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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

Mass Intentions				
Sun. Dec 31	8:00 am	L/D Mike & Celeste Stecklein family		
Mon. Jan 1	8:00 am	Special Intention		
Wed. Jan 3	7:30 am	L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun family		
Sun. Jan 7	8:00 am	+Cody Younger		
Wed. Jan 10	7:30 am	+Curt Pfannenstiel		

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure				
Envelopes	\$1,763.00	Christmas		
Loose	\$174.00	Envelopes Loose	\$1,605.00 \$1,702.00	
Total	\$1,937.00	Total	\$1,702.00 \$2,677.00	



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

Religious Education: NO CLASS - Christmas Break

SERVERS

Sun Dec. 31 Reylyn Leiker & Cali Richmeier

Mon Jan. 1 Hayley Gerstner & Rexton Leiker

Sun Jan. 7 Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Dec 31 Ernie B, Nathan L, John M, Tony S.Mon. Jan 1 Ken R, Peggy R, Glenn S, Rhonda S.Sun. Jan 7 Lilly B, Lauren M, Wendy R, Michelle W.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Dec 31 Lauren Moeder K of C Members

Mon Jan 1 Lilly Binder Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel

Sun Jan 7 Natalie Oborny Jeanette Pfannenstiel

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory/Honor of....

Janet Crawford

Benjamin & Diana Dome

Les Gross & Lynette Callahan

Farron Leiker

Gilbert & Gloria Leiker

Curt Pfannenstiel

Edward & Ron Ruder

Matt Staab

Nick & Almeda Stecklein

Marvin & Bernita Younger

Thank you also for all the unnamed donations.

GREETERS

Sun Dec 31 K of C Members

Mon Jan 1 Volunteers

Sun Jan 7 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, December 31 - K of C Members

Monday, January 1 - Volunteers

Sunday, January 7

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Larry Koirth, Nathan Leiker, Gary Staab, Neal Younger

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." -Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone — a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone today.

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, December 31 Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, January 7 Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, January 14 Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, January 21 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

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Sunday, December 31, 2023 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Carla Meier, Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carol

Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities. Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary ~ Masses

CCC - NO MASS

IHM - 6:45am & 5:30pm English (No Vigil Masses)

Munjor - 8:00am

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am

St. Francis of Assisi Parish,

Sending a huge THANK YOU to your staff and congregation! Your kind hearts do not go unnoticed. We at First Call for Help are grateful for all the donations throughout this past year. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Macey Pfeifer, Executive Director; Laura Shoaff, Client Service Specialist; Adrian Broman, Project Coordinator.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel We are looking for adoration substitutes. Please consider and pray to be a substitute for those who have an hour, or to commit to one hour of your own. 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

4 HOURS OPEN: Saturday 2:00AM-3:00AM

Saturday7:00PM-8:00PM Wednesday12:00AM-1:00AM Thursday 1:00AM-2:00AM

New Year's Eve Dance

Sunday Dec. 31st, 2023 - 2:00PM to 5:00PM

Rose Garden Ballroom, 230 E 8th, Hays Ks.

The Hot Shots Band will provide the music

\$8.00 per person Open to the public



Snack Bar included No BYOB - no set ups

Sponsored By: The Sunflower Polka Club Marion (620)-897-7778



First Friday Devotions: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, January 5th at St. Joseph's Church from 12:00 to 1:00pm.

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astonished' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

> FREE DENTAL CLEANING: Valerie Dome is a dental hygiene student at Colby Community Col-

lege and is looking for patients who are interest-

ed in a free dental cleaning! Three to four appointments are required in Colby and you do not need dental insurance for this service. For more information contact Valerie at 785-639-1708.

SAVE THE DATE: Join us for an exciting event in Hays showcasing our Hays Building Project! All are invited to our 'Before the Build Breakfast' event with the Hays Chamber, Bishop Vincke, and Catholic Charities - Friday, January 26th

Let the New Year be "A Chance"

A Chance to be a better person,

A Chance to enjoy life to its fullest,

A Chance to correct mistakes,

A Chance to forgive and ask for forgiveness,

A Chance to be loved.

Don't' miss the Chance you received from God as you

enter into a new year.



20 + C + M + B + 24

EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR YOUR HOME: Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above or next to an entrance: +20 C M B 24+ (The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. It is also an abbreviation for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!" The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year.) As you are writing the inscription, pray the following:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Ich wuensch euch ion Glueckseliges neues Jahr, langes Leben, Gesundthelt Friede und Eingkeit, noch Eurem Tot, die ewige, Gluckseligkeit!

I wish you a prosperous New Year, long life, health, happiness and contentment. And after your death, eternity.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal (785) 625-3131

Dec 21- Jan 3 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

Dec 21—Jan 3 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

Jan 5 Monarch For A Day. 8:00 am - Noon

Open to any 5th - 8th grader

To register call Melissa Schoepf 785-625-

6577

"May the Holy Family, who had to overcome many painful trials, watch over all the families in the world, especially those who are experiencing difficult situations.

May the Holy Family also help men and women of culture and political leaders so that they may defend the institution of the family, based on marriage, and so that they may sustain the family as it confronts the grave challenges of the modern age!

May Christian families find the light and strength to be united and to grow as the 'domestic church' especially in their diligent participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday.

Saint John Paul II, – Prayer from Angelus Message for the Feast of the Holy Family 2004



Jesus, Mary and Joseph Pray for us

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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.