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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. Mar 2 8:00 am L/D Martin J. Staab family
 Wed. Mar 5 **7:00 pm** L/D Benjamin & Diana Dome family
 Sun. Mar 9 8:00 am L/D Edward & Oliva Pfannenstiel family
 Wed. Mar 5 7:30 am L/D Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel family

SERVERS

Sun Mar 2 Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
 Ash Wed Ahnaly Leiker & Reylyn Leiker
 Sun Mar 9 Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Mar 2 Ken R, Wendy R, Josh W, Tina W.
 Ash Wed Lilly B, John M, Peggy R, Glenn S.
 Sun Mar 9 Nathan L, Lauren M, Amy P, Rhonda S.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Mar 2 Gene Gottschalk Amy Pfannenstiel
 Ash Wed Nathan Leiker John & Amy Moeder
 Sun Mar 9 John Moeder John & Natalie Oborny

GREETERS

Sun Mar 2 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
 Ash Wed Rich & Sherri Ruder
 Sun Mar 9 Randy & Niki Sauer

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 2

Ernie Binder, Francis Leiker, Rich Ruder, Blake Spencer

Sunday, March 9

Jerry Gross, Tony Staley, Sid Steinert, Neal Younger

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, March 9 John & Natalie Oborny
 Sunday, March 16 Mark & Dora Leiker
 Sunday, March 23 Rosie Leiker

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, TikTok, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.


In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others to closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

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Coffee, Rolls & Conversations following Mass today hosted by the Christian Mothers.

Remember that you are dust

Ash Wednesday Mass 7 pm.
Day of fast & abstinence

And to dust you shall return



Stations of the Cross & Rosary - Friday 6:00 pm. Volunteer servers appreciated.

Stewardship Renewal Forms All parishioners are asked to complete and return as soon as possible. This information is helpful to plan ministries at Mass as well as keep our parish records up to date. To date 28 forms have been returned which is 42%. Have you returned yours?

What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,236.00
Loose	\$153.00
Total	\$2,389.00



Handyman Help Wanted: Need some window blinds installed in the Rectory and pew repairs done. If you would like to donate your gifts of labor to do these projects, please let Lilly know. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar: Munjor K of C Fish Fry will be on Friday, April 11th.

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

Today Jesus tells us: "Why do you see the speck in someone else's eye but miss the log in your own eye?" It's always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time for we can't change anyone but ourselves.

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:

- Sunday @ 12pm Noon OPEN
- Monday @ 7pm (would like second adorer)
- Thursday @ 5pm (would like second adorer)
- Friday @ 2pm (would like second adorer)
- Saturday @ 1pm (would like second adorer)
- Saturday @ 3pm OPEN Saturday @ 8pm OPEN
- Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588



Amber Lacewell, Mike Suppes, 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.

Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

The Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will have a Fasenacht meeting with a potluck and a dance on Sunday March 2. Potluck begins at 12:30pm, Chapter meeting at 1:30pm, with dance to follow with Karl Meis on the accordion. Members and guests are invited. Just bring a crockpot of your favorite food to share. We will be meeting at the Kennedy cafeteria.

St. Nicholas K of C Fish Fry Friday March 7, from 4:30 to 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall. Menu: Fried Fish, Chips, Mac & Cheese, and Cole Slaw. Free will offering.

St. Nicholas Parish Mission
2901 E 13th

Session I: What Love Demands
March 9th, 7pm-8pm

Session II: The End of Suffering
March 10th, 7pm-8pm

Session III: Trust Beyond the Horizon
March 11th, 7pm-8pm

Joel Stepanek
Presents:
"Trust and Freedom!"

Small reception and a chance to meet Joel following each talk

Joel is the author of several books, including "Beginning Well: Seven Spiritual Practices for the First Year of Almost Anything," "Chasing Humility: 8 Ways to Shape a Christian Heart," "XY: An Authentic Masculine Identity," and "True North: A Roadmap for Discernment." He is a sought-after speaker who has spoken to hundreds of thousands of individuals throughout the world from parish halls to large arenas on the topics of discipleship, leadership, organizational health, and the Eucharist.

Joel resides in Phoenix, Arizona and is an avid "Spartan"-racer, marathon runner, enjoys cooking and gardening, and loves spending time with his wife, Colleen, and three children, Elijah Daniel, Sophia Grace, and Micah James.

**Hospice Volunteer Training Wednesday, April 2, 2025
8am to 4:30pm HaysMed St. Agnes Room 1
2220 Canterbury, Hays, KS 67601**

Registration is due by Friday, March 7, 2025
Contact Hospice of Hays Medical Center at 785-623-6200 or 1-800-248-0073 for further information. Hospice serves Ellis, Rush, Russell, and Rooks Counties.



The Victoria Knights of Columbus Council #1867 will be conducting their Lenten Fish Fries on March 14, March 28, and April 11, at the Victoria VFW Hall. Prices are:

Adults \$15, Children 6-12 \$5, Children 5 and under Free. We will be serving Deep Fried Alaskan Polluck, Fried Noodles and Beans, Baked Potatoes, Cole Slaw and bread. Doors will open at 5pm. Please help us help our communities.

Mark your calendars for the D of I Food and Craft Bingo on Sunday, March 16, at 1pm, in the church basement. Old and young alike are welcome to come, play and win some great prizes. Members, please bring your prizes between 11am and 12:30pm

A Different Mindset Association - A Rock 'n' Roll Night to Remember Music by Jimmy Dee & The Fabulous Destinations on Saturday, March 22, at the Ellis Co. Fairgrounds, Schenk Building, Hays, KS. Tickets are \$50.00. Cash Bar at 5:30pm, silent action, buffet dinner at 6:30pm, and dance from 7:30 to 10:30pm. Purchase tickets at www.adiffmindsetassoc.org. Proceeds fund our non-profit's local dementia & Alzheimer's programs and caregiver support in Ellis County and surrounding areas. For assistance, call 785-269-1928 or email info@adiffmindsetassoc.org

Beads of Hope-All grandmothers are invited to join us in praying the rosary for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the special intentions we hold in our hearts for them. We will meet in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church after the 8am Mass, on the first Thursday of each month. Our next rosary will be prayed on Thursday, March 6. Coffee and cookies will be provided in the Parish Hall after the rosary. We would love to have you join us!

Lent is a journey that moves us towards The Cross.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

- March 4 Shrove Tuesday Annual Pancake Races, 4th grade, 2:30 pm, Blacktop
- March 5 Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:00
- March 7 End of Qtr 3
First Friday Prayer Circles
Stations of the Cross, 2:35 pm

You can support HFE by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot on 19th! Simply bring by a trash bag of them to drop off anytime! Try the new BoxTops for Education app on your phone or devices! You have 2 weeks to scan your store receipts to earn our school points \$\$ automatically, just from your phone! We can give your pulltabs to HHS for the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal
(785) 625-6577

- March 5 NO SCHOOL
- March 6 (JH/HS) Winter Assembly 2:40 pm



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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.

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino
St. Anthony - Schoenchen
St. Catherine - Catharine
St. Joseph - Hays

Lent - Holy Week - Easter
In the Heartland Parishes

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays
St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor
Comeau Catholic Campus Center

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday

Catherine - 7:00pm
Comeau Catholic Campus Center -
Hays Med Chapel - 1:30pm
IHM - 8:00am, (HFE Mass), 12:05pm, 5:30pm Eng, 7:30pm Spanish
Munjor - 7:00pm
Schoenchen - 7:00pm
St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, 5:30pm
St. Nicholas - 12:10pm, 5:30pm

Friday, March 7

IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:55pm
IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations
Munjor - Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 12

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Thursday, March 13

Antonino - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Friday, March 14

IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:55pm
IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations
Munjor - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Saturday - Sunday, March 15 & 16

IHM - Communal Anointing after all Masses

Wednesday, March 19

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Thursday, March 20

Schoenchen - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Friday, March 21

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations
Munjor - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 26

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Thursday, March 27

Antonino - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Friday, March 28

IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:55pm
IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations
Munjor - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Sunday, March 30

IHM - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

Wednesday, April 2

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Thursday, April 3rd

Schoenchen - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Friday, April 4

IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:55pm
IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations
Munjor - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Shadow Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 9

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Friday, April 11

Antonino - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
IHM - HFE Stations of the Cross 2:55pm
IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish Stations
Munjor - Stations of the Cross & Benediction 6:00pm
St. Joseph - Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm/Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
St. Nicholas - Stations and Confessions 6:00pm

Monday, April 14

Schoenchen - Holy Hour & Confessions, 5:30pm
St. Nicholas - Holy Hour & Confessions, 5:30pm

Tuesday, April 15

Munjor - Confessions & Adoration 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 16

St. Joseph - Confessions 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday

Catharine - 7:00pm
IHM - 7:00pm Bilingual Mass, No 5:00pm Confession
Munjor - 5:30pm
Schoenchen - 7:00pm
St. Joseph - 7:00pm
St. Nicholas - 7:30pm

Friday, April 18- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Antonino - 1:00pm
Catharine - 2:30pm
Comeau Catholic Campus Center -
IHM - English Service 3:00pm, Spanish Service 6:30pm
Munjor - Noon
St. Joseph - Stations 12:05 p.m., Good Friday Service 3:00 p.m.
St. Nicholas - 5:30pm

Saturday, April 19 - Holy Saturday

IHM - Bilingual Mass 8:30pm
St. Joseph - Mass 8:30pm
St. Nicholas - 8:00pm

Sunday, April 20 - Easter

Antonino - 9:00am
Catharine - 9:00am
Comeau Catholic Campus Center -
IHM - 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish)
IHM - No 5:00pm Confessions, No 6:00pm Mass
Munjor - 8:00am
Schoenchen - 11:00am
St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am
St. Nicholas - 9:30am, 11:00am

Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday

Comeau Catholic Campus Center -
IHM - No Masses
St. Joseph - No Mass, Office Closed
St. Nicholas - 7:00am

March 2025

From the Diocese



It's the start of the Confirmation season, and those getting confirmed write me a letter on why they want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Recently, several letters from one of our parishes wrote how much the National Catholic Youth Conference impacted their lives. What made the biggest impression on them was Eucharistic Adoration. In fact, one of them mentioned that before NCYC they didn't have a desire to go to Church and rarely attended. After NCYC, this high school student said they are all in.

Our diocese is beginning a spiritual campaign on Ash Wednesday with the hope that more people will partake in Eucharistic Adoration at our parishes. Spending time with Jesus in prayer can and will change our lives. It's what our restless heart really longs for. It all starts with Jesus' love for you and his desire to be with you. As Jesus

said, "Come to me, and I will give you rest." St. Augustine reminded us that "our hearts are restless until they rest in thee."

Please give Eucharistic Adoration a try during this Lenten season. We often give things up for Lent. The goal of giving up something that doesn't fulfill us is to then fill our hearts with something that does fill our hearts—Jesus. Please don't be afraid. Jesus is waiting for you and me.

On another note, I ask for your prayers. I am the chair for the subcommittee for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This month, I am going to the Ukraine. Please pray that I can be a beacon of light and peace to those who have experienced war, loss, and tragedy. Thank you.

May you have a blessed Lenten season.

+ Gerald L. Vincke

Gerald L. Vincke,
Bishop of the Salina Diocese

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

CRS - Rice Bowl

Your donation to CRS Rice Bowl helps provide lifesaving support to more than 200 million people in more than 120 countries. 25% of every donation stays in the diocese to help fight hunger & poverty in the places near to us!

To Give:

Anytime during Lent, grab a Rice Bowl from your local parish. Bring it back to your church the week after Easter!



Upcoming Events

<p>■ 3/1 St. Andrew's Parish School Auction Abilene, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>■ 3/17 St. Patrick's Day</p>
<p>■ 3/5 Ash Wednesday Easter, 4/20</p>	<p>■ 3/22 St. John's School Auction Beloit, 4 p.m.</p>
<p>■ 3/9 Rite of Election Hays, 3 p.m.</p>	<p>■ 3/25 Feast of the Annunciation Lenten Pilgrimage</p>
<p>■ 3/16 Rite of Election Salina, 3 p.m.</p>	<p>■ 3/28-29 Evangelization Conference Sacred Heart, Colby</p>

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

Noah and the Flood

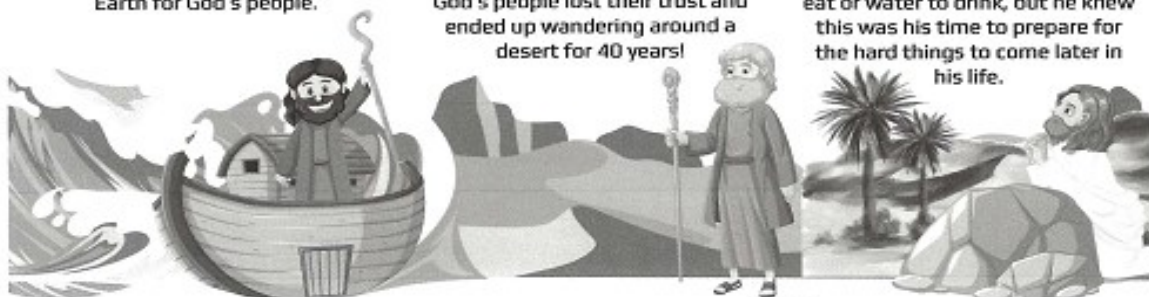
Near the beginning of the Bible, we hear a story about a great flood that covered the whole earth. Noah trusted God and built an ark for his family and many animals. The flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights. It prepared the Earth for God's people.

Moses in the Desert

After Noah and Abraham, God put a guy named Moses in charge of leading His people. God promised His people land filled with things they needed, but the people Moses sent to see it came back fearful. God's people lost their trust and ended up wandering around a desert for 40 years!

Jesus in the Desert

After his baptism, Jesus ended up in a desert for 40 days (40... just like Noah and Moses!) Satan tempted him in many ways, and Jesus did not have much food to eat or water to drink, but he knew this was his time to prepare for the hard things to come later in his life.



Lent Today!

Like the 40 days of the flood, the 40 years Moses spent in the desert, and the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, we have 40 days of **Lent** to train and prepare for what is coming next. During these 40 days before Easter, people try to give up certain things (**fasting**), give more to others (**almsgiving**), and strengthen their relationship with God (**prayer**). We call these things **pillars** of Lent.



This Lent...

What will you do this Lent? Cut this out and keep it for the next 40 days. It may help you remember your plan! You can also write them on a piece of paper if you need more room!

praying: _____
ex: For my Family/Friends, Our Father before Bed, For Pope Francis & People who are Sick, For More Peace, Go to Adoration

giving: _____
ex: Hugging Friends More, Donating Money to People in Need, Helping Clean the House, Smiling at People More

fasting: _____
ex: From Candy, From Arguing with My Siblings, From TV, From Soda, From Complaining too Much