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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 14	8:00 am	L/D Walter & Martina Younger family
Wed. April 17	7:30 am	+Ben Brenner
Sun. April 21	8:00 am	L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family
Wed. April 24	7:30 am	L/D DJ & Margie Pfannenstiel family

SERVERS

Sun April 14	Hayley Gerstner & Trenton Staley
Sun April 21	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun April 14	Glenn S, Rhonda S, Michelle W, Dcn Steve
Sun April 21	John M, Amy P, Josh W, Tina W.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Apr 14	Tina Waddell	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sun Apr 21	Lilly Binder	Randy & Michelle Werth

GREETERS

Sun April 14	Randy & Michelle Werth
Sun April 2	Darold & Evelyn Younker

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, April 14

Aaron Dome, Blake Leiker, John Oborny, Gary Staab

Sunday, April 21

Wilbert Gross, David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Donovan Richmeier

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 14	Linda Gross
Sunday, April 21	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, April 28	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, May 5	Aaron & Kolleen Dome

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$4,325.00
Loose	\$135.00
Total	\$4,460.00



FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

The Truth Can Be Uncomfortable.

If we look at the first reading today, we see that Peter is going out among his own people and giving them the Truth in an unambiguous manner. He directly accuses them of the death of Christ and the release of Barabbas. He then helps them understand that although they are guilty, their ignorance clouded their judgment; however, he doesn't excuse their actions. The final thing he does is to tell them to repent and be converted so their sins may be wiped away.

I think this could go a long way to help us understand how to be a witness to our culture today. It has become the "compassionate" thing to do to turn a blind eye, or to buy in wholesale to the evil others are involved in and accept it as a good. One does not have to look very far to see that much of our culture has accepted the evils of promiscuity, pornography, same-sex relationships, transgender ideology, abortion and much more. Sadly, this is also true among many Catholics. However, compassion is not about turning a blind eye. Love is not about letting someone live a lie. These are both false views due to people's lack of the true Virtue of courage and the adoption of culture's so-called virtues of acceptance and tolerance. Compassion means to suffer with and to love means to desire and work for the good of the other. It is not compassion if we are helping to celebrate an evil. It is not loving if we are approving of sinful lifestyles.

What I am not saying is that we should go out and bash people for the sins they are adhering to in their own lives. This would not be the Christian witness we are called to be. But what I am saying is that we have to get ourselves ready to be uncomfortable. We have to be willing to counter our culture and lovingly guide those in our lives who are living in sin.

Not every situation will be the same, but Peter has shown us the way to bring people back to God. We must give the Truth in love (desiring their salvation), help to instruct the ignorant, and call people to conversion. I pray we are the kind of people that would want to be brought out of ignorance and into the light. And if we want this for ourselves, we have to want it for others.

Both in last week's readings and this week's, we are told that if we love God and claim to know him, we would keep His Commandments. The eighth Commandment commands us to not lie and this week's second reading also tells us that those who do not keep his commandments "are liars, and the truth is not in them." So, either we Love God and neighbor, or we don't. If we don't, we will accept the evil of others and won't lovingly call them out of their sin. If we do, we have to work to bring them into the light, for he who lives out what he professes finds "the love of God is truly perfected in him". It is this love that will conquer hearts.

Holy Spirit, give us the courage to walk with others, speak the truth and guide them to you. May we be your instruments of love to this world.

God, let them see You in me

K of C Meeting, Monday, April 15th 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 16th 6:30 p.m.

Religious Education: Wednesday 6:30 pm

Stewardship Renewal Forms: To date 47% have been returned. *Do we have yours?* All parish families are asked to return them. Thank you if you have already done so.

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

APRIL Human Trafficking Alert There is no more pernicious abuse of power than human trafficking. This modern-day slavery is a crime that takes all of us, working together, to eradicate. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.

Update Total on Bishop’s Annual Appeal Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, there is still time to participate. You can return your pledge card in the offertory basket; mail it to Bishop’s Annual Appeal, PO Box 1696, Salina, Kansas 67402; or give online at appeal.salinadiocese.org. As of March 22, 2024, \$1,155,786 has been raised towards a goal of \$2.4 million. It truly takes all of us to make the Bishop’s Annual Appeal a success and ensure these ministries and programs are supported.



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, 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.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...”

- Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered life.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

The Antonino Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 15, at 8 p.m., in the Antonino church basement. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Creating Your Catholic Legacy: A Guide to Estate Planning for All Ages - Join the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina for a **free** seminar on Catholic estate planning and learn more about:

- ◇ Why you should have a plan in place – regardless of your age
- ◇ What is included in having a plan
- ◇ How to ensure your final wishes are carried out
- ◇ Ensure your Catholic legacy with a gift to your parish, Catholic school or other Catholic ministries
- ◇ And much more!

Sun., April 14th – 2pm St. Joseph – Parish Conference Rm

The Sunflower Polka Club is hosting two days of dancing and fun at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2350 E. 8th St., Hays, on Sat. April 20, from 1 to 7pm, featuring Julie Lee & Wes Windholz, and on Sun., April 21, Free Polka Mass at 11:15am, dancing begins at 1 to 4pm with Julie Lee. Admission on Sat. \$15.00 and Sun. \$10.00, both day \$20.00. Food available. Put on your dancing shoes and join us. Everyone welcome!!!

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings: Thursdays, at 1am; Saturdays, at 2pm; and Sundays, at 1am and at 7am. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.

The D of I will be celebrating its 101st Anniversary on April 21, at the 10am Mass, at IHM. A rosary will be prayed at 9:30am, prior to Mass.

MEMORIAL MASS REGISTRATION: Registration for the Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child is now open! Masses will be held on May 7th at 2pm at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan and on May 8th at 2pm in Plainville. Please register for this event here on the diocese’s website. <https://salinadiocese.org/events>



National Day of Prayer ~ May 2nd
Noon - 1:00 pm at the VFW Ballroom.
Let’s come together as a nation to pray for our nation!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131



Apr 18 April Birthday Mass & Lunch

Apr 26 Race for Education Day

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.

St. Joseph Sacred Heart Room (St. Joseph Parish Office, Hays. Do you have statues, palms, rosaries, prayerbooks, medals or relics that were given to you or that were your parents' and you just don't know what to do with them? Don't throw them away! Broken rosaries will get repaired and find a new home, palms and other non repairable items will be buried. Many items will find a new home.

Support Groups

"NAMI Connections" Meets 1st & 3rd Monday each month 7 to 8:30pm: Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing After Loss" Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month 10am: Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflhope.org or call 785-259- 6859.

"NAMI Family Support Group" Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (in-person or online) – 7 to 8:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing Hearts" Support Group meets 2nd Thursday each month (in-person) – 6:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflhope.org or call for information 785-259-6859.

A different mindset Dementia Alzheimer's caregiver support group. 2nd Thursday of every month, at 2:30pm for 1 hour. Learn more about these zoom meetings by emailing maacarmstrong@gmail.com

THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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



Apr 17 (HS) - FHSU Art Dept Show 8:30 - 2:30

Apr 18 (HS) - Large Group Music Festival 7:45 am

Apr 20 Capstone Car Show Victory Field 7am

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

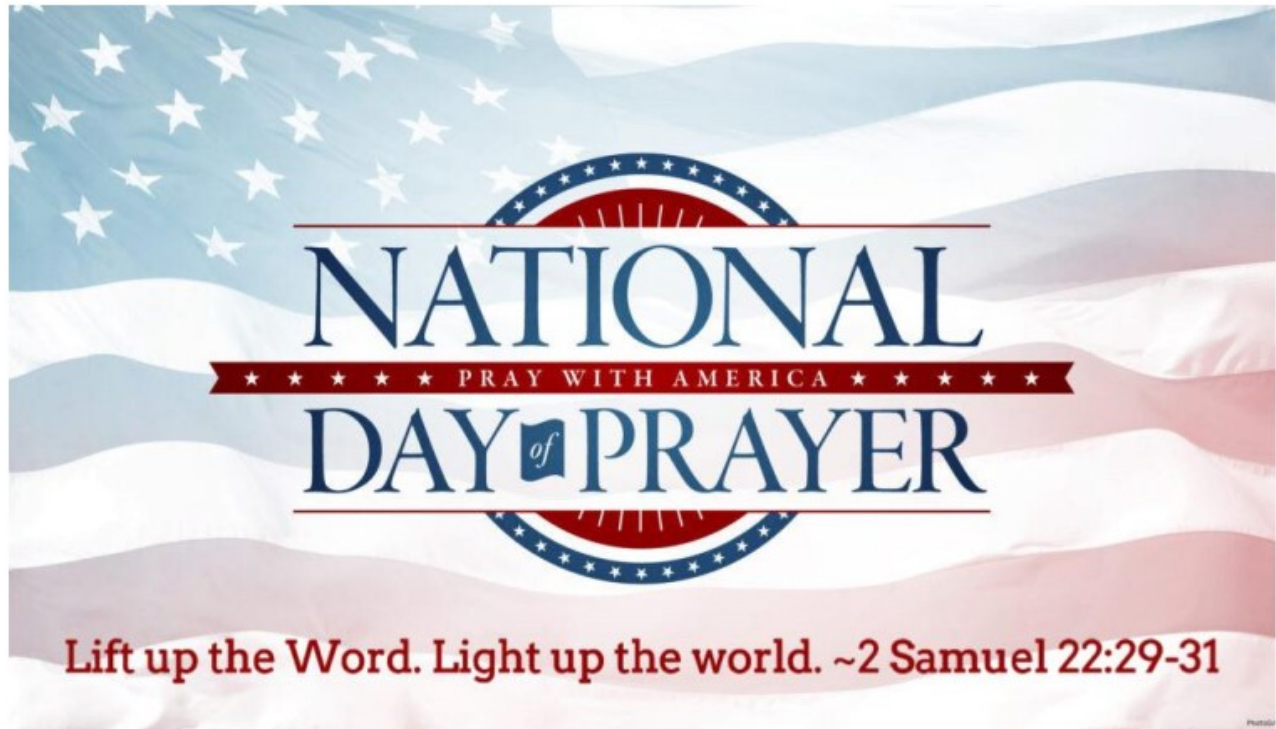
The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.'



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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.



Date: Thursday May 2, 2024

Time: 12:00-1:00pm

Place: VFW Ballroom

2106 Vine St.

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