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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, September 24, 2023 ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Sept 24	8:00 am	L/D Verlin & Delphine Stramel family
Wed. Sept 27	7:30 am	L/D Al & Gina Rohr family
Sun. Oct 1	8:00 am	L/D Herman & Rosie Leiker family
Wed. Oct 4	7:30 am	L/D Mark & Dora Leiker family

SERVERS

Sunday, Sept 24	Jacob Leiker & Logan Leiker
Sunday, Oct 1	Ahnalyn Leiker & Makailyn Leiker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sun. Sept 24	Ernie B, Lilly B, Lauren M, Bea S.
Sun. Oct 1	Jenalyn L, Nathan L, Amy P, Tony S.

LECTORS OFFERTORY GIFTS

Sun. Sept 24	Brian Pfannenstiel	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sun. Oct 1	Ken Richmeier	Brandon & Brandi Z.

GREETERS

Sunday, Sept 24	Jason & Kacy Gerstner
Sunday, Oct 1	Linda Gross

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, September 24

Aaron Dome, Larry Koirth, Ken Richmeier, Tony Rohr

Sunday, October 1

Wilbert Gross, Jeff Richmeier, Tony Staley, Brandon Zimmerman

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, September 24	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sunday, October 1	Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, October 8	Deanna Leiker
Sunday, October 15	Herman & Rosie Leiker

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure	
Envelopes	\$2,671.00
Loose	\$168.00
Total	\$2,839.00



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAMIAN

St. Francis and the Nativity Scene

In 1220, Francis went to Holy Land to convert the Muslim rulers. He was able to preach to Saladin, the Muslim ruler. Saladin wasn't converted, but gave Francis permission to visit the Holy Sites. The Franciscans have been taking care of the Churches in the Holy Land ever since. Francis saw the site of the Nativity. He saw the Shepherd's Field. He was able to visit the site of Christ's birth.

When Francis got back to Italy, he, like any tourist, immediately started telling everyone that they needed to go to the Holy Land to see these incredible places.

But 800 years ago, pilgrimages to the Holy Land were rare things. Most people lived out their lives no more than 30 miles from where they were born.

But Francis wanted the people of Assisi to experience what he experienced in the Holy Land. So, if he couldn't bring the people to Bethlehem, he could bring Bethlehem to them.

In 1223, Francis asked the Pope for permission for a special project. He had a crib prepared, hay carried in and an ox and a donkey led to the place. He had a statue of the infant Jesus placed in the crib. Alongside, he put statues of Mary and Joseph, like what we have in church.

The friars were summoned, the people came, and the forest resounded with voices. That night was rendered brilliant and solemn by a multitude of bright lights and by resonant and harmonious hymns of praise. A solemn Mass was said over the crib. Francis served as deacon, preaching on the birth of a poor King. As Mass came to a close, Francis stood before the crib in adoration, eyes filled with affection, bathed in tears and overflowing with joy.

When Francis picked up the statue of the Infant to venerate it, it came alive. Witnesses saw Francis holding a beautiful little boy as he lifted it out of the crib.

Francis is the reason we have nativity scenes.

St. Joseph Fraternity of Secular Franciscans

Invite you to join them for the

Transitus of St. Francis

Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7pm.

San Damiano Chapel

Spiritual Life Center, Victoria, KS

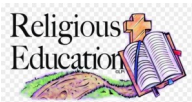
Transitus - Latin word for passage or crossing, commemorates the completion of St. Francis' earthly life, and his passage through death into eternal life.



Congratulations to Levi Thomas Oborny, son of John and Natalie Oborny who will be baptized at Mass this morning.



Our Annual Anniversary Mass and Potluck will be next Sunday, **October 1st**. Mass at 11:00am with potluck to follow in the Parish Hall. Each family is asked to bring one covered dish of their choice. Munjor Knights will be providing the chicken. Table settings and drinks will be provided. Plan to attend for good food and fellowship.



Wednesday, 6:30 pm

NEEDED: Religious Education Teacher. For more information, please contact Joe Pfannenstiel at 785-259-2762

Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.



Kenny Pfannenstiel, Carol Legleiter, Special Intentions, Helen Werth, 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

"Thus, the last will be first, & the first will be last".- Matt20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND



Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer will be hosting a Mass to commemorate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Jerry Vincke, Fr. Jim Moster and Fr. Reggie Urban will be concelebrants. Music will be provided by Triology.

Seed wheat will be blessed. Social following Mass. Everyone is welcome.

HaysMed's Annual Drive-through Flu Shot clinic has been scheduled for Sunday, September 24. The event, which will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will offer free flu shots for all residents older than 6 months.



Will you stand for the unborn? National Life Chain Sunday 2023 - On Sunday, Oct. 1st, across the U.S. and Canada will provide a visible and resolute voice for the voiceless children

who are threatened by the surgical abortionists' cruel instruments or by the deadly chemicals in abortive birth controls. The event itself will start at 1:00pm, at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. All will gather at the Memorial of the Unborn for a brief prayer service, then proceed to Vine Street from 26th Street north for the Life Chain from 1:15 to 2:15pm.



Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive has been designated for October 6th - 8th.

On these days, members of the Kansas K of C will be positioned in front of banks, stores and churches handing out "Specially Marked" Tootsie Rolls while seeking donations for people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you to all supporters, God bless you!

Public Square Rosary Crusade will be held at noon, on Oct. 14, at the Downtown Pavilion, 10th & Main, Hays. For more information, contact Gail Staab, at 785-650-4544.

St. Catherine's Christian Mothers ~ Katharinenstadt's Essenfest. German Style Cook-Off, Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Kennedy Cafeteria. Enter a GERMAN FOOD for a chance to win a cash prize. Deadline to register is October 18. Taster Cost: \$5.00 per person which can be purchased at the door. To register or for more info call/text Sarah Shubert at 785-656-2399. There will also be a Bake Sale, Polka Music & 50/50 Raffle! Proceeds will be donated to local charities.



Sept, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows.

~TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS ~

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that, being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth, I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforward all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed towards this one most desirable object. Honor, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and Immaculate Mother of God. Amen.
—*Saint Bonaventure*

DIOCESAN NEWS

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 & Sunday, October 29th at 3PM St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays. Register by going to the link below or call the parish office and we can assist with your registration. No cost to attend. <https://salinadiocese.org/office/family-life>

Rachel's Vineyard

"I keep telling people that Rachel's Vineyard saved my life. I truly believe this. I didn't realize how much pain I kept buried inside me. I've learned that I am worthy of God's love and forgiveness. I feel my relationships have changed with the people around me. I feel I can finally truly give and receive love." - Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**

Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and experience mercy and love, and a "new life" in your marriage and family. We can help.

Next retreat: November 3-5

Rachel's Vineyard of the Salina Diocese 1-877-447-4383

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal

(785) 625-3131

- Sept 26 Fall Sack Lunch (*weather permitting*)
- Sept 28 September Birthday Mass & Lunch
- Sept 29 Oktoberfest Dancing & Treats
- Oct 4 Pet Blessing 2:45 Playground Parking Lot

HFE Cajetan Ca\$h! HFE Cajetan Ca\$h is a fundraising raffle that benefits HFE. Cajetan comes from Saint Cajetan, which is the patron saint of good fortune. Tickets are available for purchase thru September 29th. Raffle Prizes are \$1,000- \$2,500 -\$5,000 -\$10,000. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at cajetan-cash.rallybound.org, or contact any HFE student or email cajetan-cash@hfehays.org. Drawing will be held **LIVE** on the HFE Facebook page at 2:45 pm, on October 13th!!



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

Chad Meitner, Principal

Bob Leikam, Jr. High Assistant Principal

(785) 625-6577

- Sept 25 PTF Meeting 7 pm
- Sept 26 Sophomore & Senior Jostens Presentation
- Sept 28 JH Mass 8am
- Sept 29 HS Mass 9:45 am

For more information you can check the TMP-Marian website under the Google Calendar for the latest updates from the school.

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!

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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.

St. Catherine's Christian Mothers

KATHARINENSTADT'S ESSENFEST

German Style Cook-Off

Details

When: Sunday, October 22 11:00 - 1:00

Where: Kennedy Middle School Cafeteria 1309 Fort St

Entry Cost: Enter a GERMAN FOOD for a chance to win a Cash Prize! There is no entry fee.

Cash Prize for the top 3 People's Choice Award

Deadline to register is October 18

Taster Cost: \$5 per person, you can purchase at the door. Taste all entries!

Call/Text Sarah Shubert for registration

Cell: 785-656-2399

There will also be a Bake Sale, Polka Music,
and a 50/50 Raffle!!

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