

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 30, 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

Recently at Mass it was mentioned that we would be going with new pews rather than having the old ones restored. The main reason for this is that the cost of having the pews restored is as great as having new pews made, and old pews restored would still be old pews. One concern I had was that new pews would be of a lesser quality than our old pews. However, the company that gave us a proposal also gave us a presentation complete with samples of new pews. They would be solid oak wood (like our old pews) and when we sat, knelt, and leaned on these sample pews that felt just as sturdy and substantial as ours. He also indicated that their company does not take a cookie cutter approach; they will build our pews to our desires and specifications. They would even make them exactly like our old ones if we wanted. There are elements of our pews that we like and have asked them to duplicate, but there are other elements that we have asked to be changed. One concern that a parishioner had was to make sure that the kneelers on the new pews don't pinch your fingers when you try to put them in the up position. The dealer had already addressed that concern in his presentation, so I feel confident that will not be an issue.

The final piece of the puzzle that I had a great concern over was what would we do with our old pews if we don't have them refurbished and put in our new church. We want to be able to start utilizing our current worship space for other things as soon as possible once we have moved to the new church, and having a bunch of pews stacked up in the corner would not be conducive to that. The dealer said they would store our old pews (free of charge) and try to sell them for us, though there isn't much of a market for old pews anymore except in disaster situations like when hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Even then, those churches don't have money to pay for pews anyway, so often churches just end up giving them away. With all these assurances, I believe all involved agreed it seemed like a logical choice to have new pews built for us.

Peace & Prayers: Fr. Kevin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekly Planner: August 31 — September 6, 2009

Date	Mass Times and Intentions	Daily Mass Readings	Parish Events
Monday 31	6:45 a.m. + Harlan Boor Rosary Group Intention of the Week: For unbelievers and inactive Catholics to return to the Church	1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30	Parish Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the parish office
Tuesday September 1	8:00 a.m. + Josephine Gross	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37	
Wednesday 2	6:45 a.m. + Bridget Herman 6:30 p.m. + Benno Staab	Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44	
Thursday 3 Parish Office Closed	8:00 a.m. L/D Bernadette Kreutzer Family	Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11	Music Ministry: Weekly Group Practice at 6:30 p.m. Please use the south church door.
Friday 4	6:45 a.m. + Elizabeth Smith	Col 1:15-20 Lk 5:33-39	
Saturday 5	5:00 p.m. + Phillipa Pfannenstiel	Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5	
Sunday 6 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m. + William Wiesner 10:00 a.m. + Joseph Rack 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish	Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5 Mk7:31-37	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

Going Above and Beyond

The readings this Sunday focus on how we live out our faith. The first reading shows Moses telling the Israelites the importance of following the commands of God because observing the laws demonstrates and reinforces their relationship with God and thereby gives them life. The second reading remind us that *knowing* the Law, the commandments, and the Gospel are not enough. We must live these things out in our daily lives, being “doers of the word and not hearers only.” Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus recalls the original intent of the Law. The Law was given to the people not for the sake of rites and prescribed behaviors but because the rites and behaviors were outward signs of the people’s relationship with God, of an interior, invisible reality.

The reality and meaning that Jesus offers is much more difficult than the observances of the Pharisees. What Jesus is asking, and what a life of faith requires, goes far beyond following a set of rules, saying the right words, or playing our prescribed part in some ritual. It is easier to wash your hands than to cleanse your heart, yet the rite of washing your hands is *only* meaningful if it reflects and interior cleansing from sin, vice, and even personal flaws. He is asking for nothing less than our whole selves, body and soul. The Christian life requires constant, ongoing conversion or *metanoia*, a turning away from one thing and toward another. We cannot disregard the laws God has given to us through Scripture and the Church; He has given them to us for a reason, but we cannot stop there either. All the rules and rituals are important, but if they remain outside of us, if they do not lead us to conversion and an ever deepening relationship with God, then they lose their meaning and their value. If we approach the Christian life as a set of rules and regulations but refuse to open our hearts, minds, and lives to the working of the Holy Spirit, we act in vain and are lying to ourselves by calling ourselves Christians.

Therefore, let us not be like the Pharisees, scrupulously observing human traditions but neglecting interior conversion. Instead, let us live completely for God not only by following His commands, but by interior conversion and deepening our relationship with Him Who loves us and gave Himself for us.

Question of the week for adults:

What do I need to change in my life to live more completely for Christ?

Question of the week for children:

What can I do to welcome Christ more fully into my heart?

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Moses calls on Israel to keep the commandments God has given them. His address bears close reading. The Israelites’ observance of the commandments—not the commandments themselves—is what will “give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations.” Moses reminds the people that they are special because God is close to them.

Second Reading: Having completed our sequence of readings from Ephesians, we turn to the letter of James. It is written in a simple, direct manner, quite different from the theological splendors of Saint Paul. James’ message is clear: faith in Jesus must be lived. We must be “doers”, not just “hearers”. Pure religion is lived both externally, in service of the afflicted, and internally, in remaining “unstained by the world.”

Gospel: The Pharisees challenge Jesus, as they often did, with details from the law. Having heard from the First Reading, in which Moses presented the law as justice, it is astonishing to hear the law redefined by the Pharisees as a matter of ritual purity, the cleansing of “cuts and jugs and kettles and beds.” The Pharisees constantly guard themselves against contamination from the outside, but defilement comes from within—our own sinfulness. Moses urged the people to write the law on their hearts; Jesus urges us to go deeper, to examine our consciences and to live a life of inner integrity.

Faith Formation

- ♦ **Sept. 9th—Classes Resume 6:30-8:00 p.m. Parents of Confirmation Students attend Class with their child. All parents are asked to attend Class with their children. Child care provided.**
- ♦ **September 16th—FAMILY MASS—Parents & grandparents are invited to 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:
Kindergarten, 5th, & children’s RCIC**



YOUTH NEWS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AUG. 30TH-SEP. 5TH, 2009

IHM CYO

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.

September 16th-7:30 p.m.-ROC session in the A.C. @ IHM.

September 23rd-7:30 p.m.-ROC session in the A.C. @ IHM.

IHM-JR. CYO

Fall Kick-off event!

Watch the bulleting 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.

“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

Sept. 3rd-School Pictures!

Sept. 7th-No School! Labor Day!

Sept. 16th-Sophomores Class Ring Orders!

Sept. 24th-Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Sept. 25th-No School!

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!*

TMP-Marian Homecoming Events!

Sept. 17th-Blessing of Fall Sports and Activities followed by introduction of Homecoming candidates and pep rally!

Sept. 18th-School Open House and Tours 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; parade lineup 5:00 p.m.; parade 6:00; football vs. Larned 7:30; class reunions at various locations 9:30.

Sept. 19th-Mass for deceased alumni 11:00 a.m.; Dutch Lunch 12 noon (free will offering); Alumni Banquet and Dance at the Fanchon 5:30. Tickets are available in advance through the alumni office or 625-9434.

Sept. 20th-"All You Can Eat" Breakfast in school dining room.

Mark your calendars for the school **PTF soup supper October 25th.**

HOLY FAMILY

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.

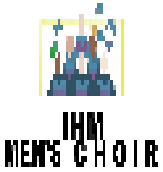
Sept. 7th-No School! Labor Day!

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.



Current Schedule:
Practice - Thursday, September 17
 at 7:30 PM in church
 (use south door)
Minister on Sunday, September 20
 for 10:00 mass

YOU ARE INVITED!

For further information contact Billie Jacobs:
 625-7339/ 625-5051 bjacobs@ihm-church.com

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.

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.

New IHM Parish Members!

We welcome these new members to our Parish family:

Wayne and Ann Augustine **Marcella Daves**
Alicia Bean **Dawn Menges**
Jessie and Jacquelyn Bassett

IHM Baptisms for the Month of August

Sebastian Torres
 son of Raul Torres and Martha Guzman

Ethan Gibson
 son of Joshua and Erin Gibson

Ella Musalek
 daughter of Frank and Kimberly Musalek

Taylor Leis
 son of Brandon and Betsy Leis

Ana Oliveros
 daughter of Jose Oliveros and Rocio Avila

Roberto Jr. and Keyla Macias
 son and daughter of Roberto Sanchez and Martha Macias

Jared Bassett
 son of Jessie and Jaquelyn Bassett

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to instruct the ignorant and counsel the doubtful. 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.



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: **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.

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.



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

IHM Time, Talent & Treasure



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

Adult Envelopes	31,723.50
Loose Plate	3,454.38
Children's Envelopes	40.51
Total Giving for July 12, 2009	\$35,218.39
Building Fund Donations: 2nd Collection	\$641.75

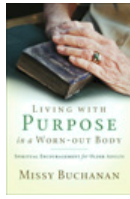
Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010	
Budgeted offertory as of July 1, 2009	112,895.53
Actual tithing total as of July 31, 2009	95,362.32
Fiscal Year End Jun. 30, 2010 –behind	(17,533.21)

Coming Soon: Information Night for Money Counters

Bulletin Helpers for September 2
 Deborah, Tanner, and Tyler Chapin

Today's Reflection: Blessing Upon Blessing

WHERE DID I GET THE IDEA that worship must always be restrained, quiet, and dignified? Throughout my long life, you have showered me with blessing upon blessing. Today I will not withhold the praise you deserve. Awaken the passion that I've kept tucked away for a rainy day.



It's all about you, Lord. Not me — but you. Before I get out of this chair, I will lift my hands and say aloud the Lord's Prayer. Today I will consider what all those words mean. I will sing a hymn of praise while I comb my hair and put on my socks. I will not wait for another day. I will make a joyful noise!

- Missy Buchanan

Living with Purpose in a Worn-Out Body
Questions God Asks Us

Hospitality Tips of the Day

- If someone seems confused and may be a visitor, ask if you can help
- If a pew is slightly messy, clean it up. This is your house of worship
- If someone is disabled help them up/down the stairs; hold the door for them; help them in or out of their vehicle

Faith Sharing Tip of the Day

It doesn't matter who we are, or what our gifts are. All that matters is that we are willing to be used in His service. Our willingness, our conviction, gives us a miraculous power. The servants of God bear the imprint of their Master.

Evangelization Tip of the Day

Include God in your everyday vocabulary. It is not against the law to speak about God. Though it could become so if we, ourselves, are silent. To be conscious of God's presence in everyday life, in decisions great and small, in events and casual happenings, and to casually mention how God works in your life is to evangelize. Our silence only further allows our secular culture to suppress God's call to mankind. Respond in holy boldness to His call through your words and actions.

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.

Second Sunday Film Series

The first offering from Heartland Social Justice Commission this fall is selected from a set of silent films from the early part of the 20th century. These short films examine workers' rights and working conditions. One film was produced by the National Association of Manufacturers after the 1911 Triangle Waist Company fire and another by the American Federation of Labor in 1925. The films will be shown at Hays Public Library on September 13 at 1:30 PM. The total running time for the films is 1 hour and 2 minutes. Discussion will follow. All are welcome.

Festival of Faith/Twila Paris Concert Tickets

The Heartland Parishes have been allocated only 150 tickets for the Grammy award winning Christian music artist Twila Paris who 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. 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 at \$7 each, contact Mark Roberti 625-7356.

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer is celebrating the exaltation of the Holy Cross with a mass at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2009. Father Reginald Sanders will be returning to his home town to celebrate mass.

Rachel's Vineyard

It is estimated that each year, 800,000 Christian women have an abortion. Each one who makes that choice—at the same time believing abortion is wrong—will need to deny the gravity of her decision. This sets up an inner conflict too painful to bear. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. We can help

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats
1-877-I-Grieve (1-877-447-4383)
rachelvineyard@salinadiocese.org
Next Retreat: Oct. 2-4

All American Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009—7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
High Plains Mental Health Center Compeer Program
Sponsored by American Legion 173 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 173

Tickets at the door for adults are \$6.50, Children 5-12 years are \$3.00, and those under 5 get in free. Menu includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Gravy, Toast, Coffee, and Orange Juice

Heartland Parishes Announcements



Images of the Christian Steward

Images of Christian stewards are weaved throughout Scripture. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the “faithful and prudent steward” as one whom a householder sets over other members of the household in order to “distribute the food allowances at the proper time.” (Lk 12:42; Mt 24:25) Good stewards are to share what they have received in a timely way, and God will hold them accountable for how well, or badly, they do so.

Inviting Catholics Home – Today! Sunday, August 30!

Last call, the event is today, August 30th. It’s a one-hour information session for inactive Catholics open to returning to the Church. It will be held in the TMP-M Auditorium at 1:30 P.M. Please encourage or bring inactive family members and friends.

Friday Respect Life Mass, This Friday, 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.

Bunko Baby! It’s a Blast. Sept. 10th

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. Prizes for most wins, most losses, and most Bunkos. Refreshments served. Great camaraderie! Everyone of all ages and faith walks invited. Bring a friend. If you are a senior at home alone, this is a great way to break the daily routine.

Heartland Social Justice Committee - Second Sunday Film Series

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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.

Journey of St. Paul – Two Person Play

This is an outstanding, motivational piece of drama that will refresh your excitement about our faith. The Acts of the Apostles – often called the fifth Gospel – comes alive. It’s November 1st at 2:00 P.M. in the TMP-M auditorium. St. Paul is interviewed as he journeys in modern times, telling us about his past. Learn about his spiritual journey through drama - 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).

Please Pray the Rosary for Life from Conception to Natural Death

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.