

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 26, 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

I wanted to inform you how the discernment portion of the Parish Pastoral Council election process went. Each candidate sent in their answers to a specific set of questions. I replaced the candidate's name with the name of a Saint, a patron if you will, and then gave copies of their answers to the current council members. I asked the members to pray, asking each patron saint to guide their discernment process so that the two people whom we most need on the council would be drawn forth. They were then to read over the answers of each (anonymous) candidate and rank each accordingly. Interestingly enough, the rankings were all over the board for each candidate. I was surprised by this, but pleased. I truly believe the process did work, as there was a clear discernment for both the men and the women. Barbara Carlin and Bradley Stramel have been chosen to join the parish council. I would remind you that Dean Haselhorst and JoAnn Berens were elected by the parish vote to serve, as well.

Thank you for your patience in this matter and please say a prayer for all the members of parish council, but most especially the newest members, that God will bless them in their Stewardship service.

Peace and Prayers: Fr. Kevin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekly Planner: July 27 — August 2, 2009

Date	Mass Times and Intentions	Daily Mass Readings	Parish Events
Monday 27	6:45 a.m. L/D Jim and Aggie Miller Family Rosary Group Intention of the Week: For those who are addicted to drugs of any kind, that they will find the fortitude to overcome their addictions.	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Mt 13:31-35	
Tuesday 28	8:00 a.m. L/D Seraphine and Velma Dreher Family	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Mt 13:36-43	Faith Formation: Registration at 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center Music Ministry: Weekly Group Practice at 6:30 p.m. Please use the south church door
Wednesday 29	6:45 a.m. L/D Edwin and Alice Pratt Family 6:30 p.m. + Philippa Pfannenstiel	Ex 34:29-35 Jn 11:19-27	
Thursday 30	8:00 a.m. L/D Edwin J., Lucille, and Vernon Staab Family	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53	
Friday 31	6:45 a.m. L/D Beilman and Billinger Families	Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13:54-58	
Saturday August 1	5:00 p.m. + Francis Jerome Staab	Lev 25:1, 8-17 Mt 14:1-12	
Sunday 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m. L/D Ted and Rosie Pfannenstiel Family 10:00 a.m. L/D Steve and Jane Kisner Family 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35	Wee Words: During the 8 and 10 a.m. masses.

Question of the Week

I've heard next Sunday's Gospel reading de-super-naturalized with explanations such as: "The real miracle is that Jesus got the people to share the food that they had brought along with them", and even: "There wasn't enough food for everyone to have their fill, but what they had was offered to everyone, and the people were just so appreciative and willing to make sacrifices that they ate very little and thus there was food left over."

Yeah, r-i-i-ight. As if God can't multiply food miraculously.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish into a meal that not only satisfied everyone but was more than what they needed is an important foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet that we celebrate today. If we pay attention to what's going on in Mass, and if we take it to heart, Jesus satisfies our hungers and gives us more than we need. What did you need from him before you arrived at church? He's trying to give it to you in abundance! Receiving all that he wants to miraculously give us requires that we trust him to provide for us. We have to expect the unexpected. We have to wait on his perfect timing. But rest assured that he wants to give us more than we need.

Maybe some of the folks on that ancient hillside wanted steak instead of fish, but what they received was a Messiah who filled their hearts with more than enough faith to grow spiritually, more than enough hope to become stronger in their trials, and more than enough love to share as they went forth to reveal Christ to others.

In our Liturgies of the Eucharist, there's a lot more abundance to receive from Jesus than just a little piece of bread and a sip of wine. What do you really need from Jesus? More faith? More hope? More love? It's a good idea to think about this on the way to Mass so that you can participate in Mass more expectantly.

Question of the week for adults:

How is God providing for my needs and feeding me today?

Question of the week for children:

What has God done for me this week?

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Sunday Readings

First Reading: For the Jewish people, Elisha and his master Elijah were the prophets *par excellence*. In describing certain miracles of Jesus—especially raising the dead to life and multiplying food—the evangelists knew that their Jewish readers would think of episodes like today's First Reading. Israel is suffering from famine, and a man brings Elisha a few barley loaves. Miraculously, the twenty loaves prove to be more than enough for all present.

Second Reading: This reading is all about unity. The word *one* recurs no fewer than seven times. We must be one in heart and mind. Paul also gives us some advice for how to do this—through qualities like humility, gentleness, and patience. This is not easy, and Paul knows it. We must "bear with" one another.

Gospel: Jesus feeds His people with bread and fish, but will gradually introduce them to the much more profound way in which *He* will be their bread. In this instance, the miracle lies not in the blessing but in the distribution. The people see only the surface of this mystery, and seek to make Jesus their king. We must see deeper into Jesus' plan and realize the *we* make up the Body of Christ. Thus, we should distribute His peace to all.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2009

Wednesday, August 5th is your retreat at the Lake. Contact Annette or Amy if you are unable to attend, 625-7339.

(Drivers Needed)



Faith Formation Registration

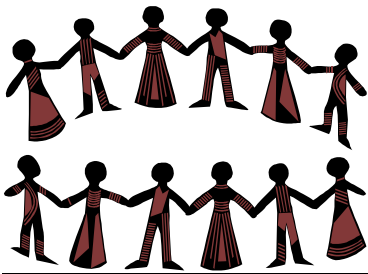
Faith formation registration has taken place the end of June. If you have missed registering your children for Faith Formation Classes the make up dates are:

- ◆ **Tuesday, July 28th**
- ◆ **Tuesday, August 11th**

7:30 p.m. in the Activity center

Please read the letter sent two weeks ago for further information.

Questions: call the Parish Office 625-7339 and ask for Annette or Amy



YOUTH NEWS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

JULY 26 – AUGUST 2, 2009

IHM CYO

July 26th-31st-Summer Mission in Cairo, Illinois!
 August 5th-5:15 p.m.-ROC at Wilson Lake!

Summer Missions!

*IHM Youth Ministry will participate in three missions this summer beginning with the "Prayer and Action" college mission the week of June 7th in Manhattan, KS. **You can participate too!** Anyone wanting to participate in the summer missions by donating school supplies may do so by bringing the items to church the weekends of July 12th and July 19th. Please place the donated items in the large boxes marked for summer missions located at the exits of church. The community of Cairo is in desperate need of our generosity. Nearly 40% of the town lives below poverty level and the graduation rate is below 65%. God called us to serve others with great love. Please help us show God's love to others by participating in the summer missions and giving generously to the people of Cairo.*

IHM JR CYO

Worlds of Fun!

July 23rd-5:45 a.m.-Meet in east parking lot at IHM and load bus for K.C. Depart at 6:00 a.m. Return home at approximately midnight.

HOLY FAMILY

Normal office hours begin August 3. Closed over lunch hour.

August 3: Used uniforms for sale may be brought to the Activity Center from 7:30 to 3:30. Items must be marked with name, size, and price.

August 4: 2009/2010 Kdgn. through Sixth Grade Enrollment, Activity Center, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Stewardship Renewal Form and Pledge Form must be on file in parish in registration before student can be enrolled. All Preschool and Kindergarten physicals and pre-enrollment forms must be completed and turned in at enrollment before student can be enrolled.

August 4: Kindergarten Visitation, 11:00 to 12:00, Kindergarten Classrooms.

August 4: Uniform Sale, Activity Center; Used uniforms, 7:30 to 6:00; Parker new uniforms, 11:00 to 6:00.

August 6: Office Closed 9:00 to 1:30; Inservice

August 19: School Starts, Kdgn through Sixth Grade; 8:00 to 11:00

TMP-MARIAN

*Once again TMP-Marian is selling tickets for **Monarch Football Madness**, an exciting fundraiser tied to the NFL 2009-2010 football season! Each ticket has three NFL football teams assigned and is valid for the 17 weeks of the regular season. The three teams scores added together determines the winners. Tickets can win each week. There are 4 ways to win! Total prizes for the fundraiser will be \$8500 (\$500 per week of the 17 week season). For complete details go to: www.tmp-m.org/footballmadness/ A suggested donation of \$20 per ticket is accepted and can be sent to: TMP-Marian, attn: Sandy, 1701 Hall St., Hays, KS. 67601. Multiple tickets may be purchased.*

TMP-Marian Summer Mini Cheer Camp

August 10, 11, and 13

6:30-8:00 pm - North Side of the Al Billinger Field House
 Cost is \$30 and includes a keepsake t-shirt and snack each evening of camp. Registration forms are available in the TMP-Marian front office or by contacting Heather Sramek at 628-8063 or via e-mail sramekh@tmp-m.org Pre-registration is requested; however, those who are unable to pre-register are asked to arrive at 6:00 pm on the first night of camp. Participants should wear gym shoes, shorts and t-shirts to practice. Participants will perform at half-time of the first home football game on September 4.

"Jump In"

*From long lines at the cash registers to practically sold out tables of merchandise it was easy to see that our CYO Fireworks tent was a huge success. Members of both CYO and Jr. CYO worked hard for a whole week restocking tables and ringing up and bagging sales. Although all the youth worked hard the success of the tent would not have been possible without all the help from our parents. They were there to oversee the whole operation and several even took turns staying overnight to guard the tent. We would like to give a huge "thank you" to all the parents who helped set up, work shifts, count money, and tear down. Another big "thanks" goes out to Bill and Brenda Klaus for generously allowing us the use of their camper for the overnight stays. The biggest "thanks" of all goes out to **Kim Dinkel** for taking this project into her hands. From organizing all the work shifts and making sure everything was ready to go for opening day to training the youth how to operate the cash registers and finally to making sure that all the paperwork and money counting was done and in good order and borrowed items were returned in good shape, Kim did it all. Finally, thanks goes out to the parish community for supporting our CYO Fireworks tent! Over the next two weeks members of our CYO and adult sponsors will be on mission trips. Please keep them in your prayers! **Michelle Harris, PR***

**Interested in Joining the
Catholic Church?
Know Someone Who is?**

RCIA Sessions are starting soon for those who:

- Have not been Baptized in any religion
- Have been Baptized a Catholic but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and/or Eucharist
- Been baptized non-Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Faith

Contact Amy Barragree for more information:
625-7339, abarragree@ihm-church.com

You are invited to join us for the Rosary each morning at 7:15 a.m. (right after 6:45 Mass) in Immaculate Heart of Mary church. A Promise of Mary to Christians who recite the Rosary is: "The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies."



Hospitalized or Homebound?

Please call the Parish office if you or a loved one are homebound or hospitalized and wish to receive the Eucharist. Sr. Mary Riedel will set up an appointment to visit at a convenient time.

Crossroads Concert

Crossroads, a local gospel singing group, will be presenting a concert at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on **Saturday, July 25th at 7:30 P.M.** Please note that **the start time has been changed.** A free will offering will be accepted, with all of the proceeds going to the Forward in Faith Church Building Fund.

The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has the following hour of adoration open: Sundays at 5:00p.m. If you can spend one hour each week before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament please call Lil at 625-7474 for more information. God bless all on your spiritual journey.

Heartland Parishes Faith Sharing Opportunities

Women of Joseph Faith Sharing Group: Saturday mornings at 7:30 A.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Center Conference Room. We read Scripture and share.
Men of Myra Faith Sharing Group: Saturday mornings at 7:30 A.M. in the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. We read the Sunday Scriptures and share.
Jesus Through Mary Prayer Group: Is taking the summer off. It re-starts September 16 in the St. Joseph Parish Center conference room.

Pews for the New Church

Our architect's projected figures to reconfigure, refinish and acquire some new **PEWS** for the new church would cost somewhere between \$200,000.00 to \$250,000.00. About half of that is already collected, so we need about \$100,000.00 in donations or pledges toward **CHURCH PEWS**. It is estimated that one pew space will cost \$250.00, so a pew seating four people would cost \$1000.00. Any donation would be appreciated.



If you or your loved ones need prayers, please call Pat at 628-1138 or Lil at 625-7474.

IHM Baptisms for the Month of July



Tyden Joseph Klug
son of David and Jacki Klug

Trevor Kenneth Fabrizio
son of James and Shari Fabrizio

IHM Time, Talent & Treasure



The 2009-2010 budget requires
a Weekly tithe of \$28,223.89

Adult Envelopes	21,884.75
Loose Plate	1,042.14
Children's Envelopes	19.61
Total Giving for July 12, 2009	\$22,946.50
Building Fund Donations: 2nd Collection	\$710.73

Fiscal Year July 2008-June 2009

Budgeted offertory as of May 31, 2009	1,267,817.08
Actual tithing total as of May 31, 2009	1,282,504.09
Fiscal Year End Jun. 30, 2009 –ahead	14,687.01

Money Counters for the Upcoming Weeks:

July 26 and August 2
Tom & Deb Hoffman and Lori Riedel

Bulletin Helpers for July 30
Kay Werth and Marilyn Thyfault

Today's Reflection: The Long Stretches

WHEN WE THINK of all that God wants for us and for the world, it helps to remember that we're not talking about some overnight miracle. The change that God is about continues long-term, through all the ordinary days of the ordinary time in our lives. The long stretches when nothing spectacular seems to be happening form the bulk of our days — and the time of God's faithful, steady working in our lives. God is in this for the long haul. And, ... so are we.



- Mary Lou Redding
The Upper Room Disciplines 2007

Hospitality Tip of the Day

At Mass, you are sharing in that glorious, joyful moment when time and eternity touch. You are sharing with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Smile, be joyful! Smile when you sing and when you extend the sign of peace to each other. Being joyful should be a particularly important focus of lay ministers serving at Mass. Smile when you lector or commentate. Smile when you cantor. Smile when you distribute the Body and/or precious Blood of Christ. Be particularly friendly when you bring Communion to the homebound. Be joyful. You will smile, eternally, when you greet your brothers and sisters in heaven. Why not smile and be joyful when you join your family of faith at Mass, where heaven and earth meet? Then, smile and say hello to other parishioners when you see them on the streets...even if you don't yet know their name.

Faith Sharing Tip: Don't be afraid to share your story with others. Your life is your faith walk. It's okay to tell your story and gently include how God is a part of it.



Call for Vocations

"Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness." Have you considered a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life? Call Fr. Jarett Konrade at (785) 827-8746 or email vocations@salinadiocese.org for more information.

5th Anniversary Pilgrimage

Fr. Joseph Kieffer and Fr. Tony Neusch are celebrating their 5th anniversary of Priesthood with a 9 day pilgrimage to Florence, Assisi and Rome, Italy. The pilgrimage is from November 11-19, 2009 and will depart from Dallas, TX. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$2,279 plus taxes and airfare from Kansas to Dallas. For more information, contact Fr. Joseph at 785-738-2851 or sjpastor@nckcn.com.

Thank You, Jesus, for the Rain!

O God in whom we live and move and have our being, thank you for the rain and grant us continued rain in due abundance, that being sufficiently helped with temporal gifts, we may see with more confidence those that are eternal...through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Festival of Faith/Twila Paris Concert Tickets

The Ellis County Ministerial Alliance and the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce that recording artist Twila Paris will be the featured guest at the 18th Annual Festival of Faith on Sunday, September 13, 2009. The Festival, themed "God Has a Plan," will be held from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center on the Fort Hays State University campus.



As a singer/songwriter, Twila has released 22 albums, amassed 33 number one singles and was named the Gospel Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year an astounding three times. She has recorded hits like *He Is Exalted*, *How Beautiful*, and *We Bow Down*. During the Festival of Faith, Twila will share her story and experiences as well as several of her well-known songs. If you are interested in reserving tickets contact Mark Roberti 625-7356. The tickets are \$7/each. Only 150 have been allocated to the Heartland Parishes, call soon.

St. Joseph's Parish will continue to have weekday and weekend Masses in the Kennedy Cafeteria until the church painting is completed. Confessions times will remain the same, but will be heard in the St. Joseph Parish Service Center.

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Food Items: Can be left in the wooden cabinets in the entryway at the St. Joseph Parish Service Center.

Boxes: Can be left in the office down the hall from the Religious Ed. Office.

Monetary Donations: Can be sent through the weekend collections or left at the Parish Service Center.

Prayers: Can be left with Jesus, Mary and Joseph at any time you care to send them.

Food Items Needed for July: BEANS! Canned, refried, dry

Boxes: Medium-sized are needed.

Volunteers needed: July 18th & August 1st pantry days.

Flying 4 Food: Bring non-perishable items to the Airport during the month of July and register to win once per week for 1 round trip ticket to Denver or Kansas City. All donations will benefit St. Joseph's food pantry.



Heartland Parishes Announcements



Catholicism: Social Doctrine & Discipleship

Familiarity with the Church's growing body of social doctrine is necessary in order to grasp and respond to the practical requirements of discipleship and stewardship in light of these complex realities of national and international socioeconomic life.

Can We Use Your Yard for a Bit? Inviting Catholics Home Signs

If you live on a relatively busy street – or own land on one – can we use your property to put up a temporary 2' x 2' yard sign? We're "*Inviting Catholics Home*" again. We believe this program has been 100% successful. Not everyone who participates always chooses to come home, but in each and every case there has been healing. We leave the rest to God's grand design. Contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 stjstewardship@eaglecom.net.

Listen to our Catholic Radio Programming, Saturday Afternoons

Saturday afternoons from 2 – 4 P.M. on Patriot 105.7, the Heartland Parishes of Ellis County host two hours of Catholic EWTN radio programming. In *The Web of Faith* two Catholic priests answer questions emailed to them. *The Great Adventure* lays out and discusses the books of the Bible in the order they were written. Please support our sponsors: Bildschon Haus/Bildschon Baby, The Furniture Look, ServiceMaster Clean of Hays, Insurance Planning, Messenger Catholic Books, Gifts, Music, and Art.

Next First Friday Respect Life Mass, August 7th

Please join us for our monthly First Friday Heartland Parishes Respect Life Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for life, our nation, and that all within our nation and the world would respect life from conception to natural death. Mass begins at 5:30 P.M. at St. Joseph Parish. It is preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 4:55, then the Rosary at 5:00 P.M.

Inviting Catholics Home – One Hour Session

There will be a one-hour information session for inactive Catholics open to returning to the Church. It will be held in the TMP-M Auditorium on Sunday, August 30 at 1:30 P.M. Please encourage inactive family members and friends to attend. You might consider coming along, should that make them feel more comfortable.

Catholics Returning Home – Six Sunday Evening Sessions

Beginning Sunday, September 13, the Heartland Parishes will hold Catholics Returning Home sessions on six consecutive Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. in the "Upper Room" of the Immaculate Heart of Mary office building. Please encourage your inactive family members and friends to come. You are welcome to attend with them, should they feel comfortable with that. Catholics Returning Home (CRH) provides significantly more information than the one hour Inviting Catholics Home session. Once the sessions are ended, should (CRH) participants think they want to come home, we will plug them in an RCIA program in the parish of their choice.

August Bunko for Seniors

The next Bunko is Thursday, August 13th, from 2:30 – 4:30 in the St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall. People of all ages are welcome. Refreshments served. Bring a friend.

Our Last Divine Mercy Sign

We have just one 24" x 18" yard sign left. We won't be re-ordering for a while. Contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 stjstewardship@eaglecom.net.

Wednesday Evening Rosary for Families:

Wednesday evenings at 9:00 P.M. in the Adoration Chapel we pray for our families, our Church, civic leaders and families of the world. This is very important, and you are most welcome. We have you out in 20-25 minutes.

Disciples of Christ Young Adult Group

Disciples of Christ is a group of individuals 18 and older sharing their faith in Christ! Our activities include bible study, social gatherings, personal testimonies, lessons on the Eucharist, Scripture, apologetics, and much more! We look forward to new members and pray you will feel called to join our group! We meet regularly on Wednesday nights at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Center third floor. Enter through the east side door. Contact Jenny Wilkerson for further information at stjhaya@eaglecom.net or (785) 628-1883.