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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 2, 2022 ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct 2	8:00 am	L/D Joe & Mary Richmeier fam
Wed. Oct 5	7:30 am	L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker fam
Sun. Oct 9	8:00 am	+Danny Pfannenstiel, Jr.
Wed. Oct 12	7:30 am	L/D Mark & Dora Leiker family

SERVERS

Sunday, Oct 2	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, Oct 9	Valerie Dome & Alec Gerstner

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Oct 2	Nathan Leiker & Bea Suppes
Sunday, Oct 9	Ken Richmeier & Peggy Richmeier

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Oct 2	Ernie Binder	Jeanette Pfannenstiel
Sun. Oct 9	Lilly Binder	Brian Pfannenstiel

GREETERS

Sunday, October 2	Frank & Paulette Seib
Sunday, October 9	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, October 2

Larry Koirth, Rexton Leiker, Jeff Richmeier, Trenton Staley

Sunday, October 9

David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, John Oborny, Tony Staley

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, October 2	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, October 9	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, October 16	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, October 23	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,618.00
Loose	\$5.00
Total	\$1,623.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

What is faith? Is it merely a set of doctrines and dogmas? In her reflection about today's Gospel, scripture scholar Patricia Datchuck Sanchez says genuine faith is "a response to God's initiative in the context of a personal relationship". Faith is responding to God's action in every aspect of our lives. In today's Scripture readings, faith is what is necessary to push forward when we are faced with questions and difficulties. In the first reading, the prophet Habakkuk is lamenting that God has abandoned him and his people. In the second reading, Paul in speaking to Timothy says that Timothy must stir into faith the graces he received in baptism and his ordination to ministry. In Luke's Gospel in the face of the awesome responsibility required for discipleship, Jesus' disciples utter this prayer, "Increase our faith." Today we pray in hope that God would increase our faith. We, therefore, need to seek His will on a daily basis and respond in love.

In the first reading from the prophet Habakkuk, we hear the cry of the prophet as he faces the political and religious circumstances in the late seventh and early sixth century. The Assyrians have conquered the northern kingdom of Israel and are advancing into the southern kingdom of Judah. Even more disturbing was the fact that Jehoiakim, king of the south, was not upholding God's covenant and was giving into pagan practices. In today's pericope, Habakkuk, after crying out to God, receives a command to write God's vision on a billboard. The vision is that God's plan will be accomplished in his time. Habakkuk must believe and speak to the people that God asks them to hope and trust in faith. While we don't know what the words on the billboard said, the message might have been as simple and profound as "Believe".

In Luke's Gospel, we have two different themes or trains of thought. In the first few verses, Luke has Jesus' disciples asking for the gift of faith. Prior to these verses, the disciples hear from Jesus the huge responsibility of avoiding scandal and offering continual forgiveness. Their response to Jesus is "increase our faith". Jesus responds by saying that if they had faith the size of a mustard seed they could accomplish great things. The quality of faith as opposed to the quantity of faith is the determining factor for success. The second theme is one of humility in service to God's kingdom. We don't deserve any special treatment for doing what is required of us. God is the one who calls us through his grace; he sustains us in that grace to do His work. Our response is gratitude, humility, and surrender to his will. We might find this second theme unsettling because we often think it is our actions and our good works that merit God's love. It's always God's initiative, and we must respond in faith with this statement, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we are obliged to do".

So what do these readings require of us? First, we must work daily at our relationship with God. Like our human relationships, faith demands spending time with God. God needs to know us, and we need to know God. Also we need to know who we are in God's eyes. This takes work

and prayer on our part. Like any relationship, our faith relationship is a growing process. Secondly, we need to realize that God always calls us first. He reaches out to us with total love. All we need to do is fall into the hands of the living God instead of trying to earn His love. We must surrender in faith and trust, and He promises that He will take care of us and lead us to total life and happiness.

~ Deacon Steve

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



Will you stand for the unborn? National Life Chain Sunday 2022 - On Oct. 2, 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 2pm, at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. All will gather at the Memorial of the Unborn for a brief prayer service, then proceed to 26th & Vine St. north for Life Chain 2:15 to 3pm.

Church news

Special thanks are extended to those who recently installed eye bolts for decorating purposes in the Munjor School.

St. Mary's Church in Ellis donated over 100 folding chairs that will be used in the Munjor School, eliminating the need to move chairs from the Parish Hall for events at the School. Special thanks to those who helped clean the chairs for upcoming events.

We appreciate all the work that is done throughout the parish, sharing your gifts of time and talent and are blessed and grateful for your dedication and service to our parish.

Christian Mothers. Position of Vice-president will be up for election. If you are interested in this position, contact an officer; Jane Younger, Natalie Oborny or Bea Suppes. Election will take place at the next meeting scheduled for Sunday, November, 20th. Mark your calendars.



Prayer List: Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome Herrmann, Carla Meier, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carole Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities. Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

The Secular Franciscans wish to invite everyone to the Transitus on Mon, Oct. 3rd at St. Fidelis Church at 4:00 pm in the back chapel followed by a social in the north sacristy.



First Friday Devotions Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, October 7, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church from 12:00 to 1:00pm.

Stars & Stripes Breakfast, Sunday, Oct 9th from 7:30 am to 12 pm, at the VFW. Proceeds go to the local, Optimist Club of Hays. Tickets available at Golden Belt Bank, Hays and Brungardt, Hower, Ward, Elliot & Pfeifer, in Hays.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel Notice:

Please consider and pray to commit to one hour of Adoration or be a substitute for those who have an hour.

Contact Bob Feauto at 785-628-1429

Monday 2:00PM Tuesday 7:00AM & 4:00PM

Friday 9:00AM Saturday 10:00AM

Join us for the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade!

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Massey Park Shelter

Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church. For more information please contact Gail Staab at 785-650-4544.

24/7 Travel Store is once again having their annual Food Bank fill-up. This year you must go inside the store and tell them that you want to participate, and leave your donation at the register.



Mark your calendars! Bishop Vincke and the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary and ALL OTHER wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 in 2022. 3:00 P.M., October 16th - St. Mary's in Salina 3:00 P.M., October 30th - St. Nick's in Hays. Registration is available online at salinadiocese.org or by calling the Family Life Office at (785) 827-8746.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to "Increase our faith." It is faith in ourselves, our spouse, our children and our parents which equips us to overlook annoyances helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"

MARCH FOR LIFE: The annual pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for the March for Life is set for Friday, January 20th, 2023. The pilgrimage will begin with prayer and blessing of the buses in the chancery parking lot at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 18th with a departure for D.C. set for 10:30 A.M. and expected return on Sunday, January 22nd at 4:00 P.M. The 2023 March is MORE IMPORTANT than ever in light of the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade by the U.S. Supreme Court. The goal is for EVERY PARISH in the diocese be represented by at least ONE parishioner. Registration and event details will be available online October 1st!

They often refer to it as the 5th Gospel. Walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land open the eyes of the Christian to a new view of the life of Christ. Join Fr. Brian Lagar and Fr. Scott Bailey (from Denver) on an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. September 4-14, 2023. *Spots are filling up fast!* For more information please contact Fr. Brian Lagar at pastor@sacredheartcolby.com

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

- Oct. 4 Pet Blessing
- Oct. 5 5th Gr. Ag Day
- Oct. 7 First Friday Prayer Circles
- Oktoberfest Dance & Treats

You can support HFE by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot Try the new BoxTops for Education app on your phone or devices! We can give your pulltabs to HHS for the Ronald McDonald Houses of America! Thanks for your continued support!!!



THOMAS MORE PREP-MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

- Oct 5 Respect Life Retreat—Jr. & Sr.
- Oct 6 NCK Tech Rep in Commons
- Oct 7 All School Mass

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. All Thursday's Mass 8 am at IHM, activity to follow.

- Oct 3 10am, Scavenger Hunt Frontier Park
- Oct 13 5 pm, Family Picnic
- Oct 17 3 pm, ARK Park Play
- Oct 19 3-4 pm, Pumpkin Patch field trip (Ellis)

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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.

NATIONAL
FAITH & BLUE
WEEKEND
OCTOBER 7 – 10, 2022

National Faith & Blue Weekend is based on the belief that strong communities are built on mutual respect, trust and understanding. Law enforcement entities are key pillars of our local communities, and when we work together, neighborhoods thrive. We pray for their safety; they protect and value the residents they serve.

ST. MICHAEL, PROTECT OUR FAMILIES

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE. BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL; MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBLY PRAY; AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, BY THE POWER OF GOD, THRUST INTO HELL SATAN AND ALL EVIL SPIRITS WHO WANDER THROUGH THE WORLD FOR THE RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
of SALINA