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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 10, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 10	8:00 am	L/D John & Margaret Befort family
Wed. Dec 13	7:30 am	+Clarence & Irene Leiker
Sun. Dec 17	8:00 am	+Ron Ruder
Wed. Dec 20	7:30 am	+Alicia Brull

SERVERS

Sunday, Dec 10	Reylyn Leiker & Trenton Staley
Sunday, Dec 17	Rexton Leiker & Rafe Richmeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Dec 10	Nathan L, Wendy R, Tony S, Dcn Steve
Sun. Dec 17	Ernie B, John M, Ken R, Peggy R.

LECTORS	OFFERTORY GIFTS
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Sun. Dec 10	Ernie Binder	Randy & Niki Sauer
Sun. Dec 17	Gene Gottschalk	Tony & Patty Rohr

GREETERS

Sunday, Dec 10	Jeanette Pfannenstiel
Sunday, Dec 17	Joe & Mindy Pfannenstiel

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, December 10


Mark Leiker, Rexton Leiker, John Oborny, Darold Younker

Sunday, December 17

Aaron Dome, Brian Pfannenstiel, Sid Steinert, Josh Waddell

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, December 10	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, December 17	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, December 24	Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, December 31	Herman & Rosie Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure		
Envelopes	\$2,284.00	
Loose	\$148.00	
Total	\$2,432.00	

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

Fr. Damian's Work Schedule November 2023

Visits: 22
 Holy Hours 23
 Fast & Abstain 25 days
 Confessions: 57
 Anointings: 20
 3 Weddings
 3 Baptisms
 Five for Seven on Sacraments: Mass, Confession, Anointing, Wedding, Baptism

Weekly Schedule:

Monday: 7:00am Mass
 Tuesday: 7:00 am Mass;
 9:45 am TMP Administration Meeting
 Wednesday: 7:30 am Mass in Munjor;
 1:30 pm Mass at Homestead;
 6:15 pm CCD classes
 Thursday: 7:00 am Mass
 8:00 am TMP Mass;
 2:30 pm Visit HFE 2nd Grade
 Friday: 7:00 am Mass
 9:45 am TMP Mass;
 8:30-noon: Confessions during Adoration
 Saturday: 4:00 Confessions
 5:00 Mass
 Sunday: 7:30 am Munjor Confessions;
 8:00 am Munjor Mass;
 9:00 am Confessions;
 9:30 am Mass;
 10:30 am Confessions;
 11:00 am Mass

11/1 Masses for Holy Day at St. Nick's, Munjor & Homestead
 11/1 Hospital Visits
 11/2 Education Committee Meeting
 11/3 Tom Schenk Funeral
 11/3 Hospital Visit
 11/3 & 4 Werth/Brungardt rehearsal & wedding
 11/4 Hospital Visit
 11/4 Baptized Blaze Roe
 11/6 Blessed parishioner's house.
 11/7 Priest Deanery Meeting
 11/7 Munjor KC Stag
 11/8 Hospital Visits
 11/8 Religion Department Meeting at TMP
 11/8 Blessed Munjor Cemetery
 11/9 Priest Council Meeting in Salina
 11/10 Watched "Into the Spiderverse"
 11/11 Hospital Visit
 11/12 Baptized Kinley Werth
 11/12 New Parishioners Welcome Party
 11/13 KC Meeting
 11/14 Hospital Visits
 11/15 Hospital Visits
 11/15 School Board
 11/17&18 Rehearsal & Wedding Plante/Humphrey wedding
 11/18 Baptized Mason Meyers
 11/20 Visited Jennie Helget's Finance class at TMP
 11/20 School Finance Council
 11/20 Staff meeting
 11/20 Munjor KC
 11/21 TMP HS Girls' Retreat at St. Nick's
 11/21 Hospital Visits

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

- 11/21 & 22 Laverne Leiker Vigil & Funeral
- 11/22 Put up Christmas Lights at Rectory
- 11/23 Hospital Visits
- 11/25 Blessed Matt & Alice Berens' marriage
- 11/27 Capstone Meeting at TMP
- 11/27 Evangelization Committee Meeting
- 11/28 Divine Mercy Radio Interview
- 11/28 Parish Council
- 11/29 Hospital Visits
- 11/29 Religion Department Meeting
- 11/30 Eucharist Soup Supper & Discussion

Read the Midrash
 Read "Stakeholder Theory"
 Watched Season 1 of "The Wire"
 Read "The Souls of Black Folks"
 Watched "Everything Everywhere All at Once"



35th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be on Friday, Dec. 8, from 8pm to 12am, at St. Joseph Church. Join us for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament "Can you not spend at least one hour with me?" This is a Heartland Parishes of Ellis County Event.

STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST at the VFW, 22nd and Vine St, Dec. 10, from 7:30am to noon. Advance tickets sold benefits the St. Nicholas Ladies Guild. For tickets contact Clare Gustin at 785-635-3511. Advance tickets are \$11.50 for Adults, \$6.50 for Children, under 5 are Free.

FHSU Cathedral Christmas Concert Sunday, December 10 at 3:30 p.m. The Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria Start the Advent/holiday season on a glorious note with the FHSU choirs: Fort Hays Singers, Concert Choir, and Smoky Hill Chorale at the annual Cathedral Christmas Concert in Victoria. Hays High School Chamber Singers and Hillsboro Girl's Ensemble are the guest choirs. Also appearing: FHSU Horn Ensemble; Tom Meagher, organ; FHSU Saxophone Quartet; several FHSU music faculty will perform, plus other members of the Music & Theatre Department. The concert is free and open to the public.

OPEN HOUSE - To the Public

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary would like to invite you to an Open House of the Atrium space at Holy Family Elementary on Dec. 16, from 5 to 7pm and Dec. 17, from 9 to 12pm! Come see how this space has impacted the lives of our youngest parishioners!

Pictorial Directory: Plans are to have a pictorial directory done for our parish. In order for this to happen, volunteers are needed to work through this process. If you are interested, please contact Lilly 785-623-8000.

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

Communal Penance Service Monday, Dec. 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Religious Education: Wednesday, 6:30 pm.



Anointing will take place following Mass on Sunday, December 17th.

2024 Mass Intentions are now being accepted.

Please limit to 3 requests.
 Stipends \$10.00 per Mass.

Contact Lilly to schedule ~ 785-623-8000

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, 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.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

The end of the calendar year is fast approaching. If you are considering a year-end donation, please keep St. Francis of Assisi Parish in mind. These unexpected donations and your ongoing support are greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Reuse & Recycle for Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities uses the white, plastic Dillons Pickup bags for their outreach services. They are useful in preparing the food and personal hygiene bags that are distributed to families. If you would like to donate your bags for this service, please call Traci Pfannenstiel at 785-625-2644.

Manna House of Prayer in Concordia is offering this Advent an Advent Series via Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8pm, Cost: \$15 per session.

Dec. 13, **Session 2: O Wisdom.** We will share what *O Come, O Come Emanuel* antiphon is about and what wisdom means to us.

Dec. 20, **Session 3: O Christ for all Ages.** Experiencing the Christmas story each year reminds us that Christ is one with us as human beings.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Mandy Meagher Principal
(785) 625-3131

- Dec 11 Mary's Baby Shower
 - Dec 14 December Birthday Mass & Lunch
 - Dec 15 Last Day of Half Day Preschool
 - Dec 18 Reconciliation (3rd—5th gr) 1:30 pm
 - Dec 19 Last Day of Full-Day Preschool
 - Dec 20 End of Semester
- Last Day of school before break—dismiss 11:00



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN
Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal
(785) 625-6577

- Dec 14 3:30 - 5:30 Finance Advisory Meeting
- 4:00 - 7:00 pm Endowment Annual Meeting


MONARCH FOR A DAY
OPEN TO ANY 5TH - 8TH GRADER

Come join us for the day to learn what the school has to offer! Lunch included and transportation provided upon request.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH
8:00 A.M. - NOON
THOMAS MORE PREP MARIAN

FREE STUDENT ADMISSION & POPCORN
TMP-M VS SALINA SACRED HEART
BASKETBALL GAME THAT EVENING STARTING AT
4:30 P.M.

To register please contact Melissa Schoepf
schoepfm@tmpmarian.org
(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.

2023 - Advent/Christmas Schedule - 2024

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

St. Joseph - Hays
Immaculate Heart of Mary - Hays
St. Nicholas of Myra - Hays

St. Francis of Assisi - Munjor
Comeau Catholic Campus Center

December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2023 - (Tues.)

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration w/music and Conf., 7:00pm

December 6, 2023 - (Wed.)

St. Joseph - Special Mass in Honor of St. Nicholas, 7:00pm

December 7, 2023 - (Thur.), Vigil-Immaculate Conception

IHM - 5:30pm English / 7:30pm Spanish

St. Joseph - 5:30pm

St. Nicholas - 6:00pm

St. Nicholas - Eucharistic Video & Discussion, 7:00pm

December 8, 2023, (Fri.), Immaculate Conception

Comeau Catholic Campus Center - 7:30am

IHM - 6:45am / 5:30pm both English

Munjor - 6:00pm

St. Catharine - 7:00pm

St. Joseph - 6:30am, 12:05pm, 7:00pm followed by Adoration

St. Nicholas - 12:15pm

December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent

IHM - Communal Penance 2:30pm

December 11, 2023 - (Mon.)

Munjor - Communal Penance Service 6:00pm

December 12, 2023 - (Tues.), Our Lady of Guadalupe

IHM - 5:00am Danza, 5:30am Mananitas

IHM - 5:30pm Danza and Mass (Misa) at 6:30pm with Fiesta
Following in the HFE Activity Center.

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration w/music and Conf., 7:00pm

December 14, 2023 - (Thurs.)

St. Nicholas - Eucharistic Video & Discussion, 7:00pm

December 16, 2023 - (Sat.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

St. Joseph - Anointing of the Sick following 6:00pm Mass

December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent

IHM - Posadas at 7:30pm in the Church

St. Joseph - Anointing of the Sick following both Masses

St. Joseph - Communal Penance Service 3:00pm

December 18, 2023 - (Mon.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 19, 2023 - (Tues.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

St. Nicholas - Advent Adoration w/music and Conf., 7:00pm

December 20, 2023 - (Wed.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 21, 2023 - (Thur.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

St. Joseph - Adoration 7:00am - 7:00pm

St. Nicholas - Eucharistic Video & Discussion, 7:00pm

December 22, 2023 - (Fri.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 23, 2023 - (Sat.)

IHM - Posadas at 7:00pm in Church

December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

IHM - No 5:00pm Confessions, No 6:00pm Mass

December 24, 2023 - (Sun.) Christmas Eve

Antonino - 4:00pm

CCC - 9:00am Mass, **NO 6:00pm Mass**

IHM - 4:00pm and 10:00pm (Bilingual)

Munjor - 7:00pm

Schoenchen - 6:00pm

St. Joseph - 5:00pm, 11:30pm Choir Music, Mass at Midnight

St. Nicholas - 5:00pm

December 25, 2023 - (Mon.) Christmas Day

CCC - 9:00am only

IHM - 9:00am & 12:00pm (Spanish)

St. Catharine - 9:00am

St. Joseph - 7:30am, 10:30am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am

December 26, 2023 - (Tues.)

IHM - No Masses

December 27, 2023 - (Wed.)

IHM - No Masses

December 31, 2023, (Sun.) Vigil - Solemnity of Mary

St. Joseph - 5:00pm

January 1, 2024, (Mon.) Solemnity of Mary

CCC - **NO MASS**

IHM - 6:45am & 5:30pm English (No Vigil Masses)

Munjor - 8:00am

St. Joseph - 8:00am, 10:00am

St. Nicholas - 9:30am



35th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

In conjunction with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us."

~ John 1:14

Scripture tells us that as soon as the Holy Spirit overshadowed the virginal womb, God became one of the human family immediately.

In a like manner, when a child is conceived in his mother's womb, he becomes one of us. This little human being now dwells among us.

That the world may understand this truth, we invite you to come pray with us as we unite our prayers and petitions with people across the country, in cathedrals, churches and chapels, highlighting Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary.



St. Joseph Church
Friday, December 8, 2023
Holy Day Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Night of Prayer 8:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT

Join us for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament

“Can you not spend at least one hour with me?”

This is a Heartland Parishes of Ellis County Event

For Additional Information Contact the Parish Office at 785-625-7356.