

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 18, 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear brothers and sisters, I do not intend on making this a regular theme of my “NOTES FROM THE PASTOR”, it is just coincidental that two unique individuals died so closely together and elements of their lives emphasized how we might look at our own life and re-evaluate our priorities.

We buried Jeff Weigel this week. Many of you may not know the name, but if you ever saw him you wouldn't forget him. Muscular Dystrophy confined him to a wheel chair in a semi-reclined position. Though he had little control over the movement of his muscles, he did not let this stop him from making contributions in life. As you may know, he wrote reviews for practically every movie that came to town, but what you may not know was that he was recording secretary for his Knights of Columbus council at the Campus Center. And he attended Mass here at I.H.M. nearly every weekend of his life.

I talk about Stewardship a lot here at I.H.M. and I have tried to help people understand that this word is about much more than MONEY. Jeff is a great example of true Stewardship. He had a perfect excuse to use if he couldn't go to Mass. Instead, he was always here, either assisted by his parents or one of his many friends. Even when he had watched a movie at the theater Saturday night and then worked at writing his review until three or four in the morning, he was at Sunday morning Mass with his parents. This wasn't because they forced him, but because he chose to come with them. He came to give praise and glory to God and to receive the Eucharist and believed it was too important for him to miss. Instead of saying “It's too difficult to get ready, make all the arrangements, and go to a K of C meeting,” he chose to go and more than that to take an office. That is Stewardship.

Jeff was blessed with a keen wit and a sharp mind for writing. He used those gifts and offered them back to God through his work and volunteerism. Jeff could have easily chosen to close in on himself and blame God or life for his circumstances, but he chose to face life head on, contribute in whatever way he could, and do it with a grin. I would challenge all of us to re-evaluate our own lives and recognize that there are probably many more things that we could be doing with our gifts and abilities if only we chose to do so without complaint.

Peace & Prayers: Fr. Kevin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekly Planner: October 19 — October 25, 2009

Date	Mass Times and Intentions	Daily Mass Readings	Parish Events
Monday 19	6:45 a.m. + Catherine Stoecklein Rosary Group Intention of the Week: For the sick, suffering, and dying members of our parish	Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21	
Tuesday 20	8:00 a.m. L/D Bernie Younger Family	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12:35-38	RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
Wednesday 21	6:45 a.m. + Alex Stecklein 6:30 p.m. + Ignatius Gross	Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48	Faith Formation Classes 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday 22	8:00 a.m. L/D Nick and Virginia Pfannenstiel Family	Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53	Music Ministry: Weekly Group Practice at 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University: 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office
Friday 23	6:45 a.m. + Frances Schmeidler	Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59	
Saturday 24	2:30 p.m. Washburn / Herl Wedding 5:00 p.m. + Daniel Munsch	Rom 8:1-11 Lk 13:1-9	
Sunday 25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 a.m. + Alois and Agnes Ruder 10:00 a.m. L/D Julius Koerner Family 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish	Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52	Wee Words: During the 8 and 10 a.m. masses. Family Confirmation Retreat: 3-6 p.m. in the Activity Center

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Because he accepts it freely, the servant's suffering will give life to others and to himself. For Isaiah's readers, this passage would have recalled the image of the scapegoat in Leviticus, when Aaron bound the sins of the people to the goat, which was then sent into the wilderness, freeing the people from the burden of sin.

Second Reading: This short passage from Hebrews relates closely to the First Reading. Jesus is one with God, but He is not different from us. Rather, He can "sympathize with our weaknesses" for He has undergone every test to which life can subject us. It is precisely because Jesus is one of us—because He knows the weight of our sins—that we can pray to Him with utter confidence.

Gospel: James and John ask Jesus for a special favor—they want the best seats in the kingdom. Jesus is gentle with them because they still do not know what His kind of kingship is. But the brothers assert that they can "drink the cup." Jesus grants them one request only: to suffer with Him. Within the Christian community, leadership must look quite different from how it looks in the world, where those who have power "lord it" over others. If you wish to lead, you must serve. And if you wish to be best, you must become a slave.

Faith Formation

- ◆ **October 18th—FAMILY RECONCILIATION RETREAT—1:30-3:30 in Activity Center**
- ◆ **October 21st**
Theme: Disciple as Servant
Feast: Paul of the Cross
Confirmation Prep I—Speaker
Confirmation Prep II—TMP Ambassadors
Visiting at 6:45. Parents encouraged to Attend class.
- ◆ **October 25th—FAMILY CONFIRMATION RETREAT—3:00-6:00 ...meet in the Activity Center**
- ◆ **November 4th—Grandparents Evening**



Question of the Week

Suffering Servant

One of the major images of Jesus is that of the "Suffering Servant" foretold by the prophet Isaiah. That is the image we see once again in this week's Gospel. Jesus proclaims that He came "not to be served but to serve and to give up His life as a ransom for many." He also makes it clear to James, John and the other Apostles that those who would follow Him and be His disciples must also take on the role of the suffering servant.

Anyone who desires to be a Christian must look to Jesus not just as a source of teaching, but as an example for life. Jesus, though He was God, came not to receive exaltation and be served, but to serve man, His own creation. We too are called not to seek praise and power but to seek to serve those around us. As Christians, we must strive to be selfless, thinking of the needs and comfort of others before our own.

As Isaiah prophesied, Jesus was not only a servant, but a *suffering* servant. He came not just to serve, but to serve through suffering and sacrifice. We who are called to service are not called to serve just when it is easy. We are called to serve especially when the price for that service is high. Just like Christ, we are called to sacrifice and to suffer. To be a true servant, we must be willing to sacrifice. To give up what we want and even what we think we need, for the sake of others and the Kingdom. We must also expect and accept suffering willingly as Christ Himself did. We are called to suffer, sometimes greatly.

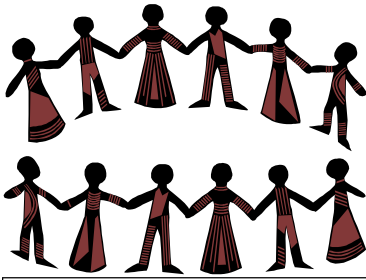
While the world often perceives suffering as empty and meaningless, in Christ we know that our sufferings can aid in the salvation of the world. By joining our sacrifices, pains, and sufferings to the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, we share in that one Sacrifice. And if we share in the suffering and Sacrifice of Christ, how much more shall we share in His glory. We die with Christ so that we might hope to live with Him in eternity.

Question of the week for adults:

How does Jesus' Passion and Death change how I see suffering in my own life?

Question of the week for children:

What is one thing I can do to serve others this week?



YOUTH NEWS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY OCT. 18TH-24TH, 2009

IHM CYO

Oct. 21st-7:30 p.m.-ROC session in the A.C. @ IHM.
 Oct. 24th-6:00-11:00 p.m.-Haunted House!
 Oct. 28th-7:30 p.m.-Activity Night in the A.C. @ IHM.
 Oct. 29th-6:00-9:00 p.m.-Haunted House!
 Oct. 31st-1:00-5:00 p.m. & 6:00-11:00 p.m.-Haunted House!
 Nov. 4th-7:30 p.m.-CYO mtg. in the A.C. @ IHM followed by Night Prayer @ 8:15 in church.
 November 19th-22nd-NCYC in Kansas City!

“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! See above for operating dates and times.

IHM-JR. CYO

Nov. 8th-4:00-7:00 p.m.-Ice cream booth at the IHM Soup Supper. Call the office or e-mail to sign up to help.
 Nov. 22nd-7:00 p.m.-November activity night!

HOLY FAMILY

Oct. 18th-1:30-3:00 p.m.-First Reconciliation Retreat @ IHM for 2nd grade students and parents.
 Oct. 21st-8:00-10:30-Picture retakes!
 Oct. 22nd-5:00-8:00 p.m.-McDonald’s HFE night, north location only!
 Oct. 22nd-October Birthday Mass and Dinner!
 Oct. 27th-4:00-7:00 p.m.-Parent/Teacher Conferences K-6.
 Oct. 28th-10:30-PA, 2:50-PB-Preschool Fall Program for PA & PB in the Little Theatre.
 Oct. 29th-2:50 p.m.-Preschool Fall Program for PC in the Little Theatre.
 Oct. 29th-4:00-7:00 p.m.-Parent/Teacher Conferences K-6.
 Oct. 30th-No School!

Thank you for your continued support of HFE by collecting Box Tops, Campbell Food Product UPC bar codes, Aluminum Cans, McDonald Labels, Cartridges, and Pennies. In support of Ronald McDonald House, we are collecting pop tabs for the Hays High DECA Club. Please turn tabs in to the school office.

TMP-MARIAN

Oct. 25th-4:00-7:00 p.m.-**PTF SOUP SUPPER!** *Serving Chili Soup, Green Bean Dumpling Soup, Turkey Sandwiches, Cinnamon Rolls, & Desserts! Free Will Offering appreciated! Free Door Prizes given away every 20 minutes! Carnival games for kids (or the young at heart) in the Study Hall sponsored by the Monarch Cheerleaders! Soup Supper proceeds support PTF projects. Carnival proceeds support Monarch Cheerleaders.*

Oct. 29th-8th grade visitation day! 8th graders from Kennedy Middle School and Felten Middle School are invited to spend a day at TMP-Marian and discover what they have to offer!

Nov. 6th-No School! Diocesan In-service!
 Nov. 9th-Fall Sports Banquet!

**Mark your calendars for the
 TMP-Marian Fall Play
 November 12th, 14th, & 15th**

Nov. 25th-29th-Thanksgiving break!
 Nov. 30th-School resumes!

TMP-Marian Bake Sale!

Bierocks-\$25.00 per dozen
 Kuchen-\$8.00 each
 Frozen Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough-\$6.00 (makes 2-3 dozen)

Deadline for all orders is **Friday, October 30th!**
Pickup orders from 3-6 p.m. on **November 6th** in dining room.

“Answering the Call”

*In only a month from now, 60 youth along with 18 adult chaperones are heading off to Kansas City for NCYC. NCYC, or National Catholic Youth Conference, is a gathering of over 20,000 youth from across the United States to share and celebrate their Catholic faith. From sessions with the entire audience to smaller break-out sessions, NCYC is jam-packed with funny, sad, motivating, heart-wrenching, yet life-impacting speakers. The whole conference is dedicated to praising God and all His wonders. Raising the roof singing our praises or praying in silence are forms of prayer everyone involved experiences. NCYC is a high-energy event that refuels the fire of everyone in attendance. For the past year, our CYO has been doing countless fundraisers in preparation for this trip of a lifetime. We ask you, the parish, to keep all the youth and adults going to NCYC in your prayers; that we may have a safe trip and bring back our passion for our faith and our love for God to share with the whole parish. **Michelle Harris, PR***

IHM Soup Supper - November 8th.

If you can help we would like to hear from you. We are in need of **Bingo prizes** in the \$5-10 price range. They can be brought to the parish office or call Gerry at 628-8580. Gift Cards are especially popular. If you have something to donate for the raffle, we are still looking for a few more prizes. Bring to the parish office or call Carolyn 650-4256. We will need noodles for the soup and, of course, pies and cakes for desserts. If you have any questions contact Carolyn at 650-4256. Thank you for your help.

**TRAINING FOR NEW READERS/ LECTORS
in church: Monday, October 19 at 7:00 PM**



We need to know if you plan to attend! This is the only training available for several months. PLEASE "RSVP" to Billie in the parish office by noon on October 19th.

LIGHTING OF MEMORIAL CANDLES

After the homily at each Mass on the weekend of October 31- November 1, we will be remembering parishioners who have died in the past year (October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009). As the names of our beloved deceased are called out, we ask that members of their family come forward to light a candle. Each family will then be invited to pick up a candle after the 12:00 PM mass on Sunday or at the parish office during the following week.



THERE WILL NOT BE EXPOSITION AND ADORATION ON THIS WEEKEND



The Perpetual Adoration Chapel invites all parishioners to spend time in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The following hours need to be filled: **Mondays at 5:00 a.m., Tuesdays at 3:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 3:00 a.m., Thursdays at 3:00 p.m., Fridays at 7:00 a.m., and Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.** If you can fill one of these hours please call Lil at 625-7474 or Bob Feauto at 628-1429. Review your day and prayer time & thank God for the ways He blessed you this day.

The following are the times Irene Guzman, our new Hispanic Ministry coordinator, will be working in the Parish Office:

- Monday: 8 a.m.—12 noon
- Tuesday: 10 a.m.—12 noon, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.



Money Counters for the Upcoming Weeks

October 25th

Brian & Jaymie Ruder, Melissa Holub, and James Miller

November 1st

Brian & Jaymie Ruder, Melissa Holub, and Gilbert Brungardt

Bulletin Helpers for October 22

Erin Gibson and Nellie Giebler

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

Adult Envelopes	29,368.50
Loose Plate	801.84
Children's Envelopes	18.87
Total Giving	\$30,189.21
Building Fund Donations: 2nd Collection	458.17
Amount Borrowed for New Church to date:	575,000.00

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Budgeted offertory as of August 31, 2009	254,014.93
Actual tithing total as of August 31, 2009	223,148.34
Fiscal Year Collections on Aug 31- behind	(30,866.59)

"When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears. Now enter into the home of my Father." 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.



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 a convenient time to visit you.

Christian Icons Presentation, October 19th

Iconography presents symbols in the form of art. Christian iconography was widely used in the early Church to inspire Christians and teach them their faith. The Eastern Catholic church still uses iconography extensively. Our presenter is 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 Monday, October 19th at 2:30 and 7:00 at the **IHM Upper Room.**

**The Eucharist, the Medicine of Immortality –
November 16th & 23rd**

Vatican Council II called the Eucharist the “source and the summit of the Christian life.” This two-part presentation will discuss and explain the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as taught by Our Lord, the Apostles, Scripture, the Fathers and Doctors, and the Church hierarchy since the earliest days of Christianity. It will be presented by Deacon Mark Roberti as parts I and II on Monday, November 16th and Monday, November 23rd respectively at 2:30 P.M., and again at 7:00 P.M., in the Upper Room at Immaculate Heart of Mary. You don’t want to miss this talk. Feel free to bring family members, friends, and non-Catholic friends so that they, too, will understand the fullness of the Christian faith.

Vocations



“Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” Should the Lord direct these words to you in prayer, how will you respond? As a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father

Jarett Konrade (785) 827-8746 or send an email to vocations@salinadiocese.org

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!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD PRIEST DAY. Please tell your parish priest how much you love him! 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 e-mail at micromedia@ruraltel.net . Visit our website at www.wwmesection9.org



Come celebrate a day of Breast Cancer Awareness and Survivorship. Join us at the 14th Annual “day of Caring” brunch and fashion show on Saturday, October 24th at FHSU Memorial Union. Models are breast cancer survivors. Tickets are available for \$15 a person until October 19th. For more information, call the Cancer Council of Ellis County, 625-6653.

Today’s Reflection: The Present Moment

EVER-PRESENT GOD,
in our struggles, grant us courage and resolve.
We do not ask to see the distant scene
but need the assurance of the present moment.
Yesterday is history; the future is mystery;
and today is a gift — the present!
Amen.



- Richard Morgan
Settling In: My First Year in a Retirement Community

St. Nicholas Parish 15th Annual Soup Day

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Lunch served from 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Supper Served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults—\$5.00 Children (age 4-10) — \$2.00

Menu:

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Homemade Chili Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Relishes & Crackers, Desserts & Drinks

There will be a sweet shop sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella and a gift basket raffle hosted by the St. Nicholas Ladies Guild

Cup a Joe Announcements



- Remember we are open Monday – Wednesday morning from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Come through the east side door and use the inside staircase.

- **Join us for free homemade cinnamon rolls** on Sunday, October 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Come through the main door of the Parish Service Center and use the inside staircase.**
- **Join us on Thursday, October 29 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for an early Family Halloween Celebration.** We will show the movie **Young Frankenstein**. Enjoy free popcorn and candy as you watch the movie. We will discount our orange Cow Drink by \$.50.

Our Lady, Help of Christians Church in Antonino will be holding its annual Fall Feast on November 1st from 4:00—7:00 p.m. This includes a meal, raffle and a general store. You can purchase tickets at the door or in advance by calling Suzanne Klaus at 259-3806 or 628-8879

Ellis County Habitat for Humanity Benefit Barbeque

Sunday, October 25 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 2703 Fort St.

Free Will Offering

Heartland Parishes Announcements



Catholicism: The Medicine of Our Age

In some ways, it's harder to be a Christian today than in the past. Dominant secular values contradict our Judeo-Christian values. Destructive "isms": materialism, relativism, hedonism, individualism, consumerism, etc., seduce us and try to pull us from God. There are strong tendencies within our culture encouraging us to privatize faith and push it to the margins of society. Some say, faith should be confined to people's hearts – or at least their homes – thereby excluding it from the marketplace of ideas where social policies are formed and men and women acquire life views and meanings. The medicine for these ills is Catholic Stewardship.

Meet St. Paul, November 1st! Tickets are Still Available!

This outstanding two-person play – *An Afternoon with St. Paul* – is about the life, journey, and ministry of St. Paul. It is November 1st at 2:00 P.M. in the TMP-M auditorium. It is being performed by a professional theater troupe, "The Theater of the Word", out of St. Louis. Tickets are \$5 each. Get tickets at the St. Joseph Parish Center, 210 W. 13th Street, 625-7356. You can also get tickets at Messenger Catholic Books & Gifts, 2512 Vine, Centennial Mall, Hays, 621-2085.

Appointment with God – Improving Your Prayer Life, Nov. 5th

We make appointments every day, but do we set sufficient time aside to be with the King of the Universe? Is it quality time? On Thursday, November 5th at 2:30 and 7:00 P.M. in the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall, Deacon Mark Roberti will share some very simple prayer and worship techniques which, without question, can help you improve your daily prayer life and your worship experience at Mass. They will help you grow in your relationship with God. All are welcome. Bring a family member or friend. They do not have to be Catholic. These techniques work for anyone who prays.

First Friday Respect Life Mass, November 6th

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.

SECOND SUNDAY FILM SERIES, Next Movie Nov. 8

"Redskin" is the November 8th film for the Second Sunday Film Series sponsored by the Heartland Social Justice Commission. "Redskin" is a 1929 silent film. At that time Indian children were removed from their homes and placed in boarding schools. This resulted in young people being neither a part of their Indian culture nor being accepted in the white culture. To the whites they were "redskins". This film explores the resulting conflicts. We also see how Indians were given land thought to be useless and how attempts were made to take away their land when valuable minerals and oil were discovered. The film is shown at Hays Public Library at 1:30 November 8th. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

Next Bunko is November 12th

The next Bunko is Thursday, November 12th 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 is invited. Bring a friend. If you are a senior at home alone, this is a great way to break the daily routine. Contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 if you have any questions.

Want Help with Your Year End Giving and Estate Planning?

Everyone has an estate. Some are larger or smaller than others. If you have been considering getting your estate plans in order, and want to leave something for the parish, we can help save you quite a bit of money in future professional fees. Mark Roberti, our Heartland Parishes Stewardship and Development Director, can meet with you to help with your estate plans by preparing and properly ordering the necessary information you will need to meet with your attorney and/or executor. Having all your "ducks in order" saves your advisor substantial time, thereby saving **you** professional hourly fees. Mark can also provide planned giving tips. It's all confidential. If you choose, within this process, we can also discuss getting your funeral plans and information in order. Contact Mark at 625-7356. This may be particularly helpful to you with year-end coming up.