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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 625-3131

www/hfehays.org

Thomas More Prep-Marian 625-6577

www.tmp-m.org

Sunday, January 2, 2022 ~ Epiphany of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan 2 8:00 am +Curt Pfannenstiel
Wed. Jan 5 7:30 am +Gilbert, Gloria & Danny Leiker
Sun. Jan 9 8:00 am +Cody Younger
Wed. Jan 12 >>> NO MASS <<<

SERVERS

Sunday, Jan 2 Ahnalyne Leiker & Makailyn Leiker
Sunday, Jan 9 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Jan 2 Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Sunday, Jan 9 Bea Suppes & Deacon Steve

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Jan 2 Lauren Moeder Sid & Joanne Steinert
Sun. Jan 9 Natalie Oborny Frank & Paulette Seib

GREETERS

Sunday, Jan 2 Brian Pfannenstiel
Sunday, Jan 9 Jeanette Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, January 2

Gary Staab, Caleb Staley, Glenn Stramel, Randy Werth

Sunday, January 9

Mark Leiker, John Oborny, Greg Pfannenstiel, Jeff Richmeier

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Jan 2 Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, Jan 9 Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, Jan 16 Glenn & Rhonda Stramel
Sunday, Jan 23 Aaron & Kolleen Dome

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$2,105.00	Christmas Collection	
Loose	<u>\$297.00</u>	Envelopes	\$1,885.00
Total	\$2,402.00	Loose	\$541.00
		Munjoy School	<u>\$300.00</u>
		Total	\$2,726.00

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

A "gospel in miniature"! Scripture scholar Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, commenting on today's Gospel, says that even if you read no further than the second chapter of Matthew's Gospel you would still get the full impact of Matthew's message. The core message is that Jesus, Son of God, came to save all peoples, and the Church is to proclaim this "good news" until his second coming. As still another great scripture scholar Raymond E. Brown said about this passage, there is the twofold response to the Gospel message. He says, "some believed and came to worship the exalted Lord Jesus; others rejected the message and the preachers". On this feast of the Epiphany when God revealed himself to all peoples including the Gentiles, the question we must ask ourselves is are we the "light" witnessing to the world our belief in the message of Jesus. Are we willing to bow down as did the Magi and proclaim total allegiance and surrender to the newborn king?

Our first reading today is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah near the end of this prophetic writing. The context of this reading is the people of Israel have returned to their homeland from captivity under the Babylonian rule. Jerusalem is in ruins, and people feel the despair of trying to rebuild their country and their lives. Isaiah is giving them a new vision...a new hope. For in God's plan, says Isaiah, God has brought them back to life and made them a "light" to all nations. God has manifested His presence to them, and all nations would come streaming to Israel bringing gifts fit for a king.

For Isaiah, this had been accomplished by God's power in history through Cyrus the Persian who allowed the Israelites to return to their homeland from the Babylonian Captivity. While before there was darkness and the thick clouds of hopelessness and despair, now Israel was radiant and glorious because of God's redemption. Now God was restoring Israel and the world would be drawn to God through Israel. This epiphany of God's love came to completion in our Gospel in the person of Jesus and his mission for his Church.

In today's Gospel, we have the Gentiles, represented by the magi, who come to know God's presence through an encounter with the child Jesus. The magi, or astrologers from the East, were drawn by nature through the appearance of a star to the house of Jesus. Ironically, the chief priests and scribes, who interpreted the Scriptures for Herod, failed to recognize the coming of the Christ in the child Jesus. On the other hand, the magi, non-believers, came to realize who Jesus was and prostrated themselves before this newborn king. And like

the nations, in the first reading from Isaiah who brought gifts to the redeemed nation of Israel, these astrologers also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold and frankincense were gifts given to a king while myrrh was an omen of Jesus' death.

As we begin a new year, the choices are simple but demanding. Do we follow the path of Herod who represents the ways of the world and those who fail to believe? Or do we search diligently like the magi to find God in our world and become the "light" that shines in the darkness. In this feast of Epiphany, God has indeed brought us out of the captivity of sin and brokenness into the light of Jesus. God has brought us redemption and salvation by Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and wants us to continue to share the "good news" through His Church. Let's be light and gospel or "good news" to all the world throughout this coming year.

~ Deacon Steve



Coffee, Rolls and conversation following Mass hosted by the Parish.

Religious Education: Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH: Don't forget to RSVP for the Christian Mothers After Christmas Festivities on Jan. 16th.

RSVP Deadline by Dec. 10th.

Jane Younger: 785-259-3374

Jenelyn Leiker: 785-259-3691

Bea Suppes: 785-625-5180

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EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR YOUR HOME: Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above or next to an entrance: +20 C M B 22+ (The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. It is also an abbreviation for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!" The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year.) As you are writing the inscription, pray the following:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Storm Recovery: Our prayers remain with the many in our diocese whose lives have been deeply impacted by the recent fires and windstorms. Catholic Charities is here to assist with recovery efforts. Those needing assistance can call the Catholic Charities office nearest them or visit www.ccnks.org/disaster. If you wish to help those impacted by these events, the best way to help is by donating to the Catholic Charities Local Disaster Relief Fund at www.ccnks.org/disasterfund or mail donations to:

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas

c/o Disaster Relief Fund

PO Box 1366

Salina, KS 67402-1366

Please write Disaster Relief Fund in the memo line. All donations will assist with disaster recovery efforts in the 31 counties of our diocese.



Special Intentions, Mike Suppes, Chris Brull, Matt Shorman, Carole 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.

Prayer For Moisture

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain/snow, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the 10 to 11am, 12 to 1pm, and 5 to 6pm, on Saturdays. Contact Geri Rupp at 785-639-5588.

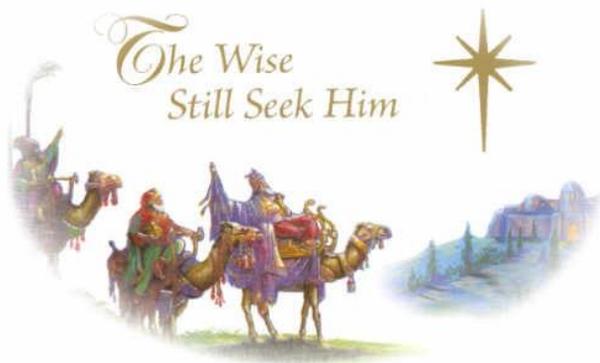
A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

"Encounter with the Word" I am going to facilitate an hour-long proclamation and dramatization of the Scriptures on Sunday, January 23rd, at 2 PM in Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer in honor of the annual Word of God Sunday as proclaimed by Pope Francis. I need about 10 people to be the biblical persons to portray the still-life episodes I have chosen. You do not need to learn any lines as this will be still-life. We will need to rehearse this a few times. If you would like to help me do this, please call/text me at 620-617-1403. Thank you, Father Reggie Urban

First Friday Devotions Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on January 7th at St. Joseph's Church from 12:00 to 1:00pm. Please join us to pray on these First Fridays of the month for vocations to the priesthood and reparation for sins against the Sacred Heart.

SDCCW Speaker Event All women are invited to our Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women speaker event on Sunday, January 9. We are having two great speakers. One will be Mother Miriam, Daughters of Mary with her conversion story and the other speaker will be on the Value Them Both amendment. It will be held from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. We are also planning time before the Blessed Sacrament. There is no cost to attend. Questions? Contact Rachel Elsen at 785-738-2889



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

Jan. 4 – Classes Resume



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal
Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
625-6577

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Monarch 4 a Day. Come visit TMP-M 5th and 6th graders from any school or town are welcome to spend a morning at TMP- Marian to be a Monarch for a Day.

Jan. 14 – 6th, 7th, 8th graders

Jan. 21 – 5th graders

Learn about the technologies, active learning, and social events at the school. See how living a life of faith can change lives. Students stay from 8-noon. Lunch is included. TMP will return students back to their current schools. School transportation is available upon request for arrival or dismissal. Register or get further details by emailing Mrs. Melissa Schoepf at schoepfm@tmpmarian.org. Plus, all students are welcome to attend the TMP-M vs. Sacred Heart basketball game on Jan. 7, starting at 4:30pm. It's free admission and includes free popcorn and a pop. Bring whomever you want!

Still Seeking a Custodian / Maintenance Employee TMP-Marian Jr/Sr High School is currently looking for a maintenance employee to assist in the cleaning and maintaining of the school. The position is full time with benefits, including a stipend towards medical, dental and vision. Interested candidates should contact Tom Kisner, Operations Director, by email at kisnert@tmpmarian.org or by phone at 785-625-6577.

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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.