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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, October 30th, 2022 ~ Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct 30	8:00 am	L/D Marvin & Bernita Younger fam
Tue. Nov 1	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Wed. Nov 2	7:30 am	+Mary Lou Pfannenstiel
Sun. Nov 6	8:00 am	+Steve & Aaron Pfannenstiel
Wed. Nov 9	7:30 am	Randy & Michelle Werth family

SERVERS

Sunday, Oct 30	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Tuesday, Nov 1	Benjamin Dome & Alec Gerstner
Sunday, Nov 6	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Oct 30	Jenalyn Leiker & Wendy Richmeier
Tuesday, Nov 1	Lilly Binder & Josh Waddell
Sunday, Nov 6	Lauren Moeder & Tina Waddell

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Oct 30	Gene Gottschalk	John & Amy Moeder
Tues Nov 1	Nathan Leiker	Volunteers
Sun. Nov 6	John Moeder	Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker

GREETERS

Sunday, October 30	Sid & Joanne Steinert
Tuesday, November 1	Volunteers
Sunday, November 6	Mike & Bea Suppes

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, October 30

Wilbert Gross, John Moeder, Caleb Staley, Brandon Zimmerman

Tuesday, November 1—Volunteers

Sunday, November 6

Mark Leiker, Donovan Richmeier, Ken Richmeier, Neal Younger

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, October 30	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, November 6	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, November 13	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, November 20	Glenn & Rhonda Stramel

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Wisdom 11:22-12:1
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10

One of my favorite songs lately is the hymn "Glory and Praise to Our God" and verse three begins this way, "Every moment of every day our God is waiting to save, always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray". This simple phrase sums up for me today's Scripture readings. Our God is searching for us in every instance of our lives, always reaching out the hand of forgiveness and mercy. Patricia Datchuk Sanchez, in her reflection on today's Gospel, says this Lukan passage is a paradigm for the journey of conversion. God wants an encounter with us, a relationship of love. The beauty of these readings is that God meets us where we are at in our lives and then transports us to a better place. With a God that reaches out to us in our sinfulness, our heartfelt response is always one of thanksgiving and praise.

Our first reading is from the book of Wisdom, and the knowledge of this book was credited to the famous King Solomon. In reality, the book was written probably by a Greek-speaking Jew living in Alexandria some hundred years before Christ. This author was seeking to help his Jewish brothers and sisters retain their Jewish faith in the midst of a growing Greek society and culture. Unlike the gods of the Greek world who were distant from their creation, the God of Israel was personally involved with his people. The God of Israel, as found throughout their history, was one of mercy who sought repentance from his people. The reason for this great mercy was that God created everything and placed his spirit in all things. Therefore, God is slowly and steadily drawing all persons to himself... to the great gift of his love. As the author of Wisdom says so succinctly, God is a "lover of souls".

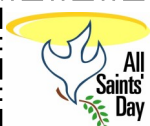
In the Gospel reading, again we have a story unique to the evangelist Luke, a story of conversion. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and passes through Jericho, but his journey is interrupted by a repentant tax collector. Tax collectors in Jesus' day were associated with sinners because they extorted money from their fellow countrymen as they were collecting taxes for the Roman government. The collection of taxes was auctioned off to the highest bidder in each community and had to be paid in advance to the Roman government. After paying Rome, the tax collector would enlist other agents to help him in collecting the taxes. He would then pay off his agents and reap a huge profit for himself at the expense of his fellow Israelites. In today's Gospel, Zaccheus is drawn to Jesus, and he takes steps to see Jesus. But Jesus gets one up on Zaccheus, because he seeks Zaccheus out and asks if he could dine with Zaccheus. This creates a stir among the people because Jesus is dining with a tax collector. Zaccheus, in the presence of Jesus, makes a conversion. He promises to pay back four times the amount stolen which was required by Jewish law. In addition, he promised to give half of his possessions to the poor. And Jesus states quite clearly that the repentant Zaccheus is now a descendant of Abraham, an heir to all God's promises. He, who was thought unworthy and despicable, is now amongst God's favored.

Often in our lives we feel dejected by others, and we might even feel that God has abandoned us. The reality is God truly loves us and desires to be in relationship with us. Often we are stuck in a tree waiting to see who God could be in our lives. Surprisingly, God reaches out to us and invites us down from maybe our high horse or our safe perch. He wants to come dine with us which is a symbol of his desire to be in communion with us. Merely his forgiving presence calls us to contrition and conversion. If only we let down our defenses and our pride, God will restore all the promises that are ours through baptism. Jesus says to each of us, "Today salvation has come to this house", meaning salvation has come to our hearts.

~ Deacon Steve

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,253.00
Loose	\$100.00
Total	\$1,353.00



Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass, Tuesday Nov. 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Religious Education: Class Wednesday 6:30 -7:30 pm

Coffee, Rolls, & Conversation next Sun. hosted by K of C.



2023 Mass Intentions are now being accepted.
Please limit to 3 requests.
Stipends \$10.00 per Mass.

Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 623-8000

Remembrance: All Souls Service



Wednesday, November 2, 6:00 pm at the cemetery.

During the month of November, we remember parishioners and non-parishioners who have died since last All Souls Service and were buried in our cemetery.

James Ruder
Norine Leiker
Carol Schlegel
Mary Lou Pfannenstiel
Lucille Rupp
Joanne Barton

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND



All Souls Services

Our Lady Help of Christians, Antonino: Saturday, Oct. 29, at 3:00.

St. Catherine: Sunday, Oct. 30, following 9am Mass. Donations can be mailed to St. Catherine Church PO Box 18, Catharine, KS 67627. Please make checks payable to St. Catherine Cemetery.

St. Severin Cemetery: Sunday, Oct. 30, at 10:30am, following cemetery services at Catharine. Mail donations to St. Catherine Church PO Box 18, Catharine, KS 67627. Please make checks payable to St. Catherine Cemetery.

St. Anthony, Schoenchen: Sunday, Oct 30 at Noon

St. Francis of Assisi: Wednesday, Nov 2, at 6:00 at the cemetery.

St. Joseph, Hays: Sunday, Nov. 6 at 12:00 by the cemetery crucifix.



Munior Knights of Columbus 11492 Stag will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2022 at the Munior School Gymnasium. Social from 6 to 7pm, Dinner starting at 7pm. \$15.00 a ticket.

There will be a gun raffle, need not be present to win. All proceeds go to support the Seminarian Fund. To purchase Stag and/or gun raffle tickets please contact Neal Younger at 785-656-0814 or Kyle Jones at 785-656-3007

The K of C Bishop Cunningham Assembly annual Memorial Mass 5:00 p.m., Saturday, November 12, at IHM Church, Hays. Banquet following Mass in the HFE Little Theater. Banquet tickets are \$20.00 a person. Dinner begins at 7:00pm. Menu: honey pecan chicken, potato, salad, vegetables, and desert. **RSVP** to Brad Stramel by Mon, November 7th. **2023 membership dues** notice went out via email with the newsletter. Send dues payment to Bradley Stramel at IHM parish office or mail to 3700 Hillcrest Dr. Hays.

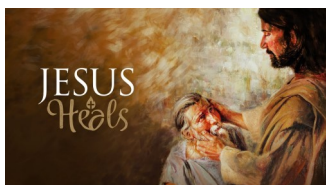
Stars & Stripes Breakfast Sunday, November 13th from 7:30am – Noon, Hays VFW. A portion of the ticket sales go to the Ellis VFW and VFW Auxiliary, purchase before the event from Jenny Holmgren at 785-650-7270.



Prayer List: 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.

Let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.



Night of Healing Faith.

Friday, November 4. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Plainville with Fr. Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese.

5:00 Confessions; 6 pm Ex-

position & Adoration with Rosary; 7 pm Reposition & Healing Service. *Light Refreshments & Conversation to Follow.*



Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS),

will be taken up next weekend, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides

pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS you can visit www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

"St. Ann's Altar Society, Liebenthal invites everyone to a Roast Beef & Chicken Noodle dinner at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church School Basement in Liebenthal. Meal will include mashed potatoes, veggie, dessert and dinner roll. It will be served on Sunday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults are \$10 and children 10 and under at \$5.00. We'd love to see you there!"

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Healing and hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.

Next retreat: November 11-13, 2022

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal

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| Oct. 31 | Halloween Celebrations & Fun |
| Nov. 1 | NO SCHOOL |
| Nov. 3 | Benefactor's Mass 8:00 am—IHM |
| Nov. 4 | 1st Friday Prayer Circles |



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

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| Oct. 31 | Monarch Masquerade 4 pm - 6 pm |
| Nov. 1 | NO SCHOOL |
| Nov. 3 | Fall Musical "Rock of Ages" 7 pm |

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-op

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require rsvp) contact Samantha Baker at 785-639-3285 or 13sjbaker@gmail.com.

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| Nov. 1: | All Saints Day votive candles 3:00 - 4:00 pm |
| Nov. 9: | Sternberg Museum 3:00 - 4:00 pm |
| Nov. 13: | Teaching Mass @ St. Joseph 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm |
| Nov. 14: | Moms meeting 6:00 pm |
| Nov. 21: | Thanksgiving Craft 10:00 am |



Turn clocks back one hour next weekend.

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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.

ALL SOULS SERVICES

Our Lady Help of Christians, Antonino, will be held Saturday, October 29th at 3:00pm at the cemetery.

St. Anthony's Cemetery, Schoenchen will be held on Sunday, October 31st at noon at the cemetery.

St. Catherine Parish, Catharine will be held on Sunday, October 30th immediately following the 9:00 am mass. Services will begin in church and then proceed to the cemetery. A collection will be taken up in the church for the upkeep of the cemetery. In case of inclement weather, the entire service will be held in church. Donations can be mailed to St. Catherine Church PO Box 18, Catharine, KS 67627-0018. Please make checks payable to St. Catherine Cemetery.

St. Francis of Assisi, Munjor will be held Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the cemetery.

St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays will be held Sunday, November 6th at 12:00pm, Noon. We will meet at the crucifix. Parishes of St. Joseph, Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Nicholas will be reading off the names of their deceased from the past year. Please bring your children and grandchildren to pass on the venerable practice.

St. Severin Cemetery, will be held Sunday, October 30th at 10:30 am, following cemetery services at Catharine. A collection will be taken up at the cemetery for the upkeep of the cemetery. In case of inclement weather, St. Catherine Parish invites you to attend the services at the church in Catharine at 9:00 am. A separate collection will be taken up for St. Severin Cemetery at that time. Donations can be mailed to St. Catherine Church PO Box 18, Catharine, KS 67627-0018. Please make checks payable to St. Catherine Cemetery.

Attention all Ellis County Parishioners – Cemetery upkeep for ALL cemeteries: Many former parishioners have loved ones buried in these country cemeteries as well as the towns and cities. It seems it is a situation of "out of sight, out of mind". Cemeteries do not take care of themselves. All parishes rely on "All Soul Services" donations, however probably 85% of parishioners along with former parishioners do not attend these services or contribute annually. It is truly sad to see a country cemetery in disarray. Please consider helping at least once a year by donating to the parish who is keeping the grass mowed above your loved one(s) resting place. All parishes would welcome financial help. Place earmarked donations (the parish you want the donation to go to) in your collection basket in your parish.



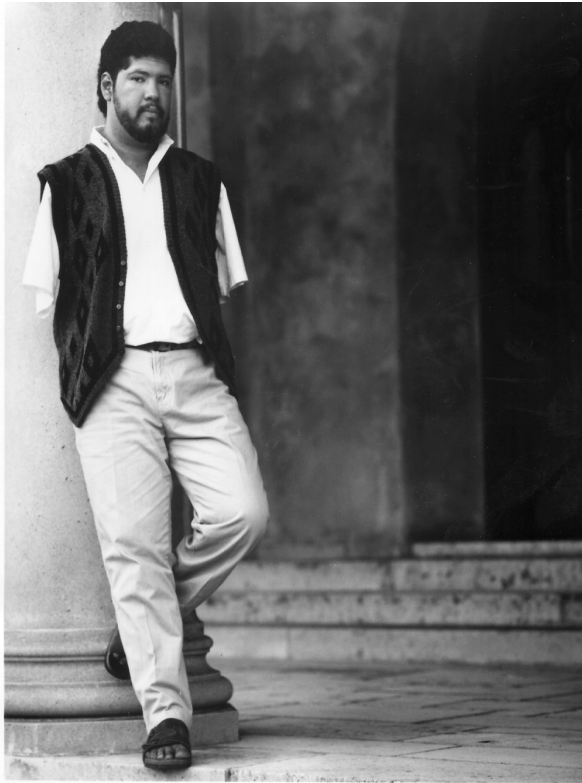
An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial. Besides benefiting the Holy Souls, visiting a cemetery is a healthy reminder of our own mortality, realizing that we too will pass from this life to the next.

"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

One of the most popular prayers for the Souls in Purgatory is that of Saint Gertrude the Great. She received many visions of Our Lord during her lifetime and expressed to Jesus her great desire to pray for the deceased. In return, Jesus taught Saint Gertrude the following prayer. It is piously believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this prayer with the heart.

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Tony Melendez in Concert



Sunday, November 20, 2022

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Church

3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

6 Recording Albums

Never Be The Same

Ways of The Wise

El Muro se Callo

Originally from Rivas, Nicaragua, born without arms and a clubbed foot due to the drug, Thalidomide. Tony's mother was prescribed this drug for morning sickness by her doctor and had no idea how it would affect her unborn son. At the age of one Tony's family immigrated to the USA so Tony could have corrective surgery on his left foot in order for him to walk.

Tony travels with his brother Jose and together they share with young and old their message of hope, encouragement, and faith. Tony's message and story are presented with music and his personal life stories. As they continue to travel they focus on young people by going into elementary, Jr. high schools, high schools, colleges and universities.

Tony moved from California and now resides in Branson with his wife Lynn and two kids, Marisa and Andres. Despite all the travel over the last 31 years, Tony continues to resist the siren song of stardom, hoping only to develop his musical career and share his God given gifts. "I don't feel like a celebrity," he says with a smile, "I just feel like me!"

