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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, December 4, 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 4	8:00 am	Tim & Lil Kingsley
Wed. Dec 7	7:30 am	L/D Paul & Ida Leiker family
Thu. Dec 8	6:00 pm	Special Intention
Sun. Dec 11	8:00 am	L/D Edward & Oliva Pfannenstiel fam
Wed. Dec 14	7:30 am	+Carol Schlegel

SERVERS

Sunday, Dec 4	Alec Gerstner & Hayley Gerstner
Thurs. Dec 8	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Sunday, Dec 11	Benjamin Dome & Rexton Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Dec 4	Glenn Stramel & Rhonda Stramel
Thurs. Dec 8	Jenilyn Leiker & Michelle Werth
Sunday, Dec 11	Wendy Richmeier & Deacon Steve

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Dec 4	Jeanette Pfannenstiel	Ken & Peggy Richmeier
Thu. Dec 8	Tina Waddell	Volunteers
Sun. Dec 11	Ken Richmeier	Larry & Gloria Koirth

GREETERS

Sunday, December 4	Brandon & Brandi Zimmerman
Thurs. December 8	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, December 11	Jason & Kacy Gerstner

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, December 4

Nathan Leiker, Tony Rohr, Rich Ruder, Josh Waddell

Thursday, December 8 - Volunteers

Sunday, December 11

John Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel, Caleb Staley, Randy Werth

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, December 4	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, December 11	Linda Gross
Sunday, December 18	Herman & Rosie Leiker
Saturday, December 24	Darold & Evelyn Younker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,774.00
Loose	\$143.00
Total	\$1,917.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Romans 15: 4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

In the musical "Godspell", the opening scene begins with John the Baptist blowing a shofar, a ram's horn, announcing a call to return to God and his kingdom. This turning back to the Lord was a call to conversion and repentance. It was not just feeling remorse for one's sins, but a commitment of one's total life to the Lord. Metanoia, or conversion in Greek, is not something we do, but is God's initiative and our response to his calling. Today the Gospel beckons us to return to the Lord in a spirit of repentance that becomes visible in our words but most especially in our deeds. While Advent does not have the same penitential focus as does Lent, it is still a time to prepare our hearts and amend our lives. Advent is a time of anticipation and waiting in which we are called to make a 180-degree turn back to the Lord.

Our first reading is one of the most familiar passages in both religious and secular circles. In a nutshell, Isaiah is describing his idea of the perfect king. This king would come from the Davidic dynasty since Jesse was the father of David, and the text says a shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse. This ideal king will bring justice and stand up for the land's poor and afflicted. His kingship will also usher a new time of peace found in the original garden of Eden. This new era will be reflected by a harmony even in nature so that the lamb and wolf will coexist peacefully. The context of the reading was when Ahaz was king of the southern kingdom of Judah. And although Ahaz was not a very good king, Isaiah was hoping that Ahaz's son Hezekiah would be the savior for the people of Israel. When Hezekiah did not live up to Isaiah's expectations, the prophet then looked to a future day when a royal messianic figure would come. As Christians we believe that the future messiah has become reality in the person of Jesus.

In the Gospel, we see that for Matthew, the evangelist, John the Baptist is the last in the old era of the patriarchs and prophets, and a forerunner announcing the beginning of a new era. To ready the hearts of his people for the new kingdom of the Messiah, John proclaimed a period of conversion. John is reminiscent of the prophet Deutero-Isaiah who also proclaimed in the desert a new exodus whereby God brought his people out of captivity in Babylonia. John called his people to conversion through a baptism of repentance. While ritual purification using water was a common practice at this time, John's baptism was unique in that it symbolized a change of heart. John, therefore, was very harsh on the Pharisees and Sadducees who claimed Abraham as their father of faith but failed to live up to the heritage. For John, true repentance or conversion was more evident by a change in how one lived than a claim to be a descendant of Abraham.

So what does it mean for us to be called to a life of conversion or repentance? In this season of commercialism and consumerism, it means paying attention to what we buy and how much we buy. Will material gifts really satisfy the longings of our hearts? Are Christmas gifts more important than spending quality time with others...truly being present to others? When we buy gifts for others or even ourselves, do we consider the poor and disadvantaged? Here's a bit of spiritual wisdom from a former pastor at St. Nicholas. Whenever you purchase something you don't really need, make it the practice of spending the same amount of money on the poor or for some worthy cause. If you spend \$200 on a gift for someone, give \$200 to the poor.

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~ Deacon Steve

Coffee, rolls and conversation following Mass this Sunday, hosted by the Christian Mothers. All are welcome.



MANGER BABY BLESSING! There will be a Manger baby blessing at Mass Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus from the manger scene at their homes and, prior to Mass, place them on a table in the sanctuary. The Blessing will take place after the General Intercessions. Baby Jesus' can then be picked up at the conclusion of Mass.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation. December 8th
Mass at 6:00 p.m.

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

Communal Penance Service Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.



We are once again accepting donations for Poinsettias for church decorating. If you would like to make a monetary donation in memory of a loved one, for your family, or to simply make a donation, please use the envelope in your weekly offering boxes and include the name(s) of those you are remembering, (optional). **Note:** *If after the Christmas season you would like to take a plant you made a donation for, you are welcome to do so. Thank you!*



Prayer List: Rick Werth, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Stan Herrmann, Jerome 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.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Join Us ~ Each Tuesday this Advent Season at 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish for one hour of:

Live Advent/Christmas/Worship Music
Reflection ~ Adoration ~ Confession

December 6th — Love

December 13th — Joy

December 20th — Peace



National Night of Prayer for Life

December 8th 9 PM—12 AM at IHM Church.
Each hour will be led with prayer followed by silent meditation.

Stars and Stripes Breakfast Sunday, Dec. 11 from 7:30 a.m. until Noon at Hays VFW. All you can eat!! A portion of advance ticket sales goes to St. Nicholas of Myra Ladies Guild. Advance tickets are \$9.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Call Clare Gustin, 785-635-3511 Barb Zimmerman, 785-628-8074 Theresa Flax, 785-623-4431 Janet Koerner, 785-623-3407 or any Ladies Guild member for tickets.

37th Annual Cathedral Christmas Concert ~ Sunday, December 11th at 3:30pm - 5:30pm The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria. The Concert is free and open to the public. As always, beautiful Christmas carols will be sung by all!

Golden Plains Credit Union is sponsoring a Christmas food drive for St. Joseph's Food Pantry to stock up for the holidays. Golden Plains Credit Union will be collecting non-perishable food items – especially canned meats, fruits, pie fillings, jams and jellies, cake mixes or anything that you would like to give. Please deliver your donations to Golden Plains Credit Union at 2720 Broadway Avenue in Hays beginning through December 16th.

Religious Retired Collection will be held next weekend. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Let us remember the gift of those called to the consecrated religious life that gave of their love, time, and patience in our need. Now let us open our hearts and return a generous gift back to them. Please support this collection while keeping them in your prayers.

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

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.

PRAYER FOR RAIN: O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to quench our parched land. We pray for rain that will sustain our crops and land. Help us always be good stewards of your creation and to care for the many resources of this earth. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen
St. Isidore, Patron of Farmers and Farm Life—Pray for Us.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Dec. 6 Christmas Program K - 6th 6:30 pm IHM
- Dec. 8 NO SCHOOL - Holy Day
- Dec. 12 Mary's Baby Shower
Reconciliation 3rd - 6th grades
- Dec. 14 Arby's HFE Family Fundraising Night
- Dec. 15 December Birthday Mass & Lunch

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 on 19th! Simply bring by a trash bag of them to drop off anytime! Try the new BoxTops for Education app on your phone or devices! You have 2 weeks to scan your store receipts to earn our school points \$\$ automatically, just from your phone! 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

- Dec. 8 NO SCHOOL - Holy Day

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.

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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.

2022 - Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2023

Our Lady Help of Christians - Antonino
St. Anthony - Schoenchen

St. Joseph - Hays
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays

St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor
Comeau Catholic Campus Center - Hays

December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Penance Service - 3:00pm

December 6, 2022 (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - 7:00pm Advent Prayer Service & Confessions

December 7, 2022 (Wed.) - Immaculate Conception Vigil

Antonino - 7:00pm
IHM - 5:30pm (English)
Schoenchen - 7:00pm
St. Joseph - 5:30pm
St. Nicholas - 6:15pm

December 8, 2022 (Thurs.) - Immaculate Conception

Antonino - 7:00pm
Catharine - 7:00pm
Catholic Campus Center - 5:45pm
IHM - 8:00am, 5:30pm English & 7:00pm (Spanish)
IHM - National Night of Prayer for Life (Watch Bulletins)
Munjor - 6:00pm
St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, & 5:30pm
St. Nicholas - 12:10pm

December 9, 2022 (Fri.)

St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am - 4:00pm

December 10, 2022 (Sat.)

St. Joseph - Anointing of the Sick after 5:00pm Mass

December 11, 2022 (Sun.) - Third Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph-Anointing of the Sick after 7:30am & 10:30am Mass

December 12, 2022 (Mon.) - Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - 5:00am Manetas & Mass at 7:30pm with Fiesta following in AC.

December 13, 2022 (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - 7:00pm Advent Prayer Service & Confessions

December 14, 2022 (Wed.)

Munjor - Communal Penance Service 6:30pm

December 16, 2022 (Fri.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 pm in the Church
St. Nicholas - Adoration 8:00am - 4:00pm

December 17, 2022 (Sat.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 pm in the Church

December 18, 2022 (Sun.) - Fourth Sunday of Advent

IHM - Posadas at 7:30 pm in the Church
St. Joseph - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

December 19, 2022 (Mon.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 pm in the Church

December 20, 2022 (Tues.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 pm in the Church
St. Nicholas - 7:00pm Advent Prayer Service & Confessions

December 21, 2022 (Wed.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 pm in the Church

December 22, 2022 (Thur.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 pm in the Church

December 23, 2022 (Fri.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00 pm in the Church

December 24, 2022 (Sat.) - Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm
IHM - 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm (Bilingual)
Munjor - 7:00pm
Schoenchen - 5:30pm
St. Joseph - 5:00pm, 11:30pm Caroling with Mass at Midnight
St. Nicholas of Myra - 5:00pm (Family Mass), 9:00pm

December 25, 2022 (Sun.) - Christmas Day

Campus Center - 9:00am, NO 11:00am & 6:00pm Mass
Catharine - 9:00am
IHM - 8:00 am 10:00 am & 12:00pm. (Spanish), NO 6:00pm
St. Joseph - 7:30am & 10:30am
St. Nicholas - 9:30am

December 26, 2022 (Mon.)

IHM - No Masses
St. Joseph - 6:30am

December 31, 2022 (Sat.) - Solemnity of Mary Vigil

Antonino - 4:00pm
IHM - 5:00 pm
Schoenchen - 5:30pm
St. Joseph - 5:00pm
St. Nicholas of Myra - 5:00pm

January 1, 2023 (Sun.) - Solemnity of Mary

Catholic Campus - 9:00am & 6:00pm, NO 11:00am Mass
IHM - 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Catharine - 9:00am
Munjor - 8:00am
St. Joseph - 7:30am & 10:30am
St. Nicholas of Myra - 9:30am & 11:00am





National Night of Prayer for Life

December 8th

9 PM - 12 AM

IHM Church

Each hour will be
led with prayer
followed by

