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



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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 625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Aug 29 8:00 am +Charles & Kathleen Evans
 Wed. Sept 1 7:30 am +Curt Pfannenstiel
 Sun. Sept. 5 8:00 am Children of the Parish
 Wed. Sept 8 7:30 am +Farron Leiker

SERVERS

Sunday, Aug 29 Ahnaly Leiker & Makailyn Leiker
 Sunday, Sep 5 Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Aug 29 Nathan Leiker & John Moeder
 Sunday, Sep 5 Jenalyn Leiker & Wendy Richmeier

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Aug 29 Brian Pfannenstiel K of C Members
 Sun. Sep 5 Jeanette Pfannenstiel John & Natalie Oborny

GREETERS

Sunday, Aug 29 K of C Members
 Sunday, Sep 5 Tony & Diana Staley

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, August 29

Donovan Richmeier, Jeff Richmeier, Gary Staab, Darold Younker

Sunday, September 5

Jason Carter, John Moeder, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Greg Pfannenstiel

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, August 29 Mark & Dora Leiker
 Sunday, Sept 5 Jason & Rose Carter
 Sunday, Sept 12 Ernie & Lilly Binder
 Sunday, Sept 19 Tony & Patty Rohr

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8
 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” How often this captures what’s going inside of you and me. We pay lip service to God, but our hearts are still far away from God. How often I have gone to Confession, and then find myself doing the same sins just mere hours after receiving the sacrament. God doesn’t want us to put on a show but wants a true change of heart. While in the first reading from Deuteronomy, the Law is the goal of all Jewish life and brings about happiness. In the Gospel, Jesus radically challenges one of the basic principles of the written law...what it means to be clean or unclean found in the book of Leviticus. Jesus and the author of the Letter to James point to “religion that is pure” as loving our neighbors and having a heart that is transformed. Authentic religion is not mere observance of laws, but true conversion that affects all our decisions, thinking, and mostly our actions.

In our first reading from Deuteronomy, the author espouses the importance of the Law for the Jewish people. The Law was their identity. It set them apart from all other nations. The Law brought them life instead of death. As a reward for observing the Law, the Jewish people were given the Promised Land, wisdom, and brought them near to God. Keeping the law was raised beyond mere civil observance to a religious and ethical response. It was an act of faith and trust in God. In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus is dealing with the Pharisees in their observance of the Law, specifically the Halakah. The Halakah, or “Traditions of the Elders”, was an album of unwritten legal interpretations of the law scrupulously passed from one generation of rabbis to the next. The Pharisees considered this Halakah as binding as the written Torah. By Jesus’ day, this compilation of unwritten interpretations had gotten so out of hand that ordinary lay persons were ignorant of the bulk of it and had to ask the scribes to give them direction as to its meaning. One of the requirements of the Halakah was the cleansing of cups and jugs and hand washing which Jesus’ disciples failed to observe. Jesus does not disregard the Law, but makes sure that we don’t mistake the following of God’s statues in favor of mere human precepts. True purity or holiness consists in surrendering to God in faith not merely pretending by putting on a show.

From these readings, I believe God wants to make sure that our faith is truly lived out of the heart and not done for show. I think these can guide our observance of Church laws. For example, on Fridays during Lent we are

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Envelopes	\$1,172.00
Loose	\$39.00
Candles	\$23.00
Total	\$1,234.00



required to abstain from meat. So does that mean I can feast on shrimp and crab legs, which I might thoroughly enjoy, and boldly proclaim that I have done works of penance. God doesn't want mere observance of laws, but a change of my heart...a transformation of my person. God wants me on Fridays in Lent to do penances that change me and my selfish habits. It's easy to say I abstained from meat, but don't have regard for those who are suffering from lack of food and the basic necessities of life. Or I can say I have gone to Mass, but then don't allow my daily actions to reflect what took place at Mass. God requires a change of my total person not a mere observance of laws. God wants not mere lip service, but a heart that follows the spirit of the law...a heart faithful and true.

~ Deacon Steve



This Sacrament of healing will take place following Mass this morning.

Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass next Sunday hosted by the Christian Mothers.



Seed Wheat blessing will take place Sunday, September 12th. Please place containers on Mary's altar.

Religious Education: Classes begin Wednesday, September 15th, 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Cemetery: We ask that you please remove any items that are not attached to the monuments by Tuesday, Sept. 7, so that our maintenance crew may begin to mow the cemetery. We appreciate your cooperation.

Holy Cross Church, Pfeifer is hosting a Mass to commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 3:00 PM. Celebrants will be Bishop Vincke and Fr. Reggie Urban. Music will be provided by Trilog. Seed wheat will be blessed. Social in the school building following the Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Stars & Stripes Breakfast Sunday, Sept. 12, from 7:30am to noon, at the VFW. Proceeds go to the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Sunflower Chapter - Hays. Adults \$9.50 (\$10 at door); Children 5-12, \$4.50 (\$5 at door). Ticket contact Kevin Rupp, St. Joseph Office.

First Friday Devotions Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, September 3rd at St. Joseph's Church from 12:00 to 1:00pm. Please join us to pray on these First Friday's of the month for vocations to the priesthood and in reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus Annual Steak Dinner, on Sat, Sept. 25, social hour at 6pm, dinner at 6:45pm. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12oz.), or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad, and dessert. \$20 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Contact Glenn Gabel-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin 623-0580

Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle Sept. 25th:

1 in 20 chance, \$50 donation – winner \$500
\$100 donation – winner \$1,000

For ticket information contact Justin Baalman at 635-3777



Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, John Dreiling, Matt Shorman, Special Intentions, 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.



More 2 Life Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie is a unique live daily call-in show. Hosts Jerry Usher and Debbie Georgianni share from their hearts and personal experiences, focusing closely on their listeners and helping them become aware of their tremendous worth and potential. Taking a fresh look at personal, spiritual, and cultural issues, their ultimate desire is to bring others to a realization of how much God loves them and has a beautiful plan for their lives. Tune in at 11 AM on weekdays. The call-in number is 833-288-3986.

Divine Mercy Radio's **11th Annual Appreciation Banquet** will take place in two locations: at 6pm, on Sat., Sept. 11, at The Strand Event Center, Hays and at 6pm, on Sun. Sept. 12, in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages. This is a sit down, served banquet with a great speaker, Father John Riccardo, who will be talking about What Do We Most Need Now? To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) and your meal choice (steak or chicken) to: Divine Mercy Radio 108 E. 12th St. Hays, KS 67601 785-621-4110

AUGUST – There is no time off for traffickers. Their networks are always alive learning better ways to buy and sell people. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Women's Spiritual Day of Reflection ~ Sat., Sept 11th 10 am – 2 pm at St. Nicholas of Myra. 9:30 Registration; 10:00 Guest Speaker, Rick Binder; 11:00 Adoration; Noon Lunch; 1:00 Guest Speaker, Rick Binder; 2:00 Closing Prayer. Hosted by Salina Diocese Council of Catholic Women.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel Notice: Please consider and pray to commit to one hour of Adoration or be a substitute for those who have an hour. Please contact the Archangels. Bob & Carol Feauto (12:00am to 6:00am) 628-1429 Lorraine Brungardt (6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) 625-3021 Yvonne Demuth (12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) 259-0650 Geri Rupp (6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.) 639-5588 **3 HOURS OPEN: Saturday 12:00 PM Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM**

Engaged Couples participate in BELOVED, a one-day seminar for engaged couples that looks into the long-term commitment of marriage and working through challenges as a couple. The BELOVED series explores the spirituality, sexuality, and many issues facing couples. The next seminar is Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 8:30am to 4pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pre-registration is required. Contact Nancy Urban at nancyurban44@gmail.com or Susan Kisner at skisner@ihm-church.com or 785-625-7339.

A Family Perspectiveby Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That's the good news! That can also be the bad news!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

- Sept. 1 3:40 p.m.-All Staff mtg. in school library.
- Sept. 3 8:05 a.m.-First Friday Prayers.
- Sept. 6 **NO SCHOOL!** Labor Day!
- Sept. 8 1:15 p.m.-Early Release Day!

HFE is also seeking enthusiastic individuals to supervise and serve children in our After School Care program. These positions run on the school year calendar and are scheduled 3-6 pm each day school is in session. Interested individuals should contact the school office for applications.



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

- Aug. 30 3pm - V Golf Hays High Invitational @ SHCC
6pm - Social Media Presentation for Hays Catholic Schools Parents in the Dreiling Theater
- Aug. 31 1pm - JH Volleyball @ Scott City Tri w/ Colby
5pm - HS JV/V Vly-Ball TMP Tri Norton & Hoxie
- Sept. 1 3:30pm - Fall Sports Pictures
6:30pm - Counselor Jr/Sr Parent Night for upcoming year
- Sept. 2 4pm - HS C-Team Volleyball @ Colby Quad
4:30pm - JH Volleyball vs Oakley
4:30pm - HS V Soccer vs Elyria Christian
4:30pm - JH Football vs Oakley
5pm - HS V Volleyball @ Abilene Quad

Job Openings! TMP-M currently has 1 job position open. We need a full-time custodian/maintenance person. Please contact school (625-6577) for more information.

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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.