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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

Sunday, March 28th, 2021 ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS



Sun. Mar 28 8:00 am L/D Frank & Pauline Younker family
Wed. Mar 31 7:30 am +Benjamin & Diana Dome
Holy Thursday 5:30 pm L/D Mark & Dora Leiker family
Sun. April 4 8:00 am +Joyce Hertel & Norman Klaus
Wed. April 7 7:30 am +Alicia Brull

SERVERS

Sunday, Mar 28 Braydon Binder & Logan Leiker
Holy Thursday Joe P, Calli R, Rafe R, Daunte Y.
Good Friday Benjamin Dome & Wyatt Gerstner
Sunday, Apr 4 Valerie Dome & Alec Gerstner

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, Mar 28 Lilly Binder & Rhonda Stramel
Holy Thursday Ernie Binder & Peggy Richmeier
Good Friday Mark Leiker & Glenn Stramel
Sunday, Apr 4 Bea Suppes & Michelle Werth

LECTORS

Sunday, Mar 28 Brian Pfannenstiel & Jeanette Pfannenstiel
Holy Thursday Ken Richmeier
Good Friday Ernie Binder & Tina Waddell
Sunday, Apr 4 Lilly Binder

COLLECTION TEAM

Sunday, March 28

Wilbert Gross, Brian & Kenny Pfannenstiel, Darold Younker

Holy Thursday & Good Friday ~ Volunteers

Sunday, April 4

Larry Koirth, Dave Leiker, Greg Pfannenstiel, Gary Staab

TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, Mar 28 Mark & Dora Leiker
Sunday, Apr 4 Ernie & Lilly Binder
Sunday, Apr 11 Jason & Rose Carter
Sunday, Apr 18 Linda Gross

GREETERS

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Easter: Jason & Rose Carter Brandon & Brandi Zimmerman

Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$1,805.00	Parish Supper	\$550.00
Loose	\$175.00	Cath Rel Ser	\$40.00
Total		\$2,570.00	

REFLECTION FROM DEACON STEVE URBAN

Isaiah 50: 4-7
Philippians 2: 6-11
Mark 14:1 -15:47

I am reminded of a comment made by Deacon Harold at the city-wide mission held at St. Joseph's parish several weeks ago. Deacon Harold said that when the Jewish people commemorate the Passover each year, they don't just recall the events as if it was some past memory. But they relive the events as if they were actually taking place for their lives. As Catholic Christians we do the same as we begin Holy Week and celebrate this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. We don't just look back on the events of Holy Week as if they were happenings of the past, but see in them as mysteries we enter into again and again. We see ourselves enter into Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection and experience its power and transformation. And because it is a mystery we don't fully comprehend, but each time we come to a deeper understanding and realization.

Our first reading today is the third of four Suffering Servant Songs from the prophet Isaiah. The Suffering Servant Songs were songs written during the Babylonian Captivity, and were composed to give meaning to the overwhelming destruction and suffering experienced while in bondage. Many scholars identify Israel as the Suffering Servant, who by humiliation and pain, was to be for the rest of humanity God's message of salvation and deliverance. The Church recognizes Jesus in his Passion as the Suffering Servant who gave his life for our redemption. And in today's second reading from the letter to the Philippians we have that same theme. Jesus, though he was God, lowered himself by taking on our human nature, and then willingly submitted to death on the cross. In fact, this passage is often called the "fifth" or the "New Testament Servant Song" because it expresses the same emptying theme found in the Isaian passages. Finally, we hear Mark's version of the passion. Although the simplest and often regarded as the most factual, it has a definite theological undertone. In Jesus' triumphant death, Jesus' true identity was revealed as the Son of God. The "messianic secret", which was Jesus' commanding those he healed not to disclose his true identity, now is revealed through the power of the cross. Jesus, as Son of God, came to die for our salvation, and being raised up on Easter morning brings us new life.

I think if we want to take something away from these Scripture readings we reflect on this theme of Jesus' self-emptying. In his life, passion, death, and resurrection, Jesus gives us the example of lowering ourselves and being obedient to the will of the Father. Jesus stripped himself of everything and clung only to the Father. This self-emptying is what our lives as Christians must be

about. We must deny our egos and our desire to be number one and always be right. Instead of accumulating and adding more to what we have, we must dispose of and get rid of the need to have and control. The spiritual life has more to do with subtraction than addition explained the German Dominican mystic Meister Eckhart. If we take anything away from Jesus' passion, we learn to follow his example of self-emptying for the Kingdom. For it is in dying and giving away ourselves that we come to resurrection and new life. Each time we participate in the Mass we witness Jesus' self-emptying. We re-member and re-live his passion and death and make it present for ourselves and our world. Happy Holy Week!

~ Deacon Steve



Holy Thursday Mass ~ 5:30 pm.
(Exposition following.)
Good Friday Service ~ Noon
Easter Sunday Mass ~ 8:00 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE.

Special Collections Holy Thursday – Rice Bowls
Good Friday – Holy Land

🎵 Choir Practice for Good Friday & Easter Sunday will be Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

We pray for those of our parish who will enter fully into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil at St. Nicholas.
Baptism & Confirmation: Jenaya Leiker, Josh Waddell, Wyatt Waddell and Madelyn Waddell.

Full Communion: Tony Staley

Food will be blessed on Easter Sunday. Please place items on the South altar.



Religious Formation: No Class ~ Holy Week

Holy Water and Ministries Returning: Beginning on Easter Sunday, we will again be having Holy Water at the entrances, to be changed weekly. We will also have greeters and present offertory gifts. If you were on the previous rotation schedule and do not feel comfortable participating at this time, please let Lilly know.



The *Divine Mercy Prayer Service* will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 11, at IHM Church. The hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, litany of prayers and meditation. Jesus entrusted Saint Maria Faustina with the task of spreading the message of his Divine Mercy through a series of visions and interior locutions in the 1930s. When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina April 30, 2000, he declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday and an official feast day of the Church. Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena to the Divine Mercy, which begins on Good Friday. Leaflets on this novena are at the entrances of the church. Confessions will be heard beginning at 2:00 p.m.

This prayer service is sponsored by Divine Mercy Radio.

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?

Stewardship Renewal Forms: Everyone should have received this form, if not, please let Lilly know. You are asked to return the completed form as soon as possible. Thank you!

Two Adoration Chapel openings: Thurs 1 am and Sat 1pm. Call Geri Rupp 639-5588 or Yvonne Demuth at 656-9543.

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal – CALL TO SHARE. We invite you to join in the mission of Jesus – to be a disciple who makes disciples through witnessing by faith, hope, and love. Your financial support is greatly appreciated!



Special Intention, Ella Moeder, Bryson Werth, 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.

Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were just...
three days apart.

Daughter of Isabella are sponsoring the STARS and STRIPES BREAKFAST, Sunday, April 11, 2021 from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the VFW-Hays. Tickets are Adults-\$9.50, Children-3.50 in advance. Tickets must be purchased in advance to benefit the organization. For tickets call: Janet 785-625-1168.

A Family Perspective ...by Bud Ozar

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear; no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

Women of Grace with Johnette Williams affirming women through ongoing faith formation –10 am weekdays, except Fridays. 88.1 am 105.7 fm. Call in number 833-288-3986.

MARCH – Modern Day Slavery demands our attention. Learn more about it by using the resources we offer. U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is a 501 © (3) organization (sistersagainstrafficking.org)



“It is so hard to admit that one is a sinner; it is so hard to climb the hill of Calvary and kneel beneath a cross and ask for pardon, forgiveness. Certainly, it is hard.

But it is harder to hang there.”

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen~



Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY

Rachel Wentling, Principal
625-3131

March 29 2nd-6th Gr. Reconciliation, 1:00 p.m.
March 31 4th Gr. Field Trip to the Cosmosphere
April 1-5 NO SCHOOL ~ EASTER BREAK



THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN

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

ACE 2021 - Monarch Court Banquet

Reservations are still available to the Monarch Court Banquet. This special “watch party” is limited to 200 guests and will take place in Al Billinger Fieldhouse on Sat, April 24th beginning at 6:30 PM. The auction is fully online, this in-person VIP event will feature table service of a full catered meal, open bar and assistance with online bidding. Guests will be eligible to win \$1500 in prizes sponsored by Jeff and Melissa Pinkney, Mike and Lori Hertel and the Glassman Corporation! At the end of the evening, the famous cinnamon will be served and winning bidders will be able to pick-up their items. Tickets for the Monarch Court Banquet are available for \$300/couple or \$150 per person. Contact the Alumni office at TMP-Marian at alumni@tmpmarian.org or 625-9434. All proceeds benefit the operations of TMP-M and Holy Family Elementary. This event is subject to cancellation based on safety precautions and ticket cost will be placed on the bidders account at the conclusion of the auction.

The 2021-22 Stewardship Renewal Form is available online at <https://www.tmp-m.org/2021stewardship/>. This form is required by all families enrolling in Catholic schools for the 21-22 school year and is in addition to parish stewardship forms. This contains options available to support the Catholic schools with your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Forms are due by May 1, 2021.

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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.