**Weekly Events**

**Monday**
9:00 p.m. • Holy Hour • Main Church

**Tuesday**
9:00 p.m. • Chi rho Bible Study • LSU Old Kitchen
9:30 p.m. • Rosary Club • Martyrs’ Chapel

**Wednesday**
3:30-4:30 p.m. • Song of Praise Choir • Music Room

**Thursday**
3:30-4:30 p.m. • Song of Praise Choir • Music Room
12:00-1:00 p.m. • Chi rho Lunch Fellowship • Wambam Court

**Sunday**
4:00 p.m. • Vespers • Martyrs’ Chapel
8:00-9:00 p.m. • Student Ministry Team • Jack & Ed’s

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**Katie Koestner**

Date Rape Survivor & Advocate

Tuesday, October 3
7:00 p.m. • Student Center Ballroom

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**Come Away Retreat**

Friday, October 12—Monday, October 16
Nibrara State Park

"Come away...and come closer..."

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**Hands that Heal**

Shannon Laubenthal

The lyrics of “Let the Praises Ring” by Lincoln Brewster seem to create a pretty solid theme song for the scripture this week...

Oh Lord my God to you I give my hands
Oh Lord my God to you I give my feet
Oh Lord my God to you I give my everything
Take all I have

Oh Lord my God to you I give my life...

Think about all that your hands do for you...play, write, type, mold, lift... the list is endless! They are an extreme benefit to our daily lives, but while they are often helpful, they can also hurt. We often want the upper hand in our lives, and often destruction results. The Gospel of Mark tells us that “If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.” Though easier said than done, we must be open to “cutting off” our hands and self control and make the effort to give ultimate control to God. It’s tough for us to cut off a part of who we are, something that we use everyday. How willing are you to let go and let God be in charge? To do so, we may have to make an alteration in our own lives. Give God your hands, your feet, your everything...

Let everything I say and do be founded by my faith in you
Let the praises ring...

As the second reading says, we should not “store up treasures for the last days.” Everything we say and do should be for and with Him. God has given us a pretty useful tool, along with many other graces and talents to be shared. Do you recognize the talents you’ve been blessed with? Take advantage of them, but do not take them for granted. Do not resist to share them for your own good, the good of others, and perhaps most important, the greater glory of God.

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1 October 2006 • Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Today’s Readings**

**Numbers 11:25-28**

Would that all the peoples of the Lord were prophetic!

**Psalm 19:8-9, 10, 12-14**

"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."

**James 5:1-6**

The cries of those unjustly treated have reached the Lord.

**Mark 9:43-44, 45, 47-48**

Whatever causes you to sin, cut it away.

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God of compassion, you feel our pain and cry with us in our passion. God of justice, you wage with us against the injustice or our experience. Be with us today.

We gather today in sadness to remember all victims of violence, but especially these women and children who have been victims of violence in their own homes.

We come together because there is so much violence experienced every day by the vulnerable ones in our world: countless women, children and men.

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Do you have a suggestion for a topic you would like to see in Magis? This is a student bulletin and we want to hear from you!

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Barriers Between Us
Sarah Balloga

This week’s readings are somewhat difficult to listen to, particularly the gospel. What do you mean, cut off my hand if it causes me to sin? I am synonym that because the majority of the population is still two hundred that no one has taken this gospel reading literally. Yet, what is often overlooked because of the quite disturbing image is the challenge that the reading issues to the reader. In the reading, we are asked to challenge our own hurtful and insidious ways of judging the lives that are erecting barriers between us and God.

One such barrier is presented in the reading from Hebrews. The spirit of God is not just in one person; it is in all of us. How many times have we failed to recognize the inherent dignity that is present in others such as in a nativity that is driving us up the wall or the loneliness at the corner of Turner’s Boulevard and Douglas? How many times have we failed to recognize the inherent dignity in our own selves?

This week is Stop Intimate Violence Week. There are people in our lives that fall to recognize their own self-worth as they are locked in a violent relationship. While as outsiders, we may be able to observe the signs and wish to sever the hand that prevented our loved ones from acknowledging their inner dignity and worth, we cannot. Unfortunately, we are the only ones who can remove the barriers that prevent God from entering into our hearts. But what we can do is be an advocate for them, offer comfort, protection, and encouragement until they themselves can recognize the spirit of God that dwells within them.

---Ask A Jesuit---

Q: What role does the sacredness of the human body play in the theology of the Church?

A: The deep Judeo-Christian tradition looks at the body as a gift, a blessing, and something essentially good. Other strains of Christianity have followed a different path, such as a strong emphasis on the soul that the body can be seen as something corrupt, dirty, and needing to be controlled.

In either case, one could wonder why in this day and age we have such contradictions to deal with: obesity in a world of hunger, violence in the face of demands for peace, sexual promiscuity in a world of loneliness, binge drinking in a world that encourages control over what bodies look like, smoking in the face of the almost constant threat of cancer, etc.

Especially this week, Stop Intimate Violence Week, invite us to wonder why it’s easier to talk about the sacredness of human life yet not act in a manner that is coherent with that. What drives so many to abuse our own bodies and those of others? Why is this “drive” greater than an instinct to reverence our bodies? What in the human spirit needs healing?

---Stop Intimate Violence Week---

Intimate violence is a sensitive and extremely horrifying topic. Often times, it is easier to ignore it than to face the issues that surround it, and how close it is to home. Unfortunately for Colorado Springs University, it is a topic of pain and necessity because of the terrible truth that it is a reality at Colorado.

Although we are a campus with our own community and culture, we do not exist outside of the world, and must be aware of the tragedy of intimate violence that inflicts our students, faculty, and staff directly and indirectly.

Stop Intimate Violence Week is crucial to Colorado Springs students and staff because of the message it conveys about intimate violence. Know your boundaries, know your limits, and know that you are worthy human beings who are as valuable as anyone else. Know that while you may not see it on a daily basis, intimate violence exists somewhere close to you and deserves attention and concern from everyone, at Colorado, in Omaha, in Nebraska, and in the United States.

And most of all that, if you’ve been abused, if you know someone who is or has been the victim of intimate violence, or even if you have never come into contact with the issues, your voice is needed.

---Sarah Balloga, Stop Intimate Violence Week student coordinator---

---Mark Your Calendar---

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, 1 October**
 QB with the SJ 8:00 p.m. • Administration building (meet by the “golden statue”)

**Monday, 2 October**
 Red Mass 5:00 p.m. • St. John’s Church

**Tuesday, 3 October**
 Immigration in a Global Context: The Case of Europe Kenneth Brown Bag Lunch Series on the Humanities Life 11:30 a.m. • Student Center 104

**Wednesday, 4 October**
 America: Immigration Past & Present Kenneth Brown Bag Lunch Series on the Humanities Life 11:30 a.m. • Student Center 104

**Caret & Post-Graduate Volunteer Fair**
 12:00-4:00 p.m. • Student Center Ballroom

**Ignatian Family Teach-In/SAIG Vigil Education Night**
 9:00 p.m. • Student Center 104

**Thursday, 5 October**
 Release to Choose: Reclaiming Femininity Sally Yaron, Feminists for Life of America 7:00 p.m. • Pogue Science 120

**Tuesday, 10 October**
 Spring Break Service Trip Coordinator Meeting 8:00 a.m. • Student Center 104

**Wednesday, 11 October**
 Spring Break Service Trip Coordinator Meeting 12:00 p.m. • Student Center 104

**Ally Day**
 Gay Straight Alliance

**Friday, 13 October—Saturday, 21 October**
 Fall Break Immersion Trips

---Cardoner Corner---

We are Called to be Properly Intimate
Joshua Marshall, Cardoner Intern

The mission of Cardoner is discerning vocation as calling. All abstract descriptions are boiled down to their easy to understand form. In this case Cardoner’s mission is vocation: helping one find how one’s life intersects with the life of Christ. With the issue of intimate violence, however, the concept of discerning vocation requires a new understanding. We are called to be both producers and content workers; we are called to be productive and content in all aspects of our lives— including relationships.

The theme of this year’s SWH is “Knowing Your Boundaries”. Growing up on a Native American reservation I knew many boundaries, not least of which was the one violated by loved ones in acts of violence. Many know I have experienced this (which, along with many other horrors, constitute the sad reality of life on reservations). But I also witnessed the spirituality and resilience of people dealing and growing from this. Through their spiritual intimacy with God they learned the nature of a loving, intimate relationship.

It is through intimacy that we are able to hear our callings and understand the way vocation works our lives and to have a mature understanding of the vocation that our individual and community. Women and men are not created in isolation. We are called to live in community and violence within our lives harms the entire community. As Dostoevsky writes, “Christianity, in the end, is a communal endeavor. We believe in it when community works, we stop believing when community and family break down”. Understanding our calling to be intimate within our personal relationships is key to discernment and community.

We have a vocation to live within the context of intimate relationships: with our work and careers, our sense-of-self, our community, our family, our significant others, and our God. It is part of our calling to know what intimacy entails and the boundaries it brings. Violence done in any one of these by us or others inhibits us from following our calling. More important, it darkens the intimacy we have with God and, as I have learned from my brothers and sisters on the reservation, it is this intimacy which is the well-spring that the love and compassion needed to form intimate relationships in the other aspects of our lives comes from.

---Resources---

**R.A.I.M.H.**
(Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network)
National Line: 1-800-656-HOPE
Website: www.rainn.org
The website also gives information and resources at the national level.

**Catholic Charities**
Omaha Area Office: (402) 554-0500
Website: www.catholiccharities.org

**YWCA**
(Young Women’s Christian Association)
Omaha Area Office: (402) 345-6555
24 Hour Hotline: (402) 345-7273
Website: www.ywca.org
The website also gives information and resources at the national level, and has a search tool to help you find the nearest YWCA in your area.