

QUEEN *of the* HOLY ROSARY

7023 W. 71st Street • Overland Park, KS 66204



June 28, 2009 • 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Weekday: Tuesday-Friday 8:15a.m.
Communion Service Monday 8:15 a.m.
Holy Day: See inside bulletin
Confession: Saturday 2:30 p.m.—3:15 p.m.
*Those needing hearing assistance,
receivers are available by contacting an usher.*

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*God did not MAKE death,
nor does he REJOICE in the
destruction of the LIVING.
For he FASHIONED all things
that they might have BEING;
and the CREATURES of the world
are WHOLESOME.*

WISDOM 1:13-14A

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Our Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit of God... We are a Catholic faith community dedicated to becoming a dynamic center of worship and Christian involvement. Our enthusiasm and love will fill each member and permeate the larger communities that surround us. We strive to recognize and celebrate our diversity. We challenge ourselves to lead lives that will reflect our beliefs.

Pastoral Council

Pastor: Father Don Cullen
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Phone numbers for Council members maybe found in your copy of the church directory.

Finance Council

Pastor: Father Don Cullen
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Members:

Kevin Caldwell
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 David Wieliczka

The Sacraments

- Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Penance is offered every Saturday from 2:30-3:15 pm.

- Baptisms

Baptisms are conducted on the first Sunday for each month. Registered parishioners **must complete the Baptismal Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism.** It is recommended to take this class at least 3 months prior to the birth. To reserve your place in class, please contact Rosalynn Redmond in the Religious Education Office (913)722-2206, Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, after hours please leave a message, or send an email to: rosalynn@qhr-opks.org. **Your child's Baptismal date will be scheduled upon completion of this class. This is a requirement for your first child and we invite you to attend the class for each child hereafter as a refresher course. To share in the beauty and preparation for this Sacrament, it is highly recommended, but not required, for your child's Baptismal Godparents to attend this class with you.**

- Weddings

Weddings require six months notice to fulfill the Archdiocesan marriage program. An appointment with the Pastor is necessary before a date can be set.

- Anointing of the Sick

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please see Father Cullen after Mass. The sacrament is available to all those who are ailing physically, mentally or spiritually.

Altar Linens

St. Ceclia's Circle is in charge of taking care of the linens for the month of June.

Hospital Reminder

If you are in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion, please have a family member contact the Rectory Office.

Parish Prayer Chain

The Parish Prayer Chain is ready to pray for your intentions. Please contact Mary Wills at 432-9035 or Therese Wilkes at 432-3665.

Bulletin & Mass Announcement Deadlines

The Holidays mean changes to the bulletin schedule, please watch the bulletin for details about changes to the bulletin deadlines in November and December. Items for the bulletin are due the Monday prior to publication by 4:30 pm. Please drop your items off at the rectory or e-mail them to QHRBulletin@gmail.com. Full page notices, etc. need to be submitted 2 weeks in advance for consideration and approval. Questions? Please e-mail the above address.

Please remember that announcements and petitions (i.e. sick list) for masses must be turned into the rectory office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the weekend masses.

Registered Parishioners

Please update information as it changes. You may fill out the form inside and take it to the Information Station, drop it in the collection plate, mail it or bring it to the rectory.

New Parishioners

Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to you in Christian fellowship. Please register at the Information Station after any weekend Mass. The Information Station is located in the southeast corner of the church. You may also register in the rectory office Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. If you are currently a QHR parishioner but have never registered, please stop by the Information Station or the rectory office and fill out an official form.

Mass & Intentions Schedule

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, June 29
8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, June 30
8:15 a.m. Leo Wernel -Wernel

Wednesday, July 1
8:15 a.m. Sue Valder-Smilely

Thursday, July 2
8:15 a.m. Joan Flanagan-Rafferty

Friday, July 3
8:15 a.m. Stephen Kruse-Haas

Saturday, July 4
8:15 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass: Immaculate Heart of Mary-Legion of Mary
4:00 p.m. Jack and Bertha Weinstein-Bair/Stamm

Sunday, July 5
7:00 a.m. Colleen Gillen-Kristic
9:00 a.m. All Members of Queen's Ladies
both Living and Deceased
11:00 a.m. Conrad Maygers-Shelton
5:00 p.m. Katherine Freimuth-Borelli

This Week's Events

We pray the Rosary at 7:50 am Monday-Saturday before daily Mass or Communion Service.

Sunday, June 28
7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. SCRIP & Coffee and Donuts
HSYG Bake Sale after Mass

Monday, June 29
7:00 p.m.—FZC—Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 30
6:00 p.m.—C4—Legion of Mary
7:00 p.m.—CH—Novena / Benediction
7:00 p.m.—C1—High School Youth Group
7:30 p.m.—CH—Choir Practice

Wednesday, July 1
6:30 p.m.—Divine Mercy

Thursday, July 2
6:30 p.m.—FZC—Knights of Columbus

Friday, July 3

Saturday, July 4
8:15 a.m.—First Saturday Mass

C1-C5-Convent • CH-Church • CGS-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd • CMR-Church Meeting Room • FZC-Father Zawacki Center (church basement) • REO-Religious Education Office • RMR-Rectory Meeting Room

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

Change in Parish Information

Current Information

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____

Changed Information

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____

If you are moving out of the parish, please check.

Cantor/Accompanists:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Kay Schweiger/ Wally Drone
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Cathy Mahr/Wally Drone

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Trinh Huynh/ Michael Kim
 Sunday 5:00 p.m. Robin Christie/ Judy Wolf

	Lector	Sacristan	Eucharistic Minister	Hospital Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Usher	Greeter
Saturday, Jul 4, 4:00 PM 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	R. Hoffmann (1) B. Hayek (2)	D. Jablonski	D. Braden M. Braden R. Commodore R. Connors A. Hargrave G. Hickox D. Jablonski J. Jablonski		Jacob Bossing B. Null C. Steger	John Bossing M. Gattorna P. Hayek W. Hofmann NOT FILLED	A. McDonnell M. Miller M. Wills
Sunday, Jul 5, 7:00 AM 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	D. Mulvany (1) J. Moran (2)	F. Schilling	B. DePlato C. Elder A. Giannetto K. Haase Tito Huynh M. Kolarik R. Luchi D. Teson		Abby Sostarich X. Urbina B. Zawada	M. Christopher B. Stokes A. Weber A. Zawada	M. Martin C. Pate D. Pate
Sunday, Jul 5, 9:00 AM 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rachel Alvarez (1) Rick Alvarez (2)	M. Amer	M. Anderson J. Borelli J. Crain Pete/Helen Debus J. Rineman MJ Scanlon T. Schmidt M. Soenen		D. Amer D. Martin N. Martin	A. Betts L. Crutchfield J. Olson L. Ryan	J. Dowell S. Dowell H. Peregrina
Sunday, Jul 5, 11:00 AM 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	J. Forristal (1) D. Pyle (2)	S. Schreiner	J. Davila M. Dillingham J. Dowd M. Dowd T. Johnston G. Meiners M. Padilla B. Scheibner		S. Ibarra M. Marquez N. Marquez	B. Rodriguez J. Rodriguez Joe Urich Joy Urich	M. Hahn Joe Urich Joy Urich
Sunday, Jul 5, 5:00 PM 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	D. Snodgrass (1) R. Sutryk (2)	S. Brown	S. Brown J. Bugni S. Bugni J. Flaherty M/J Harkins N. Klaus B. Rellihan A. Shopper		E. Freiborg S. Myer C. White	S. Mischka J. Reinhardt C. Rodgers	L. Barrick M. Barrick A. Freiborg

Please Remember the Sick

Martha Aguilar	Steve Anderson	Pearl Ashton	Mary Barvick	Kathleen Bayne
John Birchler	Mary Borelli	Blanch Cahoy	Mary Casida	Mary Corneliuss
Gussie Cress	Ann Hendricks Darnell		Kyle Davis	Archie Derrington
Mike Dolan	Sandra Edwards	Vince Flahive	Emma Garcia	Barbara Harper
Winnie Hoffman	Evelyn Hurlbert	Mike Judge	Thomas Judge	Carl Kawa
Mildred Kerr	Robert Kirby	Marlin Locke	Grace McCurnin	Joan Mehl
Sandy Mumford	Bob Oppold	Clare Parisse	Gene Parisse	Barbara Rhodes
Bob Rohr	Heather Sixta	Leon Smith	Noah Snyder	Fr. Jerry Spencer
Frances Surdez	Mary Ann Wagner	Kathy Walters	Kilee Watson	Colleen Wessling
Renada Westermayer		Kristen Wolf	Elizabeth Wilson	Thomas Younger

Due to privacy laws, we will not be able to put a name on the sick list unless we have been asked to do so by a family member. To keep the Prayer List manageable, names will be dropped after 6 months unless they are requested to be left on.

- NOTES FROM FATHER CULLEN- Catholic Info / Trivia... Tell Me More

Customer Service

One of the committees of the Parish Council deals with “Customer Service”. This gives parishioners an opportunity to suggest ideas to improve our parish. We’ve received suggestions about Holy Water Founts in the church. People have mentioned that it is difficult to use the fount at the main entrance with so many people coming and going at the same time. We agree and have added 2 free standing founts as you leave, on the north and south of the Baptistry, by the big windows, at the back of the church.

Other people have mentioned that there was only one Holy Water Fount by the south door where I used to stand with my crutches. Now you will find one on either side of the door to make it more accessible and help the coming and going from that door

It is always good to get suggestions to improve things at the parish..

Thank you and God Bless!
Father Cullen

STEWARDSHIP

Needed Each Week.....\$19,200.00
Given Last Week.....\$ 15,731.71

Thanks for your great generosity this year and many thanks to all that took time to help count the Lenten Cans. *I want to thank those of you who donated to help pay for our renovation and those who are fulfilling pledges. The above figure does not include our debt to Future Full of Hope which dates back to 2002. That current debt is \$54,324.04 . Again, I hope you will join me in using the envelope in your packet entitled, “Renew our Queen” to reduce this debt. I would like to encourage everyone to use the envelopes you receive in the mail so that we can more easily keep track of your charitable, tax deductible donations and provide you an accurate year-end statement.*

God Bless,

Father Cullen & The Financial Council

Kevin Caldwell, Dave Janner, Michael Kerr, Ruth Mailand, Gene Meiners, Dave Richardson, Dave Wieliczka

6 Religious Education

School of Religion (SOR), Catechesis of the Good SHEPHERD (CGS), CHILDREN'S LITURGY, Sacrament Preparation, VIRTUS and CRUSADERS High School Youth Group



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD is the religious education program used for the SOR preschool. Contact Sheryl at 722-2250 for more information or to set up a tour of the Atrium.

CRUSADER'S HSYG

June & July Meeting Dates, in Convent 7:00—8:30 pm

- Tuesdays, July 7 and July 21

Upcoming Fundraiser Activities

Weekend of June 27-28.....Pre-4th of July Bake Sale to help raise funds so the Crusaders can attend NCYC

Sunday, July 26.....**Sunday Afternoon at the Movie**
1:00—3:00 pm, Parish Hall for all kids in Grades 1, 2 and 3 \$5.00 per child



Virtus Trainings

Please remember that if you plan to work with the youth of our parish, School of Religion program or John

Paul II School, you need to complete the Archdiocese's VIRTUS training program. QHR scheduled trainings (in the parish hall) are:

Thursday, July 9.....6:30 —9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 12....9:00 a.m.—1:00p.m.

Saturday, January 9.....9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

You need to go online to www.archkckcs.org to register for a session. Questions—Contact Denise Godinez at 722-2206.

THANK YOU to our Altar Servers

Thank you to those who served the Lord last week as an Altar Server.

Anthony Brown	Leah Brown
Ellyn Freiborg	Victoria Gomerdinger
RJ Jordan	Emory Lacy
Thomas Lundine	Elizabeth Rodgers
Collin Schmidt	Xavier Urbina
Bryan Zawada	

Altar Servers— Schools are out and summertime is here, so please check your schedules to see if you are scheduled to serve. If you are not able to serve, you are responsible to find a substitute.

Please be certain you and/or your substitute sign in on the server sheet located in the working Sacristy on the countertop. Thank you and God bless you for your service to God.

Seniors and Hospital Ministry

MEMBERSHIP - Anyone 50 and older is welcome to join the Queen's Saints. Activities are planned each month. Contact Evelyn at 649-2547 for membership information. For all current members, renewal dues of \$10 per person are now due.

MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 10. Anyone 50 and older is welcome to join us for the monthly planning meeting on Friday, July 10 at 9:15 a.m. in the Church hall. Refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY MUSIC IN THE PARK - JULY 12. The MUSIC IN THE PARK is the City of Overland Park's free summer concert series. The concert will be The 312th U.S. Army Reserve Band. We will gather at 6 p.m.; concert starts at 7 p.m. Bring your chair and picnic basket and join us for a fun evening at the Overland Park Downtown Bandstand, 81st and Santa Fe Dr. Call Sue at 262-4096 to let us know you will be joining the fun that night.

LUNCH BUNCH - JULY 16. Family style Southern cooking will be our choice at Jumpin' Catfish Restaurant on Thursday, July 16 at 1:00 p.m. The restaurant is located at 1861 S. Ridgeview in Olathe. Take I-35 S. to the 151st St. exit. Turn left (East) about 1 mile. The restaurant will be in a strip mall on the SW corner of 151st and Ridgeview. Call Annette Gauthier at 649-5868 for reservations. We're trying a Thursday to see if there are fewer conflicts with other events.

SUNDAY MOVIE MATINEE - JULY 19 The movie for July will be Places in the Heart. It will be shown on Sunday, July 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. All are welcome.

BOOK CLUB REVIEW - AUGUST 10. The new book is Nostramo, a novel by the British novelist Joseph Conrad. Each person is responsible for obtaining their own book. It will be reviewed on Monday, August 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the church convent. Call Connie at 492-5697 if you have any questions.

BOULEVARD BREWING TOUR - AUGUST 21. The tour is now full. Call Sue at 262-4096 to sign up for a second tour.

ATCHISON DAY TRIP - SEPT. 25 Included: Kincaid Coach Transportation, Amelia Earhart Birthplace Home & Museum, St. Benedict's Abbey, Riverwood Winery, Shopping with discount sticker, Fabulous Fried Chicken Lunch. Cost of trip will be \$59 per person. This trip is expected to fill up fast. Call Sue at 292-4096 to sign up. All are welcome on this trip!

Parish Organizations

Serra Vocation Cross: Thank you to Will and Patty Miller for their prayers for Vocations during this past two weeks. They will now pass the Cross to Bud and Goldie Schaefer to keep in their home. If you would like to sign up for this devotion, please call Jim Hendricks...432-7075

Thank You: For all the many kindnesses that were offered to June Maygers at the time of Conrad's death, she wishes to express her thanks.

Also, June is trying to locate the owners of two 9x13 Pyrex dishes that were left. Her number is 642-9770. The contents were delicious, the dishes are empty.

Holly Clark, a representative from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin publisher, has been with us this week contacting prospective advertisers for the back of our Sunday bulletin. As you know, it is our advertisers that make our bulletin possible. We thank all of those who have renewed their ads as well as our new advertisers! Anyone who might be interested in advertising in our bulletin is advised that there is still time left. Please contact Holly at 913-999-9389 or hclark@4LPi.com. She will be happy to answer any advertising questions or help you place your ad.

QHR Adult Education: The Great Adventure, a Bible study developed by Jeff Cavins will be offered again this year in September. This is a unique study in that it gives the "BIG PICTURE," as Jeff calls it. There will be an information night on Wednesday, July 15 from 7:00 to 8:00 for anyone interested in learning more about the program. The contact person for this program is Sheryl Lickteig at 722-2250 .

Come join the Divine Mercy Prayer Group at 6:30 pm every Wednesday just to spend time in prayer. Pray for others and for your own intentions. Enter the SW church doors. Can't be there at 6:30? It is ok to come after that. Call Judy for information, 362-7893.

Canadian Rockies by Rail
October 1-10, 2009
Daily Mass with Father Pat Tobin
For more information contact
Reba Bradbury (816) 741-5665 or
Fr. Pat Tobin (816) 721-5029

Peter's Pence Collection: Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad **through our support of this week's Collection.** These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression and disease. **Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence Collection.**

Adoration Chapel Do you have the feeling that God is calling you for something? But what? Do you have a situation that needs to be resolved? Where do you turn? God is just waiting to help you and He is waiting in the Adoration Chapel, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - whenever you need Him. Just be in His Presence and talk to Him. See how your life changes! Try it and you will want to spend more time with Him. Questions- call Virginia at 642-3506.

SOS!!!! We are in desperate need of help for team leaders and workers for the funeral luncheon ministry. A rewarding ministry and one that demands you are able to be flexible as we cannot plan a death. We rotate usage and you are not called for every funeral. A terrific group of men and women exist in the group providing a pleasant atmosphere to enjoy! To those who have been so faithful to this ministry; you are much appreciated. Contact Rosemary Connors (913) 669-1229. The Lord Will Bless You.

The Catholic Career Roundtable: The parishes of St. Agnes, St Ann's, St. Pius, Good Shepherd, and Queen of the Holy Rosary are jointly working together to help those people in need of employment. Starting Saturday, July 11th, anyone who is interested in either finding a job or helping someone find a job, is welcome to come to our first meeting at St. Ann Parish Hall 7231 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS Please park in the parking lot next to the playground. The meeting will be from 8:30 to 10:00 am. We will have guest speakers, networking opportunities, and job leads. Additional information will be announced at a later date. If you have any questions or know of any job opportunities, please contact us at catholiccareerroundtablekc@gmail.com or call John Caton at 913-209-9900.

Pre-4th of July
BAKE SALE

☞ Parish Hall



Cakes, Cupcakes

Cookies, and Breads

After all Masses...
this Weekend
June 27-28

**A Queen's Crusader
NCYC FUNDRAISER**

National Catholic Youth Conference



NCYC

(National Catholic Youth Conference)

What is NCYC?

NCYC is the largest Catholic youth gathering in the U.S., with up to 20,000 people attending from all over the country. It is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones.

Youth and adult participants attend the NCYC because they want to:

- Gather on a national level
- Learn more about themselves and their relationship to the Catholic Church
- Celebrate their Catholic Christian faith
- Meet thousands of other Catholic youth
- Share beliefs and experiences

Featuring:

- Christian Musicians
- Nationally Recognized Speakers and Performers
- Powerful Prayer
- Huge festival village inside the Convention Center that you must see to believe.

Who attends NCYC?

The conference is open to all Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones.

- They are high school age youth, majority are between 16 - 18 years old.
- They are usually leaders in their local parishes, schools and/or Diocese.
- Some attendees may have participated in a previous national or international event such as World Youth Day.
- Many are experiencing this type of gathering for the first time.

Comments after the last NCYC which was held in Indianapolis.....

"NCYC was incredible. You walked into the RCA Dome, and you saw 24,000 people cheering and praying and singing... the energy was overwhelming. You learn a lot about other people's faith and it's expression. It's a shock at first, but by the end, you're going along with it all. Can I get an 'Amen!' Church?" – Jessyka Criswell

"NCYC was an awesome experience. It was amazing to see 24,000 kids together excited about God. I took away a lot from the weekend." – Brad Sullivan

"NCYC was a great opportunity to meet people from all over the United States who share the same beliefs I do. It was a neat experience to see so many people enthusiastic about faith." – Stephanie Melillo

"NCYC was one of those experiences you have to see to believe. (even though belief is big in the Catholic Church!) There were 24,000 (yes Thousand) people at the main sessions that filled the R.C.A. Dome in Indianapolis. We all prayed, sang, and some even danced together. The morning keynote speakers were an inspiration with their testimony to their faith-works in their lives. We also had individual workshops that brought people together in their areas of common concern. The theme of the conference was "Hope at the Crossroads". Everywhere we went there was a positive spirit and good friendship that was refreshing for a time like we are recently experiencing. There IS HOPE in Catholic Youth and I was honored to share it." – Joan Egan



God's Mountain Trek VBS climbers hike to a High Success!

Everything was high this past week during God's Mountain Trek Vacation Bible School.....high temperatures, high enthusiasm, and high spirits about God's love, trust, and rules. There were 65 young climbers, 26 youth leaders, and 21 adult volunteers who came together this past week spending their mornings in song, prayer, recreation, story telling, snacks and arts and crafts. Our week centered around the **theme of Moses' trek to the mountain top where he came back with the 10 Commandments** and his trust in the Lord. Every 16 climbers and youth leaders had their own base camp from which they began their daily climb.

Our story telling at the big tent centered around Moses and the walking stick (trust the Lord), parting of the Red Sea (which we did with 2 sprinklers), the first 3 commandments (love the Lord), and the other 7 Commandments (love others). Then we talked about the Greatest Commandments that Jesus gave us (love God and others and ourselves), and talked about how we can show others God's love.

In Arts and Crafts we painted our Praying Hands and had prayer cards for who we will say a prayer for each day; made parchment 10 Commandments (we made it old by painting it with coffee); painted a rock (because God is **our rock and the 10 commandments were written in stone**), designed our **God's Life Rules game board**, made our FROG bracelets (Fully Rely On God), and framed our colorful scratch art.

In the Tabernacle we learned about walking quietly into a center of prayer and in church. We learned about Moses being a baby, the 10 Commandments and what a church might look like way back when Moses was traveling. This space was very special so we always went in very quietly and listened to Mrs. Miller as she told us stories.

In Recreation we climbed the mountain; learned about rules and being a team player; respecting one another and helping one another; we went on a scavenger hunt and found the bell, the cornerstones of the church and school, St. Francis statue, Mary and her grotto, and the brick cross on the school. We even had potato races and balloon races to show how we can help one another and cheer each other on.

Ms. Maggie helped us learn our music about trust, love and following Jesus. We sang lots of songs and we sang them loud. Then on Thursday, we invited our parents come to hear our music before we finished our Mountain Trek. Father Cullen came and spent time with us also.

And of course we had wonderful trek snacks and lots and lots of water because the temperatures were very warm! But we are good mountain climbers, so we were able to handle it pretty well.

A special prayer of *Thank You* and *Blessings* to the following who helped us enjoy each day....

Seth Bongiovanni, Jane Coffyn, Zack Conklin, Jacquie Freund, Sal Guerricagoitia, Jessi Harbison, Donna Hogue, Ellen Honas, Mary Honas, Richard Honas, Tessie Johnson, Chelsea Kiefer, Jordan Kiehl, Josh Koehler, Dominick Macias, Marco Marquez, Angie Marsh, Herb Marsh, Dustin Martin, Noah Martin, Patty Miller, Andrea Mills, **Scott Mishka, Emily O'Meara, Mary O'Meara, Dawn Pyle, Vincent Pyle, Rosalynn Redmond, Tara Rellihan, Carl Rodgers, Doug Rodgers, Elizabeth Rodgers, Maggie Rodgers, Marissa Rodriguez, Alex Rowe, Alyssa Sanz, Sharon Sanz, Kathy Saunders, Mindy Simonelli, Allie Steger, Catherine Strayhall, Sharon Strayhall, Miranda Taylor, Chris Thompson, Grace Wicinski, Molly Wilson, Xavier Urbina, Carmela Valdavia, Sarah West, Abby Westermayer, and Grace Westermayer, Michele Wilson, Molly Wilson**

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported us on our climb to the summit of God's Mountain. Remember, God loves you!

From
Your VBS Trekkers