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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. June 29	8:00 am	L/D Benjamin & Diana Dome family
Wed. July 2	7:30 am	+Ruth Zimmerman
Sun. July 6	8:00 am	L/D Verlin & Elaine Pfannenstiel family
Wed. July 9	7:30 am	+Pam (Stecklein) Rollins

SERVERS

Sun June 29	Alec Gerstner & Trenton Staley
Sun July 6	Ahnalyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun June 29	Nathan L, Lauren M, Ken R, Tony S.
Sun July 6	Jenalyn L, John M, Wendy R, Michelle W.

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun June 29	John Moeder	K of C Members
Sun July 6	Lauren Moeder	Josh & Tina Waddell

GREETERS

Sun June 29	K of C Members
Sun July 6	Gloria Koirth

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, June 29

David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Jeff Richmeier, Tony Rohr

Sunday, July 6

Aaron Dome, Wilbert Gross, John Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,475.00
Loose	\$132.50
Total	\$1,607.50



FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

One of the greatest testaments to Jesus' resurrection just may be the example given by the Apostles. Today, we celebrate the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. These are two men who gave everything, including their own lives to proclaim the Gospel to the world. St. Peter was crucified on a cross upside down and St. Paul was beheaded.

Before his death, St. Paul was whipped (almost to the point of death) many times, was beaten with rods, stoned and left for dead, shipwrecked 3 times, imprisoned multiple times and many more hardships. St. Peter was imprisoned on more than one occasion, was beaten along with the other Apostles by orders from the Sanhedrin and was persecuted heavily. There was no fame, money, power or prestige to be had by proclaiming the Gospel, but there was the greatest reward that any man can hope for - eternal communion with our Lord.

It is through the example of these men and all of the early Christian witnesses that made the faith spread like wildfire. Some estimates show there is a likelihood that within 2 centuries of Christ's death, there were already several million Christians.

In this world that is becoming more polarizing every day, let us remember the words of Jesus Himself: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." If we are lovingly proclaiming Christ to the world and it hates us for it, then we must be doing something right for Jesus tells us "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you."

Let us courageously go forth and share the good news with others that we too may be the examples our world needs to turn toward our redeemer and share everlasting life with Him.

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**Coffee, Rolls and Conversation** following Mass next Sunday hosted by the Parish. Breakfast donations appreciated.

**Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.



**REMINDER: Price Increase.** As per the Parish Council, St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Plots will be increasing from \$75.00 to \$100.00 for Parishioners and from \$200.00 to \$500.00 for Non-Parishioners effective July 1, 2025. Please contact Lilly for more information.

**Veneration of The Saint Pio Relic.** On Sunday, June 29, Fr. Curtis will make the relic of Saint Padre Pio available for your veneration after the 10 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of Saint Fidelis. You may create a Third Class relic by touching a rosary, medal, prayer card, or piece of cloth to the reliquary at that time. For a donation, there will also be religious items available related to Saint Pio.

### Bible Reflection ~ Stewardship Goal

*"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." (2 TIMOTHY 4:7)*

How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."

**During June, we have celebrated key moments in the life of the Church - Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi culminating today with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.** Though very different men, they are united in faith, mission, and martyrdom, and the Church has honored them together since the third century.

St. Peter, the first Pope, was chosen by Christ as the rock on which the Church would be built. The Catechism tells us that because of the faith he professed, Peter remains the "unshakeable rock of the Church." Despite his human weaknesses, Peter's loyalty, repentance, and leadership make him a powerful model of stewardship.

St. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, became one of the Church's greatest evangelists. In today's second reading, Paul reflects on his mission, saying, "I have finished the race... the crown of righteousness awaits me." The Greek word he used for "crown" — stephanos — refers to a victor's crown, not a royal one, showing his view of faith as a race well-run for the sake of Christ.

Though they were martyred separately, tradition holds that Peter and Paul were in Rome at the same time, and their shared witness and sacrifice tie them closely together in Church history. They embody two vital aspects of stewardship — Peter in his faith and leadership, and Paul in his zeal and wisdom.

As stewards, we are called to follow their example — to build the Church through our commitment, to overcome our failures through God's mercy, and to proclaim the Gospel with courage. Like Peter and Paul, we are invited to give all we have for the sake of Christ and His Church.

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## EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

**What is Stay Strong, Stay Healthy?** It is an evidence-based strength training program designed for older adults. The eight-week program includes 16 exercise classes that meet twice weekly for one hour. First Class: June 30, at 9:30am. Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays at 601 Main St., Hays, KS. Duration: 8 weeks/16 sessions. Cost is \$20.00. To register or for more information contact: Karissa Frasier, Community Health Worker at 785-628-9430 or email [krfrasier@ksu.edu](mailto:krfrasier@ksu.edu).

**Five First Saturdays Devotion** - July 5th Please join us at IHM Parish each First Saturday of the month for the following: • Rosary – 7:30 AM • Act of Reparation – 7:55 AM • Mass – 8:00 AM • Guided 15-minute meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary immediately after Mass. • Coffee and donuts following the guided meditation.

### Save the Date

#### K of C Sponsored Hays Lark's Baseball Game

The Ellis County Councils of the Knights of Columbus is hosting the Hays Larks Baseball Game Monday July 21, at 7pm. Please join us at Larks Park (4th and Oak, Hays) for a night of fun and to encourage new membership. Admission is free courtesy of the Ellis County K of C Councils.

#### Registration is now open for the Tour die Kapellen.

This is an Ellis County tour of the limestone churches, with local snacks and music at every church (by bike or Deluxe Village Tours Bus). The tour is followed by a German Meal prepared by the Catharine community. A limited number of seats are still available. On the bus, local guide, Jerry Braun, will provide a Volga-German history of each of these beautiful churches. At the end of the tour, participants are treated to a German meal, beverages and a polka band (The Hot Shots) in Municipal Park. *This tour is July 12.* It is a benefit for the area's limestone churches and the Hays Symphony. The cost of the bus tour is \$75 per person until June 20; the price increases to \$85 after June 20. By Bike, the fee is \$50 (late fee \$60). For more information and quick registration, visit <https://tourdiekapellen.com/>.

#### Seminarian Fundraising Dinners - Join us July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall in Hays

for an evening of faith, fellowship, and support for our future priests! Come enjoy a delicious meal, inspiring program, and the opportunity to meet and visit with the seminarians who are answering God's call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Salina. To RSVP by July 16<sup>th</sup> or to make a gift to support the seminarians, visit [bit.ly/semsofsalina](http://bit.ly/semsofsalina)



## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

### School Councils and the Heartland Parishes

There are three councils for Holy Family Elementary and Thomas More Prep-Marian.

Two are School Advisory Councils—one for Holy Family and one for TMP-Marian.

The third is a Finance Advisory Council which handles the finances for both schools.

These councils have similar functions to a public school board. But while a public school board implements policy, these Councils are consultative to the pastor of the school.

Since Holy Family Elementary is run by Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fr. Nick Parker (as pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary) makes the final decision.

TMP-Marian is a diocesan school. Bishop Vincke has the final say. Since the Bishop's schedule won't allow him to attend the board meetings, he has appointed Geoff Andrews (Diocesan Superintendent) and me to be his designate on this board.

The members of these councils are drawn from the Heartland Parishes. All three Hays parishes—St. Joseph's, Immaculate Heart and St. Nick's—each have representatives on these boards. The outlying parishes of Munjor, Schoenchen, Antonino and Catherine provide one representative for the four parishes.

The members of these councils are appointed. The school administration, pastor and the Diocese recruit candidates.

The terms are three years long and you can serve two consecutive terms before you have to step down.

Cammi Williby is the Outlying Parishes representative from Munjor for the TMP board; Jill Moeder was the representative on the Finance Committee and Amy Pfannenstiel is on the Heartland Stewardship Committee.



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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



### HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal

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May 16 - Aug 18 Summer Break! *Enjoy your Summer!*

June - July Summer Office Hours  
Tues - Thurs 8:00 - 1:00



### THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal

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**Today we observe the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.** This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself" (CCC paragraph 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means "thanksgiving" or "gratitude" and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God's blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ's words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. "The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you.'" In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And, following our Lord's example, we can give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead.

### **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.*



# Heartland Parishes

July 20-25, 2025

TMP-Marian Campus



What is Totus Tuus?  
Totus Tuus is a week long summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

For those entering grades 1-12 in the '25-'26 year:  
1st-6th grades: July 21-25, M-F, 9am-3pm  
7th-12th grades: July 20-24, Sun-Th, 7:30pm-9:45pm

Contact:

IHM: Jaclyn Brown, 785.625.7339  
St. Joe: Allison Ochoa, 785.625.7356  
St. Nick: Cody Marintzer, 785.628.1446



Through your generous gift of stewardship to your parishes, there will be no registration fee this year. We still need you to register your child though so we can account for snacks and other supplies.

Register  
Here:



**The Rural Life Office  
invites you to participate  
in Rural Life Day,  
Century Farm Awards &  
Golden Business Awards**



**CATHOLIC  
RURAL LIFE**  
SALINA DIOCESE

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**St. Wenceslaus**

**2807 Ave D**

**Wilson, KS, 67490**

We are now accepting applications for  
both awards. Visit the Diocese  
webpage for more information:

