

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 25, 2009

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

In the past month, I have had a four or maybe five people ask me how Fr. Don was doing. They had heard his health was not good. My response was, “As far as I know he is fine. I know he had taken a short sabbatical as he had not used all the time allowed him on his previous one. Last I heard, he was traveling around the U.S.A. on his Harley.” The most recent question came last week, and since I had an opportunity to visit with Bishop Coakley shortly thereafter, I simply asked him. Indeed, Fr. Don had recently undergone some surgery. I then called Fr. Don and extended my well wishes hoping he would recover quickly and asked if he would mind if I shared with the I.H.M. people, through the bulletin, what was going on. He agreed.

Fr. Don was informed by his doctor several months ago that his PSA levels were elevated, they did some tests and found he had cancer of the prostate. He had surgery a couple weeks ago. The doctors indicated they got all the cancer, so at this point he does not even have to receive further treatments of either chemotherapy or radiation. Fr. Don appreciates your prayers and concern. He is resting at home and intends to resume his duties as of the 1st of November. Fr. Don also expressed his excitement about the progress on our new church and has marked March 14th on his calendar and hopes to be able to come to the dedication.

Peace & Prayers: Fr. Kevin

Immaculate Heart of Mary Weekly Planner: October 26 — November 1, 2009

Date	Mass Times and Intentions	Daily Mass Readings	Parish Events
Monday 26	6:45 a.m. + Esther McMurtrie Rosary Group Intention of the Week: For our dedicated, faithful priests who serve in the Heartland parishes	Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17	
Tuesday 27	8:00 a.m. + Philomena Pfannenstiel	Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21	RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office
Wednesday 28	6:45 a.m. + Archie Walters 6:30 p.m. L/D Jerry and Viola Rohr Family	Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16	No Faith Formation Classes Family Time
Thursday 29	8:00 a.m. + Lenora Schuckman	Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 13:31-35	Music Ministry: Weekly Group Practice at 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University: 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office
Friday 30	6:45 a.m. + Neloah Wasinger	Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6	
Saturday 31	5:00 p.m. L/D Ted and Rosie Pfannenstiel Family	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Lk 14:1, 7-11	
Sunday 1 All Saints	8:00 a.m. L/D C.A. Pfannenstiel Family 10:00 a.m. L/D Ann Pfeifer Family 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a	Wee Words: During the 8 and 10 a.m. masses.

*Visitors: We are happy to worship and share our spiritual lives with you.
Please register in the Parish Office if you would like to join our Parish family.*

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Even the prophet of gloom and lamentation, Jeremiah, burst into joyful praise today. God will gather all his people, scattered to the ends of the world. How will he guide them safely and console them for the sufferings they have endured. God is not a judge, but a “father,” caring tenderly for His people.

Second Reading: Jesus is portrayed as the “High Priest.” The Jewish readers of this letter would have been aware that Jesus was not a member of the priestly clan. The writer demonstrates that high priests are “called by God,” like Melchizedek, who brought gifts of bread and wine to Abraham.

Gospel: Most of the people Jesus heals in the Gospel are unnamed. Only a few—like Bartimaeus in today’s reading—do we know. When Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is passing with a large crowd, he calls to Him with a loud voice. As scripture commentators have often pointed out, Bartimaeus, though blind, sees something that others do not: Jesus is the “son of David,” the promised Messiah. The crowd, as usual, is unsympathetic. They wish that Bartimaeus would shut up, but he persists until Jesus summons him. Mark vividly describes how he throws his cloak aside, springs up, and hurries to Jesus. When his sight is restored, Bartimaeus follows Him. This blind man had seen the truth before the miracle.

Faith Formation



- ♦ **October 28th—No Class Family Time**
- ♦ **November 4th—Grandparents Evening—Join your grandchild in class for an evening of faith sharing, prayer and thanksgiving.**

A child's needs a grandparent, anybody's Grandparent, to grow a little more securely into an unfamiliar world.

-Charles & Ann Morse-

****Confirmation Prep II Sponsor Certificate & Student Sponsor sheet due****

- ♦ **November 11th—Class & 7C Reconciliation**
- ♦ **November 18th—Confirmation Prep. I (7th gr.)
Make Liturgical Banners in Activity Center**

Question of the Week

Master, I Want To See

The man in this week’s Gospel had but one request: “Master, I want to see.” Shouldn’t that be our prayer as well? Physically the majority of us can see, but far too often we are spiritually blind.

We are blind to our need for God in our lives. So often, we only turn to God when things are bad, failing to recognize that we need God always. St. Augustine wrote “my soul is restless until it rests in you.” We are made for relationship with God and cannot be whole until we rest in Him. Instead of turning to God, we try to do it all ourselves and we try to find rest and happiness in possessions, causes, people, and other temporary things.

Master, let me see my own emptiness and need for You in my life.

We are blind to God’s work in our lives and in our world. We get so busy with this and that: work, school, sports, family, etc. that we don’t notice the thousand little ways God blesses us each day. We miss the gifts of beauty and the opportunities for grace God give us. We fail to be still and stand in awe of God’s goodness.

Master, let me see Your presence in the world around me.

We are blind to the needs of those around us. We get so wrapped up in our own lives, our needs and our wants, that we fail to see others. We fail to respond to God’s call to love our neighbors. We fail to live out the Beatitudes and the Works of Mercy. People in our world are in great need: physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Yet, we often do nothing simply because we are blind to those around us.

Master, let me see the needs of those around me and respond in love.

We all need to see better, to recognize what is in us and around us. We all need to cry out with Bartimaeus, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me! I want to see.”

Question of the week for adults:

How have I been blind to what is around me?

Question of the week for children:

What can I do to see others’ needs better?



YOUTH NEWS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

OCT. 25TH-31ST, 2009

“Answering the Call”

Today is World Youth Day, a day devoted to the young Catholic teens of our church. Back in 1984 Pope John Paul II initiated the first World Youth Day event which involved speakers, songs, chants, and youth gathered from all over the globe. Pope John Paul II believed that: “The youth are not the church of tomorrow; they are the young church of today.” Whether it is getting involved in ministries by singing at Mass, lecturing, or regularly attending Wednesday night ROC sessions or by getting out and doing service, our CYO group strives to live by this quote. In the past 5 years we have participated in 7 different missions with over 100 of our youth going on these missions. We have also continued to be active in service projects locally as we have raised nearly \$10,000 for the Relay For Life and collected several hundred pounds of canned food items for the “Trick Or Treat So Others Can Eat” food drive here in Hays. Although we would love to take credit for all of our acts of faith and fellowship, none of it would be possible if it weren't for the support in prayer and donations of time, talent, and treasure from the parish community. Without all of you, we could not be “The Young Church of Today”. **Michelle Harris, PR**

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! We will have some fun as we plan a major upcoming service project benefitting the new church!

HOLY FAMILY

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!
Nov. 5th-7:00 p.m.-2nd gr. First Reconciliation Retreat!
Nov. 7th-8:00-4:00-Schwan food sale benefitting HFE in the east parking lot @ IHM.
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 Gr. Visitation Day! See what we have to offer!
Nov. 6th-No School! Diocesan In-service!
Nov. 9th-Fall Sports Banquet!
TMP-Marian Fall Play
Nov. 12th, 14th, & 15th-“A Little Piece of Heaven”
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.

The TMP-Marian Residency Program is looking for a male resident advisor. This is a wonderful opportunity for a college student who is planning a career that will involve teenagers and people in general. If you are a mature, caring college student who is in need of employment and would like an opportunity to work with people from all over the world contact Michelle Fairbank at 625-6577 or 432-1212. You may also contact her by e-mail at fairbankm@tmp-m.org.

IHM CYO

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.

CCAA



The CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL begins soon. Catholics in all the parishes of the diocese are asked to participate and make a generous pledge or donation to support the ministries of our diocesan church.

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

TRAINING for NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Monday, November 16 at 7:00 PM - in church



We need to know if you plan to attend! This may be the only training held for a few months. PLEASE "RSVP" to Billie in the parish office by noon November 16th.

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.

The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week for your prayer time. Do you or someone you know desire a Miracle? Fr. Emil Kapaun, Chaplain, U. S. Army - Priest, soldier and friend - pray for us. Fr. Kapaun of Wichita, KS is up for Sainthood. Prayer cards are available at the Adoration Chapel for Fr. Kapaun's intercession for Sainthood. Each day is a new beginning & miracles continue to happen every day for those who believe.

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



Money Counters for the Upcoming Weeks

November 1st

Brian & Jaymie Ruder, Melissa Holub, and Gilbert Brungardt

November 8th and 15th

Jim & Deborah Braun, Lori Post, and Melissa Zerr

Bulletin Helpers for October 29

Janet Giersch and Elgerine Gross

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

Adult Envelopes	21,141.50
Loose Plate	1,132.33
Children's Envelopes	29.25
Total Giving	\$22,303.08
Building Fund Donations: 2nd Collection	649.81
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)

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close. When the hour of death comes upon us, we see raised over us in blessing the beautiful hands of a priest! 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.



The Eucharist, "Medicine of Immortality" Talk
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, in detail, 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. Bring family, friends, and non-Catholic friends so that they will better understand the fullness of the Christian faith.

Vocations



“What do you want Me to do you for you?”
Could your answer be the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Jarett Konrade (785) 827-8746, or write: vocations@salinadiocese.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



TODAY IS WORLD PRIEST DAY!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter thanks all of our priests for their loving service to God's people. 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.

Dance to the music of "Anthony and the Anamals" on Friday, October 30, 2009. The dance will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary activity center beginning at 8:30 and ending at 11:30. Tickets are \$10.00 and will include all set ups and a sandwich bar at the conclusion of the dance. All proceeds will benefit the TMP Band as well as the HFE band programs. Tickets are available by calling Kathy Amrein 650-4371 or calling TMP 625-6577. You are welcome to wear costumes or just come as you are.

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 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

All American Breakfast

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009—7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fireman Relief Association

Sponsored by American Legion 173

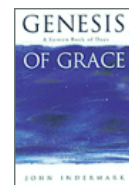
& Sons of American Legion Squadron 173

Tickets at the door are \$6.50

Children 5-12 yrs are \$3.00 and under 5 yrs are FREE

Today's Reflection: Faith Trusts

WHEN GOD'S providence is hardest to see, faith comes to the forefront — faith that keeps integrity to the dreams God entrusts to us; faith that determines to enact those dreams; faith that understands, by hope in God's providence, its dreams will not be lost in slavery or prison or perish with bullets or crosses. For faith trusts that dreams, even when given up for dead, will rise.



- John Indermark
Genesis of Grace

St. Joseph Cemetery Fees

Due to rising management, maintenance, and care costs, St. Joseph Cemetery will increase the cost of a single grave easement to \$250.00 effective January 1, 2010. All other fees will remain unchanged.

The Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home Auxiliary will have their annual meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the DSNWK meeting room at 2703 Hall St. in Hays. A raffle drawing will be held and all current and any potential members are invited to attend.

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!

Hays Medical Center Volunteers Annual Holiday Bazaar

- Friday, October 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- In the Hadley Rooms at 2220 Canterbury Drive.
- Crafts, home-baked goods, bierocks, German coffee cakes, noodles, and cinnamon rolls will be featured.
- Proceeds will be used for volunteer projects that benefit HMC. Please plan to attend.

Peddler's Fair

Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

7th and Ash St. in Hays, KS

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 Choice

Do we choose to be Catholic Disciples or not? Are we going to let culture form us or are we going to form our culture from within? American Catholics have bought into some of the attractive but less holy values of the secular culture. Although we speak of the faith community, individualism sometimes infects our faith experience. Stewards, as individuals and a Catholic faith community, help heal our faithful and families of these afflictions.



Meet St. Paul, November 1st! Get your Tickets Now!

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, **or at the door.**

“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 November 8th

“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.

Single and Beyond Halloween Party!

Halloween party at the VFW, dance to Flat Spin Band 9:30 PM to 1:30 AM. Singles and Beyond is an ecumenical Christian group for people who are single, never married, divorced, or widowed. Contacts: **Email:** singleandbeyond@yahoo.com, or Nancy 628-3347, Judy 625-7871

The Future of Catholicism Depends on Us – Year-End Planned Giving

The future of our Catholic faith depends, to a great extent, on how we respond today. Let your life be a living legacy. Please consider a planned-giving donation for year-end. Please also remember our parish in your Will and estate plans. When you pass into eternity, you can also reach back from heaven and help Christ’s Church evangelize. Contact Mark Roberti 625-7356 or stjstewardship@eaglecom.net for more information.