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*Lord make me an
instrument of peace...*



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623-7107

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger

259-3374

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Mar 27	8:00 am	L/D Ben & Margaret Brenner fam
Wed. Mar 30	7:30 am	L/D Alan & Juanita Stecklein fam
Sun. April 3	8:00 am	L/D Mark & Dora Leiker family
Sun. April 6	7:30 am	L/D Marvin & Bernita Younger family

SERVERS

Sunday, March 27	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, April 3	Alec Gerstner & Ahnaly Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 27	Peggy Richmeier & Bea Suppes
Sunday, April 3	Nathan Leiker & Rhonda Stramel

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. March 27	Natalie Oborny	Brian Pfannenstiel
Sun. April 3	Ken Richmeier	Amy Pfannenstiel

GREETERS

Sunday, March 27	Sid & Joanne Steinert
Sunday, April 3	Josh & Tina Waddell

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 27

Brian Pfannenstiel, Ken Richmeier, Rich Ruder, Glenn Stramel

Sunday, April 3

Jason Carter, Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, John Oborny

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, March 27	Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, April 3	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, April 10	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, April 17	Aaron & Kolleen Dome

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,485.00
Loose	\$179.00
Parish Supper	\$250.00
Total	1,914.00



The Paschal Candle Reflects Christ's Guiding Light

...Kathy Kuczka

At the Easter Vigil, after the newly kindled fire is blessed, a minister brings the paschal candle to the priest. A cross, the four numbers of the current year, and the Greek letters for *alpha* and *omega* are traced into the wax. (These first and last letters of the Greek alphabet come from the Book of Revelation and recognize Christ as the beginning and the end.) Then the priest may insert five grains of incense into the paschal candle as he recites a text referring to the wounds of Christ. The paschal candle is then lit from the new fire as the priest says or sings, "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."

The paschal candle is the preeminent symbol of the light of Christ. Like the person of Christ, the paschal candle accompanies all who follow its light through their brightest and darkest moments.

This candle is also called the Easter candle because it is lit for the first time each year at the Easter Vigil and remains in a prominent location throughout the Easter season. The word *paschal* comes from *pesach*, the Hebrew word for Passover. It also comes from the Greek word *pascha*, meaning Easter.

The origin of the paschal candle is unknown, though it is believed to be rooted in the lucernarium, the ancient practice of lighting the lamps in preparation for evening vespers. *The Roman Missal* calls the first part of the Easter Vigil, which begins outside in the dark of night with a blazing fire, the *Lucernarium*. Early Christian celebrated an extended Easter Vigil that would last into the early hours of Easter morning. The large candle used to illuminate the readings for the service eventually became known as the *paschal candle*.

The Deacon or another minister carries the paschal candle to the door of the church, where he raises the candle and sings "The Light of Christ," or its Latin counterpart, "Lumen Christi," to which the people, carrying unlit candles, respond, "Thanks be to God." When the minister arrives at the cent of the church, he repeats this action and. From the paschal candle, lights the candles of the faithful. The people continue to follow the paschal candle into the church, recalling the event in the Book of Exodus when the Israelites followed the column of fire out of Egypt and into freedom. When the deacon reaches the altar, he turns to face the people and sings and raises the candle once more before placing it in a stand next to the ambo or in the middles of the sanctuary. After receiving a blessing, the deacon incenses the candle and sings the Exsultet, a poetic text that incorporates the paschal candle, 'the work of bees and of your servants' hands,' into a song of praise.

The paschal candle remains in place throughout Easter's fifty days and is lit for the more solemn liturgies of the season, including weekday Masses and Morning and Evening Prayer. On Pentecost Sunday, the paschal is extinguished and moved to the baptistry according to the missal, 'so that it is lit at the celebration of Baptism and the candles of those baptized are lit from it. The paschal candle is also lit for funeral liturgies and stands next to the coffin or the urn to recall the light of Christ that the deceased received at baptism and as a sign that they have passed from death to life.

As we look upon the paschal candle, may we be reminded that Christ is our constant companion, the light for all our pathways.

Sunday, March 27th, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Ukraine Donations We received \$4,080.00 for the Humanitarian Relief Fund. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for all those affected.

Religious Education: Wednesday 7:00—8:00 p.m.



Stations of the Cross
Friday, 7:00 p.m.

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



Anointing of the Sick will take place after Mass next Sunday, April 3.

This week we take up *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sister in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

Daughters of Isabella is sponsoring the VFW Stars & Stripes breakfast on Sunday, April 10th, 7:30 am-12:00 pm. Tickets available from any D of I member or call: Brenda Berens 785-623-9366; Carol Rozean 785-623-6712; Tina Nowak 785-628-8081 or Janet Koerner 785-623-3407.



The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting a two-day Polka event. Featuring the most famous Julie Lee Band including Wes Windholz on Saturday, April 9, from 1 to 7pm. On Sun, April 10, Julie Lee will play from 1 to 4pm, at St. Michael's Parish Hall,

The *Victoria K of C* Fish Fries will once again offer dine-in service. Carry out is available. We will be serving deep fried Pollock, fried noodles and beans, coleslaw, baked potatoes, bread and drink. Cost will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Next date April 1. We will begin serving at 5pm and serve until 7:30pm, or until the food is gone. Location is the Victoria VFW Hall.

Munior K of C Fish Fry Friday April 8th 5-7 pm

Menu: Fried Fish, Noodles & Beans, & Grebbel.

Dine in or to go orders welcome. Munjor School.

St. Joseph's Parish is hosting their annual Meatless Soups/Breads on Friday's during Lent in the Kennedy School Cafeteria from 5 to 6:30pm.



Prayer Requests: Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, Matt Shorman, 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.

March – Learn about *Labeling for Lent*, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking; include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)



Faith and Family with host Steve Wood uses his background in protestant preaching to dive into Scripture to teach the meaning behind the words found in the Bible. Tune in to 105.7 FM, online at dvmercy.com, or on the free phone app at 8:30 AM on Saturdays.



The mission of the Church is to go out and make disciples. The Salina Diocese has that same mission – to be disciples who make disciples through witnessing by faith, hope and love. The primary way that mission is funded is through the Bishop's Annual Appeal – Call to Share. Please prayerfully consider joining in the mission. • Make your gift online at join.salinadiocese.org • Mail a check to Catholic Foundation Annual Appeal – Call to Share | P.O. Box 1696, Salina, KS 67402-1696 • Learn more at salinadiocese.org/office/catholicfoundation-for-diocese-of-salina

Hays High Chamber Singers Spring Concert on Saturday, March 26, at 7pm, at St. Joseph Church. Featuring music of Gabriela Lena Frank and a world premiere commission by Michael Davidson.

St. Nicholas of Myra Blood Drive will be held on Monday, April 11, from noon to 6pm, at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Please contact the Parish Office at 785-628-1446, to make an appointment.

The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL 1805 Vine IHM Church The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and Jesus is waiting for you. Following are the times available and names, time responsible and phone numbers of the Archangels. Time slots available:
Thursday 12:00am / Saturday 10:00am

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fr. Joseph Kieffer will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 29 December 8, 2022. If you would be interested in making this pilgrimage, please contact me at 7853372289 or frjosephkief-fer@gmail.com



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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal

(785) 625-3131

- March 31 New Parent Information Night, 5:30 p.m. in LT
Student Rainbow Day ~ "National Crayon Day"
- April 1 First Friday Prayers
Stations of the Cross, 2:45p.m. IHM



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

Host Families for International Students Having an international student live with you is more than just having a roommate. Having a student in your home is your chance to teach them about how you live and celebrate national holidays. Things that you can learn from an international student cannot be taught from a textbook such as meal etiquette. If you are interested in becoming a Host Family please call Michele Springer at 785-259-3083.

AUCTION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACE 2022 is back with a full in-person oral auction on Sat. April 30th in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse at TMP-M. Online bidding for silent items will begin Friday 4/29 at 9:00 AM and conclude throughout the evening on Saturday. Only ticketed guests will be able to bid on the oral auction items. Tickets to attend the auction are still available by contacting the Alumni Office at 785-625- 9434. Gifts to Item #60, raffles and tickets to attend are also available at <https://www.hayscatholicschools.org/page/ace-2022>

DRIVEN BY A DREAM

Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Glorioso and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Glorioso and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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

Friday, March 25

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations & Confession 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Sunday, March 27

IHM - Communal Reconciliation Service 3:00pm

Wednesday, March 30

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Friday, April 1

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Sunday, April 3

St. Joseph - Communal Reconciliation Service 3:00pm

Tuesday, April 5

St. Nicholas - Communal Penance Service 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 6

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Munjor - Communal Penance Service 7:00pm

Friday, April 8

IHM - 7:00pm English Stations, 8:00pm Spanish

Munjor - Stations & Confession 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Meatless/Bread Soup Supper 5:00pm, Stations 6:30pm

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am-7:00pm/Stations & Confession 7pm

Monday, April 11

St. Joseph - Confessions 5-6pm

Tuesday, April 12

St. Joseph - Confessions 5-6pm

Wednesday, April 13

Catharine - Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

St. Joseph - Confessions 5-6pm

Thursday, April 14, Holy Thursday

Catharine - 7:00pm

IHM - 7:00pm Bilingual Mass, No 5:00pm Confessions

Munjor - 5:30pm

St. Joseph - 7:00pm

St. Nicholas - 7:30pm

Friday, April 15- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Catharine - 2:30pm

Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 12:10pm

IHM - Service (English) 3:00pm, Service (Spanish) 6:30pm

Munjor - Service 12:00pm

Schoenchen - 1:00pm

St. Joseph - Stations 12:05 p.m., Good Friday Service 3:00 p.m.

St. Nicholas - CYO Living Stations 3:00pm, Service 5:30pm

Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday

IHM - 8:30 pm Bilingual Mass, *NO 4:00pm Mass Confessions*

St. Joseph - Mass 8:30pm

St. Nicholas - 8:00pm

Sunday, April 17 - Easter

Antonino - 10:00am

Catharine - 9:00am

Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 9:00am

IHM - 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish), Np 6:00pm Mass

Munjor - 8:00am

Schoenchen - 9:00am

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

St. Nicholas - 9:30am, 11:00am