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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, May 21, 2023 ~ The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sun. May 21 | 8:00 am | L/D Tony & Patty Rohr family |
| Wed. May 24 | 7:30 am | +Pat & Pauline Miller and +Paul & Ida Leiker |
| Sun. May 28 | 8:00 am | L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family |
| Wed. May 31 | 7:30 am | +Martin Staab |

SERVERS

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| Sunday, May 21 | Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier |
| Sunday, May 28 | Rexton Leiker & Trenton Staley |

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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| Sun. May 21 | John M, Peggy R, Josh W, Tina W. |
| Sun. May 28 | Nathan L, Lauren M, Ken R, Michelle W. |

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

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| Sun. May 21 | Brian Pfannenstiel | Donovan Richmeier |
| Sun. May 28 | Natalie Oborny | Ken & Peggy Richmeier |

GREETERS

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| Sunday, May 21 | Ken & Peggy Richmeier |
| Sunday, May 28 | Brian Pfannenstiel |

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, May 21

Brian P, Donovan R, Trenton S, Sid S.

Sunday, May 28

Jason C, Ken R, Caleb S, Brandon Z.

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

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| Sunday, May 21 | Herman & Rosie Leiker |
| Sunday, May 28 | Ernie & Lilly Binder |
| Sunday, June 4 | Linda Gross |
| Sunday, June 11 | Tony & Patty Rohr |

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

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| Envelopes | \$1,806.00 |
| Loose | \$212.00 |
| Total | \$2,018.00 |



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28: 16-20

Father Richard Rohr says that Jesus never said to adore him; instead, Jesus says to follow him. As Christians, Fr. Richard says we have got caught up in trying to adore him and have failed to do the harder task which is to follow him and his way of life. I truly believe if we follow his life, we do adore him in the most profound way possible by giving him our total self. Today's readings on the feast of the Ascension call us to follow him by spreading the Gospel and making disciples of all nations. The readings call us to go forth with power, the power of the Holy Spirit, and spread the Good News. I think it interesting that all three readings mention this gift of power that God bestows. This power is not to be used to coerce or bring about our desires but is to be used to further God's kingdom. Let's accept Jesus' command to preach the Gospel to all people and thereby adore and give God the greatest glory possible.

In our first reading, we have Luke's version of Jesus' Ascension into heaven. The author, Luke, mentions Theophilus to whom the Gospel and Acts were dedicated. For Luke, Jesus appeared to the apostles after his resurrection for a period of forty days and gives them proofs that he was alive. Forty days is an important period because it alludes to Jesus' forty days in the desert before he began his ministry. Forty is also the number of years the people of Israel spent in the desert in which God formed them into his people. One other key feature of this reading is verse four which says "while meeting with them" which Scripture scholar John Bergsma literally translates from the Greek the phrase "while taking salt with them". This Greek idiom is translated as "sharing a meal" which was the setting for Jesus' Ascension. Therefore, Bergsma believes the significance is that Jesus said at the Last Supper that he would eat or drink again until the kingdom comes. For Bergsma the kingdom has come and Jesus is sharing a meal with them before he departs. Finally, Jesus commissions them to spread the Good News to all the world, and he promises them what they need to accomplish this mission which is the power of the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel, we hear what is referred to as the "Great Commission". Jesus meets his disciples on the mountain which is symbolic in that Moses instructs the Israelites on the mountain of Horeb. Jesus' commission to them is to spread the Gospel to all peoples baptizing them in the Trinity and teaching them to follow all his commands. And Jesus assures them that they will have the power to accomplish this mission because he bestows his authority upon them. So, in both the first reading and the Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out on the most important mission of the Church which is to spread the Gospel message to every part of the world. But Jesus does not send them out empty handed, but empowers them with his Holy Spirit. This empowerment can overcome any obstacle, any force, anything that stands in the way of accomplishing the mission.

As we celebrate this Ascension, we should know that Jesus is commissioning all of us to spread the Good News. Each of us, no matter what our occupation or state in life, is called to bring the Gospel message to a waiting world. Jesus, as Father Richard Rohr says, calls us to follow

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him. And what was Jesus one mission in life but to spread the message about the reign of God to all persons. Often, we shirk our responsibility of spreading the Gospel thinking it is someone else's job or this commission only falls to priests and religious. Each of us in our own way in our ordinary daily lives are sent out to proclaim with power that Jesus has died, risen, and brought life to all persons.

~ Deacon Steve

Christian Mothers Meeting Sunday, May 21st following Mass. This will be the last meeting until September.

K of C Meeting Monday, May 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Nominees. There are two vacancies that need to be filled. If you are interested in serving on the Council or would like to nominate someone, drop that information in the collection basket. Election will take place in June.



No matter the grade level, take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings: Saturdays, 10pm; and Sundays, noon. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.



Bishop Vincke's **Year of Mercy Visit** here at St. Francis of Assisi will be Sunday, August 13th. His visit will include celebrating Mass, Anointing and Homebound Visits. We will also host a breakfast. This is an opportunity to show Bishop Vincke the vitality of our parish. *Make plans to attend.*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.



EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Patriotic Rosary - We will have a Patriotic Rosary on Memorial Day at 1:00pm at St. Joseph's Church with prayers and patriotic hymns. After you have finished visiting the cemetery, stop by for the rosary and help us pray for our country.

Night of Healing Faith on Friday, June 3 at St. Joseph Church with Fr. Rich Daise, Fr. Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina. Exposition, adoration, confessions and rosary at 6pm. Reposition and healing service for the sick and those in physical, emotional, or spiritual need at 7pm. Light refreshments and conversation to follow. For more information, call 785-625-7356.

The Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria will hold their annual Fidelisfest on Saturday, June 3. Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by church tour. A German Wedding Dinner (wedding roast, stewed noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, and vegetables) will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$7 for children age 5-12, and free for children under 5 and can be purchased at the St. Fidelis Parish Office, 601 10th Street, or call 785-735-2777. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door. There will also be a Keepsake Store, Bake Sale, Kids' Games, Beer & Brat Garden, and a Raffle Drawing (\$3,000 in prizes to be given away). In the evening there will be musical entertainment with a free dance.

Corpus Christi Procession



Heartland Parishes Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession Sponsored by St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Saturday, June 10,

PRAYER Requests

Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan 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.

Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.



Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas
This campaign provides support to mothers in our communities facing economic struggles, giving them access to critical resources so they can provide for their babies. Bottles are located at the entrances and are to be returned Father's Day Weekend.

First Responders Appreciation BBQ, Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Sponsored by all Ellis County Knights of Columbus Councils. For all active and retired responders and their families. Frontier Park East shelter house. Serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and refreshments. Rain plan will be in the Activity Center.

Registration is now open for the Bus Tour of Tour die Kapellen. Limited number of seats are available. A deluxe Village Tours Bus will transport you to Catherine Church, The Basilica of St. Fidelis in Victoria, Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer, and St. Francis Church in Munjor. At each of these stops, locals will offer refreshments and snacks. Members of Hays Symphony will provide music at each church. On the bus, local guide, Jerry Braun, will provide a Volga-German history of each of these beautiful churches. At the end of the tour, participants are treated to a German meal, beverages and a polka band in Municipal Park. This tour is July 8, 2023. It is a benefit for the area's limestone churches and the Hays Symphony. The cost is \$75 per person. For more information and registration, visit <https://tourdiekapellen.com/>.

Are you traveling this summer — on vacation, spending time at sporting events out of town, enjoying trips to the lake? You can always find a Mass time and location near you. Call or visit.... 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-MASS-TIMES) or <https://catholicmasstime.org/>

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Be Kind.*

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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

May 22-26 Office Open 9—noon & 1—4pm

May 29—
June 2 School Closed

Holy Family Elementary is hiring! Join our team

Preschool Teacher ~ Full-time Paraprofessional
Part-time Paraprofessional

Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website www.hfehays.org for an application & more info!

Holy Family Elementary has openings!

For all grade levels!

Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (3-yr-old)
Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (4-yr-old)

Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website www.hfehays.org to sign up your child on the "Prospective Family" tab!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

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

May 21 Graduation 4:00 pm

May 22 Girls Basketball Camps

Grades 5-6 10 am—12 pm

Grades 3-4 1pm—3 pm

Grades 1-2 3:30 pm—5 pm



NIGHT OF HEALING FAITH

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” —James 5:14-16

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

Father Rich Daise with Father Leo Blasi and Priests from the Diocese of Salina

St Joseph Catholic Church • 215 W 13th Street • Hays, KS 67601

6:00 PM Exposition and Adoration / Confessions / Rosary

7:00 PM Reposition and Healing Service for the Sick and those in Physical, Emotional, or Spiritual Need

Light Refreshments and Conversation to Follow

For more information, call (785) 625-7356



NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER FOR RAIN

How to Pray the Novena

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Read the daily scripture verse (and spend a few moments meditating on it. Pray the daily novena prayer followed by the prayer in honor of St. Isidore and the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be **three times** for the intention of the Holy Father. Conclude with the Prayer for Rain and the Sign of the Cross.

Prayer in Honor of St. Isidore

O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign, we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instill into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that, working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST DAY: PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD (Genesis 1:25 and 2:15)

Prayer: Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Isidore, farmer and confessor, not to let us be vain with the wisdom of the world, but by his merits and example, let us in all humility always do what is pleasing to You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND DAY: FAMILY LIFE IN CHRIST (Psalm 26:4-5)

Prayer: We offer the sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, and of St. Joseph, You may establish our families in peace and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIRD DAY: *LOVE OF NEIGHBOR* (Romans 12:9-12)

Prayer: O God, You who make all things work together unto good for those who love You, give to our hearts an abiding love for You: so that the desires we conceive by Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTH DAY: *DIGNITY OF WORK* (2 Thessalonians 3:8-12)

Prayer: O Lord, let us follow the blessed farmer Isidore's example of patience and humility, and walk so faithfully in his footsteps that by his intercession in the evening of life, we can offer You a rich harvest of merits and good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIFTH DAY: *WALKING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD* (1 Timothy 4:15-16)

Prayer: Breathe into our hearts, we beseech You, O Lord, a desire for heavenly glory, and grant that we may pass, bearing in our hands the sheaves of justice, to where the Blessed Isidore is resplendent with You in glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SIXTH DAY: *STEWARDSHIP OF THE SOIL* (James 5:7-10)

Prayer: Pour down Your blessing, we beseech You, O Lord, upon Your people, and upon all the fruits of the earth, so that when collected they may be mercifully distributed to the honor and glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY: *RURAL WORKS OF MERCY* (Matthew 6:19-20)

Prayer: May the grace of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY: *TRUST IN PRAYER* (Philippians 4:4-7)

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech You, to us Your supplicants, the gift of Your most divine love, so that we may love You with our whole heart and in all our words and works, and never cease praising You. Who live and reign world without end. Amen.

NINTH DAY: *SACRIFICE OF PRAISE* (Hebrews 10:12-14)

Prayer: Protect us, O Lord, who offer holocausts to You, and sear our hearts with the flame of Your divine charity, so that they may be ever more fervently prepared for sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Isidore, Pray for us!