

New teachers and staff begin year

Six teachers have joined the faculty at St. Francis School for the current year.

Three of them are first-year teachers, including Katie Smith, a recent graduate of the University of Kansas, and Erica Apollo, who just completed classes at Pittsburg State University. Both will be teaching first grade.

The other first-year teacher is Beth Hoffman, a graduate of Wichita State University, who will teach fifth grade.

Other new teachers are Christina Schmidt, who taught for several years at St. Anne's School, joining the fourth grade staff; Sister Mary Clare IHM, who comes to St. Francis from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, in the seventh grade, and Tim Johanson, who retired from the Andover system, in the



Photo by Paul Jasinski

New teachers and administrators include (l to r) Bob Lyall, Christina Schmidt, Tim Johanson, Katie Smith, Sr. Mary Clare Johnson, Erica Apollo, Mary Carter and Beth Hoffman.

eighth grade.

Tim Johanson has spent many years coaching and teaching

science, and Sister Mary Clare formerly taught in California and Arizona.

Time: Most valuable gift to kids

The following column by Bob Voboril, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Wichita, is reprinted with his permission. It first ran in the Catholic Advance in September 2000.

In 1985, I wrote one of my very first columns about my oldest daughter, Millie, starting her first day of Catholic school at St. Frances Cabrini in Omaha.

Today, 300 or so columns later, I am sitting alone looking out on the Council Grove Lake and hoping Millie's senior year at Benedictine College goes as well as the first 15 years did.

Fifteen years ago, I had three children and lots of wavy brown hair. Today, I have six children, all in Catholic schools, and what little

hair I have left is gray. And so I ask the seemingly endless waves that run along the shore, "Where did the time go?"

And the wise old lake offers Cicero's answer, "Optima dies...prima fugit" – the best days are the first to flee...

So, whether this past week was the first week of school for your first child or your last child or your only child, make the most of it. It is the best of days and they will flee as fast as the summer sunshine, which seems so brutal now, but in a month will be a fading memory.

Much is said about what schools should do for children. Candidates Gore and Bush will entertain and horrify us with their proposals to become the next "education

president." The truth is, no school, no government, not even Disneyworld can teach a child as much as mom and dad can. So with the fresh start of a new school year, make a resolution to invest your time and energy in your children.

Don't buy them things. Don't send them places. Don't promise them money. Give them yourself. Spend your own sweat and blood. Talk to them – every day, no matter where your job takes you or when you can spare the time. Strengthen your marriage for the sake of your children. Make your children see the consequences of every choice you make. Pray with them and for them. Worship as a family every Sunday.

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New parishioner gives obvious clues

Lifelong Catholic/parish where baptized: Yes, I have been blessed to be a lifelong Catholic. I was baptized in Seneca, Kan. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Years at SFA parish: I became a member of the parish on June 29, 2005.

Marital status: Well, technically, I am not single and my parents say they have a daughter-in-law who is BIG, OLD and PERFECT.

Children: I have many spiritual children and am still trying to learn all of their names.

Hobbies: I enjoy playing sports, listening to opera and musicals, reading books, and spending time with family and friends.

Favorite food/restaurant: I am not a very picky eater. I will eat almost any type of food at any restaurant.

Favorite vacation destination: I like to go to Rome.

What others may not know: I was a member of the Math Club when I was in college. My major, of course, was Mathematics.

Favorite quote: "Pray, hope, and don't worry!" *St. Pio*

SFA committees/activities: I am involved with the Dead Theologians Society, 6th, 7th & 8th grade youth groups, server training, Parish Council, and Baptism classes. These are just a few of the groups that I participate in.

Why others at St. Francis may know you: Well, considering I am one of the three men who walk around in all black with a white collar, I think many at SFA know me.

Special memory of SFA: Celebrating Mass for the first time here at SFA.

Things in life especially thankful for: I am thankful to God for bestowing upon me the wonderful vocation of the priesthood.



Photo by Rick Reitmeyer

Do you know who this mystery parishioner is? Find the answer on page 6.

New directory brings observations

I took a trip down Memory Lane the other day. And a lot of fun it was.

More specifically I went through a copy of the new Parish Pictorial Directory. Then I spent some time with the one that was published five years ago. Comparing.

There were people missing and new families added. I saw where families were growing ... and shrinking. And I saw where the years have been good to them and, in a few cases, not so good.

I can't get over how Gary and Lola Hopkins, John and Phyllis Hughes and Len and Shirley Mainzer never change. (They must have some kind of deal with the publisher to use old, old photos.)

I won't mention those who didn't fare well over the years.

I was also struck by the way some folks changed, like Jim Aukofer and Roger Lashley who were sporting beards. They were clean shaven five years ago.

I noted, too, the way families go to great lengths to look distinctive. Once, many years ago, the Paul and Judy Iseman clan all wore

formal dress for their picture. I was told later that they were dressed up for a wedding and decided to wear the fancy duds for the shot.



This year I noticed that Ralph and Jada Butler were clad in some very jaunty sweaters (it was winter when the pictures were taken, if you recall).

Mark and Sherry Bell and family went from an all-blue attire (from five years ago) to all black.

David and Liz Charles, along with their family, wore all white. Five years ago the family was in assorted colors.

And Jerome and Delores Ewald and family wore all black ... compared to the assorted colors they wore five years ago.

But, if you'd like to see the sportiest couple in the book, check out Page 97. They're down there, near the bottom.

– Tom Suchan

Stewardship: To give as we have received

As the new school year gets under way, students of all ages begin to receive many things as they enter the classroom. One of the first items they are given is an assigned seat. That seat is to be their place in the classroom until given another one. Also on that first day, they receive their books and the syllabus, letting them know what is to be expected of them for the rest of the year.

Some of what they receive is received with joy and anticipation while other items are not. What they receive, however, is given for a



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reason. All are needed for them to grow and learn what is necessary for them to continue in their education.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus gathers the disciples and instructs them as He sends them out to

proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Included with the instructions on what to take and what to say is a very short instruction. "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." [Matthew 10:8] In the middle of all the other instructions, this one of most importance is often lost and not fully heeded. As disciples of Christ, through stewardship, this simple instruction serves as a staple of a good steward's way of life.

As the students receive the many items on their first day of school without cost, so too do we receive at our baptism many items from God without cost. We are filled with the faith, hope, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. From that day forward, we are blessed through our faith with all that is necessary for us to achieve eternal life. Our life, our loved ones and our possessions are all given to us from God to guide us in our journey of life here on earth. Through and with them, we are called to lead others to God.

Through stewardship, we come to understand how all that we have has been given to us without any cost to us. In the same way, we are called to give without cost. What we have received from the Lord is returned to him. But, it is not returned exactly as it has been received. It is to be returned with a harvest of 30-, 60-, or 100-fold.

Just as through our faith we continually discern the will of Christ in our lives, so too must we discern how we can return a fruitful harvest to our Lord. Through stewardship, we come to know how we have received without cost and how we are called to give without cost.

Baptisms

Nathan Lee, son of Kevin and Marie Bartsch on July 1

Danielle Marie, daughter of Mark and Michelle Lyle on July 2

Isaac Emile, son of Matthew and Cara McCall Burroughs on July 2

Wilson Henry, son of Thomas and Emily Lee on July 3

Michael Than, son of Hoang and Kimberlee Vo on July 3

Brook Catherine, daughter of Keith and Melinda Hatzmann on July 4

Emilee Rae, daughter of Jeffery and Dena Hollinger on July 9

Jacob Steven, son of Jeffery and Lisa Hampton on July 10

Evan Nam, son of Charles and Lien Graham on July 17

Payton Michael, son of Erik and Tabbitha Akers on July 30

Aidan Robert, son of David and Stacey Cutter on July 30

Alexa Marie, daughter of Boyce and Lois Soward on July 30

Brylie Ann, daughter of Brian and Shonda Watkins on July 30

Alejandro Santiago, son of James and Selena Gutierrez on July 31

Avery Grace, daughter of Travis and Rachel Inskeep on July 31

Alivia Louise, daughter of Collin and Joanna Snyder on July 31

Scripture Readings

Prepared by Paul Beyer

In this age of rampant lawsuits it's tempting to take the fast-buck route to resolve conflict. When faced with this thought it's important to know whether we're really seeking justice or vengeance. Read the Sept. 10-11 first reading for God's counsel in this area. Here are the scripture readings for September:

Sept. 3-4: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 10-11: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 17-18: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24,27a; Matthew 20:1-16

Sept. 24-25: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Parish assists employment seekers

Jobs Clearinghouse

The following listings of parishioners seeking employment and available job opportunities are provided as a service for registered parishioners by the Social Justice Ministry. Parishioners seeking employment can contact the church office at 722-4404 to register and provide contact information, a brief description of the type of employment desired, and qualifications. Employers seeking to fill positions should also contact the office with their requirements. The Social Justice Ministry compiles the applicants and opportunities and notifies the parties if any matches exist. If no matches are immediately possible, the applicants and opportunities will be published in the Vernacular. For more information, contact the parish office.

Parishioners seeking employment:

ID# M21 – Clerical, office work, customer service or photography

- Many years experience in photography and customer service
- Some medical education

ID# JN23 – Administrative position, preferably full-time
Education: Undergraduate WSU

- Work experience: management analyst, acting commander & director in Technical Services Division
- Laboratory supervisor, secondary language arts assessment technician
- Supervisory and administrative skills

ID# JL24 – Pursuing a long-term position with stable organization that places emphasis on integrity and honorable business ethics

- Education: BS in business administration and MHS in health science

- Work experience: director of senior companion program
- Skills: most computer programs, people skills (particularly seniors or most vulnerable)
- Operated and maintained all aspects of program funding

ID# JL25 – Accounts payable, clerical or customer service

- Education: executive secretary course, WordPerfect 6.1
- Work experience: interline & cartage clerk for trucking company
- Customer service representative for trucking company, supervisor for retail store
- Skills: customer service, accounts payable, computer

ID# JL26 – Aircraft fabrication, logistics, warehouse worker

- Education: associate's degree in arts & general studies
- Work experience: U.S. Navy Reservist, aircraft fabrication, customer service associate
- Skills: certified forklift operator, supply technician

ID# JL27 – Bookkeeper, Administrative assistant

- Education: executive secretary degree, accounting & computer classes
- Work experience: administrative asst., bookkeeper, oil and gas experience and construction experience
- Skills: all bookkeeping duties including payroll, A/R, A/P, bank reconciliation
- Secretarial duties including correspondence, reports, spreadsheets

Employment opportunities:

ID# M22 – Looking for a creative, self-motivated individual who knows their way around town, loves to meet people; someone to represent our restaurant at parades, in schools, sporting

events, and various social gatherings

- Flexible hours

ID# JL28 – Administrative support clerk, part-time

- Education required: High school or GED
- Skills needed: Customer service, dependability, able to handle confidential information, proficiency with Microsoft products, attention to detail, accuracy, written & verbal communication skills

ID# JL29 – Manufacturing assembly

- Education required: High school or GED
- Skills needed: Must be able to work from drawing and prints, able to work overtime, good communication skills and ability to work with others

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High school parents, don't stop raising your kids just because they know how to use car keys and wrap their hands around a beer can. Kids are trapped today in their own Bermuda Triangle of sex, violence, and speed, all soaked in alcohol. Set high standards and enforce them, but most of all, set an example of prudence, temperance, gentleness, and integrity.

When Millie graduated from high school, I asked her, "Was I here enough for you?"

I hope when your daughter or son graduates next May or in May of 2012, you will like the answer you get, because the voice of experience and the wisdom of the lake agree: these school days, the brightest of memories, are fleeing fast.

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Annual Financial Report

The Parish Finance Council is pleased to present this report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. As we began the fiscal year, we faced some financial challenges and entered the year very cautiously. Renovation of the Church sanctuary was underway and we prepared for installation of a new pipe organ. Working with Father Daryl and the parish staff, we approved a budget that would reduce expenses from the prior year in several areas and would be in line with recent contribution levels. Through the grace of God and the continuing support of the Stewardship way of life by our parishioners, we were able to fully support the mission of the Parish.

Below is a comparison of our actual financial results compared to the budget for the year ending June 30, 2005, as well as the proposed budget for 2006:

Financial Report of Parish Operations:	'04 – '05 Budget	'04 – '05 Actual	'05 – '06 Budget
Receipts – Contributions	\$ 4,681,931	\$ 4,759,787	\$4,702,756
Expenses:			
United Catholic Stewardship (Diocese)	468,193	472,850	470,276
St. Francis Elementary School	2,213,588	2,205,000	2,097,780
Bishop Carroll & Other Education	1,260,000	1,301,723	1,339,000
Parish Salaries & Benefits	275,600	286,582	285,000
Utilities, Maintenance, Property Insurance	147,050	133,178	152,200
Charity	75,000	67,173	75,000
Supplies	85,500	109,142	98,000
Capital Projects	-	-	26,000
Debt Payment (to Diocese)	104,000	89,000	108,000
Other	<u>53,000</u>	<u>43,772</u>	<u>51,500</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 4,681,931	\$ 4,708,420	\$ 4,702,756

Actual contributions and receipts (including those designated to the renovation and organ projects) exceeded our budget by \$77,856. Total expenditures slightly exceeded budget by \$26,489. This resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of \$51,367.

The total cost of the sanctuary renovation, organ purchase and installation and related capital projects was \$975,300. Through generous contributions to begin the projects as well as continued weekly support by parishioners, we were able to limit our debt to the Diocese. At June 30, 2005, the outstanding parish debt was \$606,400. As noted above, we are now making payments on this debt as a part of our operating budget.

In order for our parish to continue serving the needs of our parishioners, it is imperative that we maintain a healthy financial position. We believe our role as Finance Council members is to assist the Pastor and the staff in being good stewards of the parish resources. We do this by critical evaluation of needs in developing the annual budget and then regularly monitoring our actual performance against this budget. And, as importantly, we support and encourage living the Stewardship way of life to meet our parish needs. We sincerely want to thank all of you who are living in Stewardship. If you have not yet made this commitment, we encourage you to give prayerful consideration to your role in the parish and devote time, talent and treasure toward your parish life.

We also express our gratitude to Fr. Daryl and our entire parish and school staff. They have been challenged to balance the resources available to meet the growing needs of the parish. It has been a delight to work with them.

*– Submitted by your Parish Finance Council,
Larry Damm (Chairman), Mike Harms (Vice Chairman), Jim Aukofer, Phyllis
Connelly, Joye Haneberg, Paul Iseman Jr., Leon Keiter*

Stewardship Thought!

Gratitude and Stewardship go hand in hand. God created us out of love for us. Our very being is a gift from Him. All that we have is a gift from God. All is gift. All is grace. Realizing and acknowledging this truth fills our hearts with an overflowing sense of gratitude and love, and we seek to return to our God out of love.

This is the source of true happiness, and this is the path of stewardship.

Ladies Auxiliary is more than just projects

Whenever the St. Francis Ladies' Auxiliary convenes, one of two things happens: either a project gets finished or they meet for fun. Fun was on the agenda for the summer meeting in June. Twenty-nine ladies met at Riverside Cup of Tea for a formal High Tea luncheon complete with hats provided by the proprietor. The authentic English décor of the Tea Shop set the tone for fun and femininity and the delicious, unique foods were a pleasure for the eye as well as the palate.

The theme for the afternoon was "Honoring our past presidents." Nine of the 19 past presidents were able to attend. Many shared fond memories of their terms of office. JoAnn Schwartz was the very first to hold the job in 1968. The next president able to attend was Mary Ann Riedel, 1970. She recalled serving 1,000 people at the Farmer's Co-op Dinner for a \$500 donation to the treasury. She and Jada Butler balanced 1,000 paper cups full of orange jello on trays to be chilled overnight. Many people helped with this challenging project.

Judy Beat, 1973, served as both president and wedding chairman and enjoyed both jobs. She said there were few outlets for young mothers at that time and Ladies' Auxiliary was always a welcome night out.

Thelma Dreiling served in 1979 and 1980, and still enjoys volunteering. Anne Oxler has vivid memories of working on the very first Halloween Fun Night. Helen Cole served in 1986, 1991 and 1992 and still serves as program chair. One of her fondest memories is of ladies visiting with Msgr. McGread after meetings until midnight!

Patti Eichelberger's family moved away from Wichita for eight years but has recently returned. Patti was elected president at her SECOND meeting! (I'd like to know who recruited her!) She was

president during 1989 and 1990.

Carol Meyer and Mary Lou Harding were the last two presidents who were able to attend. Carol was president for a split term covering five years. She organized many service projects including purchasing several furnishings and vestments for our sanctuary.

Mary Lou served for three years. The projects she supervised are too numerous to list. However, a noteworthy one was financing the purchase of the \$5,000 Visograph for our school to be able to help students with reading difficulties.

Conversation was lively and very, very loud as the ladies renewed old friendships and shared memories. Things always quieted down a great deal when each new course of the meal was served.

All ladies in the parish are invited to join Ladies' Auxiliary. Upcoming projects include preparing parish dinner invitations, serving at parish receptions, hosting the annual ladies' Christmas party, learning to knit and crochet, donating knitted

and crocheted items to nursing home residents through the Bingo Party night, and as always, being available to help our parish and our priests with any need they might have.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Marilyn Hein, 722-5618.

Funerals

Carolyn Faye Foley, mother of John Foley, Rob Foley, Chris Foley, and Debbie Boothe, on July 29



Did you know?

The mystery profile on page 2 is Fr. Andrew Heiman. Look each month as the Vernacular profiles a different member of the parish.



Members of the Ladies Auxiliary meet for a social gathering at the Riverside Cup of Tea. Pictured are Theresa Rogers, Mary Kay Blasi, Juliana Landwehr and Jo Cahill.

Photo by Mary Sue Toon

Advance care planning Q & A

What is a durable power of attorney for health care decisions? (DPOAHC)

- It is a document that allows you to name a person to make health care decisions for you if you ever become unable to speak for yourself.
- You give the agent the right to make decisions on your behalf.
- You may give specific directions or general guidelines.
- You may clarify specific care that you do or do not want to receive.
- The goal is to ensure that your wishes will be known and honored.

Remember:

- The agent you name will make health care decisions for you when and only when you cannot communicate for yourself.
- You may change your

instructions or agent at any time.

Will I need an attorney's help? Do I need witnesses?

- Although you may desire to consult an attorney, you certainly may complete a DPOAHC on your own.
- You are required to have two witnesses OR to have the DPOAHC notarized. In some states, the document must be notarized.
- The witnesses must be at least 18 years old, unrelated to you, not beneficiaries of your estate, and not financially responsible for your health care.
- Be sure to date and initial changes on all copies of the document.

How does the DPOAHC differ from a power of attorney?

- Neither a power of attorney nor

a advance power of attorney empowers anyone to make health care decisions for you. They normally address financial or business matters.

What about a living will?

- A DPOAHC expresses your wishes for health care in the event you should ever be unable to speak for yourself under any circumstances. A living will expresses your wishes for health care in the event that you are unable to speak for yourself and two physicians agree that you are terminally ill.
- A living will may be useful, but it does not replace the need for Kansans to complete a DPOAHC.
- Too often, a family is already in crisis at the time a living will is

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Parish Calendar for September 2005

Special Events, Holy Days

Sept. 5

- Labor Day

Sept. 8

- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sept. 27

- Monthly Mystagogy, 7-8 p.m., St. Clare Hall

Regular Meetings

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- Prayer at Women's Health Care Services, 12:15 p.m.

Sept. 5

- Social Justice Committee, 7:30 p.m., former rectory

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27

- Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Group, 7:30 p.m., church

Sept. 12

- Parish Nurse Ministry board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Parish Ministry building

Sept. 22

- Alzheimer's Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., Parish Ministry building

SFA School

Sept. 5

- Labor Day; no classes

Sept. 20

- Teacher Inservice; 1:15 p.m. dismissal

Parish School of Religion

Sept. 7, 14

- PSR classes, 6:30-8 p.m., school

Sept. 21

- PSR classes, 6:30-8 p.m., school
Mass, 9th grade, 7 p.m., church

Sept. 28

- PSR classes, 6:30-8 p.m., school

Other

Sept. 4

- Wedding Anniversary Mass, 8:30 a.m., church

Sept. 11

- Baptism Class, 7 p.m., former rectory

Sept. 30

- Vernacular deadline (calendar items, articles)



Photo by Paul Jasinski

A St. Francis family enjoys a Wranglers baseball game during the annual fund-raising event for the Guadalupe Clinic.

New to the Parish

**Bill and Deanna Abildgaard
Jason Ackerman**

**Jonathan Baxa
James and Mary Bily
Bernardo and Donna Cruz, one child**

Travis and Rachel Inskeep, one child

Michael and Mandy Johnson, three children

Donald Lubbers & DeAndrea Baker, one child

David and Angela Maneth, one child

David and Renee Means, three children

Mike and Tammy Schartz, two children

David and Cheryl Schletzbaum, two children

Mike and Charisse Urban

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completed. It is best completed before one becomes gravely ill.

- Visit this Web site for more information.
http://www.LIFEProject.org/_cr_ad.htm

Will my wishes be honored?

- The law requires that health care providers honor your wishes, but we do have work to do in this area. Sometimes wishes have not been honored, and sometimes the documents have created conflict when patients have not talked with

family members.

- The LIFE Project is working to ensure that your wishes will be honored. You can help by naming an agent and sharing your wishes.

Will my DPOAHC be honored if I am outside the state?

- There are efforts to make these documents more portable, but you could, at present, encounter problems.
- It helps if you have the DPOAHC notarized, because some states require this.

– Irene Gorman, RN
Parish Nurse