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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

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| Sun. Feb 5 | 8:00 am | L/D Les & Linda Gross family |
| Wed. Feb 8 | 7:30 am | L/D Frank & Pauline Younker fam |
| Sun. Feb 12 | 8:00 am | L/D Elmer & Aletha Hertel fam |
| Wed. Feb 15 | 7:30 am | L/D David & Claudia Leiker fam |

SERVERS

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| Sunday, Feb 5 | Reylyn Leiker & Trenton Staley |
| Sunday, Feb 12 | Alec Gerstner & Makailyn Leiker |

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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| Sunday, Feb 5 | Glenn Stramel & Rhonda Stramel |
| Sunday, Feb 12 | Josh Waddell & Bea Suppes |

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

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| Sun. Feb 5 | Benjamin Dome | Brandon & Brandi Z. |
| Sun. Feb 12 | Brian Pfannenstiel | Darold & Evelyn Younker |

GREETERS

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| Sunday, February 5 | Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker |
| Sunday, February 12 | John & Amy Moeder |

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, February 5

Jason Carter, Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Rexton Leiker

Sunday, February 12

Blake Leiker, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Gary Staab, Neal Younger

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

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| Sunday, February 5 | Mark & Dora Leiker |
| Sunday, February 12 | Jason & Rose Carter |
| Sunday, February 19 | Glenn & Rhonda Stramel |
| Sunday, February 26 | Ernie & Lilly Binder |

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

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| Envelopes | \$1,591.00 |
| Loose | \$95.00 |
| Total | \$1,686.00 |



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Isaiah 58: 7-10
 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Matthew 5:11-13

“Be who you were created to be and you will set the world on fire” said St. Catherine of Siena. Catherine of Siena was taking a page from Jesus Christ, her Lord and Master, when she coined this admonition. For in today’s Gospel, Jesus emphatically states that our mission in life is to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Jesus declares in his continuation of the Sermon on the Mount that there can be no lukewarm dawdling...no half-hearted response to his invitation. We cannot place our Christianity under a bushel basket because of fear of what others might think or say or what actions they might take to stop us from living out our faith. Instead, Jesus invites us by what we say, and more importantly, by what we do to be the salt that flavors the world and preserves the goodness of God. If only we, who are created in the image of God, can carry out our vocation, we can set the world aflame with love and forgiveness.

In today’s first reading from Isaiah, the prophet lays out what true penance means for the people of Israel. Prayer and fasting are absolutely necessary practices for returning in repentance to God. But authentic prayer and fasting must always lead to feeding the hungry, sheltering the oppressed, and looking out for the homeless and marginalized. Isaiah and all the Hebrew prophets stressed that true penance comes from an interior change of heart that leads outwardly to self-sacrifice and humility. The penance that Isaiah encourages always has a social dimension that challenges the societal structures that cause injustice, poverty, and inequality. Isaiah prophesies that if the Israelites practice authentic prayer, fasting, and almsgiving then their lives would shine brightly for all the world to see. They would indeed be the light of the world that Jesus speaks about in the Gospel.

In the Gospel, Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, his “Bill of Rights” on Christian living. Jesus uses two important metaphors to explain our mission for his kingdom. We are to be salt and light for the world. Salt in Jesus’ time was used for flavoring, as a preservative for food, as a medicine to rub newborn babies, and as a form of payment or salary for work done. Salt was also used to seal a covenant of friendship. All these purposes of salt come to mind when Jesus declares we are the salt of the earth. The second metaphor Jesus uses about our being light for the world is a reaffirmation of what Isaiah prophesies about in today’s first reading. We are to shine brightly to the world showing all mankind the power and presence of God.

In the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*, the Church fathers laid out the role of the laity in the Church. In #36 it states that the faithful must recognize “the inner nature, the value and the ordering of the whole of creation to the praise of God”. It goes on to say that “by their secular activity they help one another achieve greater holiness of life, so that the world may be filled with the spirit of Christ and may they more effectively attain its destiny in justice, in love and in peace”. This is a unique role for the laity that the clergy are not called to fulfill. In that same document paragraph 40 it says, “It is therefore quite clear that all Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life

and to the perfection of love, and by this holiness a more human manner of life is fostered also in earthly society". Let us take seriously this profound calling to be light for the

~ Deacon Steve

Candles will be blessed at Mass this morning.

Parish candles along with candles from home will be blessed



In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, blessing of throats will take place after Mass.

Coffee, rolls & conversation following Mass this morning hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Religious Education: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Special thanks are extended to the Knights of Columbus for their recent donation of \$375.00 to our Religious Education program.



Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the families of Marion Schumacher & Mary Ann Befort. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

Volunteers Needed: The soffit material for the Munjor School is here and ready to be installed. If you are interested in heading up this project or would like to help, contact John Moeder at 623-1338 for more information.

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."



Mike Suppes, Matt Shorman, Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome Herrmann, 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

Stars & Stripes Breakfast on Sunday, February 12 from 7:30am to Noon at Hays VFW. All you can eat! A portion of advance ticket sales goes to DREAM Inc. Advance tickets are \$9.50, \$4.50 for children ages 5-12 and children under 5 eat for free. Call Jane Younger 259-3374, Molly Legleiter 259-3435 or Dream Inc office at 785-628-6655 for tickets.

Hays CYO Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, February 26th in HFE Little Theater.

Lunch: 11am - 1:30 pm Supper: 4:30 pm - 7pm.

MENU: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Italian Sausage, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert. Take outs available. COST: \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children 5-12, under 5 eat free

Raffle: 55" 4K LG Smart TV; Wood Burning Low Smoke Fire Pit and Bluetooth Speaker; 26" Blackstone Griddle; Vacmaster Beast Shop Vac & Orfeld V20 Vacuum; Gift Card Bouquet



Author Appearance: Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder Bill Wilson called Father Edward Dowling, SJ, "the greatest and most gentle soul to walk this planet." Father Ed's guidance transformed Bill's life and deepened the spirituality of the twelve-step movement. But despite his vital role in A.A. history, his own story has never been told - until now. Dawn Eden Goldstein, author of the new biography Father Ed, will share about the life and message of this remarkable Jesuit who, although not an alcoholic himself, came to devote his ministry to helping people in recovery and anyone else who had a problem. Sunday, February 5th, 3:00pm-4:00pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays.

An opportunity for adults (18 years & older) from the Hays area to come together building community and assisting others in the area. Our time together will include: assisting neighbors with tasks such as cleaning out garage; painting; lawn work, etc. ,guest speakers, sharing meals, praying, building friendships. **Register now** either on-line or at the IHM parish office. If you have further questions contact Paul Flesher at 785-656-3121

Fri. March 24 6:00pm - 10:00 pm
Sat. March 25 7:00am - 9:30 pm
Sun. March 26 8:00am - 11:30am



Italy & Amalfi Pilgrimage: Fr. Joseph Kieffer with his classmate Fr. Tony Nuesch will be leading a pilgrimage through Southern Italy from November 6 - 17, 2023. The cost is \$3,799 from Dallas, TX. For more information contact Fr. Kieffer at 785-259-1384.

The Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will have their annual Fasenacht meeting on Sunday, February 12th in the Kennedy Cafeteria. Pot luck begins at 12:30pm followed by a meeting and program of Grebbel making and dancing music by Karl Meis until 3:30p.m. Join us for this pre-Lenten event!

St. Joseph Sacred Heart Room. If you haven't visited the St. Joseph's Sacred Heart Room recently, we encourage you to do so! Our Secular Franciscan volunteers have new displays of recently donated items just in time for your Lenten observance. The Sacred Heart Room is open Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-4:00, and Fri. 8:00-Noon. Located at St. Joseph Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

TMP-M Pop Singers Presents ~ Back Stage Romance.

February 4th & 5th. Tickets are \$15.00 (includes Dessert Bar & Social) available at www.tmp.m.org/o/tmpm or call 785-259-7371



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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

- Feb. 8 Early Release 1:15pm
Papa Murphy's Fundraising 11 - 8
- Feb. 13 KP Valentine's Day Party
- Feb. 14 Classroom Valentine's Fun Day
(Student Valentine deliveries to school are not permitted!)
- Feb. 16 February Birthday Mass & Lunch

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!!!



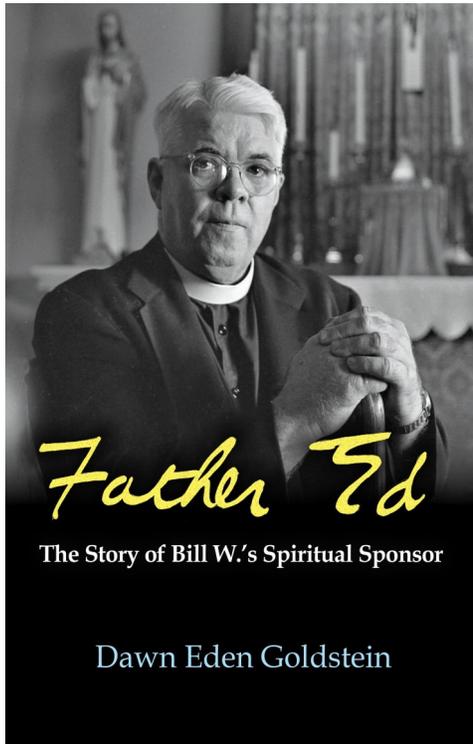
THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
(785) 625-6577

- Feb. 8 Early Release

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op

2/2-8am Mass IHM followed by Sternberg
2/8-9:30-11:30 Sternberg Outreach for upper grade school
2/14- 9:30 Valentines Day Party
2/16- 8am Mass IHM followed by McDonalds Playdate
Samantha Baker 785-639-3285 *Rsvp for everything*



Sunday, February 5, 2023

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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AUTHOR APPEARANCE

Dawn Eden Goldstein will discuss and sign copies of *Father Ed: The Story of Bill W.'s Spiritual Sponsor*

Dawn Eden Goldstein is the author of *Sunday Will Never Be the Same* and (under the pen name Dawn Eden) *The Thrill of the Chaste*, *My Peace I Give You* and *Remembering God's Mercy*. She began her working life as a rock-and-roll historian and then held positions at the *New York Post* and the *Daily News*. In 2016, she became the first woman to earn a doctorate in sacred theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, and has taught at universities and seminaries in the United States, England, and India. In 2022, she earned a licentiate in canon law from the Catholic University of America.

Follow her on Twitter @dawnofmercy.

