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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. April 16 8:00 am +Carol Schlegel
 Wed. April 19 7:30 am +Mary Ann Befort
 Sun. April 23 8:00 am +Alicia Brull
 Wed. April 26 7:30 am +Katie Leiker

SERVERS

Sunday, April 16 Jacob Leiker & Rexton Leiker
 Sunday, April 23 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. April 16 Jenalyn L, John M, Peggy R, Bea S.
 Sun. April 23 Lilly B, Glenn S, Rhonda S, Tina W.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Apr 16 Lilly Binder Tony & Patty Rohr
 Sun. Apr 23 Gene Gottschalk Ken & Peggy Richmeier

GREETERS

Sunday, April 16 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
 Sunday, April 23 Kenny & Ann Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, April 16

Larry Koirth, Mark Leiker, John Oborny, Kenny Pfannenstiel

Sunday, April 23

Kyle Jones, John Moeder, Jeff Richmeier, Josh Waddell

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 16 Darold & Evelyn Younker
 Sunday, April 23 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
 Sunday, April 30 Deanna Leiker
 Sunday, May 7 Mark & Dora Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$3,477.00		
Loose	\$361.26	Easter	
		Envelopes	\$1,095.00
Total	\$3,838.26		

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

“God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and **poured out the Holy Spirit** for the forgiveness of sins...” These words are a part of the Prayer of Absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the words in bold are those that have been recently revised. The old translation said **sent the Holy Spirit** for the forgiveness of sins. I believe this new translation more clearly speaks to what happens in the Sacrament of Confession, and what happened in today’s Gospel reading. The risen Jesus appears to the disciples and commissions them, and all of us, to do the work of forgiveness. But we can’t do that ministry without the Holy Spirit being poured forth into our hearts. The act of pouring speaks of an abundant giving, not some mere trickle. The first commission of the resurrected Jesus was to pour his Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we could bring about reconciliation between ourselves and the world. And when we copiously pour forth forgiveness, God bestows on us the Easter gift of peace. On this Divine Mercy Sunday when God generously offers us his compassion, let’s go forth and forgive one another.

Today’s first reading, as throughout the Easter Season, comes from the Acts of the Apostles and gives us glimpses into the life of the early Church. One of the most important things we notice about today’s reading is this emphasis on community. Although probably very idealized, this concept of community is foundational for the growth of the early Church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the early Church was a community of believers who were led by the example and teaching of the apostles, who gathered together for prayer and Eucharist, and finally shared their material possessions with those who were in need. Like in the Gospel reading, the agent for change in the lives of these early believers was this Holy Spirit. And what did the Holy Spirit do for these early believers? He brought them together as a community who could work together, pray together, forgive each other, and share all things in common. We too need to imitate the early church and learn how to be filled with the Holy Spirit and build a community of love and forgiveness.

This Sunday’s Gospel is John’s resurrection appearance narrative. Unlike the evangelist Luke, the writer John combined Jesus’ resurrection, the ascension-exaltation, and the sending of the Holy Spirit in one happening which was probably a more accurate presentation of what actually took place. While we believe this incident is the basis for Jesus’ bestowing on the Church the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the foundational message is that Jesus wants all of us to be persons who forgive and unbind the sins that hold us captive. Each of us has the power to release others from their sins if we forgive and show mercy. Or we can do the opposite and hold others bound by our stubbornness and lack of compassion. In this passage, Jesus clearly wants us to be a new creation by the power of the Holy Spirit as happened when God created man and woman in the book of Genesis. Are we open to this commission...to this awesome responsibility?

As we enter into this Easter season and all the marvelous mysteries, let's make sure we take time to reflect on how God has raised us with Jesus and sent us by the power of the Holy Spirit into the world for the purpose of reconciling with one another. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God abundantly pours forth his Holy Spirit upon us, and he then sends us out to forgive others who have hurt us. May God fill us with this forgiveness and the gift of his peace.

~ Deacon Steve

Religious Education: Wednesday 6:30 pm

On February 22, 1931, Sister Faustina, a Polish nun, had a vision of Jesus as the Divine Mercy. Later, she was told Jesus wanted the Second Sunday of Easter declared "Divine Mercy Sunday." On April 30, 2000 Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina, and named the second Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday. You can receive an indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday if you take part in the Divine Mercy devotions held in church. We will be praying the Divine Mercy chaplet before Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday. There is the Divine Mercy Service at 3pm, at IHM Church. To receive the indulgence, you must also go to confession, go to communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.



Matt Shorman, Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, 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. *Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.*

Stewardship Renewal Forms: 45% have been returned. All parishioners are asked to complete them and return as soon as possible. ***What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?*** Thank you to those who have already returned theirs.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Prayer Service will be held at **3 p.m., Sunday, April 16**, 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 brochure rack of the church. CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 2 p.m.** This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

Daughters of Isabella 100th Anniversary!

THIS IS FOR EVERYONE. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A D OF I MEMBER. No tickets will be sold after April 14, 2023. Daughters of Isabella, Isabella Circle #254 will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary Saturday, April 22, 2023, Rose Garden Banquet Hall; 2350 E. 8th St. Social hour 5:30 pm and Meal following at 6:30 pm. Guest speaker, Tom Krause, who is a contributing author to the Chicken Soup for the Soul book series. This event is open to the public. Tickets are on sale now for \$35.00 per ticket. Please contact Peggy Feltis 785-628-1336, Janet Koerner 785-623-3407, Barbara Zimmerman 785-628-8074, Donnetta Pfeifer 785-628-1094, or Geri Zerr 785-432-1028. An Anniversary Mass will be on Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

The Antonino Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 17, at 8 p.m., in the Antonino church basement. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a Polka event on Sun, April 30, Wes Windholz Band will play from 2 to 5pm, at the Hays VFW Hall. \$10.00 for non-members, open to the public. Put on your dancing shoes and join the fun!

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

The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.
...St. Faustina

Salina Diocesan Register Did you know that all registered parishioners within the diocese are able to receive our FREE diocesan publications? We have a monthly newspaper (The Register) and a quarterly magazine (faith). Contact your parish office to register as a parishioner and ask them to send your mailing address to the diocese so that we can get you on our mailing list. Or email theregister@salinadiocese.org. You don't want to miss out on our publications!

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Please consider and pray to commit to one hour of Adoration or be a substitute for those who have an hour.

3 HOURS OPEN: Saturday 9:00PM-10:00PM
Saturday 7:00PM-8:00PM
Sunday 12:00PM-1:00PM

Bob/Carol Feauto (12A-6A) 628-1429
Lorraine Brungardt (6A-12P) 625-3021
Yvonne Demuth (12P-6P) 656-9543
Geri Rupp (6P-12A) 639-5588



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- April 17 Spring Music Program 4-6 gr 7:00 pm
- April 20 April Birthday Mass & Lunch
- April 21 Race for Education



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- April 19 HS Kansas Healthcare Virtual Fair 9—12:30
- April 21 Spring Play - "A Midsummers Night's Dream" 7:00 pm
- April 22 Spring Play - "A Midsummers Night's Dream" 7:00 pm

The Rural Life Office invites you to participate in a Virtual Novena for St. Isidore



Join via Zoom
Registration Required
May 6-14, 7:00 PM
Scan the QR for Information
or contact the Rural Life Office
edell.david@gmail.com or 785.952.9002



CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE

April Human Trafficking Alert Slavery is not a relic of the past. It is alive today and generates billions of dollars while at the same time ruining the lives of those involved. Learn more about human trafficking. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. Retreats for: post-abortive women and men, couples, grandparents, former abortion workers, anyone affected by the pain of abortion. Next retreat June 2-4. Confidential, email rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org or call 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383).

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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.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING is HUMAN SLAVERY

Learn More: Victoria High School Auditorium
Wednesday: May 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

All high school students and adults are welcome.

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING? ...a modern-day form of slavery involving the buying and selling of persons; the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. It is based on recruiting, harboring, and transporting people for the purpose of exploitation.

There are multiple ways persons are used as products or merchandise, including:

- Organ trafficking
- Forced marriages
- Mail order brides
- Children as soldiers
- Debt bondage

This multi-billion-dollar business is sustained by the GREED of traffickers and the PLEASURE of buyers.

VICTIMS - Trafficking victims can be anyone. They can live in small towns or large cities; economically well off or poor. They may be US citizens or come from any country in the world. Victims are persons who are often deceived by grooming, a technique, used by pimps to establish a relationship, ultimately leading to exploiting persons for sex, labor, or ways of making money.

Most vulnerable:

- Runaways
- People living in poverty
- Refugees who do not know our language
- Children from dysfunctional families
- People who identify as LGBTQ
- Children in the foster and juvenile system

SPEAKER: Margaret Nacke, a Sister of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS., founded U S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking ten years ago, a faith-based national network that offers education, supports access to survivor services, and engages in advocacy to end modern-day slavery. Recently Sister received the Radical Abolitionist Award from the S.O.A.P. project (Save our Adolescents from Prostitution), a project committed to survivor-centered approach to ending human trafficking. Sister Nacke has educated the public about the way people are bought, sold and discarded as human beings.

(Free will offering.)

Sponsors: St. Fidelis Christian Mothers/Altar Society
Knights of Columbus St. Fidelis Council #1867



NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER FOR RAIN

How to Pray the Novena

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Read the daily scripture verse (and spend a few moments meditating on it. Pray the daily novena prayer followed by the prayer in honor of St. Isidore and the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be **three times** for the intention of the Holy Father. Conclude with the Prayer for Rain and the Sign of the Cross.

Prayer in Honor of St. Isidore

O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign, we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that, working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST DAY: PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD (Genesis 1:25 and 2:15)

Prayer: Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Isidore, farmer and confessor, not to let us be vain with the wisdom of the world, but by his merits and example, let us in all humility always do what is pleasing to You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND DAY: FAMILY LIFE IN CHRIST (Psalm 26:4-5)

Prayer: We offer the sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, and of St. Joseph, You may establish our families in peace and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIRD DAY: *LOVE OF NEIGHBOR* (Romans 12:9-12)

Prayer: O God, You who make all things work together unto good for those who love You, give to our hearts an abiding love for You: so that the desires we conceive by Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTH DAY: *DIGNITY OF WORK* (2 Thessalonians 3:8-12)

Prayer: O Lord, let us follow the blessed farmer Isidore's example of patience and humility, and walk so faithfully in his footsteps that by his intercession in the evening of life, we can offer You a rich harvest of merits and good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIFTH DAY: *WALKING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD* (1 Timothy 4:15-16)

Prayer: Breathe into our hearts, we beseech You, O Lord, a desire for heavenly glory, and grant that we may pass, bearing in our hands the sheaves of justice, to where the Blessed Isidore is resplendent with You in glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SIXTH DAY: *STEWARDSHIP OF THE SOIL* (James 5:7-10)

Prayer: Pour down Your blessing, we beseech You, O Lord, upon Your people, and upon all the fruits of the earth, so that when collected they may be mercifully distributed to the honor and glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY: *RURAL WORKS OF MERCY* (Matthew 6:19-20)

Prayer: May the grace of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY: *TRUST IN PRAYER* (Philippians 4:4-7)

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech You, to us Your supplicants, the gift of Your most divine love, so that we may love You with our whole heart and in all our words and works, and never cease praising You. Who live and reign world without end. Amen.

NINTH DAY: *SACRIFICE OF PRAISE* (Hebrews 10:12-14)

Prayer: Protect us, O Lord, who offer holocausts to You, and sear our hearts with the flame of Your divine charity, so that they may be ever more fervently prepared for sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Isidore, Pray for us!