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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, January 5, 2025 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan 5 8:00 am +Ruth Zimmerman
 Wed. Jan 8 7:30 am +Curt Pfannenstiel
 Sun. Jan 12 8:00 am +Cody Younger
 Wed. Jan 15 7:30 am L/D John G. Befort Family

FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

Epiphany of the Lord

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states in paragraph 528: "The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee." Through celebration of the Epiphany, we are reminded of the Divinity of Christ. Let this guide us as we look at these three events in helping us live out our faith life.

The Magi are drawn to Jesus by the sign given to them - the star. The Sacraments are the efficacious signs by which God's graces are given to us to lead us and bring us closer to Him. As we live our daily lives through the Sacraments, we should be shining stars of Christ's love to this world that we may draw others to Him.

In Christ's baptism, we see the Holy Spirit descend upon Him as God proclaims "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Through our baptism, united to Christ's, we have become sons and daughters of God. John the baptizer proclaims "the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." Following in his footsteps, we must humbly die to self and live for Christ if we are to claim God as our Father and join Jesus in His mission. Let us pray daily: "Lord, let me decrease, that you may increase."

With the wedding feast at Cana, much could be said about Christ's love for the couple and the gift of this miracle bringing Matrimony to the state of a Sacrament. However, I would like to quote Dr. Brant Pitre as he points out that as Christ shows His first public miracle in turning water into wine, "He is revealing that He is the bridegroom. He is the Divine Bridegroom who has come in person to inaugurate the great wedding supper of the lamb, the feast of salvation, the banquet of the kingdom of God." As Christ is the Bridegroom of the Church, what are we doing to prepare to receive Him every time we celebrate His Eucharistic feast, and for our union with Him in eternity?

May these thoughts guide us in this new year to follow Christ and bring others to Him.

Epiphany Blessing for your home:

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above or next to an entrance: **+20+C+M+B+25+**

(The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. It is also an abbreviation for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!" The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year.)

SERVERS

Sun Jan 5 Makailyn Leiker & Rexton Leiker
 Sun Jan 12 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Jan 5 Jenalyn L, Lauren M, Rhonda S, Michelle W.
 Sun Jan 12 Nathan L, John M, Wendy R, Dcn Steve

	LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
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Sun Jan 5	Nathan Leiker	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sun Jan 12	Lauren Moeder	Ken & Peggy Richmeier

GREETERS

Sun Jan 5 John & Amy Moeder
 Sun Jan 12 Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, January 5

Ernie Binder, Aaron Dome, Kyle Jones, Darold Younker

Sunday, January 12

Wilbert Gross, Blake Leiker, Donovan Richmeier,
 Ken Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure			
Envelopes	\$1,678.00	New Year's	
		Envelopes	\$765.00
Loose	\$129.00	Loose	\$35.00
Total	\$1,807.00	Total	\$800.00

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As you are writing the inscription, pray the following: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Coffee, Rolls and Conversation following Mass this morning. Everyone is invited.

Dear People of Munjor Parish,
Thank you for your kind and generous gift. I am honored to be of help to your parish. Have a Blessed 2025!
--Cheryl Glassman (*Cheryl serves as our Choir Director.*)

2025 Offering Envelopes. Several boxes remain in the vestibule.

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 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.




Women of the Parish - Christmas Party Sunday, January 19th at 12:30 in the Parish Hall. **RSVP deadline Jan 5th.** Call Jane Younger 785-259-3374 or Amy Pfannenstiel 785-650-3533. Hope to see you there!


Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

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



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.



Epiphany Sunday—Wise Men Still Seek HIM!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES

Education & Screening

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, employees, educators, as well as volunteers who minister with minors are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about safe environment compliance requirements, please contact your parish/school safety coordinator or visit www.salinadiocese.org

Reporting & Victim Assistance

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Department of Children and Families 800.922.5330 KBI Crime Hotline/800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, use one of the confidential diocesan reporting resources below:

Phone: 866.752.8855 Website: reportandprotect.com Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior, currently, or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service provides a confidential Hotline: 800.276.1562 Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities as they investigate reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including, but not limited to church personnel.

Any questions in regards to education, reporting, or victim assistance can be directed to the Safe Environment Office/ Diocese of Salina 785.827. 8746



7-2024

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal (785) 625-3131

- Jan 7 School Resumes
Jan 8 KinderPrep Resumes
Jan 9 July Birthday Mass & Lunch

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

- Jan 7 School Resumes

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

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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.

HAYS CATHOLIC MOMS MINISTRY – KICKOFF!

Thursday, January 9th in the IHM Basement following the 8 AM Mass

Come meet other faith-filled moms and learn more about our new ministry! The childcare room, now furnished with toys, will be open and breakfast treats will be provided.

- Our ministry goal is to support moms in living their vocation according to God's plan by accessing the sacraments, building faithful community, and uplifting their families through prayer.
- Join us throughout each month at daily Mass, confession, and other planned social events.
- Birth blessings, a kid-free rosary and social time to offer prayers for expecting mothers, and meal trains will be provided for every family welcoming a new baby.

For questions or to join our group communication app, please contact:

— *Patty Cummings* 785-259-4400 or *Julie Berg* 785-443-4170