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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 625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, May 16th, 2021 ~ The Ascension of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 16 8:00 am L/D Martin J. Staab family
Wed. May 19 7:30 am +Rupert Pfannenstiel
Sun. May 23 8:00 am +Virgil J. & LuVerna Pfannenstiel
Wed. May 26 7:30 am +Keith Fieler

SERVERS

Sunday, May 16 Makailyn Leiker & Trenton Staley
Sunday, May 23 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 16 Ernie Binder & Jenalyn Leiker
Sunday, May 23 Lilly Binder & Mark Leiker

LECTORS

Sun. May 16 Nathan Leiker
Sun. May 23 Natalie Oborny

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sid & Joanne Steinert
Rich & Sherri Ruder

GREETERS

Sunday, May 16 Dave & Claudia Leiker
Sunday, May 23 Herman & Rosie Leiker

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, May 16

Nathan Leiker, Brian Pfannenstiel, Jeff Richmeier, Gary Staab

Sunday, May 23

Larry Koirth, David Leiker, Josh Waddell, Neal Younger

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, May 16 Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, May 23 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, May 30 Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, June 6 Tony & Patty Rohr

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,550.00
Loose	\$40.00
Candles	\$100.00
Total	\$1,690.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mark 16: 15-20

Make it happen! Quit standing around! Go do it! All three phrases describe the intent of Jesus upon his Ascension into heaven. After he leaves this earth in his physical body, he is present to us in a new way. No longer restricted by his physical body, Jesus is present everywhere at all times. And with this Ascension, Jesus sends us off with a command to spread the Good News about his kingdom and his love. This proclamation of his kingdom is to go to every part of the world. No person is to be left out of knowing about Jesus and his message. Instead of looking up into the heavens, we are now to look out into the world and share the Good News. And the power to continue this awesome work is given to us through the Holy Spirit.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke is writing to Theophilus, meaning a lover of God. Luke was maybe writing to a specific individual, or maybe to all of us who are to be lovers of God. Luke is saying that Jesus showed himself as risen to the early apostles. But his mission wasn't ended until he ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit. And the apostle's mission wasn't ended until they proclaimed his kingship starting in Jerusalem and extending to all the ends of the earth. In the second reading to the Ephesians, Paul prayerfully asks God to enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we can see the hope that Jesus promised when he ascended. Jesus ascended to the Father to that place we all desire. Yet, we are left to work out our salvation and the spread of his kingdom. Often, we can become discouraged and worn down by the world. That's why we need this living hope to sustain us in our trials and tribulations. His departure to a better place is our sustaining hope. Finally in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus leaves his disciples with this command. Go out and spread the gospel and baptize all men and women in his name. But Jesus doesn't send them out without giving them the assurance that he will be with them and will accompany them with great signs. In his name they will drive out the demons of fear and unbelief, they will speak the language of tenderness and compassion, and will heal the sick and lonely.

So, what are we to understand and learn from Jesus' Ascension? When our parents took us to our first day of school, they said something like this, "Go play! Go learn about the world! Go make new friends! Become your own person! But remember mommy and daddy will be with you and love you." If our parents don't cut the apron strings, we never experience the power of becoming the individual we are meant to be. Jesus is doing the same. He is cutting the apron strings so we can go spread his message and become the disciples he wants

us to be. But he never leaves us orphans or alone. He is with us sustaining us and guiding us. Best of all he is not limited by his physical body. He can be in all places and times. He is present to us and gives us the power of the Holy Spirit. We must not forget the mission he gives us. Go spread the Good News! Go make disciples of all peoples! Don't be afraid! Don't be lukewarm in living out your faith. Be on fire! Make it happen!

~ Deacon Steve

From Bishop Gerald Vincke:

I hereby decree that the dispensation from the sacred obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation shall be lifted and that the faithful of the Diocese of Salina are to embrace this most sacred obligation once again, beginning with the celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost, the weekend of May 22-23, 2021

UPCOMING MAY MEETINGS

Sunday, May 16th Christian Mothers, following Mass
Monday, May 17th K of C. 7:00 p.m. *Munjor School.*

Hospital visits now allowed. If you or a loved one will be in the hospital & would like a visit from Fr. Damian, please call 628-1446 for info. Thank you!

Stewardship Renewal Forms: To date 36 forms have been returned, which represents 42%. *Have you returned yours?*


Congratulations!

To the graduating class of 2021
"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."
...Proverbs 16:3

Church Council Election, June: Due to terms being up, there are two openings for women to serve on the Church Council beginning in July. If you would like to be on the ballot or would like to nominate a woman from the parish, drop the name(s) in the collection or contact a council member: Ernie Binder, Landon Leiker, Natalie Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel, Cathy Pfeifer, Gary Staab, Glenn Stramel, Jerome Vajnar or Brandi Zimmerman.

Vacation Bible School

IHM Vacation Bible School Registration 2021

Sunday, June 6 - Thursday, June 10 5:30pm to 8:00pm

ELIGIBILITY: Children Entering 1st, 2nd and 3rd Gr. Fall 2021

COST: \$15.00 per Child REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 15, 2021 Additional forms are needed to register your child(ren) to attend VBS, please visit the IHM Parish Website at www.ihm-church.com or stop by the IHM Parish Office.



Matt Shorman, Adam, Special Intention, Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, 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.

The Son Rise Morning Show presents a national drive-time audience with everything they need to start their day. Anna Mitchell, Matt Swaim, and the team cover current events, catechesis, and reflections on the saint of the day & the readings from Mass. 6-8am weekdays on 105.7 FM Divine Mercy Radio.



Heartland Parishes CORPUS CHRISTI Eucharistic Procession, Sunday, June 6th, 2:00 p.m.

From St. Joseph Church to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

We will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Church followed by a procession to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for Benediction. All the faithful are encouraged to join us!

31 DAYS OF CASH GIVEAWAY July 1 – 31. \$25 donation, only 400 tickets sold, one ticket drawn every day in July. Winners notified daily. Every ticket will be included in all drawings. July 1-28 = \$125; July 29 = \$250; July 30 = \$350. July 31 = THREE \$500 winners. Contact Irvin Leiker @ 785-628-1984 or Roger Rife @ 785-623-1852 for tickets or stop by the St. Joseph Church Parish office!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

MAY - Pimp's market and sell people for sex on-line, in truck stops, on streets, and even in homes. Be aware of the programs your child watches and those that come across your screen. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

2021 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE is set for Saturday, August 14th at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Hays. The theme is "Men of Hope" and falls on the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a great witness of hope in the darkest of times. Keynote speaker for the event is Chris Padgett, a leading expert on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

- May 17 5th Gr. Field Trip to Salina
- May 18 May Birthday Mass for "B" Rooms
- May 19 Field Day
- May 20 Last Day of School
 - Half Day, dismissal at 11:00 a.m. (no bus/ASC)
 - 6th Gr. Graduation Mass 8:00 a.m. IHM & Reception following in LT
- May 21 Teacher Checkouts/Work Day

Reflection: There is an old expression, "preaching to the choir." It is easy to preach to the choir because those in the choir already believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ. The challenge for every disciple is to carry the Good News to all people—even to, and especially to, those who are not a part of the choir. Pope Francis suggested one small way to do this when he stated in *The Joy of the Gospel* that the greatest evangelizer is a joyful Christian. Take time to think about his words today. Are you a joyful Christian? Do people see the gift of joy evident in your life? Do they hear it in your words? Pray for an increase in the gift of joy that others—including those in your own family—may be drawn to Christ through you.

Holy Family Elementary has openings for the upcoming 21-22 school year for students entering grades Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, and 4th. If you are interested or want to get more information, please contact Toni in the school office at 785-625-3131. We are happy to offer family tours and answer any questions you may have about our school!



THOMAS MORE PREP-MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
625-6577

Volunteers Needed: Prayerfully consider being a volunteer at our Saint John's Chapel at Via Christi. Days needed are Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Saturday's from 9:30am to 11:15a.m. Duties vary from bringing our beloved residents to and from church. Also, if you would be comfortable reciting rosary, lecturing, Eucharistic Minister these gifts are very much appreciated. Please call Associate Chaplain Karen Bieker 628-8670 or 628-3241.

- May 19: 5:30 pm - 7 pm School Advisory Council Meeting
- May 22: 11 am - Baccalaureate Mass @ IHM
2 pm - Graduation @ ABFH



*The Ascension is not Jesus going away; it is Jesus assuming His position as leader of the Church's life.
...Bishop Robert Barron*

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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 be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.