

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 23, 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

Chad Stramel headed for St. Louis this past Sunday to begin his studies at Kendrick Seminary. I set a goal to have two young men from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in or actively working in the seminary before the completion of our new church, and I am counting him as one of those two. Chad is not a life long member; I believe Munjor has that claim on him, but he has been going to church here at I.H.M. for the last several years. He has helped our faith formation program and served as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and Lector for our parish. I have visited with him extensively about going to the seminary and thus feel justified in sharing the right of counting him as one of our own. Andy Rockers, who was formerly studying with the Capuchins, has also joined our diocese as a seminarian and also headed for Kendrick this past week. In all, our diocese increased its number of seminarians by five. Thus, we begin this school year with 14 seminarians. Keep those prayers going thanking God and asking Him to bless us even more abundantly with young men answering the call. I am still praying diligently for two more young men and am continuing to mention the possibility to about six other great candidates.



Peace & Prayers: Fr. Kevin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekly Planner: August 24 — August 30, 2009

Date	Mass Times and Intentions	Daily Mass Readings	Parish Events
Monday 24	6:45 a.m. + Carl and Rita Bieker Rosary Group Intention of the Week: For a blessed school year for all returning students	Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51	
Tuesday 25	8:00 a.m. + Philomena Pfannenstiel	1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26	
Wednesday 26	6:45 a.m. + Roland Staab 6:30 p.m. + Alex Stecklein	1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32	6:30 Catechist Meeting Upper Room
Thursday 27	8:00 a.m. L/D Frances Schmeidler Family	1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51	Music Ministry: Weekly Group Practice at 6:30 p.m. Please use the south church door.
Friday 28	6:45 a.m. + Helen Bollig-Knowles	1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13	
Saturday 29	5:00 p.m. People of the Parish	1 Thes 4:9-11 Mk 6:17-29	
Sunday 30 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m. + Neolah and Edwin H. Wasinger 10:00 a.m. L/D Agnes and Gene Karlin Family 12:00 p.m. + Ignatius Gross	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Wee Words: During the 8 and 10 a.m. masses.

Please notify the parish office if you are planning on moving or need to change your registration information. This will save the Parish money on postage for returned church mail-outs and tithing envelopes.

Question of the Week

To Whom Shall We Go?

“Will you also?” Christ’s question cuts across the centuries and comes down to us; it challenges us personally and calls for a decision. What is our answer? Dear young people, if we are here today, it is because we identify with the Apostle Peter’s reply: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Around you, you hear all kinds of words. But only Christ speaks words that stand the test of time and remain for all eternity. The time of life that you are living calls for decisive choices on your part: decisions about the direction of your studies, about work, about your role in society and in the Church. It is important to realize that among the many questions surfacing in your minds, the decisive ones are not about “what”. The basic question is “who”: “who” am I to go to, “who” am I to follow, “to whom” should I entrust my life?

You are thinking about love and the choices it entails, and I imagine that you agree: what is really important in life is the choice of the person who will share it with you. But be careful! Every human person has inevitable limits: even in the most successful of marriages there is always a certain amount of disappointment. So then, dear friends, does not this confirm what we heard the Apostle Peter say? Every human being finds himself sooner or later saying what he said: “To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”. Only Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God and of Mary, the eternal Word of the Father born two thousand years ago at Bethlehem in Judea, is capable of satisfying the deepest aspirations of the human heart

In Peter’s question: “To whom shall we go?” the answer regarding the path to follow is already given. It is the path that leads to Christ. And it is possible to meet the divine Master personally: he is in fact truly present on the altar in the reality of his Body and Blood. In the Eucharistic Sacrifice, we can enter into contact with the person of Jesus in a way that is mysterious but real, drinking at the inexhaustible fountain that is his life as the Risen Lord.

—Pope John Paul II, World Youth Day 2000

Question of the week for adults:

How can Jesus satisfy the longing of my spirit?

Question of the week for children:

What do you think is most difficult about following Jesus?

Sunday Readings

First Reading: This reading from Joshua marks a turning point in the history of the chosen people. They have taken possession of the Promised Land, and, at last, there is peace. Before he dies, Joshua urges them to make a decision. Will they continue to serve God, or will they follow other gods? The people commit themselves to be faithful to God’s covenant.

Second Reading: This reading from Ephesians is one of the most difficult for contemporary Christians to hear. The shorter version, which emphasizes the mutuality of marriage, is a good choice. For Paul, marriage is a great metaphor for Christ’s relationship with the Church, His bride.

Gospel: We hear of another turning point—this time in the ministry of Jesus. His teaching on the bread of life has alienated many of His disciples. “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” they ask. Jesus tells them that acceptance of this statement is a matter of grace. Jesus asks the Twelve whether they, too, wish to leave Him. Peter speaks up, as Joshua did, with a profession of faith. He does not say he understands the teaching any more than the others, but he knows that this is where he belongs. There are other teachers, but only one has the “words of eternal life.”

Faith Formation

- ◆ **Sept. 9th—Classes Resume 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **September 16th—FAMILY MASS—Parents & grandparents are invited attend class with children and join them at 7:15 p.m. for Mass.**

CATECHIST NEEDED

God is calling YOU!

If you hear God calling your name to help the youth of our parish grow in the Catholic faith that has been handed down for generations please call

**625-7339 or e-mail Annette
ahammeke@ihm-church.com or
Amy abarragree@ihm-church.com**

**Grades available:
1st, 5th, 6th, & children’s RCIC**



YOUTH NEWS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

AUG. 23RD-29TH, 2009

IHM CYO

August 26th-7:30 p.m.-Summer ROC in the A. C. @ IHM.
September 2nd-NO SESSION!
September 9th-7:30 p.m.-CYO mtg. and kick-off for the coming year. Activities and the calendar of events for the coming year will be decided. Bring your ideas to the meeting. All high school students of Immaculate Heart of Mary are invited to attend and see what CYO/ROC can do for you.

National Catholic Youth Conference!

An update on NCYC! Plans are falling into place for the trip to Kansas City November 19th-22nd. 78 youth and adults from IHM are registered to attend the conference which should be a lot of fun as well as a great learning experience. Great motivational speakers and musicians will be heard, all with a common goal of enlightening everyone at the conference of what a great gift from God it is to be Catholic. The conference will conclude Saturday evening with over 20,000 youth, adults, Priests, and Bishops gathered for Mass. Participants please remember a registration payment is due September 1st.

“Jump In”

*Scraping and painting houses, pulling weeds and cleaning yards, making small improvements and preparing homes to be livable, playing with kids that don't often feel loved, visiting people in nursing homes that have not had visitors in years, and spending time with people that otherwise do not get a lot of attention are some of the things everyone that went on summer mission experienced. From the college mission in Manhattan to the Prayer and Action mission in Oakley and finally the Youthworks mission in Cairo, Illinois all that went had an excellent time. All three missions saw us working for people in need. Some because of physical disabilities and some because of financial hardships. Whatever the reason all welcomed us with open arms and in turn felt the love of Christ thru our work and dedication to serving others. 6 college students represented Immaculate Heart of Mary in Manhattan, 5 youth and 3 adults from Immaculate Heart of Mary traveled west to Oakley, and 21 youth and 5 adults, including Fr. Joshua Werth, made the journey to Cairo, Illinois, and all went to share the love of Christ that is in the hearts of the IHM community with the people we encountered. Although only a small group of us actually got to physically experience missionary work, the whole parish community was a part of the missions. Without everyone's prayers, donations, and support in helping us prepare for the trips the great success of the summer missions would not have been possible. **Michelle Harris, PR***

TMP-MARIAN

MONARCH FOOTBALL MADNESS!
*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). 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. This was a great fundraiser last year and we hope it will be even bigger and better this year! Don't miss this chance to win a prize and support TMP-Marian!*

Welcome back TMP-Marian Students!

IHM-JR. CYO

Fall Kick-off event!
 Watch the bulletin for details about the fall kick-off event. We will gather at the HRC gyms on Canterbury for an evening of fun, games, refreshments, and prayer sometime in late September or early October. If you are interested in being on the leadership team please e-mail the youth office at rbinder@ihm-cyo.com. The leadership team will meet in mid-September.

HOLY FAMILY

Aug. 24th-7:00 p.m.-State of the School/Parent Information night in IHM church followed by classroom visits at 8:00. *(Please note information night was originally scheduled for the 25th and has now been moved to the 24th.)*

Aug. 25th-Preschool Camp; **PC**-8:00-10:00, **PD**-1:00-3:00.

Aug. 26th-Preschool Camp; **PA**-8:00-10:00, **PB**-1:00-3:00.

Aug. 27th-August birthday dinner and Mass.

Sept. 1st-PC & PD Preschool classes begin: **PC**-8:00-10:30 and **PD**-12:10-3:10.

Sept. 2nd-PA & PB Preschool classes begin: **PA**-8:00-11:00 and **PB**-12:10-3:10.

Thank you for continuing to support our school by collecting Campbell Food Product labels, Box Tops for Education labels, Tyson labels, Cartridge and Aluminum Can Recycling, McDonald receipts, and Pennies. Every bit helps our school.

NOTICE: Food Service Opening! Part-time kitchen position at HFE. Applications available in school office. Call 625-3131 for further information.

Bulletin Advertising

If you would like your feature your business in the advertisements on the back of the bulletin from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.



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.



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.

Sharing Our Story

Join us on Thursday, Sept 17th from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Myra to hear the stories of consecrated women and religious sisters of St. Agnes, St. Joseph, and St. Dominic.



Fr. Fred's Bible Study class will resume on Thursday night, September 3, at 8:00 p.m. at the Comeau Catholic Campus Center. We are studying the Book of Genesis this year. Bring your Bible and a notebook if you want to take some notes. No previous Bible study experience is necessary and there is no cost.

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.



If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to come unraveled. 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.

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

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel invites all parishioners to spend some time in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The following hours need to be filled: **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m., Sundays at 5:00 p.m., and Tuesdays at 3:00 a.m.** If you can fill this hour, please call Lil at 625-7474. Teach us your ways, O Lord. Review your day, thanking God for the ways He blessed you this day.



IHM Time, Talent & Treasure



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

Adult Envelopes	19,035.00
Loose Plate	1605.72
Children's Envelopes	21.83
Total Giving for July 12, 2009	\$20,662.55
Building Fund Donations: 2nd Collection	\$751.39

Fiscal Year July 2008-June 2009

Budgeted offertory as of June 30, 2009	1,372,993.00
Actual tithing total as of June 30, 2009	1,402,433.11
Fiscal Year End Jun. 30, 2009 –ahead	29,440.11

Money Counters for the Upcoming Weeks:

August 23

Mary & Leroy Gnad and Bruce & Chris Unrein

Coming Soon: Information Night for Money Counters.

Bulletin Helpers for August 27

Michelle Bryant and Colette Carrasco

Today's Reflection: Beyond Prayer

BEYOND PRAYER, what can we do? ... As I have struggled with these issues and poured over the Gospels in what I could rightly call a crisis of faith, I have come to accept one fundamental truth. God created the world for love because that is the Almighty's nature. God is love. Love is creative; God created us to love one another as an expression of his love. God is concerned with our spirit's capacity for love, because love is eternal. The goal of all creation is to join with, or return to, God's love. The task of this life, this physical experience that we spiritual beings share together, is a task of love.



- Christopher Maricle
The Jesus Priorities: 8 Essential Habits

Hospitality Tips of the Day

- Move to the center of the pew. If for some reason you need to be at the end, smile & let others through.
- Greeting each other also pertains to contact in the community outside parish activities.

Faith Sharing Tips of the Day

- Bring someone who has been away from Church to Mass or a church function.
- Offer to help someone when it's not convenient.
- Take time in your life for those who are suffering or in need. People are more important than tasks.

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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. **Please Pray the Rosary to End Abortion.**

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.

Jesus Through Mary Prayer Group: Is taking the summer off. It re-starts September 16 in the St. Joseph Parish Center conference room.

Attention College Students and other Young Adults! Our Heartland Parish *Disciples of Christ Young Adult Group* meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. We share our faith through Scripture, movies, and a variety of church and non-church activities. Contact Jenny at 628-1883 or stjhaya@eaglecom.net.

Cup a Joe

- **Sunday, August 30** – Join us for free homemade cinnamon rolls between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
- **Cup a Joe will be closed on Labor Day, September 7th.**
- **Join us Monday – Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.** at Cup a Joe for stimulating conversation.

September Bunko for Seniors

The next Bunko is Thursday, September 10, from 2:30 – 4:30 in the St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall. People of all ages are welcome.



Single and Beyond – Ecumenical Singles Group

If you know of a single person - never married, divorced, widowed, invite them to join us. Single and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian social group for divorced, widowed, single people located in/near Hays, Kansas who provide friendship, support, and understanding to one another.

August 29 - BBQ and Games Night - Meet at **East Frontier Park Shelterhouse** by swinging bridge, 6:30 PM. Bring meat to grill and one side dish. Bring your outdoor games. Children and grandchildren welcome.

For more information Email:

singleandbeyond@yahoo.com or call Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871

Star & Stripes All-You-Can-Eat-Breakfast, Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. sponsored by the VFW, 22nd & Vine, and the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Sunflower Chapter. Advanced tickets can be purchased at St. Joseph Parish Service Center during regular office hours. Adults: \$5.75, Children 5-12 years \$3.00 and children under 5 years eat for free!. Menu includes Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Gravy, Toast, Coffee & Orange Juice.

Heartland Parishes Announcements

Catholicism: Eucharistic Gratitude

In the Eucharistic celebration, in gratitude, Christians offer their lives as disciples; their personal vocation and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; and their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ. More importantly, the Eucharist is the sign and agent of the heavenly communion where human lives are perfectly fulfilled. Jesus teaches us, "Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). We are stewards in and with Jesus.



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, September 4th

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 – Next Sunday, August 30 (1 Hr. 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.

The Dessert Brigade Is Needed!

We could use some homemade desserts for our Inviting Catholics Home meeting. What a nice way for inactive Catholics to show them we care! Call Deacon Mark Roberti this week. 625-7356. The event is Sunday, August 30.

Festival of Faith/Twila Paris Concert Tickets...going, going...

Grammy award winning Christian music 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, so call soon.**

St. Paul is Coming to Town, November 1st, Only 300 More Tickets

St. Paul will be in town Sunday afternoon, November 1st at 2:00 P.M. in the TMP-M auditorium. You may have seen him on EWTN in July. 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, stoning and privations - all for the sake of the salvation of souls. 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. Tickets are \$5 each. Call Mark Roberti at 625-7356. No money will yet be taken, but your reservation will hold your seat(s).