



The living Last Supper

Group forms to perform the living Last Supper

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Leonardo da Vinci would have been proud if he had been present for the packed three performances of his portrayal of the live reenactment of his famous portrait of "The Last Supper". Ernest K. Emurian a United Methodist pastor wrote this pageant many years ago seeking to portray the moment after Jesus told his Disciples "One of you will betray me".

The cast of 13 performers from the St. Francis United Methodist Church and Immanuel United Methodist Church of Bird City were all well versed, practiced and said their parts from memory. None of them missed a beat at the third performance in Bird City. First performance was conducted in St. Francis and the formal dress rehearsal was performed at the Good Samaritan Village.

The combined choirs of St. Francis and Bird City Methodist churches are to be commended for

their performances as well. The first performance beginning the program was "One Man". Althea Lebow sang a solo to "How Beautiful," final performance was "Indescribable," which not only fit the performance of the portrayal of "The Last Supper" but the performance of the choir. Brenda Johnson accompanied on the piano and sang a solo part.

The offering taken at Bird City will be used for the Camp Lakeside, and the offering taken

at St. Francis will be used for the Youth Mission Trip.

Performers who portrayed the 12 disciples were: Stuart Johnson as Nathaniel, Gary Leach as James the Lesser, Tim Burr as Andrew, Warren Cico as Judas, Ken Beougher as Simon Peter, Tom Keller as John, Tom Bailey as Thomas, Radean Wright as James, Ryan Culwell as Phillip, Chad Hendricks as Matthew, Spencer Schlepp as Thaddeus, Dustin Krien as Simon the Zealot,

and Travis Jensen as Jesus. Leah Keller was the Narrator.

Communion was served as a final act in accordance to the scriptures in Matthew 26:17-30, John 13:1-17.

The Bird City Youth served soup/sandwiches from 6-7 p.m. All this would not have been possible without the help from: St. Francis high school who provided a spot light and costumes, Cheylin High School spot light, Bird City Times and the Saint Francis Herald

publicity, Mike Boyson at Hot Brush who painted the backdrop, Steve Confer who ran the sound and video, choirs from both churches, choir directors Althea Lebow and Brenda Johnson, Dan Keller for the sound system, Youth Fellowship parents of the St. Francis UMC, all those who participated in the set, Lea Keller and Julie Mills who helped with the bulletin.

Guitarist, vocalist comes to Sainty

Jim Salestrom, guitarist and vocalist, will perform in St. Francis at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Francis high school auditorium.

It is a rare privilege to find an artist who touches the hearts of all who hear his music, who brings to his audiences songs which carry the listener to a place of memories or to a place of dreams.

He will perform many of his original songs, as well as some of his departed longtime friend, John Denver.

Jim is an Emmy award-winning songwriter, a gifted guitarist and a seasoned performer who has been writing and recording music since he was 13. His music crosses generational boundaries and is enjoyed by fans of all ages.

During a career spanning the last 35 years, Jim has recorded and performed with such stellar artists as John Denver, Kenny Rogers, and Dolly Parton, and has appeared on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, The Academy Awards Show, and two HBO specials, all with Dolly Parton.

He has performed for four United States Presidents, at the White House, and at The U.S. Supreme Court for his friend Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Jim has toured and performed in Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, Canada, Scotland, Ireland, England, France, Italy, Holland, Norway, Germany, Greece, Spain, Monaco, Corsica, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, and Bali, and has built a loyal following in the Rocky Mountains where he has kept a home for over 30 years.

Admission for this event is with season ticket or at the door. This concert is part of the Western Plains Arts Association 43rd Season schedule of events.

THE CENEX SIGN went up Thursday announcing that K-Store now has a new owner. The new owner of the convenience store is Eagle Travel Stops and Convenience Store.
Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Wildlife banquet is Friday

The Cheyenne County Wildlife 28th annual fundraising banquet is set for Friday at the American Legion hall at Bird City. The doors will open at 6 p.m. Members are planning for around 320 adults and children. The tickets are being sold at participating businesses and not at the door.

Throughout the years, members have used the proceeds from the event to support the hunter

education program, Kansas State 4-H Shooting Sports program and other youth programs involved with shooting sports, the wildlife habitat improvement in the county, stocked Keller's Pond with fish for public use, expanded the River Walk and given four college scholarships.

The money also helps maintain the club house and shooting range so it is available for members and law enforcement agencies.

This past year, the range was expanded to include a five-stand trap which has been a hit for the old and new trap shooters. The range is also used for concealed carry training throughout the year. Twice a year, a black-powder shoot is held and open to the public.

Future plans include a 200-500-yard rifle range and .22 rim fire steel silhouette competition shoots.

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Come to The Feast of Divine Mercy

The First Sunday After Easter, April 7th
The essence of Divine Mercy is TRUST

In the 1930s, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a young, uneducated nun, received extraordinary revelations from our Lord Jesus regarding God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

In His revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus made mention of His desires concerning the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) on 14 different occasions. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in entry 699 of the *Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska*:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very day depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — TRUST. The more a soul TRUSTS, the more it will receive. Souls that TRUST boudlessly are a great comfort to Me because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. (entry #1578)

"Divine Mercy Sunday" is another title given by the Holy See to the Second Sunday of Easter. This was instituted by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, when he declared that from now on throughout the Church the Second Sunday of Easter will also be called Divine Mercy Sunday. The sacred Congregation for Divine Worship on May 5, 2000, formalized this declaration and by its inclusion in the Roman Missal made it binding throughout the universal Church. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore is not an option title for this solemnity; rather, Divine Mercy is the integral name for this Feast Day.

Therefore, every Catholic parish as it celebrates the Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. Whether announced as such or not, the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday promised by Jesus are available to all the faithful, so ask for many graces, so very many graces for yourself, your friends, your family members, your Church and your Country and TRUST that Jesus will do what He says He will do.

