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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

Sunday, September 17, 2023 ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Sept 17	8:00 am	L/D Gilbert & Gloria Leiker fam.
Wed. Sept 20	7:30 am	+Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel
Sun. Sept 24	8:00 am	L/D Verlin & Delphine Stramel family
Wed. Sept 27	7:30 am	L/D Al & Gina Rohr family

SERVERS

Sunday, Sept 17	Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker
Sunday, Sept 24	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Sept 17	Lilly B, John M, Tina W, Michelle W.
Sun. Sept 24	Ernie B, Lauren M, Wendy R, Bea S.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Sept 17	Lauren Moeder	Jason & Kacy Gerstner
Sun. Sept 24	Brian Pfannenstiel	Aaron & Kolleen Dome

GREETERS

Sunday, Sept 17	Jerry & Sylvia Gross
Sunday, Sept 24	Jason & Kacy Gerstner

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, September 17

Blake Spencer, Gary Staab, Trenton Staley, Neal Younger

Sunday, September 24

Aaron Dome, Larry Koirth, Ken Richmeier, Tony Rohr

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, September 17	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, September 24	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, October 1	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, October 8	Deanna Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure	
Envelopes	\$1,935.00
Loose	\$195.00
Total	\$2,130.00



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

**Wedding Ritual:
Disposition of the Wedding Party**

*"Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine,
There's always laughter and good red wine.
At least I've always found it so.
Benedicamus Domino!"*
— Hilaire Belloc

As this quote from Catholic writer Hilaire Belloc illustrates, Catholic weddings are a time for celebration. We rejoice that a couple has found each other and are in love.

But since marriage is serious work, there is a solemnity in the wedding ceremony.

We know a couple beginning the great adventure of marriage needs the grace of the Sacrament. They need the prayers of family, friends and parish so that the foundation of their married life can be strong.

Which means the wedding party must approach their liturgical duties seriously. The ceremony is a time for sober and solemn work. We are here to pray for the couple and to ask for God's Blessings to come upon them.

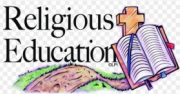
So, no drinking before the Mass. No jokes during the ceremony. We have work to do.

A sports analogy: there is much celebration when a team wins a championship. But the team doesn't start celebrating until after the game has been won.

As it is in athletics, so it is in a wedding. There is much celebration as a couple begins their life together. But not until after the serious work of prayer and petition of our Lord and Savior has been done.


Fr. Damian

CHURCH is my **COLLEGE**
HEAVEN is my **UNIVERSITY**
JESUS is my **PRINCIPAL**
THE HOLY SPIRIT is my **TEACHER**
ANGELS are my **CLASS MATES**
THE BIBLE is my **STUDY BOOK**
TRIAL & TEMPTATIONS are my **EXAMS**
WINNING SOULS are my **ASSIGNMENTS**
PRAYER is my **ATTENDANCE**
CROWN OF LIFE is my **DEGREE** and
PRAISE & WORSHIP is my **MOTTO**
ENROLL today there is room for all
 and tuition is **FREE**



Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Christian Mothers meeting following Mass this morning in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are not currently a member and would like to join or have questions, please attend this meeting.




Starting this month, the Munjor Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Munjor School Gym. All K of C members are encouraged to attend these meetings. The first meeting will be September 18. Many decisions for the year will be decided at this first meeting. Hope to see you there.

NOTE DATE CHANGE: Our Annual Anniversary Mass and Potluck will be Sunday, October 1st. Mass at 11am. Each family is asked to bring one covered dish of their choice.

Special Thanks are extended to Hays Area Bicyclists for the \$500.00 donation they presented to our parish from their summer Bike Tour.

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.



Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, 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

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."
— Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus invite you to their Annual Steak Dinner, on Saturday, September 23rd. Social hour at 6pm, dinner at 6:45. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12 oz) or Honey Pecan Chicken with baked potato, vegetable, bread, salad and dessert. \$25 per ticket. Take-out orders available. Contact Glenn Gabel at 785-628-2120 or Kyle Normandin at 785-623-0580



Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will be hosting a Mass to commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Jerry Vincke, Fr. Jim Moster and Fr. Reggie Urban will be concelebrants. Music will be provided by Triology. Seed wheat will be blessed. Social following Mass. Everyone is welcome.

HaysMed's Annual Drive-through Flu Shot clinic has been scheduled for Sunday, September 24. The event, which will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will offer free flu shots for all residents older than 6 months.



Will you stand for the unborn? National Life Chain Sunday 2023- On Sunday, Oct. 1st, across the U.S. and Canada will provide a visible and resolute voice for the voiceless children

who are threatened by the surgical abortionists' cruel instruments or by the deadly chemicals in abortive birth controls. The event itself will start at 1:00pm, at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. All will gather at the Memorial of the Unborn for a brief prayer service, then proceed to Vine Street from 26th Street north for the Life Chain from 1:15 to 2:15pm.



Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive has been designated for October 6th - 8th.

On these days, members of the Kansas K of C will be positioned in front of banks, stores and churches handing out "Specially Marked" Tootsie Rolls while seeking donations for people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you to all supporters, God bless you!

Did you know you can offer prayers at your holy hour for a particular religious or seminarian in the Salina Diocese? See the prayer cards in the box on the table under the clock in the Adoration Chapel. Let these individuals know you are supporting their work and praying for them. It means so much to each one. Thank you! *The Vocatio Group of the Heartland*



**Sept, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows. “
Seven Sorrows of Our Lady:**

1. **The First Sword of Sorrow:** Simeon announces the suffering destiny of Jesus (*Luke 2:34-35*)
2. **The Second Sword of Sorrow:** Mary escapes into Egypt with Jesus and Joseph (*Matt 2:13-15*)
3. **The Third Sword of Sorrow:** Mary seeks Jesus lost in Jerusalem (*Luke 2:41-51*)
4. **The Fourth Sword of Sorrow:** Mary meets Jesus as He carries His Cross to Calvary (*cf. Luke 23:26-31*)
5. **The Fifth Sword of Sorrow:** Mary stands near the Cross of her Son Jesus (*John 19:25-27*)
6. **The Sixth Sword of Sorrow:** Mary receives into her arms the body of Jesus taken down from the Cross (*cf. John 19:38*)
7. **The Seventh Sword of Sorrow:** Mary helps place the body of Jesus in the tomb (*cf. John 19:39-42*)

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Sept 18 Fall Picture Day (in uniform)
- Sept 21 September Birthday Mass & Lunch
- Sept 26 Fall Sack Lunch (*weather permitting*)
- Sept 29 Oktoberfest Dancing & Treats

HFE Cajetan Ca\$h! HFE Cajetan Ca\$h is a fundraising raffle that benefits HFE. Cajetan comes from Saint Cajetan, which is the patron saint of good fortune. Tickets are available for purchase thru September 29th. Raffle Prizes are \$1,000- \$2,500 -\$5,000 -\$10,000. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at cajetan-cash.rallybound.org, or contact any HFE student or email cajetan-cash@hfehays.org. Drawing will be held **LIVE** on the HFE Facebook page at 2:45 pm, on October 13th!!

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocesan Anniversary Masses 2023 Bishop Vincke & the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary & all other wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and any anniversaries over 70 years in 2023. Sunday, October 15th at 3PM Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina & Sunday, October 29th at 3PM St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays. Register by going to the link below or call the parish office and we can assist with your registration. No cost to attend. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life>



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- Sept 20 School Advisory Council Meeting 4 pm - 5:30 pm

For more information you can check the TMP-Marian website under the Google Calendar for the latest updates from the school.

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-Op

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require RSVP) contact Samantha Baker 785.639.3285 or 14sjbaker@gmail.com Find us on Facebook!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“Your day goes the way the corners of your mouth turn. So smile.”

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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.