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



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GRAND KNIGHT

Donovan Richmeier 785-623-0417

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger 785-259-3374

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 785-625-3131

www.hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, January 12, 2025 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan 12 8:00 am +Cody Younger
 Wed. Jan 15 7:30 am L/D John G. Befort Family
 Sun. Jan 19 8:00 am L/D Ken & Peggy Richmeier Fam
 Wed. Jan 22 7:30 am +Albert & Felicitas Zimmerman

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

December Job List
 Visits: 22
 Holy Hours: 29
 Fast & Abstain: 26 days
 Confessions: 227 (went 12/29)
 Anointings: 120
 Viaticum/Apostolic Pardons (Given in danger of death): 6
 Baptisms: 5
 Four for Seven on Sacraments: Mass, Confession, Anointing, Baptism

SERVERS

Sun Jan 12 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
 Sun Jan 19 Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker

Weekly Schedule:
 Monday: 7:00am Mass
 Tuesday: 7:00 am Mass
 Wednesday: 7:30 am Mass in Munjor; 1:30 pm Mass at Homestead; 6:15 CCD at Kennedy
 Thursday: 7:00 am Mass; 2:30 Visit HFE 2nd Grade
 Friday: 7:00 am Mass
 Saturday: 4:00 Confessions; 5:00 Mass
 Sunday: 7:30 am Munjor Confessions; 8:00 am Munjor Mass; 9:00 am Confessions; 9:30 am Mass; 10:30 am Confessions; 11:00 am Mass

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Jan 12 Nathan L, John M, Wendy R, Dcn Steve
 Sun Jan 19 Jenalyn L, Lauren M, Peggy R, Michelle W.

12/1 Baptized Graham Plante
 12/2 Plainville Parish Council
 12/3 Doug Ubelaker Funeral
 12/3 Praise & Adoration
 12/4 Hospital Visits
 12/5 Hospital Visits
 12/5 School Finance Council
 12/5 Hays Area Young Catholics
 12/6 Divine Mercy Radio Appearance
 12/8 First Confessions
 12/8 Baptized Daniel & Mary Salter
 12/8 Night of Prayer for Life
 12/10 Hospital Visits
 12/11 Hospital Visits
 12/12 Plainville Parish Council
 12/12 Heartland Parish Stewardship Committee
 12/15 Rite of Acceptance
 12/15 Baptized Beau Spencer & Maebyn Engel
 12/15 Adoration in Munjor
 12/16 Fr. Felix Petrovsky's Funeral
 12/16 HFE Confessions
 12/16 Ladies' Guild Christmas Party
 12/17 Hospital Visits
 12/17 Praise & Adoration
 12/18 Hospital Visits
 12/18 School Board Meeting
 12/19 TMP Grotto Lighting
 12/20 Hospital Visits
 12/22 Decorated for Christmas
 12/23 Confessions at Homestead
 12/24 Hospital Visits
 12/24 & 25 Christmas Masses in Munjor, St. Nick's, Hospital
 12/27 Plainville Budget Meeting

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Jan 12 Lauren Moeder Ken & Peggy Richmeier
 Sun Jan 19 Natalie Oborny Tony & Patty Rohr

GREETERS

Sun Jan 12 Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker
 Sun Jan 19 John & Amy Moeder

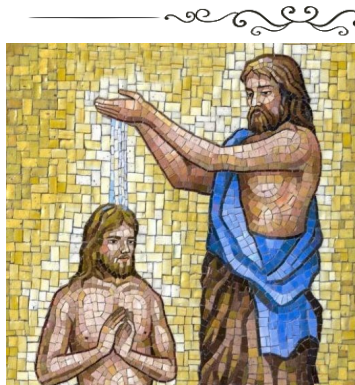
COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, January 12

Wilbert Gross, Blake Leiker, Donovan Richmeier,
 Ken Richmeier

Sunday, January 19

Ernie Binder, Aaron Dome, Kyle Jones, Darold Younker



*Baptism of
 the Lord.*

Read "Perelandra"
 Read "Newman: A Biography"
 Saw "A Haunted Christmas"
 Read "Ruin of Kings"
 Read "Christmas Carol"

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Due to weather and entrance to building causing another delay we will not have an after Mass social this month.

If you were still planning to make a donation for "2024" you can still do so, but please mark it as such. 'Year end tithing donations to the parish will be completed by the end of the month. This report will NOT include donations made to the Diocese of Salina, Call to Share, or Catholic Charities, those will be mailed directly to you from their offices.

UPCOMING

January 19th - Women of the Parish Christmas Party

January 20th - K of C meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 21st - Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7
St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the Stewardship life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

Servers for Funerals. Sometimes families do not have servers and our parish servers are not available due to school etc. If you would like to help on these occasions, please let Lilly know. Thank you!



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.

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND



Hays area Catholics:

We are starting up a Rosary initiative at the Hays Medical Center Chapel on Thursdays at 10:00 AM and are looking for volunteers willing to lead the Rosary there. We are needing enough volunteers so that you would lead it once every quarter. If you would like to be one of our Rosary leaders, or to find out more information, please contact:

*Cody Marintzer at
marintzer00@gmail.com*

Polka & Popcorn. Wes Windholz will be playing Sunday, January 19th from 1 - 3 at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. NO CHARGE. Snacks & drinks provided. Everyone is welcome!

Annual Chili Feed & Bazaar and Silent Auction is Sunday, Jan. 26, from 11am to 2pm, at Holy Family Elementary School, 18th and Vine, Hays MENU: Chili and Cinnamon rolls served with coffee, lemonade, and tea. Meal tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or at the door.

The raffle is packed full of exciting items including: Dell Latitude 15.6" Notebook, \$1500 School Enrollment Voucher, Round of Golf with Carts for 4 at Smokey Hill, Nintendo Switch Lite, Beats Wireless Headphones, 2 chances at a \$1000 cash prize and so much more!

The Silent Auction always has great items to bid on, and there will be games galore for kids of all ages with awesome prizes to win at the Game Room in the Activity Center!

All proceeds from the event will be used to make improvements, purchase equipment, and add resource materials for Holy Family Elementary School. The time to invest in the future of Catholic education for our children is now!

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you on January 26th at the Holy Family Elementary School Chili Supper!

Braden Johnson Catholic Speaker & Content Creator

Braden's passion is to awaken hearts to the fulfillment that can only be found in Christ. He lived out this passion working in college campus ministry, and now through full-time speaking at conferences, schools, and parishes all around North America. In a few short years he has become one of the most sought after young speakers as he works to create a culture of fully alive missionary disciples.

Wednesday, January 22nd

TMP-Marian - 8 a.m. for 6th-8th grades; 9:45 a.m. for 9th-12th grades, both in Dreiling Theater. Guests are welcome.

HFE - Time to be determined but will be in afternoon, K-2nd and 3rd-5th

IHM Church - 6:30 p.m. Parents and CYO (guests and older faith formation are welcome)

HAYS CATHOLIC MOMS MINISTRY Helping Moms Live Their Vocation According to God's Plan Sacraments | Community | Prayer Connect with other moms through the sacraments, build faithful community, and uplift your family through prayer. Daily Mass & Social: 2nd Thursdays, 8 AM at IHM Confessions: 3rd Saturdays, 3 PM at IHM Other Events: Playdates, parties & more at least once a month Birth Blessings: A kid-free rosary and social time to offer prayers for expecting mothers Meal Trains: Provided for every family welcoming a new baby Contact: Call/text Patty Cummings at 785-259-4400

St. Joseph Sacred Heart Room 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.

THERE ONCE WAS A MAN WHO HAD NOTHING and then ~ God gave him ten apples. Three were to eat and so he ate three. Three were for clothing and so he traded three for clothing to wear. Three were for shelter and so he traded three for shelter from the weather, and one was for the man to return to God in gratitude. He looked at the last apple. It seemed larger and juicier than the rest. He knew it had been given to him to return to God in gratitude for the other apples but he reasoned that God had all the other apples in the world so **He ate the last apple and gave back to God the Core!** God has given you enough for your needs plus that which you may return to HIM to show your gratitude! Will you return to God the largest and juiciest of your apples, or just the core?

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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

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Jan 13 Home & School Mtg 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 16 Vision Screenings (Grades K-2)
Monarch-4-A-Day (5th grade at TMP)
- Jan 20 NO SCHOOL—Inservice Day.

HFE Job Openings: HFE is seeking After School Care workers for next semester. The potential employee would be needed from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. on weekdays during the school year to supervise the students after school is dismissed. Job duties include setting up, preparing snacks, assisting with homework, playing games/reading with the children, supervising both indoors and on the playground, and cleaning up afterward. Please stop by the school for an application.

Holy Family is also in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested in being added to the substitute list, please stop by the school office with a copy of your sub license & credentials between 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Call us at 785-625-3131 if you have any questions.



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

Monarch For A Day. Thursday, January 16th 8 am - noon. Open to any 5th - 8th grader. Lunch included & transportation provided upon request. To register contact Melissa Schoepf 785-625-6577

Job Opportunity Hays, TMP Advancement Director The Director is responsible for leading the fundraising efforts for TMP. For more information call 785-342-0819 or email your resume today Kim at kim.hoelting@salinadiocese.org. The job description is also posted on our website

January 2025

From the Diocese



Happy New Year!

Welcome to a new addition from our Diocese of Salina Communications

Team! This insert in your bulletin is simply a way to keep you informed about some of the happenings in the diocese.

Pope Francis designated the year 2025 as a year of hope. I like what our Holy Father said in his message on January 1 to begin the new year, "I think especially of those who feel downtrodden, burdened by their past mistakes, oppressed by the judgment of others and incapable of perceiving even a glimmer of hope for their own lives." May we bring hope to our brothers and sisters!

This year, dioceses across the U.S. are embarking on a "Walk with One." This is the next step of our Eucharistic Revival. Please pray about who God might be leading you to walk alongside on their journey.

Along with bearing hope to our neighbors close to us, we can also bear hope to our neighbors far away. Watch for 12 special collections this year, each month dedicated to helping a group of neighbors we may never get the chance to meet. They are our brothers and sisters. I encourage you to prayerfully discern how Jesus is calling you to walk alongside, love, and bring dignity to these neighbors far away.

I am praying for all of you. Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

+ Gerald J. Veneke



Upcoming Events

■ 1/18 - 1/25

**Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity**

■ 1/29

**Ignite Rally, Mass |
KS March for Life**

■ 1/26-2/1

**Catholic
Schools Week**

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Church in Latin America

Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

To Give:

Anytime during the month of January, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Church in Latin America", or simply add it to the memo line of a check!



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Just for Kids!

St. Rose of Lima

Patronage: S. America

Birthday: April 20, 1586

Hometown: Lima, Peru

Feast Day: August 23

When St. Rose of Lima was born, her parents named her Isabel Flores de Olivia. As a little girl, she wanted to give her life to God. She was nicknamed "Rose" because of her beauty, and, at her confirmation, she decided "Rose" was going to be her name for good. St. Rose prayed everyday. She even prayed to God by deciding to do hard things and giving up some good things. To keep Jesus close to her, St. Rose would wear a silver, spiked crown. This reminded her of Jesus' crown of thorns. St. Rose lived in her parents' garden and helped her family by gardening and sewing. Today, St. Rose is the patron saint of South America, embroiderers, gardeners, and florists!



More Latin American Saints to learn about:

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| St. Junípero Serra | California |
| St. Óscar Romero | Persecuted Christians |
| St. Martín de Porres | Social Justice |

On the way to Sainthood:
Blessed Miguel Pro



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JOY
CHRISTMAS
HOPE
MARY
JOSEPH
JESUS
MANGER
MAGI
SHEPHERD
STAR

What's
THAT!?

Epiphany

Epiphany is a **feast day** - a celebration. We celebrate the Magi - the three wise men - arriving to Bethlehem bringing Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh! Sometimes we also celebrate Jesus' Baptism and first miracle on this day.