

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 6, 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

Last week in the Register, the Diocesan newspaper, you may have read about the upcoming changes in the language of the Liturgy (Mass). First of all, it is still some time off; they said the changes are not expected before Advent of 2012. If I were to take a wild guess, that probably means it won't actually be ready until Advent of 2013. The changes are intended to give a closer, more literal interpretation from the Latin text to the English text and remove some of the relaxed or informal jargon that people in the United States of America use. It is hoped that the language will make the waters a little less muddy in terms of Church Teaching regarding things we express during the Mass.



The article also mentioned a website to look at some of the changes. I took a look, and my belief is that prayers like the Penitential Rite, the Holy, Holy, and the Creed will cause most of us the biggest challenge. This is because we have gotten into a routine of saying the same prayers. Another change is that our greeting back to the presider each time he says “Peace be with you!”, will be “And with your Spirit”. This might cause a bit of befuddlement at first, but I believe it will become natural very quickly.

There is no need to get all worked up about this yet, because it is still a ways out. You will be hearing more and more about it as time goes by. If you would like to check out the website, I would urge you to read the article on the front page (and continuing on page 4) of the Register from last week. The article was entitled “A Richer Language”.

Peace & Prayers: Fr. Kevin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekly Planner: September 7 — September 13, 2009

Date	Mass Times and Intentions	Daily Mass Readings	Parish Events
Monday 7 Labor Day Parish Office Closed	8:00 a.m. L/D Linus and Luella Dreiling Rosary Group Intention of the Week: For a deep, national conversion from a culture of death to a culture of life	Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11	
Tuesday 8	8:00 a.m. + Philomena Pfannenstiel	Mi 5:1-4a Mt 1:1-16	RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
Wednesday 9	6:45 a.m. + Brody Meyers 6:30 p.m. + Roland Staab	Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26	Faith Formation Begins 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday 10	8:00 a.m. + Irv Karlin	Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38	Music Ministry: Weekly Group Practice at 6:30 p.m. Please use the south church door.
Friday 11	6:45 a.m. L/D Don and Dolores Giebler Family	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42	
Saturday 12	5:00 p.m. + Mary Pfeifer	1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49	
Sunday 13 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m. L/D Jim L. and Mary Kinison 10:00 a.m. L/D Larry and Donna Dinkel Family 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish	Is 50:5-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35	Wee Words: During the 8 and 10 a.m. masses.

Seed blessings will be available on the weekends of September 12th and 13th and September 19th and 20th

Question of the Week

Ephphatha! Be Opened!

Over and over again in the Gospels, we see Jesus healing people. These healings demonstrate God's power, His great love for His people, and His compassion on the suffering. By healing the deaf-mute in this week's Gospel and the multitude of the deaf, blind, lame, and ill people, Jesus was not only healing people. He was making them whole again. Through making these people physically 'whole,' He revealed a much deeper power, the power to make us spiritually whole.

It is easy to see the suffering caused by physical illnesses and so we often focus on physical healing, missing how much our souls need to be healed. Jesus healed people's bodies in the Scriptures and continues that work today, but more than that, He heals us spiritually. Our human nature, tainted by original sin, and our personal sins are as much an ailment to the soul as cancer is to the body, but it is beyond the power of any earthly doctor or merely human resources. God is able to heal us and to free us from this illness.

The Gospel this week shows Jesus healing physical deafness, but often we need Him to heal our spiritual deafness as well. We all, in some way, suffer from this unwillingness to hear His call in our lives. We are spiritually mute, refusing or unable to spread the Word of God. We are spiritually blind, failing to see the needs of others as well as the millions of ways God is present all around us. We are spiritually lame, immovable in our views or unwilling to act for God's sake. We are ill, we are broken, we are incomplete, and we desperately need God's saving hand to heal us, to make us whole, and to give us new life.

Let us open ourselves to God's healing and allow Him to open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts so that we may better know, love and serve Him.

Question of the week for adults:

How have I been spiritually deaf and blind lately? How can I allow God to heal me of this?

Question of the week for children:

In what ways do I need God's healing physically? Spiritually?

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Isaiah offers a sweeping vision of the Messiah's coming. When God comes among His people, He brings healing and life: the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame dance, and the mute sing. The desert is no more, as streams of water flow from the "thirsty ground."

Second Reading: James reminds the early Christians of one of Jesus' basic teachings: the last shall be first, and the first shall be last. Some of the ways of the world have crept into their assemblies. The rich are greeted with great hospitality while the poor are told to stand or sit on the floor. Worldly distinctions have no place in the Church, as all people are equally precious in God's sight.

Gospel: Jesus comes into foreign territory, and, as usual, people come to Him, bringing all the sick and afflicted. Jesus often heals with a word; however, He heals the deaf and mute man in stages. The healing takes place in a sacramental way, not only with words but with silent prayers and ritual gestures. The man immediately begins to speak, and he and his friends promptly begin to spread the word of what Jesus has done. The people recognize that a prophet is in their midst; the deaf hear and the mute speak. Isaiah's words are coming true before their eyes.

Faith Formation

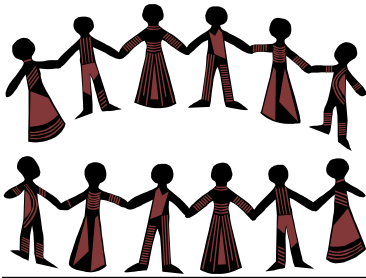
- ◆ **Sept. 9th—Classes Resume 6:30-8:00 p.m. Parents of Confirmation Students attend Class with their child. All parents are asked to attend Class with their children. Child care provided.**
- ◆ **September 16th—FAMILY MASS—Parents & grandparents are invited to attend class with children and join them at 7:15 p.m. for Mass.**

CATECHIST NEEDED God is calling YOU!

Immaculate Heart of Mary has been blessed with a bountiful number of Kindergarten students.

Do you love God? Do you love children? Are you being called to help with the Kindergarten Faith Formation Class?

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



YOUTH NEWS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

SEP. 6TH-12TH, 2009

IHM CYO

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.

September 30th-7:30 p.m.-Activity Night in the A.C. @ IHM.

IHM-JR. CYO

Fall Kick-off event!
October 11th, 2009
7:00-9:00 p.m.

We will gather at the HRC gyms on Canterbury for an evening of fun, games, refreshments, and prayer. All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders that are members of IHM are invited to attend. We will be joined by Jr. CYO members from St. Nick's and St. Joseph's.

Sept. 30th-6:30 p.m.-The leadership team for Jr. CYO will meet in the Activity Center @ IHM to discuss and plan activities for the year. If you are interested in being on the leadership team please call the youth office to get your name on the list or e-mail rbinder@ihm-cyo.com.

"Jump In"

Sometimes Christian messages can come from the most unexpected places, even Disney movies! This past Sunday, Michelle Schlyer shared a wonderful message of Christian leadership thru the movie "Ratatouille". The movie showed a continual hunger and a search for food. We can relate this back to our faith, for the fact that we should always long for the Word of God and we must also continually seek the Eucharist. Another excellent Catholic theme that resonated throughout the movie was the challenge to move forward in our faith even when things are difficult or there are obstacles in front of us. In the movie, Remy's father asked him where he was going in life and with much confidence Remy responded, "With luck, forward". A more Catholic rendition of this line would be, "With Grace, forward". We must strive to grow in our faith and move forward in our relationship with God in all situations in life. Whether it is in books, movies, songs, or even other people, messages of our faith can be seen all around us. May we all be challenged to hunger for the Word of God and be called to the greatest banquet feast ever in the Eucharist and thru the Grace of God together we can move forward! **Michelle Harris, PR**

TMP-MARIAN

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. 7th-No School! Labor Day!

Sept. 10th-KA Kindergarten, PC & PD Preschool Fall pictures!

Sept. 11th-PA & PB Preschool, KB-6th grade Fall pictures!

Sept. 14th-Grandparents Day in the school cafeteria. Reservations required.

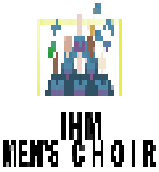
Sept. 14th-7:00 p.m.-Home & School mtg. in Activity Center.

Sept. 16th-Vision screening!

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.

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

Daughters of Isabella

D of I regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday Sept 8th in the Activity Center at IHM. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and encourage all to attend.

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



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. Everyone is welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“He has done all things well.” Jesus works miracles in us if we take time to listen how to make our marriage even greater than it is. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 6-8 at the Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life in Victoria. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, call Dave and Joan Dunn at 785-628-1795 or email micromedia@ruraltel.net. Visit our website at www.wmesection9.org.

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.

Invitation from Sisters of St. Joseph, Concordia

Do you want to deepen your spiritual life? Are you committed to living the Gospel values? In the later part of October, the Sisters of St. Joseph will be holding an informational meeting for men and women who would like to explore the possibility of becoming St. Joseph associates. To take the first step, please contact Rosabel Flax, CSJ at 798-2115 or flaxr@gbta.net.

“The Lord hears the cry of the poor.” Pray and fast to end the evil of abortion. 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: **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.

IHM Time, Talent & Treasure



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

Adult Envelopes	23,083.50
Loose Plate	901.00
Children's Envelopes	15.75
Total Giving for July 12, 2009	24,010.25
Building Fund Donations: 2nd Collection	\$716.89

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)

Money Counter In-service: September 21, 2009
All current and new money counters are required to attend this in-service. If you cannot make it, please notify the parish office.

Bulletin Helpers for September 10
Chad and Tracy Dague

Rachel's Vineyard

"I keep telling people that Rachel's Vineyard saved my life. I truly believe this. I didn't realize how much pain I kept buried inside me. I've learned that I am worthy of God's love and forgiveness. I feel my relationships have changed with the people around me. I feel I can finally truly give and receive love."

- Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™

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Next retreat: Oct. 2-4

Rachel's Vineyard of the Salina Diocese

1-877-447-4383

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

All correspondence confidential

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 – 2nd Sunday Film Series 9/13

The first offering from the 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 the 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.

Catholics Returning Home – Begins Sept 13th

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. For more information: contact Mark Roberti at 625-7356

Festival of Faith/Concert Tickets, Next Sunday

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 contact Mark Roberti 625-7356. The tickets are \$7/each.

Ecumenical Single and Beyond Group

- September 12 - Games & Card Party at Nancy's, 1402 E. 25th, 7:30PM. Bring snacks and beverage of choice.
 - September 16 - Food, Fellowship & October Planning Meeting - Meet at Bar-B-Cuties, 27th & Indian Trail, 6:00PM.
 - September 19 - Hanson Museum Arts & Crafts Show and Exhibits followed by pizza party at Dawn Berry's house in Logan. RSVP by September 13 September 26 - Movie Night at Mall Cinema. Meet at 6:45PM for 7:00 movie.
- September - 30 - Food and Fellowship - Meet at Bar-B-Cuties, 27th & Indian Trail, 6:00PM.
- Contact persons: Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871, sing-leandbeyond@yahoo.com

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

Food Bingo

Fraternal Order of Eagles #3061
Sunday, September 13 at 1:30 p.m.
Eagles Lodge, 121 E 8th St. Everyone is welcome!

German Feast

Sunday, September 13th at the St Anthony Community Center in Schoenchen, KS from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

German Buffet of Saurkraut Soup, Green Bean Dumpling Soup, Noodles, Ham & Beans. German Sausage, Homemade Bread, Pies, Kuchens & Cakes, Tea & Coffee Raffle prizes Over \$800 Cash & Certificates, Hand made items and much more! Proceeds to help with the cost of the new roof for the St. Anthony Church

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Annual Report 2008 - 2009

RECEIPTS

Offertory loose	64,006.60	
Adult Envelopers	1,328,493.41	
Student Envelopes	1,710.10	
Votive Lights	7,454.70	
Other Income	<u>8,589.00</u>	
Total		1,410,253.81

Building & Special Projects

Flower Fund, etc.	2,188.00	
Donations for use of Building	<u>8,731.00</u>	
Total		10,919.00

Special & Diocesan

Soup Supper	6,600.00	
Register	4,300.00	
Diocesan Collections	25,175.86	
Miscellaneous	6,088.83	
Refunds & Reimbursements	45,092.62	
Interest on Checking	106.29	
Social Action	<u>2,403.45</u>	
Total		89,767.05

Total Receipts **1,510,939.86**

DISBURSEMENTS

Priests

Salary	11,729.69	
Auto Allowance	10,363.56	
Extra Mileage	33.93	
Extra Clergy	1,185.00	
Retreats - Continue Education	1,371.44	
Health Insurance	10,800.00	
Living Allowance	<u>3,808.62</u>	
Total		39,292.24

Employees

Salaries	185,138.21	
Health Insurance & Benefits	<u>47,120.86</u>	
Total		232,259.07

Building/Grounds

Church maintenance/Furnishings	1,930.74	
School Maintenance, Equipment, Equip. Maint.	8,213.57	
Rectory Maintenance	7,000.96	
Janitorial Supplies/betterment/site maint.	1,680.71	
Major Improvements	106,191.51	
Equipment & repairs	4,153.28	
Grounds/Maint. & supplies	<u>\$3,281.51</u>	
Total Building & Grounds		132,452.28

Payroll taxes

Employer Match	<u>\$13,849.99</u>	
Total		13,849.99

Total Office Supplies	31,086.54
Total Utilities	15,958.81
Total Diocesan Collections	25,175.86

Insurance

Multi Peril-Insurance	\$19,153.00	
Workman's Comp	<u>\$1,690.00</u>	
Total		20,843.00

Total Votive Lights/religious articles **5,502.82**

MINISTRIES

Outreach

Evangelization	\$7,941.92	
Stewardship	\$52,734.29	
Social Action	<u>\$13,546.50</u>	
Total		74,222.71

Parish Community

Family Life Ministries	<u>\$22,424.58</u>	
Total		22,424.58

Total Heartland Ministries **812,568.00**

Liturgy

Worship materials	\$4,967.61	
Sanctuary Supplies	<u>\$14,175.44</u>	
Total		19,143.05

Religious Educations

Children/Youth	\$9,237.15	
CYO, Sacramental Programs	\$7,894.77	
Adult, RF Workshops - IHM	\$1,615.91	
Adult /Youth - Heartland Ministries	\$4,345.00	
RCIA, RCIC	<u>\$1,494.19</u>	
Total		24,587.02

MISCELLANEOUS

Register	\$10,180.00	
Parish Tax	\$18,610.00	
Miscellaneous/Projects	<u>\$2,302.20</u>	
Total		31,092.20

Total Disbursements **1,500,458.17**

Receipts over Disbursements before Extraordinary **10,481.69**

Extraordinary Items:		
Interest on investments	11,293.68	
Bequests & donations	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Extraordinary Items		11,293.68

Total Excess Receipts over Disbursement **21,775.37**

Forward in Faith Phase 1 & 2 Balance as of June 30, 2009

Building Fund - Operating	19,661.83	
Investments	6,590.44	
Chancery Saving Account	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Building Fund		26,252.27

As of July 2009, in combination with monthly donations we began borrowing from the Diocese to meet construction expenses each month.