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



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Jane Younger 259-3374

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 625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, January 9th, 2022 ~ Baptism of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan 9 8:00 am +Cody Younger
Wed. Jan 12 >>> NO MASS <<<
Sun. Jan 16 8:00 am L/D Joe & Rose Gross family
Wed. Jan 19 7:30 am L/D Mark & Dora Leiker family

SERVERS

Sunday, Jan 9 Alec Gerstner & Wyatt Gerstner
Sunday, Jan 16 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Jan 9 Bea Suppes & Deacon Steve
Sunday, Jan 16 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Jan 9 Natalie Oborny Frank & Paulette Seib
Sun. Jan 16 Brian Pfannenstiel Rich & Sherri Ruder

GREETERS

Sunday, Jan 9 Jeanette Pfannenstiel
Sunday, Jan 16 Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, January 9

Mark Leiker, John Oborny, Greg Pfannenstiel, Jeff Richmeier

Sunday, January 16

Ernie Binder, John Moeder, Tony Staley, Darold Younker

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Jan 9 Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, Jan 16 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel
Sunday, Jan 23 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, Jan 30 Ken & Peggy Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$990.00	New Year's Collection	
Loose	\$255.00	Envelopes	\$455.00
Total	\$1,245.00	Loose	\$35.00
		Total	\$490.00

SACRAMENTALS HELP THE FAITHFUL ENCOUNTER THE DIVINE

Kathy Kuczka

My mother often expressed her Catholic faith in ways that were subtle but sure. For example, whenever a piece of food that had been blessed fell on the floor, she would pick it up and reverence it with a kiss. Whenever we would drive by a Catholic Church, she would make the sign of the cross. Whenever Palm Sunday arrived, she would loop a palm around the crucifix that hung in her bedroom. These small acts of devotion told us that the church building was not the only place where God was found. God was revealed in the smallest piece of blessed food, in the sign of the cross, and in a palm branch that had been sprinkled with holy water. These actions and objects are part of what the Church calls sacramentals.

SACRAMENTALS Like sacraments, sacramentals are sacred signs. They too point to a spiritual reality beyond what meets the eye. Sacramentals prepare the faithful to celebrate the sacraments, and many sacramentals are instrumental to those very celebrations. For example, holy water is used at baptism. Blessed oil is used at confirmation, at ordination, and in the anointing of the sick.

Blessings

Blessings are assurances of God's presence and protection. The Old Testament is filled with stories of God's favor bestowed in the form of a blessing. The Bible begins with God creating the earth and blessing all living creatures. In the New Testament, Jesus often blesses others, especially children. Entering the church, we bless ourselves with holy water. This is only one of several blessings at Mass. The deacon is blessed before he proclaims the Gospel. At the end of Mass, the entire community is sent forth with a blessing. Oil is blessed at the chrism Mass, and a newly married couple is blessed after they have bestowed the sacrament on each other. The Book of Blessings contains a compilation of blessings pertaining to people, objects, and various occasions, as well as blessings and services connected with official parish events. There are blessings for students and teachers, blessings for travelers, blessings for homes and offices, even blessings for boats and fishing gear. Many blessings, such as the blessing of children by their parents or the blessing of a meal, may be performed by laypersons. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Every baptized person is to be a 'blessing' and to bless" (1669). That same idea applies to objects that are blessed. Incense that is blessed is used to venerate the faithful, the Book of the Gospels, the altar and the gifts, and the deceased at a funeral. The fire at the Easter Vigil is blessed, and from that fire, the paschal candle is lit, and from the paschal candle, the candles are lit and carried in procession by the faithful. All objects that have been blessed are treated with reverence, so it is customary to dispose of items such as palms, rosaries, and liturgical books by either burying them or burning them.

Types of Blessings

Some blessings are more formal, such as the consecration

of a person who is dedicating their life to God through a particular religious order. Objects reserved for special use, such as a church altar, are also consecrated. An exorcism too is considered a blessing. It is bestowed upon a person struggling with the powers of evil. A simple exorcism is performed at baptism. Catechumens may also experience a minor exorcism as they journey to the sacraments of initiation.

Sacramental Actions

Sacred actions such as making the sign of the cross, genuflecting, kneeling, bowing the head, and sprinkling with holy water are also sacramentals. Sacramentals teach the faithful, as my mother taught her children, that no person or thing is outside the grace of God, that everything has the potential to encounter the divine, that every morsel of life is holy.

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Coffee, Rolls and conversation following Mass hosted by the Parish.

Religious Education: Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH: Don't forget to RSVP for the Christian Mothers After Christmas Festivities on Jan. 16th.

RSVP Deadline by Dec. 10th.

Jane Younger: 785-259-3374

Jenelyn Leiker: 785-259-3691

Bea Suppes: 785-625-5180

Word of God Sunday

Everyone is invited to an hour-long celebration entitled "Encounter the Word" on Sunday, January 23rd, at Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer at 2 PM. There will be music and song, proclamation and still-life dramatization of Scriptures about Scriptures, respective teachings by Father Reggie Urban, a semi-retired priest of the Dodge City Diocese living in Hays, preaching by Sister Francine Schwarzenberger (Order of Preachers) from the Dominican Convent in Great Bend, and witnessing by Michelle Rondeau, a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Great Bend. Bibles and books about the Bible will be for sale. Bring your Bible to be dedicated. A reception will follow in the grade-school next to the church. This is being done in honor of the Apostolic Letter, "He Opened to Them", by Pope Francis regarding the celebration, study, and distribution of the Scriptures.

Poinsettia's: If you made a donation to purchase a poinsettia plant and would like to pick up the plant, you can do so after Mass Sunday or contact Lilly for other arrangements.

UPCOMING IN JANUARY:

Jan. 16th – Christian Mothers *After Christmas Festivities*

Jan. 18th – Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 24th – K of C Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Daughters of Isabella sponsors bingo at Heritage Bingo, 114 East 12th, on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month. Doors open at 5:30pm. Please come! Your support is appreciated.



Storm Recovery: Our prayers remain with the many in our diocese whose lives have been deeply impacted by the recent fires and windstorms. Catholic Charities is here to assist with recovery efforts. Those needing assistance can call the Catholic Charities office nearest them or visit www.ccnks.org/disaster. If you wish to help those impacted by these events, the best way to help is by donating to the Catholic Charities Local Disaster Relief Fund at www.ccnks.org/disasterfund or mail donations to:

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas

c/o Disaster Relief Fund

PO Box 1366

Salina, KS 67402-1366

Please write Disaster Relief Fund in the memo line. All donations will assist with disaster recovery efforts in the 31 counties of our diocese.



Theo Leiker, Special Intentions, Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, Matt Shorman, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

Prayer For Moisture

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain/snow, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved Son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

SDCCW Speaker Event All women are invited to our Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women speaker event on Sunday, January 9. We are having two great speakers. One will be Mother Miriam, Daughters of Mary with her conversion story and the other speaker will be on the Value Them Both amendment. It will be held from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. We are also planning time before the Blessed Sacrament. There is no cost to attend. Questions? Contact Rachel Elsen at 785-738-2889



Any allegation of the abuse of a minor, may be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5530), the KBI Crime Hotline (1-800- KSCRIME) or ClergyAbuse@kbi.ks.gov. The Diocese of Salina fully participates in all criminal investigations related to abuse perpetrated by a member of the clergy or other church official. For the safety of children and the healing of those who have suffered abuse, the Diocese of Salina provides an Abuse Response Hotline (1-785-825- 0865); an Abuse Response Email (reportabuse@salinadiocese.org); and an Abuse Response Online Submission Form (www.salinadiocese.org/safetysecurity). Reports will be responded to promptly by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All reports are confidential with the exception of those involving the abuse of minors, which will be immediately reported by the Diocese to the proper authorities, as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy.

This bulletin announcement provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security.



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

Jan. 12 School Spelling Bee, 8:15am, in Little Theater
Jan. 13 Vision Screenings Grades K – 2nd



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
625-6577

Monarch 4 a Day. Come visit TMP-M 5th and 6th graders from any school or town are welcome to spend a morning at TMP- Marian to be a Monarch for a Day.

Jan. 14 – 6th, 7th, 8th graders

Jan. 21 – 5th graders

Learn about the technologies, active learning, and social events at the school. See how living a life of faith can change lives. Students stay from 8-noon. Lunch is included. TMP will return students back to their current schools. School transportation is available upon request for arrival or dismissal. Register or get further details by emailing Mrs. Melissa Schoepf at schoepfm@tmpmarian.org. Plus, all students are welcome to attend the TMP-M vs. Sacred Heart basketball game on Jan. 7, starting at 4:30pm. It's free admission and includes free popcorn and a pop. Bring whomever you want!

Still Seeking a Custodian / Maintenance Employee TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School is currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. The position is full time with benefits, including a stipend towards medical, dental and vision. Interested candidates should contact Tom Kisner, Operations Director, by email at kisnert@tmpmarian.org or by phone at 785-625-6577.

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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.