

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 2, 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

I want to officially thank all those who worked so hard on the house at 511 E. 19th, which is the new rectory for Fr. Joshua and myself. It turned out far nicer than what I personally believed was necessary and I am exceedingly grateful for that. I'm a farm boy who can live with pretty simple accommodations, but it is a blessing to have parishioners and supporters who believe we deserve better than bare necessities.

The people who offered their time, talent and treasure (in the way of materials) are:

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If I missed anybody I am very sorry, but with the vast number of people who helped on this project I hope you can see how I might miss a couple. These people gave of their time, talents and treasure to make us a very nice home to live in, at the cost of just under \$9,000.00. I thank you all once again.

Peace & Prayers: Fr. Kevin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekly Planner: August 3 — August 9, 2009

Date	Mass Times and Intentions	Daily Mass Readings	Parish Events
Monday 3	6:45 a.m. + Edmund Meis Rosary Group Intention of the Week: For parents to cherish the gift of life and an end to abortion.	Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21	
Tuesday 4	8:00 a.m. + Marvin F. Gross	Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36	
Wednesday 5	6:45 a.m. + Alvina Wierman 6:30 p.m. + Carl and Rita Beiker	Nm 13:1-2, 25— 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28	ROC at Lake Wilson
Thursday 6 Transfiguration of the Lord	8:00 a.m. + George Polifka	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10	Music Ministry: Weekly Group Practice at 6:30 p.m. Please use the south church door. Confirmation Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m. in church.
Friday 7	6:45 a.m. + Phillipa Pfannenstiel	Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28	
Saturday 8	5:00 p.m. L/D Jerry and Wilma Braun Family	Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20	
Sunday 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m. + William Walters 10:00 a.m. + Bernard Brown 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish	1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51	Wee Words: During the 8 and 10 a.m. masses.

Question of the Week

I Am the Bread of Life

This week's gospel begins the "Bread of Life Discourse," which will continue over the next four weeks. The people, who had just been fed in the multiplication of loaves and fishes, again followed Jesus. They were looking for another miracle, another sign of God's power. Instead, they were given one of the most profound pronouncements in the Gospels.

The first reading tells us another story of bread being sent from Heaven. The Israelites had just seen wondrous examples of God's power. They had seen the 10 plagues He visited upon Egypt to convince Pharaoh to free them. They had walked across the sea on dry land and seen the Egyptians swallowed up when they tried to follow. The Israelites had seen the power of God, yet they still doubted and still grumbled, preferring a life of slavery to trusting God. God had done so much for them, yet He did not hesitate to do more, sending them bread from heaven to sustain them on their journey to the Promised Land.

Centuries later, the people following Jesus had seen many signs and been filled with bread, yet, like the Israelites of old, demanded more before they would believe and trust in Him. Once again, God offered them bread from heaven if they would simply trust in Him, but this bread is not like the fleeting bread they received in the desert. This eternal bread would satisfy a much deeper hunger: it would satisfy their hunger for God and for fullness of life.

Like the Israelites in the desert and the people following Jesus, we often demand signs from God. We know the works of God in the Scriptures and are all witness to thousands of little miracles. Greater still, we have been freed from the slavery of sin and been given a share in God's own life, yet we still lose faith. Like the Israelites we often believe this life is too hard and would return to our slavery to sin and the flesh. We demand miracles and chase after reports of signs and wonders, yet fail to recognize the great miracle available to us every day at the altar.

Let today's readings remind us of all that God has done for us and prompt us to let our hunger be satisfied with bread that never perished. Let us trust in God and continually look to the Bread of Life to sustain us and to give us life.

Question of the week for adults:

How do I allow God to fill me up and satisfy my hunger?

Question of the week for children:

How does Mass make me closer to God?

Sunday Readings

First Reading: The Israelites are grumbling. It has been just 15 days since they left Egypt, but already they are beginning to idealize the old times of slavery and oppression. God is faithful to His promise, though, and provides for their needs in order to draw them closer to Himself. New, heavenly bread is provided to the people.

Second Reading: The second reading reminds us that in Christ, something new has taken place. Those who belong to Christ must also be renewed in every aspect of their lives, putting sin behind them and letting go of old ways of thinking. In the Gospel, too, Jesus' listeners must stretch their thinking and see things in startling new ways.

Gospel: Both Jesus and those who question Him refer to this story of the manna from heaven—the crowd had witnessed His feeding of the five thousand and tried to make Him king. Some of the same people now follow Jesus and his disciples to Capernum. Surprisingly enough, these witnesses one of Jesus' greatest miracles ask Him to work some sign, so that they can believe that He is sent by God. Jesus tells His followers that God has a new, true kind of bread to offer them. It doesn't fill their stomachs, but gives life to the world. God gives *Himself* to the people in the Eucharist.

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)



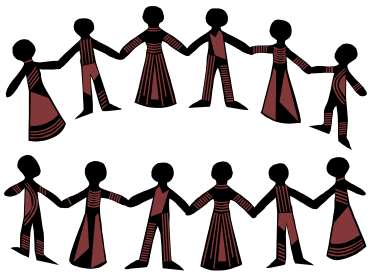
FAITH FORMATION and CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES

**LAST OPPORTUNITY to register
your child(ren) for the upcoming school
year.**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH
7:30 p.m. in the Activity center**

**Questions: call the Parish Office
625-7339**

Ask for Annette, Amy, or Susan



YOUTH NEWS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

AUGUST 3 – AUGUST 9, 2009

IHM CYO

TMP-MARIAN

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.*

*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.

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 of 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

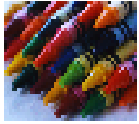
“Jump In”

*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***

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN

Tuesday, Aug. 11th, 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.



Thank You!



This last week our CYO traveled to Cairo, IL for a mission trip. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to send a lot of school supplies and personal products with them for the people in that area.

	Hygiene Items	6	bottles of hand sanitizer	29	boxes of colored pencils	2	tape
61	tubes of toothpaste					84	pkg. of pencils
32	sticks of deodorant	13	bottles of lotion	23	highlighters	15	pencil cases
5	pkg. of floss		Around 150 travel-sized products	18	pkg. of erasers	35	book bags
142	toothbrushes			5	mini notepads	2	pkg. index cards
181	bars of soap			73	rulers	10	calculators
2	boxes of band-aids		School Supplies	2	pencil sharpeners	5	pkg. construction paper
6	pkg. Kleenex	270	spiral notebooks	49	pkg. of ink pens		pad handwriting paper
42	bottles of shampoo	47	pkg. notebook paper	109	folders	1	lunch bag
7	bottles of conditioner	165	boxes of crayons	3	binders		protractors
1	pkg. of razors	75	boxes of markers	74	bottles of glue	1	water bottles
				136	pkg. of glue sticks	2	
				55	scissors	4	

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



The Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

has the following hour of adoration open: Sundays at 5:00 p.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 you on your spiritual journey.

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.

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. Come in out of the heat and enjoy our prayer-conditioning.



IHM Time, Talent & Treasure



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

Adult Envelopes	21,622.50
Loose Plate	1303.37
Children's Envelopes	17.50
Total Giving for July 12, 2009	\$22,943.37
Building Fund Donations: 2nd Collection	\$714.72

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:

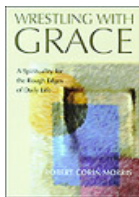
August 9

Larry and Kathy Brenner

Bulletin Helpers for August 6

Kelly Ackerman and Letitia Anderson

Today's Reflection: The Long Stretches



CHALLENGE BY CHALLENGE, we can let the image of God within us be provoked into a growing-up process. We may deliberately choose a challenge to work on or have one thrust at us by life circumstances. What will the next challenge be? Trying to serve God rather than mammon (Luke 16:13)? Learning to say no when we need to and yes when that response is called for (Matt. 5:37)? Speaking face-to-face, alone, with someone who has offended us (Matt. 18:15)? Taking time to go "into thy closet" to pray in secret (Matt. 6:6, KJV)? Developing a gift we've been given (Luke 8:18)? Forgiving someone from our heart (Matt. 18:35)? Reaching out beyond our own comfortable group (Matt. 5:47)? Taking up our cross — for example, being willing to speak up against oppression in a situation where we can make a difference even though it may be risky (Luke 14:27)?

- Robert Corin Morris
Wrestling with Grace: A Spirituality for the Rough Edges of Daily Life

Hospitality Tip of the Day

Hospitality starts in the parking lot before Mass. Say "hello." This is simple, but it is sometimes easy to lose sight of its importance.

Faith Sharing Tip of the Day

Say grace when eating out. Make the sign of the Cross. Be visibly proud of your Catholic faith.



Call for Vocations

"This is my Son, the Beloved: listen to Him."
Do you approach the Lord in prayer, confident that He will make known your vocation if you listen to Him? If God may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Jarett Konrade at (785) 827-8746 or email vocations@salinadiocese.org

St. Joseph's Parish will be returning to the church next weekend, August 8 and 9 beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 8. Confessions will resume in the church on Saturday, August 8th.

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@nckn.com.

Heartland Parish 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 the Sunday Scriptures 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.

Disciples of Christ Young Adult Group: For individuals 18 and older. Our activities include bible study, social gatherings, personal testimonies, lessons on the Eucharist, Scripture, apologetics, and much more! 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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Because of the tender mercy of our God, the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.

- Reflections from *Footprints*; Luke 1:78-79

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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.

Heartland Parishes Announcements



Catholicism: Supporting Economic Justice for All

Our national bishop's pastoral letter, *Economic Justice for All*, should be considered required reading for stewardship minded individuals and parishes. Economic/social justice issues encompass the duty of "all who are able to create the goods, services, and other nonmaterial or spiritual values necessary for the whole community." It gives moral and economic content to the concept of productivity, emphasizing that productivity cannot be measured solely in terms of output of goods and services, but rather in light of the fulfillment of basic needs, employment levels, patterns of discrimination, environmental impact, and sense of community (cf. *Economic Justice for All*, 71).

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. 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.

St. Paul is Coming to Town, November 1st

The details are almost worked out! It looks like St. Paul will be in town Sunday afternoon, November 1st at 2:00 P.M. in the TMP-M auditorium. In this two person play, Paul is interviewed as he Journeys in Modern Times. Learn about his spiritual journey - his early hatred and persecution of the Church through his miraculous conversion and through his years of fighting for the Faith as he battles shipwrecks, imprisonments, stonings and privations - all for the sake of the salvation of souls. This thrilling show will make you feel as if you've met the man himself - the most thrilling, outspoken, and courageous of the apostles. It's an encounter you won't want to miss! If time permits, audience participation will also take place. Kevin O'Brian acts and produces. You may have seen his July interview on EWTN's the Journey Home with Marcus Grodi. Tickets are \$5 each. **Only 350 tickets are available, so act soon.** Call Mark Roberti at 625-7356. No money will yet be taken, but your reservation will hold your seat(s).