

PASTOR

Fr. Damian Richards 785-628-1446 785-621-2699 **Emergency Contact**

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Lilly Binder 785-623-8000

FINANCE/PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON

785-650-3833 Tina Waddell

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Joseph Pfannenstiel 785-259-2762

ART & ENVIRONMENT

785-628-8458 Ann Pfannenstiel Jerry & Sylvia Gross 785-342-4183

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GRAND KNIGHT

785-656-3007 **Kyle Jones**

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger 785-259-3374

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

785-625-6577 Thomas More Prep-Marian

www.tmp-m.org

Mass Intentions			
Sun. July 30	8:00 am	L/D Edward & Oliva Pfannenstiel family	
Wed. Aug 2	7:30 am	+Mary Ann Befort	
Sun. Aug 6	8:00 am	L/D Julie & Mary Jane Koerner family	
Wed. Aug 9	7:30 am	L/D Les & Linda Gross family	

SERVERS

Sunday, July 30 Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sunday, Aug 6 Makailyn Leiker & Trenton Staley

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. July 30 Ernie B, Amy P, Ken R, Josh W.

Sun. Aug 6 Nathan L, Lauren M, Wendy R, Tony S.

	LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
Sun. July 30	Tina Waddell	K of C Members
Sun. Aug 6	Ken Richmeier	Nathan & Jenalyn Leiker

GREETERS

Sunday, July 30 K of C Members

Sunday, Aug 6 Josh & Tina Waddell

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, July 30

Aaron Dome, Jerry Gross, Gary Staab, Tony Staley

Sunday, August 6

Kyle Jones, Blake Leiker, Mark Leiker, Blake Spencer

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, July 30 Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, August 6 Herman & Rosie Leiker
Sunday, August 13 Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, August 20 Linda Gross

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes \$2,64100 Loose \$267.00 **Total \$2,908.00**



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

My wife and I recently watched a movie entitled "Good Will Hunting" in which the main character Will Hunting is receiving counseling from therapist Sean Maquire played by Robin Williams. Will has a genius-level IQ but is dealing with being arrested for hitting an officer along with being a victim of abuse by his step-father. Poor self-image along with a cocky attitude made counseling very difficult. In desperation, Robin Williams says to Will "what is it you want" trying to help the young man search for what makes him tick. In today's first reading and the Gospel, we are asked the same question from the author, "What do you want?" For Solomon his answer is true wisdom and for those who hear Jesus' parables the answer is the kingdom of heaven. And once we know what is truly important and what we need to strive for, then our whole life has direction, purpose, and ultimately happiness.

Our first reading is a dream that Solomon had early in his reign as king. God asked that he make a request for anything in the world. Solomon, like most of us, was tempted to ask for riches, long life, and the destruction of our enemies. But instead, Solomon asks for the wisdom to know what is right so as to govern God's people. God answers Solomon's prayer and gives him an understanding heart. This desire for practical wisdom was not something Solomon came to on his own, but was instilled in his heart from God. God put into Solomon this desire to please God instead of asking for riches and power. Solomon had to search deeply to know what it was he really wanted and then forgo temporary pleasures for the greater treasure.

In the Gospel, we have three more parables that speak about the kingdom of God. The reign of God was the most important thing to Jesus. His whole life was establishing this kingdom as he lived on earth. The reign of God is God's kingship, power, and rule overtaking everything on earth and transforming into God's world. The first parable in today's Gospel is about a laborer who finds this treasure and sells all to buy the field. The crux of this parable is that the person who searches this field might be unearthing something that doesn't belong to him or her but was buried by another individual. Sometimes in our search for God's reign, we must take drastic measures and be extremely zealous in seeking out God's plan. In the second parable, a rich person is in search of a valuable pearl. In both instances, the one doing the searching gives up everything to have either the field with And both are filled with the buried treasure or the pearl. great joy upon their total renunciation of everything else. They know what they want and they don't allow anything else to get in the way of getting what they want.

In the final parable, we see fishermen who cast a great net to gather fish but along with the fish come objects that have found their way into the water. Only God is the one who, at the final judgment, can decide what is good and what needs to be thrown away. Our job is to bring all people into the kingdom, and allow God to determine what is valuable and what is not.

Is the kingdom of God, the reign of God, the most important thing in our lives? If so then we have purpose and direction. We can cast aside everything that stands in the way of possessing that kingdom. Possessions, power, and prestige won't stand in our way of taking hold of God's reign in our hearts. We will give up everything to have God in our lives, and we will find great joy. Sounds simple enough...but oh so

direction. We can cast aside everything that stands in the way of possessing that kingdom. Possessions, power, and prestige won't stand in our way of taking hold of God's reign in our hearts. We will give up everything to have God in our lives, and we will find great joy. Sounds simple enough...but oh so difficult. It will demand from us a daily re-commitment to God's plan to make it happen. So, search your heart, and find out what you want and then go after it with gusto.

~ Deacon Steve

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 our opportunity to show Bishop Vincke the vitality of our parish. Make plans to attend.

■ PLEASE NOTE: For planning purposes, if you would like ■ to donate a breakfast item, please contact John Moeder ■ at 623-1338.



Art Wagner, Jr., 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.

Is God putting into your heart the desire to become a Catholic? Do you feel the call to join the Catholic Church? If so, then come join the OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA. This process of formation will begin on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30pm, in the St. Nicholas Parish Activity Center. For more info contact Deacon Steve at urbs57@gmail.com or call 785.650.2931. You must register in advance before the Sept. 7th date.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

""We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."-Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND



First Friday Devotions: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on Friday, August 4th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church from 12 to 1pm.

Show your support for the Diocese of Salina seminarians! This year, there will be three Annual Seminarian Fundraising Dinners – including one in Hays on Aug. 10. The evening begins at 5:15pm and includes a cocktail hour, delicious dinner, and a short program. The ticket price per person is \$60. To register or make a gift to support our seminarians, visit bit.ly/salinasems.

We invite everyone to join us for Runnin' Revs! The event will take place in Hays at 6pm, on Aug. 11, in the TMP-Marian Al Billinger Field House. Enjoy a relaxed competition between Seminarians, Priests and faithful young men for a night of basketball, prayer and pizza. This is a free event to help support seminarians and promote vocations. Pizza will be available in the TMP-Marian cafeteria following the event. (Free will donations are accepted.) All are encouraged to come and show your support!

Men's Retreat: Calling all men of the Salina Diocese. Please put Aug. 12th on your calendars! Please join us in Hays as men from all over the Salina Diocese come together to learn, pray, worship and challenge each other. You do not want to miss out on this event! To register: https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/mens-conference/

The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council & Bishop Cunningham Assembly will be having a combined Family Picnic on Sunday, August 27th from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the IHM Activity Center. The Knights will be providing the chicken and drinks. We ask that members please bring a side dish or dessert.



Divine Mercy Radio's 13th Annual Appreciation Banquet will take place in two locations: 6pm, Sat., Sept. 9, at The Rose Garden Banquet Hall Hays and 5pm, Sun. Sept. 10, in the Hall of Bishops, Sacred Heart Ca-

thedral, Salina. Cost is \$55 if purchased before Aug. 20. After Aug. 20, if tickets are still available, the cost is \$60. The cost includes appetizers and adult beverages. guest speakers are the humorous Jack Williams, director of programming on EWTN Radio, and his beautiful wife, Johnnette, who founded Women of Grace Ministries with a television and radio show on EWTN.

To purchase tickets, send your check, along with which banquet you will attend (Hays or Salina). If attending in Salina, please indicate if you wish to have steak or chicken. Banquet Reservations Divine Mercy Radio 108 E. 12th St. Hays, KS 67601 785.621.4110 or visit dymercy.com. No tickets sold after Sept. 1. Sorry!

Night of Healing Faith - Jesus Heals Are any among you sick? The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring a Night of Healing Faith coming up on Friday, August 11th starting at 6:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 625 River St in St. Francis, KS 67756. Father Joseph Asirvatham with Fr. Leo Blasi and other priests in the Diocese will be in attendance. 6:00pm - Exposition and Adoration, Confession, Rosary 7:00pm Reposition and Healing Service Light Refreshments and Conversation to follow For more information call 785-332-2680

Diocesan Anniversary Masses 2023 Bishop Vincke & the Diocese of Salina wish to honor all couples celebrating their 1st wedding Anniversary & all other wedding anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 and any anniversaries over 70 years in 2023. Sunday, October 15th at 3PM Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, Kansas Sunday, October 29th at 3PM St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, Kansas You may register now to attend by going to the link below or you can call the parish office and we can assist with your registration. No cost to attend. https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal (785) 625-3131

Aug 1 - 3 Finalize Enrollment

Aug 3 New Family Orientation 7 pm

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! We can give your pull-tabs to HHS to support 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

Aug 2 Enrollment 7:00 - 10:30 & 11:30 - 2:30 Aug 3 Enrollment 7:00 - 10:30 & 11:30 - 2:30 Aug 4 Enrollment 7:00 - 10:30 & 11:30 - 2:30

Theotokos Catholic Homeschool Co-Op

If you have questions or need to rsvp (all events require RSVP) contact Samantha Baker 785.639.3285 or 14sjbaker@gmail.com Find us on Facebook!

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

Shells Partially Donated by Northwestern Printers.

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.



Encounter Christ!

High School Students--

You are invited to join with other high school students from all over our Diocese for a night of fellowship, friendship, prayer, Adoration, praise and worship of Christ

RENEW EXISTING FRIENDSHIP AND MAKE SOME NEW ONES TOO!

- Praise and Worship
- Eucharistic Message
- Adoration
- Confession
- Games

Aug. 11th 8-10pm -After Running Revs Thomas More Prep-Marian Chapel--Hays Kansas-Check out our website for more details www.salinadiocese.org



Our Lord in the Blessed
Sacrament has His hands
full of graces, and He is
ready to bestow them on
anyone who asks for them.

---St Peter of Alcantara



12TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

ANSWERING THE CALL

TO HONOR AND DEFEND



AUGUST 12TH, 2023 8:00AM - 12:30PM IMMACULATE HEART 1805 VINE ST. HAYS KS

REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING SALINADIOCESE.ORG/OFFICE/FAMILY-LIFE/







