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



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CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

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, April 17th, 2022 ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. April 17	8:00 am	L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun fam
Wed. April 20	7:30 am	+Joe & Pauline Dinkel
Sun. April 24	8:00 am	L/D Matt & Clara Zimmerman fam
Wed. April 27	7:30 am	Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel

SERVERS

Sunday, April 17	Ahnalyn Leiker & Makailyn Leiker
Sunday, April 24	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 17	Lilly, Jenalyn, Bea, Michelle
Sunday, April 24	Ernie, John, Peggy, Wendy

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. April 17	Ernie Binder	Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker
Sun. April 24	Valerie Dome	Herman & Rose Leiker

GREETERS

Sunday, April 17	Brandon & Brandi Zimmerman
Sunday, April 24	Jason & Rose Carter

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, April 17

Ernie Binder, Mark Leiker, Caleb Staley, Randy Werth

Sunday, April 24

Blake Leiker, Donovan Richmeier, Trenton Staley, Darold Younker

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 17	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, April 24	Randy & Michelle Werth
Sunday, May 1	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, May 8	Deanna Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$3,700.00
Loose	\$86.00
Total	\$3,786.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-8

Without Easter and the resurrection, Good Friday and the cross would have been a sad state of affairs with a cruel ending. Without resurrection we would have no hope. If Jesus was not raised from the dead, there would be no promise of life in this world or eternal life in the world to come. All suffering and pain would have no meaning...no purpose. But Jesus has been raised up and because of his glory we too are filled with true joy, everlasting hope, and eternal promise. For Christians, both the cross and resurrection are necessary for life and meaning. We rejoice this day and for fifty days in the great hope that Jesus' death and resurrection have brought us. And our hearts and voices shout in exaltation, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is risen".

This message of hope and promise of the resurrection is proclaimed by Peter today in his speech at Cornelius' baptism. But this speech is no ordinary speech. This speech and many others in the Acts of the Apostle are kerygmatic, meaning proclamation. This speech and others are theological compositions that have a catechetical purpose. Catechesis is the process of handing on the faith for early believers and for us today. In other words, Luke, the evangelist, is laying out, through Peter's proclamation, a synopsis of Jesus' life, suffering, death, and resurrection. And what makes this proclamation so important is that Peter was delivering it to a devout Gentile who was sympathetic to Judaism. In this baptism of Cornelius, the Church was extending the message of salvation to all people not just to Jews. Peter was doing what Jesus had commanded that the message of salvation be delivered to all persons who believe. The message was that Jesus came to earth, preached the kingdom, drove out demons, was put to death, and then raised up on the third day. Peter and the other apostles are now witnesses and are commissioned to spread this good news.

In today's Gospel, we have the reason for all our hope. We hear the story of Jesus' resurrection according to John. Mary of Magdala comes to the tomb on the first day of the week. She says the stone is rolled back and believes someone has taken Jesus' body. Not believing in the resurrection, she runs to get help from Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved. Peter and the Beloved disciple run to the tomb and find the tomb empty and the burial clothes used to wrap up the body along with the head cloth in separate places. After Peter enters, so does the Beloved disciple and then the evangelist John says, "He saw and believed." In other words, this Beloved Disciple came to know that Jesus has been raised. What Jesus had foretold to his disciples had now come true. Jesus was risen, and life was forever changed.

So how does Easter impact our lives? We must believe that Jesus' death and resurrection have a purpose for our daily lives. In Jesus' passing through suffering and death to resurrection, he has shown us the pattern that we must follow. We must also take up our crosses, our sufferings and go through them to find resurrection and hope. This must be done each day of our lives. Resurrection is not something we wait for in the future, but something that happens to us throughout our lives. God raises us up to new life...new

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hope right now, this very moment. However, resurrection comes only after passing through death and the cross. We rejoice because God has given meaning and purpose to our lives and our sufferings. God has destroyed death and its clutches on us and restored us to a new way of life. We celebrate and sing Alleluia for Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

~ *Deacon Steve*



Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at 3pm, Sunday, April 24, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. 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 gathering space of the church. **CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2pm.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

Following Mass next Sunday, Fr. Damian will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH. Reminder the Christian Mother Party to be held Sunday, April 24th. **RSVP deadline is April 19th.** Contact Jane Younger 259-3374; Bea Suppes 625-5180 or Natalie Oborny natalie.kramer@doane.edu

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 19th 6:30 pm.

Religious Education: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

K of C Meeting: Monday, April 25th 7:00 pm.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they believed." Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to

Stewardship Renewal Forms: Everyone is asked to complete their form and return as soon as possible. This information helps maintain parish data with regards to time, talent and treasure.

The Antonino Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 18, at 8 p.m., in the Antonino church basement. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to join them for a **BBQ to benefit Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc.**, on Sunday, April 24, from 11am to 1pm, at Trinity Lutheran, 2703 Fort St. The menu includes a choice of smoked meats (ribs, brisket, turkey, and pulled pork), baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and a variety of desserts. A freewill offering lets you enjoy this delicious meal, and support Options, Inc.! These funds will be used for Options' work in the 18 counties of Northwest Kansas that they serve. No pre-orders taken, to-go orders accepted.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD May 11th at 2:00 P.M., Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Colby and May 12th at 2:00 P.M., Mass at St. Andrews Church in Abilene. A reception will follow both Masses. Please see the Office of Family Life for more information.



Prayer Requests: Leon B, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, 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.*

Adoration Under the Stars sponsored by the Comeau Catholic Campus Center. To be held May 6th, 8:30 pm at the TMP-M Grotto. This would be the first event ever in the Diocese of Salina and will be held at the TMP-Marian Grotto with our Bishop Gerald Vincke present. Come and bring your family and friends for praise and worship to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament under the beauty that He created. Confessions will also be available as well. Come let us adore Him! **BRING A BLANKET OR LAWN CHAIR!**



Faith and Family with host Steve Wood uses his background in protestant preaching to dive into Scripture to teach the meaning behind the words found in the Bible. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at 8:30

He is risen

April – Slavery is far from over as pimps and traffickers sell people and buyers continue to buy. It is a worldwide, criminal business of which we all need to work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

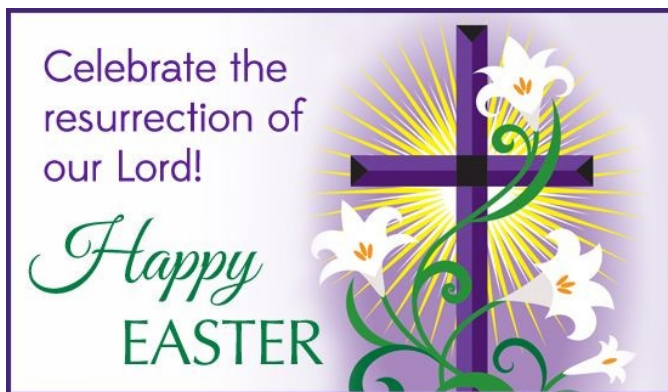
Pray For Rain

Prayer to St. Joseph for Rain Blessed Saint Joseph, God chose you to be the husband of the Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. You cared for the Son of God as your own son and taught him a trade. Because you were so close to him, He will not refuse anything you ask. Intercede for us in our great need. Pray for the blessing of rain. We are grateful for the moisture that we have received, but the land needs more. Ask God to water our fields and gardens, to fill the rivers, streams and lakes, and to bless our crops and livestock. Help us to live close to Jesus and Mary, as you did, strong in faith and good works, caring for one another. Amen.

Mary, Mother of God, and Spouse of Joseph, Pray for Us.

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

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Apr14 – 18 NO SCHOOL – Easter Break
- April19 Easter Egg Hunts—K-1st grades
- April 20 State of Catholic Schools Make-up Session, TMP Dreiling Theater 6-7 pm
- April 21 April Birthday Mass & Lunch

Job Openings: Classroom Teacher-Grade level to be determined. If you are a serious educator ready for the opportunities that a Catholic school can offer, please consider applying with a cover letter, resume, and three references to Principal Rachel Wentling at rwentling@hfehays.org.

Holy Family Elementary is searching for an individual to assist with cooking and/or dishes in the Holy Family school kitchen. If interested, please stop by the school office to pick up an application between 7:30-4:00 Monday-Friday.



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

ACE 2022 Needs Your Help This crucial fundraiser for the schools cannot happen without the help of over 90 volunteers. Please take a few minutes to visit this link to see if you can help in any way. www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/ace-2022. For more information contact Joe Roth 785-621-5421 or email rothj@tmpmarian.org

Breakfast Party Supporting the Heartland Relief Fund will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 8am to noon, at TMP-M Cafeteria. 1701 Hall St. For information, contact Ella Brummer at 785-639-8904 or Kassidi Yost at 785-650-2015

Easter

IS THE DAY THAT CHANGED
everything.