

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 20, 2009

### NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

Many people have been asking when we might have a tour of the new church. First of all, I would encourage you to check out our website [www.ihm-church.com](http://www.ihm-church.com). On the left hand side of the page about midway down, there are photo albums of pictures of the church from beginning to most recent. There are over 600 photos available and the most recent ones show the church in the process of being painted. I know it's not the real thing and you do not get a complete glimpse of what's going on, but it's better than nothing.

As far as going inside, well, it is still a work zone and it is actually Commercial Builders place to say whether people can come in or not. This is because their insurance is covering it right now. They have been gracious enough to let me take different groups through, such as the Building Committee, Parish Council, Finance Council, the Liturgy Commission members and staff, but opening it up to everyone might be taking advantage of their cordial generosity. I also know that some individuals have just walked in; this I would not advise. I will say patience is a virtue, and once it is all done and we have dedicated it to the Lord it will be open for all to see.

We do have a tentative date of Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> set for the dedication. Most likely, it will take place at about 3:00 in the afternoon. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. There may be other opportunities prior to that, but I'm just thinking of how to make it safest for the people before the building is complete.

Peace & Prayers: Fr. Kevin

### *Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekly Planner: September 21 — September 27, 2009*

Date	Mass Times and Intentions	Daily Mass Readings	Parish Events
Monday 21	6:45 a.m. + Lenora Schuckman  <b>Rosary Group Intention of the Week:</b> For those in prison and their families	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13	<b>Money Counter Inservice:</b> 7:30 p.m. in the Parish office
Tuesday 22	8:00 a.m. + Clarence Werth	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8: 19-21	<b>RCIA:</b> 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
Wednesday 23	6:45 a.m. + Gene Werth 6:30 p.m. + Ignatius Gross	Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6	<b>Faith Formation 6:30-8:00 p.m.</b> <b>7th gr. parent meeting</b>
Thursday 24	8:00 a.m. + Robert J. Rupp	Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9	<b>Music Ministry: Weekly Group Practice</b> at 6:30 p.m. <b>Financial Peace University:</b> 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office
Friday 25	6:45 a.m. + Roland Staab	Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22	
Saturday 26	3:00 p.m. Brown / Erbert Wedding 5:00 p.m. + Vernon Mermis	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45	
<b>Sunday 27 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:00 a.m. L/D Merlin and Theresa Haselhorst Family 10:00 a.m. + Phillipa Pfannenstiel 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish	Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	<b>Wee Words:</b> During the 8 and 10 a.m. masses.

## Question of the Week

### Servant of All

The Christian life is full of apparent contradictions. We follow an all-powerful God who suffered and died. We die in order to have life. Being close to God and favored by Him does not promise us riches and power, but pain and condemnation. We see God in the lowly and take joy in suffering. This week's Gospel presents another of those paradoxes: the greatest must be the servant of all. By worldly standards, the greatest is the one with acclaim, servants, riches, and power. By God's standards, the greatest is the one who can see Him in others and give of themselves to serve.

This paradox is rooted in the paradox of the Incarnation. God humbled Himself to become man. He who is great and mighty became low and meek. He who was limitless allowed Himself to be limited. He showed compassion to the broken and lifted up the lowly. He came to suffer and to die for others.

As Christians we are called to be imitators of Christ, to live as He lived and to be willing to die as He died. We are called to seek the will of the Father in all things. We are called to humble ourselves, desiring glory for God, not ourselves. We are to be apart from the world, calling the people to a new understanding and new life. We are to be a contradiction, conforming to God rather than the world. We are to see God Himself in each person and serve them in love. We are to help the poor, comfort the afflicted, and give hope to the hopeless. We seek not our own good, our own comfort, our own gratification. Rather, we are called to willingly suffer abuse and discomfort, denying our own wants so that we may better serve others.

If we wish to call ourselves Christians, we must serve others and give out of our need rather than our excess. We must welcome the lowly, the broken, and the needy and love them as we love ourselves.

*Question of the week for adults:*

**What have I done lately in service to others? How have I received those in need?**

*Question of the week for children:*

**How can I better serve my family and those around me?**

## Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** Today's First reading can be read as a prophecy of what happened to Jesus. Like Him, the man described in the reading has boldly condemned those who have strayed from God's ways. Thus, he will be subjected to "revilement and torture" and will be put to a "shameful death." In punishing the just man, the wicked put God to the test: "for if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him."

**Second Reading:** Some were surprised when, at the first ordinations he celebrated as Pope, Benedict XVI urged the new priests to beware of ambition and careerism. Our culture tends to see these as good things, but ambition that does not aim for the good of the community is destructive. The "selfish ambition" of the disciples when they discuss who is the greatest is an example of this. True wisdom lies not in self-interest but in mercy, sincerity, and peace.

**Gospel:** The disciples are "afraid" to ask Jesus about His death and resurrection, but Jesus welcomes their questions. They are not comfortable with the idea of a suffering Messiah, and this fear is what scatters them at the moment of Jesus' arrest. In the second part of the reading, Jesus places a child in their midst because children are utterly dependant on their parents; we are called to depend on God in a similar fashion.

## Faith Formation

- ◆ **Sept. 23rd: Confirmation Prep I (7th gr.) Parent Meeting. Attend Class with Student. Meet in Church at 7:40.**

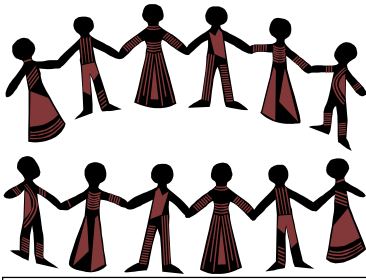
*"Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word"*

*Today the United States Catholic Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. In these unsettling times we are called to be peacemakers, use our gifts to serve others to praise God & to give strong witness to our Catholic Faith.*

*A great many people are needed for communities to continue to grow in faith and share their faith through celebration of liturgy, study and matter of life. It is through cooperation, commitment, and prayer that we celebrate & bless all who are involved in Faith Formation in Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.*

**God Bless Us All  
As We Share  
"The Word"**





# YOUTH NEWS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

SEP. 20TH-26TH, 2009

## IHM CYO

September 23rd-7:30 p.m.-ROC session in the A.C. @ IHM.  
 September 30th-7:30 p.m.-NCYC final mtg. (see below)  
 October 7th-7:30 p.m.-CYO mtg. in the A.C. @ IHM followed by Liturgy of the Hours night prayer at 8:15 in church.  
 October 13th-5:30 p.m.-"Trick Or Treat So Others Can Eat" service project. Meet in east parking lot @ IHM.  
 October 14th-7:30 p.m.-ROC session in the A.C. @ IHM.  
 October 21st-7:30 p.m.-ROC session in the A.C. @ IHM.  
 October 24th-31st-Haunted House—times to be announced!

**"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 operating dates.*

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.

The IHM-CYO asks you to join them in praying for the souls of Cody Younger and Jordyn Claiborn. Through God's grace may they be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven. Please pray for the family and friends that are grieving from the loss of a loved one. In these difficult and sorrowful times may they find healing and comfort by trusting in the promises of Christ. Remember also, Clayton Hoffman in your prayers. May he feel the healing touch of Christ as he recovers from his injuries.

**"Answering the Call"**

*Kneeling in a small enclosed space for the purpose of telling all your deepest, darkest secrets to a face you'll see next week in church. That's how many people view Reconciliation—a terrifying event! At first, I felt that way too, but now I've come to realize Reconciliation as a truly wonderful Sacrament filled with God's Grace. When else does the love and forgiveness of God give you freedom from the binds of your sins? After receiving Absolution and then praying and pondering upon my penance I feel weightless, like the heavy burden of my sins has been lifted away. This year our CYO is encouraging all of us, youth and adults alike, to take one step forward in our faith and go to Reconciliation more often. God is calling each of us back to Him and going to Reconciliation is just one of many ways we can "Answer the Call". Michelle Harris, PR*

## 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. The evening will begin with games and activities and close with a prayer reflection beginning at 8:40. Parents are welcome to join us for the evening, especially the closing prayer.

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. Bring ideas for service projects and fellowship activities to the meeting. 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.

## TMP-MARIAN

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!

**TMP-Marian Homecoming Events!**

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!

## HOLY FAMILY

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.*

### IHM Soup Supper

It is time to start planning for our annual Soup Supper. We will be needing raffle prizes as well as bingo and country store items. If you would like to donate something for the raffle, please contact Carolyn at 650-4256. For bingo donations, contact Gerry at 628-8580.



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



**Whatever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me. When in prison, you came to my cell...** 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 hour needs to be filled: **Tuesdays at 3:00 a.m.** If you can fill this hour, please call Lil at 625-7474. Review your day, thanking God for the ways He blessed you this day.

#### Guidelines for Mass Intentions:

The Mass book for 2010 opens on October 1st and can be scheduled for up to a year after opening. Please remember that Canon Law does not allow us to keep Mass stipends beyond one year. **The following are the guidelines to follow if you are considering contributing to the Mass book.**

1. A newly deceased parishioner is allowed **four (4)** masses for their intention during the first year after their death.
2. After the first year of death, **any deceased parishioner** is allowed **one (1)** Mass intention requested for them per year.
3. Each **registered, Parish family unit** is allowed **one (1)** Mass intention (which cannot add to and exceed the **four (4)** total for a recently deceased parishioner, or the **one (1)** for any deceased individual as mentioned above.)
4. If a family wishes to leave more Mass intentions this is allowed. These will be placed in our non published records and may be scheduled and/or celebrated at the parish's and/or priests' discretion without prior notice, but rest assured they will be celebrated.
5. Masses may also be sent away to the Office for the Propagation of the Faith. These intentions may be celebrated by priest in our own diocese who do not have full Mass intention schedules or they may be sent to International Mission priests.
6. A \$5.00 donation is suggested for each Mass.

### IHM Time, Talent & Treasure



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

Adult Envelopes	25,696.00
Loose Plate	1,068.96
Children's Envelopes	16.30
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>26,781.26</b>
<b>Building Fund Donations: 2nd Collection</b>	537.15

#### 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 24**  
Linda Degenhardt and Michelle DeWitt

Please call the Parish office if you or a loved one are homebound or hospitalized and wish to receive the Eucharist. Under restrictive HIPPA laws, this information is not provided to the parish. Sr. Mary Riedel will set up an appointment to visit at a time convenient for you.

#### 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 Sr. Janet La Duc, CSJ at 621-4436 or [jlcsj@ruraltel.net](mailto:jlcsj@ruraltel.net)

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Marriage is about serving each other with a love that brings great joy. 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](mailto:micromedia@ruraltel.net). Visit our website at [www.wwmesection9.org](http://www.wwmesection9.org).



## Today's Reflection: A Living Sacrifice

GRACIOUS LORD, you have called me by name and made me your own: grant me grace, therefore, to offer back my body and soul as a living sacrifice and to render to you all that I am, for I am no longer my own but yours throughout eternity, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.



- Paul Wesley Chilcote

*A Life-Shaping Prayer: 52 Meditations in the Wesleyan Spirit*

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### Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard™ is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can reconcile past abortion pain and begin the process of restoration.



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### 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](mailto:tahorinek@yahoo.com)
- Tom Barlow, 945 W. Third, Colby KS 67701; 785-460-6507; [tjbarlow@st-tel.net](mailto:tjbarlow@st-tel.net)
- Fr. Damian Richards, St. Boniface Church, P.O. Box 83, Tipton, KS 67485; 785-373-4455; [boniface@wtciweb.com](mailto:boniface@wtciweb.com)

**Do you feel God calling you to be a part of the Pro Life movement?** Birthright of Hays is prayerfully asking you to consider being a volunteer. We have been helping women and babies in Hays and Ellis county for 23 years! If you have even 2 hours per month, we need you! There are many ways to help out. If you read this and feel like we are calling to you, please call us @ 785-628-3334 with your name and number. At Birthright, we love the unborn and their mothers!

### 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 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:** Tuesday mornings 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:** 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 628-1883 or [stjhaya@eaglecom.net](mailto:stjhaya@eaglecom.net).

### Natural Foods and Vitamins that Help Protect Against the Flu

Some known foods and herbs that help strengthen your immune system against the flu are: lemons, apple cider vinegar, yogurt/kefir, turmeric, garlic, oregano, red bell peppers, green tea, pumpkin/pumpkin seeds, ginger, oysters, broccoli, & elderberry juice/wine. Consider preparing meals which include various combinations of these foods. With respect to vitamins, check with your doctor for dosages, but in recent studies it appears that Vitamin D is a natural immune system builder and help your body fight the H1N1 (Swine) Flu. This is especially true for people under 21, seventy-percent of whom have generally been found to have significant Vitamin D deficiencies. Interestingly enough, this is the age group the H1N1 is hitting the hardest. These studies also suggest that people of all ages avoid, to the greatest extent they can, soft-drinks and foods with a lot of sugar. They apparently fight the good bacteria in your system.

## Heartland Parishes Announcements

### **Image of the Christian Steward: They Dare not Fail in Charity**

Christian stewards neither live nor die as their own masters. Christian stewards are generous out of love as well as out of duty. They dare not fail in charity. They do not hoard their wealth by building new barns or silos simply for themselves or their own.



### **Heartland Social Justice Commission – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Film Series**

Second Sunday Film Series is sponsored by the Heartland Social Justice Commission.

The October film is Wall-E. The animated film Wall-E is set 700 years in the future. The earth is no longer habitable due to damage to the environment and excessive consumerism. Humans have left the earth, leaving behind robots to clean up the earth for recolonization. Wall-E is the last remaining of these cleaning robots.

The film is disturbing, touching and ends with hope for the future. The film will be shown on October 11 at the Hays Public Library at 1:30 PM. Refreshments will be available. 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.

### **Please Pray the Rosary for Life from Conception to Natural Death**

### **Bunko is October 8<sup>th</sup>**

The next Bunko is Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Presentation on Christian Icons, October 19<sup>th</sup> - Mark Your Calendar**

Iconography presents symbols in the form of art. Christian iconography was widely used in the early Church to both inspire Christians and teach them their faith. The Eastern Catholic church still uses iconography extensively. Our presenter will be Barbara Carlin, an IHM parishioner, who holds a Master of Fine Arts from Wichita State University and did her master's thesis on this very topic. Mark your calendar for the date. Presentations will be at 2:30 and 7:00 at a location to be announced in next week's bulletin.

### **An Afternoon of St. Paul, November 1st, Tickets are Now Available!**

This outstanding two person play is November 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 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. There are only 350 tickets, of which 75 have already been pre-reserved. If you have already reserved tickets, you will be contacted shortly. You can also get tickets at Messenger Catholic Bookstore, 2512 Vine, Centennial Mall, Hays.

### **Listen to our Wonderful 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.

### **Ecumenical Single and Beyond Group**

- 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](mailto:singleandbeyond@yahoo.com)