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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 www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

785-625-3131

www.tmp-m.org

Mass Intentions				
Sun. Apr 20	8:00 am	L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun family		
Wed. Apr 23	7:30 am	L/D Verlin & Elaine Pfannen- stiel fam		
Sun. Apr 27	8:00 am	+Keith Fieler		
Wed. Apr 30	7:30 am	L/D Nicholas Suppes family		

Servers		
Sun Apr 20	Ahnalyn Leiker & Makailyn Leiker	
Sun Apr 27	Hayley Gerstner & Trenton Staley	

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Apr 20 Nathan L, Amy P, Josh W, Tina W. Sun Apr 27 John M, Ken R, Peggy R, Tony S.

	LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
Sun Apr 20	John Moeder	Linda Gross
Sun Apr 27	Lauren Moeder	Jerry & Sylvia Gross

GREETERS		
Sun Apr 20	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel	
Sun Apr 27	Alan & Juanita Stecklein	

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, April 20

Ernie Binder, Rich Ruder, Blake Spencer, Trenton Staley

Sunday, April 27

Jerry Gross, Francis Leiker, Sid Steinert, Neal Younger

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 20 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure				
Envelopes	\$2,241.00	<i>→</i>		
Loose	\$55.00	Weekly Offering		
Total	\$2,296.00			

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about — the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.

We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection?

A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

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Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3pm**, **Sunday**, **April 27**, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. **Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are in the brochure rack of the church.** <u>CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2pm.</u> This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.



Update from Tuesday's Parish Council Meeting:

- Church window wraps peeling/flaking to be done when weather warms up. Bid was accepted last year.
- Motors for furnaces upstairs in the Parish Hall no longer working. Bids were submitted for new units, \$6,883.00, \$11,760.00 & 13,500.00. With further research replacement motors were found at \$200.00 each. Decision was made to just replace current motors. Heat is needed to maintain plaster walls etc.
- 2026 150th Anniv of our Parish will be celebrated along with our annual Anniversary Mass on October 4th, 2026. More details to come.
- Cemetery Plot Fees: Beginning July 1, 2025 Parishioners - from \$75.00 to \$100.00 Non Parishioners - from \$200.00 to \$500.00
- Old garage door 9'x7' will be listed on NexTech.
- Purchasing an additional riding mower for ceme tery and parish grounds.

Bids were submitted: Hustler 54" deck rear discharge \$7,248.90; John Deere 54" deck side discharge \$6,000.00. Decision was made to go with Hustler due to rear discharge not blowing grass onto headstones which would require addi tional cleanup. John Deere did have a 60" deck with rear discharge \$13,000.00 but too large for mowing around headstone areas.

- May Crowning. Chrisitan Mothers will do first Sunday of May. Parishioners are invited to bring fresh flowers each Sunday to be placed in a vase by the statue throughout the month of May.
- Council Member Election in June. Two of the three members are open to serve another term leaving one vacancy. If you would like to be on the ballot along with the two current members, let a council member or Lilly know, or drop it in the collection basket.

Cemetery Mowing: Sometime this week contact Tony Rohr 650-1819 or Jerry Gross 342-4183.

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"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." Acts 10:38) We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

"Pray, Hope and Don't Worry"

Tune into Divine Mercy Radio's Spring Care-a-thon April 29 - May 2 where we will learn how to Pray, Hope and Not Worry.

Of particular interest for KMDG 105.7/88.1

Tuesday, April 29

8am - Judy Keane

9am - Fr. Curtis Carlson

10am - Jen Lang

12pm - Fr. Damian Richards

1pm - Fr. Lawrence Carney

2pm - Fr. Andy Hammeke

4pm - Fr. Edmond Kline

5pm - David Fortin

Wednesday, April 30

7am - Donetta Robben

8am - Dr. Abe Fisher

10am – Fr. Brian Lager

4pm - sister Mary Agnes & Sister Mary Monica

Thursday, May 1

8am - Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt

10am - Christian Lutz & Cory Munsch

4pm - FHSU Catholic Tigers

5pm – Jazmin Aguilar(FHSU)

Friday, May 2

8am - Deacon Don Prendergast

9am - Mother Mary Josefa

12pm - Fr. Joshua Werth

4pm – Father Fred Gatschet

Full schedule at dvmercy.com. For trivia and pledges call 785.621.4110. Listen on radio, computer, phone app or Alexa. Live on Rumble. Facebook and YouTube.

The Antonino Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 21, at 7:30pm, in the church basement. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

Our maintenance crew will be preparing the cemetery for mowing and trimming. Please remove any items that are not attached to the monument in order for the staff to mow the cemetery. We ask that you pick up all items by Monday, May 12. Thank you!



Niki Sauer, Amy Moeder, Amber Lacewell, Mike Suppes, Special Intentions, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Carla Meier, Terry Requests 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.

Adoration Under the Stars

May 2 8:00-9:30PM TMP Grotto

FHSU Catholic Tigers will be hosting
a night of Adoration, praise & worship music,
& Confession under the stars
There will be a dance in the TMP Fieldhouse to follow

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us.

Fr. Daryl's 50th Anniversary Celebration is Sunday, June 8 at St. Boniface Church in Tipton. 4pm Mass 5:30pm Dinner in the Tipton Community Center 7 to 9pm Music and Dancing

I hope you can all make it. I look forward to seeing you all there.

May God bless you, Fr. Daryl Omstead

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Due to rising costs associated with management, maintenance and care, the St. Joseph Cemetery and St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery will be increasing the cost of a single grave easement to \$1,000.00 for non-parishioners and a discounted rate of \$800 for St. Joseph parishioners effective May 1, 2025. This is a \$300 increase in price. All other St. Joseph Cemetery fees will remain un-

Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:

Sunday @ 12pm (Noon) OPEN
Sunday @ 4pm (Needs second adorer)
Friday @ 2pm (Needs second adorer)
Saturday @ 1pm (Needs second adorer)
Saturday @ 3pm OPEN
Saturday @ 12am (Midnight) OPEN
Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal (785) 625-3131

April 21 NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday

April 22 Kindergarten & 1st Gr. Easter Celebrations

April 23-May 2 Buddy Bracelet Sales / Dominic Savio Club

April 25 Race for Education Day!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal (785) 625-6577

April 21 No School - Easter Monday

April 26 ACE AUCTION 5 - 11pm



He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy Easter

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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.