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*Lord make me an
instrument of peace...*



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Kyle Jones 785-656-3007

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am
Wednesday - 7:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday - 7:30 am

BAPTISMS - Preparation class
required for first time parents
and inactive Catholics.
Contact Lilly to schedule.

MARRIAGES - Couples anticipating
marriage must contact Lilly at least
6 months prior to wedding date.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Family Elementary 785-625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Sept 3 8:00 am +Donald P. Werth
 Wed. Sept 6 7:30 am +Nick & Almeda Stecklein
 Sun. Sept 10 8:00 am +Cody Younger
 Wed. Sept 13 7:30 am +Farron Leiker

SERVERS

Sunday, Sept 3 Ahnaly Leiker & Reylyn Leiker
 Sunday, Sept 10 Makailyn Leiker & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Sept 3 Jenalyn L, Nathan L, Amy P, Bea S.
 Sun. Sept 10 Ken R, Peggy R, Josh W, Deacon Steve

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Sept 3 Lilly Binder Wilbert Gross
 Sun. Sept 10 John Moeder Jerry & Sylvia Gross

GREETERS

Sunday, Sept 3 Jason & Rose Carter
 Sunday, Sept 10 Tyson & Cammi Flax

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, September 3

Ernie Binder, John Moeder, Brian Pfannenstiel, Rich Ruder

Sunday, September 10

Kyle Jones, Blake Leiker, Mark Leiker, Nathan Leiker

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, September 3 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
 Sunday, September 10 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
 Sunday, September 17 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
 Sunday, September 24 Darold & Evelyn Younker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$2,157.00
 Loose \$314.00
Total \$2,471.00



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

Wedding Ritual:

Proper Staging helps us pray.

To begin a life together is a serious thing. We need the prayers of our family, our friends and our parish so that the foundation of our married life can be strong.

As the number of family and friends attending a wedding grows, proper staging becomes vital. People want to be able to see the couple. People want to hear the vows.

This is where parish rules on staging come in. We have learned what lends itself to prayer and what detracts from the ceremony. While we want cameras to record the event, we don't want people noticing the cameras. So, we have restrictions on where the cameras can be. We want children to be part of the ceremony, but they need to be old enough to understand their duties. So, we have minimum ages for ring bearer and flower girl. We want the wedding party to be seated comfortably and be able to move smoothly around the sanctuary space. So, we have a limit on the number of attendants.

Just as a church is not an auditorium, the sanctuary space is not a stage. The sanctuary space is where heaven & earth meet. Here the Eucharist is conected. Here is where God's Blessings are called down upon the couple. So only certain people are allowed in the sanctuary space at certain times for certain sacred duties.

Fr. Damian

Hospital Question: How do I get Father to come and visit me when I'm in the Hospital?

If you want to make sure I know you are in the hospital, the best way is to tell me before you go in.

When I go up to the hospital, I will ask for the list of Catholic patients. But that list only covers overnight patients and not those in for an outpatient procedure. Sometimes, if the admission process is rushed (like in the E.R.) the religion may not be put down. So you would be in the hospital, but not on the Catholic list. Because of privacy rules, I can't randomly go into hospital rooms asking if someone wants to visit with a priest. But if I know you are there, I can ask for your room number and I can come by to visit.

Fr. Damian



Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass this morning hosted by the Christian Mothers.



Seed Wheat Blessing will take place next Sunday, September 10. Place wheat on Mary's altar

Religious Formation: Classes will begin Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m.



Starting this month, the Munjor Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Munjor School Gymnasium. All K of C members are encouraged to attend these meetings. The first meeting will be September 11. Many decisions for the year will be decided at this first meeting. Hope to see you there.

Is God putting into your heart the desire to become a Catholic? Do you feel the call to join the Catholic Church? This process of formation will begin on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30pm, in the St. Nicholas Parish Activity Center. For more info contact Deacon Steve at urbs57@gmail.com or call 785.650.2931. You must register in advance before the Sept. 7th date.

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."



Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Carla Meier, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carol Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities. Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"-Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Stars & Stripes Breakfast at the VFW 22nd & Vine, Hays on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 7:30am - 12:00pm. Tickets - Adults \$10.50/Children \$5.50 All you can eat! Tickets: St. Joseph Church (Kevin Rupp) 785-625-7356, Larry Reichert 785-625-5386, Elmer Dreher 785-625-6353 A portion of the pre-sold tickets go to help the local Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

St. Joseph's Adult Formation, Pray & study the Gospel of John. Grow in love of the Eucharist ~ Dr. Brant Pitre's video series *Lectio: Eucharist*. Join us Wednesday's September 13 - May 1st from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Kennedy Cafeteria. For more information or questions call Paul Flesher 785-656-3121

Hospice Volunteer Training Wednesday, September 20th 83:30 am - 4:30 pm at HaysMed. Registration is due by Friday, September 8, 2023. Contact Hospice of Hays Medical Center 785-623-5000

The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus invite you to their Annual Steak Dinner, on Saturday, September 23rd. Social hour at 6pm, dinner at 6:45. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12 oz) or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad and dessert. \$25 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Contact Glenn Gabel at 785-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin at 785-623-0580

Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will be hosting a Mass to commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Jerry Vincke, Fr. Jim Moster and Fr. Reggie Urban will be concelebrants. Music will be provided by Triology. Seed wheat will be blessed. Social following Mass. Everyone is welcome.

HaysMed's Annual Drive-through Flu Shot clinic has been scheduled for Sunday, September 24. The event, which will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will offer free flu shots for all residents older than 6 months.

Reuse & Recycle for Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities uses the white, plastic Dillons Pickup bags for their outreach services. They are useful in preparing the food and personal hygiene bags that are distributed to families. If you would like to donate your bags for this service, please call Traci Pfannenstiel at 785-625-2644.

Adult Faith Enrichment ACTS Retreat. An ACTS retreat is a three-day/three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. The cost for an ACTS retreat is \$200 for accommodations and meals.

Women's Retreat Date: Great Bend Oct. 26-29



Divine Mercy Radio is looking for an assistant director. Must embrace the mission of Divine Mercy Radio, be outgoing and able to perform a variety of duties. For a full job description, go to dvmercy.com. That's dvmercy.com. The position begins Jan. 1, 2024.

St. Joseph Sacred Heart Room Do you have statues, palms, rosaries, prayerbooks, medals or relics that were given to you or that were your parents' and you just don't know what to do with them? Don't throw them away! Broken rosaries will get repaired and find a new home, palms and other non repairable items will be buried. Many items will find a new home.

Diocesan Anniversary Masses 2023 Bishop Vincke & the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary & all other wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and any anniversaries over 70 years in 2023. Sunday, October 15th at 3PM Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, Kansas Sunday, October 29th at 3PM St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, Kansas You may register now to attend by going to the link below or you can call the parish office and we can assist with your registration. No cost to attend. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life>

PRAYER FOR MOISTURE: O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to quench our parched land. We pray for moisture that will sustain our crops and land. Help us always be good stewards of your creation and to care for the many resources of this earth. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen

St. Isidore, Patron of Farmers and Farm Life—Pray for Us.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
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- Sept 4 NO SCHOOL
- Sept 6 Precious Creations & HFE 25th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting at 9:00 am
- Sept 8 Mass at 8:00 with Bishop Vincke
- Sept 11 Home & School Meeting 7:00 pm

HFE Cajetan Ca\$h is right around the corner -- our first big fundraiser of the school year! HFE Cajetan Ca\$h is a fundraising raffle that benefits Holy Family Elementary. Cajetan comes from Saint Cajetan, which is the patron saint of good fortune. Tickets are available for purchase thru September 29th. Raffle Prizes are \$1,000- \$2,500 -\$5,000 - \$10,000. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at cajetancash.rallybound.org, or contact any HFE student or email cajetancash@hfehays.org. Drawing will be held **LIVE** on the HFE Facebook page at 2:45 pm, on October 13th!!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
(785) 625-6577

- Sept 4 NO SCHOOL

For more information you can check the TMP-Marian website under the Google Calendar for the latest updates from the school.

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-Op

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require RSVP) contact Samantha Baker 785.639.3285 or 14sjbaker@gmail.com Find us on Facebook!

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Mission Statement:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is built on a foundation of faith. We continue that spirit by welcoming all people to participate in our spiritual growth. As we are called to love God and and be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.