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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 625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, August 14th, 2022 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Aug 14	8:00 am	+Dustin Steinert
Mon. Aug 15	6:00 pm	Tim & Lil Kingsley
Wed. Aug 17	7:30 am	L/D Albinus & Velma Weigel fam
Sun. Aug 21	8:00 am	L/D Norbert & Betty Leiker fam
Wed. Aug 24	6:00 pm	+Colton Lane

SERVERS

Sunday, August 14	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Monday, August 15	Valerie Dome & Wyatt Gerstner
Sunday, August 21	Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, August 14	Peggy R, Wendy R, Michelle W.
Monday, August 15	Lilly B, Lauren M, Bea S.
Sunday, August 21	Ernie B, Jenalyn L, Deacon Steve

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Aug 14	Lauren Moeder	Frank & Paulette Seib
Mon. Aug 15	Tina Waddell	Volunteers
Sun. Aug 21	Natalie Oborny	Rich & Sherri Ruder

GREETERS

Sunday, August 14	Jeanette Pfannenstiel
Sunday, August 21	Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, August 14

David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Ken Richmeier, Tony Staley

Monday, August 15 - Volunteers

Sunday, August 21

Brian Pfannenstiel, Tony Rohr, Rich Ruder, Josh Waddell

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, August 14	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, August 21	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, August 28	Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, September 4	Tony & Patty Rohr

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,001.00
Loose	\$170.00
Total	\$2,171.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Jeremiah: 38:4-6, 8-10
 Hebrews 12:1-4
 Luke 12:49-53

If you ask my wife, she would tell you that I am a person who wants to avoid conflicts with other people. In fact, I often steer away from confrontation at all costs. And when I do get up the courage to address an issue, it causes me anxiety and sometimes even physical ailments. Yet today, the first reading and the Gospel is all about dealing with the struggles of living according to God's plan. The prophet Jeremiah spoke out against the king and his nobles and faced the punishment of starvation in a dry cistern. Jesus, on his journey to Jerusalem, doesn't sugarcoat his message about discipleship, but instead he tells us that faithfulness to his way will cause division, conflict, and an absence of peace. Jesus demands that we not give in and cower away from the struggles and responsibilities of living the Gospel life.

Our first reading is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah who throughout his writings is known for his constant complaining about his misfortunes. In fact, in one place Jeremiah complains that God duped him into being a prophet. In today's pericope, Jeremiah is being attacked by the king's nobles because his message is demoralizing the soldiers and the people. In other words, Jeremiah's message is hitting too close to home. So what do the king's nobles do? They want to get rid of him, but they can't kill him. Instead, they get permission from the king to place him in an empty cistern. Cisterns were used in Palestine to store rainwater for periods when there was no moisture. Often the locations of these cisterns were kept secret so one's enemies could not find out and pollute the water. Because these cisterns were bottle-shaped, the only way into the cistern was by lowering someone down with a rope. In today's reading, Jeremiah was let down into a cistern that was filled with mud. Ebed-melch, a court officer, finds out about Jeremiah's plight and rescues him from death. Speaking the truth by going against the kingdoms of this world will demand that we be prophetic like Jeremiah. Our actions might land us in muck and mire.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about a fire consuming the earth. Throughout the Old Testament, fire was the vehicle through which God spoke to Abraham, Moses, and the people of Israel in the desert. Because of its purifying qualities, fire was often used as a symbol of God's action amongst his people. Jesus' desire to set the earth on fire was indeed a message that the entire earth needed purification, and his kingship would lead to a judgment for all mankind. When Jesus speaks of baptism, he is not speaking about the sacrament of baptism but instead about his sufferings, crucifixion, and death. Jesus' message and his kingdom demanded that all make a choice, either follow his way or turn away. This choosing or denying Jesus would lead to divisions amongst family and loved ones. Also in Jewish apocalyptic writings, social upheaval is a sign of end times.

So what message about discipleship does Jesus want to leave us this weekend? Following his kingdom is not easy. It will demand a choice that will lead to struggles, persecution, and much pushback from our world. His way of love and mercy and forgiveness will lead to our exclusion from society and even outright persecution. It will demand hard choices and conflicts with family members, friends, and

coworkers. All of us need a certain baptism of purification of our actions and our choices. As the old saying goes, "No pain, no gain." However, Jesus promises great joy, peace, and a life of fulfillment if we but follow him. Remember his Good Friday was followed by his and our Easter resurrection.

~ Deacon Steve

Anointing of the sick and elderly will be administered following Mass this morning.

Feast of the Assumption, August 15th. Mass at 6:00

The annual seminarian collection is this weekend. This collection is held in every parish across the diocese and supports the tuition, books and board and summer ministry expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment of future seminarians. We hope to have nine seminarians for the 2022-2023 schoolyear. The average annual cost to educate one seminarian is \$50,000. Use your parish envelope, or make an online gift, please visit: <https://salinadiocese.org/office/catholicfoundation/general-donations/>.

Sunflower Chapter of AHSGR will be meeting on Sunday, Aug. 14, at noon at the Kennedy Cafeteria. The program consists of a Volga German Foods video and discussion of these foods. This will be potluck, Members and guests are invited to attend. Please bring your favorite German Russian foods.

Stars and Stripes Breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 11, from 7:30am – 12pm, at the VFW, 22nd & Vine, Hays. Proceeds go to the local, American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Hays, Sunflower Chapter.

The St. Nicholas of Myra Knights of Columbus invite you to their *Annual Steak Dinner*, on Saturday, Sept. 17, social hour at 6pm, and dinner at 6:45pm. Menu: Ribeye Steak (10-12oz.), 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.

St. Nicks Knights of Columbus Cash Raffle: 1 in 20 chance, \$50 donation – winner \$500 \$100 donation – winner \$1,000 Drawing on Sept. 17. For ticket information contact Justin Baalman at 785-635-3777



Presenting Hear My Song on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 3pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. A free-will donation benefit concert for the *Unify, Beautify, Glorify Campaign* featuring Fr. Nick Parker on piano and vocals with special guests Jillian Korte and Fr. Kevin Weber. Light reception following in the Gathering Space and Basement. Raffle prize drawings will be held during the concert. Visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on Facebook, or visit the Unify, Beautify, Glorify Campaign website at ihm-ubg.com for more information.

Mark your calendars: *The Salina Diocesan of Catholic Women Convention* will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at St. Nicholas of Myra Church. Pre-register now, forms available at St. Nicholas, or online at Salinadiocese.org. Registration will begin at 8am and Mass will be at 11am with Bishop Gerald Vincke. A catered luncheon will be served and a raffle will be held.

Prayer Requests: Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome Herrmann, Carla Meier, Special Intention, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.
Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.

PRAYER FOR RAIN: O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to quench our parched land. We pray for rain that will sustain our crops and land. Help us always be good stewards of your creation and to care for the many resources of this earth. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen

St. Isidore, Patron of Farmers and Farm Life—Pray for Us.



Divine Mercy Radio's 12th Annual Appreciation Banquet will take place in two locations: 6 p.m. Sat., Sept. 10 at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall Hays and 5 p.m. Sun. Sept. 11 in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. Cost is \$55 if purchased before Aug. 20. After Aug. 20, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages. This is a sit down, served banquet with a great speaker, Father Wade Menezes, who will be talking about In Defense of Truth and Faith: Our Catholic Calling. To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina) and your meal choice (steak or chicken) to: Banquet Reservations, Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St., Hays, KS 67601, 785-621-4110, or visit dvmercy.com. No tickets sold after Sept. 1.

Cemetery Updates Over the past several years, *St. Joseph Parish* has been examining the long-term needs of the parish and community for cemetery space. Thanks to the generosity of two families from our parish community, we have been given two opportunities to develop land south of Hays for our cemetery expansion. After discussions with both families and meeting with the Finance and Pastoral Councils at the end of June to examine the attributes of both properties, it was decided that the new cemetery location will be at the northeast corner of the 240th Avenue and Mt. Pleasant Road intersection. Much of the planning and development that had gone into the initial cemetery site can be used for the new location. In the long term, we anticipate the cemetery located on 240th Avenue will yield a savings in several areas including development and maintenance. Additionally, this property's location on the well-maintained blacktop highway will allow easier access for services throughout the year. While we own the undeveloped property adjacent to the current cemetery at the intersection of 27th and Main Streets, it was determined that the future cemetery needs would be greater than that property allows. Additionally, it would be more cost effective for the parish to sell that land and use the proceeds to develop and maintain the new, larger property. We are actively working with a realtor to sell this property. If you have further questions about the cemetery location or expansion plans, please contact the parish office. We will be providing regular updates as the development progresses.

Support Groups

"NAMI Connections" Meets 1st & 3rd Monday each month 7 to 8:30pm: Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing After Loss" Support Group meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month 10am: Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflehope.org or call 785-259-6859.

"NAMI Family Support Group" Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (in-person or online) – 7 to 8:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: NAMI Hays - 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. For more info e-mail at art@namikansas.org.

"Healing Hearts" Support Group meets 2nd Thursday each month (in-person) – 6:30pm: Regular Meeting. Hosted by: Center for Life Experience 103C E. 27th St., Oak Plaza, Hays. RSVP by e-mail at info@cflehope.org or call for information 785-259-6859.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- August 16 First Day of School, K – 6th Dismissal at 11:00
- August 17 First Full Day of School, KP—6th
- August 18 Opening School Mass—8:00 IHM
- August 19 Back—2-Schol Bash HFE/TMP @ TMP 6 pm
- August 22 First Day of Preschool
- August 23 Parent Info Night—required 7:00 pm



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

- August 17 First Day of School — Early Release
- August 19 4:45—10:45 pm Back-2-School Bash

Volleyball Coaches Needed TMP-M is looking for an assistant high school volleyball coach and a head coach and assistant coach for junior high volleyball. Please email Megan Gottschalk at mgottschalk@hfehays.org

Attention High School Students: Holy Family Elementary is looking to hire workers for their After School Care program. The job is part-time, Monday-Friday, from approximately 3:00pm to 6:00pm. You would be helping students with homework, getting them snacks and monitoring them while they play or participate in activities. If you love working with kids and this sounds like something you are interested in, please stop by the office to inquire and pick up an application!

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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.

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11TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

CALLED TO PROTECT

FAMILY. LIFE . TRUTH



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. MARIO ENZLER

Former Swiss Guard, serving Pope John Paul II and
Dean of Cameron School of Business at University of St. Thomas

AUGUST 13TH, 2021
8:00AM - 12:30PM

IMMACULATE HEART
1805 VINE ST. HAYS KS

REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING [SALINADIOCESE.ORG/OFFICE/FAMILY-LIFE/](https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/)