

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 13, 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

I couldn't really think of anything to write about this week. Instead, I will paraphrase some words of Isaac Stella, who was an abbot.

The prerogative of receiving the confession of sin and the power to forgive sin are two things that belong properly to God alone. We must confess our sins to him and look to him for forgiveness. However, when the Almighty wedded a bride (the Church) who was weak and of low estate, he made that maid-servant a queen. He took her from the place behind him and enthroned her at his side. He made her one both with himself and the Father. Praying for his bride, the Son said to the Father: I want them to be one with us, even as you and I are one.

By sharing completely with his bride in all things, as he gave her likewise he received from her. Thus he took on her weakness, but then nailed all that to the cross when he bore her sins and destroyed them on the tree. Now we are one. The Church is incapable of forgiving any sin without Christ, and Christ is unwilling to forgive any sin without the Church. The Church cannot forgive the sin of one who has not repented, who has not been touched by Christ; Christ will not forgive the sin of one who despises the Church. *What God has joined together, man must not separate. This is a great mystery, but I understand it as referring to Christ and the Church. Do not destroy the whole Christ by separating head from body, for Christ is not complete without the Church, nor is the Church complete without Christ. The whole, complete Christ is head and body.*

Peace & Prayers: Fr. Kevin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekly Planner: September 14 — September 20, 2009

Date	Mass Times and Intentions	Daily Mass Readings	Parish Events
Monday 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross	6:45 a.m. + Elizabeth Smith Rosary Group Intention of the Week: For the unemployed to find gainful employment.	Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17	Baptismal Class: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
Tuesday 15	8:00 a.m. + Alvina Wierman	1 Tm 3:1-13 Jn 19:25-27	RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
Wednesday 16	6:45 a.m. + Carl and Rita Bieker 6:30 p.m. L/D Tony Legleiter Family	1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35	Faith Formation 6:30-8:00 p.m. 7:15 Family Mass
Thursday 17	8:00 a.m. + Virgil and Dorothy Leiker	1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50	Music Ministry: Weekly Group Practice at 6:30 p.m. Men's Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m. Please use the south church door. Financial Peace University: 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office
Friday 18	6:45 a.m. + Neolah Wasinger	1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3	
Saturday 19	5:00 p.m. L/D Victor and Julianna Dinkel Family	1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15	
Sunday 20 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m. + George Polifka 10:00 a.m. L/D Eddie and Laura Klaus Family (Men's Choir) 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish	Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16—4:3 Mk 9:30-37	Wee Words: During the 8 and 10 a.m. masses. Catechetical Sunday

Question of the Week

“[T]he Cross is not foreign to the life of every man and woman of any age, people or social condition...Yes, *the Cross is written into man's life*. Wanting to exclude it from one's own life is like wanting to ignore the reality of the human condition. This is how it is! We are made for life, yet we cannot eliminate suffering and trials from our personal experience. And you too...do you not experience the reality of the Cross every day? Then when there is no peace in the family, when it becomes difficult to study, when sentiments are not reciprocated, when it is almost impossible to find work, when plans for having a family have to be delayed for financial reasons, when you must contend with illness, loneliness and when there is a risk of falling prey to a dangerous emptiness of values, is it not the Cross that challenges you?

“A widespread culture of the ephemeral, which gives value only to what appears beautiful and gives pleasure, would like to make you believe that the Cross should be removed. This cultural trend promises success, rapid promotion and self assertion at all costs; it is an invitation to sexuality lived irresponsibly and a life devoid of interests and respect for others. Open your eyes wide, dear young people; this is not the way that leads to joy and to life, but the path that sinks into sin and death. Jesus says: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Mt 16:24-25).

“Jesus does not deceive us. With the truth of his words, which sound harsh but fill the heart with peace, he reveals to us the secret of authentic life. By accepting the condition and destiny of man, he overcame sin and death and, rising, transformed the Cross from a tree of death into a tree of life. He is God-with-us, Christ is God-with-us, Emmanuel, (Mt 1:23), who came to share our whole life. He does not leave us alone on the cross. Jesus is the faithful love that does not abandon us and knows how to turn the night into the dawn of hope. If the Cross is accepted, it generates salvation and brings peace, as is evidenced by the many beautiful testimonies given by young believers. *Without God, the Cross crushes us; with God, it redeems and saves us.*”

—Pope John Paul II

Question of the week for adults:

How can the crosses in my life bring me closer to God and help redeem me?

Question of the week for children:

What do I need to give up so that I can follow Jesus more closely?

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Today's First Reading prepares the way for Jesus' first prediction of His Passion, death, and Resurrection. This passage comes from one of the “servant songs” of Isaiah, in which Christians hear the voice of the suffering Jesus. The faithful servant hears God's word with total confidence and obeys, in spite of the physical and mental torments inflicted upon him.

Second Reading: The letter of James is a powerful illustration of the need for works of charity. The Christian believer must do more than extend good wishes. When we see someone in need, we must “give them the necessities of the body.” James says it bluntly: faith without works is dead.

Gospel: Jesus reveals His identity to His disciples, but orders them “not to tell anyone about Him.” Why the secrecy? Because when people begin to think they know who Jesus is, their vision gets limited. Being the Christ really means rejection, suffering, death, and Resurrection. This doesn't fit at all with Peter's idea of the Messiah. The cross is not a mistake, or wrong answer. It is the only way for Jesus and those who hope to follow in His footsteps.

Faith Formation

◆ September 14th, JWJ Classes Begin 6:30 p.m.

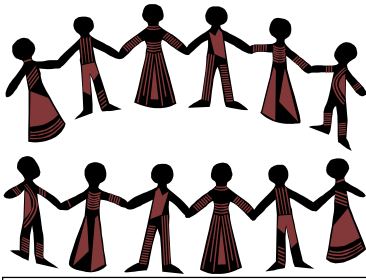
FAMILY MASS

September 16th at 7:15

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our lives!

Parents and Grandparents are invited to join their children/grandchildren in class at 6:30 followed by Mass at 7:15.





YOUTH NEWS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SEP. 13TH-19TH, 2009

IHM CYO

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.-NCYC final mtg. (see below)

“HAUNTED HOUSE”

The CYO Haunted House will be in the old Midwest Drug location in The Mall. All that are brave enough are invited to visit us! Watch upcoming bulletins for the dates we will be open.

September 30th-7:30 p.m.-NCYC participants and parents will meet in the Activity Center @ IHM. This will be the final time we meet before departing for K.C. on November 19th. All participants, parents, and chaperones must attend.

TMP-MARIAN

Sept. 16th-Sophomores Class Ring Orders!
 Sept. 24th-Parent/Teacher Conferences.
 Sept. 25th-No School!
 Oct. 5th-Half day of school!
 Oct. 8th-School picture retakes.
 Oct. 22nd-8th grade visitation day!
 Oct. 25th-PTF SOUP SUPPER!

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 from 7:30-noon. Free will donations greatly appreciated!

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.

“Answering the Call”

With all the new and exciting technology of today, it's hard to find a teenager not on their cell phone. That's exactly why we thought our new theme of this year, “Answering the Call”, was perfect. Often we put our phones on silent mode or just ignore them saying “I'll get back to the caller later”. So how many times do we say we will call God back later because we are too busy to take His call? Or how many times do we call God only when we need Him in times of crisis? This year's leadership team decided to step up and find various ways to “Answer the Call”. We want to encourage others to “Answer the Call” too, not by pressuring them, but by inviting them. Whether it is by making the commitment to attending church more consistently, going to daily Mass once a week, praying more often, or doing works of charity; there are many ways that we all can step up. It's our challenge this year to never ignore God's call, and have Him be #1 on our speed dial. Michelle Harris, PR

HOLY FAMILY

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!
 Sept. 23rd-Red Wheel sales end!
 Sept. 24th-September Birthday Mass and Dinner!

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.

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

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.

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.



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



God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. (Cardinal Newman) 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.

**Heartland Parish Faith Sharing Opportunities
You're Invited!**

Rosary for Families: Heartland Adoration Chapel, Wednesday evenings at 9:00 P.M.

Women of Joseph Faith Sharing Group: Saturday mornings at 7:30 A.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Center Conference Room. We read the 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: Re-convenes Tuesday, September 15 in the St. Joseph Parish Center conference room at 9:00 A.M.

Knights of Columbus/Daughters of Isabella: New members are always welcome! Check with your parish for meeting times.

College Students and other Young Adults: *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 628-1883 or stjhaya@eaglecom.net.

IHM Time, Talent & Treasure



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

Adult Envelopes	28,769.00
Loose Plate	843.61
Children's Envelopes	26.86
Total Giving for July 12, 2009	29,863.47
Building Fund Donations: 2nd Collection	\$499.45

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 at 7:30 pm in the Upper Room of the Parish office.
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 17
Rebecca Claycamp and Patricia Dean

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”
Marriage involves many little self-denials. Hear more about the choices to love that keep marriage strong. 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.wwmesection9.org.



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.

Invitation from Sisters of St. Joseph, Concordia

Do you want to deepen your spiritual life? Are you committed to living the Gospel values? In late 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.

Today's Reflection: Compassion Fatigue

"COMPASSION FATIGUE" is a malady that can afflict us all, for the world has great needs. We may become weary and feel overwhelmed by the enormity of them. But mourning for the world's needs can also bring us again to acknowledge our poverty of spirit.



We cannot meet our own needs, nor can we meet all of the world's needs. This realization drives us back to God, whose will is ever directed to the healing of this world that God created and loves.

- Mary Lou Redding

The Power of a Focused Heart: 8 Life Lessons from the Beatitudes

Evangelization/Faith Sharing Tips of the Day

- Witness your faith with your own family and friends by gently stating, I believe...
- Warmly greet others at Mass whom you do not know.
- Sometimes members of our community fall away from the Church because they feel alienated from others in the congregation.

CURSILLO

Cursillo #10 will be held at the Spiritual Life Center, Victoria Kansas Oct. 8 - 11 for Women. Those attending a Cursillo weekend must be Catholics in good standing with the church over 18 years of age. If a married person wants to make a Cursillo weekend, it is strongly encouraged that their spouse also makes a Cursillo weekend themselves.

Cursillo weekends are for Catholics who feel the need for something more in their faith. Prayer is essential before recommending whether a person should attend the weekend. The purpose of the Cursillo Movement is to make Christian community possible in neighborhoods, parishes, work situations and other places where people live the greater part of their lives.

If you have any questions about Cursillo, please feel free to contact the following Coordinators:

- Anita Horinek, 1980 County Road 13, Colby KS, 67743; 785-694-3281; tahorinek@yahoo.com
- Tom Barlow, 945 W. Third, Colby KS 67701; 785-460-6507; tjbarlow@st-tel.net
- Fr. Damian Richards, St. Boniface Church, P.O. Box 83, Tipton, KS 67485; 785-373-4455; boniface@wtciweb.com

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. and Fridays at 7:00 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.



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

Rachel's Vineyard

In a survey conducted by the Elliot Institute, (www.afterabortion.org), nearly three of every five post-abortive women had subsequent thoughts of suicide. Twenty-eight percent actually attempted suicide. We can help.



Next retreat: Oct. 2-4

Rachel's Vineyard of the Salina Diocese
1-877-447-4383

rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

All Correspondence Confidential

Ecumenical Single and Beyond Group

- September 16 - Food, Fellowship & October Planning Meeting - Meet at Bar-B-Cutie, 27th & Indian Trail, 6:00 PM.
 - September 19 - Hansen 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-Cutie, 27th & Indian Trail, 6:00 PM.

Contact persons: Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871, singleandbeyond@yahoo.com

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. The German Buffet includes 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

Heartland Parishes Announcements

Image of the Christian Steward: A Uniquely Solemn Trust

Stewardship is a uniquely solemn trust...God in you, you in God. Stewards are co-workers in God's kingdom (1 Cor 3:9) with their own particular share of his creative, redemptive, and sanctifying work. In light of this, stewards are fully conscious of their accountability.



Catholics Returning Home Starts this Sunday!

Our six-Sunday Catholics Returning Home series begins this Sunday, Sept. 13th @ 6:30 P.M. in the Upper Room at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please encourage inactive family members and/or friends to attend. You are welcome to come with them, should they feel more comfortable with that. Enter via the office suite on Vine and 19th streets.

The Festival of Faith is this Sunday

The Festival of Faith is this Sunday, September 13th at 3:00 P.M. at the Beach Schmidt Auditorium. Grammy Award winner Twila Paris will sing. Tickets costing \$7/each will be available at the door.

Social Justice Film is this Sunday!

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. All are welcome.

First Friday Respect Life Mass, October 2nd

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 is October 8th

The next Bunko is Thursday, October 8th 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.

Journey of St. Paul – Two Person Play is Coming Soon!

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).

If a Local Family Member is Admitted to the Hospital

Please let us know if a family member is in the hospital and needs the sacraments or a visit. Under restrictive HIPPA laws, this information is not provided to the parish.

Listen to our Excellent Catholic Radio Programming

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.