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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



MASS INTENTIONS



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Sun. April 25 8:00 am +Keith Fielser
 Wed. April 28 7:30 am +Tony Seib
 Sun. May 2 8:00 am +Elmer Hertel
 Wed. May 5 7:30 am +Alicia Brull

Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12
 1 John 3: 1-2
 John 10: 11-18

Your name! It identifies who you are and sets you apart as a unique individual. And although many people share your name, no one shares your personality and uniqueness. So, your name is very important to your development and growth. By two years of age, you can say your own name. Today's Scripture readings talk about the power of a name. In the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus' name is the driving force behind Peter's healing of the crippled man. In the second reading, the author of First John names the followers of Jesus the "children of God". And in the Gospel of the Good Shepherd, Jesus' sheep follow him because he calls each by name. The name of Jesus is indeed powerful for us as Christians, and likewise our name is important to him. For Jesus wants to know us intimately and in that special relationship calls each of us by name.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John have been brought before the Sanhedrin. The religious leaders were upset because Peter and John were preaching about Jesus and the power of his resurrection. And they were also healing as did Jesus himself. But Peter makes it almost clear that this healing wasn't done by their power but in the power of Jesus' name. Peter is pointing the finger against these religious leaders because they failed to recognize Jesus and rejected him and his message. Peter declares that only in the name of Jesus are we saved. In the second reading the author says that God has bestowed on us a name of endearment. We are the children of God. Because we are God's children, we will share in God's life fully one day. Those who do not believe are labeled "the world", and these do not know God. Finally, Jesus says in the Gospel that he is the good shepherd or more accurately the ideal shepherd. As the ideal shepherd, he is not like the Jewish leaders who don't care about the sheep. Instead, Jesus is willing to lay down his life even to the point of death for his flock. To understand this image of the ideal shepherd, it is necessary to know about shepherding in Jesus' time. In his day, Palestinian shepherds would at night lead all the village sheep into one common sheepfold. This sheepfold might be made of stones or briars. Then the shepherds would lie down at the entrance to the sheepfold to guard against any sort of intruder. In the morning each shepherd would call his sheep by name and they would recognize his voice and follow him.

If Jesus knows us by name and calls us by name, why don't we follow him? I believe they're a number of

SERVERS

Sunday, Apr 25 Braydon Binder & Daunte Younker
 Sunday, May 2 Wyatt Gerstner & Jacob Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Apr 25 Lilly Binder & Peggy Richmeier
 Sunday, May 2 Bea Suppes & Michelle Werth

LECTORS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Apr 25 David Leiker Randy & Michelle Werth
 Sun. May 2 John Moeder Hertel Family

GREETERS

Sunday, Apr 25 Linda Gross
 Sunday, May 2 Wilbert Gross

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, April 25

Mark Leiker, Ken Richmeier, Caleb Staley, Darold Younker

Sunday, May 2

Jason Carter, Tony Rohr, Sid Steinert, Brandon Zimmerman

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Apr 25 Randy & Michelle Werth
 Sunday, May 2 Aaron & Kolleen Dome
 Sunday, May 9 Herman & Rosie Leiker
 Sunday, May 16 Darold & Evelyn Younker

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reasons. There are many voices in the world calling to us to follow. These voices are in competition with Jesus. And their message is totally different than his. These voices lure us into believing that power, prestige, and possessions can satisfy us and save us. Secondly because of our business and hectic lifestyle, we can't hear Jesus calling us. His voice is drowned out by all the noise inside our hearts and head. Just try spending a few minutes in quiet prayer, and you will be shocked by how difficult it is to come to some silence and peace. That's why some daily practice of quiet prayer must be a necessity. Make it a habit every day to spend ten to fifteen minutes in quiet without saying anything, reading anything, or doing anything. Just spend time quietly listening to the ideal shepherd's voice. Jesus calls us by name and intimately draws us to himself, but we must turn off all other voices and listen to only one...the one that has the power to save.

~ Deacon Steve

First Communion next Sunday, May 2nd. We remember in prayer those preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in this Blessed Sacrament.



Monthly after Mass socials will begin again in May. Because of Mother's Day, it will be held Sunday, May 9th, hosted by the K of C. They will be serving breakfast, donations appreciated. This will be held in the Munjor School Gym.

Religious Formation: Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stewardship Renewal Forms: To date 31 forms have been returned, which represents 36.9%. *Have you returned yours?* Everyone is asked to return the completed form as soon as possible. Thank you!

Church Council News

- Tuck pointing areas of concern on Church.
- Purchasing scaffolding, primarily to replace light bulbs in church in a safe manor. Using a ladder is just too dangerous.
- Finalizing Munjor School Guidelines, for rental purposes.
- Updating room south of the sanctuary, new window, flooring, painting and trim.
- Extend area for parking at the Munjor School, south side where fenced playground is and to the south, using crushed concrete.

Church Council Election, June: Due to terms being up, there are two openings for women to serve on the Church Council beginning in July. If you would like to be on the ballot or would like to nominate a woman from the parish, drop the name(s) in the collection or contact a council member: Ernie Binder, Landon Leiker, Natalie Oborny, Brian Pfannenstiel, Cathy Pfeifer, Gary Staab, Glenn Stramel, Jerome Vajnar or Brandi Zimmerman.

St. Joseph's Food Pantry Distribution Days: Saturday May 1st. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday at the Kennedy school building. Thank you for your support!

MOTHER'S MASS, celebrated by Bishop Vincke, for moms grieving the death of a child at any stage, conception to adulthood, is set for 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 13th, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Concordia. A reception in the parish hall will immediately follow Mass. Mothers planning to attend are asked to pre-register online so those planning the event know how many to prepare for, but please know all moms are welcome, pre-registered or not.

The Adoration Chapel has the following available hour to be filled: 10 am Sundays. Please contact Lorraine Brungardt at 785-625-3021.

Vacation Bible School

>>> IHM Vacation Bible School Registration 2021 <<<

WHEN: Sunday, June 6 - Thursday, June 10

TIME: 5:30pm to 8:00pm

ELIGIBILITY: Children Entering 1st, 2nd and 3rd Gr. Fall 2021

COST: \$15.00 per Child

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

IHM Families Opens April 15, 2021

Families Outside IHM Parish Opens May 1, 2021

FINAL DEADLINE: May 15, 2021 Additional forms are needed to register your child(ren) to attend VBS, please visit the IHM Parish Website at www.ihm-church.com or stop by the IHM Parish Office.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."



Adam, Special Intention, Stacy Dittmer,
Special Intentions, Ramona Weigel, 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.

Well-known Catholic speaker and author Al Kresta looks at all of life through the lens of Scripture and the teaching of the Catholic Church, providing a daily conversation – personal, authentic, human – about the thing that matter most. Tune in to Kresta in the Afternoon from 3-5 PM on weekdays. The call-in number is 877-573-7825.

April – Sexual exploitation of children has flourished during the pandemic. Classes online opened the door wide to predators and their grooming tactics. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS!

Listen to Divine Mercy Radio Spring Care-a-Thon
April 27-30

Radio @ 105.7 – Phone app – Echo -- @dvmercy.com –
Live on Facebook & YouTube

Some of what will be airing:

Tuesday, April 27:

- 7 am: Cody Marintzer & Josh Waddell
Conversations into Catholicism
- 8 am: Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt & Fr. Drew Hoffman
Thriving in College
- 9 am: Rep. Barb Wasinger – *Value them Both & More*
- 5 pm: Adam Urban – *Saint Augustine*

Wednesday, April 28

- 9 am: Nathaniel Binversie – *Founder of Exodus 90*
- 1 pm: Deacon Brian McCaffrey – *Call to the Priesthood*
- 5 pm: Fr. Damian Richards – *St. John Chrysostom*

Thursday, April 29

- 7 am: Fr. Andy & Curtis Hammeke
How the Faith of our Fathers Formed us
- 2 pm – Geoff Andrews – *Update on Catholic Schools*

Friday, April 30

- 7 am – Bill Meagher
- 9 am – John Cuddeback – *Man of the Household*

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

- April 28 1st gr field trip Rolling Hills Zoo
- May 3 Kind. Field trip/preschool fun day
- May 4 2nd Gr 1st Communion Recognition



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

Stewardship Renewal Form available online at
<https://www.tmp-m.org/2021stewardship/>. Due May 1.

We appreciate prayers for our students who are participating in retreats this month. 2021-2022 Catholic School Thank you for another successful Auction for Christian Education.

Thank you also for your ongoing dedication to our Catholic schools. God's blessing abounds! Donations to ACE item # 60 can still be made by visiting tmp-m.org/ace or through the Alumni Office. All donations to item # 60 are tax deductible and matched up to the first \$200,000 by the Leo J. & Albina Dreiling Trust. Funds from item # 60 will be used toward the re-pavement of roads and parking lots. Outside of the Heartland Parishes contribution, St. Thomas More Society (STMS) is the largest contributor to the operations of HFE and TMP-M. This fund allows for all of the wonderful things that accompany an education centered on our faith in Christ. Contact Troy Ruda at rudat@tmpmarian.org with any questions about this crucial fund

In an ever-changing world,
the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the
great reality of God's changeless love.
...St. Mother Teresa

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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.