

## MASS STIPENDS

By: Fr. Mike Scully, O.F.M.Cap.



### MASSES & SACRAMENTS

- Saturday:** 6:30 a.m.  
5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)  
Liturgy for little ones (Sept - May)  
LifeTeen Mass - 1st & 3rd Sat.
- Sunday:** 7:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
Choir Mass (Sept - May)  
Liturgy for Little Ones (Sept - May)  
LifeTeen Mass - 1st & 3rd Sat.
- Weekdays:** 6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- Holy Days:** 6:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Christmas - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Midnight,  
7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.  
New Years Day - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
9:00 a.m.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays at 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.  
Thurs. before first Fridays at 4:00 p.m.
- Sacrament of Baptism:**  
Please contact the Parish Office.  
Baptism Class generally first Monday  
of the month.
- Sacrament of Marriage:**  
Please contact Parish office no later  
than six months prior.
- Sacrament of Anointing:**  
Please contact the parish office  
before entering hospital or for any  
emergency anointing.

One of the most misunderstood concepts in the Catholic Church, I believe, is the “Mass Stipend.” Catholic people have come to believe that “having a Mass said” means that the priest “says” a Mass for a specific person and the offering that is given for the Mass is necessary before the Mass can be said. The implication is that no one may “share a Mass” because there is only one intention per Mass that can be offered. In truth, the Code of Canon Law, the law which governs the legal aspects of the Catholic Church, contains strict laws concerning how Mass offerings are to be regulated.

The theology of the Mass is this. The Mass is the celebration of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ—what he has done for us, namely, the gift of eternal redemption. Every Mass is a re-presentation of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and therefore is of infinite value. Jesus redeemed all of us, no matter who we are, and every time we celebrate Mass, priest and people, we are sharing in the graces of redemption that Jesus Christ has gained for us. Therefore it is not theologically correct to think that a Mass is said for a specific person. The Mass is “said,” to use such language, for everyone, because we are all remembering the Lord’s gift to us, sharing once again in his gift to us, our redemption.

Therefore, every one of us can remember our loved ones at Mass, asking the Lord to be part of the lives (living and dead) of particular people that we want to remember. When we publish Mass intentions in the bulletin, we are bringing the whole community’s attention to the intention of some specific people which, of course, is quite acceptable. Because of Canon Law, a priest cannot accept

a specific stipend of money for more than one such intention for each Mass, but spiritually speaking, every Mass can have an infinite set of intentions. Again, the reasoning is theological: every Mass is a re-presentation of the gift of Jesus’ redemption, a gift that was offered once and for all, namely, the gift of Jesus’ Passion, Death and Resurrection, but is continually remembered every time a priest says Mass.

With that in mind, here at St. Joseph parish, I have instructed our Church personnel not to take any money for Masses as such, but to continue to publish your intention for a Mass that is celebrated. If you want to make a monetary donation to the Church, as you have your intention published in the bulletin and therefore at Mass, we will of course honor that. But the offering of money is not necessary, and anyone may ask us to publish their specific intention for any day. This does not hold in any other parish, of course, because the pastor has to make the individual decision in his parish. Here, we will continue to publish the intentions that you request of us, even more than one a day, and no offering of money is required or expected.



**St. Joseph Church Stewardship Report 2010 - 2011**

St. Joseph Church  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
Year ended June 30,

	2011	2010
<b>Receipts</b>		
Envelope & offertory collections	\$ 1,020,675.85	\$ 1,008,698.02
Income from Church properties:		
-Kennedy School	281,639.78	275,709.71
-Marian Hall	14,400.00	14,400.00
Bequests and donations:		
-Restricted use	150,832.71	111,227.71
Interest and dividends earned	28,301.06	26,980.28
Cemetery lot sales, fees & other proceeds	25,688.21	25,580.22
Diocesan collections taken in	19,392.37	22,234.19
Religious education program fees & other receipts	2,908.33	3,655.75
Youth program fees & other receipts	11,127.40	3,736.70
Parish activities	11,162.73	18,193.27
Insurance proceeds - Kennedy School	3,708.60	14,092.48
Other receipts	21,053.49	16,976.60
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,590,890.53</b>	<b>1,541,484.93</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Direct church & parish service center operating expenses	263,954.16	244,676.08
Kennedy School property operating expenses & improvements	252,076.69	276,909.79
Heartland Ministries Fund / school support	619,870.54	597,214.00
Church & parish service center major improvements	11,980.00	124,328.99
Church & parish service center utilities	49,989.25	48,888.15
Rectory operating expenses & major improvements	34,122.51	20,775.18
Religious education program operating expenses	50,979.45	51,259.03
Payroll taxes & employee benefits	41,089.22	40,742.71
Youth program operating expenses	21,573.58	20,421.76
Cemetery operating costs & improvements	13,247.69	26,717.96
Diocesan collections paid out	22,721.93	21,516.01
Church property & other insurance	19,805.71	23,305.07
Ministry to the homebound	51,385.75	41,834.33
Diocesan assessment	11,334.00	12,922.00
Tithing to other ministries	7,310.60	11,003.37
Other expenses	26,940.84	39,751.67
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>1,498,382.00</b>	<b>1,602,266.10</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease)</b>	<b>92,508.53</b>	<b>(60,781.17)</b>
Operating cash balance - beginning of the year	342,363.07	402,778.69
Endowed & restricted investments - beginning of the year	1,329,622.78	1,329,988.33
<b>Operating cash balance, at cost, - end of the year</b>	<b>\$ 480,710.29</b>	<b>\$ 342,363.07</b>
<b>Endowed &amp; restricted investments, at cost, - end of the year</b>	<b>\$ 1,283,784.09</b>	<b>\$ 1,329,622.78</b>
<b>Average envelope &amp; offertory collections per week</b>	<b>\$ 19,628.38</b>	<b>\$ 19,398.04</b>

**Parish Highlights**

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Advent Vespers               | Prayer Chain                 |
| Anointing of the Sick        | RE Lenten Journey -          |
| Bereavement Outreach         | Hometown Nazareth            |
| Card Ministry                | Roe v. Wade Prayer Service   |
| Dinner for Eight Program     | St. Joseph Altar -           |
| Evangelization Outreach Mtg. | Bread for the Poor           |
| Food Pantry                  | St. Joseph Garden            |
| Funeral Dinners              | St. Joseph Novena for Rain   |
| Homebound Ministry           | Stations of the Cross        |
| Hospital Communion Ministry  | Thanksgiving Dinner          |
| Life Chain                   | Traveling Chalice Program    |
| Life Teen Ministry           | Totus Tuus                   |
| March for Life               | Way of the Cross for Seniors |
| Meals on Wheels Program      | Way of the Cross with Mary   |
| Monthly Card Party           | World Day of Prayer for the  |
| Perpetual Adoration          | Sick and Handicapped         |
| Pet Blessing                 |                              |

**Stewardship Prayer**

*God our Father, You are the source of life and every blessing. All that we have comes from You. Help us to walk in your ways as faithful disciples of Jesus. As good stewards of your many blessings teach us to receive your gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in justice and love with others, and return them with increase to You, our Father. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who came that we might have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.*

**Check Out Our Numbers**

Adult Professions of Faith.....	5
Confirmed.....	18
First Communions	
Holy Family Elementary	
and Religious Education.....	20
Marriages.....	12
Infant Baptisms.....	26
Funerals.....	41
Parishioners.....	1707
Men.....	564
Women.....	697
Children.....	446
Families in parish.....	794
Welcome Baskets.....	33
Students:	
Holy Family Students.....	63
Religious Education	
Students.....	85
TMP Students.....	41
Pastoral Council Members.....	10
Finance Council Members.....	5
Parish & Heartland Commissions.....	38
Bereavement Outreach.....	9
Lectors.....	65
Extraordinary Ministers of	
Holy Communion.....	74
Homebound Ministers of Holy	
Communion.....	24
Altar Servers.....	50
Greeters.....	27
Money Counters.....	45
Church Cleaners.....	35
Food Pantry Volunteers	
Adults.....	61
Students.....	59
Food Carrier.....	38
Traveling Chalice.....	37
Liturgy for Little Ones.....	21
Cantors.....	23
Choir.....	24
LifeTeen/Jr. CYO Volunteer.....	17
LifeTeen Band.....	13
Ushers.....	21
Inactive Visits/Phone Calls.....	60
Assist with Bulletin Inserts.....	28

**Education Efforts**

- Advent Contemplative Writing
- Bulletin - Children's Corner
- En Theos
- Liturgical Info. Inserts
- Care Notes
- Children's Advent and Lenten Materials
- Children's Religious Books
- Faith & Fest Family Materials
- Fall "Pray All Ways" Retreat
- Funeral and Burial Planning Seminar
- Heartland Parish Mission
- Fr. Charles Smiech, O.F.M. Cap.
- Lenten Retreat - "The Word of Life is Spoken Here"
- Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's available for checkout.
- Our Sunday Visitor Brochures
- Our Sunday Visitor Newspaper
- Catholic Update Newsletter
- Parish Newsletter - "The Carpenter"
- Stewardship Witness - Michael & Jayne Brandel
- Word Among Us - Advent/Christmas, Lent, Easter, Special Issue - June
- New Roman Missal Materials



## Jennifer Werth and Randy Brull on Teaching at HFE and TMP-M

By Cindy Hertel

*"All things must come to the soul from its roots, from where it is planted."*

~St. Teresa of Avila

This quote pertains to many aspects of life but none more so than to the importance of education in the lives of our children. The community of Hays is blessed to have both Holy Family Elementary and Thomas More Prep-Marian available for the Catholic formation of our youth; and a good number of the administration, faculty, and staff members at HFE and TMP-M are parishioners at St Joseph Church, including Randy Brull and Jennifer Werth.

Brull, who grew up attending St. Joseph Church and whose family became members in 1993, has been a science teacher in our Catholic schools for 31 years, two at Marian High and 29 at TMP-M. A Hays native, he grew up near Hays and attended elementary school at Jefferson (the current Kennedy Middle School). Through high school and college, he explored the idea of joining the Capuchins and attended school in Victoria and in Herman, Pennsylvania. Later, he attended college at the University of Missouri and Fort Hays, earning both bachelor degree and master degree from FHSU.

Brull and his wife, Carol, have three sons: Christopher, married to Jen; Peter; and Jeffrey, married to Julie. Also in the mix are five grandchildren.

A member of St. Joseph since 2008, Werth is also a native of Hays and attended Wilson Elementary School, Felten Middle School, and Hays High School. She earned a bachelor degree from FHSU and has been teaching first grade at HFE for four years. Werth and her husband, Matt, are the parents of Bladyn, who is 18 months old.

### What is the best part about the grade level at which you teach:

**RB-** High school students are enthusiastic about getting to know the people around them and making sense of their world. They are also old enough to appreciate many of the neat things in science.

**JW** -The best part about teaching first grade is being able to watch the children grow throughout the year. At the beginning of the year, the students come in basically as kindergartners. It sometimes feels as though we are getting off to a very slow start, but watching them quickly transpire into first graders is so rewarding. By the end of the school year, it is hard to believe that I have the same kids as I did at the beginning of the school year

### What is the best part about teaching at TMP-M and HFE?

**RB-**The best part of teaching at TMP-M is working with colleagues, students, and parents who care about education and understand that prayer is important. Also, long ago I realized that teaching science means a lot to me; TMP-M has given me a chance to do that year after year.

**JW** - The students and my coworkers are the best part about teaching at HFE. The kids are always finding ways to reach out and help one another, and without the faculty and staff of HFE, I would not be the kind of teacher I am today.

### Why would you recommend TMP-M and HFE to parents who are considering sending their child to our Catholic schools?

**RB** - At TMP-M each student can expect to have an honest and productive relationship with teachers, administration, and staff hour after hour throughout the day. Quality relationships are the key to education, especially in the teen years; those relationships are fostered day after day at TMP-M in a way that cannot be matched at most other schools.

**JW**-At HFE we strive to be a family. Every child who walks through the door of HFE can feel like he or she has a place to belong. I feel blessed to be a Holy Family Elementary teacher!

Thank you to Randy Brull and Jennifer Werth - along with all administration, faculty, and staff - who cultivate the roots of our young people.



### QUESTION:

I noticed in Mass one day that people do different things. Some change responses, some genuflect before Communion, and one lady went to kneel in front of the tabernacle. Are these part of the new changes that are coming?

### ANSWER:

People have good intentions, and try to do what they feel is best as they worship God. When things are too "liberal" or too "conservative," depending on their personal preferences, people will try different things. And so, you get all kinds of bowing, genuflecting, changing of responses, elimination of masculine pronouns, etc. I have actually seen people fall because the person in front of them suddenly genuflects before Communion, which is not part of our tradition. The bishops continue to address these issues, requiring some uniformity, while leaving room for appropriate individual expression.

In the meantime, it is important to remember that we gather as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. We are the body of Christ, united in mind, heart and spirit as we worship God. When people do things that are distracting, or different than the rest of the community, it introduces a foreign element and breaks the unity of the assembled church. Strictly speaking, that is a definition of sin: a rupture in our relationship with God and one another. Not that these things are sinful, but the higher value is the community at worship-the "common unity" rather than political or religious statements of individuals. Good intentions do not replace good liturgy!

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### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Homebound, Cantors and Altar Servers are to now meet ten minutes before Mass in the east sacristy for prayer, pick up crosses, look over readings and to sign-in. If we are short of ministers, replacements will be found at that time. Thank you.



**Saint Gemma Galgani** (1878 - 1903)  
A Modern Saint to Challenge the Modern World  
By Fr. Barnabas Eichor, O.F.M.Cap

Gemma Galgani was born March 12, 1878, in Italy. Gemma was the fifth of eight children, and her father was a prosperous pharmacist.

At young age Gemma's mother contracted tuberculosis and because of this hardship, Gemma was placed in a private nursery school when she was only two and half years old. Gemma was regarded as highly intelligent and proved herself to be a very good student. Several members of Gemma's family died during this period. Three of Gemma's siblings died in childhood, and her brother Gino died while studying for the priesthood.

Gemma studied at Saint Zita School. She was not accepted by the Passionists to become a nun because of her poor health and her mystical visions. At age 20, Gemma developed spinal meningitis but was healed, attributing her extraordinary cure to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the intercession of Saints Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows and Marie Alacoque.

Gemma was orphaned shortly after she turned 18, making her responsible for the upbringing of her younger siblings. She declined two marriage proposals and became a housekeeper with the Giannini family.

According to a biography written by her spiritual director, Gemma received

the stigmata on June 8, 1899. Later, with her health in decline her spiritual director asked her to pray for the disappearance of the stigmata. She did so and the wounds disappeared. Gemma was also given the spiritual gifts of mystical visions and levitation.

In early 1903, Gemma was diagnosed with tuberculosis, and thus began her slow and painful death. There were numerous extraordinary mystical phenomena that occurred during her final illness. Gemma died on Holy Saturday, April 11, 1903. After a thorough examination of her life by the Church, she was beatified in 1933 and canonized in 1940. Gemma's relics are housed at the Passionist Monastery in Lucca, Italy. She is the patron saint of students and pharmacists.

*"I wish, oh Jesus, that my voice could reach to the ends of the world, to call all sinners and tell them to enter into Thy Heart....Oh, if only all sinners would come to Thy Heart!... Come! Come sinners, do not be afraid! The sword of Justice cannot reach you Here!"*  
~St Gemma Galgani

For more information go to:  
<http://www.stgemmaalgani.com/>

## SCHEDULES

### GIFT BEARERS - HOMEBOUND

Those who are scheduled to take up the gifts please arrive at least 15-10 minutes before Mass to notify the ushers that you are present to take up the gifts. If you are not scheduled to take up the gifts and would like to on a day when it is Usher Choice, please see the ushers before Mass.

**Homebound:** It is very important that if you can't make your Mass appointments, please find a sub to take communion to the homebound.

**September 17 & 18**

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Lucy Baier & Irvin Leiker
- 10:00 - GB: Curtis & Mary Jo Schmidtberger  
HB: Treva Benoit & Lila Staab

**September 24 & 25**

- 5:00 - GB: David & Virginia Hertel
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Alan Leiker & Sr. Mary Ann
- 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Vickie Hawthorne & Andy Mattison

**October 1 & 2**

- 5:00 - GB: Cletus & Mildred Klaus
- 7:30 - GB: Paul & Lucy Baier  
HB: Barney Boos & Lisa Vonfeldt
- 10:00 - GB: Dave & Carolyn Torline  
HB: Kathy Amrein & Carolyn Herman

**October 8 & 9**

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Liz Schmeidler & Ernie Tallman
- 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Mike Gnad & Mary Morgan

**October 15 & 16**

- 5:00 - GB: Doug & Karen Marsell Family
- 7:30 - GB: Earl Brenner Family  
HB: Lucy Baier & Irvin Leiker
- 10:00 - GB: Matthew & Jennifer Werth Family  
HB: Treva Benoit & Lila Staab

**October 22 & 23**

- 5:00 - GB: Betty Feldt
- 7:30 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Alan Leiker & Sr. Mary Ann
- 10:00 - GB: Usher Choice  
HB: Vickie Hawthorne & Andy Mattison

**October 29 & 30**

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice
- 7:30 - GB: Bryan & Mary Jane Bachkora  
HB: Barney Boos & Jeanne Riedel
- 10:00 - GB: Robert & Ruth Firestone  
HB: Darrin Atherton & Helga Stremel



Open my ears to the needs of others, Lord.

Let today be my chance to really hear what is being said by those around me. Often my personal agenda fills my mind as others express their hearts. Grant me patience, openness, and compassion so I will be eager to understand others needs. Perhaps they will just need to be listened to, maybe they will need comfort, or they might need to know of Your goodness. After listening, may I speak words that are of You and intended for that particular person. Never let my own objectives override the conversation You intend.

One Minute Prayers



## SCHEDULES

### GIFT BEARERS - HOMEBOUND

#### November 5 & 6

- 5:00 - GB: Edward & Mary Ann Breit  
 GB: Tom & Therese Haas  
 7:30 - HB: Barney Boos & Lisa Vonfeldt  
 10:00 - GB: Alan & Kathy Amrein Family  
 HB: Kathy Amrein & Carolyn Herman

#### November 12 & 13

- 5:00 - GB: Usher Choice  
 7:30 - GB: Cyril & Alice Fisher  
 HB: Liz Schmeidler & Ernie Tallman  
 10:00 - GB: Ken & Barb Beran  
 HB: Liz Schmeidler & Ernie Tallman

#### November 19 & 20

- 5:00 - GB: Tim & Michelle Flax Family  
 7:30 - GB: Gerald & Luetta Kaiser  
 HB: Lucy Baier & Irvin  
 10:00 - GB: Stacy & Jennifer Johnson Family  
 HB: Treva Benoit & Lila Staab

### Life Chain Event

Sunday, October 30, 2011  
 1:45 p.m. - Tomb of the Unborn  
 Followed by Life Chain from 2-3pm  
 on Vine Street



### All Souls Cemetery Services

#### Sunday, October 30, 2011

**St. Anthony Cemetery,**  
 Schoenchen - 11:00 am

**St. Catherine Cemetery,**  
 Catherine - 9:00 am

**St. John the Baptist Cemetery,**  
 Hyacinth - 12:30 pm

**St. Joseph Cemetery,**  
 Hays - 1:15pm

**St. Severin Cemetery,**  
 Severin - 10:00 am

**St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery,**  
 Munjor - 1:30 pm

**Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery,**  
 Antonino - 12:00 pm



## CAPUCHIN NEWS

by Fr. Charles Polifka, OFM Cap.



Fr. Gilmary Tallman, OFM Cap. New Friar at St. Anthony's Friary, Denver

St. Joseph's Friary and Parish has lost a great man – Father Gilmary Tallman. The decision was made to move Father Gilmary from an “established” Capuchin community to a “formation” community. He will also be providing priestly ministry to Notre Dame Parish in Denver. Primarily, however, Gilmary will be a friar living with those young men who are entering into the Capuchin Order in the Province of Mid-America. He will be teaching them and modeling for them what it means to be a Capuchin Friar Minor in 2011.

Father Gilmary has a wonderful pastoral sense. He is compassionate and kind to parishioners, no matter who they are. He is also one of those friars that every friar likes to live with. Gilmary has a fraternal sensitivity and gentleness that makes Capuchin fraternities come alive.

Gilmary's qualities make him ideal for a fraternity into which new friars are being trained for Capuchin life. His apostolic zeal, his love for the Church, and his Capuchin identity make him the perfect fit for a formation community. This is why we have asked him to leave his beloved Ellis County and be a part of our Postulancy community in Denver.

The six postulants that will be living with Father Gilmary are from all walks of life. One is an ordained priest. Another is a professional chef. Another is a social worker. All of them are taking a risk of leaving their professional lives behind and joining a fraternity of men who follow the rule and life of St. Francis of Assisi. All of them love the Church, want to serve the poor, and want to live the Capuchin life.

Father Michael Suchnicki, who is also well acquainted with many St. Joseph's parishioners and who ministers as a Chaplain to the Samaritan House in Denver, a homeless

shelter, is part of the Postulancy fraternity, too. Father David Songy is the director of the program.

Besides their regular prayer schedule which includes the Liturgy of the Hours, Mass, and meditation periods, the postulants are taught courses on the writings of St. Francis, the spiritual life, liturgy, basic Catholic teaching, and the Capuchin Constitutions. Postulants also are involved in apostolic work that is focused on the poor and the marginalized – homeless, prisoners, and others whose needs in life are critical. Probably the most important part of the postulant year is to encounter and be with friars who live the Capuchin life and who love the Church.

The postulant years are the foundational years of a Capuchin's formation. Getting off to the right start with good models and examples of Capuchin life are even more important than the studies and the classes. And this is precisely where Father Gilmary comes in. Not only will he be teaching; not only will he be ministering in a neighboring parish; but he will be a model for the new men to follow as they continue on their vocational journey.

Thanks, Father Gilmary, for accepting this job. Once again you are showing your true colors as a Capuchin Franciscan – someone who is not just “obedient,” but joyfully obedient and someone who is always searching to do the will of God.



St. Anthony of Padua Friary - Denver, Colorado



## St. Joseph Parish Celebrates the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

### FIRST COMMUNION

May 1, 2011

Nathan Daniel Casper  
 Travis Andrew Dreher  
 Hannah Rae Flynn  
 Hunter Michael Flax  
 Hayden Patrick Giebler  
 Landon Joseph Giebler  
 Joel Stacy Johnson  
 Antoni Miguel Leiker  
 McKenzie Ann Linenberger  
 Leah Elizabeth Mages  
 Michael Carl McCall  
 Sophia Marie Mickelson-Coulter  
 Alejandro Raul Rupp-Perez  
 Trenton John Rome  
 Gabriel Christian Rupp  
 Jacob Peter Sack  
 Blake Christian Stieben  
 Dawson Hunter Vonfeldt  
 Tylar Jade Wertenberger

### CONFIRMATION

June 8, 2011

Alexis Louise Campbell  
 Lucas James Diehl  
 Kirsten Camille Ellard  
 Laurel Dawn Hageman  
 Kristina Louise Herl  
 Adrian Joseph Hoffman  
 Faith Helen Kohl  
 Cody Joseph Kreutzer  
 Jessica Lynn Lovewell  
 Jenna Marie Luebbers  
 Breiton Louis Pfannenstiel  
 Bailey Paige Rome  
 Kameron Vernon Schmidt  
 Nicholas Allen Schmidt  
 Bethany Ellen Staab  
 Liam Adrian Stults  
 Joseph Martin Walters  
 Brady John Werth



## Interested in becoming Catholic?

### If you...

- are a spouse of a Catholic and want to become a Catholic or just want to know more about the Catholic Faith;
- are engaged to a Catholic and want to be introduced to the Catholic Faith, to see if it is for you and to understand your partner better;
- were baptized Catholic and now want to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and enter more fully into Catholic life;
- are not baptized and want to find out more about Catholicism;
- were baptized in another Christian faith and may want to become a Catholic Christian;

.....then the RCIA process is for you!

For more information or to express interest, please contact Fr. Gilmory Tallman at (785) 625-7356 or send him an e-mail at [stjpastor@ruraltel.net](mailto:stjpastor@ruraltel.net).

**We'd be honored to walk the way of faith with you!**

## ST. JOSEPH'S NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN PROJECT

By Sr. Janet LeDuc

St. Joseph's small garden ended up being a bigger mission than anticipated. Along with Sister Janet, Al Ashmore and Roger Rife were attentive to weeding and watering. The Michaud and Krug families contributed to watering the garden also.

With everybody's help, fresh beets and cucumbers were in abundance and shared beyond St Joseph food pantry. Produce was also given to the neighbors, home-bound and Senior Centers in the Hays area.

In August, the hail storm brought the garden to an end. Al and Roger have taken down the fence and stored the material. The project built a community of interest in the neighborhood to share surplus with others and be aware of the poor.



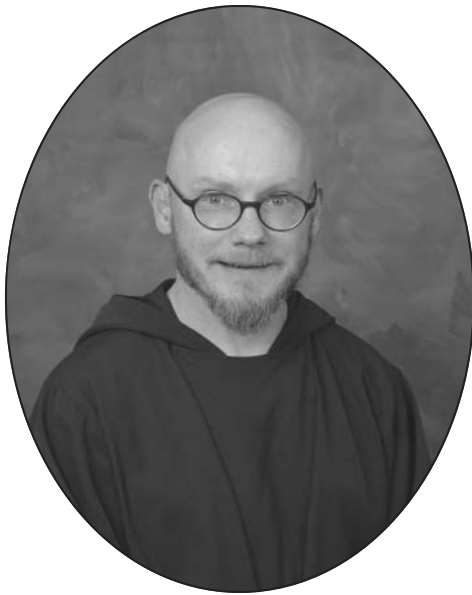
**According to Hays Medical Center policy**, volunteers or employees at the Hospital are the people who can bring Eucharist to Catholic patients in Hays, Kansas.

There is a serious need to have more Eucharistic Ministers from parishes doing this ministry on Saturday or Sunday to be assured Catholic patients can receive this Sacrament once a week.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and part of the system at the hospital in any department, please give consideration to give 2 hours every other month.

Contact Sister Janet LeDuc at 625-7356 or at [stjcare@ruraltel.net](mailto:stjcare@ruraltel.net).

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**



### Biography

Br. Father Barnabas Eichor, ofm.Cap.

I would like to thank the parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish for the warm welcome you have given me over the last few weeks. I would also like to take this opportunity to write a short biography and tell you a little about myself.

I was born in Denver, Colorado, on the 5th of June, 1962. At that time, my father was an engineer for Martin Aircraft Corporation, and my mother was raising my four sisters. When I was three years old, my family moved to Los Alamos, New Mexico, and my father worked for the Los Alamos National Laboratory. I was raised an evangelical. My mother was very involved in the Nazarene church and even taught Sunday school. I graduated from Los Alamos High School in 1981 and went to the University of New Mexico to study anthropology and economics.

During my college years, I fell away from my Christian faith and never attended church. At that time, I was concerned with my studies and the other things college students do. After completing my undergraduate work, I continued my studies and earned a masters degree from the University of New Mexico in 1987. I then applied for graduate school at Texas A&M University and was accepted. I received a second masters degree in economics in 1990.

Having accumulated a sizeable education debt, I enlisted in the Army. The

military agreed to pay my school loans in exchange for three years of service. I enlisted just months before Desert Storm and Desert Shield. I served in the war as a tank gunner and completed my military obligation in 1993.

At this point I was out of a job so I moved back to Denver to think about what I was going to do next. Needing employment, I became a long haul truck driver. I enjoyed truck driving so much that I did it for the next seven years. During this period I found my life to be empty, so with much time to think I began to ponder the Christian faith in which my mother had raised me. I had a lot of questions. Why was I a protestant and not a Catholic? Was the atheism they taught me in college really true? I began to do a lot of reading and listening to tapes as I drove down the road. I learned a great deal about the differences – the history of Christianity and the Church. I came to the conclusion that the Catholic Church was the Church founded by Christ two thousand years ago. I worked one-on-one with Father Anderson, who was the Vicar of the Cathedral in Denver and was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil in April 2000 by Archbishop Chaput.

A few months after being received into the Church I discovered I was not interested in being a truck driver anymore and felt a call to ministry within the Church. I began looking at different options. I first looked at the Diocesan priesthood and decided that was not the answer. Later, I met Capuchin Father John Lager who introduced me to the Capuchins. I loved the order and decided I would go through their discernment process to see if this was where the Lord was leading me. In the end I joined the order and love my vocation as a Capuchin. I also decided to study for the priesthood and attended the John Vianney Seminary in Denver. I was recently ordained on the 24th of June and look forward to working with you over the next few years.

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## Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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TAUGHT	LOCKS	FEAST
SAVED	KNOCK	KINGDOM

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### Sharing the Gospel

*If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be "it" first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.*