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# Films often influence our journeys of faith

Our theme this month is “Faith in Film.” Are there movies that have influenced your faith journey? Is there a film that brings a Bible story to life for you?

I remember a movie that I first saw in the 1960’s as a young girl that I continue to enjoy watching from time to time. It is an old Andy Griffith movie called “Angel in My Pocket.” While the movie was intended to be a comedy, there are many issues addressed in the movie concerning dysfunctional congregational life.

Andy Griffith portrays a pastor who is called to a small Kansas town to serve his first church out of seminary. Within the community are two competing families who attempt to control everything

that goes on in the town. Their intense dislike of the other spills over into church life and causes many headaches for the new pastor, including threats to have him removed from his position.

When disaster strikes and the church burns down, other members of the church step up to put an end to the control that the two families have had on their community. In true Hollywood fashion, the two families learn the error of their ways, repent by working together to build a new church, and the pastor stays to lead the church into better times.

I have shown this movie to several congregations that I have served as a conversation starter regarding healthy church relationships.

Another movie that has been espe-

cially meaningful to me is “The Nativity Story.” Every Advent or Christmas season, watching this movie is on my “must do” list. It helps me to visualize the story and to gain an insight into the struggles that Mary and Joseph surely faced as they prepared for and experienced the birth of Jesus.

What a model of faith and trust in God! The beautiful music of the movie, including the song, “Breath of Heaven,” speaks to my soul.

I look forward to reading about other movies that are meaningful to the contributors of this month’s edition of “One.” Enjoy!

Also, do not forget to mark your calendars for the Festival of Faith at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center. Let’s fill the auditorium to worship together as one body of faith!



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## News to know

### Imani Milele Children’s Choir to perform

The Imani Milele Children’s Choir will be performing in concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at CrossPoint Church, 1300 Harvest Road.

Imani Milele is a Christian organization dedicated to rescuing, educating, and improving the lives of Uganda’s 5,000 orphaned children, according to its website, [www.imanimilele.com](http://www.imanimilele.com).

Since 2013, the choir has held concerts in churches, schools and at festivals in various cities across the United States. The two-hour concert will feature dances, songs, African drum routines, and much more. The children will use art to narrate some of Uganda’s culture and history.

The choir will also be performing a few songs at the church’s 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services that day, said CrossPoint Pastor Micah Sanderson.

“Imani Milele is a Swahili phrase meaning, ‘Always believe.’ This is the message we give to our children, encouraging them to never give up. Imani carries this motto with them as they perform for people across the United States. We believe that every

child is special, and we are dedicated to changing the world, one child at a time, through education,” the website stated.

### Habitat for Humanity family being honored

Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County is honoring the Kreutzer family for making the last payment on their Habitat home in Russell.

Habitat homeowner families, friends and volunteers are invited to a celebratory picnic beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at Massey Park, 17th and Allen. Those attending are asked to RSVP to 785-623-4200.

At 2 p.m. the public is invited to join the party, enjoy watermelon and learn more about Habitat, said Beverly Cheuvront, publicity chair.

Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian organization whose mission is to provide safe, affordable housing for those in need. It is not a giveaway program. Habitat families pay a small monthly payment on their homes and complete “sweat equity hours” helping to build their home, other Habitat homes, or working at Habitat events.

The Kreutzers are the first Habitat family to pay off their mortgage for the Ellis County chapter. The organization has built or restored four other homes in Ellis County—two in Hays, one in Victoria, and one in Ellis.

### Divine Mercy Radio schedules banquet

Terry Barber, the founder of Light-house Catholic Media, a distributor of evangelical CDs, will be the featured speaker at Divine Mercy Radio’s eighth annual banquet. It will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, in the Little Theater of Holy Family Elementary, 1800 Milner.

Barber will speak on the “Ten Commandments of Sharing Your Faith,” where he will tie personal, humorous stories into realistic ways all Catholics can be evangelists.

Barber also will speak on Friday, Sept. 7, at Hays’ Catholic schools on the topic “The Eucharist, the Summit of our Faith.”



**Barber**

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**On the cover**  
Attendees listen to a talk by John Marnignoni, founder and president of the Bible Christian Society, at the Catholic Diocese of Salina’s annual men’s conference Aug. 11 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

# Pixar films explore many Christian themes

Pixar films, starting with “Toy Story” in 1995, consistently use great story telling to get at deeper truths. Pixar, while it does not use traditional Christian imagery, clearly explores Christian themes of compassion, forgiveness, unconditional love, identity, suffering, reconciliation, justice, care for creation, walking by faith, community and many more.

Jesus often told parables, compact stories using familiar objects that expressed deep and unexpected truths.

One recent summer I enjoyed preaching a sermon series on “Paul meets Pixar,” linking Pixar films with the themes in 2nd Corinthians. As an added bonus, each week my homework included watching Pixar films.



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For verses 1:1-11 on consolation and comfort, the films “Inside Out” (I love this film for so many reasons!) and “Up” provided so many illustrations of empathy and the power of being fully present with people in their suffering.

Paul’s writing on the redeeming gift of forgiveness in 2:1-10 was illustrated by scenes from “Toy Story.” “Toy Story” has so many great scenes and themes!

Woody has to practice forgiveness of Buzz in order to have the life he longs for.

Paul’s potent illustration of “Treasures in Jars of Clay” in 4:1-14 is brought to life in the characters of “Monsters, Inc.” and “The Incredibles,” with a side of “Ratatouille.” Paul’s teaching on “Walk by

Faith, not by Sight” in 4:16-5:1-10 is charmingly illustrated in “Finding Nemo” (just keep swimming!).

In 5:11-21 Paul talks about the ministry of reconciliation to which believers are committed as ambassadors of Christ. “Brave” tells a story of identity and anger and the healing gift of reconciliation by “mending the bond torn by pride.”

Pixar films are fun for children because they tell lively stories with engaging characters. The stories and themes, however, work no matter what your age. Like all good stories, there is always more to see and consider with each viewing.

If you know and love Pixar films, what are your favorites and why? If you are unfamiliar with them, you are in for a treat! Ask a young person for recommendations or check out Pixar on line or from our fabulous local library.

Art informs and challenges our faith. Where do you see God in movies and in our world today?

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John Martignoni, founder and president of the Bible Christian Society, throws papers into the air to emphasize a point while speaking at the Catholic Diocese of Salina's annual men's conference Aug. 11, 2018 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays.

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# Men of God gather in Hays

James Malone, left, Russell, greets Catholic Diocese of Salina Bishop-Elect Gerald Vincke.



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More than 400 Catholic men from across Kansas gathered in mid-August in Hays, and while there was some disappointment one of the speakers was not able to arrive, the enthusiasm for the conference was still high.

The event at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1805 Vine, marked the seventh annual Men of God conference. Several, including Bishop-elect Gerald Vincke, said they were looking forward to hearing Archbishop of Philadelphia Charles Chaput speak and conduct Mass, but flight scheduling prevented him from making the trip on Friday.

Chaput grew up in Concordia and attended semi-

nary in Victoria.

Despite his disappointment in not being able to hear Chaput, Monte Abell, Phillipsburg, said he enjoyed the conference. He has attended since the beginning.

"I like the camaraderie and the speakers and the rejuvenating my spiritual renewal every year," he said.

Many took the opportunity to visit with Vincke, who was to be installed as bishop Aug. 22 in Salina. Vince also was at the Catholic Rural Life Day at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 210 W. 13th.

Vincke gave the welcome and opening prayer for the men's conference Saturday morning. This weekend is his first visit to Ellis County and the farthest west he's been in the diocese, which spreads from

Manhattan to the Colorado border. He said he wanted to take the opportunity to meet as many people as he could.

“There’s three strong Catholic churches here, that’s my sense,” he said. “The people, they’re very friendly and hardworking, and you can tell they’re just very family oriented.”

The men’s conference was originally at Russell’s St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church, but moved to Immaculate Heart last year due to its growth.

The conference has grown every year since it started, and brought about 450 men this year, Corey Lyon, director of Family Life for the Salina Diocese, said. About a quarter are from outside the diocese, he said.

“We have people come from all over the state of Kansas, even someone from Texas this year,” Lyon said.

The speakers are usually a big draw, Lyon said. Last year featured Father John Lager, chaplain of Fellowship of Catholic University Students and one of the founders of Marked Men for Christ ministry.

“When he came last year, there was a big group of Marked Men for Christ in the Diocese of Kansas City,” Lyon said.

This year, John Martignoni, founder and president of the Bible Christian Society and host of “EWTN Open Line” radio show, spoke in the morning on the parallel of marriage and the relationship of Jesus and the church, and in the afternoon on living the word of God to bring justice and peace.

He also filled in the archbishop’s scheduled spot to speak on apologetics, or explanation of the Christian religion.

For those who attended, the speakers and the chance to join with men of their faith was the biggest draw of the conference.

“There’s so many good leaders here, the priests and the speakers, and then just the other laypeople you get to visit with,” Jeff Riener, Stockton, who was attending for the fifth time, said. “It’s not everyday you get a bunch of guys who share the same faith and beliefs together.”

“There’s a lot of people I know here, and it’s really powerful for men to get together and join forces, so to speak,” Matt Micek, Atwood, said.

Younger participants echoed their words.

“I wanted to come here with my dad and spend some time with him and listen to the speakers,” Jordan Ostmeyer, 16, Grinnell, said.

Tommy Sibley, 16, Goodland, said singing with the large group gave him a good feeling.

“I thought it was pretty cool that everybody was singing and we all did communion,” he said.

The diocese’s Lyon said more men have been bringing their sons, and this was the first year the age limit was lowered to include middle school students.

“Hopefully, if they come as children with their fathers, they’ll continue to come as adults,” he said.



The Westview Church Praise Band performs at the 26th annual Festival of Faith on Oct. 4, 2017 at Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Hays. This year's Festival of Faith is at 7 p.m. on Oct. 3



# Festival of Faith all about community

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The 27th annual Festival of Faith will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

Brandon Prough, chair of the festival's planning committee, said he believes the festival's purpose is just as relevant today as when the festival began—perhaps even more so.

“The initial organizing group wanted to come together under one common belief in Jesus. I think it is so important to continue to do that as a body of believers and think outside of our own congregations. I hope that never becomes irrelevant,” Prough said.

“The only time outside of the Festival of Faith that you see Christians gather across congregations is in really bad times or times of disaster. I believe we should gather when times are good and pray for our community.”

In fact, the theme of this year's festival is “to focus on prayer for our community,” Prough said.

That community focus also will be reflected in the speakers and special music at the event, he added. “We have some very talented speakers and musicians here in Hays. This year is no different; we will have speakers and musicians from across the community.”

Sponsors of the event are the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance and the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce. Prough said the committee is thankful to the following businesses that have provided in-kind services: Bank of Hays, Eagle Communications, Northwestern Printers, KPRD-Radio, and The Hays Daily News.

Prough said while in the past the event was held on a Sunday afternoon, last year the decision was made to move the event to a Wednesday night. That decision was made after some pastors in the area said having the event on a Sunday was very tough for them to make since they had services on that day.

“Since Wednesday is a traditional night of worship and teaching in Hays, we decided to move the event to Wednesday. Plus, our numbers on Sunday afternoon were continuing to go down. We did have more in attendance last year on Wednesday,” Prough

said.

“Many churches in town, including my own, just moved their traditional Wednesday evening service to the Festival of Faith. We are trying to reach the whole community with this event, but it was nice that several youth groups and CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) groups brought their kids to this event so that they can experience coming together as a body of believers.”

The planning committee starts in January each year planning for the festival, and has met monthly since then, Prough said. This year's committee members are Nicole Ottley, Verlin Pfannenstiel, Errol Wuertz, Tammy Wellbrock, the Rev. Karen Harvester, Tom Meagher, Bill Meagher, the Rev. Marie Sager, and the Rev. Kevin Daniels.

“I heard one person say that if there is an event that brings Christians together from different congregations to pray for our community, then we need to be there. I think it is good to think outside of ourselves and come together to celebrate our common belief in Jesus and pray for our community,” Prough said.

# Summer blockbuster movies and the theology therein

OK, I'll admit it. I love watching movies, especially summer blockbuster movies. And, I must admit, my history of watching summer blockbusters goes back a long way. I still get apprehensive going into the water after watching "Jaws" at a drive-in back in the summer of 1975.

In 1977, I was wowed by the special effects of the very first "Star Wars" movie, and I watch reruns of it anytime I can (unlike "Jaws" . . . yikes!) And who can forget "Who ya' gonna call? Ghostbusters!" in the summer of 1984. (I still smile at the thought of the Staff-Puff Marshmallow Man.)

Then in 1993, I remember being on vacation with my family in Minnesota. We were looking for something to do and caught a matinee of "The Fugitive." After 2000, the Harry Potter movies and the Lord of the Rings movies came out. I can (and do) watch them over and over.

I could go on and on about the amazing

summer blockbusters, but when I consider joining summer blockbuster movies and theology, my absolute favorite movie comes from the summer of 1981, "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

The theological premise of the movie is based on an actual biblical item of importance: the Ark of the Covenant of God's people, Israel (Exodus 25:10-22).

The setting of the movie is pre-World War II and involves a heavy dose of "good verses evil" motif, led by the swashbuckling archeology professor, Dr. Henry Jones Jr., a.k.a. Indiana Jones. There are a plethora of theological themes in this movie—too many to adequately address in this short space, so I'll list three of my favorites below with a brief commentary.

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"Snakes? Why does it always have to be snakes?" This is a quintessential line from Indiana Jones, who is not afraid of anything, except snakes. In his quest for claiming antiquities, including the Ark of the Covenant, he is pitted against snakes on a number of occasions in the movie (once as he finds the actual Ark itself). Thematically,

the theological premise comes from Genesis 3 as the serpent in the Garden of Eden enticed Adam and Eve into disobeying God, causing the original fall of humankind. That's about as

scary as it gets.

The Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant was God's attempt at restoration of the relationship of God and humankind. Moses led the people out of bondage in Egypt and was instructed by God to build an

amazing Ark to hold the 10 Commandments. (Exodus 25:10-22).

The Ark reportedly had miraculous powers to destroy (1 Samuel, Chapters 5-6), especially those who were not to handle the Ark. It showed the power of God. In the climatic final scene of the movie, the evil people have it and are trying to manipulate the power of God. They are destroyed by the awesome power of God, symbolizing good ultimately triumphing over evil.

The Melding of Archeology, Theology, and the World. One of the things I like about this movie is that it melds science with the sacred. It affirms in a very positive light spiritual and biblical understandings with archeology, the study of ancient cultures and artifacts. It shows the relationship between studying God, the peoples of God, and the artifacts that bring into focus God's hand and plan in the world, not only for today, but for all time.

See you at the movies!

# Diocese century awards honor long-time farm families

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It's a "tremendous" story of a woman taking charge when needed, one that needs to be heard, Donna Stahl said of her family's Ness County Farm.

That story and those of six other farm families in the region were when the Salina Catholic Diocese presented the 2018 Monsignor John George Weber Century Farm Awards at its Catholic Rural Life Day at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 210 W. 13th.

Bishop Jerry Vincke, installed Aug. 22 in Salina, attended Rural Life Day, as well as Saturday's seventh-annual Men's Conference at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1805 Vine.

The century awards are presented by the diocese's Rural Life Commission, whose purpose is to promote awareness of the customs and traditions of rural life and provide an opportunity for prayer, said Father Rich Daise, moderator of the commission and pastor at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Weber, the award's namesake, was a Victoria native who celebrated his first Solemn Mass in Park on June 5, 1943. In 1960, he was named executive secretary for the Nation-

al Catholic Rural Life Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. He served many parishes and was papal chamberlain to Pope John XXIII in 1963 and domestic prelate in 1968. He retired in Salina and died at age 93 on July 1, 2010.

The Salina Diocese awards are presented each year in one of the four deaneries — east, east central, west central and west. Most of the awards are from the deanery in which the awards are presented each year.

"We move it each year to a different deanery so people don't have to travel quite so far," Daise said.

The awards are meant to recognize families who have either lived on or farmed the same ground for at least 100 years. They can own the land or be tenant farmers. Most of the families honored this year have been on the same land for longer than that, back to the 1800s, Daise said.

At least one family member must be a practicing Catholic within the diocese.

Families submit a history and photos of their farm, which will be published in The Register, the diocese newspaper, and will have about five minutes to read their story at the award presentation.

"Some of the stories about the family history are fascinating," Daise said.

Stahl is 85 and lives on her own in Plainville, where she still helps on her husband's family's farm.

She thought the story of her family's farm south of Bazine was worth sharing.

The farm was started by her grandparents, P.A. and Susan Narey.

"In the first place, my grandmother did not want to marry him. She had a beautiful sister and my grandfather wanted to marry her," Stahl said.

"She got her wedding apparel, the sister ... and three times things went wrong, seriously," Stahl said. "So she said, 'Well, that's an omen. I'm not marrying him.'

"But they wanted my grandfather, who was an educated Irishman, and someone in the family needed to marry him," Stahl said.

"It was my grandmother. She learned to love him and respect him and raised a wonderful family," Stahl said.

Her grandparents started the farm with a timber claim, a program similar to the Homestead Act in which the government would give 160 acres on the Great Plains free to those who planted a certain amount of trees.

Her grandfather was a stonemason by trade and did the "fancy work," Stahl said,

on the Ness County Bank, the four-story, 18,700 square foot limestone structure called the "Skyscraper of the Plains" built in 1890.

Her grandparents eventually moved to Holyrood so P.A. could get more work. He helped build churches in Odin, Dubuque and Ellinwood in Barton County.

However, he eventually contracted pneumonia from the limestone dust and died in 1906 at age 53, leaving Susan, then 41, with 10 children to raise. Stahl's mother, Dorcas, was the youngest of the Narey children and was 1 when P.A. died.

"My grandmother would tell her all these things that went on in the family, and she remembered," Stahl said.

"Back then, of course, there was no Social Security, there was nothing," Stahl said. "How was she going to raise those children?"

Her grandmother had been raised on a farm, and took the children back to the Ness County homestead. She never remarried.

"It's a tremendous story of a woman taking over and taking charge and raising this family," Stahl said.

"My grandmother's greatest fear was to be able to pay the taxes. And that hasn't changed," she said.

# Making things right

The point that Jesus wanted to make in his story of the people working in the vineyard was that no matter how much they worked, they had the possibility of gaining eternal life.

Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just. So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard'" (Matthew 20:1-7).

What is important in all of the situations that Jesus gave was the work that had to be done. They all had to work in the vineyard in order to receive their reward. They all received the same reward, but they all had to work for it.

Laboring to receive a reward is part of our life. We believe strongly that a "laborer is worth his wage" as Jesus once said. There are all kinds of problems with the attitudes of people with regard to work--laziness, complaining about other workers, not enough pay for the amount of work done as in Jesus' story, but be that as it may, the bottom line is that someone must do the work. Likewise in any relationship, romantic or otherwise, if we are to accomplish the end goal, we must work in order to get it.

The good thing about Maroon 5 and Carli B's song "Girls Like You" is that the couple was willing to work at their relationship. They had to "make things right between" them, and once that happened, then the man in the relationship could come through with loving the way he should.

"Spent 24 hours; I need more hours with you, you spent the weekend getting even. We spent the late nights making things right between us, but now it's all good, play me close 'cause girls like you run 'round with guys like me 'til sundown when I come through. I need a girl like you—girls like you

love fun and me too. I need a girl like you."

The key to any job that demands action from a group of people is that everyone works together to get the job done. In

a romantic relationship, it is the same. Both have to be willing to give, to care, to listen, and to understand.

We live in a world where interaction between people is necessary to accomplish goals. At times, the interaction is between two lovers who are questioning whether they should live their lives together in marriage or a permanent commitment. The question can only be answered if both intend to work at it.

It should be noted that the excellent video of the song honors women leaders in our world in a special way.

Good and gracious God, we all interact with people around us, one of whom we may choose in a permanent relationship. Help us in our different interactions to always be willing to work at making them better. Be with us, we pray.

## THE GOSPELS IN FR. MIKE'S TOP 5 [as of 8/15/18]

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- 1 – "GIRLS LIKE YOU" / MAROON 5  
FEATURING CARLI B MATTHEW 20:1-7
- 2 – "DELICATE" / TAYLOR SWIFT  
LUKE 6:30-36
- 3 -- "IN MY BLOOD" / SHAWN  
MENDES MATTHEW 16:14-16
- 4 – "GOOD OLD DAYS" / MACK-  
LEMORE FEATURING KESHA LUKE  
4:15-22
- 5 – THE MIDDLE" / ZEDD FEATUR-  
ING GREY AND MAREN MORRIS MAT-  
THEW 8:5-13

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# Let God's word hold you up

Greetings Friends! I hope you enjoy this month's ONE Magazine. Discussing the way God has used modern media to communicate His message is so encouraging. One of my favorite Christian movies is called "Chariots of Fire". This 1981 movie tells the story of Olympic Athlete and Missionary to China, Eric Liddell. Eric was runner in the 1924 Paris Olympics and a man of principle. And even though the waves of compromise were all around him, he stood true to his faith and his convictions. It is a refreshing story in a day where many people's faith takes a back seat to cultural temptations.



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Speaking of temptations, don't be tempted to quit reading your Bible. We are transitioning into some great Bible readings this month. You won't want to miss a day!

Our Old Testament readings will launch into 1 & 2

**Chronicles.** Actually these two books, Ezra, and Nehemiah are all one continuous story. These books

communicate their message by presenting a sweeping chronicle of Israel's national history. They were written to the Jewish exiles as they returned back to their land. These books reminded them of who they were, and what God

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3.....□ Job 41-42 .....	□ Heb. 9
4.....□ 1 Chron. 1-2 .....	□ Heb. 10
5.....□ 1 Chron. 3-4 .....	□ Heb. 11
6.....□ 1 Chron. 5-6 .....	□ Heb. 12
7.....□ 1 Chron. 7-8 .....	□ Heb. 13
8&9.....Weekend Review	
10.....□ 1 Chron. 9-10 .....	□ James 1
11.....□ 1 Chron. 11-12 .....	□ James 2
12.....□ 1 Chron. 13-14 .....	□ James 3
13.....□ 1 Chron. 15-16 .....	□ James 4
14.....□ 1 Chron. 17-18 .....	□ James 5
15&16.....Weekend Review	
17.....□ 1 Chron. 19-20 .....	□ Mark 1
18.....□ 1 Chron. 21-22 .....	□ Mark 2
19.....□ 1 Chron. 23-24 .....	□ Mark 3
20.....□ 1 Chron. 25-26 .....	□ Mark 4
21.....□ 1 Chron. 27-28 .....	□ Mark 5
22&23.....Weekend Review	
24.....□ 1 Chron. 29 .....	□ Mark 6
25.....□ 2 Chron. 1-2 .....	□ Mark 7
26.....□ 2 Chron. 3-4 .....	□ Mark 8
27.....□ 2 Chron. 5-6 .....	□ Mark 9
28.....□ 2 Chron. 7-8 .....	□ Mark 10
29&30.....Weekend Review	

has called them to. I'm so glad God repeats His plans to us, and remind us that we are not an accident, but a part of His Divine plan.

Our New Testament readings also make a transition. We will finish Hebrews, and James, (books written to Jewish Believers in Jesus), and start into the Gospel of Mark. Mark is

thought to be the Gospels story as told by the Apostle Peter. It is fast moving, just like Peter. Let these readings empower you as they did Eric Liddell. As I heard someone say, if you don't stand up for God and His ways, you will fall for anything. Let God's Word keep you firmly standing in these most interesting days.



## St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church

2901 E. 13th, Hays, Kansas, Parish Offices:

(785) 628-1446

Fax: (785) 623-4207, website: [www.heartlandparishes.org](http://www.heartlandparishes.org)

Fr. Jarett Konrade

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass - Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 PM

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



1805 Vine Street - Hays, Kansas

Fr. Barry Brinkman, Pastor

Parish Office: 785-685-7339

Website: [www.ihm-church.com](http://www.ihm-church.com)

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM - Sunday 8 AM - 10 AM - 6 PM

Sunday Spanish Mass - 12 PM

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

MWF 6:45 AM - TTh 8 AM Tuesday Spanish 6:30 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday 4 PM and Thursday 5 PM

## BARBER, from 2

His presentation to Thomas More Prep-Marian Junior and Senior High Schools will be at 8 a.m. in the school's theatre. Barber will speak to kindergarten through second grades from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m. and to third through sixth grades from 2:30 to 3 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Barber also established St. Joseph Communications and The Catholic Resource Center. He is the co-host of the "Terry and Jesse Radio Show," which airs on Divine Mercy Radio at 10 a.m. Wednesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

He is the author of the book "How to Share Your Faith with Anyone" and is working on another book, which is due to be published this year.

Tickets for the banquet are \$50. They are available online at [www.dvmercy.com](http://www.dvmercy.com), or by calling the radio studio at (785) 621-4110, or by coming to the studio at 108 E. 12th St. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Divine Mercy Radio, KVDM Hays and KRTT Great Bend, can be heard on the radio dial at 88.1 or on the website.

### MOPS announces theme, activities

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2000 Main St. The theme for the coming year is "Find the Fire."

The group's annual fundraising breakfast will be at the church on Sunday, Sept. 16, between the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

MOPS is an organization for mothers of children from conception to kindergarten. More information is available by calling Janine Mallardi at (620) 795-2008.

### Missionary to speak at Messiah Lutheran

Messiah Lutheran Church, 2000 Main St., will be hosting a missionary on Sunday, Sept. 9. The Rev. Jacob Gaugert, a missionary in the African country of Togo, will preach at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. He will also lead the Bible study hour from 9:45 to 11 a.m.

Gaugert oversees the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies that provides seminary education for students from eight countries in West and Central Africa.



Gaugert

### Suicide survivor to share story of healing, hope



Abbot

Years of childhood abuse, rape, and rejection left Paula Abbott in a very dark place, she said. Three different times she attempted suicide.

Today Abbott, of Terrell, Texas, travels the country sharing her story of hope and healing. Abbott will speak to the Hays After 5 Christian women's group at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2250 E. Eighth St.

Abbott said years of rejection and drug and alcohol addiction left her feeling condemned to be destroyed. "Imagine a beautiful home that has been condemned and is scheduled to be destroyed. The house still has so much to give and only needs to be restored, not destroyed. I was that very house."

Then one day she met the "master carpenter," she said, who paid a high price so that he could restore her to her original beauty.

Today Abbott and her husband are pastors and founders of Round Pen Cowboy Ministries near Dallas. She has three children, two stepchildren and five grandchildren.

Abbott has written about her experiences. Her three books, "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly--Choices," "To Experience His Presence," and "Come to the Waters and Thirst No More," will be on sale, and she will be available for signing following the meeting. More information about Abbott's ministry is available at [www.roundpenministries.org](http://www.roundpenministries.org).

Also on the program will be massage therapist Sandy Wyse of Hays, who will discuss the "Benefits of Therapeutic Massage."

Cost of the dinner program is \$12.50. Reservations are due by Thursday, Sept. 6, to (785) 202-1036 or to [daisy-mae0917@yahoo.com](mailto:daisy-mae0917@yahoo.com). Hays After 5 is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministry of Overland Park.

### ECMA Board meeting is Sept. 12

The Ellis County Ministerial Alliance will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury. The ONE Magazine Editorial Board will meet at 9 a.m. The entire ECMA Board will meet at 10 a.m.

### Worship service to precede inauguration

Celebration Community Church will be hosting a special worship service at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, as part of the events commemorating Tisa Mason's inauguration as Fort Hays State University's 10th president.

The church is located off I-70 at exit 157. Refreshments will be available prior to the service.

Mason's inauguration will take place beginning at 10 a.m. on campus at Gross Memorial Coliseum. A celebration on the quad will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., which will include food, music and activities. The public is invited to all of these events.

Those who plan to attend the celebration on the quad are asked to RSVP online at <https://www.fhsu.edu/president/inauguration/celebration-on-the-quad-rsvp> to help the university determine the amount of food to provide. More information about the festivities is available at [www.fhsu.edu/inauguration](http://www.fhsu.edu/inauguration).

### 'Swipe Out Hunger' event scheduled

The Global Leadership Project at Fort Hays State University is seeking 150 volunteers to "Swipe Out Hunger" from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Forsyth Library.

FHSU has partnered with the firm Numana for several years. Volunteers of all ages are invited to assemble soy,

beans, rice and vitamins into bags and prepare them for shipping. The goal is to prepare 30,000 meals at this event.

Students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to come and be part of the food-packaging event. Volunteers are asked to sign up for 90-minute shifts at [www.fhsu.edu/inauguration](http://www.fhsu.edu/inauguration).

This is just one of several campus events being held to commemorate the inauguration of Tisa Mason as FHSU's 10th president.

### Homeless Coalition schedules meeting

The Ellis County Homeless Coalition's next meeting will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Hadley Center meeting room, 205 E. Seventh. Those wishing more information may contact Linda Mills, executive director for First Call for Help at (785) 623-2800 or [lmills@firstcallelliscounty.com](mailto:lmills@firstcallelliscounty.com).

### Pro-life conference set in Hays Sept. 22

Messiah Lutheran Church, 2000 Main, will host a "Life Issues Conference: Human Life . . . Is Worthy of Abundant Life" from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The conference, sponsored by Lutherans For Life of Kansas, headquartered in Lenexa, will feature keynote speakers Steven Ertelt and Scott Licht.

Ertelt is editor and CEO of LifeNews.com, a daily pro-life news service covering abortion and bioethics issues. His talk is titled "Be Encouraged: The Pro-Life Movement is Winning." Ertelt holds a bachelor's degree in politics from Hendrix College in Arkansas.

Licht is national director of Lutherans For Life and pastor of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church in Huxley, Iowa. His talk is titled "Everything You Want to Know about Lutherans For Life National-State-Local." Licht holds an MBA and Master of Science in Information Systems. He graduated from Northwestern College and attended Wisconsin Synod Lutheran University.

Also speaking will be the Rev. Michael Schmidt, LCMS District Life Coordinator, representatives from pregnancy centers and maternity homes, and Kansas for Life representatives.

Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for college and high school students and includes morning refreshments and lunch. Registration deadline is Saturday, Sept. 8, and is non-refundable. Registration is available at [jmac14430@gmail.com](mailto:jmac14430@gmail.com). More information is available on Facebook and at [www.lfokansas.org](http://www.lfokansas.org) or by calling (913) 991-3350.

### United Way to hold golf scramble

The United Way of Ellis County will be holding a Four-Person Golf Scramble on Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

The \$60 per person entry fee includes lunch. Golf cart rentals are an additional \$35. Registration is at 8 a.m. Tee time is at 9 a.m. The tournament features hole prizes, side games, and cash payouts.

Registration and cart rentals are available by contacting the Fort Hays ProShop at (785) 625-9949.



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