EDGE, LIFE TEEN, Confirmation Preparation, Generations of Faith, Centering Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as private prayer and reflection. As I look forward to my retreat next spring, I also look forward to the many other opportunities I have to open my heart to the Lord speaking to me in so many ways and through so many different events in my very ordinary life.

Planting seeds of faith

by Marcia Helten

The sixteen 4-year-olds in my Pre-Kindergarten (PK) class, eight in Sue Shearrer's PK class, and eighteen 3-year-olds in my Preschool class are growing in knowledge and faith!

Recently we talked "All About Me," making books, pictures and posters of ourselves and things that we like. We read about feelings and about how special God has made each of us. Three-year-olds also learned about frogs, and four-year-olds studied vegetables, how they grow, and planted lettuce, spinach and radish seeds. Brandi Stithem taught the students about compost and how it helps gardens.

Children love going to the Good Shepherd atrium, a special room for them to learn about Jesus and the Mass, using hands-on items. We also do religion lessons and crafts, introducing lessons and telling Bible stories

with the assistance of flannel board or puppet characters.

Sometimes we have songs to sing or questions to discuss that relate to the Bible story. If time allows, we have an art project that goes with the lesson. Children are very excited about religion and enjoy the stories.

The classes participate in an anti-bullying program that uses puppets and pictures to help children identify and learn to deal with emotions they have, and to understand that everyone doesn't have the same emotions.

Lori Torline, our school nurse, comes once a month to teach the PK students about good health habits, from correct hand washing to good foods to eat. Four-year-olds also visit our school library once a month.

We are very blessed to have a Derby public school speech teacher come once a month to do fun language games with the four-year-olds. They have such fun playing word games that they don't even realize that they are learning about using speech in the correct way!

Having fun learning is what we do best—whether it's learning about God, learning to read, learning about weather, or learning to hang up our jackets and bookbags. St Mary Preschool is fun!



◀ Preschool student Kaitlyn Peters got some help from teacher Marcia Helten as she and other students planted seeds.

There are openings in Sue Shearrer's MWF four-year-old class. To find out more, call 788-3151.

School update

by Principal Richard Montgomery

Space is a major concern in the school. Our enrollment this year is 300 students, which includes 22 new families and 28 new students. Our facilities are stretched to maximum capacity, but thanks to tremendous help this summer from volunteers and support staff, and the addition of some new staff members, we are maintaining our excellent academic instruction and faith formation despite the space issues.

The Annex is used for middle school math in the morning, K-5 Art in the afternoon and Latchkey after school. Special Reading groups share the lounge, library and computer lab (and sometimes the hallway stairs) for classroom space. The Cry Room in the old church is being used for small group activities for Preschool students.

Neumann Hall (downstairs below the old church) only has one exit, so fire code regulations prohibit us from using it as a regular classroom, and remodeling it to add an additional exit would be prohibitively expensive.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is growing to two rooms in the old rectory and includes students in Preschool through first grade. We hope to have room and time to include second grade part of the time soon.

The gym is used every day—all day Monday, Wednesday and 3/4 day on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. With morning latchkey, lunch and after school sports, we do not have much time for cleaning, so other groups' usage of the gym is very limited.

The old church/weekday Chapel is filled to capacity on Fridays for all-school Mass, without kindergartners attending.

We added the equivalent of two positions to last year's staff: a full-time first grade teacher, a part-time PE teacher and the music position is now full-time rather than half-time. We are blessed with five new staff members to fill these spots and those left by teachers who moved out of the area:

- **Amanda Griswold** was a long-term substitute teacher for second grade last year, and we're happy to have her back as a first grade teacher.

- **Allison Lesley**, long-time parishioner and daughter of Richard and Roseann Bade, is the new school secretary.

- **Barbara Orsak** and **Shannan Saludaes** are former out-of-state high school teachers who will teach middle school.

- **Brandi Stithem** taught here seven years ago and will resume teaching math on a part-time basis now that her children are older.

Preliminary results on the Kansas State Assessments indicates that we received the Standard of Excellence on nine out of fourteen tests. A priority for us this year will be to focus attention in in-services and in the classroom to help those students who had low scores in math.

Faith formation is a parish core value. Jesus sends us forth as disciples to "baptize and teach all nations." Our goal as Catholics is to reach as many people as we can with the message of God's saving love; our mission as Catholic school is to educate and nurture students' Christ-like formation.

I thank you, as a parent, a parishioner and as principal, for your Stewardship, which allows us to offer every parish family the option of integrating faith formation and academic education for their children by choosing Catholic school.



Closing prayers

by Barbara Orsak

I recently asked my middle school students to write prayers for the conclusion of the day; below are prayers written by Ali Coufal (6th grade) and Ryan Steven (7th grade):

Heavenly *Father*,
As this day ends help us to understand that everything you do for us is for a good reason.

We leave today as firm believers in faith. Not only did we make it through the day, but we had *faith* in you, God, while doing it.

Sometimes we struggle; sometimes we can't find the answer, but if we just stop and think, we know our faith in God will help us find our *way*.

As we leave, *Lord*, help us know you are always there for us, even when we might not think you are. *Amen*

O Lord,
thank you for this great day.
I know you are watching over me and you love me.

Please God, help me to be a kind, gentle and *loving* person.
Forgive me for my sins
and help me to *forgive* others.

Help me to follow
the Ten Commandments
and help me to give my whole *heart*,
mind and soul to you, O Lord.

Let me better *understand* you,
so I can be a better person. *Amen*.



Amanda Griswold



Allison Lesley



Barbara Orsak



Shannan Saludaes



Brandi Stithem



St Mary parishioner Zack Williams, Conception Seminary College seminarian, at the Serra Club dinner.

Back to seminary

by Tony Duran

Serra Club, an organization which promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life, hosts an annual steak dinner for the seminarians from the Wichita Diocese the day before they return to school.

The Bishop and other clergy participate in the dinner to show their support for the seminarians. A big steak dinner with all the trimmings is served and gift packs are given to the seminarians, full of goodies that they can use while away at seminary.

The Bishop gave the young men a pep talk and joked with them. Diocesan Vocations Director Father Matt McGinness introduced each seminarian, and asked them to announce their home parishes and what year they are in at seminary. Knowing that our prayers are with them, they left filled with excitement and enthusiasm (*and a full stomach!*), ready for the school year ahead.

Totally Yours

by Barb Pinaire

My son Zach was a member of a Tulsa Totus Tuus team this summer, and sixteen Tulsa team members gathered at our home in July, to prepare for a Mid-Summer Retreat with Wichita teams in Winfield, Kansas.

Totus Tuus, "Totally Yours," was created by Father Bernie Gorges, current pastor of Winfield and Oxford, when he was a seminarian in 1987. This unique program of Catholic catechetics and evangelization is taught by college-age young adults to Grades 1st through 12 at the parish level.

In the past 19 years, Totus Tuus has spread from Wichita to other dioceses in Kansas, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Minnesota and Illinois. More than forty four-person teams served over 20,000 young people this summer.

LIFE TEEN

by Davi Stuhlsatz

LIFE TEEN uses fun, laughter, activities, skits, discussion, teaching, prayer, and teens' active participation in the Mass to help parish youth grow in love of God and neighbor.

A recent Life Night entitled *Journey with Jesus* led teens through Jesus' miracles by reading relevant Bible passages and doing related activities, such as sharing loaves and fishes, eating a wedding feast, walking on waves, and blind-folding and then "opening" teens' eyes.

Another Life Night had a poor humble lad demonstrate selfless love by rescuing a princess despite the fact that he would have no personal gain from the deed. The skit, complete with duels, was used as a vehicle for talking about Jesus' selfless love for each of us.

LIFE TEEN wouldn't exist were it not for the selfless commitment of our parish core team members, who are committed to Christ and to our



parish youth. They spend many hours each week planning and participating in Life Nights and other high school youth activities in order to keep teens connected with Christ.

So if you see these lords and ladies, in the shining armor of their commitment to our Catholic faith, tell them thank you. Without their Stewardship, our teens would be missing out on the fantastic faith formation they provide. Pictured below, back row: Joe Rogers, John Stuhlsatz, Ed Smith, Kellie Smith; front row: Janet Clark, Karen Jackson, Amber Williams, Kris Baker, Pam Tormey and Terisa Kramer.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts!



LIFE TEEN participants enjoy a zany skit during a recent Life Night.

◇ St. Mary Parish Events ◇

NEWSLETTER

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 suggestions or comments or to share
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 photographer, writer or editor.

*Thanks to The Derby Informer for
 allowing us to reprint portions of
 DeAnn Barr's stories about Maggie
 Wilson and Alex Montgomery.*

*PSR started this week.
 Please keep the chil-
 dren in your prayers.*

**St Mary's annual Chili Cook-Off
 and Costume Ball** is Sat, Oct 20,
 with monstrously ghoulish music and
 fun for the whole family! Mark your
 calendar and get ready for a haun-
 tingly fun night of costumes, food, great
 company and dancing from 6-9 pm
 in the school gym (corner of Madi-
 son and Derby Ave).

There is no admission fee. Please bring
 a pot of chili or soup to share...chili is
 judged only if you want it to be. If you
 don't care to cook chili or soup, please
 use the following as a guideline:

If your last name begins with the letters:
 A-E: please bring raw veggies and dip
 F-N: please bring a dessert
 O-Z: please bring bread or crackers

Make plans to attend this always-entertaining
 night of costumes, food and
 dancing! Volunteers are still needed to
 help plan and coordinate this event. To
 volunteer, contact Maria at 789-9512 or
mgalley@stmarysderby.com. Thanks!

September-November 2007 calendar

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| Sun, Sep 30 | 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
EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114
LIFE TEEN Core and Jr Core commissioning, 6 pm Mass, Faith Center
LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114 |
| Mon, Oct 1 | LIFE TEEN core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 |
| Tue, Oct 2 | Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, FC Sanctuary |
| Wed, Oct 3 | PSR sessions, 6 pm, School classrooms
Confirmation Sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center |
| Thu, Oct 4 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 12 noon thru 7 am Friday, FC Rm 112
First Reconciliation parent meeting, 6:30 pm, Neumann Hall |
| Fri, Oct 5 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues thru 7 am, FC Rm 112
First Friday Coffee and Donuts, 9 am, Former Rectory
Scrapbooking, 6 pm, FC Knights Hall
LIFE TEEN lock-in, 9 pm-6 am, School Gym |
| Sat, Oct 6 | God's Food Pantry weekend
The Lord's Diner, Team B, A Lehr |
| Sun, Oct 7 | Coffee & Donuts, 10-11 am, FC Knights Hall
Baptism Class, 9-10:30 am, FC Parish Office Conf Rm 106
RCIA babysitting, 9:30-11:30 am, FC Rm 114
RCIA, 10-11:30 am, FC Rm 112
EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114
Confirmation Rite of Entrance, 6 pm Mass, Faith Center
NO LIFE NIGHT (due to lock-in Fri) |
| Mon, Oct 8 | LIFE TEEN Jr Core, 5:30 pm, FC Rm 114
LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
K of C members, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall |
| Tue, Oct 9 | Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, FC Sanctuary |
| Wed, Oct 10 | FIAT tour, 8 am, School Gym
PSR sessions, 6 pm, School classrooms
Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Office Conf Rm 106
Confirmation Sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
Altar Society, 7 pm, Knights Hall |
| Thu, Oct 11 | Servant Leadership Retreat, 8:30 am, Knights Hall |
| Sat, Oct 13 | Parish Breakfast, 10-11 am, Knights Hall |
| Sun, Oct 14 | RCIA babysitting, 9:30-11:30 am, FC Rm 114
RCIA, 10-11:30 am, FC Rm 112
EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114
LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114 |
| Mon, Oct 15 | LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
K of C 4 th Degree, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall |
| Tue, Oct 16 | Pastoral Council, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, FC Sanctuary |
| Wed, Oct 17 | Catechists Workshop, 6 pm, Knights Hall
Confirmation Sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center |
| Thu, Oct 18 | La Leche League, 9 am, FC Rm 114
PSR sessions, 6 pm, School classrooms
Harvest House, 6:30 pm, FC Knights Hall
Home and School, 7 pm, Neumann Hall |
| Sat, Oct 20 | Prairie Land Food Pickup, 6:30 am, School Gym
Chili Cook-off and Costume Ball , 6-9 pm, School Gym |
| Sun, Oct 21 | 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
EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114
LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114 |
| Mon, Oct 22 | LIFE TEEN Jr Core, 5:30 pm, FC Rm 114
LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
K of C officers, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall |

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October-November 2007 calendar (cont.)

Tue, Oct 23	Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, FC Sanctuary
Wed, Oct 24	Generations of Faith—Being a Disciple of Christ, 6 pm, Faith Center
Sat, Oct 27	Parish Grilled Steak Dinner, after 5 pm Mass, Knights Hall
Sun, Oct 28	NO Coffee and Donuts RCIA babysitting, 9:30–11:30 am, FC Rm 114 RCIA, 10–11:30 am, FC Rm 112 Generations of Faith—Being a Disciple of Christ, Noon, Faith Center HS Youth Halloween Carnival for Kids, 2 pm, School Gym
Mon, Oct 29	LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
Tue, Oct 30	Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, FC Sanctuary
Wed, Oct 31	FIAT tour, 8 am, School Gym
Thu, Nov 1	All Saints Day, Eucharist 8 am and 7 pm, Faith Center Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 12 noon thru 7 am Friday, FC Rm 112
Fri, Nov 2	All Souls Day and First Friday, 8 am Mass Coffee and Donuts, 9 am, Old Rectory Scrapbooking, 6 pm, FC Rm 114 Memorial Vespers, 7 pm, Faith Center
Sat, Nov 3	God's Food Pantry weekend The Lord's Diner, Team C, Compton Turkey Bingo, 6 pm, School Gym
Sun, Nov 4	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 EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114 LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
Mon, Nov 5	LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114
Tue, Nov 6	Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, FC Sanctuary
Wed, Nov 7	Veterans Prayer Service, 8 am, Weekday Chapel Veteran's reception, 9 am, Neumann Hall PSR sessions, 6 pm, School classrooms
Thu, Nov 8	Altar Society, 7 pm, Knights Hall
Sun, Nov 11	Parish Breakfast, 10-11 am, Knights Hall RCIA babysitting, 9:30–11:30 am, FC Rm 114 RCIA, 10–11:30 am—FC Rm 112 EDGE, 12:30 pm, FC Rm 114 LIFE NIGHT after 6 pm Mass, FC Rm 114
Mon, Nov 12	LIFE TEEN Core team, 7 pm, FC Rm 114 K of C members, 7:30 pm, Knights Hall
Tue, Nov 13	Centering Prayer, 7:30 pm, FC Sanctuary
Wed, Nov 14	PSR sessions, 6 pm, School classrooms Finance Council, 7 pm, FC Office Conf Rm 106 Confirmation Sessions, 7:30 pm, Faith Center
Thu, Nov 15	Harvest House, 6:30 pm, Knights Hall First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm, Neumann Hall
Sat, Nov 16	Prairie Land Food pick-up, 6:30 am, School Gym K of C, 4 th Degree, 6 pm, Knights Hall

Serving parish

by Sue Bitel

Although Altar Society took a summer break, members have been busy with many regular activities. We served funeral dinners, helped parishioners in need through the Marthas program, played bingo with the residents at Westview Manor and helped at the parish picnic.

Thank you to everyone participating in our SCRIP Gift Card Program! SCRIP is on sale after 5 pm Mass and between the 9 and 11 am Masses every weekend. Proceeds from this program help fund the many works of the Altar Society, and benefit our parish school.

A primary role of Altar Society is to provide for and care for the altar. We purchased the new silver and gold communion cups. We also provide funds for seasonal flowers at Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, First Communion, Confirmation and other special times.

We donate to many other causes such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, After Prom Parties, various parish activities and special school requests.

Our meetings are fun, with interesting speakers. Earlier this year, Sheri Chapman, a member of the Marian Guild and a certified play therapist, enlightened us about play therapy. Greg McHenry, parishioner and owner of Hillside Nursery, spoke about gardening and answered our many questions.

We are a busy, happy group of ladies who enjoy the serious side of being members of Altar Society as well as making lifelong friends, having fun and serving our Church and its members. We hope you can join this energetic, fun-loving, hardworking, spiritual group!

MENU

**Grilled
Steak
Dinner**

Yum!

Oct 27

CALL RAY FOR
RESERVATION,
788-1548.

**When you give
of yourself,
you receive
more than
you give.**

—Antoine de
Saint-Exupery



Fabulous food and friendships are two great reasons to participate in Altar Society!



Your gifts
change *lives*.

Thank you for
sharing
with the *Lord!*



St Mary Parish Balance Sheet as of 6/30/07

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>	
Checking, Money Mkt & Other Deposits	\$287,173	A/P and Other Curr Liabilities	\$76,487
Chancery Savings	75,453	Notes Payable - Building	816,446
Investments-Endowments & Mutual Fund	6,073	Equity/Fund balances	(582,180)
Building Fund	106,188	Net Operating Income	164,135
TOTAL ASSETS	\$474,888	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$474,888

St Mary Parish Operating Statements

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>PARISH OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSE</u>	<u>Jul 05-Jun '06</u>	<u>Jul 06-Jun '07</u>	<u>Jul 06-Jun '07</u>
Ordinary Church Receipts	\$1,683,341	\$1,693,963	\$1,730,291
Extraordinary Church Receipts & Endowments	83,486	154,970	32,380
Organizational & School Receipts	295,273	240,205	243,920
Total Parish Operating Income	\$2,017,100	\$2,089,138	\$2,006,591
Stewardship (10% of ordinary church receipts to diocese)	166,645	169,034	183,603
Salaries, Payroll & Religious	293,715	308,515	335,096
Utilities, Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	57,027	63,120	72,625
Interest Payments on loan from diocese	34,889	57,487	115,800
Church Capital Outlay	1,193	1,130	2,000
Income Disbursements (Holy Savior, Rice Bowls, etc.)	35,587	37,421	27,600
Religious Education/Formation & Other Programs	45,742	45,397	67,675
Other Church Exp. (Copier Lease, Tech Support, Postage, etc)	28,203	36,136	36,373
Total Church Expenses	\$663,001	\$718,240	\$840,772
SMPS Salaries and Payroll	863,112	927,381	964,512
SMPS Utilities, Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	102,554	105,558	113,442
SMPS Capital Outlays	45,415	27,286	30,000
Other SMPS Expenses (Copier Lease, Tech Suppt, Sports, etc)	59,821	66,911	71,442
Total St Mary Parish School Expenses	\$1,070,902	\$1,127,136	\$1,179,396
Catholic High School Subsidy & Expense	270,900	262,495	262,460
Total Parish Operating Expenses	\$2,004,803	\$2,107,871	\$2,282,628
Net Income/(Expense) From Parish Operations	\$12,297	(\$18,733)	(\$276,037)
<u>BUILDING FUND INCOME/(EXPENSE)</u>			
Receipts & Memorials	\$102,900	\$234,580	\$86,200
Interest Income	1,178	0	0
Stewardship (10% of building fund to diocese)	(6,494)	(3,556)	0
Expenses	0	(1,201)	(5,720)
Net Income/(Expense) From Building Fund	\$97,584	\$229,823	\$80,480
<u>NET OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSE)</u>	<u>\$109,881</u>	<u>\$211,090</u>	<u>(\$195,557)</u>
<u>EXTRAORDINARY DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Funds disbursement for the Faith Center Building	(\$976,885)		
Funds disbursement for the New Portable		(\$46,955)	
TOTAL NET INCOME/(EXPENSE)	<u>(\$867,004)</u>	<u>\$164,135</u>	<u>(\$195,557)</u>

Loving

by Davi Stuhlsatz

Does it seem strange to you to see an article titled "Loving" beside financial statements? The placement is intentional. Your Stewardship of treasure, those numbers to the left, are gifts of love to God and neighbor, signs of care for those touched by our **parish ministries**.

The dollars those numbers represent help convey God's loving Word to Regina, Lucas, and other children and adults through **faith formation**.

Your financial gifts help reach Irene, Al, and other hungry hearts through **Eucharistic celebrations**.

And as parish, we extend hospitality, welcoming Mike and Stacy and other newcomers, and **building community**, so that no one feels alone. Mother Teresa said, "Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty."

Of course, the mission of the Church isn't accomplished by treasure alone. If you're looking for news on sharing of time and talent, *Messenger* articles and Faith in Action tours are good sources. All three gifts—time, talent and treasure—are vital.

So thank you for sharing your gifts. Even if you don't see your name in print beside those numbers to the left, or in a *Messenger* article, you DO make a difference, and you are appreciated.

It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing.

It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.

-Mother Teresa

PARISH LIFE

Family matters

by Sylvia Sommerhauser

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

Births

Christy and John Pair announce the birth of their daughter, **Carlynn Rose**, on April 19. She is the granddaughter of Dale and Donna Pair and Bob and Sylvia Sommerhauser.

Engaged

Michael Tichenor, son of Jeanette and Tom, is engaged to be married to Judy Eldridge. The wedding will be on September 28 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mackenzie Brown, daughter of Mike and Traci, is engaged to James May. Mackenzie is a graduate of St Mary Parish School, Kapaun and OSU. She received a bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre in December 2006. Mackenzie is now the assistant stage manager at Goodman Theatre in Chicago. James is a May 2005 Simpson College graduate. The wedding will be on October 12 at St Mary.

Sarah Cribbs, daughter of Mark and Cheryl, is engaged to Matthew Mahlendt. Sarah graduated from WSU in May with a nursing degree and is now employed by Via Christi—St Francis. Matthew is employed by Parks of Augusta. The couple will be married on October 20 at St Mary.

Zach Lind, son of Kim and Ed, is engaged to Dawn Smith. Zach is a graduate of St Mary's, Kapaun and WSU, where he received a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design. He is completing his master's degree in animation at the UCLA School of Film (view his first animated short film, *Mass Hysteria*, at <http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&videoid=2034924581>). Dawn will graduate from WSU in December 2007 and plans to pursue a graduate degree in speech pathology. The wedding will be on December 29 at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Andover.

Anniversaries

Pat and Larry Herndon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 7 with a family dinner. The Herndons, long-time members of the St Mary family, were married at Sts Peter & Paul Church in Detroit, MI and left immediately afterwards for Pease AFB, NH, where Larry was stationed.



Matthew Mahlendt & Sarah Cribbs



Zach Lind & Dawn Smith

Their Air Force journeys moved them to many locations. They settled in Derby for the first time in 1966, joined St Mary Parish and were active members until the Air Force moved them to Michigan in 1973. They returned to Derby in 1976 and have been active members of the parish and community ever since. Their children, Laura Hawkins, Linda Ashburn, and Jill Koftan (deceased) attended St Mary Parish School as Air Force assignments permitted.

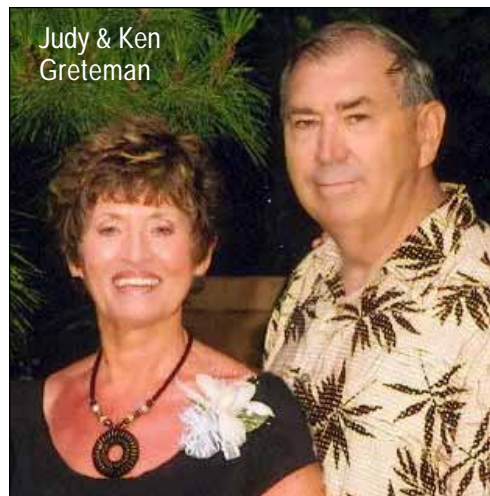
Pat and Larry celebrated their big day surrounded by family and friends, with visitors from Texas and Missouri. They have 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Ken and Judy Greteman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 20. Their children, Brad and Sonia, and Sonia's husband Chris Brunner, hosted a "50's theme garden party" in their honor.

The Gretemans were married at St Mary's Cathedral in Wichita. Ken retired from Boeing in 1994 after 41 years of service, and



Pat & Larry Herndon



Judy & Ken Greteman

now serves on the boards of the Derby Recreation Commission and the Boeing Credit Union. Judy retired from Derby USD260 after serving 25 years, most recently as the Media Specialist at El Paso Elementary.

Congratulations

Matthew Burkemper, son of Bryan and Cindy, has accepted a fellowship to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He will teach at the university while pursuing his PhD in Mathematics. Matt graduated from St Mary Parish School, Kapaun Mt Carmel, and Kansas State University in May 2007 with Cum Laude honors.



Matt

Derby Knights of Columbus Council 4458, on your 50th anniversary (*story and pictures next issue!*)

Deaths

Margaret Drum, grandmother of Jo Dowling and GREAT grandmother of Anne and Regina, died on July 7 at the age of 96.

Smitty Laramore, father of Allen, died September 11.

*A special welcome
to our new parishioners!*



Bussman



Sandoval



Warren



Rose



Igo



Mitchell

Adults

John & Maria Alsidez
Christy Baker
Peggy Benning
Jeremy & Jen Cox
Lauren Diehl & Joe Ignowski
Daniel & Julie DuBree
Justin & Shelly Igo
Gina Jackson
Rob & Pamela Johnson
Paul & Becca Leis
Mark & Laurie McHenry
Mike & Stacy Mitchell
Sean Nettleton
Alvin & Louise Newell
Betsy Pagan
Beth Powell
Mike & Donna Price
Amy & Stephen Rose
Elida Sandoval
Mary Scott
John Shaw
Jody & Kristen Shirley
Amy Summers
Joe & Shannon Tran
Michael White
Jerry & Carrie Ybarra

Children

Johnathan, Idali, Julio

Harper
Daniel
Samantha, Devon
Cade, Chloe, Codi
Donisha, Albert, Lyric
Hali, Rylan, Annisty, Rachel

Jack, Isabelle (baptism photo on page 2)
Anthony, Rebecca
Shelby, Saige

Elena, Laila

Kylie, Michael, Kayla, Krista, Nicholas
Madelyne, Isabelle
Tiffany
Jay, Caroline
Kaitlyn, Dylan
Jake, Hunter
Nicholas, Alayna
Noah

Savanna, Dominic

IN HOSPITALITY

There is a door to which *you have the key,*
and you are the **sole keeper.**
There is a latch no hand can lift **save yours.**
No ruler, nor warrior, writer, thinker:
but **only you.**
O heart, *hurry now and welcome* your King
to sit by the **warmth** of your fire.

from Celtic Daily Prayer



Providing RCIA or LIFE TEEN snacks (as Debbie Chapman is doing at left) or a welcoming smile or word can make a huge difference! It lifts people's spirits, builds a caring community, and spreads Christ's love!

For I was hungry,
and you fed me.
I was thirsty,
and you gave me a drink.
I was a stranger,
and you invited me
into your home.

—Matt 25:35

Getting to know your parish family...



PASTORAL COUNCIL: Back row, L to R: Terisa Kramer, Michelle Smith, Leasa Coufal, Laurie Ford, Becky Hurtig, Linda Miller, Margie Johnson; front row: Norm McGeeney, Father Wayne Schmid, Richard Blake, Bruce Luehring and Doug Nolling. Not pictured: Sister Marie Zoglman, Gary Tully.

Leading by *following* Christ

by Vicky Tully

The Pastoral Council guides our parish by advising our pastor and staff and representing our parish family. They discern parish gifts and needs and have the vision to set parish policy and goals. They promote the Gospel through their actions and empower the rest of the community to contribute and to take ownership of the life of the parish.

Honor patient

by DeAnn Barr

Alex Montgomery is working hard to try to make the school basketball team, and to raise his cumulative GPA. He's eager to complete driver's education, and get a job so that he can buy a car...very normal goals for a 16-year-old high school junior.

Alex is relishing the normalcy of it all.

Last year, as he prepared to begin his sophomore year at Kapaun Mt Carmel, he was fighting stage four Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and looking back, he's sure it was the most difficult year of his life for him and his family.

Alex's cancer has been in remission since January, so he is now down to preventative doctor's appointments and a CAT scan every other month (it looked good in July).

"All my dreams and goals were put on hold, but they are all still there. It feels good to be healthy again," said Alex. "I appreciate life more, and I kinda serve as an example to other teens."

The Lymphoma Society certainly saw Alex as a role model, and asked him to become a Kansas Chapter Honor Patient. In this capacity, Alex travels to "teams in training," people who have committed to raising money through cycling, walking, or entering a marathon or triathlon.

"I have finished four presentations, and I hope I have inspired someone to work hard and get in shape. I never asked 'why me,' but just tried to make the best of it and now I want to help others by sharing my experience."

Without a doubt, Alex's experience has changed his outlook on life: "I want to go to KU, and before I got sick I was planning to be an orthodontist. Now I would like to be an oncologist equally as much. The doctors and nurses had a profound impact on me."

In July, Alex and his family were blessed with a magical week at Give Kids the World Village (GKTW), courtesy of

Guess who came to breakfast?



Sister Janice Grochowsky, CSJ visited the Faith Center in August for the first time. She enjoyed seeing our beautiful new facility and many familiar faces (including Father John's) at Coffee and Donuts. Sister Janice was assigned to St Mary from 1991-97 and was responsible for PSR, liturgy and RCIA. In 2004 she attended a summer program at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and earned a license in canon law. She now ministers in the Diocese of Dodge City as Marriage Tribunal Director and Chancellor, but occasionally gets to Wichita for a visit.

the Make-A-Wish Foundation. It was a welcome departure from the aggressive chemotherapy, surgeries and blood transfusions Alex underwent the previous summer.

"The trip was amazing," said Alex's mom, Audrey. "We are so grateful to Make-A-Wish and our local wish grantors for making this a trip our family will always cherish."

GKTW is a 70-acre, non-profit resort in central Florida that creates magical memories for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families, providing lodging, tickets, meals and more for a week-long, cost-free fantasy vacation.

"The entire trip was fabulous. It made our hearts melt, we just couldn't believe they were doing all of this for us," said Audrey.

"Our goal is to give a worry free trip to the family," said co-wish grantor Michelle Goddess, budget analyst for the City of Derby. "The whole Montgomery family is wonderful. Alex is just a nice kid."

Through Make-A-Wish, the Montgomerys sent a thank you and photos to the other co-wish grantor. As Tim O'Donnell of Overland Park, Kansas, looked at the photos of Alex and his school friends that the Montgomery family had sent, he thought he recognized a few of the teachers.

"I called Mike Burrus, President of Kapaun, and he confirmed Alex was a student there," said Tim, a 1995 Kapaun graduate. "Many KMC alumni had helped out with my fund raising efforts so it was pretty special to make that connection."

Alex was very touched by Tim's stellar efforts to raise money by entering a triathlon: "He worked so hard to make my wish come true; it made me feel good and thankful. It made me very grateful."

Tim and Alex have yet to meet in person, but hope to later this year when Tim travels to Wichita for a race. Aside from providing motivation for his fitness goals, Tim had a desire to give back to his community: "I knew I couldn't raise enough money to cure cancer, but I could raise enough to give a kid a wish and hopefully make him forget about it for a few days," said Tim.



Down under

by DeAnn Barr

People to People student ambassador Maggie Wilson represented the very best of American students this summer in Australia and New Zealand. Maggie, a 2007 St Mary Parish School grad and Kapaun freshman, was selected for the People to People program based on demonstrated leadership and citizenship, and a desire to learn about diverse cultures and venture into the world in the name of peace, friendship and understanding.

"If I had the chance, I would do this again, with no hesitation. Every day I learned something new and saw something different. I met many great people who turned into close friends," she said of her three weeks abroad. "I learned that, although I am shy, I have a lot that I have to say. Experiencing being in a different country helped me speak out and be more outgoing."

Maggie's favorite part of the trip was a day spent at Manly Beach in Sydney: "It was my first time in the Pacific Ocean, and the scenery was picture-perfect. Even rainy weather couldn't stop us from walking along the coast, swimming, looking at sea shells, and learning how to surf."

Other highlights included snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef, bush dancing, holding koalas, feeding kangaroos, and an outdoor adventure camp in Rotorua, where "we learned leadership skills, set personal goals, and had the opportunity to step out of our comfort zones. I learned that I can overcome my fears by trusting others."

Maggie is certain she met the goals of the People to People International program, which asserts that encounters between people of different backgrounds help form the foundation for lasting world peace.

Encouragement

by Davi Stuhlsatz

God blesses us with constant encouragement if our eyes are open to Him. Below are two recent sources of inspiration I've found; maybe you'll find them inspiring, too!

First, I'm blessed by reading the children's weekly envelopes. These innocent and heartfelt offerings help me to remember that our ordinary lives, everything we do, can be offered to God.

Anne Dowling wrote, "I visited my great grandma before she died." One child "gave the pancakes to my friend first so he wouldn't have to wait." Cole Hough "asked for healthy snacks," and his sister Cori "waited quietly while my mom, uncle and grandma and grandpa talked."

These gifts of love bring joy to my heart and a smile to my lips. So does *The WORD Among Us* magazine. (I've bookmarked www.wau.org/meditations/meditations.asp as a favorite!)

Last week I read a meditation about the Jews' return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple after fifty years of exile. At first things went well, but then "things began to go awry. The work ground on slowly, with little visible progress... Discouraged, God's people stopped their work." Through prophets, God admonished and encouraged his people. They rallied, and rebuilding resumed.

Reminded of our own building process, the meditation's words lifted my heart:

"Have you ever set out energetically to do God's work, but ended up disheartened or overwhelmed?...remember that the results, and their timing, are up to God alone."

"God is not finished...he hasn't abandoned you! His 'timely help' may come in a form we are not expecting (Hb 4:16). It may be a word that pierces us to the heart and galvanizes us into action. It may be the reinforcement of having someone join in the work. It may be a change in circumstances that removes an obstacle. Whatever shape it takes, we should be confident in this one thing: It will come! [Meanwhile] don't lose heart."

"Father, thank you for calling me to join your people in building your temple here on earth. Come live among us in power as we work together to give concrete form to your kingdom and to fling open its doors to the world."

Picnic paradise

by Davi Stuhlsatz

What a blast! The over 400 people at the annual parish picnic on August 26 were blessed with beautiful weather and great fellowship. Community is one of our parish core values, and the many smiles at the picnic were evidence of how much fun it is when parishioners come together—whether it's in service, to worship, or just to socialize. Children enjoyed a coloring contest, petting zoo, sno-cones, limbo, Candy-in-the-Hay, balloons, free pony rides, bubbles, face painting dunk tank and more. Adults enjoyed the DJ, visiting with one another, Altar Society's free icecream sundaes, LIFE TEEN's bratwurst and other picnic fare, and cold beer and wine in Wayne's World (the fenced-in area behind the old rectory). The teens had fun hanging out together and cooking to raise money for upcoming trips. So no matter what age the attendees, there was fun to be had!



◀ Picnic coloring contest (left and below): Jim, Dianne and Tom Houchin were judges for the kids' coloring contest at the picnic. Sarah Klosterman (looking pretty serious at left with judge Jim Houchin) was the winner in the Under-5 age group.

Coloring contest winners Natalie Klosterman (5 & 6 yr olds) and Emily Nolting (7, 8 & 9 yr olds) are pictured with judge Dianne Houchin. Not pictured are judge Tom Houchin and the 10 & Over winner, Chandler Benway. ▶



▶ **The ponies** were busy until after the picnic was over, as kids lined up for free pony rides. Here Tyler Wheeler takes a turn.

▼ **Sno-cones** were a hit with Paige Birmingham, Sydney Covey and others at the picnic.



▶ **The petting zoo animals** offered cuddly fun for Cole and Judy Hough and many others.



▲ **Ready to eat:** Olivia Smith and Rachel Shearrer came prepared to buy food.

▶ **LIFE TEEN heats up!** Daniel Mahoney, Brice Walsten, Ed Smith and John Stuhlsatz cooked brats and burgers for the picnic.

