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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Feb 9 8:00 am +Elmer Hertel
 Wed. Feb 12 7:30 am L/D Paul & Ruby Binder fam
 Sun. Feb 16 8:00 am L/D Gilbert & Gloria Leiker fam
 Wed. Feb 19 >>> NO MASS <<<

SERVERS

Sun Feb 9 Hayley Gerstner & Reylyn Leiker
 Sun Feb 16 Rexton Leiker & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Feb 9 Lilly B, John M, Wendy R, Deacon Steve
 Sun Feb 16 Jenalyn L, Lauren M, Amy P, Peggy R.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Feb 9 Josh Waddell Hertel Family
 Sun Feb 16 Tina Waddell Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel

GREETERS

Sun Feb 9 Brian Pfannenstiel
 Sun Feb 16 Tony & Patty Rohr

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, February 9
 Larry Koirth, Mark Leiker, Glenn Stramel, Brandon Zimmerman
Sunday, February 16
 Aaron Dome, Wilbert Gross, Blake Leiker, Ken Richmeier

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure	
Envelopes	\$2,776.00
Loose	\$135.00
Total	\$2,911.00



The time is always right to do what is right.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves both children and disciples of the Most High God.

The First Reading from Isaiah describes a vision of the prophet in which angels surround the Lord proclaiming, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" Our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that sometimes we can forget just how majestic and unspeakably holy He truly is.

In the Gospel passage, from Luke, Jesus instructs Simon to lower his nets for a catch despite an unsuccessful night of fishing. Peter is skeptical but obeys and is amazed at the catch of fish that he makes. He kneels down before Jesus in astonishment.

This sense of awe and reverence before God should motivate us to deepen our stewardship way of life. As we contemplate the holiness of God, we come to a heightened awareness of what a privilege it is that He has chosen to include His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. Aware of this privilege, we will then make the words of Isaiah our own: "Here I am Lord, send me!"

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Traveling Chalice for Vocations.

We recently took a pause in this weekly ministry with the intent to bring it back especially during the Advent and Lenten seasons. As we approach Lent, we ask that you might prayerfully think about taking part in another opportunity to pray for vocations. We especially encourage families with children at home to consider participating, planting the seed with prayer and exposure to praying for what one day may be their religious vocation. Along with the Chalice that is taken home, there is a book with suggested prayers for each day of the week. If you haven't participated in this in the past, please mark it on your Stewardship Renewal Form or let Lilly know. Let us continue to pray for our priests and religious and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

K of C Meeting, Monday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m.



A rosary will be said at the HaysMed Chapel every Thursday, at 10:05 a.m.

Save the Date: New Hays Office & Thrift Store Ribbon Cutting: Mark your calendars! Join us for the Ribbon Cutting of our new Hays office and Thrift Store on February 14, 2025, at 9 a.m. This special event will include the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, blessing of the building by Bishop Vincke, tours, and light food and refreshments. We're thrilled to share this milestone with you!

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:

- Monday @ 7pm (Needs second adorer)
 - Saturday @ 1pm (Needs second adorer)
 - Saturday @ 8pm OPEN
 - Thursday @ 5 (Needs additional adorer)
- Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.

Stewardship Renewal Forms. Every family is asked to fill out the form and return as soon as possible. Forms can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

VFW Stars & Stripes Breakfast, Sunday, February 9th.

All you can eat. Adults: \$11.50; Children (5-12 yrs) \$6.50. Tickets must be purchased in advance to benefit Dream Inc. for children's summer camp. For tickets contact Molly Legleiter 785-259-3435; Jane Younger 785-259-3374; Dream Inc. Office 785-628-6655

The death of a loved one changes our lives forever.

Grief is a journey that deserves attention, respect, and the support of others to heal. The program **Journey Through Grief's** eight sessions will help you understand and embrace the journey. Sessions are every other Wednesday, beginning Feb. 12, from 3:30 to 5pm, at Manna House of Prayer, Concordia, KS. The cost is \$15/session. Call 785-243-4428 for more information.



Hays CYO Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, Feb. 16, in the IHM Parish Hall.

Lunch- 11am to 1:30pm Dinner- 4:30pm - 7pm Meal tickets are on presale now, and you can purchase them from a CYO member or in the IHM office. Adult tickets are \$10 and child tickets (5-12) are \$5. Ages 4 and under eat for

St. Nicholas K of C Fish Fry will be held on Friday March 7, from 4:30 to 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall. Menu: Fried Fish, Chips, Mac & Cheese, and Cole Slaw. Free will offering.

Pastoral Ministry Formation Program (Adult Formation):

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is offering a number of classes for the Pastoral Ministry Formation for the Spring 2025. For more information, brochures are in the vestibule.

*Live every moment
with awareness of
God's abundant generosity...*



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.*



Reuse & Recycle for Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities uses the white, plastic Dillons Pickup bags for their outreach services. They are useful in preparing the food and personal hygiene bags that are distributed to families. If you would like to donate your bags for this service, please call Catholic Charities at 785-625-2644.

HAYS CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS


THEOLOGY THURSDAY

February 13, 2025

6:30PM "First Letter of Your Name Food" Themed Potluck in St. Nicholas Parish Hall

7:15PM "Prayer and Devotion" practical ways to cultivate a prayerful, God-centered life

Childcare provided!



FEATURING
SR. JOHN MARIE
IHM

HAYS CATHOLIC MOMS MINISTRY

Helping Moms Live Their Vocation According to God's Plan

Sacraments | Community | Prayer

Connect with other moms through the sacraments, build faithful community, and uplift your family through prayer.

Daily Mass & Social: 2nd Thursdays, 8 AM at IHM

Confessions: 3rd Saturdays, 3 PM at IHM

Other Events: Playdates, parties, and more at least once a month

Birth Blessings: A kid-free rosary and social time to offer prayers for expecting mothers

Meal Trains: Provided for every family welcoming a new baby

Contact: Call/text Patty Cummings at 785-259-4400

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal

(785) 625-3131

- Feb 12 Early Release Day - 1:15 pm
Freddy;s Fundraising Day for HFE 4—8 pm we earn 15% of all sales but you must mention Holy Family.
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day—Classroom Parties.
Students may wear Valentine's shirt, red or pink shirts with jeans.
- Feb 17 NO SCHOOL—Inservice Day

HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

New Parent Open House

Tuesday, February 25
5:00-6:00 p.m. come & go

- Get a tour of the school
- Meet the Preschool & Kindergarten teachers
- See the classrooms
- Pick up new student paperwork
- Learn more about what we have to offer!

Please enter through our North school doors!

1800 Milner Street
785-625-3131



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

- Feb 11 (JH) 7th & 8th Gr Retreat Day 8am - 3pm
- Feb 12 Early Release Day
Dismiss (JH) 1:00 pm (HS) 1:05 pm

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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.

February 2025

From the Diocese



Hope from St. DeSales

I pray that you and your families are doing well. Most every morning, I read a short story of the saint for the day.

These are inspiring stories. One of my favorite saints is St. Francis DeSales. His practical advice fills us with hope. He wrote, "Have patience with all things - but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You are perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that."

I hope that quote from St. Francis DeSales fills you with hope during this Jubilee Year of Hope! God bless you.

+ Gerald J. Vanek

11/28/2024

Kansas Catholic Bishops'

Letter to Migrants

To our dear migrant brothers and sisters in Christ,

We understand these are uncertain times for many. With that in mind, the Kansas Catholic Bishops of Kansas wish to first and foremost express to you our prayerful support and solidarity. Please be assured that you are not forgotten, and your Church stands with you. You and your families are a cherished gift to the world. We give thanks for you.

No matter what the future holds, we hereby pledge that the Catholic Church in Kansas will continue to accompany and serve you with every possible resource. We will continue to advocate for your just treatment and dignity within the framework of the law.

Your worthiness as a treasured child of God is not dependent on your legal status in this or any other country. You are a beloved daughter or son of God, made in His Divine Image, and redeemed by Jesus Christ on Calvary.

May God bless you and grant you peace.



NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Black & Indian Mission

Your financial support of the Black and Indian Mission Office enables us to help form children in the faith, educate young people, and build hope – a hope often so hard to find in the areas our missionaries serve.

To Give:

Anytime during the month of February, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Black and Indian Mission"



—Upcoming Events—

■ 2/2

World Day for Consecrated Life

■ 2/8 - 2/9

Bishop's Annual Appeal Kick-Off

■ 2/23

Sacred Heart School Carnival
Colby

■ 2/14

Catholic Charities Ribbon Cutting

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!