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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 7	8:00 am	L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker fam
Wed. Aug 10	7:30 am	+Ron Ruder
Sun. Aug 14	8:00 am	+Dustin Steinert
Mon. Aug 15	6:00 pm	Tim & Lil Kingsley
Wed. Aug 17	7:30 am	L/D Albinus & Velma Weigel fam

SERVERS

Sunday, August 7 Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker
Sunday, August 14 Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Monday, August 15 Valerie Dome & Wyatt Gerstner

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, August 7 Ernie B, Nathan L, Ken R.
Sunday, August 14 Peggy R, Wendy R, Deacon Steve

Monday, August 15 Lilly B, Lauren M, Bea S.

	LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
Sun. Aug 7	John Moeder	Sid & Joanne Steinert
Sun. Aug 14	Lauren Moeder	Frank & Paulette Seib
Mon. Aug 15	Tina Waddell	Volunteers

GREETERS

Sunday, August 7 Brian Pfannenstiel
Sunday, August 14 Jeanette Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, August 7

Larry Koirth, Rexton Leiker, John Oborny, Trenton Staley

Monday, August 15 - Volunteers Sunday, August 14

David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Ken Richmeier, Tony Staley

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, August 7 Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, August 14 Deanna Leiker
Sunday, August 21 Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, August 28 Ernie & Lilly Binder

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$1,762.00

Loose \$55.00 Weekly

Offering

Total \$1,817.00

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

As Americans we are not good at waiting. Before Thanks-giving has arrived, we are already decorating for Christmas. And for many, the day after Christmas is the end of the Christmas season and time to move on to maybe Valentine's Day. Because we have a hard time waiting and being silent, today's Gospel reading is a wake-up call for Americans and all Christians. Remember Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem to consummate his mission, and as he travels he invites us to come along and learn what it means to be a disciple. Today the readings speak of a certain vigilance and preparedness that comes with waiting in faith, hope, and love.

Our first reading is from the book of Wisdom and was probably written by a person living in the city of Alexandria, home to great art, politics, and ideologies. Alexandria was also home of the largest Jewish community for Jews living outside of ancient Palestine after the Babylonian exile. Today's pericope was probably part of a midrash according to theologian A. Wright. A midrash is a way of explaining the Scriptures to later generations by way of verse by verse commentary or a homily. Most important for understanding the midrash is to know the summary or theme which permeates the entire midrash. That summary is that God has chosen his people above all other peoples through the Exodus from Egypt and the passing through the Red Sea. The Jewish people of Alexandria were to appreciate what God had done for their forefathers and to rededicate themselves to the covenant. Awareness of how God had led their ancestors, and where God was leading them today was the purpose of the book of Wisdom.

In the Gospel, Jesus continues his warning about how riches of any kind can lead hearts away from his mission. Then he tells a parable about a master who attends a wedding feast, and returns to knock on the door of his home waiting to see what response he gets from his servants. Originally, this parable was meant to symbolize Jesus coming and announcing his kingdom, but the servants who are the chief priests and scribes do not heed the message and sleep through the moment. A second level of meaning was intended for Luke's community and refers to the second coming of Jesus. In other words, Jesus' second coming would be like a thief coming in the night. As faithful disciples, these followers were to be vigilant and prepared. And for their vigilance, they would be rewarded by being invited to the great messianic banquet. Like the people of Jesus' time, we too must be prepared by reading the signs and waiting with hearts prepared.

So how do we wait for Jesus' coming to us today and for his coming when he calls us from this earthly life? I think we have to start with a discipline of regular prayer, penance, and works of charity. Every day we must find time to raise our hearts in prayer and quiet listening to God. Like a good athlete, we must be disciplined and devoted to schedule prayer even when we don't feel like it. Secondly, we must

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do works of penance like fasting from meat on Fridays or giving up time on our cell phones or electronic devices for a day. Finally, we must grab the opportunities each day to practice works of charity and mercy. If we do these three things, which are also our Lenten practices, we will be ready for his coming in our hearts.

~ Deacon Steve

Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass this morning, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

The Munjor K of C extends a special '<u>Thank You</u>' for your generous support towards the recent food drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Feast of the Assumption, August 15th. Mass at 6:00



We will (hopefully) have nine seminarians this year? Would you like the chance to meet them? Join us for the Annual Seminarian Fundraising Dinner. August 11, 5:15 pm at The Strand in Hays. The evening includes a cocktail hour, dinner and a short program. Tickets \$60 per person. To register, visit salinadiocese.org/events

RUNNIN' REVS game in Hays will take place at 6pm, on Aug. 12, at TMP-M Al Billinger Field House. This is a free event to help support seminarians and promote vocations. All are encouraged to come out and show your support!

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) states that the process is "designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts". If you know someone who might be interested or you are interested in joining the Church, please join us for the RCIA process beginning Thursday, Sept.8, at 6:30pm, at St. Nicholas. For more information contact Deacon Steve at urbs57@gmail.com.

Sunflower Chapter of AHSGR will be meeting on Sunday, Aug. 14, at noon at the Kennedy Cafeteria. The program consists of a Volga German Foods video and discussion of these foods. This will be potluck, Members and guests are invited to attend. Please bring your favorite German Russian foods.

Mark your calendars: The Salina Diocesan of Catholic Women Convention will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church. Pre-register now, forms available at St. Nicholas, or online at Salinadiocese.org. Registration will begin at 8am and Mass will be at 11am with Bishop Gerald Vincke. A catered luncheon will be served and a raffle will be held.

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome Herrmann, Carla Meier, Special Intention, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, 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 RAIN: O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to quench our parched land. We pray for rain that will sustain our crops and land. Help us always be good stewards of your creation and to care for the many resources of this earth. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen

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



Divine Mercy Radio's 12th Annual Appreciation Banquet will take place in two locations: 6 p.m. Sat., Sept. 10 at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall Hays and 5 p.m. Sun. Sept. 11

in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Cost is \$55 if purchased before Aug. 20. After Aug. 20, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages. This is a sit down, served banquet with a great speaker, Father Wade Menezes, who will be talking about In Defense of Truth and Faith: Our Catholic Calling. To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) and your meal choice (steak or chicken) to: Banquet Reservations, Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St., Hays, KS 67601, 785-621-4110, or visit dymercy.com. No tickets sold after Sept. 1. Sorry!

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RURAL LIFE DAY will be observed Sunday, Aug. 14. This year we will be in the West Central Deanery at the St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria. We will be awarding the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award to families who have owned, farmed or lived on the farm in the diocese for more than 100 years. If you are interested in applying for the Century Farm Award, check the diocesan website under Rural Life for more information. Deadline for applications is Aug. 1st. For further information, contact Fr. Rich Daise, (785) 625-7357 or frrich@sacredheartcolby.com



Presenting Hear My Song on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 3pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. A free-will donation benefit concert for the

Unify, Beautify, Glorify Campaign featuring Fr. Nick Parker on piano and vocals with special guests Jillian Korte and Fr. Kevin Weber. Light reception following in the Gathering Space and Basement. Raffle prize drawings will be held during the concert. Visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on Facebook, or visit the Unify, Beautify, Glorify Campaign website at ihm-ubg.com for more information.

Support Groups

"NAMI Connections" Meets 1st & 3rd Monday each month 7 to 8:30pm: Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing After Loss" Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month10am: Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by email at info@cflehope.org or call 785-259-6859.

"NAMI Family Support Group" Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (in-person or online) – 7 to 8:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing Hearts" Support Group meets 2nd Thursday each month (in-person) – 6:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflehope.org or call for information 785-259-6859.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal (785) 625-3131

August 16 First Day of School, K – 6th Dismissal at 11:00

August 17 First Full Day of School, KP—6th
August 18 Opening School Mass—8:00 IHM

August 19 Back-2-Schol Bash HFE/TMP @ TMP 6 pm



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

August 17 First Day of School — Early Release
August 19 4:45—10:45 pm Back-2-School Bash

Volleyball Coaches Needed TMP-M is looking for an assistant high school volleyball coach and a head coach and assistant coach for junior high volleyball. Please email Megan Gottschalk at mgottschalk@hfehays.org

Attention High School Students: Holy Family Elementary is looking to hire workers for their After School Care program. The job is part-time, Monday-Friday, from approximately 3:00pm to 6:00pm. You would be helping students with homework, getting them snacks and monitoring them while they play or participate in activities. If you love working with kids and this sounds like something you are interested in, please stop by the office to inquire and pick up an application!

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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.

11TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

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FAMILY, LIFE, TRUTH



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. MARIO ENZLER

Former Swiss Guard, serving Pope John Paul II and Dean of Cameron School of Business at University of St. Thomas

AUGUST 13TH, 2021 8:00AM - 12:30PM IMMACULATE HEART 1805 VINE ST. HAYS KS

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