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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, June 11, 2023 ~ The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. June 11	8:00 am	+Farron Leiker
Wed. June 14	7:30 am	L/D Les & Linda Gross family
Sun. June 18	8:00 am	L/D Marvin & Mary Jo Braun fam
Wed. June 21	7:30 am	+Catherine Sexson

SERVERS

Sunday, June 11	Jacob Leiker & Rexton Leiker
Sunday, June 18	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. June 11	Wendy R, Glenn S, Rhonda S, Dcn Steve
Sun. June 18	Jenalyn L, John M, Tony S, Bea S.

LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
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Sun. June 11	Tina Waddell	Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel
Sun. June 18	Lilly Binder	Jeanette Pfannenstiel

GREETERS

Sunday, June 11	Rich & Sherri Ruder
Sunday, June 18	Randy & Niki Sauer

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, June 11

Blake Leiker, John Oborny, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Neal Younger

Sunday, June 18

Kyle Jones, Larry Koirth, Blake Spencer, Josh Waddell

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, June 11	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, June 18	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, June 25	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, July 2	Randy & Michelle Werth

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,701.00
Loose	\$122.00
Total	\$2,823.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

As human beings, we all desire one thing...life. As regards our physical life, we want to be healthy, fit, and free from sickness and illness. But we desire more than physical life, we want to be free and use our gifts and talents. The great psychologist Abraham Maslow described this search as the desire for self-actualization. In other words, all of us want to find our real self and live up to our potential. But there is another type of life to which Jesus himself is the real substance. Jesus is that life that gives meaning and purpose and ultimately joy and fulfillment. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus gives himself totally, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. In the consecrated bread and wine, Jesus gives us eternal life now in this present world. But for us to become what we eat, we must be willing to die to self and rise to life in him. That is what we celebrate on this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

As we explore this theme of Jesus as the bread of life, we first reflect on the Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy. Moses, the great prophet, is reminding the people that God has from the beginning guided, guarded, and given his people what they need. He has been their life. Out of love, God called them from bondage in Egypt to become a free people. And throughout their wandering in the desert for forty years, he molded them into his special people. One of the major signs of his presence to his people in the desert was his gift of the manna. The people longed to return to the fleshpots of Egypt, but God gave them a better food in the gift of the daily manna. God commanded them to only gather enough manna from the wilderness for their daily consumption, and not to store it for later use. And although the manna was to sustain them on their journey, God was pointing to himself as the only food to truly satisfy their hunger.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus takes up this importance of the manna, and claims the Father, not Moses, gives the true manna. The real manna is Jesus himself. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus goes on to say that his flesh and blood is the real food that all persons search for. In fact, John Chapter 6 from which our reading comes from is a portrayal of Jesus as a replacement for the Passover lamb. Like the lamb who was sacrificed to save the people from the angel of death, Jesus gives himself in the ultimate sacrifice for the salvation of the world. Jesus does this by giving us his body and blood that we might feed on him and come to life. Jesus promised his disciples and the Jews that he was the real food that would sustain them. Because he spoke in such a manner, many of his listeners turned away from him. In fact, Jesus even questions his disciples about their loyalty to him after proclaiming this message. Jesus' message is challenging and yet life-giving.

As we reflect on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, I believe this dovetails nicely with the National Eucharistic Revival initiated by the bishops of the United States. For three years beginning with 2023 and ending in 2025, the Church in America is called to revitalize our understanding

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and appreciation for the Eucharist. We are being asked as the American Church to deepen our worship, our beliefs, and living our faith in the Holy Eucharist. We do that by coming to Mass with open and prayerful hearts. Secondly, we have to give ourselves to full and conscious participation in the Mass. That means our mind, body, and heart are given to praise and worship God as a community of believers. As a part of this, we come prepared by having read the Scripture readings and reflected on them. Finally, we have to develop and nourish a personal relationship with God through prayer and adhering to God's commands. But we also have to nourish our relationships to other members of our parish family, and from there we are sent out on mission to spread the Gospel to all people.

~ Deacon Steve

Pastoral Council Election Results. Blake Spencer & Kenna Spencer were elected as new members. We would like to thank Jenalyn Leiker, Blake Leiker, David Leiker and Landon Leiker for their willingness to serve on the Council and to be part of the election process. Special thanks also to Ernie Binder and Natalie Oborny for serving on the council the past number of years. We appreciate everyone's dedication and offering your gifts of time and talent to St. Francis of Assisi Parish which enables our parish to continue being a viable parish.

Father's Day Breakfast



Following Mass next Sunday, the Christian Mothers are hosting a breakfast in honor of Father's Day. Everyone is invited.

The Munjor Knights of Columbus Officers 2023 - 2024

Grand Knight - Kevin Stramel; Deputy Grand Knight - Donovan Richmeier; Chancellor - Tony Staley; Recorder - Bob Weigel; Financial Secretary - Jeff Richmeier; Treasurer - Glenn Stramel; Warden - Josh Waddell; Inside Guard - Mark Leiker; Outside Guard - Tony Rohr; 3rd Year Trustee - Nathan Leiker; 2nd Year Trustee - Gene Gottschalk; 1st Year Trustee - Mark Richmeier

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 COR 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. We are called to be fed and to feed others. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

St. Joseph Cemetery. In order for cemetery staff to mow and trim around the graves and monuments, we ask that flowers and other decorations be removed by Monday, June 12th. This does not pertain to vases built into the monument or base of the monument. Cooperation will be appreciated.

Change of Saturday Mass Time

>>> Beginning July 1st <<<

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish – 4pm

Confessions – 3:pm

St. Nicholas of Myra Parish – 5pm

Confessions – 4pm

St. Joseph's Parish – 6pm

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Parenting is a Eucharistic activity because from the first moment of conception children consume us, our flesh, blood, energy, time and resources. If we don't sacrifice ourselves, our children would not have life. This is the priesthood of parenting. Christ is present in his self-sacrifice.

Reuse & Recycle for Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities uses the white, plastic Dillons Pickup bags for their outreach services. They are useful in preparing the food and personal hygiene bags that are distributed to families. If you would like to donate your bags for this service, please call Joan Dunn at 785-259-4516.

Talitha Kum. (Little girl, I say to you, rise up) is a global network of Catholic Sisters who stand with victims and survivors of trafficking in persons; who work to promote a just world in which every human being can live in dignity and fullness of life. Join us. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.



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.



Just a reminder to please return your Catholic Charities Baby bottle when you come to Mass next Sunday June 18. Place them in the baskets at the entrances. Thank you for supporting our work with those who need our services the most. Your financial assistance help us make a difference in the area community! In case you were not able to pick up a bottle, it is not too late to contribute to the annual Baby Bottle Campaign that benefits the Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative! Mail a check: Catholic Charities C/O Baby Bottle Campaign PO Box 1366 Salina, KS 67402-1366

23rd Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference

Join Dr. Abigale Favole, Fr. Dennis McManus, and Katie Prejean at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4th through 6th, while they talk about beautiful Mary our Mother and our Marian roots and traditions! Save up to \$30.00 with the early Bird registration by July 29th. Register online at www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org

PRAYER FOR MOISTURE: 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 moisture 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.

Are you traveling this summer — on vacation, spending time at sporting events out of town, enjoying trips to the lake? You can always find a Mass time and location near you. Call or visit.... 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-MASS-TIMES) or <https://catholicmasstime.org/>

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

June & July Office Open Tues - Thurs 9-12 & 1 - 4
July 3 - 7 School Closed

Holy Family Elementary has openings!

For all grade levels!

Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (3-yr-old)
Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (4-yr-old)

Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website www.hfehays.org to sign up your child on the "Prospective Family" tab!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

June & July Office open Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00—noon and 1:00—4:00

Project Coordinator Position Open Thomas More Prep-Marian Jr/Sr High School is seeking someone to fulfill the position of Project Coordinator in the Advancement/Alumni Department. Please contact Mason Ruder for more details at 785-625-5427 or by using this link for Hays Works: <https://workhays.com/jobs/4a6096f7-ce9b-4673-9989->

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-Op

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require RSVP) contact Samantha Baker 785.639.3285 or 14sjbaker@gmail.com Find us on Facebook!

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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.



JESUS
Heals

NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” —James 5:14-16

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023

Father George Chalbhagam C.M.I. with Father Leo Blasi, Chaplain of the
Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement in the Diocese of Salina

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church • 712 Broadway • Herington, KS 67449

5:30PM Mass • 6:00PM Exposition and Adoration / Confessions / Rosary

7:00PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow

For more information, call (785) 366-6189



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!