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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, July 16, 2023 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. July 16	8:00 am	L/D Steve & Jeanette Pfannenstiel family
Wed. July 19	7:30 am	L/D Mark & Dora Leiker fam
Sun. July 23	8:00 am	L/D Ted & Polly Pfannenstiel family
Wed. July 26	7:30 am	+Farron Leiker

SERVERS

Sunday, July 16	Alec Gerstner & Hayley Gerstner
Sunday, July 23	Jacob Leiker & Reylyn Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. July 16	Lilly B, Lauren M, Wendy R, Bea S.
Sun. July 23	Jenalyn L, John M, Peggy R, Tina W.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. July 16	Natalie Oborny	John & Amy Moeder
Sun. July 23	Brian Pfannenstiel	John & Natalie Oborny

GREETERS

Sunday, July 16	Sid & Joanne Steinert
Sunday, July 23	Mike & Bea Suppes

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, July 16

Nathan Leiker, Brian Pfannenstiel, Donovan Richmeier,
Trenton Staley

Sunday, July 23

Ken Richmeier, Caleb Staley, Sid Steinert, Brandon Zimmerman

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, July 16	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, July 23	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, July 30	Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, August 6	Herman & Rosie Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,535.00
Loose	\$163.00
Total	\$1,698.00



REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Isaiah 55: 10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

On the Sundays when I am called to preach, I often wonder how effective my preaching is. Am I getting through to people? Are my words touching their hearts? When I get discouraged, I am surprised by the one individual who comes up to me after Mass and says how my homily touched his or her life. And my heart rejoices! Today's Scripture readings show the awesome power of God's word. God's word is always alive and effective. It takes root and grows in some people's hearts. Our job is not to worry how many people it will touch or even whose heart it will touch. The mission that Christ entrusts us with is to sow the seed...to preach the word. After that we sit back and wait and allow God's work to take place. After we have faithfully proclaimed the Gospel, we must step back and marvel at the effectiveness of God's word. And like the sower in today's Gospel, some of what we sow will fall on the path, some on rocky ground, but some will fall on rich soil and reap an extraordinarily bountiful harvest.

Today's first reading comes from the Book of Isaiah that is called Second Isaiah and encompasses chapters 40 to 55. These chapters are written after the people of Israel return from slavery in Babylon, and they are primarily a message of consolation and hope. The biblical scholar John Bergsma, in his reflection about today's first reading, says Second Isaiah's message is about "good tidings" that God has promised his people as their Redeemer. He has redeemed them and will lead them back to their homeland in a new Exodus.

In today's passage from Second Isaiah, the prophet is using a powerful image found in nature. Because rain was so scarce in the ancient near eastern world, it was often seen as the most treasured gifts of the gods. Isaiah sees in the symbol of rain and snow an image of God's all powerful, all forgiving, all effective word. Isaiah knows, as any good farmer knows, that any moisture is helpful to the soil and to the crops.

As a person who understands nature and farming, Jesus in the Gospel tells the parable about a sower whose one goal is to scatter the seed. While the entire parable is a result of Jesus ministry, the first nine verses are probably more aligned with Jesus' teaching while the last fourteen verses are probably editions by the Matthean church. The message of the first nine verses is that the kingdom of God has arrived and is visible in all Jesus says and does. Yet, there are obstacles against the reign of God including the Pharisees, Romans, and Judaizers. Some of these obstacles are similar to the birds, rocks, and the thorns that prevent the seed from producing. But in spite of all these difficulties, the word of God would produce when it landed on good soil. Finally, when the word of God landed on fertile soil it would produce extraordinary yields. In Jesus' day, the average farmer reaped a harvest about seven and half fold with ten being great. But Jesus in this parable talks about yields of hundred, sixty, or even thirty. Fertile hearts that are receptive to the Word of God can yield abundant harvests.

So, what does this parable say for our lives? God's word is always effective in our lives. Some days it is more effective

than others. Sometimes the word lands on the path of our busyness and the hustle and bustle and is consumed by the cares of the world. Other days it lands in the shallow areas of our heart and doesn't take root because we don't give it the attention it demands. Still other times it is choked out by the material attachments of our lives. Sometimes it lands on fertile soil, and God uses us as he sees fit and great things happen. Let's make sure like a good farmer that we do the things necessary to make the soil fertile.

~ Deacon Steve

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 18th, 6:30 pm



Heavenly Father, we thank You for the rain we have recently received. Thank You for hearing the prayers of so many people and sending the rain to refresh and replenish the earth You created. We pray that the necessary rains will continue to sustain our crops and land. We pray for those who suffer from lack of rain. We thank You for being the compassionate and merciful God who cares for Your people.



Duane Legleiter, 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.

BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."-Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

Bishop Jerry Vincke invites you to attend the

ANNUAL
Seminarian
FUNDRAISING DINNERS

HAYS, KS
5:15PM
THE STRAND
1102 MAIN ST

AUGUST
10
2023



Scan here to RSVP or visit
bit.ly/seminarianrsvp

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/>

Used Refrigerator needed. TMP-M needs a good used refrigerator for the sacristy. (The old one broke.) Please contact Fr. Damian or Tom Meagher at TMP if you have one to donate.

Century Farm Award: Applications for the Msgr. John George Weber Century Farm Award are due August 1. Families who have lived on farms, have farmed land, or owned farms in the Diocese of Salina for 100 years or more are eligible to apply. For application forms, check under Rural Life on the Diocese of Salina website. For additional information or to submit your family application, contact Fr. Rich Daise at St Joseph Parish in Hays, 215 W. 13th Street, Hays, KS 67601 or call 785-625-7356 or email frrich@sacredheartcolby.com

Ellis County Councils of the Knights of Columbus are hosting the Hays Larks Game Baseball Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00pm. Please join us at Larks Park (4th and Oak, Hays) for a night of fun and to encourage new membership. Admission is free courtesy of the K of C Councils.

July: Slavery persists throughout the world in various forms in developed and developing countries. Human trafficking (slavery) in the US is an active criminal business operative throughout the country. Work with us to stop it. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114.

FHSU is looking for host families. Would you like to host a young professional from Germany through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Parlamentarisches Patenschafts-Programm? For more info contact: Stacey Lang, FHSU Study Abroad & Exchange Coordinator e: s_lang@fhsu.edu | p: 785.628.4176 | w: <https://www.fhsu.edu/studyabroad/>

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

Want to create a lasting legacy for your parish, Catholic school, ministry or the diocese? It's simple! You can do this in your will, a life insurance policy or other beneficiary designations. Gifts of any size make a big difference and help pass on your Catholic values for future generations. Contact the Catholic Foundation for Diocese of Salina for more information - development@salinadiocese.org



JULY is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Ghost He offered Himself without blemish to God. To the one who loved us who washed our sins through His Blood and made us kings and priests of God His Father. To Him be glory and power. Amen

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
(785) 625-3131

July Office Open Tues - Thurs 9-12 & 1 - 4

July 17 Uniform Sale 11:00 - 3:00

Holy Family Elementary has openings!

For all grade levels!

Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (3-yr-old)
Including part-time & full-time spots for Preschool (4-yr-old)

Call the office at 785-625-3131 or visit our website www.hfehays.org to sign up your child on the "Prospective Family" tab!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

July Monday—Friday 8:00 am—3:00 pm

July 17 Uniform Sale

New JH Wing Open House on July 19th!

6th Grade is coming to TMP-Marian Junior High! There is an open house on July 19 to show the new junior high wing and other areas of the school. This event is open to the public and is a come-and-go opportunity from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to check out the new hallway and classrooms! Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is open for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Enrollment information will be available at this event. Come check out the latest in Catholic school education available to area families! Questions? Contact TMP-Marian at office@tmpmarian.org or by calling 785-625-6577 between the hours of 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. weekdays.

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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.



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/](https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life/)

