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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 785-625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, January 28, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan 28	8:00 am	Josh & Tina Waddell
Wed. Jan 31	7:30 am	+Nick & Almeda Stecklein
Sun. Feb 4	8:00 am	+Donald & Charlotte Werth
Wed. Feb 7	7:30 am	L/D Frank & Pauline Younker family

SERVERS

Sun Jan. 28	Alec Gerstner & Reylyn Leiker
Sun Feb 4	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Jan 28	Lauren M, Ken R, Peggy R, Tony S.
Sun. Feb 4	Wendy R, Glenn S, Rhonda S, Michelle W.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Jan 28	Gene Gottschalk	John & Amy Moeder
Sun Feb 4	Lilly Binder	Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker

GREETERS

Sun Jan 28	Randy & Niki Sauer
Sun Feb 4	Frank & Paulette Seib

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, January 28


Wilbert Gross, Donovan Richmeier, Caleb Staley,
Brandon Zimmerman

Sunday, February 4

Jason Carter, Jerry Gross, Brian Pfannenstiel, Darold

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, January 28	Linda Gross
Sunday, February 4	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, February 11	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, February 18	Aaron & Kolleen Dome

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure		
Envelopes	\$3,958.00	
Loose	\$306.00	
Total	\$4,264.00	

FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

In today's second reading, we have St. Paul writing to the Corinthians in what could be misconstrued as him being against marriage. We know this is not the case as we can see earlier in his letter where he upholds the great calling and dignity of the Holy state of Matrimony. 1 Corinthians 7:16 says "For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband; or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?" So, what is St. Paul trying to get across to these people and to us?

One thing would be how great of a calling the religious life is, for they become wed to Christ while on this earth. Secondly, this reminds me of one of my favorite passages from Jesus in the Gospel of St. Matthew. Chapter 6:25 says: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?...³² All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. ³⁴ Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.

Notice that Jesus says "Your heavenly Father knows you need them all." This shows us Jesus and St. Paul are not making a rebuke of the goods of the world, or of the good of marriage, but are rebuking an unhealthy attachment to them. So, how in the world could the good of marriage be a stumbling block to people's relationships with God? Let's look at society and see.

Our society has chosen to define marriage in their image rather than accept what God has created it and ordained it to be. Contraception is a mainstay in many marriages (unfortunately, even many catholic ones). This causes people's passions to rule them, instead of their passions being rightly ordered. In some marriages, when one person is Catholic and the other isn't, the Catholic person gives in and leaves their faith behind to please their spouse. These lifestyles all cause people to reject the Ten Commandments and Church teaching, which are from God. Many people give in to immoral lifestyles and/or attitudes because they are more concerned with pleasing others than they are in following Truth.

However, not all is doom and gloom as we can see the great good in those who live out the true calling of marriage. In my own life, it was the witness of my wife and her family that brought me to the Catholic faith. I look around our parish and see many couples whose faith lives have become greater because of their marriage. I am blessed to have young couples as friends who have made it a part of their relationship with one another to go on dates to the Adoration Chapel. Also, there are many marriages that have grown toward God when one spouse has asked the other to join them at reconciliation. The gift of marriage can be a great path

toward sanctity as the couple keeps one another accountable to God.

When our focus is on material things or pleasing people over following God, it stops being about holiness and starts being about pleasure. We then find worry and anxiety at trying to find fulfillment through them. When our focus is on God first, we will find peace and joy, and will see our relationships thrive as we grow with one another.

Religious Education: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 30th 6:30 pm.



Blessing of Candles at Mass February 4. In homes, blessed candles should be lit on the occasion of family devotions, during storms, household crises, or other dangers. These candles can serve as a reminder of our baptismal candles; for the candles we received at baptism remind us of the call to always keep the light of Christ burning brightly and the flame of faith alive in our children's lives as well as our own. Parish candles will be blessed at the beginning of Mass on Feb. 4. Please bring any candles you would like to have blessed to Mass next Sunday. Place them on the table that will be located behind the back pews.



In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, blessing of throats will take place after Mass next Sunday.



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, 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.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."- 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel We are looking for adoration substitutes. To sign up or get more info, please feel free to contact Brian & Michelle DeWitt by text or calling 785-625-2481 or emailing dewittfamilyks@gmail.com

OPENINGS: Saturday 7:00PM-8:00PM
Wednesday 12:00AM-1:00AM
Thursday 1:00AM-2:00AM



Gorham Daughters of Isabella annual Soup Luncheon. Sunday, January 28 10:30 to 1:00 pm/ Eat in or take out. Homemade Chili, Green Bean Dumpling & Chicken Noodle soups, homemade bread, pies & desserts. Adults \$8.00; 5 and under \$5.00 \$13.00 quart.

Holy Family Elementary School Annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction Sunday, Jan. 28, from 11am to 2pm at Holy Family Elementary School

MENU: chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade bun, relishes, choice of dessert, coffee, and tea.

Meal tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or at the door.

Some raffle items include, Dell Latitude 15.6" Notebook, 2 chances at \$1,000 cash prize, Round of Golf with Carts for 4 at Smokey Hill, Nintendo Switch Lite, 22" Fire Pit Gift Set and Much more!

Silent Auction, games galore for kids of all ages with awesome prizes to win at the Game Room in the Activity Center!

All proceeds from the event will be used to make improvements, purchase equipment, and add resource materials for Holy Family Elementary School. The time to invest in the future of Catholic education for our children is now!

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on January 28th!

St. Mary's Catholic School is Ellis is kicking off Catholic Schools Week with a School Carnival on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 10am to 2pm, in the school gym. We invite you to come enjoy a soup luncheon (chili, green bean dumpling, chicken noodle, cinnamon roll), games, raffles, and bake sale! Fun for all ages! To get game tickets or raffle tickets early, call the school Office at 785-726-3185!

K of C 4th Degree Exemplification

When: Saturday, Feb. 24

Where: St. Dominic's Parish Center, Garden City

Sponsor: Fr. Joseph Bogner Assembly 0297

Time: 12 to 9pm

Eligibility: 3rd Degree member

Deadline to Register: Saturday, Feb. 10

If you are a Third Degree member and would like to join the local Knights of Columbus Bishop Cunningham Assembly 0282, please contact our Faithful Navigator Jerry Wasinger at 785-432-3246 or Faithful Comptroller Bradley Stramel by email brstramel@gmail.com

God loves each of us
as if there were only one of us.
...Saint Augustine

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

In the atrium, we are preparing for a new Liturgical season, Ordinary Time or Growing Time. Ordinary Time follows the Christmas season through Ash Wednesday and begins again after the feast of Pentecost until the start of Advent. Again, we change our prayer table from Advent and Christmas to Ordinary Time. In the culture of the Church, Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is mundane, but because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which means numbers in a series, comes from the Latin word ordo, where we get the word order. The weeks of Ordinary Time represent the ordered life of the Church. It is a time when we are walking with the Shepherd. This is the time when we are living the life of Christ. (cgsusa.org) During Ordinary Time in the Church, we spend this time in the atrium presenting material to the children that is all based on Scripture and Liturgy of our Catholic faith. One area we focus on is the Kingdom of God. We introduce the Kingdom of God to them using some familiar parables such as the Mustard Seed, Precious Pearl, and Good Shepherd. As the child grows older, each year we expand on these parables and add other parables such as the Leaven, the Growing Seed, and the Hidden Treasure. These parables are very attractive to children because these parables allow the children to wonder and ponder the vastness of the Kingdom of God.

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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

Mandy Meagher Principal

(785) 625-3131

- Jan 28 Chili Supper & Bazar 11:00 - 2:00 pm
- Jan 28 - Feb 2 Catholic Schools Week
- Jan 29 HFE Red Cross Blood Drive 10:00 - 3:00
- Feb 2 All School Mass with Bishop Vincke
- Feb 8 February Birthday Mass & Lunch



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

- Jan 28 Catholic Schools Week Begin
- Jan 31 7th & 8th Grades Retreat
- Feb 1 Early Release JH 1:00 HS 1:05
- Feb 2 10:00 am All School Mass Field House

Come and see the TMP-M Pop Singers in SEASONS, Dinner Show February 3rd and Dessert Show February 4th! Our show features music from all genres and decades with specific emphasis on the emotions of each season. If you'd like to see some energetic dancing and hear some fabulous singing, tickets are on sale beginning January 15th at tmp-m.org

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



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Catholic Schools Week Activities 2024

Sunday, January 28th - "Celebrate Your Parish"

- Students, parents & staff wear uniforms or HFE shirts to mass
- Chili Supper & Bazaar- 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at HFE
(food lines will cut off at 1:30 p.m.)

Monday, January 29th - "Celebrate the Nation"

- Red, White & Blue Day - students wear a red, white or blue shirt with jeans!
- Prayer Service - 8:15 a.m. in A.C.
- Spelling Bee (3rd, 4th & 5th Gr.) - 9:00 a.m. in L.T.
- First Responders invited to lunch

Tuesday, January 30th - "Celebrate Faculty & Staff"

- Geography Bee (3rd, 4th & 5th Gr.) - 1:00 p.m. in L.T.
- Homeroom Activity (K, 1st, 2nd Gr.) - 1:00 p.m. in Homerooms

Wednesday, January 31st - "Celebrate Your Students"

- Favorite Team Day - Wear a favorite team shirt or jersey with jeans!
- Prayer Circle Group Activity Rotation - 8:15-9:30 a.m. (Game, snack, craft, self portrait)
- Faculty/Staff Luncheon in Lounge
- Talent Show - 2:15 p.m. in L.T. or A.C.

Thursday, February 1st - "Celebrate Vocations"

- Dress-as-a-Saint Day - Students may dress up as a Saint of their choice; Parade of Saints at 2:45 p.m. in hallway
- Priests & Sisters share their journey after mass (20-30 min - boys stay in Gym, girls to L.T.)
- Priests & Religious invited to lunch

Friday, February 2nd - "Celebrate Your Community"

- 1st Friday Prayer Circles (5th Grade leads) - 8:10 a.m.
- Deliver Cookies to Neighbors of HFE
- All Catholic School Mass w/ the Bishop - 10:00 a.m. at TMP-M
- HFE/TMP Mix-it-Up Activities & Lunch - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at TMP-M
- **Early Release** - Students K-5th Dismiss at TMP-M Fieldhouse at 1:15 p.m.
- Students Full-Day Preschool Dismiss at HFE at 1:00 p.m.

Rural Life:
Tending the Land, Mind & Spirit



Catholic Rural Life
Centennial Celebration



Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024

KSU Saint Isidore Catholic Student Center
Newman Hall • 711 Denison Ave • Manhattan, KS 66502

Keynote Speaker:



Catherine DiNuzzo, MA

Catherine is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice who also operates Sacred Heart Mental Wellness, as well as author of the book "The Catholic Guide Through Anxiety."



This event is **free** to attend! A free will offering will be collected during the event.

- Doors Open at 5:30 PM
- Meal Served at 6:00 PM
- Catholic Rural Life Presentation

Featured Guests:

Bishop Gerald Vincke

Bishop of the Salina Diocese, His Excellency Gerald Vincke is the ninth of ten children born to a family on a dairy farm near Saginaw, Michigan.



Mike Beam

Secretary Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, Mike Beam was appointed by Governor Laura Kelly in January 2019. Beam came to KDA following 38 years of experience in association management for the Kansas Livestock Association.



Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt

Fr. Gale is the Chaplain for St. Isidores as well as priest supervisor of Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Manhattan and Chaplain of Manhattan Catholic Schools.



RSVP by Thursday, Feb 1 to ensure our capacity to seat all guests for dinner.



Please visit salinadiocese.org/office/rural-life for more information or to register or call Sienna Wingerson at (785) 282-8048.

-Event Sponsors-

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