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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 - By appointment after completion of required pre-Baptism instructions.

MARRIAGES - Couples anticipating marriage must contact Pastor at least six months before intended date of marriage.

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. Aug 3	8:00 am	+Peter & Pauline Vonfeldt
Wed. Aug 6	7:30 am	L/D Alois R. Staab family
Sun. Aug 10	8:00 am	+Pam Stecklein Rollins
Wed. Aug 13	7:30 am	+Harlan Boor
Thu. Aug 14	6:00 pm	+Larry Koirth

SERVERS

Sun Aug 3	Ahnalyn Leiker & Makailyn Leiker
Sun Aug 10	Reynyn Leiker & Rafe Richmeier
Thu Aug 14	Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun Aug 3	Nathan L, Lauren M, Wendy R, Tony S.
Sun Aug 10	Lilly B, Josh W, Michelle W, Dcn Steve
Thu Aug 14	Jenalyn L, John M, Ken R, Peggy R.

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun Aug 3	Josh Waddell	Blake & Kenna Spencer
Sun Aug 10	Tina Waddell	Frank & Paulette Seib
Thu Aug 14	Lilly Binder	Randy & Niki Sauer

GREETERS

Sun Aug 3	John & Amy Moeder
Sun Aug 10	John & Natalie Oborny
Thu Aug 14	Ann Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, August 3

Mark Leiker, Rexton Leiker, Trenton Staley, Neal Younger

Sunday, August 10

David Leiker, John Moeder, Jeff Richmeier, Randy Werth

Thursday, August 14

Volunteers

FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER

Happiness

The first reading today may seem depressing if everything is really vanity, but the point it is making is that every heart yearns for happiness and we often search for it in the wrong ways. We all know this to be true, even if some people disagree about what brings happiness. What causes a man to toil day and night to make that extra dollar if it is not needed to sustain oneself? At the end of the day, he is chasing happiness in money and/or accolades from others. What causes a man's mind to never be able to be at rest? He has not put his trust in the Lord and lets his mind run as he believes he needs the answers to everything, for if he had the answers, he believes he would be happy. Why do any of us choose sin over God? Because in our rationalization of our wrongdoing, we believe this thing will bring us happiness.

St. Augustine said "Thou hast formed us for thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in thee." C.S. Lewis said "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." Both of these men were speaking in a way to what the Bible has already revealed to us, that everything we chase after, thinking it will bring us ultimate fulfillment, will in the end be in vain. Today's second reading gives us the antidote to this: "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." And "Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry." If we truly start to live for Christ, the material things of this world will lose their luster and we will see clearly how the vain chasing after them has driven our restlessness. However, if we cling to God, we will find the true happiness we are looking for. We don't have to wait for heaven to start experiencing fulfillment.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."



Coffee, Rolls and Conversation following Mass this morning hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,601.00
Loose	\$71.00
Total	\$1,672.00





Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Into Heaven

Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Mass is on Thursday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Special thanks to the volunteers who take care of the church grounds and cemetery. Your gifts of time are greatly appreciated. Additional volunteers would certainly be welcome!

Cemetery Mowing/Trimming: Monday, Aug 4 beginning at 10:00. For more info contact Tony Rohr 650-1819 or Jerry Gross 342-4183.



CCD/Religious Education. Since we discontinued our weekly Religious Education Program here parents are encouraged to contact Cody Marintzer at 785-628-1446 for more information about attending at St. Nicholas in Hays. The start date there is September 3rd.

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?

Bible Reflection ~ Stewardship Goal

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."
LUKE 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

2025 EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE -This year's conference hosted by the Comeau Catholic Campus Center at FHSU will also highlight the Jubilee Year of Hope theme for 2025: "Hope Does Not Disappoint." Reflecting on this message, we will be reminded that true hope, rooted in Christ, never falters or fades. Together, we will explore how the Eucharist strengthens us in our journey of hope and trust in God's promises. Please join us on Aug. 9 and 10. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2025/>



RUNNIN' REV'S will be held in conjunction with the Eucharistic Conference. The game will take place on Aug. 8, at 6pm, in the FHSU Coliseum.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Thursday, @ 3am OPEN

Saturday @ 1pm (Needs second adorer)

Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588

Herzogfest - Victoria, KS. August 8th & 9th. Free Concerts: Matfield Green; Blaine Younger Band, Wes Cossman Band; Dylan Wheeler. Lots of games. For more information go to www.theherzogfest.com

Support the Seminarians— Annual seminarian collection August 10th. This vital collection is held in every parish across the diocese and supports the tuition, summer ministry, books, room and boarding expenses of our current seminarians, as well as recruitment of future seminarians. The average annual cost to educate one seminarian is over \$50,000; regardless of size, every contribution makes a significant impact! To make an online gift, please visit: bit.ly/semsofsalina. Or feel free to make a gift using your parish contribution envelope.



Janell Herrmann, Amy Moeder, Amber Lacewell, 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's Gospel passage comes as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. It reminds us why we live the way we do and why we make the choices we make. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices — based on serving God and others — downright foolish. But let's see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that life is not about "stuff" as he tells the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of stuff that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

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An elderly couple was worried because they kept forgetting things all the time. The doctor assured them there was nothing seriously wrong except old age, and suggested they carry a notebook and write things down so they wouldn't forget.

Several days later, the old man got up to go to the kitchen. His wife said, "Dear, get me a bowl of ice cream while you're up." "Okay," he said. "...and put some chocolate syrup on it and a few cherries, too," she added. "You'd better write all this down." "I won't forget!" he said.

Twenty minutes later he came back into the room and handed his wife a plate of scrambled eggs and bacon. She glared at him. "Now, I told you to write it down! I knew you'd forget." "What did I forget?" he asked. She replied, "My toast!"

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal

(785) 625-3131

Aug 5 - 6 Enrollment in Front Office (by appt. through sign-up link)

Job Opening: Paraeducators - Part-Time We're really in need of 2 part-time paraeducators for this school year! One para position will be for Preschool mornings only -- this would be a great opportunity for parents with kiddos all in school, or any other family member/ friend who would enjoy assisting the teachers in the mornings! This employee would help the teachers with supervision, classroom activities/projects, snack time, bathroom breaks, photocopying and other preparation duties as needed. This position is flexible but around 25-29 hours per week during the school year only and does not include benefits.

Job Opening: After School Care Workers - HFE is seeking After School Care workers for this school year! The employee would be needed from 3:00-5:30 p.m. on weekdays during the school year to supervise the students after school is dismissed. Duties include setting up, snack time, assisting with homework, playing games/reading with the children, supervising both indoors and on the playground, and clean-up. This would be ideal for college students or anyone else who may enjoy the part-time after-school hours. If you are interested in either position, please complete an application and bring it by the school office.



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal

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Aug 6 - 8 Enrollment (JH/HS) 7 am—2:30 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.

August 2025

From the Diocese



2025 Eucharistic Conference

I'm truly grateful that Fr. John Riccardo will be joining us for our upcoming Eucharistic Conference. I've known Fr. Riccardo for many years and have always been moved by his deep love for Christ and his gift for communicating the Gospel. He has a remarkable way of helping people understand their God-given dignity and worth—a message our world desperately needs to hear, again and again.

At the heart of his message is a simple but life-changing truth: you matter to God. You are loved. Christ gave His life on the Cross for you, and He desires to be with you forever in heaven. That truth has the power to heal hearts, renew hope, and transform how we see ourselves and others.

If we want peace in our world, it begins by seeing one another as God sees us—as beloved sons and daughters. As Fr. Riccardo often says, you matter. I hope you'll join us in Hays on August 9th and 10th to be renewed by this message and encounter the love of Christ in a deeper way.

+ Gerald L. Vincke

Gerald L. Vincke, Bishop of the Salina Diocese



—Upcoming Events—

— 8/2

Tipton Church Picnic
Mass, 4p.m.

— 8/3

Vocations BBQ
St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, 3p.m.

— 8/8

Runnin' Revs
FHSU, Hays, 6p.m.

— 8/15

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, Body and Soul, into Heaven

— 8/23

St. John's Harvest Festival
Beloit, 5p.m.

— 8/30-9/1

Jr. CYO Camp Weekend
Rock Springs

To Register

or for more
information



online registration open until 8/6

NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Seminarian Collection



Our diocese is blessed to have 16 seminarians for the upcoming school year! We are excited to journey this path with them wherever the Spirit leads. Be a part of their discernment through prayer, through service, and through financial means. If you feel called to give financially, it's as easy as dropping an envelope into your parish collection labeled "seminarian collection."

To Give:

Anytime during August, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Seminarian Collection"

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

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Just
for Kids

THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharist we know today is the same Eucharist that has been around since Simon Peter! In Jesus' time, Greek was a common language, and that is where the word "Eucharist" comes from- it means **Thanksgiving!**

Every time we go to Church and celebrate the **Sacrifice of the Mass** (the Eucharist), we are giving thanks to God.

When we receive communion, Jesus dwells within us in a special way, giving us strength to practice virtues!

ADORATION

As Catholics, we have many different ways we can pray. Adoration is a type of prayer where we spend time in front of the **Blessed Sacrament** (that's another name for the host after it is blessed by the priest at Mass)



Monstrances are used to hold the Blessed Sacrament. The word "Monstrance" means "to show" - like the word 'mostrar' in Spanish!



POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

In 1920, Karol Wojtyła was born in Poland. Growing up, he loved doing things with his brother. Some of their favorite activities were skiing, hiking, theater, and soccer. When he was eight years old, his mom died. His brother died soon after. Even though he was sad, he knew God loved him, and he trusted in God's plans. In 1978, he became the Pope! He took the name John Paul II, honoring the Pope before him. He showed the world God's love and peace- he was not afraid! In 2014, less than 10 years after he died, he was canonized a saint!



"SOURCE AND SUMMIT"

Pope St. John Paul II (some people call him JPII) loved being outdoors. Inspired by mountains, he said the Eucharist is the **Source and Summit** of the Christian life. Our lives begin and end in Jesus Christ!



TRANSUBSTANTIATION

Do you know what this 18-letter-long word means?

When there is a big question about what the Church believes, bishops from all over the world gather to talk about it. This is called an **ecumenical council**. During one of these, hundreds of years ago (in 1215!), people were questioning what happens to the bread and wine during Mass. The Catholic Church defined it as "**transubstantiation**" - a really long word that means the substance (what it is) changes into Jesus' body and blood, while the accidents (what it looks and feels like) stay the same.

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invites you to participate
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RURAL LIFE**
SALINA DIOCESE

Sunday, August 17, 2025

3:00 PM

St. Wenceslaus

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We are now accepting applications for
both awards. Visit the Diocese
webpage for more information:

